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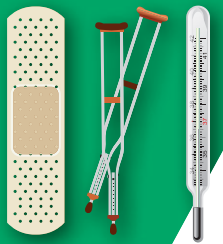
Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe



Gov. Susana Martinez takes a selfie with Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Chair Rick Jackson at the Governor's Mansion in Santa Fe, New Mexico during the 2017 Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe. Las Cruces Day was held Jan. 28-30 at the Eldorado Hotel & Spa in Santa Fe, and included a reception, a business brunch, a trip to the Governor's Mansion, a legislative breakfast and a visit to the Roundhouse. Las Cruces leaders and dignitaries made the trip to Santa Fe to lobby for legislative priorities set forth by the Doña Ana County Legislative Coalition, and to show support to local legislators amid the 2017 60-day legislative session. For more photos from Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe, see pages 13 and 14.

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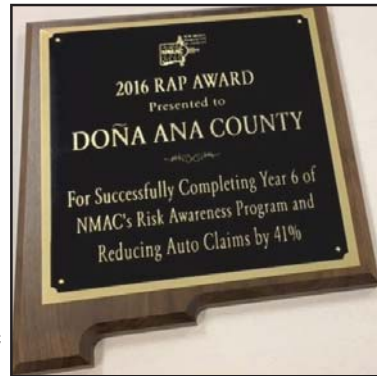
County nets award for safety

The New Mexico Association of Counties (NMAC) presented Doña Ana County with an award during the recent NMAC winter conference in Santa Fe.

The award is in recognition of Doña Ana County's achievement in reducing county auto claims by 41 percent compared to the previous year.

"Our RAP program is entering its seventh year, and this is the latest in a string of awards we've received related to the success of the program and the enthusiastic nature by which our employees have embraced a culture of safety and loss prevention," said Doña Ana County Safety and Loss Control Officer Ron Burick. "I'm proud of this team, and the 2017 award is further proof of the fact that we are making great progress and showing leadership for other governmental entities to emulate."

For the last seven years, Doña Ana County has participated in NMAC's Risk Awareness Program (RAP), which is a weekly workplace risk-control educational program that



aims to reduce the frequency and severity of county claims through better risk awareness and safety practices.

NMAC Risk Manager Taylor Horst said the RAP Award "recognizes how employees' commitment to safety awareness has resulted in better safety practices and cost savings to the county."

The New Mexico Association of Counties is a non-profit, nonpartisan association representing and serving New Mexico's 33 counties. As a professional association of county elected officials and employees.

NMAC supports and promotes the idea that all county elected officials and professional county employees should have the opportunity to act together to solve problems and to work for the progress of counties in New Mexico.

NMAC provides numerous programs and services to counties including legislative representation, self-insurance, legal assistance and professional development. For more information, visit www.nmcounties.org.

Applicants sought for seat on CRRUA P&Z

The Camino Real Regional Utility Authority (CRRUA) is seeking applications from residents within the city limits of Sunland Park to serve in an open seat for a two-year term on the Extra-Territorial Planning and Zoning Commission (ETZ P&Z).

The ETZ P&Z consists of a five-member board of volunteers, two of whom must reside within the City of Sunland Park, two of whom must reside within the ETZ area, and one who resides outside of those two areas.

The open seat will require that all applicants reside within the City of Sunland Park. Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 17.

The ETZ P&Z assists CRRUA with the administration of the subdivision, as well as zoning, planning and platting regulations for a 56-square-mile area adjacent to and west

of the City of Sunland Park.

The ETZ P&Z reviews land-use and development matters at public hearings scheduled for the first Monday of each month.

Each applicant must send a letter of intent, current resume and three references to CRRUA, P.O. Box 429, Sunland Park, N.M. 88063 or hand-deliver to 4950 McNutt Road, Sunland Park, N.M., or fax to (575) 589-1185, attention: Brent Westmoreland.

For further information call (575) 589-1075 or visit the Camino Real Regional Authority website at <http://www.crrua.org/> or the Doña Ana County website at www.donaanacounty.org.

A selection for the new P&Z commissioner will be announced at an upcoming CRRUA board meeting.

Brown asserts county is not a 'sanctuary'

Despite threats from the Trump Administration regarding a halt in federal funding to so-called 'sanctuary' political subdivisions across the United States, the 2017 New Mexico Legislature is considering a bill that would designate the state as a sanctuary for refugees and undocumented immigrants.

Doña Ana County Manager Julia T. Brown, meanwhile, is on record saying that Doña Ana County is not a sanctuary county.

"We are not a sanctuary county," Brown said. "The definition of a sanctuary county is one that has adopted a policy of protecting illegal immigrants by not prosecuting them for violating federal immigration laws. Our county government does not have the authority to prosecute anyone; that responsibility is within the domain of the District Attorney and in some instances the Attorney General or a special prosecutor. To further elaborate, the County is NOT a sanctuary or safe haven community, and has never described itself as one. We take the position that we provide services to our residents and that we respect the dignity and privacy of residents. Moreover, it is not the job of the county to ascertain the immigration status of residents unless a law or provisions of a federal program in which we participate requires us to make such inquiries."

