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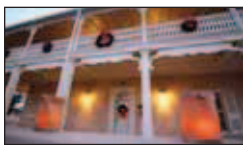
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THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE

The La Entrada city monument, which hadn't been on public view for more than a decade, was restored to Albert Johnson Park in December. The statue of Albert Johnson, foreground, for whom the park is

named, has also been returned to its rightful place after its removal in 2017 to prevent any damage during La Entrada's reconstruction.

Johnson was mayor of Las Cruces from 1986-90, and was

the first black mayor in New Mexico, according to "Black America: A State by State Historical Encyclopedia."

Restored by Las Cruces artist Tony Pennock, La Entrada "consists of two half-circle

walls that commemorate the arrival of Spanish culture into the Mesilla Valley," according to las-cruces.blogspot.com. The monument's colorful tiles come from Lerdo, Mexico, Las Cruces' sister city.



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Weekly trainings enhance safety

Every other Monday, Doña Ana County's workforce gathers in training rooms and conference areas to learn techniques and strategies designed to enhance safety and operational efficiency.

The bi-weekly sessions last about 15 minutes each and are called RAP Sessions: Ready! Active! Positive! Since their inception in 2007, the county has seen accidents and on-the-job injuries steadily decline, which has translated not only into insurance-premium savings from year to year but a more productive and effective workforce.

The county also has seen an average decrease in auto claims by 25 percent and about a 40 percent reduction in the number of law-enforcement claims.

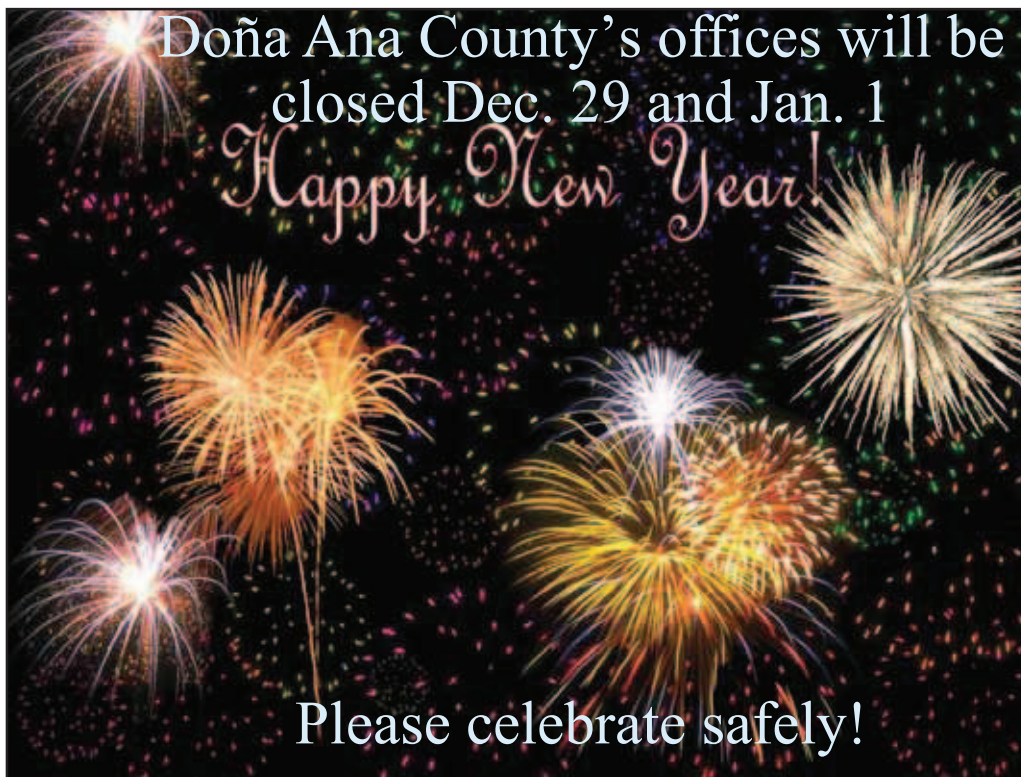
The RAP program empowers employees to correct hazards immediately and report those that they cannot correct themselves. It has improved internal communication and collaboration between departments to improve safety and service to the public.

Many of these RAP sessions are recorded and are available for play-back by all employees as a ready reference for risk control and safety.

The RAP program is an on-going educational opportunity to keep safety in daily conversations, allows input from the employees to tailor the program to specific departmental needs.

Specialized RAP trainings are frequently presented to employees in the detention center, sheriff's and roads departments. Those sessions address specific areas of concern, all in keeping with the county's mission statement and guiding principles.

The N.M. Assoc. of Counties uses Doña Ana County's RAP program as an example for others to emulate.



Free app allows residents to report illegal dump sites

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YEAR IN REVIEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City and county government underwent a number of changes in 2017, as the area continued its growth and development.

The city created two new departments to consolidate and improve services, and also received several state and national awards for its 2017 operation. Personnel changes include a retiring police chief who will be replaced in January and several new city department directors.

Las Cruces has statewide, regional candidates

There are a number of Las Cruces running for statewide and district-wide office in 2018.

State Sen. Joseph Cervantes, D-Doña Ana is one of four Democrats running for governor in the Democratic primary. Incumbent Republican Gov. Susana Martinez is the former Doña Ana County district attorney. She was the fourth and Cervantes would be the fifth New Mexico governor from Las Cruces.

Cervantes, part of a fourth-generation Mesilla Valley farming family, is in his second term in the state Senate. He previously served 12 years in the New Mexico House of Representatives and also was a county commissioner.

Billy Garrett hopes to become the state's first ever lieutenant governor from Las Cruces.

Garrett announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor on the Mesilla Plaza in

October. He is currently completing his second four-year term on the Doña Ana County Commission.

State Rep. Bill McCamley, D-Doña Ana, hopes to become the next state auditor.

McCamley announced his candidacy a day after former Auditor Tim Keller was elected mayor of Albuquerque. Gov. Susana Martinez appointed former Bernalillo County Commissioner Wayne Johnson to replace Keller until the 2018 election. Johnson will likely run in the Republican primary for the office, and is the first Republican to serve as state auditor since 1970.

McCamley was elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 2012 and re-elected in 2014 and 2016. He served a single four-year term on the Doña Ana County Commission before losing narrowly in the 2008 Democratic primary for New Mexico's district two U.S. House seat. He also lost in a close to Republican Ben Hall in the 2010 New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission district five race.

Democrats Tony Martinez and David Baake of Las Cruces have announced their candidacies for New Mexico's second district U.S. House seat. Incumbent Republican Steve Pearce is running for governor.

If Martinez or Baake wins the seat, he will be the first person from Las Cruces to hold it since 1970.

The district was created in 1968, and, except



Clifton F. Thacker

for that first two-year term held by former Cong. Ed Foreman (he also served one term in Congress representing El Paso, 1962-64), the seat has been occupied by residents of Lea and Lincoln counties. Except for a single two-year term (2008-10), the seat has been held by a Republican since 1980.

Former Las Cruces state Sen. Steve Fischmann, a Democrat, has announced he will run for New Mexico Public Regulation Commission district five. The seat is currently held by Democrat Sandy Jones of Truth or Consequences. Fischmann defeated incumbent state Sen. Leonard Lee Rawson, a Republican, in the 2008 general election to win Senate district 37. Fischmann did not seek re-election in 2012. The seat is currently held by Democrat Bill Soules.

Police chief retires

After four years as Las Cruces police chief, Jaime Montoya retired Dec. 23.

Montoya, 51, joined the Las Cruces Police Department as a patrolman in 1991. Montoya said he plans to stay in Las Cruces, his hometown, but hasn't decided on future plans.

Patrick G. Gallagher, who currently serves as police chief in Santa Fe, will become the new chief of police in January.

New city departments

As part of a reorganization of city government a number of functions were consolidated into a new Economic Development Department in early 2017.

Former Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Phil San Filippo was named department director in April. Jen-

nifer Bales, who has been with the CVB for more than 11 years, was named its new executive director.

City Manager Stuart Ed also created a new Quality of Life Department, with David Maestas tapped as its director.

Ed also named Donald Bustos as the city's first-ever business concierge to assist new and existing businesses with licensing, permitting and other issues.

The city also hired former Las Cruces general contractor Larry Nichols as the city's new community development director.

City wins state, national awards

Earlier this year, Las Cruces was recognized by WalletHub, a personal finance website, as the best-run city in New Mexico and the sixth-best in the nation.

Las Cruces has the most transparent city government in state, according to the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government (NMFOG).

In 2017, the city moved from fourth place statewide, with a ranking of 68 out of 100 possible points from NMFOG, to No. 1, with 90 of 100 points.

In December, WalletHub announced that Las Cruces ranks as the 32nd safest city in the U.S. in 2017.

The Las Cruces Police Department's 2016 annual crime statistics showed violent crime and property crime were both down 6 percent.

WalletHub compared

182 cities, including the 150 most-populated cities in the country in three key areas, to determine the rankings: home and community safety, financial safety and natural-disaster risk. El Paso, Texas ranked 38th in the review. Albuquerque was 112th.

Las Cruces has the largest job growth in the state, and recently overtook Albuquerque as the largest worldwide exporter of New Mexico goods.

SalsaFest evolves

The ninth annual SalsaFest, sponsored by the Las Cruces Downtown Partnership in August, was different from previous years' events.

Instead of a salsa-tasting competition, the event became a one-night salsa music event on the downtown plaza that also included food trucks with a twist of salsa in the menu.

New Animal Services Center director announced

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) board of directors announced in November that Clifton F. "Clint" Thacker of Layton, Utah will become the next executive director of ASCMV.

Thacker was among five finalists who interviewed for the position, and was most recently employed as director of Davis County Animal Care and Control in Fruit Heights, Utah.

Thacker replaces Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock, who resigned in August.

YEAR IN REVIEW POLITICS

Elections bring newcomers to office

It was a year of changes in 2017 political races.

Shortly after three new members of the Doña Ana County Commission were sworn into office in January, the Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education elected three new members in February. Each is a five-member board.

In May, two new members were elected to the Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation Board.

In November, two new members were either elected to the seven-member Las Cruces City Council.

The school board, conservation district and city council elections are all nonpartisan.

New county commission

On the first day of 2017, new County Commissioners Ramon S. Gonzales (District 2), Isabella Solis (District 4) and John L. Vasquez (District 5) were sworn into office. All three are Democrats. Gonzales and Solis defeated incumbent Democrats in the June 2016 primary. Vasquez succeeded Democrat Leticia Duarte-Benavidez, who was term limited.

Democrat Billy Garrett represents District 1 on the commission and Republican Ben Rawson represents District 5. Garrett was elected to the commission in 2011 and re-elected in 2015. He cannot run again in 2019. Rawson was appointed to the commission in 2013 and elected to a full four-year term in 2014. He can run for re-election in 2018.

Soil and Water Conservation District

On May 2, two positions on the Doña Ana County Soil and Water Conservation Board were won by Las Cruces progressives, as Kevin Bixby defeated incumbent Joe Delk in District 3 and Craig Fenske defeated Kent Thurston in District 4.

The district is a governmental subdivision of the state and is authorized to conserve and develop natural resources, provide for flood control, preserve wildlife, protect the tax base and promote the healthy, safety and welfare of the people the county.

The board has seven members of which five are elected and two appointed.

County manager

Former County Manager Julia Brown was terminated by the Doña Ana County Commission in a 4-1 vote in April.

Brown, appointed county manager in December 2013, began mediation with the county to avoid a lawsuit for wrongful termination.

Assistant County Manager Chuck McMahon was appointed as interim county manager following Brown's termination. The county commission selected Las Cruces District Judge Fernando Macias as the new county manager in November.

Macias has been a Third Judicial District judge since 2010. He served three, four-year terms representing New Mexico District 32 in the state Senate and was also a member of the Doña Ana County Commission.

Macias will become the new county manager on Jan. 7, 2018 at an annual salary of \$160,000.

MVEDA

The Doña Ana County Commission voted unanimously in August to reject a plan proposed by county staff that would have cut county funding in half for the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA).

MVEDA provides economic development services to the county and receives \$200,000 in annual funding. Founded in 1994, MVEDA has built partnership with state, regional and local organizations to promote local economic development.

Running for governor

With incumbent Republican Gov. Susana Martinez term limited after eight years in office, four Democrats and one Republican have announced their candidacies for governor in 2018.

The lone Republican is U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, who represents the second congressional district that includes Las Cruces.

Four Democrats are vying for their party's nomination for governor: U.S. Rep. Michelle Lujan-Grisham, who represents the Albuquerque area in Congress; Doña Ana County State Sen. Joseph Cervantes; Albuquerque businessman Jeff Apodaca; and Santa Fe businessman and alcohol-prevention teacher Peter DeBenedittis.

New Mexico voters have alternated between Republican and Democratic candidates for governor either every four years

or every eight years since 1986.

The primaries are Tuesday, June 5, 2018.

U.S. House race

Several candidates in both parties are hoping to succeed Republican Steve Pearce representing New Mexico's second congressional district in Congress.

Democrats Tony Martinez and David Baake of Las Cruces have announced their candidacies.

Other candidates on the Democratic side include Madeleine Hildebrandt of Socorro and Ronald Fitzherbert and David Alcon of Las Cruces.

Republicans who have announced their desire to succeed Pearce include State Rep. Yvette Herrell, R-Otero, former Hobbs mayor and New Mexico Republican Party chair Monty Newman, former New Mexico National Guard Adjutant General Andrew Salas of Bernardo (Socorro County) and Jack Valpato of Carlsbad.

The late Joe Skeen won New Mexico's second congressional district seat by write-in in 1980 and served until his retirement in 2002. A Republican from Picocho (Lincoln County), Skeen served longer in the House than any other New Mexican in history.

Pearce, a Hobbs businessman, won the seat in 2002 and held it until 2008, when he gave it up to run unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate. Pearce won the seat back in 2010, defeating incumbent Democrat Harry Teague.

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Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument supporters rally during Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's press conference in July.

Citizens and lawmakers rally around OMDP

When U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke visited Doña Ana County at the end of July, community members and area officials encouraged the secretary not to reduce the footprint of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument.

Under Zinke, the Department of Interior has been reviewing a number of Western national monuments, with the possibility some may still be reduced in size.

Although Zinke's recommendations to President Trump did not call for shrinking the size of OMDP, they did advocate that the Department of the Interior work with Homeland Security on border security issues and that Congress



Zinke addresses the media and concerned residents at his press conference.

provide funds for infrastructure and management of OMDP.

In the meantime, the Doña Ana County Commission, Las Cruces City Council, Mesilla Town Council and other entities passed resolutions in support of OMDP as currently configured.

The overwhelming message from the community is, "Please leave our monument as it is," Mesilla Mayor Nora Barraza said Sept. 18.

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Walkout

New Mexico State University students walked out of classes Sept. 5 to rally against a repeal of DACA, a program that protects undocumented immigrants, or “Dreamers,” who were brought to the United States as children and grew up here. Recent action by

President Donald Trump could rescind DACA and put hundreds of thousands of young people at risk of being deported.

The Las Cruces gathering officially started around 2 p.m. with chants of “I believe that we will win,” and “This is what democracy looks

like.”

“In the United States, there are more than 800,000 who are affected and almost 7,000 of them are here in the state of New Mexico,” said one of the rally organizers. “They are contributing members of our society. They are our future.”

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Women’s march

Las Cruces women joined millions across the country and around the world in a march for women’s equality that was held locally in the downtown area on Jan. 21.

The march, sponsored by Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, was held in conjunction with the Women’s March on Washington, D.C., and was among thousands of marches held across the world, according to Planned Parenthood.

The Las Cruces march was organized by Unified

Community Action (UCA) of Las Cruces.

The march was held to show solidarity among women “for the protection of our rights, safety, health, environment and families,” according to UCA’s Facebook page.

Superfund site

Questions remained as the year ended whether the contaminated groundwater plume at the Griggs and Walnut Superfund site is effectively contained, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

“The City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County continue to operate and main-

tain the system through a Joint Superfund Project (JSP) which is defined by an intergovernmental agreement the city and county entered into for the site,” according to <https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.Cleanup&id=0605116#bk-ground>.

“In operating the ground water extraction and treatment system, the JSP is continuing to satisfy water supply demands while meeting drinking water standards,” the website said.

Two extraction wells have been pumping at the since 2012.

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A year in the life

Looking back at 365 days of Las Cruces

Which is more unusual? Getting to meet your boyhood idol? Or the fact your boyhood idol is Gary Busey?

**RICHARD COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

OK, those questions may have answered themselves. When people find out I love mustard on my scrambled eggs, they tilt their heads and look at me strangely.

However, when I tell those same people my boyhood hero, and my all-time favorite actor is Gary Busey, it makes their mustard-on-eggs look seem stone-faced.

Busey, deservedly so, has a reputation as one of the craziest, wildest actors in Hollywood. He's also like a cat, with at least nine lives. His career – indeed his life – could have ended a dozen times by now. Yet he keeps finding ways to re-invent himself, to re-surface, to shock and awe anew.

In the early 1970s, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Busey was only a little wild and crazy. He was also not known as Gary Busey.

He was Teddy Jack Eddy, co-star of Mazeppa Pompazoidi's Uncanny Film Festival. In the days before Saturday Night Live, TV stations all over America had local late-night shows on Saturday. Mazeppa's

show on the ABC affiliate in Tulsa usually featured black-and-white monster movies from the 1930s and 40s, interspersed with skits from Busey and other local talents.

To my 8-year-old brain, Teddy Jack Eddy was a comic genius.

My dad even occasionally chuckled at his antics.

Soon, though, Busey was getting noticed by others besides me and my fellow third-graders.

He got guest appearances on national TV series such as "Gunsmoke." He did a few movies too, and in 1978, he got his big break playing the title character in "The Buddy Holly Story." The multi-talented Busey had long been a solid musician, and played in rock-and-roll bands. He even sat in with future Hall of Famer, legendary songwriter and fellow Tulsan Leon Russell, who liked Busey enough to name a son after him, sort of: Teddy Jack Russell.

Busey got an Oscar nomination for playing Holly but, in some ways, that was the peak of his career.

Still, he kept showing up in movie after movie, usually for short stints, because he has a penchant for dying on camera, often in gruesome, horrific ways.

Flash forward to 2017. After years of begging folks involved with the White Sands International Film Festival, and its successor, the Las Cruces International Film Festival, to

"bring Gary Busey to Las Cruces," lo and behold, he came, in a different way.

When the Las Cruces Comic Con announced its guest lineup for its August event, the list included Gary Busey. I was incredulous. I was also very cautious. I didn't want to get too excited until I knew he was actually here.

The day, came, however, and Teddy Jack was in the house. I got to meet him, get a photo, get his autograph and even give him a gift, with which he seemed very excited.

Yeah, I know.

A lot of big things happened in Las Cruces in 2017.

So why on earth am I gushing about goofy Gary Busey? Well, what could have been better?

When another Oklahoman came to town in April, about 75,000 people got as excited as I did about Busey. I went to see this other guy, too. His name is Garth Brooks. OK. That concert – those FIVE concerts – entertained us pretty well. Some of you probably went. Actually, most of you probably went. Concert attendance was more than half of our city's population.

And how about those Aggies? For the first time in 57 years, longer than either Garth or I have been alive, the New Mexico State University football team is going to a bowl game.

I've been a huge fan of Aggie Coach Doug Martin since he

arrived here, and it was so gratifying to see him and his team achieve their Arizona Bowl berth.

It was also gratifying to see generations of NMSU grads and fans finally see this success.

This issue of the Bulletin is being distributed the day of the bowl game in Tucson, Arizona, and seemingly half of Las Cruces was planning to attend.

Speaking of Aggie sports, 2017 was a strange year for the NMSU-UNM rivalry.

In April, we got emotionally draining news that our successful new head coach, Paul Weir, who had been with the program for nearly a decade, was leaving. That was sad. It also created anger for many, though, because Weir was leaving for UNM, making the dreaded Aggie-Lobo conversion.

We exacted a little revenge, though, by beating the Lobos in football, and sweeping them this fall in basketball.

We dedicate our Bulletin this week, our last issue of the year, to re-living many of the newsworthy moments and memories of 2017.

Many difficult things happened around the world and locally too. But if any moment for you was as exciting as meeting my boyhood hero was for me, the year could not have been all bad.

Have a safe and happy new year, Las Cruces.

YEAR IN REVIEW POLITICS

Turnout for city election topped 10 percent

The turnout for the 2017 city election was 10.56 percent, City Clerk Linda Lewis said.

A total of 6,119 of Las Cruces' 57,963 eligible registered voters cast ballots.

The election included three city council races – districts 3, 5 and 6 – in which only voters in those districts were eligible to cast ballots, and the city-wide race for municipal judge II. In that race, Las Cruces attorney Joy Goldbaum defeated incumbent Kent Yalkut and fellow challenger Nelson Goodin.

Four years ago, with the same four positions on the ballot, the turnout was about 8 percent.

The 2015 city election, which included three council races and the city-wide races for mayor and presiding municipal judge, drew about 19 percent of voters.

New city councilors Gabe Vasquez (District

3) and Yvonne Flores (District 6) were sworn in during the Nov. 20 regular council meeting.

They join Councilor Gill Sorg (District 5) who was re-elected Nov. 7 to a third four-year term on the council; Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith (District 2), who was elected in 2011 and re-elected in 2015; Councilors Kasandra Gandara (District 1) and Jack Eakman (District 4), both elected in 2015; and Mayor Ken Miyagishima, who served six years as councilor before being elected mayor in 2007. He was re-elected as mayor in 2011 and 2015.

Sorg said the two newest members of the Las Cruces City Council are welcome additions.

"I think they both will bring excellent experience and expertise to their positions. The city's future is quite bright. We have a lot of great assets here."



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Volunteer David Renfro Jr. and Bev Courtney running for City Council District 3 waited for results at Sunset Grill on Election Night, Nov. 7.



Constituents raise their hands to ask questions of Rep. Steve Pearce at his Las Cruces town hall March 18 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

BULLETIN PHOTO BY MARTY RACINE

Rep. Pearce town hall draws overflow crowd

Twice in March demonstrators held a "mock town hall" at U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce's Telshor Boulevard headquarters to protest his absence from Las Cruces during the Congressional recess. On Saturday, March 18, Pearce hosted a "Mach" town hall at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum that moved at warp speed well beyond the allotted two-hour scheduling.

Questions to the representative from the

standing-room-only, mostly angry, audience were rapid-fire, including a challenge to file articles of impeachment for the alleged sins of his party's president (a distraction from serious issues, and it won't happen, anyway, Pearce responded).

This was not the type of reception Pearce, a Hobbs native, encountered at previous town halls in Ruidoso and Hobbs. He kept his composure throughout, raising his voice only in

response to a man questioning his source of information on a topic.

The boisterous, even unruly, crowd — several people were evicted — attended not so much to listen as to be heard.

Constituents shouted over their representative, out of turn, while verbal sparring broke out in back of the room. Uniformed officers cast a wary eye on the proceedings.