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Three of David Morales' students from Mayfield High School accepted a proclamation in his honor during the House of Representatives' legislative session. Left to right are: LCPS Superintendent Emeritus, Dr. Steven Sanchez; Annalysia Elliott; Serena Luna; Lucinda Moreno; and LCPS Superintendent Greg Ewing. Morales' many achievements, including the New Mexico Teacher of the Year award, were recognized during the session.

Teacher honored by Legislature

BULLETIN REPORT

Mayfield High School social studies teacher David Morales has been honored by the New Mex-



MORALES

ico House of Representatives as the 2016 New Mexico Teacher of the Year. A proclamation of recognition, sponsored by Rep. Dennis Roch (R) of Logan, was read Jan. 30 before the House. A family emergency prevented Morales from accepting the proclamation in person, but three of his students, along with LCPS Superintendent Greg Ewing and former interim Superintendent Steven Sanchez, were there in his stead.

The Mayfield students attending were 11th graders Lucinda Moreno and Annalysia Elliott, and 10th grader Serena Luna.

"He's a fantastic educator and one of the most passionate advocates for

students that I've ever met," said Roch, who is chairman of the New Mexico Legislative Education Study Committee and a member of the House Education Committee.

"He is an exemplary teacher and cares greatly for his students," said Rep. Bill McCamley (D) of Doña Ana County. Speaking from the House floor, McCamley called Morales "a bedrock ... in guiding our students."

The proclamation also recognized Morales' involvement with the LCPS Involving Parents in Education (IPE) program, the Mayfield Credit Recovery Night School, the ENLACE program (Engaging Latinos Communities for Education), and a summer academy for English Language Learners.

Morales is also the 2016 Las Cruces Public School Teacher of the Year, and was the 2013 recipient for the Excellence for Student Achievement Award by the Las Cruces Board of Education.

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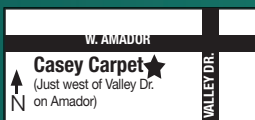
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Doña Ana County senators chosen for key positions

By BILLY HUNTSMAN
Las Cruces Bulletin

Two Doña Ana Democratic senators were appointed as new chairs of the Senate Education and Conservation Committees for the duration of the 60-day New Mexico Legislative Session. Sen. Bill Soules, a retired high-school teacher and elementary-school principal, now chairs the Education Committee, having



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previously served as vice-chair. Sen. Joseph Cervantes, a Las Cruces attorney who was raised on a farm, now chairs the Conservation Committee, having previously served as a member.

"I appreciate this opportunity from my senate colleagues, and leading the committee entrusted with the future of our state's natural resources," Cervantes said in a New Mexico Senate Democrats press release. "Our family has farmed alongside the Rio Grande for four generations, and I am reminded daily of these valuable but fragile treasures."

Soules said he is anxious to begin improving the state's schools as

"Getting New Mexico's children a world-class education must be our goal, and we have no time to waste."

WILLIAM SOULES

Doña Ana County senator

committee chair.

"Getting New Mexico's children a world-class education must be our goal, and we have no time to waste," he said in the same press release. "We will work hard to provide better solutions to help schools educate every student to their full potential, and to close the achievement gap in our state."

High-quality education is critical to enabling the state's children to compete for future jobs, Soules said.

The reappointing of chairs was unanimously approved by vote of the Senate Committees' Committee and subsequently approved by the full Democrat-majority Senate Jan. 19.

Former chair of the Conservation Committee, Santa Fe Sen. Peter Wirth, is now Senate majority floor leader, while Bernalillo and Sandoval Sen. John Sapient, Education chair since 2013, returns to the Finance Committee.



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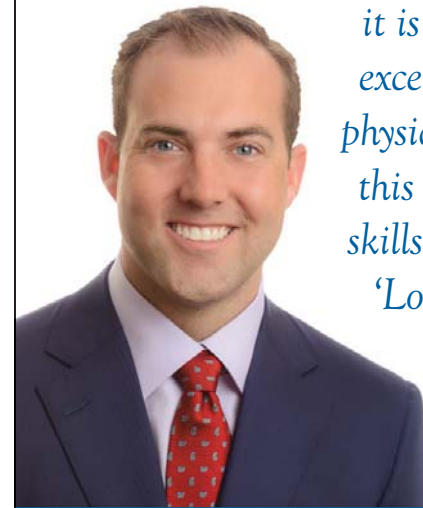
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Election season again?

School board here, Gov's race not far off

Some folks may still be suffering with campaign fatigue from the 2016 presidential election. However, in many ways, it's always election season. For New Mexicans, there are some important elections coming in both the short and near terms.

Las Cruces Public Schools School Board

School board elections are Tuesday, Feb. 7. Ray Jaramillo is unopposed in District 1, so he will fill the seat vacated by Chuck Davis.

However, in two other districts, there are multiple candidates.

In District 2, where Barbara Hall has termed out, Allison Smith, Terrie Tallman and Ronald James Fitzherbert will vie for the position. (Note that Charles Wendler will be on the ballot, but has withdrawn from the race.)

In District 3, Maria Flores, the only incumbent up for re-election, will face Wanda Bowman and Gerald Michael Miller. (Mary Lou Barrio is on the ballot, but has withdrawn.)

The winners will join District 4's Maury Castro and District 5's Ed Frank, to work with new superintendent Gregory Ewing.

So we know at least two, and potentially three board members will be new.

There is great truth to the old saying "All politics is

**RICHARD COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

local." And it doesn't get much more local than the school board. There are also school board elections for the Hatch and Gadsden districts.

If you live in a district with a contested school board election, you owe it to your chil-

dren and/or your neighbors' children to learn more about the candidates. The Bulletin published profiles of candidates in its Jan. 27 edition, and there are videos of candidate forums online.

LCPS Superintendent Gregory Ewing is barely two months into his tenure. With his arrival coinciding with the formation of a new board, the district is poised for a new era.

When you meet Ewing, two things become clear quickly. He's passionate and hopeful about students. He's also very passionate about teachers and giving them the opportunity to do what they do best.

Many of the candidates have expressed those same thoughts. If that's the case, if the superintendent and the

board are focused on students and teachers, that seems like a good place to start.

The first step begins with you, though. Go vote.

Polling places are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 7 at Jornada Elementary, Doña Ana County Government Center, Las Alturas Fire Station, Mayfield High School, Lynn Middle School, Hillrise Elementary School, Thomas Branigan Library, Tombaugh Elementary and University Hills Elementary. Voters of all districts may vote in any location.

Governor of New Mexico

Monday, Jan. 30, many attendees of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's Las Cruces Days in Santa Fe sat down to a hearty breakfast at the Hotel Eldorado.

They may also have gotten a sneak preview of a 2018 gubernatorial debate.

True, that election is almost two years away, but campaigning for the June 6, 2018, primary will likely be in full swing a year from now, if not sooner.

So, if you squinted your eyes a bit, and looked a little into the future that Monday morning, you saw not Democratic State Sen. Joseph Cervantes, but Democratic-candidate-for-governor Joseph Cervantes.

Likewise, Republican Lt. Gov. John Sanchez, who followed Cervantes with his speech to the crowd, looked a lot like Republican-candidate-for-governor John Sanchez.

Quite a few statewide Democratic leaders are publicly or privately jockeying for position for the primary election. Already announced is U.S. Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham, who has statewide name recognition and a solid voter base in New Mexico's most populous region, the Albuquerque area. New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas and others may also throw a hat in the ring. Cervantes, though, has recognition of his own and a lot of experience in the state legislature.

On the Republican side, Sanchez may be the current front-runner, although U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce and Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry might ponder a run at it. Remember, Sanchez has done this before, when he was the Republican nominee against Bill Richardson in 2002.

Both Cervantes and Sanchez sounded like the real deal that morning. Of course, an awful lot of things would have to fall in just the right way for them to become candidates on the ballot, but when you're in the game, anything can happen.

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“... that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

— Thomas Jefferson

We have a national conversation going about our “rights” in society. In 1776, the three were life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, which in earlier drafts read the pursuit of property. During the time of President Franklin Roosevelt there was a push to increase the rights.

In 1941, FDR spoke about the four freedoms considered four rights that should be available to all Americans: freedom of speech, freedom to worship God, freedom from want and freedom from fear. The controversy was freedom from want and fear. Is it even possible to be free of wants and fears?

Later, Roosevelt proposed eight additional rights: the right to a useful and remunerative job. The right to earn enough money. The right of farmers to have a decent living.

Also, the right of businessmen to have freedom from unfair competition. The right of every family to a decent home. The right to adequate medical care and the right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident and unemployment.

Finally, there is the right to a good education. Not any education, a good education.

So, do you have a right to clean water and air? Do you have a right to transportation? Do you have a right to retire when you wish? Do you have a right to entertainment?

The problem is that some rights come with a price tag. Someone must pay; who will that be? If each of us has the right to a good education, do we have to pay for it? Is it a right and other Americans must provide this or medical care regardless of whether we pay because it's a right?

That is a slippery slope when we start taking the productive ability of Americans and, without compensation, giving their productiveness to other Americans. It is like the notion of a 100 percent tax on some people. Sounds like government would get lots of money but that is not true because if we were taxed at 100 percent, taxed such that we received nothing for working, it is likely we would quit.

It's a convenient talking point that all Americans have a right to adequate medical care. Do they have that right without compensation to the people providing the care? Do care professionals have a right to be compensated? Where is the line?