Chants of "Shame! Shame!" erupted, and toward the end it was left

to an elderly woman in a walker, Donna O'Daniel of Las Cruces, to really rile the room. "We know that billionaire George Soros ... and organizations such as People for the American Way, Planned Parenthood, MoveOn.org and others have funded the protesters and rioters against the Trump Administration..." she began, before calling for their prosecution.

Another chant, "Where's my check?" drowned her out.



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Sheila Gonzalez, Escrow Officer at Dona Ana Title Company. DATC has been part of the LCHBA for more than 20 years. I became a member in 2017 when I became part of the Board of Directors. I love that I get to meet so many professionals in our community and how involved LCHBA is within the community.

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Winter named executive director

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico named Terra Winter its new executive director starting June 12, pictured at left with outgoing director Jennifer Cervantes at a reception held for Winter.

A self-described "Las Cruces lifer," Winter has been here her entire life, graduating from Las Cruces High School and

earning two degrees, so far, from New Mexico State University. She is currently working on a doctorate from NMSU as well.

Many may also remember Winter (previously Terra Van Dyke) from her 10 years at Mesilla Valley Hospice, where she served as director of development and the foundation's executive director.

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The Las Cruces Bulletin award-winning news team includes Managing Editor Marty Racine, Publisher Richard Coltharp, Content Director Tracy Roy, and reporters Elva K. Österreich and Mike Cook.

Bulletin collects seven awards in statewide contest

The Las Cruces Bulletin earned seven awards in the 2017 New Mexico Press Association's Better Newspaper contest.

Competing in the Weekly Class I division, for New Mexico weekly newspapers with a circulation of 11,000 and above, the Bulletin won two first-place awards and five second-place awards.

Bulletin Content Director Tracy Roy, designer Cary Howard and the Bulletin staff won second place in the category of supplements and special sections for the 2017 Southwest New Mexico Legislative Guide. This marks the sixth state award won by the Legislative Guide, which has also won two national awards over the years.

Roy also won first place in the category of General News Photo

for her photograph of Gov. Susana Martinez and Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Rick Jackson taking a selfie together. Bulletin publisher Richard Coltharp won second place in Feature Photo for a photograph of Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood at their Las Cruces concert in April.

Coltharp also won first place in the Columns category, for his column on veterans dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Bulletin staff writer Elva Österreich won second place in the Breaking News category for her report on changes at the Roadrunner Food Bank.

Coltharp won second place in the Review category, and the Bulletin won second place for Design and Typography.



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Ron Camuñez

Longtime community activist and businessman Ron Camuñez died in April at age 62. He was a graduate of Las Cruces High School and attended New Mexico State University. A prominent local Republican, Camuñez was also a Mason, a Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Order of DeMolay and was a past president of the local Noon Lions Club.

Chuck Davis

Chuck Davis died in March, just a week after his retirement from the Las Cruces Public Schools board of education. Davis, who died a little more than month short of his 83rd birthday, served four terms

and 16 years on the board. He was elected in 2001 and reelected in 2005, 2009 and 2013.

Davis was the New Mexico School Boards Association board member of the year for the state in 2016. He was also a member of the 2013 LCPS board of education that was recognized as the Large School Board of the Year by NMSBA.

Feb. 10, 2016 was declared Charles and Helen Day at the New Mexico Legislature due to their service to education. Helen, a retired Las Cruces teacher, was Chuck Davis' wife of 60 years.

J.R. Stewart

Retired Las Cruces police officer J.R. Stewart was killed in a traffic ac-

cident on Nov. 27.

He retired in 2014 with 35 years of service to the Las Cruces Police Department. He also served with the Anthony Police Department. He also was an unsuccessful candidate for Doña Ana County Sheriff.

Dick Rundell

Las Cruces lost one of its favorite actors when retired NMSU professor Dr. Richard J. Rundell died May 18 at age 77.

Playwright Mark Medoff called Rundell "The Oracle of the Organs" because of Rundell's vast knowledge of theatre, Shakespeare, Beckett, Pinter and other great authors and playwrights. He was a language professor at NMSU.



Larry Chandler

The Las Cruces theatre community lost another one of its pillars when Larry Chandler died June 21. Chandler, 79, directed many plays at Las Cruces Community Theatre and Black Box Theatre, and lent his hand to the set design and construction of many others. He produced and directed many plays in Seoul, South Korea for the United States Army for 30 years before returning to Las Cruces in 1997 to produce, direct and act in local theatre. Chandler's last show as director was "You Can't Take It with You," which ran in May at Las Cruces Community Theatre.

Ken Shapiro

"The Groove Tube" and "Modern Problems" writer and director Ken Shapiro of Las Cruces died Nov. 18 at age 76.

"The Groove Tube," Shapiro's 1974 independent film starring Shapiro, Richard Belzer and Chevy Chase, influenced many subsequent films and television shows.

Shapiro's news anchorman spoof was marked by his signature sign-off line, "Good night, and have a pleasant tomorrow," which Saturday Night Live adopted for its regular Weekend Update.

Shapiro was nominated for a 2007 prime-time Emmy Award along with three others for outstanding special class program for the 64th annual Golden Globe awards, for which Shapiro served as a writer.

Obits Bob Burns.jpg

Bob Burns

Las Cruces musician Bob Burns died Jan. 11 at age 74.

Burns hosted "Burnsland," a late evening jazz radio show aired on KRWG-FM from 1989-2013.

He created a concert called "I Have a Dream," which he performed in schools.

Burns was an early advocate of saving El Paso's Plaza Theatre, and cofounded the Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society as well as the Howling Coyote Coffeehouse/Open Mic. He played trumpet, sang for, and eventually led, the Mike Caranda Orchestra.

Bob is survived by his wife, Melody. The two married in 1993.



Pete Domenici

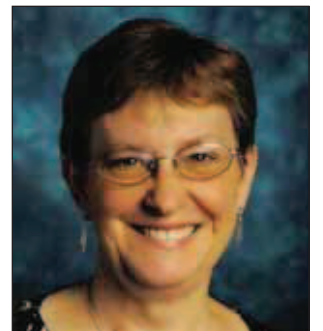
Retired U.S. Sen. Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M., whose papers are housed at New Mexico State

University in Las Cruces, died Sept. 13 in Albuquerque at age 85.

Domenici was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1972 and served until his retirement in 2008 – the longest tenure of any New Mexican ever in the U.S. Senate. He served as chairman of both the Senate Budget and Energy committees during his service.

Domenici was the first Republican elected to the Senate from New Mexico in almost 40 years. He was re-elected with 72 percent of the vote in 1984 and with 73 percent in 1990.

The Domenici Institute for Public Policy was established in 2008 and will continue its annual conference on national and international issues and politics in 2018.



Julie Elizabeth Weber

Director of Campus Housing at the University of Louisville and former Las Cruces Julie Weber passed away Dec. 5, 2017. She served as New Mexico State University's director of housing and campus life for more than nine years, managing campus housing and the Corbett Center Student Union before a move to accept a new position in Louisville in 2015.

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Las Cruces law enforcement carry the body of retired Las Cruces Police Department officer J.R. Stewart inside St. Genevieve's Church Saturday, Dec. 2, following a funeral procession down El Paseo Road. Stewart died Nov. 27 while riding his motorcycle when it was caught in the path of a high-speed chase that began at the U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint on I-10 west of Las Cruces and culminated in the arrest of a Colorado couple.

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Weber was an integral part of NMSU's Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink Campaign, as a campus coordinator and chair, which raised money to fund endowments for breast cancer research, in tandem with Cowboys for Cancer Research.

Services were held Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the University of Louisville.

Pervis Atkins

Just as the New Mexico State University football team was preparing to head to its first bowl game in 57 years, Pervis Atkins, a star of that 1960 team, passed away.

Atkins, a member of the Aggie Hall of Fame,

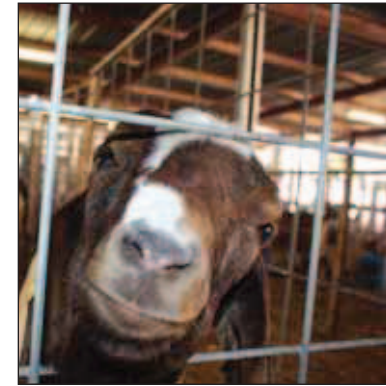
died Dec. 22 in California.

Atkins was a star running back for the NMSU 1959 and 1960 Sun Bowl champions, and played pro football with the Oakland Raiders, Los Angeles Rams and Washington Redskins.

He later worked in movies, as a producer and actor, including a role in 1975's "The Longest Yard," with Burt Reynolds.

He was named to the College Football Hall of Fame in 2009, and the Aggies retired his No. 27.

Atkins led the NCAA in rushing in 1959, with 971 yards. It was the first of four consecutive years the Aggies had the leading rusher in the nation. Atkins' backfield-mate Bob Gaiters led the nation in 1960, and Preacher Pilot led in 1961 and 1962.



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Camera friendly

A Boer goat peers through his fence the evening of Sept. 26, as participants began unloading their livestock at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds for the start of the annual fair.

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The City of Las Cruces continues to build new streets and roads and to repave existing roadways.

As with the conversion of Church and Water streets downtown, repaving sometimes involves replacing underground water and utility lines and other infrastructure.

The city also added new traffic lights in 2017 and added yellow flashing arrows to some traffic signals.

La Entrada/Albert Johnson Park

Construction of the new La Entrada monument at Albert Johnson Park is nearing completion, well ahead of the Dec. 31, deadline.

The original La Entrada monument was located on a portion of what is now the re-

opened Main Street near the Rio Grande Theatre where it resided from 1997 to 2006, when it was removed for the Main Street reopening.

The current monument is a reimagination of the previous, using original tiles from Las Cruces' sister city Lerdo, Durango, Mexico. Some of the original tiles broke when the original monument was disassembled.

Local artist Tony Pennock, whose art is displayed on Las Cruces water tanks, has been instrumental in the entire construction project including monument design.

Low retaining seat walls were installed to blend the monument into the park topography and to allow spaces for viewers to sit while they enjoy the monument.

The final touch is for the

Parks & Recreation Department to plant creeping germander in the monument's center within the next few weeks.

As part of the La Entrada project, the statue of Albert Johnson has been placed near its original location at the park's main entrance at the corner of Picacho Avenue and Main Street.

City has budget for median landscaping

The City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department plans to spend \$1.2 million to improve or construct medians across the city.

The city currently maintains 300 linear miles (about 1.6 million linear feet) of landscaped and unimproved medians, Parks and Rec Director Sonya Delgado said told the Las Cru-

ces City Council in August.

Delgado said it takes city staff four weeks to complete a full maintenance cycle of all medians, including spraying weeds, removing trash and repairing or replacing irrigation and landscaping materials.

City landscape architect Cathy Mathews said landscaping styles across the city include basic (one type of tree, shrub and gravel mulch), abundant (several types of trees and shrubs and pattered gravel), concrete (colored and stamped concrete inside medians that are too narrow for green landscaping and/or two dangerous for city staff or volunteers to maintain) and sculpture (using small boulders, for example, in medians that are too difficult or dangerous to maintain), along with unimproved medians, which

still must be maintained by the city.

The \$1.2 million for the median work will come from bond funds (\$1 million) and city street and flood control funds (\$200,000). Mathews said about \$200,000 of the total amount will be spent in each of the city's six council districts. She outlined several possible median projects in each district, and asked for input from council members on those proposals and others they would support.

Once Parks and Rec staff have received that input, it will begin the planning phase of the project, which will include public meetings to help determine the final list of medians in each district to be built or

Mathews said median land-

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scaping costs \$5 to \$9 a square foot.

Landscaping would include storm-water harvesting to help irrigate trees and shrubs in medians, Mathews said.

She said new medians on arterial roadways are now built with landscaping down the center and gravel on the edges so roads can be expanded as necessary.

Some median landscaping is already planned or underway as part of road projects in many parts of the city, Mathews said, including downtown, on Lohman Avenue, at the intersection of Main Street and Solano Drive, in the Metro Verde housing development, on Valley Drive and along roadways that lead into the city.

She said the city has partnered with developers, home owners' groups and private businesses to pay for median landscaping in the past, and hopes to develop even more public-private partnerships going forward.

Mathews said she expects the design phase of the median-improvement project to take about nine months, followed by a five-month bidding and contracting phase.

Actual construction likely will take an additional 13 months to complete, she said.

Median landscaping is part of city plans to be "much more aggressive in the beautification of our community," City Manager Stuart Ed said.

He said funding priority should be given to medians in the city's high-traffic areas.

Assistant City Manager David Dollahon said the city hopes to use bond funds and community partnerships to complete the construction of new medians and the upgrading of existing ones over the next five to eight years.

Downtown streets

Construction began in June to convert Church and Water streets

downtown from one-way back to two-way traffic.

About three-quarters of a mile to one mile of the streets, between Lohman Avenue and Picacho Avenue, will be re-configured. The project also will include street re-surfacing and utility upgrades for parts of both streets, as well as for Griggs, Bowman and Las Cruces avenues.

The \$13.2 million conversion is one of the largest public works projects the city has ever undertaken.

The goal of the project is to make downtown a destination, by "making downtown a place to drive to, not through," City of Las Cruces Downtown Coordinator Andy Hume said.

The city published a "Construction Survival Guide" to provide downtown businesses with assistance in surviving construction projects, Mayor Ken Miyagishima said in a letter to business owners in the guide.

The guide advises downtown business owners to "be positive, knowledgeable, pro-active and safe" during construction. It contains tips to help businesses through the construction process, and has a list of resources to contact for help.

Wayfinding signage

Way-finding signs in downtown Las Cruces were erected last spring by the City of Las Cruces' Parks and Recreation Department and the Facilities Management section of the Public Works Department, Las Cruces Downtown Coordinator Andy Hume said. They were assisted by city downtown development staff as well as Downtown Las Cruces Partnership staff.

Funding for the signs came from the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH), and their historical narrative was provided by Chris Schurtz.

Sign locations include COAS Bookstore/the site of Hotel Don Bernardo, the site of St. Genevieve Catholic Church, Main Street and

Griggs Avenue, the Amador Hotel, Pioneer Women's Park, the Acequia Madre and the Las Cruces Museum complex.

Through a partnership the NMDOH Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities initiative, city Parks and Recreation Department staff also erected more wayfinding signage in 2017 and provided promotional materials to help walkers, runners and especially bikers learn about and use the city's vast trail system that stretches through downtown east to Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument and west beyond the Rio Grande, city Parks & Rec Director Tim Fulton said.

Las Cruces has more than 65 miles of in-road bicycle lanes, shared-use lanes and bicycle routes and about 15 miles of paved and natural-surface trails.

Spaceport road

In November, the Doña Ana County Commission approved a proposal by Mountain Space Constructors to reconstruct the southern road to Spaceport America in Doña Ana and Sierra counties at a cost of about \$15 million.

The project, which is expected to be completed within about a year, will pave the 23.5-mile road, which is currently dirt.

Funds for the project will come from the New Mexico Spaceport Authority.

Traffic lights

The City of Las Cruces continues to synchronize traffic lights on major streets. That doesn't guarantee drivers will hit all green lights, but it improves the probability.

New traffic lights erected in 2017 mean the city now has more than 120 traffic signals.

Some include left-hand-lane flashing yellow arrows.

The arrows indicate to drivers that the left-hand lane is for turning only and that drivers can cautiously enter the turn lane and turn left after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians.

Lighting the night



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From left: Angel Varela, 9, and his brother Edgar Varela, 11, have fun with sparklers July 4 during the Electric Light Parade near Downtown Las Cruces.

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High drama



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Four days after man-made fireworks dotted the sky, nature provided a luminous grandeur over White Sands National Monument July 8 with a full moon and a cloud-to-cloud lightning strike.

Spaceport America Cup



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Future Heavy, a 53-foot-tall high-power sport rocket carrying payloads thousands of feet above the New Mexico desert, was the largest sport rocket to launch anywhere in the world, breaking the record set previously in 2016. It was launched during Spaceport America Cup, a rocket engineering competition held at Spaceport America June 20-24. Student teams were required to design, build and launch a rocket carrying at least 8.8 pounds of payload to a target apogee either 10,000 feet or 30,000 feet above ground level (AGL). After three days of non-stop launches and intense judging, the results were announced at the Spaceport America Cup Awards Banquet June 24.

EBID had successful irrigation season

Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) enjoyed one of its most successful irrigation seasons in 2017, according to James Narvaez, the district's irrigation system director.

Narvaez said the district hit its targeted efficiency rates, which allowed it to continue the season until the end of September, the latest date in 15 years.

"Late rains also im-

pacted the demand," he said.

"This may have allowed some farmers to receive an extra irrigation from stormwater without having to order water."

This year the district saw its highest demand in June. Historically, the highest demand is in July.

Narvaez also complimented irrigation customers.

"Flat rate irrigations seemed to improve this year thanks to the efforts of the flat-raters who worked together to keep their ditches clean and accomplish their irrigations efficiently," he said.

Immediately after the close of the irrigation season, EBID's maintenance season began annual projects to improve facilities and delivery efficiencies.



PHOTO COURTESY EBID

Ponding water filled Spring Canyon Arroyo from August storms near the Village of Hatch. The photo is looking northwest.

YEAR IN REVIEW SCHOOLS

School district continues major construction projects

Construction projects at schools across Las Cruces in 2017 and continuing into 2018 continue Las Cruces Public School's focus on "students' needs and safety," said LCPS Construction Director Gloria Martinez.

"We have improved our security at schools by installing security doors at entrances where the only way to go inside the school is to check in at the reception area," Martinez said.

"For the upcoming bond projects (\$50 million school bond election in February 2018), we are really targeting on making schools more safe," she said.

Major construction projects during 2017 included Jornada Elementary School's remodeling and addition, which is now complete; Hermosa Heights Elementary School's new kitchen and multipurpose room, which are still in progress, with a ribbon cutting scheduled for mid-January 2018; new security entrance doors at Alameda and Fairacres elementary schools and Picacho Middle School – all three projects are now complete; an addition and kitchen remodeling at Mayfield High School are in progress; and the \$80 million renovation of Las Cruces High School continues.

New school board

Dr. Greg Ewing served his first full year as superintendent of Las Cru-

ces Public Schools, and the board of education welcomed two new members – Ray Jaramillo and Terrie Dallman – after February elections. Retired teacher Maria Flores was re-elected to her third four-year term and remains board president.

Graduation rate

The school district received very positive news in the first month of 2017, as LCPS reported a high school graduation rate of 80 percent.

That's nearly six points higher than in 2016 and a full nine points above the statewide average. And, according to state data, it reflects an increase of more than 30 percent in the last decade.

LCPS has almost 25,000 students attending 25 elementaries, eight middle schools and seven high schools. The district has about 3,200 staff members. LCPS's 2017-18 budget is \$330 million.

Teacher of the year

In December, East Picacho Elementary School teacher Julie Janecka was awarded the 2018 New Mexico Teacher of the Year award by the New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau's New Mexico Agriculture in the Classroom Program.

Golden Apple winner

Also in December, Sierra Middle School teacher Christina Parra was named a 2018 Golden Apple Teacher of Distinction by the Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico.

The award is based on Parra's professional and academic achievements. She is one of nine teachers statewide to receive the award.

LCPS led the state and was one of the leaders nationally in the October 2017 Walk to School campaign, as all elementary schools in the district participated, including thousands of students, staff, parents and volunteers.

Arrowhead Park ECHS is blue ribbon school

In October, Arrowhead Park Early College High School (APECHS) was named a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. APECHS is the only New Mexico school to be recognized as an "Exemplary High Performing School." Under the leadership of Principal Jennifer Amis, APECHS, the state's first early college high school, is one of 342 schools in the nation, and one of three in New Mexico, to earn a Blue Ribbon distinction, which recognizes schools for academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps.

LCPS Executive Director of Athletics Ernie Viramontes was elected chairman of the New Mexico Activities Association commission at the association's quarterly meeting in September. A native of Deming, Viramontes has served as athletics director for the district the past 14 years and has held a variety of roles throughout his 34-year career with LCPS.

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Patsy Ramirez, NMSU freshman majoring in Accounting, contributed to the Goals, Hopes and Dreams board on the campus's International Mall Aug. 16, the fall semester's first day of class.

NMSU sees significant increase in first-time freshmen enrollment

Enrollment of first-time freshmen at New Mexico State University was up 11.3 percent in the fall 2017 semester from the same time last year. That marks the university's largest increase in first-time freshmen in more than 17 years.

Additionally, branch transfers at NMSU are up more than 17 percent.

"I certainly feel we are turning the corner when it comes to enrollment," NMSU Chancellor

Garrey Carruthers said. "From what we know so far, our increase in first-time freshmen is incredibly strong, if not the highest in the state. The strategies we've deployed in marketing and recruitment are definitely paying off, even while we have increased our admissions standards and established a first-year, on-campus residency requirement."

The upswing in first-year enrollment on the

Las Cruces campus promises to mitigate enrollment declines the university has experienced since seeing peak enrollment during the Great Recession. Since Carruthers became NMSU Chancellor, the university has declined in enrollment by 13.8 percent, a trend that led to a strategic marketing and recruiting campaign that has resonated with students in New Mexico, El Paso and southern Arizona.

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School district proficiency improves

Based on the state Public Education Department (PED)'s newly released data from 2017 PARCC assessment scores, LCPS' math proficiency levels remained nearly the same and English language arts proficiency levels saw a slight improvement when compared to last year's scores. Overall, proficiency levels in both categories have improved by about three percent since the assessment was first administered three years ago.

Roadway honors Mayfield legend

In July, Family, friends, colleagues and players gathered at the LCPS Field of Dreams in July to honor the late Mayfield High School and New Mexico State University Head Football Coach Jim Bradley.

During the ceremony, son Mike Bradley, now Mayfield's football coach, unveiled the first "Coach Jim Bradley Championship Way" roadway sign that "allows a portion of Tashiro Drive to honor the late Jim Bradley as requested by family and friends," according to a city news release.

The Bridge turns 10

The Bridge of Southern New Mexico celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2017. The organization began as a small Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce committee and has grown into a county-wide collaborative of business, education, economic development and government leaders.

Centennial High School wins national broadcasting award

After spending eight continuous hours writing, directing and producing a complete video news magazine, a team of Centen-

nial High School students was awarded first place in the Crazy 8s Broadcast News Magazine category at the 2017 Student Television Network (STN) International Convention, March 28-31 in Anaheim, California.

Vista is champion school

Thanks to a schoolwide effort to provide inclusive sports and activities for students with and without disabilities, Vista Middle School was recently named a Banner Unified Champion School by Special Olympics New Mexico (SONM).

The recognition makes Vista Middle School the only middle school in the country to earn the distinction and one of only two Unified Champion Schools in New Mexico, according to officials from SONM.

Schools nutritionist wins award

Las Cruces Public Schools Health and Nutrition Specialist Barbara Berger received the 2017 Food and Farm to Schools School Food Service of the Year award in March.