Years ago, I was working as a school photographer and that day set up at an elementary school in Tucumcari, New Mexico. During the morning, a



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Doña Ana County had a successful turnout for the general election. I challenge us to keep the momentum going and vote in the upcoming school board election. Voting for the president is important, but getting out to vote for our local elected officials is smart. People are the heart of democracy so everyone should vote in every election.

Furthermore, at the core of democracy is its potential for inclusiveness, which can only be achieved through participation. Participation makes democracy work. However, increased participation does not automatically create an inclusive system or government, nor does voting. It is simply a first step to getting more

people involved and further engaged with their local government. Voting in every election can begin a habit of being informed of the process, getting to know your local officials, and overall, becoming more familiar and engaging with our local government.

It is time to vote in your local school board election.



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There are open seats in Las Cruces Public School district, Hatch Valley Public School district and Gadsden Independent School district. In Hatch there is also a general obligation school bond question.

On Jan. 13, the election season started and early voting began during regular office hours in the County Clerk's office in the DAC Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. You can also request an absentee ballot to vote by mail.

Feb. 7 is election day and the last day to vote. Voting locations will be open across the county from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information on locations and candidates, please contact the office at 575-647-7428 or visit our website www.dacelections.com.

Voting in every election can be the door to being more involved and participating in local government, which will then result in policies and laws that are inclusive. I think we can all agree that everyone's voices and lived experiences should be at the table when making decisions. The more people that participate in

democracy, the better the outcome because decisions are based on diversity rather than a small majority. The value of democracy is the continual process of engaging each other.

The starting point of democracy is the value of each individual and their ability to participate.

Participation is inclusion, and at its best, democracy achieves unity of differences while preserving the autonomy and value of each individual. In other words, democracy needs you to work. Don't let it, and yourself, down. Be informed, be involved and vote in every election.

SWICKARD

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rough looking hombre walked up to the seat and before sitting down said to me, "I've got a Constitutional right not to smile."

I said, "You've got it Bud." He was happy and looked happy as I took the picture. I understood

that he didn't want one of those cheesy pictures. He wanted dignity. I was glad to give it to him but I didn't think it a Constitutional right. It was professional.

How do we deal when two people with rights are in conflict? It is like the question: if one endangered species is eating another endangered species what should we

do? It is tough to decide since if you do not let the first species eat that species will die. And if you do, then the other species becomes more endangered. It is fundamentally the same issue with rights.

The Income Tax instituted in 1913 takes part of your productivity. It is considered the right of society to take your

productivity. How much of a right is there? Can you take most of someone's wages because of the supposed right of redistribution? Very slippery slope. Maybe we should go back to only three rights.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reform tax code to increase revenue

To the editor:

I agree with Jerry Nachison that New Mexico has a mess to fix. While he fixates on bringing new tax revenue into the state's coffers, I fail to see how raising taxes will improve our economic situation.


The fact is that New Mexico spends a lot more than its neighbors (nearly double per-person what Texas spends). The truth is that plenty of spending can be cut to right-size state government. We have outlined myriad ways to do this in ways that could contribute to bi-partisan compromise.

The best opportunity to increase revenue is to reform our tax code as is being discussed by Reps. Jason Harper and McCamley (an Albuquerque Republican and a Las Cruces Democrat).

Revenue-neutral tax reform along the lines they are proposing would eliminate "tax pyramiding" and business-to-business tax problems caused by our unique gross receipts tax. These features make New Mexico singularly unattractive for entrepreneurs and small businesses.

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Congressman urges preservation of federal lands

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**
Las Cruces Bulletin

A U.S. House of Representatives bill to direct the Secretary of Interior to sell certain federal lands in the West currently awaits action in the Committee on Natural Resources.

House Bill 621 would apply to lands in New Mexico as well as Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming.

Meanwhile Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop, R-Utah, has been urging the Trump Administration to abolish some national monuments comprising 270 million acres

and turn them over to state control to be used however the states see fit. Included in his proposal are the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Monument, Rio Grande del Norte National Monument, Bandelier National Monument and White Sands National Monument.

Raúl Grijalva, an Arizona Democrat in the U.S. House of Representatives and the second-most senior member in the Republican-majority House Committee on Natural Resources, visited New Mexico recently to argue against the transferring of federal lands to state or private ownership.

“Public lands are about



people, not partisan politics,” he said. “This trip is about uniting to preserve America’s greatest natural places so the

people can continue to enjoy them.”

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, R-N.M., recently appointed to the House

Joyce Westerberg, an opponent of state control of public lands, calls state ownership “an intermediary step toward privatizing.”

PHOTO BY BILLY HUNTSMAN

Natural Resource Committee, has asked Trump to consider reducing the 496,000-acre Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument to a 55,000-acre national monument only for the Organ Mountains.

Further, the BLM on Jan. 25 auctioned off oil and gas drilling rights to 843 acres of Chaco Canyon in northwest New Mexico. The rights sold for \$3 million. BLM officials said they needed the auction due to loss of federal royalties because of extraction efforts by operators on nearby state and private lands.

“It’s just another wealth grab by the one percent,” said Joyce Westerberg, who attended Grijalva’s appearance at White Sands National Monument.

Westerberg is a member of the Southern New Mexico Public Lands Alliance, which advocates

for federal lands to remain in federal hands.

“I am absolutely opposed to transferring federal lands to the states,” said Westerberg. “It’s just an intermediary step toward privatizing.”

Westerberg said state ownership of such lands as the White Sands National Monument and the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Monument is not cost-effective, for either the proposed state owners or for those currently using federal lands for grazing.

“To say that New Mexico could do a better job of managing public lands when they’re so broke that they’re scrounging frantically up in Santa Fe just to close the budget gap is just a bunch of hooey,” she said.

Grijalva said he expects New Mexico to be “a frontline state” in the coming fight over the future of public lands.

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Gerald Miller seeks district 3 seat on LCPS school board

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Gerald Miller is running for the LCPS school board because he believes public education is often undervalued.

Miller, 63, spent the past 11 years teaching English at public universities in China. "Education is highly valued" in China, he said. In New Mexico, Miller said, "the state keeps cutting money, and that's not good. Education should



MILLER

be one of the first priorities." A native of Indiana, Miller lived in Las Cruces in the early 1980s and returned last September. He is retired. New LCPS Superintendent Gregory Ewing, he feels, "is good because he wants teaching first and testing second. I think that's very important."

Miller also said he is "not a big believer in teacher evaluations, "because they're too often politicized. Ideally, a good evaluation involves a lot of what co-workers think, what administrators think, what students think," he said.

Education would be improved "if people recognized everything they (teachers) do that is good instead of what people perceive as not good," Miller said.

Miller said he is

spending less money on his campaign than either of his two opponents in the district. There is "too much money in politics," he said. He is conducting a door-to-door campaign, talking to neighbors.

Las Cruces, he said, could be a national model because of the way it treats immigrants and different cultural groups. "It's overall a very good community to live in," he said.



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Opponents

Gerald Miller's opponents for the Las Cruces Board of Education, District 3, Wanda Bowman and Maria Flores, were featured in last week's Bulletin. Those stories can be accessed at www.lascrucesbulletin.com in the e-edition archives for Jan. 27. Early voting continues until 5 p.m. today, Feb. 3, at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Nine voting convenience centers, printed in the Jan. 27 Bulletin, will be open on Election Day, Feb. 7.

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Sen. Joseph Cervantes (D-Doña Ana-31) addresses the crowd about the goals and challenges of the 2017 legislative session during a legislative breakfast held by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce during Las Cruces Day at Santa Fe.



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ABOVE: Lt. Gov. John Sanchez addresses the crowd during a legislative breakfast held Monday, Jan. 30 at Eldorado Hotel & Spa during Las Cruces Day at Santa Fe, hosted by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.

RIGHT: GLCCC Chair Rick Jackson and CEO & President Debbi Moore take a selfie with the crowd of Las Cruces gathered at the Business Brunch at Eldorado Hotel & Spa during Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe.



GLCCC President & CEO Debbi Moore rallies the crowd during events at Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe, a gathering of Las Cruces who visited Santa Fe to discuss and lobby for legislative priorities for Doña Ana County, as set forth by the Doña Ana County Legislative Coalition.



Center spreads awareness of gender complexities

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Transgender Resource Network of New Mexico (TGRCNM), based in Albuquerque, recently came to Las Cruces for a presentation on the basics of understanding the transgender movement.

Adrien Lawyer, a transgender man (meaning he was born a female and underwent surgery and hormone therapy to transition to a man) is co-director of TGRCNM.

“Don’t get too attached to terminology,” Lawyer said. “Because it’s always changing. Transgender people are not new—there’s strong historical and archaeological record that we’ve always existed from the beginning of humankind—but our civil rights movement is new. So we’re still working out the language.”

The terms are not important; it’s the underlying ideas, Lawyer said.

“All human beings have these four things: Assigned sex at birth,

gender—their internal gender—gender expression, and sexual orientation,” Lawyer said.

Gender is a difficult concept, Lawyer said. Why, at two years old, did he know

he was male, though he was living as a female? He doesn’t know even today, but is happier as a man than he was as a woman.

Gender expression is the external identification of gender, such as dressing as a man or a woman. It is not a way to identify gender, Lawyer said, because someone may dress in a way that is contrary to his or her internal gender for fear of discrimination and/or violence.

Sexual orientation has nothing to do with someone’s gender, Lawyer said. “Trans people are not all gay.”

There are also bisexual trans (attracted to males and females), asexual

trans (having little to no sexual desire), and pansexual trans (having no fixed attraction to any one gender).