Flores is state music educator of the year

Joseph Flores, director of bands at Zia Middle School, received the prestigious Music Educator of the Year award during the New Mexico Music Educators Association's annual awards ceremony in January in Albuquerque, and Monte Vista Elementary School music teacher, and Sarah Schlotterbeck-Silva earned the John M. Batcheller Award for Excellence in Teaching Elementary School Music.

National NEA president visits community school

National Education Association (NEA) President Lily Eskelsen Garcia was in Las Cruces Friday, Jan. 19, for the ribbon-cutting ceremony officially recognizing Lynn Middle School as Las Cruces' first community school.



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Domenici conference celebrates 10 years, honors namesake

New Mexico State University Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, above, spoke on the first day of the 10th annual Domenici Public Policy Conference, held Sept. 13-14 at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

Seated directly in front of Carruthers is keynote speaker, former U.S. Senator Richard Lugar, R-Indiana.

The Domenici Institute at NMSU was created to continue the legacy of Pete V. Domenici, New Mexico's longest-serving U.S. senator. With Domenici's death on the opening day of the 2017 conference, the conference's

future is uncertain.

Lugar remembered Domenici for "his fairness and his deep expertise on an array of subjects. I appreciate him so much. I am so sad he is not here with us today ... I am so pleased that the Domenici Institute continues Pete's legacy."

Other guest speakers included former Antonia Novello, M.D., the country's first female and first Hispanic surgeon general; Carlos Pascual, former U.S. ambassador to Mexico and Ukraine; Gary Locke, former governor of Washington and U.S. secretary of

Commerce and ambassador to China; Eric Edelman, former undersecretary of Defense for Policy and former U.S. Ambassador to Turkey; Pedro Noguera, a distinguished professor of education at UCLA's Graduate School of Education and Information Studies; Ken Eisner, senior manager of Worldwide Education Programs and Global Lead-AWS Educate for Amazon Web Services; Seth Harris, former acting U.S. secretary of Labor; and Celina Bussey, secretary of the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions.

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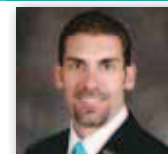
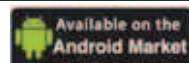
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YEAR IN REVIEW

Solar Eclipse



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The adobe walls have a high sand content, which makes them especially vulnerable to the elements.

Fort Selden's future is its history

Manager Leslie Bergloff has big plans for Fort Selden Historic Site north of Las Cruces, but she needs community support to make them a reality.

Fort Selden was built in 1865 to protect settlers from thieves and raiders. That protection was especially important along El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, the 1,600-mile trade route from Mexico City to northern New Mexico that ran through the heart of the old fort.

Bergloff wants to bring in volunteers to serve as storytellers and tour guides and to help with site preservation and maintenance.

New restrooms were added to the site last year, she said, and staff have created a walking tour of the fort that has "made a huge difference."

Bergloff took over at Fort Selden about nine months ago. She also manages El Camino Real Historic Trail Site and the Taylor-Barela-Reynolds-Mesilla Historic Site. She had been curator of education at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.



Leslie Bergloff

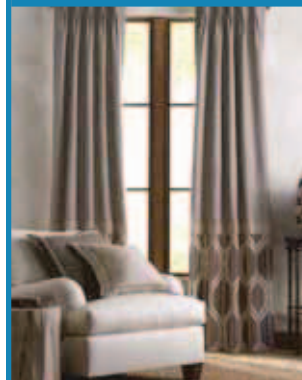


BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Every 18 months or so, a total solar eclipse happens somewhere on the globe. On Aug. 21, for the first time in 26 years, this supernatural event loomed over America. The path of totality was about 70 miles wide from Oregon to South Carolina, but the event generated excitement across the U.S., including New Mexico, where the moon covered about 67 percent of the sun.

In southern New Mexico, viewing parties were held at White Sands National Monument, the New Mexico Museum of Space History in Alamogordo and at Las Cruces' Museum of Nature and Science, where J. Paul Taylor Academy student Kaleb Alday, 12 (pictured), used protective glasses to view the partial eclipse.

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Pastor's spiritual journey leads to retirement

BY MICHAEL SCANLON

For the Bulletin

After a decade leading a spiritual call for social justice at a changing Las



LINDA MERVINE

Crucis church, pastor and community advocate Linda Mervine will close a chapter of her life when she retires Dec. 31.

She has been a minister for 36 years – the last decade at First Christian Church in Las Cruces.

“The most satisfying part of it for me was to accompany people on their spiritual journey,” Mervine, 69, said, adding that she will miss the relationships she has established with members of the First Christian Church congregation.

“Christians are called to be compassionate, to be loving, not to judge,” she said. “We are not really about telling people what to believe. Other Christians – they have to believe certain things. We’re about helping people find their own pathway.”

First Christian Church of Las Cruces is a Disciples of Christ church that also became affiliated in 2010 with United Church of Christ. Its vision statement reads simply, “To reclaim Christianity as an inclusive, expansive and loving spiritual pathway.”

Through Mervine’s leadership, the church has become “open and affirming.” According to its website, “In Christ’s example, we offer all people, regardless of race, creed, or sexual orientation, the opportunity to discover and develop their gifts in God’s love.”

Its various activities and ministries encompass a spectrum of social-justice and social-conscience issues, including helping documented refugees find their families in the U.S., advocating for border justice, operating a food bank to help people with HIV/AIDS, assisting with Las Cruces High School day care and collecting items for infants and toddlers, among other things

The church provides meeting space for groups that support grandparents raising



Linda Mervine, retiring pastor of First Christian Church of Las Cruces, speaks to members of her congregation during a farewell reception at the church on Dec. 10.

grandchildren, HIV and transgender support groups, and rehearsal space for a theater company, drumming, choir and blues and jazz groups. It has a book club, a men’s group, a women’s group called Serendipity and a group called Ordinary Radicals, “who focus on engaged spirituality and issues of social justice.”

“The congregation has changed a lot,” Mervine said.

The church also is host to a sustainable “Backyard Farm,” a development in which Mervine seemed to take particular pride.

“We had been trying to get a community garden on our property for a long time,” Mervine said. “We’ve got the water, and

we’ve got the land, so we might as well produce.”

The church’s garden is part of a network of small yard gardens around Las Cruces “seeking to foster urban farming programs, creative cultivating practices, and community stewardship in our region, which includes the southern New Mexico, El Paso,” according to Backyard Farms. The produce helps the church food pantry. Garden labor is provided by students from Las Cruces High School, which is next-door to the church.

Friends and members of the congregation paid tribute to Mervine during a farewell reception at the church on Sunday, Dec. 10.

“I’m going to miss her terribly because always

in the past we’ve had men ministers,” said Nancy Galloway, who recently turned 75 and claims to be the oldest member of the church. She said she was baptized in the church in 1952, when it was located in downtown Las Cruces.

Also attending the reception was Mervine’s brother, Ed Mervine of Pasadena, California, who said his visit to Las Cruces during that time was coincidental.

He said he shares his sister’s commitment to social justice and fairness and has been involved in many of the same issues, “maybe not to the extent that Linda has been.”

“In our family, there was never a time when we weren’t focused on that,” he said.

Linda Mervine grew

up in Akron, Ohio, and by the time she graduated from the private Bethany College in West Virginia and went into the seminary, women were just starting to enter the ministry. She worked with people with developmental disabilities for a time before moving to rural Illinois and later, Missouri.

She came to Las Cruces to be near her mother in 2001 and served as chaplain at Mesilla Valley Hospice before taking the helm at First Christian Church.

She said she’ll probably stay in Las Cruces “for a while.”

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Jacob Estrada, 3, and Lupita Estrada pose with Jack Skellington at Winterfest, held Dec. 20 on Plaza de Las Cruces.

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Terre Blevins holds her dog Sassy Blevins, a 3-year-old chihuahua, during Winterfest, held Dec. 20 on Plaza de Las Cruces.

In the spirit

Below: Alex and Sally Elmore from Anchorage, Alaska, order food from Vanessa Hughes at Green Chile Paddy Wagon during Winterfest.



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From left: U.S. Navy veteran Karen Woods, U.S. Marine veteran Carol Gaines and U.S. Navy veteran Debra Tallent.

Statues honor women veterans

Bulletin REPORT

The much-anticipated life-size, one-of-a-kind bronze statues representing women veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have served since World War I were installed at the newly-constructed Women Veterans Monument at Veterans Memorial Park

2651 Roadrunner Pkwy. Wednesday, Dec. 20.

The realistic figures, which took more than a year to create, represent branches of the military during various eras and are the focal point of the monument. The Women Veterans Monument will be officially unveiled at a formal dedication tentatively scheduled for

March 10, 2018.

The Women Veterans Monument is a collaborative project funded by The City of Las Cruces and The United Military Women of the Southwest.

The statues were designed and created by artist Matt Glenn, owner of Big Statues in Provo, Utah.



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Booker T. Washington Elementary School jewelry sale volunteers, front to back, Debbie Sterling, Cheron Berastequi and Robin Welsh wrap students' purchases in the school library on Dec. 14.

Drive collects gifts for kids' families

Barbara Roegge is like Booker T. Washington Elementary School's own personal Christmas elf.

Every year for the past decade, Roegge has collected jewelry – including bracelets, earrings and pins – along with scarves, vases and household items that students can buy for 25 to \$2 each so they will have Christmas gifts for their parents, grandparents and other family members.

The proceeds from the

sales go into a school account that helps pay for field trips and other student activities, said Booker T. Washington Elementary Principal Monica Marquez.

Austin's Fine Jewelry store owner Keith Austin contributes hundreds of dollars' worth of jewelry to the sale each year.

The sale "started out as an attempt to decorate a small Christmas tree using clip-on earrings," Austin said, "and then

took on a life of its own. It truly is a wonderful story."

Other volunteers man a wrapping station, helping students select wrapping paper, bags and gift tags and helping to wrapping the gifts.

Roegge also organizes a sale for students just before Mother's Day each year.

For information, contact Marquez at 575-527-9595 or mmarquez3@lcp.net.

LCAER officers



PHOTO COURTESY LCAER

The Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees installed their 2018 Officers at their recent luncheon. The officers are (from left) Treasurer Yvette Moore, Secretary Maria Pearce, co-Vice presidents Lois Visage and Judy Burnham (not shown), and President Gale Wiley. LCAER meets every second Tuesday of the month and all educational staff are welcome from every district and all states.

IN THE NEWS

Deed scams

Many Doña Ana County property owners are receiving letters from a company calling itself Property Profile of Glendora, California. Each letter offers a certified copy of the property-owner's deed as recorded in the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office for a processing fee of \$86.

The Doña Ana County Clerk's Office said the letter is an effort to realize profit from people who may not know that any property owner who wants a certified copy of a deed can obtain one from the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office for \$2. A non-certified copy can be obtained for \$1.

"Anyone who needs deed records can simply visit our office," said County Clerk Scott A. Krahling. "Anyone who receives one of these letters should throw it away."

New Housing Authority officers

The Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority (MVPHA) Board of Commissioners elected new officers at their December

meeting. Marcos Montes will serve as chairman and Felix C. Cordero will serve as vice chair.

Montes joined the MVPHA Board in February 2017. With 24 years of experience in mortgage lending, he currently serves as the branch manager for Cherry Creek Mortgage Co., Inc. in Las Cruces. He replaces Shelly Sanders.

"I am committed to our mission of helping Southern New Mexico residents obtain, and maintain affordable housing," said MVPHA Board Chairman Marcos Montes. "I look forward to setting and accomplishing goals with the organization, including expanding our services for the homeless in the communities we serve," he said.

Cordero replaces Elizabeth Bardwell. His professional experience includes serving in law enforcement, housing inspector in the construction field and attaining a building contractor license from the State of New Mexico Construction Industries Division. He has a degree in Criminal Justice from NMSU

and is employed in the private sector as a facilities manager for Sitel.

The MVPHA is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners, two of whom are appointed by the mayor of the City of Las Cruces and two by the Board of Doña Ana County Commissioners. The fifth member is a public housing resident.

McMahon announces candidacy



MCMAHON

Gueneveré McMahon (D) has announced she is running for the District 33 seat in the New Mexico House of Representatives.

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McMahon is a native New Mexican who has lived in Las Cruces for 36 year. She graduated from Mayfield High School and holds a bachelor's in Government and a master's in Public Administration, both from NMSU. She is a nationally recognized fiber artist and previously worked as a Costume Designer at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts at NMSU.

"As a former single, welfare mother working her way through college to a successful teacher, mentor and artist, I am ready and able to meet people where they are," McMahon says in a press release. "As a Representative my experiences mean that I can compassionately advocate for what my community members

need to achieve success."

McMahon will be announcing neighborhood meetings and "meet the candidate" events throughout the district. She can be reached at 575-621-1103 or gueneveremcmahon@gmail.com

Ramirez elected



RAMIREZ

Ted Ramirez, of Las Cruces, has been elected president of the New Mexico State Mediation Association.

The statewide association was created to promote the concept of mediation as a method of resolving both conflicts and disputes. Also, the

association charter supports the education of the general public of what mediation is, the benefits of mediation and provides a network of information exchange possibilities for the mediation community in New Mexico.

Ramirez brings a wealth of experience to his position, having served in private industry in increasing roles of business, financial responsibility, and management for more than 40 years.

He has opened a private practice in Las Cruces, and serves New Mexico and West Texas.

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New community leaders joining Bridge board

As The Bridge of Southern New Mexico begins 2018 with an increased focus on strengthening connections to support academic and economic success for those who live here, it will also have a new set of influential community leaders joining its board of directors.

US Bank Market President Craig Buchanan, Omega Trucking President Miriam Kotkowski and Mountainview Regional Medical Center Assistant Administrator Ben Woods will replace three business members whose terms end on Dec. 31: Kiel Hoffman, president of Pioneer Bank; J.B. Pruet, retired business owner and former professor; and Rico Gonzales, director, New Mexico External Affairs for El Paso Electric.

Joe Bullington, Commercialization Manager at Jacobs Technology, joined the board earlier this year when George Ruth retired.

Complementing these additions are other new members who recently joined the board as leaders in their respective fields, including Assistant Doña Ana County Manager Chuck McMahon, Gadsden Independent School District Superintendent Travis Dempsey and Las Cruces Public Schools Chief Academic Officer Erlinda Martinez.

One of the organization's original members, Dr. Michael Morehead, associate dean at the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, also returned to The Bridge recently as board vice-chair.

"The Bridge has succeeded in creating groundbreaking change and



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico's Board of Directors and Workforce Talent Collaborative thanked outgoing board members at its holiday gathering, as well as exploring the new TECH Center at New Mexico State University's College of Education. The TECH (Test and Evaluation Collaboration Hub) Center engages children and youth in innovative learning experiences in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields.



advancing innovative solutions, simply because we always kept what was best for the students in the center of our conversations," said Wanda Mattiace, board chair of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico. "Regardless of what sector we operate in on a daily basis, we are absolutely united supporting proven interventions for moving youth, families and this community forward."

The Bridge of Southern New Mexico is the county's

precedent-setting collaborative between business, economic development, education and government focused on improving graduation rates and building the skilled and ready workforce Doña Ana County needs. Since the organization began its work, countywide graduation rates have skyrocketed from 50 percent to 80 percent and (we're) nearing completion of the state's first regional workforce development plan.

To learn more, visit thebridgeofsnm.org and click on the "Who We Are" tab.

Tracey Bryan is the president/CEO of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico. She can be reached at 575-644-6453 or 575-541-7325.

The power of our community is awe-inspiring

Over 24 years ago, donors invested in funds and endowments housed at what was then the Memorial Medical Center Foundation. With the sale of Memorial Medical Center came the creation of the Healthcare Foundation of Southern New Mexico, which eventually merged with the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM.) Although the name of the foundation changed, the focus on improving health and wellness outcomes and enhancing the quality of life for those living in southern New Mexico did not.

Today, we are able to witness the ripple effect created by the generosity of our supporters and experience first-hand how those investments are transforming our community. From funds that were created to support maternal and child wellness initiatives, to scholarships for nontraditional students, each investment has left a lasting impact on our community.

One lasting effect that stemmed from CFSNM donor investments was the creation of the Wellness Fund. The fund was established to provide grants to nonprofits in Doña Ana, Luna, Grant, Hidalgo, Lincoln, Sierra and Otero counties that support maternal, infant and child well-being and help create healthy environments where mothers, infants and children live, work and play. This year, over \$110,000 was awarded to 12 regional nonprofit organizations through the Wellness Fund grant. This funding will allow these organizations to continue programs that feed the hungry, provide assistance for families fighting cancer, and be a resource to those affected by dyslexia, to name a few.

Another important initiative



APRIL ANAYA



has been ensuring academic success for future generations through the creation of scholarships. Currently, over 30 scholarships are housed at the CFSNM with various purposes. Examples of opportunities

available are scholarships for students from single parent homes, financial assistance scholarships for students with Down syndrome, and scholarships to help women students with technical or vocational school expenses. In 2017, over 75 students received \$135,000 in CFSNM scholarships.

Looking to the future, the CFSNM is focused on growing all endowments to better support all seven counties currently served. With more gifts invested in the endowment, the larger the "savings account" grows, giving the foundation the ability to award grants, scholarships and nonprofit endowment operational dollars. There is also a continued collaboration with other nonprofit groups to expand nonprofit leadership while focusing on legacy planning for organizations to grow through estate giving.

Whether investments were made 24 years ago or 24 days ago, the ripple effect stemming from donor gifts continues to impact our community. It is because of the foresight of those philanthropists, and the continued generosity of donors of today, that southern New Mexico has become a great place to live and a great place to give.

April Anaya may be reached at april@cfsnm.org or 575-521-4794.

Sustainability program taking applications

By **CASSIE MCCLURE AND SUZANNE MICHAELS**

For the Bulletin

Sustainability is a hot topic in Las Cruces. For a local business, it means living and working while honoring the environment that supports all of us, so that the business is long-lived, healthy and productive indefinitely. For many organizations, that's a priority and they use sustainability as a guiding influence.

For the second year, the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce (LCGCC) is partnering with the South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA) to recognize the best sustainable businesses in our region through the Sustainable Business Recognition Program. The idea is to shine a light on efforts of local business owners and honor them for their dedication to live

and work lightly on the planet.

One example of sustainability is purchasing from other local businesses. That not only reduces general carbon footprints but allows money to circulate within the community, supporting families and other businesses.

The 2018 application for the Sustainable Business Recognition Program is open through Jan. 31, 2018. Last year, 14 local businesses completed the application process, varying in size from sole proprietor to multiple employees.

A 2017 participating business was Beck's Coffee. Arianna Parsons, co-owner with her husband Tyrell Thacker, explained that the concept of the store fell in line with sustainable practices since its inception.

"We've sourced local and have used local con-



Beck's Coffee bags rest on a table in front of products from other local businesses like potters and candle makers. Sharing space in stores is one way to make sure customers can see a connection between businesses that value and keep money within the community.

tractors to help keep money in the community," she said. "We believe that each business has its own core competencies and if we all share our best, and support each other, it'll make the business community on the whole stronger in Las Cruces."

Businesses are asked to report on how much they recycle or compost, what recycled materials they purchase, the use of any "green" or renewable products, energy and water conservation efforts, if there are visible "green" policies or teams in the workplace, and what products they purchase from other local businesses.

"We help highlight the various and creative ways businesses implement green practices," said Carrie Hamblen, CEO/President of the LCGCC. "For example, by increasing recycling, those businesses reduce the cost of waste removal. And, if they can invest in the long-term benefits of having solar panels, they can reduce their energy costs."

"The Sustainable Business Recognition

Program application is a great guide to helping businesses identify where they can reduce their waste and increase their profits. The questions include: How much do you buy from local business? Do you use re-

cycled/reused goods? Do you buy energy-saving appliances? Questions like these are wonderful guides to help businesses know where to begin."

The SCSWA is available to give presentations to local business owners

who might like their staff to know more about how to achieve success in recycling. Then, get ready to apply for recognition.

If you have a business that could be recognized for its efforts in sustainability or want to learn more about how the LCGCC and the SCSWA can help reduce your overhead, visit LocalLasCruces.com/programs.

Green Connections is submitted by the South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA) managing solid waste, recyclables, and working to stop illegal dumping for residents and businesses throughout Doña Ana County. Contact the SCSWA at 575-528-3800 or visit www.SCSWA.net.



The new compostable bag for Beck's Coffee. This is how local businesses decide to make an impact not only to their bottom line, but to their environment.



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Chile Drop: 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Plaza de Las Cruces, 100 N. Main St. Las Cruces celebrates New Year's with the fourth annual Las Cruces Chile Drop. There will be food trucks, beer garden, mariachis, a piñata for the kids, free party favors and special dance performances. Cost: Free admission.

Photography program: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, SW Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. "Learning to See by Feeling"-photography program presented by new Dona Ana Photography Club president Dale Taylor. Cost: Free. Info: www.daphotoclub.org

Grief support: 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4 at Morning Star United

Methodist Church, 2941 Morning Star Drive. A weekly GriefShare Support Group, a 13-week program designed to help people rebuild their lives after the death of a loved one. The program includes a workbook and videos to guide the discussion. Cost is \$25. Info and registration: Jackie Maxon at 915-525-2575 or Jan Speakman at 575-496-4419.

Bead Society: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, Western Traders, 1300 El Paseo Road. Las Cruces Bead Society meeting. Info: 527-1470.

First Friday Ramble: 5-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, Museum of Nature & Science atrium, 411 N. Main St. Hands-on demonstration on the art and science of Polaroid photography. Cost: Free. Info: muse-

ums.las-cruces.org.

Arts Ramble jam: 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, CSL at 575 N. Main St. Howling Coyote Coffeehouse/Open-Mic jam session begins at 6 p.m. with sign-up for performers at 6:30 p.m. Featured are acoustic musicians, songwriters, poets and storytellers. Come early for a Lasagna dinner with salad, bread, dessert and drink, served from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Cost: \$5 suggested donation.

Railroad Museum programs: Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. The museum presents a variety of family programs in January. Info: 575-647-4480 or museums.las-cruces.org.

• 11 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 6 and 20. Storytime for Children. Children of all ages can listen to a story and complete a related craft.

• Noon Tuesday, Jan. 9, monthly Brown Bag Lecture. Gilbert Gardner, construction manager of the El Paso Trolley project will speak on the history and revival of the

trolley.

• 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, Storytime for Children. Mrs. Prickett and her puppets will engage pre-school children with a book and activity.

• 10 a.m.-noon, Fridays, Jan. 12 and Jan. 26. Coloring and socializing for adults. Participants can bring their own supplies or use the museum's coloring pages and colored pencils.

• 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 13, Family Game Day. Dominoes, practice hand-eye coordination with Cup and Ball Toss, or play a variety of other games that have entertained families for centuries.

• 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, Rail Readers Book Club. Discussion of Agatha Christie's classic "Murder on the Orient Express."

Ice Core Excavations: 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, Museum of Nature and Science, 411 North Main St. Uncover the mysteries of Earth's time capsule: glacial ice. Participants will act as

climatologists and investigate the secrets of the ice through hands on experiments. Info: 575-522-3120 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Diabetes classes: 1-4 p.m., Jan. 9-11, Families and Youth, Inc. Building, 1320 S. Solano (corner of Solano and Idaho). Classes, limited to 12 will be taught in English and Spanish by Diabetes Educator, T. J. Jasso, RN, BS. Support persons are invited and encouraged to be present with each attendee. Cost: Free. Info: 575-522-0289 or email snmdo@snmdo.org.

Book club: 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, Museum of Art, 491 North Main St. Reading Art Book Club will discuss the book Abstract Expressionism by David Anfam. Jackie Mitchell Edwards, fine artist and abstract painter, will be the guest speaker and provide more insight into abstract expressionism.

Expressway update: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 4171 N. Mesa St., The Commons, Building C, El Paso. U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) will have a public meeting of the Rio Grande

Citizens Forum with an update on the Border West Expressway Project and conserving water and energy while creating habitat in New Mexico. Info: 915-832-4106 or email lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov.

Republican women: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Hacienda de Mesilla, 1891 Avenida de Mesilla. Monthly meeting Republican Women of Mesilla Valley. Guest speaker will be Hobbs businessman Monty Newman who officially announced his candidacy for the District 2 Congressional seat currently held by Steve Pearce. Guests Welcome. Info: Linda Dowless, president, 575-526-1992, email fiinest@aol.com.

Progressive priorities: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Branigan Library, Roadrunner room. Southern New Mexico New Progressives invite the public to learn what items to expect from the 30-day 2018 New Mexico Legislature. State Sens. Bill Soules and Jeff Steinborn, and state Reps. Angelica Rubio, and Nathan Small will speak and answer questions. Info: www.snmnp.org/events or www.facebook.com/events/1965297517056952/?ti=cl.

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YEAR IN REVIEW EVENTS



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY TABITHA ROSSMAN

A group still enjoys the march at the 10-mile marker.

75th anniversary march draws record crowd

The 28th-annual Bataan Memorial Death March on March 19 drew more than 7,000 people from all 50 states and several countries to the White Sands Missile Range.

Organizers attributed record attendance to the 75th anniversary of the actual death march.

In 1942, the Imperial Japanese Army captured 70,000 Allied soldiers and Filipinos to march up to 70 miles to various prison camps along the Bataan Peninsula in the Philippines.

Among them were 1,800 New Mexican National Guardsmen, representing the largest group of prisoners of any state in the march. It's estimated that more than 20,000 captives died, including 900 New Mexicans.



Participants at the start of the march in the morning.

Others became sick, mainly from malaria, but would live more than three years in the prison camps before being freed at the end of World War II.

Today, only eight survivors remain alive. Harold Bergbower, Oscar Leonard, Bill Overmier, Richard Trask, Valdemar de Herrera, Paul Kerchum,

James Bollich and Ben Skardon.

Of these, only Skardon, 99, walked the march this year – 8.5 miles at the front of Ben's Brigade, a group of supporters, many from Skardon's alma mater, Clemson University in South Carolina, where Skardon taught English after retiring from the

military. They sing the Clemson fight song to keep Skardon motivated during the march.

He has marched in the memorial 10 times.

"This is now my pilgrimage," he said. "Coming here is like going to Mecca – it's a shrine. I learned how easy it is to die when you lose the will to live."



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTOS BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

Time Roche with the "Dirty Dozen" running team still had energy to jump as he competed in the Spaceport America 180-mile relay race from El Paso to Spaceport America.

Spaceport relay

Twenty-four teams composed of six or 12 runners participated in an overnight relay race from El Paso to Spaceport America on April 8-9. Sanctioned by USA Track and Field, the race began at the El Paso County Coliseum with runners participating in 36 race legs ranging from two to 13.2 miles, for a total of 200 miles. The winning team, Milky Güeys,

made the run in 24 hours, 49 minutes.

The exchanges were located at culturally significant locations.

"The runners (got) the best of both worlds, from the conquistadores to space," race organizer Marc Heon said. "When we mapped out the course, we highlighted areas of history and communities providing moments (where) you can stop and reflect."



Danielle Benson, right, with the El Paso relay team Rio Grande Ritas receives her completion medal after crossing the 2017 Spaceport America Relay finish line with the rest of her team.

YEAR IN REVIEW



PHOTO COURTESY BATTALION CHIEF JEREMIAH LAY

Lt. Tibor Kocsis and driver/operator Jeremy Eckhart of the Las Cruces Swift Water Rescue Team in Houston: "As we were leaving a mission clearing 911 calls in the area, they noticed this dog chained to a porch and submerged in water. He was freed and handed over to the Texas A&M Emergency Vet Team for safe-keeping."



PHOTO BY MICHAEL SCANLON

James Gutierrez, volunteer at the Las Cruces office of the American Red Cross, stacks supplies donated by Molina Healthcare for Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. The supplies will be used to help shelters in the Las Cruces area housing hurricane evacuees.



COURTESY PHOTO

A six-person technical rescue team from Las Cruces Fire Department provided relief in Houston and Katy, Texas. Pictured, a view of the swift water rescue equipment and relief vehicle make their way through flood waters. The team consists of Lieutenant Joe Leos, Lieutenant Tibor Kocsis, Battalion Chief Jeremiah Lay, Firefighter Arnold Diaz, Driver/Operator Jeremy Eckhart and Firefighter Michael Graham.

Las Cruces groups assist with Hurricane Harvey relief

When Hurricane Harvey started bearing down on the coast of southeast Texas, people 800 miles away in Las Cruces responded in a big way.

Social media feeds swelled with expressions of concern, promises of donations and offers of help. People with the training or needed resources started making their way toward the

flood-ravaged region, hoping to help stranded Texans navigate the rising waters to safety – or to help any way they could.

"It's really wet," said Vic Villalobos, president of Mesilla Valley Search and Rescue, a nonprofit volunteer group based in Las Cruces. "You've got to go a mile down the road, and it takes hours. I think we can all safely say it's a lot worse than

we thought it would be."

The team returned to Las Cruces early Saturday, Sept. 2.

Six members of the Las Cruces Fire Department's Technical Rescue Team, with swift-water rescue expertise, were among other area groups that volunteered to go to the region.

The Las Cruces outpouring of aid was evident nowhere more

than at the Red Cross office on East Griggs Avenue, where a mountain of donated clothing reached to the ceiling in one of the rooms. Unfortunately, volunteers said, the donated clothing would not reach the hurricane zone for lack of volunteers to sort it or money to ship it down there.

"When we start receiving clothes like this, it

becomes what we call a 'second disaster,'" said Las Cruces Red Cross volunteer James Gutierrez. "A lot of these will be donated to the Salvation Army in El Paso."

Richard Harris, chief of Southern New Mexico Mounted Search and Rescue, pointed to a stack of supplies that had been donated by Molina Healthcare, which facilitates health care in

low-income communities across the country.

Gutierrez said the donated supplies will stay in the area to support Texas evacuees who will stay temporarily in shelters.

Volunteer Robert Garcia added, "If we send all this stuff to Houston, what happens when the shelters in El Paso and Albuquerque start running out of resources?"

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No. 17-0288

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JANE NADINE BOOR has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: December 1, 2017

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Dates: 12/22, 12/29, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CV-2017-3135
Judge: Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MANUELA FRAGOSO FOR CHANGE OF NAME

AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Manuela Esquivel Frago, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the District Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, where she seeks to change her name from Manuela Esquivel Frago to Nellie Frago, and that this petition will be heard before the Honora-

ble Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the **31st day of January, 2018, at the hour of 11:00 a.m.** at the Third Judicial District County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Dates: 12/28/2017, 01/05/2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB-2017-144
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIAN E. COLLINS and ROBERT F. COLLINS, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Marian E. Collins, deceased, and Robert F. Collins, deceased, and all persons having claims against said Estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned at: Janice C. Sherman, P.O. Box 1389, Las Cruces, NM 88004 or filed with the Clerk of the above entitled Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

/s/ Janice C. Sherman
Janice C. Sherman
P.O. Box 1389
Las Cruces, NM 88004

Dates: 12/29/2017, 01/05, 01/12, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-CV-2017-03731
Judge: James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF RUBEN ARROYOS JR. FOR THE CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Notice is hereby given that Ruben Arroyos Jr., a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Ruben Arroyos Jr. to Ruben Kenny Arroyos, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 5th day of March, 2018, at the hour of 9:00 AM at the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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Dates: 12/22, 12/29, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02436

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

NICOMEDES G. BUSTOS; YVETTE BUSTOS; NICOLE B. GOODTRACKS; SEBASTION QUINTON GOODTRACKS; Defendants.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-00717

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

JOSE MOLINA AND SANDRA MOLINA, HUSBAND AND WIFE; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1325 Evelyn Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows: LOT NUMBERED 20 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 20 OF UNIT NO. 7 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID UNIT NO. 7 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 2, 1971 IN PLAT BOOK 10 FOLIO 84-85 IF there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-02233

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

TERI PECOTTE; MICHAEL G. LOPEZ; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY; Defendants.

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LOT 43, BLOCK 3, MESA LA JOLLA SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 2, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 23, 1988, IN BOOK 15 PAGE(S) 372-373 OF PLAT RECORDS. 1995 TOWN AND COUNTRY 60.1 X 27.5 DOUBLEWIDE SERIAL #CTC95069AB If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 AM on February 1, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment In Rem granted on November 22, 2017 in the total amount of \$158,417.51 with interest at the rate of 6.875% per annum from July 24, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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No. D-307-CV-2015-02233

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

TERI PECOTTE; MICHAEL G. LOPEZ; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5254 Nana Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02567

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL NEW MEXICO, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

BENJAMIN MADRID; JACOB KURIAN, Defendants.

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patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02567

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL NEW MEXICO, INC., Plaintiff,

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED B OF HONDO TRACTS NO. 8, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID HONDO TRACTS NO. 8, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON APRIL 8, 1988 IN PLAT BOOK 15, FOLIO 187.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 AM on February 15, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Stipulated & Default Judgment In Rem granted on December 8, 2017 in the total amount of \$48,988.09 with interest at the rate of 4.500% per annum from October 20, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Wells Fargo Financial New Mexico, Inc., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

D-307-PB-2017-00130
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RAMON LUIS MARQUEZ, a/k/a RAMON L. MARQUEZ, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative c/o The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.O. Box 2277, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Dona Ana County, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 30 day of November, 2017.

/s/ Frima Marquez
FRIMA MARQUEZ, Personal Representative of the Estate of RAMON LUIS MARQUEZ, a/k/a RAMON L. MARQUEZ, deceased.

Prepared by:
The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.A.

By/s/ Dana M. Kyle
Dana M. Kyle
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Attorney for Personal Representative

Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-00288

MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

ISABEL MENDEZ, JULIA Q. MENDEZ; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 902 Hess Terrace, Las Cruces, NM 880052175, and more particularly described as follows:

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-00288

MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

ISABEL MENDEZ, JULIA Q. MENDEZ; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ; Defendants.

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LOTS NUMBERED 30, 31, 32 AND 33 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 3 OF AMENDED PLAT OF HESS TERRACE IN PETERSON PLACE, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID AMENDED PLAT OF HESS TERRACE IN PETERSON PLACE, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 28, 1941 IN PLAT BOOK 3, FOLIO 68.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 AM on February 1, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on May 22, 2017 in the total amount of

\$131,921.59 with interest at the rate of 4.00% per annum from March 28, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Midfirst Bank, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2017-00660

IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

v.

DUSTIN C. GALLATY, JESSICA G. GALLATY, AND NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant Jessica G. Gallaty,

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1420 Country Club Cir, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOT 1, BLOCK B, OF COUNTRY CLUB PARK SUBDIVISION NUMBER 1 REVISED, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON APRIL 7, 1959 IN PLAT BOOK 8, AT PAGE 44 AS PLAT NO. 505, RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Unless you file and serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.
Respectfully Submitted,

WEINSTEIN & RILEY, P.S.

By: /s/ Elizabeth V. Friedenstien
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Attorney for Plaintiff

Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2016-02174

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT E. DE KINDER JR. AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERT E. DE KINDER JR., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 9, 2018 at 11:00AM, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 27 AND THE WEST 4 FEET OF LOT 26, IMPERIAL TERRACE, A TOWNHOUSE SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1973, IN BOOK 11 PAGE(S) 66 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 2921 Valle Vista, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 1, 2017 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$98,886.15 plus interest from August 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.750% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

Margaret Lake
Special Master
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Dates: 12/08, 12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2017-00720

IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

v.

DAVID HOLGUIN, DEBBIE GONZALEZ, NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID HOLGUIN, AND THE

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2017-00869

DOVENMUEHLE MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT B. BROWN, Defendants.

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEBBIE GONZALEZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant David Holguin and The Unknown Spouse of David Holguin,
GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1989 Buchanan Ave, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOT NUMBERED 10 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 3 OF SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION PHASE V-A, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION PHASE V-A, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 22, 1984 IN PLAT BOOK 13, FOLIO 257-260.

Unless you file and serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.
Respectfully Submitted,

WEINSTEIN & RILEY, P.S.

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Attorney for Plaintiff

Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2017-00869

DOVENMUEHLE MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT B. BROWN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on **January 23, 2018 at 11:45 am**, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 17 & Pond C, Block C, Corazon Del Valle Subdivision, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 4363 on 05/02/2006 in Book 21 Page(s) 601-05 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1672 Neleigh Loop, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 29, 2017 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$152,041.65 plus interest from July 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 3.75% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

Margaret Lake
Special Master
Pro Legal Services, LLC
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Dates: 12/29/2017, 01/05, 01/12, 01/19, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02121

WASHINGTON FEDERAL, N.A., fka WASHINGTON FEDERAL SAVINGS, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRST FEDERAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

SAL A. BETANCOURT; PRECILLA BETANCOURT; CITIBANK, N.A.; ALLIED BURGLAR & FIRE ALARMS, INC.; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC, Defendants.

ment or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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Dates: 12/29/2017, 01/05, 01/12, 01/19, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02121

WASHINGTON FEDERAL, N.A., fka WASHINGTON FEDERAL SAVINGS, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRST FEDERAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

SAL A. BETANCOURT; PRECILLA BETANCOURT; CITIBANK, N.A.; ALLIED BURGLAR & FIRE ALARMS, INC.; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **January 10, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 8339 Green Run Road, La Mesa, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 7, SNOW ROAD ESTATES, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 10, 2005, IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 403-406 OF PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 29, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$296,550.13 and the same bears interest at 6.875% per annum from October 17, 2017, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Electronically filed
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela Carmody,
Special Master
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Dates: 12/08, 12/15,
12/22, 12/29, 2017

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
SECOND JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-01406

**NATIONSTAR MORT-
GAGE LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**LENSI R. URIOSTE AKA
LENSI SHAKRA; THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
LENSI R. URIOSTE AKA
LENSI SHAKRA, Defend-
ants.**

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3805 Jade Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 8A, BLOCK 3, LAS COLINAS SUBDIVISION, PHASE ONE, REPLAT NUMBER 3, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 25, 1989, IN BOOK 16 PAGE 84 OF PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on February 1, 2018**,

Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on November 17, 2017 in the total amount of \$145,214.66 with interest at the rate of 4.0% per annum from September 13, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Nationstar Mortgage LLC, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-00833

**FEDERAL NATIONAL
MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"),
A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SANDRA LEE; SISBARRO BUICK GMC, INC. ;
STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT; DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; AND OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4156 Las Piedras Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

A 2.500 ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATE SOUTH OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS PART OF LOT 12, BLOCK 7 OF THE ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND AND TRUST COMPANY SUBDIVISION B. PLAT FILED JUNE 2, 1911 IN PLAT RECORD 4, PAGE 24, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD, WHENCE THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 12, BLOCK 7, OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SUBDIVISION BEARS S 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 00 SECONDS W, 330.00 FEET; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING S 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 49 SECONDS W, 329.85 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED,

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MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 43 SECONDS W, 329.73 FEET TO AN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 27 SECONDS E, 329.82 FEET TO AN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 00 SECONDS E, 330.05 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF A FORTY FOOT ROAD EASEMENT TO THE TO THE PLACE AND POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.500 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, AND SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS OF RECORD AND SUCH AS MAY EXIST ON THE GROUND, Including a 1983 CAVCO Manufactured Home, VIN: UNKNOWN.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on February 15, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment in Rem granted on November 7, 2017 in the total amount of \$78,855.14 with interest at the rate of 9.625% per annum from June 5, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), A Corporation Organized And Existing Under The Laws Of The United States Of America, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any

mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-03296

**JAMES B. NUTTER &
COMPANY,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

DOSKIE M. BUCK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendant, Doskie M. Buck:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff James B. Nutter & Company has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 440 Farney Ln., Las Cruces, NM 88005. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 17, BLOCK D, COLLEGE PLACE SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, IN

THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 467 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON OCTOBER 24, 1957, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 1, PAGE 34, PLAT RECORDS.

also known as:

LOT 17, BLOCK D, COLLEGE PLACE SUBDIVISION NO. 2 IN THE CITY OF LASCRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS PER PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the Complaint in said cause on or before thirty (30) days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

By:/s/ Elaine Abeyta-Montoya
Karen Weaver
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 12/22, 12/29, 01/05,
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**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

No. D-307-CV-2017-03274

**DENKEN INVESTMENTS, Inc.,
Plaintiff,**

Vs.

JOSE F. RAMIREZ, Deceased, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOSE F. RAMIREZ, JOSEPHINE H. RAMIREZ, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOSEPHINE H. RAMIREZ, EV A CORDOVA, DELFINO CORDOVA, STATE NATIONAL BANK, MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER,

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION & REVENUE DEPARTMENT, And PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC,
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

To: Unknown heirs of Jose F. Ramirez, Deceased
Unknown heirs of Josephine H. Ramirez, Deceased
State National Bank

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that a civil action is now pending in the Third Judicial District court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico wherein Denken Investments, Inc. is the Plaintiff, and you are among the Defendants.

The general object of said action is to obtain a judgement of mortgage foreclosure and decree of Quiet Title to that certain real property as described in the complaint.

Unless you file a responsive pleading in this action within thirty (30) days of this publication, judgement granting the relief prayed for will be granted.

The Attorney for the Plaintiff is Ben A. Longwill, 741 N. Alameda Blvd. #4, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County on this 20th day of December, 2017.

(seal)

DAVID S. BORUNDA
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

/s/ Denika Sherman
12/20/2017
Judicial Specialist II

Prepared and Submitted by:
/s/ Ben A. Longwill
BEN A. LONGWILL
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575-524-4141

Dates: 12/29/2017, 01/05,
01/12, 2018

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2017-01767

**WELLS FARGO USA HOLDINGS, INC.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

A. SYLVIA ROMERO

and DISCOVER BANK, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

Defendant(s) A. Sylvia Romero is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1215 N Third Street, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lots 40 and 41, Block 4, PARKER PLACE 2ND AMENDED SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on January 6, 1951, in Book 7 Page(s) 12 of Plat Records.

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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December 18, 2017

By Electronically signed
/s/ Rachel M. Chiado
Karen H. Bradley
Deborah A. Nesbitt
Rachel M. Chiado
Marisol C. Garcia
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable MARCI BEYER, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County, this 18 day of December, 2017.

David S. Borunda
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By/s/ Lindsey Brown
Deputy

Dates: 12/22, 12/29, 2017,
01/05, 2018

Friday, December 29, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2016-01908

BOKF, N.A.,

Plaintiff,
v.

THE ESTATE OF MIGUEL G. SILVA, DARIO SILVA, CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF MIGUEL G. SILVA, AND MARIA SILVA S U T T O N , C O - P E R S O N A L R E P R E S E N T A T I V E O F T H E E S T A T E O F M I G U E L G. SILVA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 9, 2018 at 11 AM, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

A tract of land situate within the Corporate limits of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico being Lots 3 and 4 and the Westerly 5.00 feet of Lot 2, Bean Subdivision, Plat filed February 3, 1927 in Book 5 at Page 50, of the Doña Ana County records and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract; **IDENTICAL** to the Southwest corner of Lot 4, Bean Subdivision, plat filed February 3, 1927, in Book 5, Page 50 of the Doña Ana County records;

THENCE from the point of beginning, N.15°29' 00" W., a distance of 129.50 feet to a mark found on the Southerly line of Organ Avenue for the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE along the Southerly line of Organ Avenue, N.76°17' 00" E., a distance of 55.00 feet to a mark found for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE leaving Organ Avenue, S.15°29' 00" E., a distance of 129.50 feet to a

1/2" iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S.76°17' 00" W., a distance of 55.00 feet to the point of beginning, enclosing 0.164 acre of land, more or less.

The address of the real property is 628 E Organ Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 15, 2017 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$103,722.86 plus interest from June 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all

patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Margaret Lake
Special Master
Pro Legal Services, LLC
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Margaret Lake
Special Master
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Dates: 12/08, 12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2017-03145
Judge: Marci Beyer

**BOKF, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**
v.

MICHAEL PAUL BANE-GAS, OLIVIA ANN WOOD, JOSIE G. BANE-GAS, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL PAUL BANEGAS, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF OLIVIA ANN WOOD, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSIE G. BANEGAS, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant Michael Paul Banegas, Olivia Ann Wood, Josie G. Banegas, the Unknown Spouse of Michael Paul Banegas, the Unknown Spouse of Olivia Ann Wood, and the Unknown Spouse of Josie G. Banegas,

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 215 Squirrel Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88007, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: A tract of land situate West of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being part of Lot 4, of Section 21, T.23S., R.1E, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the shiner found on a wood fence post for the Southeast corner of the tract herein described, whence the closing corner of the South line of Section 21, T.23S., R.1E, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys and the Mesilla Civil Colony Grant Line bears DUE EAST 350.00 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning, DUE WEST, 171.45 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence N.00°02'30"W., 254.65 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Northwest corner of this tract;

Thence S.89°59'30"E., 171.30 feet to an iron pipe found on the West line of Squirrel Road (a.k.a. County Road C45) for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the West line of Squirrel Road (a.k.a. County Road C45), S.00°05'00"E., 254.65 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.000 acre of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

Information in the preparation of this description derives from Warranty Deed filed July 8, 1999, in Clerks Book 186, Pages 45-46, Doña Ana County records. Field notes by MOY SURVEYING INC., License #5939.

Unless you file and serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
WEINSTEIN & RILEY, P.S.
By:/s/ Elizabeth V. Frieden-stein

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Dates: 12/29/2017, 01/05, 01/12, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2017-02559

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

THE ESTATE OF DANNY CRUSE aka Danny R. Cruse, Deceased; MARIA MARGARITA CRUSE, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Danny Cruse aka Danny R. Cruse, Deceased; BRANDI MONIQUE CRUSE; REBEKKA SHEALEA LAWRENCE; and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES OR LEGATEES OF DANNY CRUSE aka Danny R. Cruse, Deceased, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDECY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) Brandi Monique Cruse and The Unknown Heirs, Devises or Legatees of Danny Cruse, aka Danny R. Cruse, Deceased is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 5711 Pecan Lane, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lot 20 in Block D of Desert Breeze Subdivision, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Desert Breeze Subdivision, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on July 26, 2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 714-717.