Lawyer said the definition of transgender is someone whose

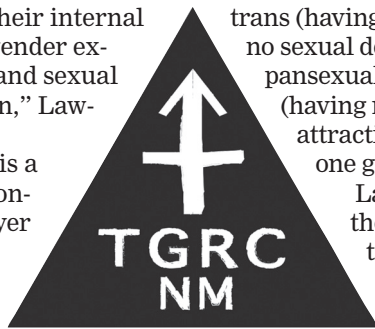
assigned sex at birth does not fully align with his or her internal gender.

“There’s nothing medical in the definition,” Lawyer said, emphasizing that surgery and hormone therapy are not necessary components of identifying as transgender.

“Cisgender refers to someone whose assigned sex at birth and their internal gender does match up,” Lawyer said.

Lawyer said one in 100 people are transgender, whether living as such or not. One in a hundred people also have red hair.

“But we don’t kill people for having red hair,” Lawyer said. “We don’t deny them a lease on an apartment or a job, and



“We can’t continue to kid ourselves that we do it for them. We do it for us. It’s for normalcy, the two-flavor system.”

ADRIEN LAWYER

Referring to parents of intersex children

for trans folks, those are still very real instances of discrimination and violence that we’re facing every day.”

Intersex refers to someone who has the reproductive organs of both males and females. This word has replaced the offensive ‘hermaphrodite,’ Lawyer said, another normal human variation, not an abnormality.

“We really do violence to this group,” Lawyer said. “If a baby is obviously atypical, we usually medically intervene on them. We do surgeries on their genitals when they’re just a few days old.”

Lawyer said often these individuals grow up with a confused sense of themselves and when they find out about the surgery performed on them at

such as intersex people, are considered aberrant and in need of correction, Lawyer said.

People can also be non-binary, neither fully masculine nor fully feminine. Trans male, trans female, intersex, and non-binary are examples of genders outside the traditional binary system.

Lawyer said trans people face often can’t find suitable physical and mental health care. TGRCNM works to connect trans people with sympathetic health care and legal service providers.

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With abortion clinic's closure, group seeks to build 'culture of life'

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In September 2014, Las Cruces' first abortion clinic opened on Lohman. Not three years later, on Jan. 25, 2017, that same clinic vanished without notification.

Local pro-life advocates, such as the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization Coalition for Life of Las Cruces, rejoiced and lined the sidewalk adjacent to Dion's, where the Whole Woman's Health

had been located.

"This has been our goal since day one," said Mark Cavaliere, director of the coalition.

What started as a part-time endeavor has evolved into full-time work, thanks to a December fundraiser that raised \$83,000.

But even when they weren't working full-time, Cavaliere said the organization was working hard to match the persistence of Las Cruces' pro-life community, including five

biannual 40 Days for Life campaigns in the spring and fall. Each campaign has attracted more than 250 Las Cruceans from different churches of denominations to stand and pray on the sidewalk from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day for 40 days straight.

The volunteers are "sidewalk advocates for life" who have been praying and encouraging people who may turn into the clinic to learn about alternatives to abortion.

"A lot of the girls who find themselves in a situation aren't pro-choice, they feel like they have no choice," Cavaliere said. "We're here to let them know that there are other peaceful options that are actually free."

Cavaliere said women often see unplanned pregnancies as crises because they are financially unprepared.

"No matter what your circumstance is, there is a peaceful alternative," Cavaliere said. "In every situation, there is a way to deal with that crisis by dealing with the environmental situation. Some of our local ministries will provide physical resources and assets — all the baby items necessary, strollers, high chairs."



PHOTO BY BILLY HUNTSMAN

Volunteers of the Coalition for Life of Las Cruces had been a familiar sight in front of an abortion clinic on Lohman, which is now closed.

Cavaliere said the organization once started a fund to buy a woman with an unplanned pregnancy a car so that she could continue working. Before the fund was fulfilled, another member of the organization donated his

own car to the woman.

"We help women to eliminate the crisis instead of the pregnancy," Cavaliere said.

Eliminating the pregnancy to also eliminate the crisis left one of the nonprofit's members devastated. Kim Shipton had an abortion 20 years ago and regrets it.

"I was in a situation where I was alone, my boyfriend was absent," she said. "I felt like I didn't have any choices whatsoever."

Shipton said there was little time between her pregnancy confirmation by a doctor and the abortion procedure. She said she felt rushed by the doctors and nurses, even though at the time, she said, she told them she wanted to wait for her boyfriend to reappear.

"I look back on those memories and it just really haunts me to think that if I could have had more time, if I could have had an ultrasound, I think I could have made a better decision for myself," she said.

Shipton began attending church again in 2007 and then found the Coalition for Life, with which she's found healing.

She says pro-lifers are not only pro-baby, but are also pro-woman. "Maybe back in the old days, women would be told they can't have a baby and go to school and work. But women are strong and that's what we're telling them. It's really empowering."

The coalition will now focus on a second abortion clinic in Doña Ana County, in Santa Teresa.