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or

Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:
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December 5, 2017

By Electronically signed
/s/ Rachel M. Chiado
Rachel M. Chiado
Marisol C. Garcia
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable **MARCI BEYER**, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 6th day of December, 2017.

(seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
DAVID S. BORUNDA
CLERK OF THE DIS-
TRICT COURT

By /s/ E. Balizan
Deputy Elizabeth Balizan

Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-01740

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF EPI M. GALLEGOS, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES OR LEGATEES OF EPI M. GALLEGOS, Deceased, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EPI M. GALLEGOS (true name unknown); WALTER GALLEGOS, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF WALTER GALLEGOS, Deceased; GLENN GALLEGOS; TOM GALLEGOS; WALTER GALLEGOS, JR.; MICHELLE PADILLA; TERESA MARTIN; MARIA PACHECO; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES OR LEGATEES

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DAVID S. BORUNDA
CLERK OF THE DIS-
TRICT COURT

By /s/ Elizabeth
Deputy Elizabeth Balizan

Dates: 12/29/2017, 01/05, 01/12, 2018

NOTICE OF PENDECY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) The Estate of Epi M. Gallegos, Deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devises or Legatees of Epi M. Gallegos, Deceased is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1997 Sedona Hills Parkway, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lot numbered 41 in Block numbered V of Sonora Springs, Phase 4 at Sonoma Ranch South, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Sonora Springs, Phase 4 at Sonoma Ranch South, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 6, 2002 in Plat Book 20, Folio 176-177.

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005. If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:
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December 18, 2017

By Electronically signed
/s/ Rachel M. Chiado
Rachel M. Chiado
Marisol C. Garcia
Attorney for Plaintiff

(seal)

WITNESS the Honorable **JAMES T. MARTIN**, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 19th day of December, 2017.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2017-03318

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF ISABELLE A. GREEN, Deceased; ROBYN KAHLE; LYNNE KLOSS; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES OR LEGATEES OF ISABELLE A. GREEN, Deceased; and Unknown Successor Trustee of the Isabelle A. Green Revocable Trust UTA dated March 13, 2002, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDECY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) The Estate of Isabelle A. Green, Deceased, The Unknown Heirs, Devises or Legatees of Isabelle A. Green, Deceased and Unknown Successor Trustee of the Isabelle A. Green Revocable Trust UTA Dated March 13, 2002 is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1733 Aspen Avenue, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

A tract of land situate within the corporate limits of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located as part of Lots 10 and 11, Block 7, Unit No. 2, Dale J. Bellamah's Glendale Gardens as filed in the office of the Doña Ana County Clerk in Book 9 Pages 17-18, County Plat No. 606 and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the southeast corner of this tract, whence

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
IN THE
PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

No. 17-0278

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
Robert C. Medina, DE-
CEASED**

**NOTICE TO KNOWN
CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd. 1-201, Las Cruces, NM 88007

Dated: December 15, 2017

/s/ Catherine M. Salcedo
Catherine M. Salcedo
4007 Tiger Woods Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88011
(575) 644-1486

Dates: 12/22, 12/29, 2017,
01/05, 2018

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
IN THE
PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

No. 17-0277

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
Mary Louise Medina,
DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO
KNOWN CREDITORS**

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Dates: 12/22, 12/29,
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**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
IN THE
PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

No. 17-0276

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
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MEZ,
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**THE STATE OF
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COUNTY OF
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THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2014-02349

**JPMORGAN CHASE
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SOCIATION, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SAMANTHA J. HOOPER
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COUNTY OF
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STATE OF
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No. D-307-PB-2017-00119
Judge James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF**

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WITNESS the Honorable MARCI BEYER, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County, this 06th day of December, 2017.

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YEAR IN REVIEW



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A large screen relayed the stage to the farthest reaches of the Pan Am Center. This photograph also earned the Las Cruces Bulletin an award in the Feature Photo category at the New Mexico Press Association Better Newspaper Contest.

The year country conquered Cruces

(And lots of other cool art stuff that happened ...)

By RICHARD COLTHARP
Las Cruces Bulletin

“For the better part of five days, Las Cruces was Garth Brooks’ world, and we were just living in it.”

I wrote that sentence back in April after the Garth Brooks-Trisha Yearwood phenomenon swept through Las Cruces, leaving thousands of smiles, selfies and Garth

T-shirts here to stay. The sentence still feels real eight months later, as little hints of “The Dance” and “Low Places” seem to linger in the air.

And while they packed

the Pan Am for five sold-out shows, they weren’t the only country acts to come to town.

April brought the

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Love, as in family

The First Couple in country music leaves the Pan Am ecstatic

The love between audience and performer is a cloudy arrangement. As fans, we really can’t see into our idol’s heart, or into their thoughts, so we offer a worship that clarifies the compact: “You are the star, we are the stargazers, now show us the sky for a night.”

The love that embraced the Pan American Center over five concerts in three days transcended that. The Borderland showered Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood with a roar of affection that, even after a 21-year absence, was based on a simple knowing: You



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are family.

That means the audience, too, is the star, and the man of the hour gladly relinquished the reins to his verses as thousands of voices chimed

in harmony and carried his songs to the rafters,

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BULLETIN PHOTO BY TABITHA ROSSMAN

The light of the Pan Am bathed the singer in colors.

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LOVE

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especially in Sunday's final performance, when a weary man and his weary band needed a shot of adrenalin.

I have seen thousands of concerts in my years, all the top faces in the biz, and I can say that perhaps only Bruce Springsteen forms a similar level of emotional bonding. It's something intuitive, a shared set of values.

You could feel this coming since the day the shows were announced, but it really resonated Friday afternoon, prior to the first show, when Brooks and Yearwood held a press conference in the Pan Am Annex. He was Every Man, she Every Woman. Jeans and tennis shoes, guys you might meet in line at the market.

The mayor presented the key to the city. "Mi casa es su casa," he said, and presented a box of authentic Hatch chiles. The real thing.

Barbara Hubbard, affectionately known as Mother Hubbard, who took a flyer on Brooks when he was starting out and she was regularly booking the Pan Am as a major concert venue, brought a proclamation from the governor and then spoke bluntly. "God bless you, thanks so much for coming," she told the First Couple of country music.

The NMSU Board of Regents sent its greetings. There was a photo op, and for world travelers this was beginning to feel like home. "The reason we're here is because we've



BULLETIN PHOTO BY RICHARD COLTHARP

The man knows how to work a crowd.

been here before," Brooks told the press corps. "And that's the best reason to go anywhere.

"We came back because you guys sing. You guys are loud, you stay up way too late, that's right down our alley. We're here because of Mom (Hubbard). She employed us when nobody wanted us, so we've come back when, hopefully, things are going good for us, and we can share that with her and enjoy that."

Yearwood, who wasn't in the picture the last time Brooks played here, in 1996, was making her first Las Cruces concert appearance. "I feel like I've been family with Mother Hubbard before I ever met her because of him," she added, nodding to her husband. "She has treated me like she's known me forever. I want to thank her for making me part of the family. I'm excited, I'm really excited

to play here tonight."

The town had already rolled out the red carpet. "The banners that got strung across the street (Triviz), the kids wearing the T-shirts with the 'g' and the 't-y' on them, are very sweet," Brooks said. "You roll into town seeing that..." pausing, as tears welled up "...you don't feel like a team that's away. You feel like you're playing a home game. That's the greatest feeling you can give a traveler."

Right then you knew that when evening fell this thing was going to explode.

The home crowd opening night was combusive. It was also sophisticated, with a graciousness so reflective of the Borderland. Crowds can be brutal on opening acts, but these two openers, Mitch Rossell and Karyn Ruchelle, each performed four songs, then basked in

a glow they deserved but likely weren't expecting.

Garth came on at 8:27, rocked and serenaded the house for close to an hour, then yielded to Yearwood on the 1997 duet, "In Another's Eyes." She took it from there for about 20 minutes before he returned. So, he opened for her, and then she opened for him. Perfect.

Sure, there was some concert shtick: Garth pitting sections of the crowd against each other on the applause-o-meter, back and forth, with one side booing the other; Garth and Trisha smooching on the "kiss cam" during her hit, "She's in Love with the Boy."

But his command was exquisite, just brilliant. Brooks can sense a crowd's temperature like a bloodhound, and if he hams it up while cranking the thermostat, it's so genuinely heartfelt and he's so dang likeable and



BULLETIN PHOTO BY TABITHA ROSSMAN

The First Couple received a gift of Hatch chiles at their press conference.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Johnny Garcia, left, who dates back to Yearwood's band in the 1990s, was a force on guitar all night.

everybody's smiling and having such a wonderful time and swept up in the moment that there is no trace of artifice.

At points in the show, even the music receded and yielded to the clarity of this relationship, and a concert modulated into a revival meeting or family reunion.

But when the music needed to be here, as on Sunday night's closer when a band had to call it up from deep down one final time, this cracker-jack outfit, a seamless blend of Yearwood's and Brooks' mates from way back, met the challenge.

The individual musicians freely roamed the

circular stage, prancing in the spotlight as if the stars' egos had no problem with that, while dealing glistening, ear-catching honky-tonk and power pop on staples such as "The Beaches of Cheyenne," "Calling Baton Rouge," "The Thunder Rolls," "Two Piña Coladas," "The Dance," and, of course, "Friends in Low Places."

The encore was largely a solo act, just a country boy and his acoustic Takamine guitar with the dreadnought-shaped sound hole, singing for his supper and saying goodbye until next time, with Mom looking on approvingly.

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COUNTRY

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Fifth Annual Las Cruces Country Music Festival, featuring Travis Tritt, Tanya Tucker, the Marshall Tucker Band, the Eli Young Band, Kacey Musgraves and Las Cruces hometown girl Bri Bagwell.

We learned later in the year that, starting in 2018, the Las Cruces Country Music Festival will move to October and take place at the Hadley Ballfields because it has outgrown the downtown area. The 2018 festival will be Oct. 19-21.

Not all the concerts were country, though, Blink 182 came to town in March and, in August, the Vans Warped Tour returned to Las Cruces after a several-year absence, to the sweaty delight of hundreds of young music fans, who braved the summer heat.

The Las Cruces International Film Festival in March brought actors Brendan Fraser, Jon Heder, Johnny Galecki, screenwriter and producer Don Foster and others.

On Jan. 11, the Las Cruces music community lost one of its greatest friends and ambassadors when Bob Burns died. His February memorial service filled the Rio Grande Theatre and, appropriately, music filled the house too.

Over two and a half days in August, costumes, comics and characters filled the Las Cruces Convention Center for the annual Comic Con. Perhaps the biggest character was Hollywood legend Gary



With NMSU Theatre Arts Department students during their January 2017 visit are actors Eric Lutes (center row, second from left) of "Caroline in the City" and Jane Sibbett (to Lutes' left) of "Friends." To Lutes' right is NMSU Theatre Arts Department Head Wil Kilroy.

Busey.

A new public radio station, low-power KTAL 101.5, launched in July, with all-local programming. A wide variety of music and talk shows populate its wavelength. Chances are you know some of the hosts, including your Las Cruces Bulletin managing editor Marty Racine.

Las Cruces' own Taylor Rey won the crown of Miss New Mexico in June, and promptly set out on a goal to visit every school in the state.

It was a nice year for Las Cruces' Tony-winning playwright Mark Medoff, who in April had an acting role in the film based on his play "The Heart Outright," directed by Ross Marks, an instructor at New Mexico State University. Then later in the year, Medoff learned there will be a revival of the play that won him his Tony, "Children

of a Lesser God." It hits Broadway in the spring of 2018.

Celebrities visit NMSU

Two successful television actors were in Las Cruces in January for a public presentation and to work with students in the New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department on both the craft and the business of acting.

Jane Sibbett, best known for her role as Carol Willick on "Friends," and Eric Lutes, who played Del Cassidy on "Caroline in the City," advised the actors in Theatre Arts Department Head Wil Kilroy's Theatre Workshop class to be creative, work together, make good choices and have integrity as they audition, perform and pursue acting as a career.

Also visiting NMSU theatre students in 2017

were actor Andrew Brewer, who plays Carole King's former husband, Gerry Goffin in the national road company of "Beautiful, The Carole King Musical," which was in El Paso in September. Brewer was joined by hair supervisor Kelly Toon Flanagan and deck electrician/moving light technician Nicole Laeger.

In October, professional actor Kurt Ela visited NMSU theatre students to talk about his work in movies ("All About Steve,") and television shows ("Powerless," "Men at Work") and commercials (Kentucky Fried Chicken and Kingsford Charcoal, Dairy Queen).

Professional actor and career coach Doug Shapiro visited the students in November to talk about the business of acting. Shapiro said he wanted to help students "apply business principles to their artistic careers."



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Jonny Galecki, Don Foster, Deborah Kaplan and Mary T. Quigley discuss the set of "Big Bang Theory" at the comedy workshop March 11 at the Rio Grande Theatre.



Pepper J. Gallegos finishes a demonstration of her burn wounds on Mike Bricher, a CMI Student at New Mexico State, during her Make-up and Special Effects workshop at Million Hall March 11.

Film festival stages successful encore

After five days of film-watching, workshops, awards ceremonies and schmoozing, the second Las Cruces International Film Festival wound to a close March 12. The events attracted such celebrities as Brendan Fraser and Johnny Galecki, who shared their kindness and humor with festival-goers. "It was fantastic, better than I hoped," said LCIFF Executive Director Ross Marks. "It's a great, incredible reflection of New Mexico State University and of our city."



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A news crew works to catch Johnny Galecki ("Big Bang Theory") on film during the March 11 filmmakers' reception.

YEAR IN REVIEW



Blink 182

Blink 182 brought the pop punk sound of the late 1990s and early 2000s to the Pan American Center March 25.

COURTESY PHOTO

New community radio station asks Las Cruces '¿que tal?'

If during your morning commute you hear an old neighbor discussing the Las Cruces art scene followed by a set of jazz, you might be tuned in to KTAL 101.5 FM, Las Cruces's first community-run radio station boasting music and talk shows as diverse as the community it serves. It went on air July 26.

"With declines in local talk-radio, there are fewer and fewer means for community members to communicate with each other, entertain each other or discuss and debate issues," said Peter Goodman, a board member and program host for the newly formed station. "We hope KTAL will do a lot to fill that void."

The station is categorized as a nonprofit and is primarily run by volunteers. Its focus, according to Goodman, is to present local programming including political discussions, conversations about health, animals, education, the



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MARTY RACINE
Rob Hinton, left, interacts with David Lynch of the Las Cruces Chapter of AARP on the Thursday program "Chicken Pot Pie," Aug. 3.

arts, and music chosen by local hosts.
The station airs 24 hours a day.

Local programming runs from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., with some holes in the schedule still being filled.

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Las Cruces is Miss New Mexico



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Miss New Mexico Taylor Rey of Las Cruces appeared at a Wednesday evening Farmers & crafts Market downtown during the summer. Rey was subsequently named a semi-finalist at the 2017 Miss America Pageant in September in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Out of the blue



Former El Paso and current Santa Fe singer/songwriter Tom Russell played a captivating solo concert in September on the lawn at St. Clair Winery & Bistro. Russell is a major influence on the literary “Americana” music scene.

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My favorite films of 2017

Making it real on the big screen

By **JEFF BERG**

For the Bulletin

I don't know if I've ever shared how I got involved in movies with you, my fine audience of two or three, but this seems as good a time as any to bore you with some particulars before moving on to the "Best of" for this year.

My first movie recollection is from when I was a sprat in Barrington, Illinois, home of the still-in-operation Catlow Theater.

It was there where I sat on the floor in the aisle, no fire codes back then, I bet, and watched Jerry Lewis do something to make the other 200 or so in attendance almost roll in the aisles. I was taken in by the audience reaction – strangers in a dark room watching a moron on a large screen, made of who-knows-what.

I was immediately hooked and started watching most any movie of interest on television and attending the Catlow whenever I could. I must have been about 7 or so at the time of that first movie, the title of which I cannot recall, sorry to say.

Several other films made an impression on me over the years, such as "The Absent-Minded Professor," "The Magnificent Seven," "A Fistful

of Dollars," "For a Few Dollars More" and "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." But the key titles that really moved my brain out of park include "The Wild Bunch," Cocteau's version of "Beauty and the Beast," "Days of Heaven" and "Midnight Cowboy."

All had an affect on me that made me see movies in a different light, especially "Beauty and the Beast," which was the first movie I ever saw that had subtitles, viewing it on PBS in Gillette, Wyoming, during a blizzard in 1978 or so.

This year, the following features made a lasting impression on me in one way or another.

Manchester by the Sea – it felt true to life and offered amazing performances (released in 2016).

Fences – a moving work of an average guy who once was a baseball standout, but a guy whose secrets take him down in the end (released in 2016).

Kedi – a beautiful documentary about the street-living cats of Istanbul.

A Quiet Passion – a look at the life of Emily Dickinson, poet. A wonderment.

Dunkirk – the second-best movie I have ever seen about World War II (Malick's "Thin Red Line" remains the best

by far); also close to being the best film of the year.

A Ghost Story – excuse the cliché, but this haunting film was original and truly moving in a very subtle way.

The Glass Castle – Woody Harrelson shines as a grimy society-rejecting father in this heavy drama.

The Vietnam War – not really a feature film, but his PBS series told many stories that I never knew before about the non-war that I could have died in, if not for the draft lottery.

Lucky – a sentimental favorite, starring one of my favorite actors, Harry Dean Stanton, in his final role. The closing scene is like he just knew what was going to happen.

Hostiles – probably not yet released locally until next year, this very, very dark and realistic Western had me from the opening scene and gets bonus points for being filmed in New Mexico.

Dawson City: Frozen Time – a documentary about a trove of silent films that was found during a building project in Dawson City, located in the Yukon. Considered lost for many years, some of the films have been restored, many rescued, and all are invaluable.

Wind River – another made-in-New Mexico

masterpiece, this dark film is a terrific story of violence and mistrust on a reservation.

Lady Bird – this one has to be the best of the year for me, a fun and real telling of a young woman's life in Sacramento in the 1990s.

Only the Brave – based on the story of the firefighters from Prescott, Arizona, who lost their lives in a forest fire several years ago; standout performances and gripping action make this a

don't-miss, even though the tale is not completely truthful.

The Big Sick – a surprise for me ... a comedy that worked about romance that wasn't marred by clichés and rhetoric and "funny" sex, but rather enhanced by real performances by people who felt real.

Last but not least, is The Florida Project, which was hard to watch, but honest and believable in every view of a young girl's life playing out on

the fringe of society.

Hopefully you saw some of these on the big screen rather than at home. For me, it is still a gently exciting experience to sit in a darkened room with strangers, not knowing what we will see on a real screen.

See you in the dark!

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YEAR IN REVIEW

Music: Bob Burns' essence

Like breathing out and breathing in

Editor's note: This column originally appeared Feb. 10, 2017.

My iPod has 13,662 songs. Only one is John Coltrane's "Lush Life," featuring vocalist Johnny Hartman.

The 1962 jazz standard is profoundly sad, but when it popped up Jan. 13 it brought a brand new melancholy.

It was Bob Burns' favorite song.

Bob passed away with emphysema and coronary heart disease Jan. 11 at age 74 after a life well lived, a life lush with music.

When I moved from Arkansas to Alamogordo in 1995, with no friends and no TV, my first companion was "Burnsland," the late evening jazz radio show Bob hosted on KRWG-FM from 1989-2013. When we finally met in 2007, he felt like an old friend. I found a gentle soul and a kindred spirit.

Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "Many people die with their music still in them. Too often it is because they are always getting ready to live. Before they know it time runs out."

That cannot be said of Bob. He fully lived his passions, and the biggest was music. Born into a musical family, he played, wrote, taught, studied and shared music his whole life.

In a 1980s car wreck, Bob's face smashed into the



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From the Publisher

steering wheel. Doctors said he'd never again play his beloved trumpet.

Bob's response? "God knows more than the doctors."

Indeed, Bob tooted his horn for many more years.

Bob also tooted God's horn, melding ministry into his musical performances, which often focused on another of Bob's passions: civil rights. He created a concert called "I Have a Dream," which he performed in schools.

His traveling, music and life partner was his widow, the aptly named Melody.

"Bob considered himself a very spiritual person," Melody said. "He believed we have this God of love, and all paths lead to that. He was very ecumenical."

Bob was also musically ecumenical. He loved not only jazz, but many types of music, especially folk and gospel. He also played guitar and banjo.

He and Melody met through a spiritual music group at an El Paso church. In 1993, Bob was working on an arrangement of the traditional African-American hymn "Children, Go Where I Send Thee." Melody was the

only other one who knew the tune, so they sang it together, in harmony, on stage.

Four months later, they were married.

"We definitely believe God put us together to do a music ministry, in all its forms," Melody said.

Bob constantly spread the gospel of music. Through his radio show, of course, but in other ways, too. He and Ruben Smith were instrumental in starting the Las Cruces Music in the Park series. Bob was an early advocate of saving El Paso's Plaza Theatre, and co-founded the Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society as well as the Howling Coyote Coffeehouse/Open Mic. He played trumpet, sang for, and eventually led, the Mike Caranda Orchestra. His memorial service is 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Rio Grande Theatre. A fitting locale given the many shows he played and enjoyed there.

Photographer/philosopher Dewitt Jones addressed the 2017 New Mexico Governor's Prayer Breakfast recently, and talked about living life to the fullest.

"Take it all in, then give it all back," Jones said. "Breathe it all in, and breathe it all out."

Physically, the last few years for Bob, the most difficult thing to do was "breathe it all out."

Spiritually, he did it easily his whole life. Up to that final breath and, I believe, beyond.



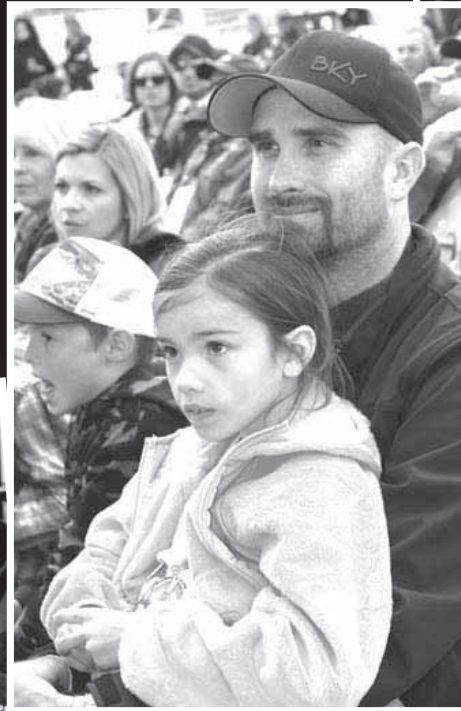
Bob Burns

Country meets the city

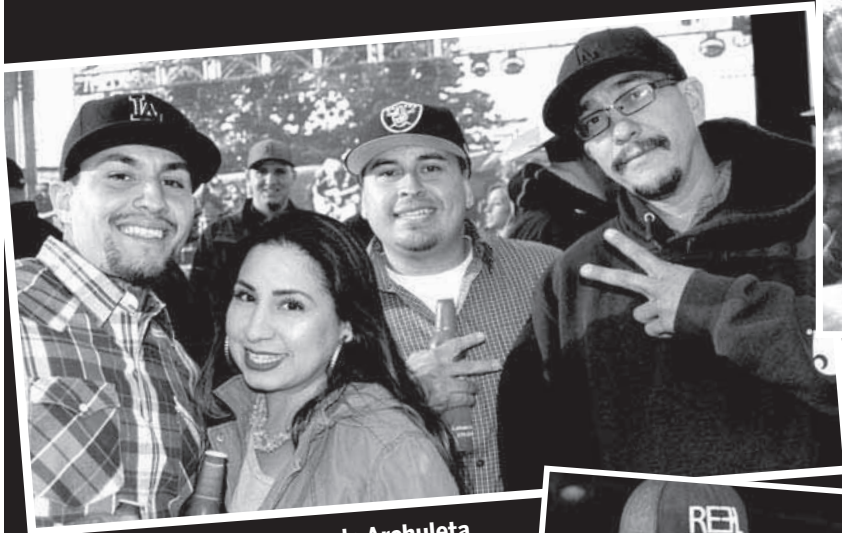
Despite unseasonably cool temperatures, the fifth annual Las Cruces Country Music Festival attracted big crowds and top-notch musicianship Downtown the last weekend in April. The photos are from Saturday night, featuring Bri Bagwell, the Eli Young Band and Kacey Musgraves.



ABOVE: Las Cruces residents enjoy the music of Bri Bagwell.



ABOVE: Bri Bagwell's brother Bryan Bagwell and his daughter Kyndal Bagwell listen to his sister's music.



FROM LEFT: Orly Uranga, Amanda Archuleta, Matt Lara and Jacob Trujillo enjoy the early evening.



ABOVE: Bri Bagwell's guitarist Nathan Sebesta hits a lick.



LEFT: Tyler Allman and Kara Medina dance to the music of Bri Bagwell.



BELOW: Mike Eli of the Eli Young Band performs

PUZZLES

ONE-OFF SONGS OF THE SEASON

ACROSS

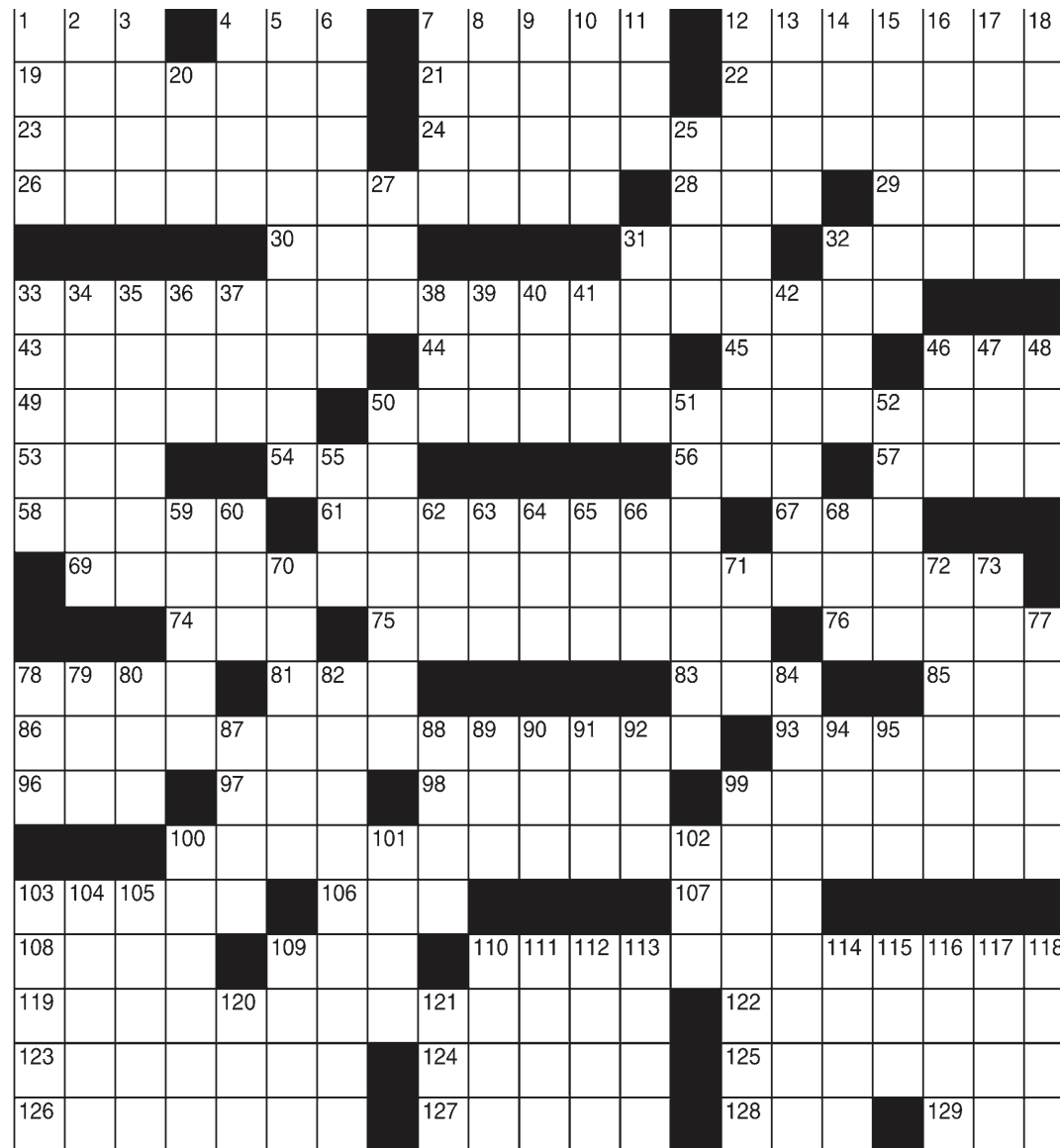
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 46 Brazil's -- Paulo
 49 Bulletproof vest material
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 57 Tomahawks
 58 Takes five
 61 Rides that aren't new
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 74 Droid
 75 Fait accompli
 76 Blights
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 83 Sow, e.g.
 85 See 10-Down
 86 Reason you might give for not buying a china plate?
 93 Mother of Rajiv Gandhi
 96 Chatter
 97 Hurry
 98 False front
 99 With dignity
 100 Vacation in Italy's capital?
 103 In accordance with
 106 Profs' aides
 107 Gigi's "yes"
 108 Voting place
 109 Fancy carp
 110 Earliest tune that singer Billy ever wrote?
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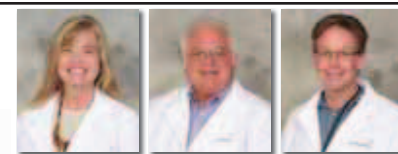
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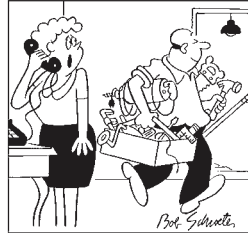
PUZZLES

WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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SCRAMBLERS



"I'd better call you back, Marge, I'm afraid a
----- is about to come up!"

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Unkind

DINES _____

Level

BLEATS _____

Correct

GIRTH _____

Tally

OSCRER _____

TODAY'S WORD

CRYPTOQUIP

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: E equals Z

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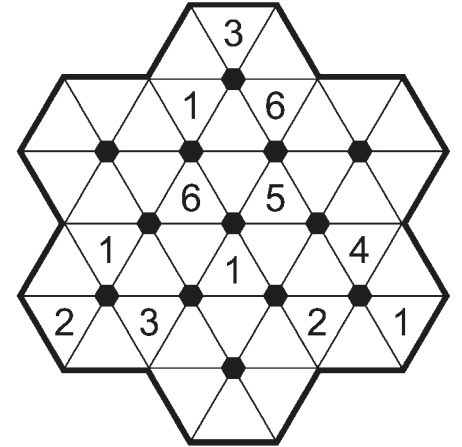
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SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆◆

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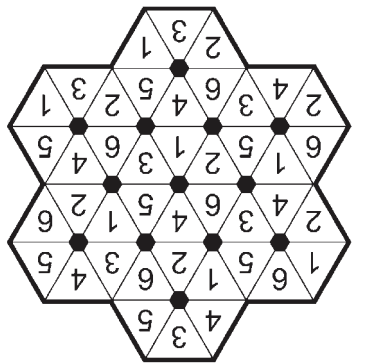
PUZZLE ANSWERS

The well-off monarch from Prague realized that he would like to open a Czech king account.

CRYPTOQUIP

CRISIS
Today's Word
1. Snide; 2. Stable; 3. Right; 4. Score

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

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WEEKLY SUDOKU

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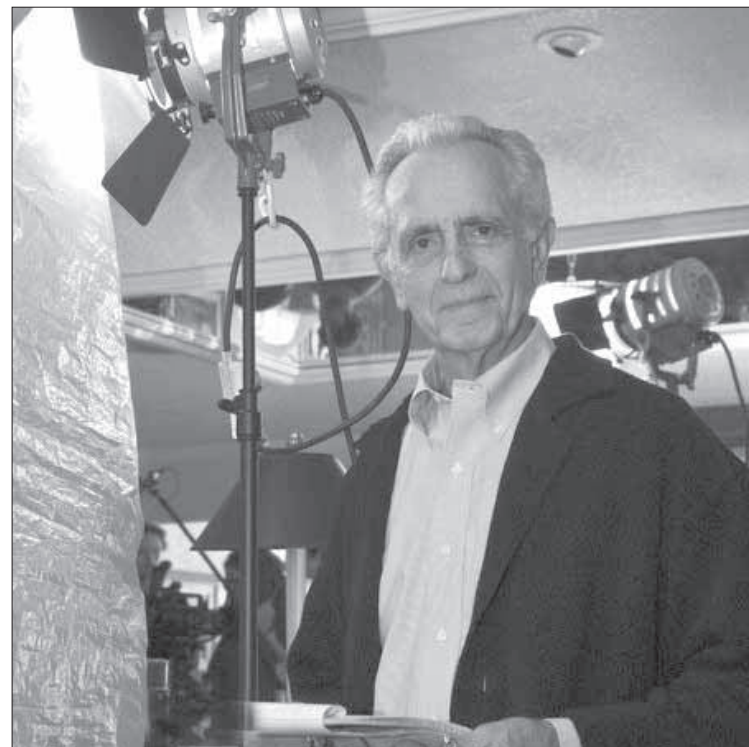
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Now open



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The Doña Ana Arts Council moved their offices from the Rio Grande Theatre in July to 1740 Calle de Mercado in the Bulletin Plaza, where it hosted an open house in its new Arts & Cultural Center.



Las Cruces' Tony-winning and Oscar-nominated playwright Mark Medoff.

Playwright has a curtain call

Mark Medoff is going back to Broadway.

The Las Cruces playwright's "Children of a Lesser God," which won the 1980 Tony for best play, returns to Broadway next spring. Tickets are now on sale.

"It's humbling," said Medoff, 77, in late October.

"You can never predict the future of any artis-

tic enterprise," he said. "You just do the best you can at the time. The real joy of theatre is the work."

In addition to best play, "Children of a Lesser God" (CLG) won Tonys for best actor (John Rubenstein) and best actress (the late Phyllis Frelich). Opening March 30, 1980, it ran for 887 performances on

Broadway, and has been produced in theatres across the country and around the world.

Marlee Matlin won a best actress Oscar for the 1986 film version of the play, and Medoff was nominated for best adapted screenplay.

CLG previews will begin March 22 at Studio 54, 254 W. 54th St. The revival opens April 11.

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It's a take



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Ross Marks directed a scene in "The Heart Outright," shot primarily in Mesilla. The film premiered on April 28 at Mesilla's Fountain Theatre.

Years of beers



BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Las Cruces' oldest craft brewery, High Desert Brewing Co., celebrated its 20th year in business in July, with live music all afternoon and evening from the likes of blues guitarist Derrick Harris, left, and bass player Anthony Movesian.

Shoulder Pain: What You Can Do To Ease It If You've Been Putting Up With It For Weeks

By Physical Therapist, Dennis L Prickett

Las Cruces (NM) - Last week I talked about shoulder pain and the 3 things that surprisingly wouldn't help to ease it. Those 3 things were; painkillers, rest and time, and 'nice' relaxing spa-style massages. We also covered why these things won't work to ease your shoulder pain. Painkillers won't work because they simply just mask the pain without getting to the root cause of it. Rest and time won't work because the more you rest, the tighter your muscles become and more stiff your joints become too. 'Nice' relaxing spa-style massages won't work because the therapists doing them aren't trained to properly identify the root cause of the problem.

So this week, we're going to talk about shoulder pain and the most common cause of shoulder pain: Overuse. When it comes to aches and pains there are just two ways that bring them on. The first is you can have an accident. With an accident, you know exactly the moment it happens because there's usually an incident that happens accompanied by pain that makes you want to yell and curl up into a ball. This is normally from a fall or a collision and is called acute pain.

The second is related to something you're doing that can cause annoying, persistent pain that just won't go away. This is the most common one we see here in the clinic and it's called chronic pain.

Chronic shoulder pain is identified as pain that's always there. It's the reason you grab your shoulder after lifting something heavy or when you go to reach for something in the back of the cupboard. It's not always caused by one particular movement or activity. People with this type of shoulder pain often feel doomed, as if they were just plagued with bad shoulders. But here's the thing, there are simple ways to ease it and to help fix it! So what can you do if it's happening to you, or if it suddenly happens to you?

First, I want you to know that 'overuse' doesn't specifically mean doing an activity 'too much'. Things like ironing, painting, lifting heavy objects and even sitting hunched over at a desk all day can be done wrong causing you to 'overuse' your shoulders. Overuse actually means doing an activity the wrong way too much. It could also just be that you have weak muscles in your arms, back and shoulders, poor

an awkward position. Whatever it is, they can all be the culprit of nagging shoulder pain. So let's go over some ways you can ease this daily shoulder pain that disturbs your sleep and gets in the way of almost everything you do.

posture when sitting or standing, or even have spent more of your life sleeping in

Use Ice & Heat: Whenever you're feeling achy or painful, ice is by far the best way to ease the pain. Apply an ice pack for 10 minutes or so, little but often every hour. Use heat when you wake up in the morning. The muscles are likely to be a little stiff and cold from not moving all night, applying a hot water bottle will help you move your shoulder with more ease. Again, 10 minutes should do it.

How Do You Sleep?: Do you sleep with one or two pillows? If you're used to sleeping with two pillows this might feel a little strange at first, but in the long run it will do your shoulders a whole world of good. Sleeping with one pillow lowers the amount of stretching and tension that happens in your neck and shoulders at night. Drop down to just one, soft pillow and you'll feel the difference.

Hands On PT: Lastly, if you've been putting up with the pain for several weeks, or even months, getting hands-on treatment is going to help ease the pain faster. There's no fast way to ease shoulder pain than by going to see a Physical Therapist. A PT will be able to soothe and relax the tight, aching muscles, as well as give you personalized exercises that will help strengthen your muscles and make sure your posture is perfectly aligned.

When you combine all of these tips, including going to see a Physical Therapist, you will feel a dramatic drop in the pain you're currently suffering from. If you have any questions about your specific shoulder pain, I'm more than happy to answer any questions by phone at (575) 525-2450 or by email at biz@atriumpt.com

■ The author, Dennis Prickett, is a Physical Therapist and co-owner of Atrium Physical Therapy. He's more than happy to answer any questions by phone on (575) 525-2450 or by email at biz@atriumpt.com



A&E EVENTS

Dance Las Cruces: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, Alma d' Artes School, 410 Court St. Pre-New Year's Eve dance and celebration complemented by finger foods. Dance to the music of Steppin' Up, a popular band. Dance lesson beginning at 6:45 p.m. Beginners, singles and couples welcome. Dance partner not necessary. Cost: \$8 members, \$10 non-members, and \$5 for students. Info: 575-496-2761.

Beverly Hills party: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, at the Beverly Hills Hall & Cantina, 150 Hermosa St. Anthony and the Nite Liters will be featured at the 2018 New Year's Party. Must be 21 years old or older. Pozole, party favors and champagne will be provided. Cost: Advance tickets are \$20 per person, \$30 at the door. Info and tickets: Norma at 575-571-6206 or Victor at 575-621-9164.

Poetry pilgrims: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, Mesilla Community Center. California women poets driving along the border sharing their work will be in Mesilla will read from their work. The reading is sponsored

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Social justice: The exhibit, *Trotando Pasos Ajenos*, continues until Jan. 6, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 North Main St. The exhibit focuses on social justice with 11 interactive educational

installments designed to appeal to a wide audience that focus on regional issues of justice inequality as they pertain to identity, environment, history, immigration, law, and faith. The exhibit was created by Dulcinea Lara and Nicholas Natividad, professors at New Mexico State University's Department of Criminal Justice who focus on issues of social justice in crime and law. The cultural center is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Native voices: The traveling exhibit *Native Voices: Native Peoples' concept of Health and Illness* runs through Jan. 13, at the Branigan Cultural Center. *Native Voices* examines how wellness and illness interconnect with cultural life. The U.S. National Library of Medicine developed and produced *Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness*. The American Library Association Public Programs Office, in partnership with NLM, tours the exhibition to U.S. librar-

ies. The cultural center is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Cost: Free. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Lend me a Tenor: Friday, Jan. 19, LCCT, 313 N. Main St. Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT) production opens at and continues through Sunday, Feb. 4. "Lend Me a Tenor" was written by Ken Ludwig and is being directed by Michael Wise. Info: 575-646-5418 or mwise@nmsu.edu.

Art classes: Sign up 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday before Jan. 20, Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. Register for Spring 2018 Studio Art Classes, which give children and adults an opportunity to learn new skills or enhance existing knowledge in beginning and intermediate/advanced ceramics, oil and watercolor painting, printmaking and more while guided by local, experienced and qualified professional artists. The first session will run from Wednesday, Jan. 24 through Saturday, March 8. Info: 575-541-2137 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Promoting art: Noon, Friday, Jan. 26, DAAC Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Avenida de Mercado, Suite D, in the Bulletin Plaza in Mesilla. Glenn Cutter, New Mexico Arts Commissioner and co-owner with his wife, Sally, of Cutter Gallery, monthly Promoting Art Speaker Series. Cutter's topics will be New Mexico Arts, the New Mexico Arts Commission, and the Art in Public Places program, which, since its inception nearly 25 years ago has placed more than 2,500 works of art in New Mexico's 33 counties. The talk is open to all. Brown bag lunches are welcome. Cost: Free. Info: 575-523-6403 or email, admin@daarts.org or www.daarts.org.

Life Changes: Tickets are on sale for Thomas Rhett's Life Changes Tour, Saturday, April 7, at the Pan American Center. Featured guests are Brett Young and Jillian Jacqueline. Tickets: Pan American Center, www.Ticketmaster.com or 800-745-3000. Info: www.LiveNation.com

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Art classes: Beginning adult classes are 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Intermediate and advanced drawing and painting classes are 1-3:30 p.m. Thursdays. Fee is \$60 for four classes. High school students welcome; 1:30-2:30 p.m. Wednesdays for children ages 7 to 12. Fee is \$40 for four classes. My Place Jewell Studio, 132 B Wyatt Drive. Students may begin any time. Info: 575-647-5684 or www.waynecarlhuber.com.

CALL TO ARTISTS

Mesilla gallery: Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle De Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre, is accepting applications for new artists to be juried into the gallery. Application are available at the gallery 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Info: 575-522-2933.

Rokoko seeks 'opposites': Rokoko Art Gallery announces a call for artists working in all media for an upcoming group show opening Jan. 13, 2018. Submissions are due in the gallery, 1785 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla, on Saturday, Jan. 6. Entry fee is \$15 per piece. Info: 575-522-5553.

Second Saturdays: Artists and artisans who want to open their studios to the public once a month and join a new informal group, Second Saturday Open Studios. The idea is to increase public awareness of Las Cruces-area artists. There's no fee, and studios don't have to participate every month. Info: Kathleen at 828-467-9060 or kdarts2u@gmail.com.


Winter festival: Beverly Hills Hall & Cantina is looking for art vendors, body-painting artists, antique vendors, tattoo artists, auto mural artists and food vendors for its first Winter Wine and Beer Festival to be held Feb. 24. Cost: \$50 or \$25 and a silent auction item. Info: Victor Perez at 575-621-9164.



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Art in the Detail: 20th Century Masters of Photography

Photography exhibit features works by noted photographers Aaron Siskind, Barbara Morgan, Imogen Cunningham, Wynn Bullock and others. A Syracuse University Art Galleries Traveling Exhibition, it continues through Jan. 20 at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. The museum is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Info: 575-541-2137.

Beyond the Familiar

Rosemary McLoughlin shares her love of Ireland and its rich culture with a show that continues through Jan. 6 at the Glenn Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday at 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. McLoughlin was born in Brooklyn and moved to New Mexico in 1973. She taught art at NMSU until 1990 when she became education director at NMSU Art Gallery. In 1998 she retired to become a full-time professional artist. Her show's paintings depict colorful tales of rich and colorful voyages by Saint Brendan, a 6th century saint visited by an angel who told him he must go forth and build monasteries. Info: 575-541-0658.

Fine Arts Gallery

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre, features local artists Nancy Bissell and Weeden

“Rockwell” Nichols for the month of January. Bissell has been an educator, teacher, principal and assistant principal in the elementary schools, retiring after a 26-year career. Nichols has been a photographer for 48 years who enjoys simple compositions of shape and color, landscapes and seascapes. The gallery's newest member, Alan Small, has a diverse background including landscape design, woodturning, pen, ink and watercolor. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Sunday. Info: 575-522-2933 or www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

Gourd show

Masks, Maidens and More, a show and sale featuring the work of gourd artists Joanna Bradley, Sylvia Henderson, Karen Phillips, and Kathe Stark continues 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Jan. 26 at Tombaugh Gallery inside the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. Henderson will create a giraffe gourd at 11:45 a.m. Sunday Jan. 7. The exhibit features functional, spiritual and whimsical objects. Info: Lurene John, 503-490-4908.

Las Hermanas finale

“Strength,” the final exhibition in a six-part, yearlong series of the Las Cruces women's artists group Las Hermanas, continues through Dec. 30 at Rokoko Gallery, 1785 Calle De Mercado in Mesilla. Gallery hours are noon-5 p.m. Saturdays and by appointment. Info: 575-405-8877.

Lifetime of Art

An exhibit featuring the works of Las Cruces artist Connie Garcia (1950-2017) continues through April 1 at New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Garcia began creating her artwork in the 1970s, starting with batik art, which she sold at art shows throughout the U.S. She expressed her creativity through tile, foil, drawing, contemporary painting, cards, and more. Info: 575-522-4100, www.nmfarmbranch-museum.org.