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Education, student leadership highlight NMSU's Black History Month

By **KRISTIE GARCIA**
For the Bulletin

Festus Addo-Yobo, director of Black Programs at New Mexico State University, agrees with Martin Luther King Jr.'s principle, "Nonviolence chooses love instead of hate." And he would like NMSU's Black History Month in February to reflect that.

Addo-Yobo says the community should come together despite any differences.

"We can be different, but that doesn't mean that, culturally, we can't come together," Addo-Yobo said. "Differences do exist, but we do have a common denominator in that we really want to be free, we want to understand each other and we want to be in a society that is progressive."

The month-long celebration is an opportunity to create awareness and strengthen relationships. Meligha Garfield, peer mentor for NMSU Black Programs and advisor for the NMSU Black Students Association, said education is a major focus of

this year's celebration.

New this year is The Black by Southwest Student Summit, at which students from about 10 regional colleges will attend.

The celebration is sponsored by Aggies Activities Council, Associated Students of NMSU, NMSU Black Programs, NMSU Black Students Association, NMSU English Department and NMSU Teaching Academy.

All events are free. For more information, call 575-646-4208.

Black History Month events at NMSU



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Friday, Feb. 10 (8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.)

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Black by Southwest Student Summit
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Rep. Gomez sponsors hemp bill

BULLETIN REPORT

Rep. Bealquin “Bill” Gomez (D-La Mesa) wants to open up New Mexico to the industrial hemp market with the creation of the New Mexico Industrial Hemp Research and Development Fund.

Rep. Gomez presented HB 144 to the House Agriculture and Water Resources Committee on Thursday, Feb. 2.

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Recent economic estimates suggest the U.S. market for industrial hemp is, at minimum, \$600 million a year. Hemp requires little fertilizer or water and thrives just about anywhere. It is a low-cost, low-effort crop.

In 2014, the federal Farm Bill allowed states to grow hemp when partnering with their Departments of Agriculture or licensed universities. Since then, 31 states have passed laws creating hemp pilot studies and/or hemp production.

LCPD responds to immigration policy

The Las Cruces Police Department has issued a statement that its focus is local law enforcement, not the enforcement of federal immigration laws. The statement follows President Trump’s executive actions on immigration that include constructing the border wall between the U.S. and Mexico and stripping sanctuary cities of federal grant funding.

“Our primary purpose is protecting the residents of Las Cruces by enforcing local laws,” said Police

Chief Jaime Montoya. “If an undocumented foreign national is arrested and jailed in Las Cruces, LCPD will notify the appropriate federal agency, but our officers don’t seek out people here in violation of federal immigration laws.”

LCPD employees are not authorized to detain or arrest any person solely on the basis of their nationality or ethnicity.

Other sections of the LCPD general orders regarding undocumented

foreign nationals include:

- Commissioned employees shall not inquire about or seek proof of a person’s immigration status unless the person is in custody or is a suspect in an investigation for a non-immigration criminal violation.

- Commissioned employees may call federal immigration officials to the scene of a detention or investigation when the immigration status of an individual is discovered through the self-disclosure of the person stopped.

- If the department receives a call for service regarding possible federal immigration law violations, the caller shall be referred to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for further follow up.

- Commissioned employees may inform federal immigration officials of the whereabouts of suspected undocumented foreign nationals when

the suspect is:

1. Arrested for a non-immigration criminal violation.

2. A previously deported felon.

3. Reasonably believed to be participating in criminal street gang activity.

In further response to Trump’s action on immigration, Montoya stated, “I do believe that the relationship between our department and immigrant communities will suffer. We have worked hard on building our community relationships and trust throughout our community as a whole. If we start asking for immigration status, and calling U.S. Border Patrol or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, our immigrant community will stop calling LCPD for fear of deportation. Nobody should be victimized and hesitate calling us. The public’s safety is our concern, not immigration status.”

Local leaders graduate from Leadership New Mexico program

FOR THE BULLETIN



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Leadership New Mexico has announced that five persons from the Las Cruces area are among 33 statewide young professionals who recently graduated from its 10th Connect New Mexico “The Next Generation of Leadership” Program:

They are Justin Bannister, interim associate vice-president for marketing and communications, New Mexico State University; Christopher Dulany, financial advisor, Edward Jones; Clarissa Gonzalez, electronics technician, U.S. Army, White Sands Missile Range; Nikki Jurado, budget analyst, U.S. Army ATEC, White Sands Missile Range; and Brian Littlejohn, general manager, Allen Theatres, Inc.

Open to 25-40 year-olds, the program offers young professionals the opportunity to develop personal leadership skills, learn how New Mexico systems and structures work, and explore critical issues facing the state. Participants represent various geographic regions from the public, private, governmental, and non-profit sectors.

Leadership New Mexico was founded in 1995 as a statewide organization dedicated to identifying and enhancing leadership throughout New Mexico. Participants are from diverse ethnic, gender, regional, and business backgrounds. More than 1,400 participants from 83 communities have participated in its programs.