Makeshift art

MakeShift, an exhibition put together by partner and artist duo Ramon and Christian Cardenas, who together form the artist collaborative Lxs Dos, continues at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. through March 10, 2018. The exhibit comes from the artists' need to create and express themselves using materials and resource available to them. The work is ethnographic in nature, describing the socio-cultural relations of the United States/ Mexico border region and its people. Branigan Cultural Center is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Info: 575-541-2154, museums.las-cruces.org.

My Earth

The 10 a.m.-ers are exhibiting at the Southwest Environmental Center in Las Cruces. The show opens at 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, during Downtown

Art Ramble. Info: Kathleen Deasy, 828-467-9060 or kdarts2u@gmail.com.

New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau 100 Years Strong

Exhibit on display through Sept. 16, 2018, at the NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The Farm & Livestock Bureau has been the voice of agriculture in New Mexico. The group has worked with elected and appointed officials to coordinate beneficial outcomes for New Mexico's food producers. Soil conservation, better irrigation methods, and improved crop production were issues on the minds of the 300 farmers and ranchers in the Mesilla Valley who first gathered in 1917.

Opposites attract

Rokoko Art Gallery presents the opening of a mixed media exhibit. An opening reception for participating artists will be 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at the gallery, 1785 Calle de Mercado in Mesilla. Snacks and refreshments will be served. The exhibit closes Saturday, March 17. Info: 575-522-5553.

Orchard art

Las Cruces artist Frank Peacock's “Selections from the Orchard Series” paintings and drawings inspired by the pecan orchards of the Mesilla Valley, will be on exhibit through Jan. 25 at Mas Art Frame and Art Supplies, 126 S. Main St. downtown.

Pamela Needham

Photography of Pamela Needham, sharing her love of nature and

interesting subjects, is on display at Mas Art Frame and Art Supplies, 126 S. Main St. Info: 575-526-9113.

Revel in the Mystery of the Night

The Gallery at Big Picture presents award-winning photographer and Las Cruces native Wayne Suggs with landscape photography exhibit “Revel in the Mystery of the Night.” Wayne has photographed landscapes for more than 40 years but when he turned to the “dark side” and transposed his daytime composition eye to the night, he revealed the sky, clear, bright and pristine. The exhibit will continue until Dec. 31. The gallery is at 2001 E. Lohman Ave. Suite 109, next to the UPS store in the Arroyo plaza. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday; 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday. Closed Sunday. Info: 575-647-0508.

Student art

More than 100 pieces of original student artwork from the Las Cruces and Gadsden Public Schools have been installed in the first-floor corridors of the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Continues through mid-March. The exhibit includes paintings, etchings, photographs and drawings. The artists range in age from elementary students to high-schoolers.

Transitions

Las Cruces artist Jeri Desrochers will be featured at Unsettled Gallery, 905 N. Mesquite St. “Transitions,” explores changes in life and art after the experience of a threatening illness and benefits

CARE Las Cruces, a local support system for those battling cancer. Info: 575-647-8053.

Trotando Pasos Ajenos

The art and cultural exhibit runs through Jan. 6, 2018, at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 North Main St. The exhibit features 12 interactive educational installments designed to appeal to a wide audience that focus on regional issues of justice inequality as they pertain to identity, environment, history, immigration, law, and faith. The exhibit was curated by Dr. Dulcinea Lara, Dr. Nicholas Natividad professors at NMSU's department of Criminal justice who specialize on issues of social justice in crime and law. The exhibit designer is artist and filmmaker Daniel Aguilar. Open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Watercolor reception

5-7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado, Suite D. Opening reception for local watercolor artist Laurel Weathersbee, summa cum laude graduate with a BA in art from Park College in Missouri who has taken numerous workshops and seminars in art from regionally, nationally, and internationally-recognized instructors in the intervening years. The show will open Friday, Jan. 5, and continue through Jan. 30. Regular gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Info: 575-523-6403, e-mail admin@daarts.org or www.daarts.org.

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day Eucharist Service.
• Jan. 1: 10:30 a.m., New
Year's Day Service.

Pray for peace: 5 a.m.
Sunday, Dec. 31, Center
for Spiritual Living, 575
N. Main St. Music, read-
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tation as a contribution
to peace on the planet.
Doug Bailey will lead
the service. On the last
day of each year, at noon
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women, and children
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the world gather to con-
template and pray for
peace. A complimentary
breakfast will follow the
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Up in smoke: 4 p.m. Sun-
day, Dec. 31, Unity Las
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Personal goals: 12:30 p.m.,
Sunday, Jan. 7, Social
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Smith will lead a per-
sonal visioning for the
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The importance of Christmas isn't Christmas

Imagine that we who live in New Mexico did not celebrate July 4th as a holiday. The 13 original colonies celebrated it, but it was not national. More than 200 years after the Declaration of Independence nobody in the Midwest or Southwest hadn't quite gotten it yet.

Christmas is like that: probably celebrated regionally in the 2nd century but not internationally recognized. About 300-plus years after the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, the holiday went international because there was enough ecclesi-



GABRIEL ROCHELLE

Tales from the Cassock

astical authority to declare it so. We are not sure when it was celebrated at the beginning, but probably not on the 25th of December.

Here's another angle: The New Testament contains 27 "books," actually brief writings ranging in length from one page to 42. Of those 27 books, there are four Gospels. Three of them – Matthew, Mark, and Luke – are called "synoptic," meaning they take the same basic view on the life of Jesus. Yet Mark, the first written, has no infancy narrative. Mark's Gospel begins with John

the Baptist bursting onto the scene, followed by the appearance of the adult Jesus.

The fourth Gospel, John, gives us a theologically-rich introduction to a cosmic Christ, but no birth narrative. Only two mention the birth of Jesus: Matthew and Luke. Paul mentions only that Jesus was born of a woman, to guarantee his humanity, and born a Jew, to guarantee his heritage (Galatians 4:4). There is no concern for Jesus' birth in the letters of Peter or James or Jude. Matthew has only 50 verses that describe the birth of Jesus; Luke has two chapters filled with beautiful poetry. That's it for birth

stories.

Please understand that I am not trying to be the Grinch who stole Christmas. I'm trying to set it in its proper context. We need to realize that the birth of Jesus was not important to the early church or the early writers. This awareness begs us to look elsewhere for the importance of his life, and here we find ourselves with Paul, the most represented writer in the New Testament. For Paul and, we presume, most early Christians, the important part of Jesus' story was his sacrificial death, not his birth. And ultimately, his death was overshadowed by the resurrection celebrated at Easter or

Pascha, the original name for the major festival of the Christian year.

Oh yes, December 25th? The early church celebrated the conception of Jesus in Mary's womb on March 25. Nine months later brings us to Dec. 25. Christmas is not tied to the winter solstice and its attendant pagan celebrations. It's tied to his mother.

The falderal that swirls around us in this season is grounded in three short chapters out of the entire New Testament. The records in them are not the same; there are no shepherds, for example, in Luke, and Matthew places Jesus' birth at Nazareth. These chapters

are, however, chock full of interpretation based on Old Testament texts, and that's the reason for their inclusion. The writers embedded Jesus in his heritage. The narratives were crafted to give weight and dimension to the Christian understanding of the importance of Jesus as Messiah, anointed, the Christ anticipated by a portion of the Jewish people. That importance, of course, remains the ultimate reason for the commemoration.

Fr. Gabriel Rochelle is pastor of St Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, Las Cruces. Visit the church website at <http://stanthonylc.org>.

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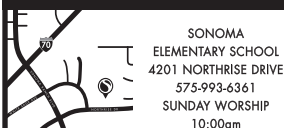
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YEAR IN REVIEW

Wild ride for business in Las Cruces

By RICHARD COLTHARP

Las Cruces Bulletin

In a sense, the arc of Las Cruces business came full circle in 2017.

That's when the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce re-located to the restored home of Nestor Armijo. Armijo had been one of the leaders of the chamber's forerunner organization more than a century ago.

The chamber's restoration and move was a project almost seven years in the making, and more than 50 descendants of Armijo descended on the house Dec. 7 for the building's grand re-opening gala.

Another big project in the Downtown area took shape during 2017, the Amador project, which will bring offices, restaurants, bars and public spaces to the corner of Main Street and Lohman Avenue, adjacent to the Amador Hotel. The project went up on the property previously occupied by the longstanding restaurant My Brother's Place.

Also helping to fill in the Downtown Las Cruces landscape were a new restaurant, Dragonfly, which opened in September, and Organ Mountain Outfitters, which opened in August. The Farmers and Crafts Market continued its longstanding popularity on Saturday and Wednesday mornings, and the occasional Wednesday evening.

East of Downtown, the Arroyo Plaza enjoyed a renaissance of sorts, as new businesses came to the shopping center and tenants began a

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monthly exhibit and gallery tour on the third Fridays of the month.

In addition to Dragonfly, several other new restaurants opened, including Thaindia, which, as the name suggests, fuses Thai and Indian food. Rudy's opened a new franchise of its Texas barbecue chain on Telshor Boulevard and Chick-fil-A opened a second stand-alone location on University Avenue. Under construction on Telshor near Lohman are a Raising Cane's chicken restaurant and a Chipotle.

Sprouts grocery store is sprouting on Lohman in the old Hastings location.

Bosque Brewery moved its location a few hundred feet west on University Avenue and added a full-service kitchen with a unique menu. Later in the year, Bosque introduced Pistol Pete's 1888 Ale, a New Mexico State University licensed beer.

"As alumni and most of our ownership having grown up or lived in Las Cruces, NMSU has a special place in our hearts," said Gabe Jensen, managing director of Bosque Brewing Co. "When the call came in for us to consider brewing an NMSU licensed beer, we geeked out. Being able to support our alma mater by having this beer



The Dragonfly Restaurant opened in September across from the Plaza de Las Cruces, one of several new additions to Downtown Las Cruces.

available at Aggie games and around town was a no-brainer for Bosque." Pistol Pete's 1888 Ale, or '88 for short, is named after the Aggie mascot and the year NMSU was founded. While many ales are developed as a complement to food, '88 ale will also complement whichever Aggie sports team you're rooting for. "'88 captures everything we love about balance," Jensen said. "With a brilliant pale straw-color, this blonde ale has a light malt sweetness and just enough late addition hops to add flavor and aromatic nuance. Whether you're new to craft beer or are a seasoned connoisseur, a couple of '88s

is the perfect complement to whatever Aggie game you find yourself watching." Tom and Jerean Hutchinson, proprietors of La Posta de Mesilla, purchased the old Meson de Mesilla, re-dubbing it Hacienda de Mesilla. It was instantly popular, taking advantage of a beautiful facility in a beautiful setting.

To give Las Cruces a place to work off all that food and beverage, both Planet Fitness and Fitness One began remodels, and Crunch Fitness opened in the old Pros Ranch location. On Solano Avenue, Rockinjump opened, giving the younger set a new place to have a bouncing good time.

Lots of things were happening in the automobile dealership business. Vescovo Toyota spent most of the year working on its new building on Valley Drive, near where Sisbarro dealerships built a new facade for its truck store. Jack Key sold its Nissan and Kia dealerships to El Paso's Shamaley family, which later sold the Kia dealership to Albuquerque's Pitre company.

Allen Theatres' Telshor 12 was filled with not exactly a new car smell, but a new seat smell, as the theater added new reclining, super-comfortable seats.

And sports aficionados found a

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Thaindia on Picacho Avenue was one of several new restaurants that opened in Las Cruces in 2017.

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new place to shop, as Play It Again Sports opened, selling slightly used sporting goods.

Not everything was booming, as Las Cruces lost jobs with the closings of the Sitel call center, and the city's last remaining Kmart.

For years, Las Cruces developers and businesspeople have complained about the difficulties of getting permits, and receiving consistent and timely inspections. To help address those issues, new city manager Stuart Ed created the position of business concierge, and filled it by hiring Donald Bustos.

The year was a rollercoaster ride for the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance. MVEDA nearly saw its Doña Ana County funding cut in half before a parade of area and regional businesspeople showed the county com-

mission the value of the organization. MVEDA Matters was a promotional campaign the group launched to help local citizens learn the value of MVEDA. Then, in partnership with the Border Industrial Association, MVEDA drew international attention with its unique bid for Amazon's second headquarters. Hq2countries.com outlines the bold plan for a new Amazon headquarters that would straddle the U.S./Mexico border and take advantage of all the region has to offer in El Paso, Las Cruces, Juarez and everything in between.

The Santa Teresa region, a key component of the Amazon bid, continued to do well with importing and exporting and border manufacturing. An air of caution and curiosity tempered things though, as businesspeople were waiting to see what the Trump administration would do regarding the new president's promises to

build a wall along the border and his belief that NAFTA has no benefit for America.

In the northern part of the county, it was a good year for Chile in Hatch, thanks to good rains.

A banner year would be an understated way to describe 2017 for Las Cruces businessman Rick Jackson. In March, he broke ground on the expansion of his business, American Document Services. In July, he cut the ribbon on the finished building. In December, he was named New Mexico's Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army. Through it all, he served as the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's Chairman of the Board.

On a more personal note, we at the Las Cruces Bulletin lost its voice of business for the past five years, Alta LeCompte, who in November moved to North Carolina with her husband, Ross.



The former site of My Brother's Place is now fully under construction as part of the Amador Hotel renovation project.

Amador Hotel redevelopment adds new look to Downtown's south end

Editor's note: This story was written in March 2017, and in October, officials said the project remains on time and on budget.

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

The Amador Hotel redevelopment project – which “is creating all the commotion on the south end of downtown” – is on budget and should be completed in early 2018, local development Max Bower said in March.

Even though the project includes a lot of moving parts, “it's been a very smooth process to this point,” Bower said. “We're obviously off the ground and running.”

The city entered into a \$6.5 million agreement with Bower's GMB Development company for the Amador renovation project last May. Work began late last year.

Once construction is completed, ownership of all properties will be transferred from GMB to the city. Under its agreement with the city, GMB will then begin seeking tenants for the new properties.

The completed project will include four full-

service restaurants, Bower said, including a main restaurant, a cocktail lounge, a tap room and an upstairs lounge. There also will be a patio space and an event courtyard that will seat 900-plus.

The renovated hotel will be the new home of Visit Las Cruces, also known as the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Collectively, Bower said, the project will create “an unprecedented draw for downtown,” and is expected to generate 40 to 60 new hospitality jobs and about \$385,000 in annual gross-receipts tax revenue for the city.

City Downtown Coordinator Andy Hume said on-site parking will be provided behind the com-

pleted facility and across Bowman Avenue.

The project “will bring out-of-area people to downtown and the (downtown) Farmers Market,” Councilor Gill Sorg said. He suggested placing signage on local interstates to attract more visitors.

“It's a huge asset for us,” said Councilor Kasandra Gandara.

TIDD was created by the city in July 2009 “to generate revenue within the downtown area and to use those revenues within that area for public improvement projects,” according to city documents. It is funded through existing gross receipts tax revenues, with additional funding from the New Mexico Legislature.

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Pictured are GLCCC Chair-Elect Denten Park, left, Chamber President/CEO Debbi Moore, Chamber Chair Rick Jackson, Bud Colligan, the great-great-grandson of Nestor Armijo, Chamber Past-Chair Ben Woods and Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagashima.

Chamber embraces history

Chamber members and residents gathered Friday, Dec. 8, for a ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opening the historic Nestor Armijo House as the new home of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Com-

merce, 150 E. Lohman Ave.

Chamber members and residents listened as proclamations were presented by the Greater Chamber and its Conquistadores, as well as the Las Cruces Green

Chamber of Commerce and the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

The ribbon cutting followed the Annual Heritage Foundation Gala Thursday evening, Dec. 7, marked

by luminarias around the property and which included dinner, a tour, recognition of Armijo House renovations and auctions. More than 200 attended, including many members of the Armijo family.

Arroyo Plaza

Arroyo Plaza, 2001 E. Lohman Ave., trended higher in 2017 with a variety of businesses, including Barb's Flowerland, Subway, Chick-fil-A, Ride on Sports, Mesilla Valley Kitchen, UPS, Big Picture Gallery, Empire Buffet, NMCO Media & MDC Computers and Wild Birds Unlimited. Big Picture had been located on Main Street Downtown 12 years but moved, owner Jim Turrentine said in September, "Because we wanted more visibility and more convenient parking. We have much higher visibility here."



BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA LECOMPTTE

Aggie suds



COURTESY PHOTO

Pistol Pete's 1888 Ale, or '88 for short, is named after the Aggie mascot and the year New Mexico State University was founded. Brewed by Bosque Brewing Co., it debuted in time for 2017 football season.

New owners

In March, Chris and Tom Hutchinson stood at the entry to the family's new acquisition, Hacienda de Mesilla, previously known as Meson de Mesilla, 1891 Avenida de Mesilla.

The property, which debuted in April, includes a 14-room boutique hotel, a bar, dining room and outdoor seating and pool.

Tom and wife Jerlean Hutchinson have owned La Posta, the nearby historic landmark restaurant, for 20 years.



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CEO Rick Jackson and crew breaking ground for American Document Services' expansion.

Banner year

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Every day, Rick Jackson gets to work with his family, including daughter April, CFO, and son-in-law Rob, COO.



Rick Jackson, right, is congratulated by Mark T. Esper, Secretary of the Army, on Jackson's appointment as New Mexico Civilian Aide to the Secretary.

Have a seat, relax and watch a movie



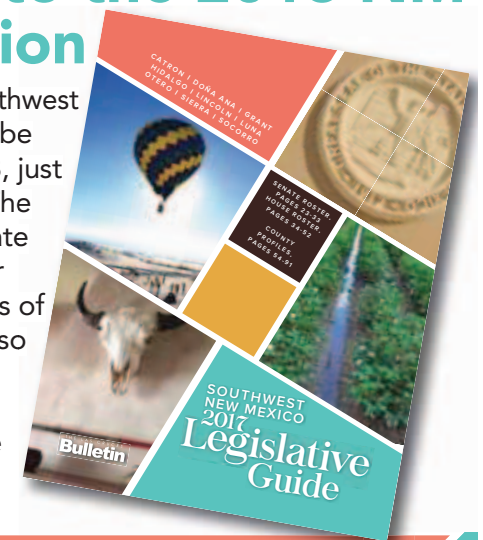
BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA LECOMPTTE
Russell Allen, president of Allen Theatres, relaxed in the new seats at Telshor 12.

Allen Theatre's Telshor 12 film complex invested \$1 million in April in plush, oversized, reclining seats in their 12 auditoriums, shrinking seating capacity from 2,100 to 900. "It's a leap of faith," owner Russell Allen said. "If the math works, the chairs should pay for themselves in a relatively short time."

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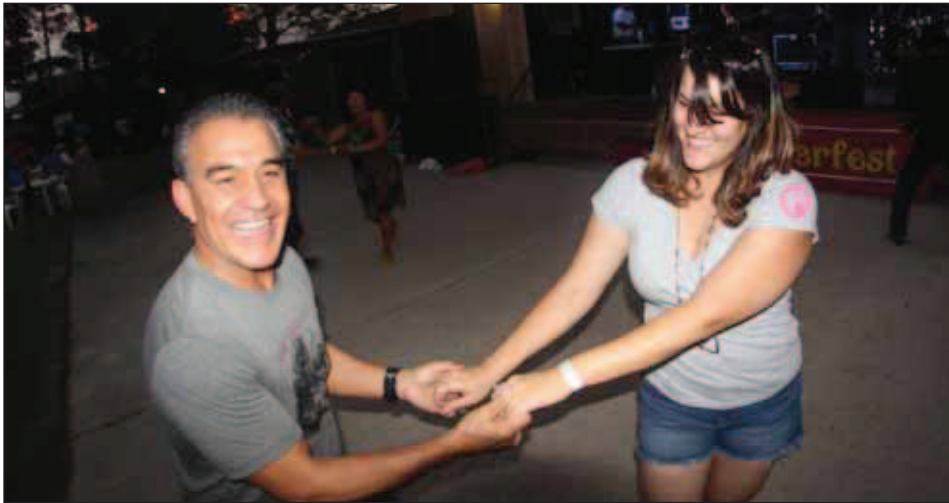
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Summer heat



BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Xavier Medoza and Lindsay Thomen dance to the music of Lincoln's Lie Aug. 5 during the second annual Summerfest celebration at Picacho Peak Brewing Co.

Happy 90th, Mother Hubbard



BULLETIN PHOTO BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Friends and colleagues gathered at the Pan American Center July 13 in a room named for the guest of honor, Barbara Hubbard, to celebrate her 90th birthday. Known as "Mother Hubbard" to folks in the entertainment business worldwide, she has been instrumental in attracting some of the biggest acts of the era to perform in the Pan Am, including, this year, Garth Brooks.



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

A wall-raising ceremony helped Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity celebrate its 30th anniversary on Oct. 17, as volunteers from Las Cruces and across the United States began work on the 116th home the organization has built in Las Cruces since 1987.

Habitat for Humanity celebrates milestone

Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity (MVHH) is 30 years old.

The homebuilder volunteer organization celebrated its 30th anniversary and the construction of 111 houses (and counting) in Las Cruces on Oct. 17 with a wall-raising ceremony at 4154 Aurora Star Court.

"As we look at what we have accomplished, we are grateful for the support of our volunteers, sponsors, partners and community for 30

years of giving a hand up, not a hand out, to families in need," MVHH Executive Director Maria Vasquez said. "We will continue to work hard towards our mission and vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live."

The wall raising included representatives of the 13 churches/denominations and individuals who founded MVHH in 1987, as well as city councilors and the future-owners of

the Aurora Star Court home, Juanita and Ernesto Torres. The couple will move in when the home and four others on the street are completed in April 2018.

For information, visit www.lascruceshabitat.org and find them on Facebook.

The Habitat ReStore thrift store also hit a milestone in 2017, celebrating 10 years in June 2017. All proceeds from the store are invested into building homes.

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‘Oh, my God’: County unveils Pat Garrett document

Records and Filing Division Supervisor Angelica Valenzuela was sorting through some decades-old coroner's jury records in the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office archive in late 2016 when she came across a document that a prominent historian said could be worth more than \$50,000.

It's the single-page, handwritten report attending the death of Patrick Floyd Jarvis Garrett – better known as Pat Garrett, the man who killed Billy the Kid.

“It was definitely an ‘Oh, my God’ moment,” Valenzuela said on the morning of June 16, 2017, as the document was publicly unveiled at the county government building. The 69-word report details the jury's findings regarding Garrett's shooting death on Feb. 29, 1908, in Alameda Arroyo about five miles northeast of Las Cruces.

The unveiling ceremony was attended by Garrett's granddaughter, Susannah Garrett, of



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Doña Ana County Clerk Scott Krahlung unveiled the one-page, handwritten coroner's jury report on the death of former Lincoln and Doña Ana county sheriff Pat Garrett, who shot and killed Billy the Kid. At the left of the bureau, holding the yellow cloth, is Records and Filing Division Supervisor Angelica Valenzuela, who discovered the report late last year. To Krahlung's immediate right, wearing glasses, is historian and Arizona State University Professor Emeritus Robert J. “Bob” Stahl, who had been searching for the Garrett coroner's report for several years and suggested unveiling ceremony.

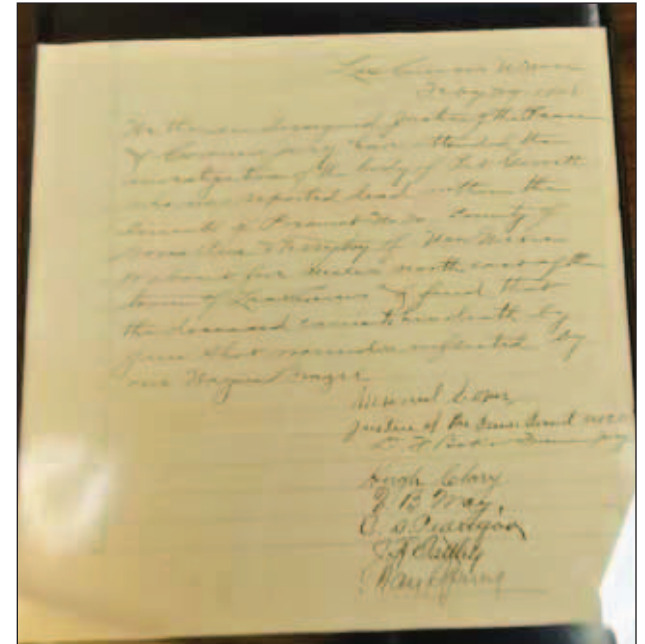
Santa Fe. Her father, Jarvis P. Garrett (1905-1991), was Pat Garrett's youngest son, and just 3 years old when his father was shot and killed by rancher Wayne Brazel.

The county commis-

sion named June 16 as Pat Garrett Day in the county.

Doña Ana County Clerk Scott Krahlung said the preservation of the Garrett coroner's jury report is part of

a broader program to preserve historical documents that detail much of the county's history from the 1850s through the 1960s.



The Feb. 29, 1908, 69-word, county coroner's jury report on the death of Pat Garrett.

“Not all counties are as organized or as dedicated to preservation as Doña Ana County,” Las Cruces State Historian Rick Hendricks, Ph.D., said at the unveiling ceremony.

Rose Vasquez, a document technician in the

clerk's office, said the Garrett coroner's jury report will not be kept on public display. But, “if someone wants to view it or any of the historical documents, they can call our office at 575-647-7421 to make an appointment.”

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Morning-after eye-openers for New Year's Day

Time to gear up for the morning after the New Year's Eve Chile Drop that's happening at the Plaza de Las Cruces.



SUNNY CONLEY

Chile Knights

After the late-night celebration, partygoers may feel a bit woozy on the first full day of 2018. To get endorphins back in percolating mode, load up on hot and spicy offerings. I share morning-after eye-opening recipes that can be eas-

ily prepared in advance and ready when the New Year's sun breaks. Happy New Year's Day!

Hotter Than * Thai Soup (Yield: 4 bowls)

1 cup cooked chicken chopped (dark or/and white)
1 (32 ounce) low-sodium boxed chicken stock
1 (16ounce) can coconut water
½ large onion, peeled and thinly sliced
1 ounce ginger, peeled and sliced
1 cup shiitake mushrooms stemmed and sliced
1 handful spinach roughly chopped
1 small bunch fresh Thai basil (optional)
¼ cup red bell pepper, julienned
2-3 garlic cloves, peeled, smashed and chopped
1 jalapeño pepper minced

¼ cup dried hot chile peppers or dried Szechuan peppers, roughly chopped
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1 ½ tablespoons Chinese 5 spice powder
1 tablespoon cayenne powder
1 ½ tablespoon soy sauce
1 tablespoon Fish Sauce
Dash nutmeg
Salt to Taste
Squeeze Lime Juice

Pour stock in a large pot and bring up to simmer. Add garlic, ginger, onions, chile, jalapeño, Chinese 5 spice, and cayenne to the stock and steep for 10 minutes. Add coconut water, soy sauce, fish sauce, brown sugar, bell pepper and mushrooms and continue to simmer for 5 minutes. Add chicken, basil, spinach, nutmeg, lime and simmer for 5 more minutes. Add salt to taste.

Hearty Hominy "Sauced" with Red Chile (Yield: 4-6)

5-6 pounds of pork shoulder, cut in large chunks
1 bay leaf
1 tablespoon salt
1 tablespoon garlic, minced

1 (28 ounce) can red chile sauce such as Las Palmas
Note: Use red chile sauce NOT enchilada sauce
1 tablespoon red chile powder
1 teaspoon cumin
2 (29 ounce) white hominy, drained
Suggested Garnishes
diced onions
Mexican oregano
sliced radishes
shredded cabbage
lemon or lime wedges
yogurt

Add meat to a large Dutch oven (7 quart) and fill with water leaving a couple of inches from the top.

Add bay leaf, salt, and garlic. Bring to a boil and continue to cook for 3-4 hours lowering the heat to prevent the water from boiling over. Add water if the water evaporates too quickly.

When meat is tender and shreds easily add red chile sauce, chili powder and cumin. Break up meat into the bite size pieces (your preference).

Add hominy and cook for an additional ½ hour to 40 minutes. Taste and

add additional salt if needed.

Hot Hatch Chile Drop Breakfast Casserole (Yield: 4-6 servings)

6 hot Hatch green chile peppers roasted and peeled
1 teaspoon unsalted butter
1 pound hot sausage
½ cup chopped yellow onions
½ cup chopped red bell peppers
4 teaspoons minced garlic
4 teaspoons chili powder
5 corn tortillas, quartered
10 large eggs
3 cups half-and-half
½ teaspoon Tabasco Sauce
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 cup grated pepper jack
1 cup grated medium cheddar

Butter a 9 by 13-inch baking dish. Spread the chiles in a flat layer across the bottom of the dish. In a large skillet, cook the sausage over medium-high heat, stirring to break up the meat, until browned.

Add the onions and bell peppers, and cook, stirring, for 4 minutes. Add the garlic and chili pow-

der, and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Remove from the heat. In a large bowl, whisk the eggs and half-and-half with the hot sauce, salt and black pepper. Spoon 1/3 of the sausage mixture over the chiles in the dish, top with 1/3 of the tortilla quarters, and 1/3 of the cheese mixture. Repeat layering, ending with a cheese layer. Pour the egg mixture over the ingredients.

Let rest, covered, in the refrigerator for at least 6 hours, or overnight. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Bake until bubbly and golden brown, and a knife inserted into the custard comes out clean, about 1 hour and 10 minutes to 1 hour and 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and let rest 10 minutes before serving.

Sunny Conley is an awarding-winning author and food columnist. "Life is better sprinkled and spiced with chile pepper!" Conley can be reached at chileknights575@gmail.com.



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Memorial leaders and Cancer Center staff turned the first shovel of dirt at their groundbreaking ceremony in July.

Memorial breaks ground on Cancer Center expansion

In order to accommodate the growing need for cancer care in southern New Mexico, Memorial Medical Center broke ground in July on a \$15 million expansion of the MMC Cancer Center and Ikard Radiation Oncology.

In the past five years, according to the hospital, the Cancer Program at Memorial has almost doubled the amount of new patients.

The expansion will add 9,500 square feet, including the space that Memorial Bone+Joint formerly occupied, as well as 3,375 square feet of new construc-

tion. When the project is complete, the MMC Cancer Center and Ikard Radiation Oncology will be connected by an enclosed walkway, new treatment rooms will be added and the Chemo suite will be expanded.

One of the highlights of this investment into Memorial's Cancer Program is the purchase of a \$3.2 million state-of-the-art linear accelerator and an \$850,000 upgrade to the Tomotherapy treatment system in radiation oncology.

"The expansion of our cancer center, along with the significant investment we are making in

advanced technology, is a clear example of Memorial's commitment to bringing high quality cancer care to our region," Memorial CEO John Harris said. "We realize that patients want to be able to stay close to home while getting the highest standard of care in their journey with cancer. Memorial is fully dedicated to making that choice available."

The cancer center is fully open for patient care during construction. The expansion project is scheduled for completion during the first quarter of 2018.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE

MountainView CEO Denten Park, Joe Bullock, Dr. Edward Sweetser and Dr. David Leachman cut the ribbon Nov. 1 for MountainView Regional Medical Center's free-standing trauma center on North Main Street.

MountainView opens new emergency center

MountainView Regional Medical Center cut the ribbon Nov. 1 and hosted an open house Nov. 4 to dedicate its new free-standing trauma center, 2811 N. Main St.

It is the first free-standing emergency department in New Mexico.

MountainView Emergency Center will be equipped to treat patients with illnesses and injuries that require a higher level of care than that offered by urgent care facilities, according to a hospital press

release. The department has 10 private patient rooms with radiology and lab services onsite. It will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"MountainView is blessed to be able to provide high quality emergency care to northeast Las Cruces," MountainView CEO Denten Park said. "Minutes matter, and if you are having an emergency, our team will be there to care for you."

MountainView Regional Medical Center has invested more than

\$10 million in the new facility, and is expected to generate nearly 40 jobs in order to serve patients – including doctors, registered nurses and lab, imaging, admitting and environmental services staff.

The hospital recently completed a \$5 million expansion and renovation of its main campus emergency department, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., increasing its capacity from 10 to 22 beds.

For more information, visit www.MountainViewRegional.com.

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Tough enough to call it a day

'Pink' fundraising effort for cancer research discontinued

After 10 years of fundraising for cancer research, dozens of awareness activities and a decade of pink Aggie football games, NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink organizers announced in 2017 that their volunteer efforts will not continue.

In 2011, Cowboys for Cancer Research and NMSU Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink announced a partnership to create a \$1.5 million endowment with the NMSU Foundation to support cancer research at NMSU. That pledge was met a few years later and those funds will continue to support cancer research efforts.

In recent years, a series of seed grants were awarded to cancer researchers at NMSU to jump-start various projects. These benefited projects in chemistry, biochemistry, biology, chemical engineering and animal and range sciences.



NMSU cheerleaders celebrate an Aggie touchdown at Aggie Memorial Stadium.

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Jeffrey Arterburn, a Regent's Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, has led research efforts into drug therapies and in developing diagnostics that would be able to tell patients more about the type of tumor they have and to monitor the

status of a tumor in response to therapy. "Tough Enough to Wear Pink and Cowboys for Cancer Research have both helped support our initial efforts to explore these leads to develop new and improved drugs and diagnostics that could

be used to enhance the treatment of breast cancer," Arterburn said. "It's been the most exciting science I have experienced and could imagine, and we hope this research will ultimately lead to new breakthroughs in cancer treatment."

Remembering the afflicted



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Sandy Johnson, volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association, shows her support at Young Park in early October during the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Health care rally



PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE

From left: Russ Records from Las Cruces Invisible and Rafael Reyes from Las Cruces Coalition for Reproductive Justice rally for health care in the state of New Mexico at Johnson Park in June. The rally was among others nationwide in response to a Congressional attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act, or "Obamacare."

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Field of Dreams



New Mexico State University had plenty of individual and team successes in various sports during 2017, but nothing galvanized the community and the school's athletic department as the football team's victory on Dec. 2 over South Alabama, which earned the Aggies their first bowl game in 57 years. As the gun sounded on the tense 22-17 victory, joyous fans stormed the Aggie Memorial Stadium field (Bulletin photo by Richard Coltharp).

Down in the excitement, perhaps nothing better symbolized the bond between fans and players as McKenzie Jones, 4, congratulating Aggie linebacker Leon McQuaker (photo courtesy Janet Jones).



NMSU loses top basketball coaches

Perhaps the most maddening thing about losing a collegiate head coach is the notion that your school is merely a stepping stone to a better job at another university.

That's how New Mexico State must have felt after losing both basketball coaches following successful 2016-2017 seasons.

After just one year as head coach, longtime NMSU assistant Paul Weir left for the University of New Mexico following a great season in which the Aggies won a school-record 28 games, fashioned a 20-game winning streak and almost upset Baylor in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

UNM. How galling is that?

On April 17 NMSU announced his replacement, Wichita State assistant Chris Jans. Prior, Jans was head coach at Bowling Green, where he turned around a program that lost 20 games in 2013-14 and guided it to 21-12 in 2014-15, the most wins in a single-season for Bowling Green in 12 years.

On April 21, NMSU women's coach



WEIR



TRAKH

Mark Trakh announced he was leaving to coach the Women of Troy at the University of Southern California. In six seasons at NMSU, Trakh guided the Aggies to three straight regular-season titles and three straight tournament championships. He was WAC Coach of the Year three times.

"Mark has been one of the most successful coaches in the history of New Mexico State women's basketball," Director of Athletics Mario Moccia said. "I'm appreciative of him and the many staff members in his tenure for their hard work and dedication, which resulted in an unprecedented three-year run at NM State."

He is succeeded by former Aggie assistant Brooke Atkinson, who came over from Colorado State.

— Marty Racine

School record



Kayli Farmer broke her own school record to take ninth in the javelin throw at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in June. The performance earned the junior second-team All-America honors. On her third attempt, the Aztec, New Mexico, native threw a personal best 52.70m (172-11).

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Thanks for the memories



It goes with the territory that college athletes eventually move on – either to the pros or another field altogether. Some of our favorite players were not only successful competitors but quality people who did New Mexico State University proud. In 2017 we saw the last of Moriah Mack, scoring against Stanford in the women's NCAA tournament (NMSU photo); basketball guard Ian Baker, football running back Larry Rose III, and passing wizard Tyler Rogers, finding a window against South Alabama (Steve MacIntyre).



Interstate champions

We start with the NMSU women's basketball team losing a home-and-home series to the University of New Mexico Nov. 18 and Dec. 2.

Other than that, the Ags are cooking against both regional rivals in basketball and football.

The women defeated the University of Texas-El Paso 76-68 Dec. 10. Rising star Brooke Salas led the way with a career-high 29 points, including 27 in the second half.

The men's basketball team swept both UNM and UTEP in 2017 for the first time since the



Brooke Salas has emerged as the go-to scorer for NMSU women's basketball.

2002-03 season. With the sweep of UTEP Nov. 25 and Nov. 30, NMSU has now won seven consecutive games against the Miners.

All this, on the heels

of NMSU's football victories in the fall over UNM in Albuquerque and UTEP in Las Cruces – and a women's softball sweep in the spring over UNM.

Budding rivalry



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Centennial High School's Josiah Leon scores a touchdown in the Hawks' 47-7 victory over Oñate Nov. 2. It marked the first time the two newest Las Cruces high schools played their game at NMSU's Aggie Memorial Stadium, in an effort to elevate the East Side rivalry to that already enjoyed by Las Cruces High School and Mayfield High School.

LCHS makes state semifinal



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Las Cruces High School quarterback Payton Ball eludes Rio Rancho defensive back Jaylen McKinley Friday, Nov. 17, in the state 6A high school quarterfinal game at Field of Dreams. The Bulldawgs' 28-10 victory sent them to the state semifinal, which they lost to eventual state champion Albuquerque Manzano. The Dawgs finished 10-2 on the season, a record that included an eight-game winning streak.

Playing the challenges of winter, part 2

Chilly temps, per se, need not keep avid golfers off the links, especially in our region where the sun shines 350 days a year. Yet in winter we are wise to (a) keep our body comfortable and functioning, (b) know golf course conditions and (c) be aware of factors that affect how we swing and hit the ball when it's cold.

In Southern New Mexico we often have volatile weather patterns. The sun can be shining and the wind calm one minute, and a storm cell can move in the next, dropping the mercury 20 degrees with rain, dust and sleet blowing sideways. We have four golf courses in Las Cruces and the



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conditions are often quite different at each. And if I'm traveling to El Paso, Alamogordo or Truth or Consequences, I always check the weather report (on NOAA weather radio) for that specific area.

You are advised to carry some form of cold-weather gear in your golf

bag all the time, like a windbreaker, light nylon pants, beanie and mitts. On cold but playable days I bring a thermos of hot cocoa or broth to warm the innards. To the hardy Scots, however, a wee nip of Scotch often took the edge off.

All of our golf courses permit walking, and walking on cool breezy days tends to maintain body heat better than riding in a cart. But frost delays happen mostly because walking on greens that are frosted will do immense damage. A motorized golf cart with windshields but open on the sides can get mighty uncomfortable. Despite my research I haven't been able to find suitable,

removable, portable side shields for carts; someone could make a fortune inventing same.

One helpful cart option is the portable heater that operates on gas propane bottles that fit into the cart's cup holder. I like the Coleman Golf Cart Catalytic Heater, available online and at some sporting goods stores.

Having previously covered layered outerwear, we can't forget essentials like hat and gloves. Remember, major body heat escapes above the neck, and that's not even when you're steamed over missing a four-footer. I like a soft fleece ski-type cap on cold days, but I still carry a regular

golf cap in my bag if I get too warm.

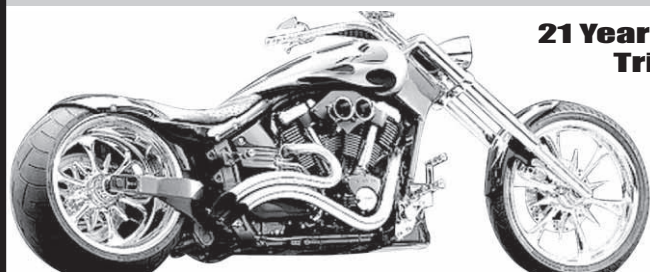
My rule-of-thumb is if my thumbs are numb it's too cold for golf. For winter days just on the edge of unplayable, gloves are a must. When it comes to gloves, FootJoy gives us a few nice options: sturdy five-finger winter gloves with leather palms for gripping even in dampness; fleece mitts with open finger tips allowing you to slip over your golf glove and then slide up your wrists; and large waterproof fleece mitts that you can use to warm your hands between shots. Don't forget about those small, disposable, cheap, chemical hand-warming packs available at most pro shops.

Playing golf in cold weather is bound to try your patience. Your body may be stiff from the chill and you won't hit the ball as far. Those and other factors may induce mental challenges, the first of which is more bad luck, as balls do funny things in the cold and on hard ground. Frost delays are also a given. If you start your round around noon, you could be lining up your final putt of the day close to dark.

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Lauren Ikard is a 15-year-old sophomore at Mesilla Valley Christian School. She plays on the Lady Blazers volleyball team and basketball team, where she plays shooting guard, point guard and forward. Ikard's season high has been 20 points, and she is averaging 14.6 points, six rebounds, two steals and three assists per game. She has been a leader this season and her coach has every confidence she will continue to help the team achieve a winning season. In everything Ikard does, she has a smile, is reliable, coachable and makes the game fun for everyone. She is an excellent student, with a 4.0 GPA. She enjoys playing volleyball and tennis and outside of sports and school, Ikard likes getting together with her friends.



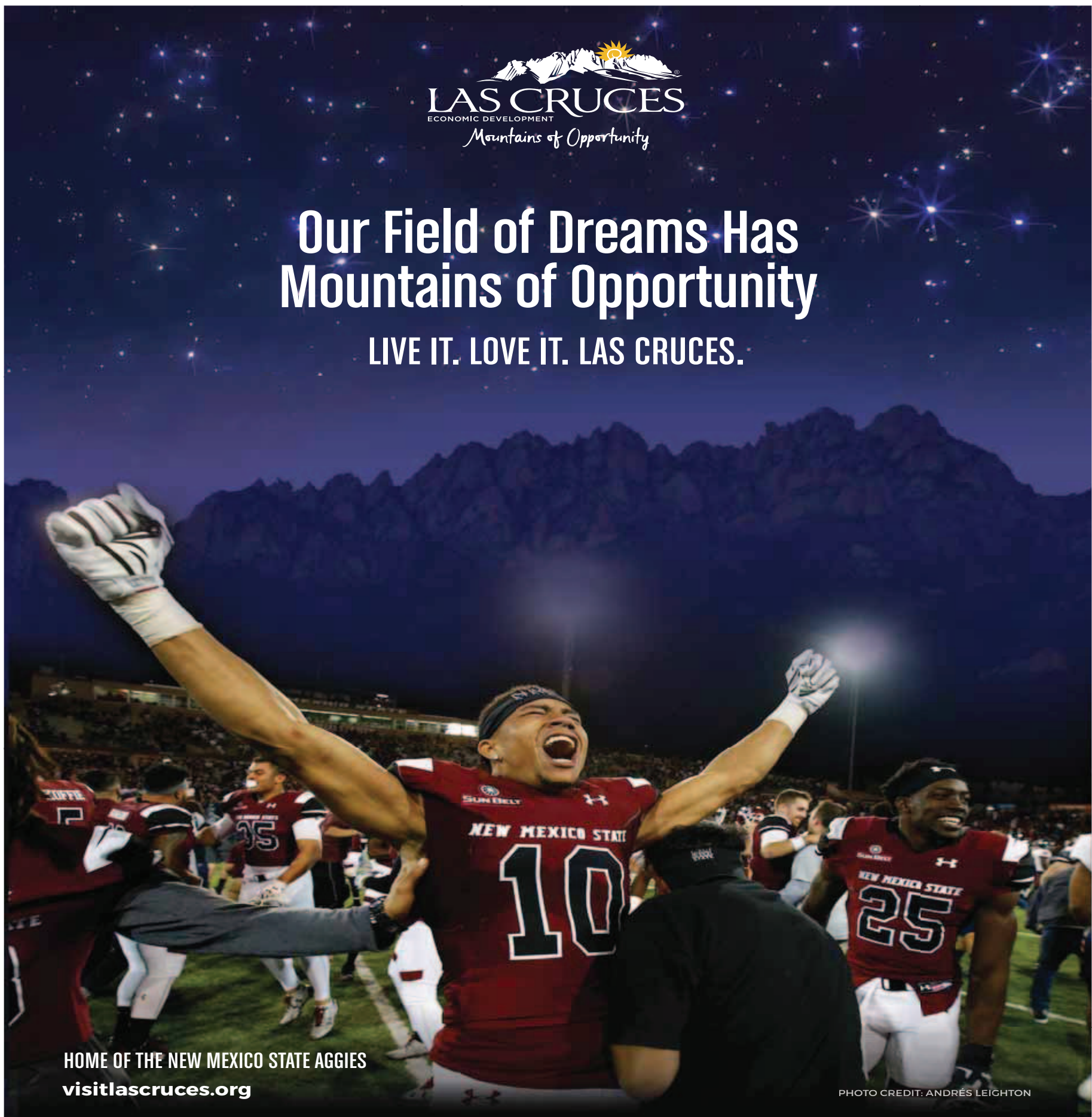
Hunter Conn is a 17-year-old senior at Mesilla Valley Christian School. He plays guard on the Son Blazers basketball team. In a three-game tournament last weekend, Conn had 55 points, 22 assists, 11 rebounds and 7 steals. He provides confidence and leadership as a senior and displays a good attitude, unselfish play, and great teamwork. Conn is a dedicated student, with a 3.20 GPA. Outside of school and basketball, he enjoys camping with his family, hiking with his friends, and working out. He also likes watching college sports. Conn attends Grace Covenant Church.

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