Leadership New Mexico is accepting applications for the 2017-2018 Connect New Mexico “The Next Generation of Leadership”

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Budget deficit cuts into justice system

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico has a court crisis.

That's the conclusion of Las Cruces judge Marci Beyer, who recently spoke on the systemic problems in the state's justice system in a presentation hosted by the New Mexico State University Criminal Justice Department.

The criminal justice system is much less effective than it was during her time as both a public defender and a prosecutor, said Beyer, the Third Judicial District judge.

"We (Las Cruces) have about 1,400 new felony cases that are filed and we have two judges (U.S. District Judges Robert C. Brack and Kenneth J. Gonzales) that are trying to handle that docket," Beyer said.

There are also between 400 and 500 probation violations each year, Beyer said, that have to be brought to court. There is some overlap between the probation violations and the new felonies, as the felonies often result in violations.

"For myself, I'm handling about 350 juvenile delinquency cases a year with about 100 probation violations," Beyer said, for a total of about 450 cases a year.

The crisis is exacerbated by impending budget cuts as a result of reduced funding from the state, Beyer said.

The state Judiciary's

budget in the current fiscal year is \$156 million. That's down from \$162 million in FY2016. That could result in court closures, including drug courts. There are currently 45 active drug courts in the state, according to the New Mexico Courts website. These courts are "treatment-oriented," offering "diversion programs," Beyer said, to keep people out of jails and prisons.

Now, Beyer said, the state's level of incarceration will rise.

"We all know that incarceration's an extremely expensive option, not just dollar-wise but it's very costly to our society," she said.

New Mexico public defenders — government-subsidized lawyers for those who can't afford a lawyer — have anywhere between two and four times the recommended caseloads at any one time, up to 300 cases each. In October 2016, the Hobbs Public Defender Office stopped taking clients for 90 days because, Beyer said, the quality of its work was being hurt by the quantity of its clients.

The judges in New Mexico's two criminal courts (the Metropolitan and the U.S. District) typically have 25 cases a day each, and six public defenders and six district attorneys to defend and prosecute the plaintiffs.

"Prosecutors don't have time to prepare good cases for prosecution," Beyer said. "And I've had public

defenders who have come in the first day of a trial and met their client for the very first time."

"Who suffers?" Beyer said. "The people who are arrested, put in detention centers, and then a year later the DA gets around to looking at their case and decides it's not a good case."

Other times serious cases are reduced to less serious, even minor transgressions, to keep the whole system moving. Releasing people guilty of serious crimes but who have pled to a lesser offense "is not a good protection of society," Beyer said.

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IN THE NEWS

Doña Ana Historical Society presents honors at annual banquet

On January 28, the Doña Ana County Historical Society held its 50th annual awards banquet at the Double Eagle in Mesilla, according to a press release. The awards event was started in 1967 as a pushback against urban renewal in Las Cruces and its destruction of many historic properties. Today the historical society continues to honor those who preserve the Mesilla Valley's historical culture and recognize still endangered properties.

Awards this year included:

- An Old Timer's Award to the City of Las Cruces for recreating a typical New Mexico plaza with Plaza de Las Cruces.
- John Smith was inducted into the Hall of Fame for his continuing work with Friends of Fort Selden.
- The Friends of Fort Selden received the Heritage Award for their efforts to provide educational reenactment events concerning 19th century life in southern

New Mexico.

- Author David Thomas received the Pasajero Del Camino Real Award for his book *Screen With A Voice: A History of Motion Pictures in Las Cruces*.

- Another Old Timer's Award was given to the Friends of Pat Garrett in order to recognize the "Pat Garrett Murder Site" just east of town in the Alameda Arroyo. The group is trying to get the site recognized by the state as an official historical site.

- Finally, an abandoned cemetery in old Picacho was singled out as an "endangered property" since it is being overrun by desert brush and illegal dumping.

NMSU visual arts facility renovation underway

D.W. Williams Hall is on the fast track. The \$22.5 million approved by voters a couple of months ago as part of General Obligation Bond C will turn the 78-year-old gymnasium that currently houses the NMSU Department of Art and University Art Gallery into a state-of-the-art visual arts facility.

Ammu Devasthali spearheaded the effort to raise the hundreds of thousands

of dollars needed to start the design process before the bond was approved. Once construction is complete, an additional \$1 million is needed to purchase furnishings and updated equipment for the facility. Devasthali is leading the effort to raise those funds with help from members of the D.W. Williams Hall Renovation Project Committee. Devasthali and her husband Rama have pledged \$250,000 in matching funds for those who donate to the D.W. Williams Hall renovation project.

To contribute and have your gift matched by Ammu and Rama Devasthali, visit the NMSU Foundation website at <http://nmsu.life/G> or contact Andrea Tawney at 575-646-4917.

Vista College makes top 20 fundraising companies for heart walk

Las Cruces Campus raised \$3,899 for American Heart Association

Vista College was one of the top 20 fundraising companies for the 2016 Dallas Heart Walk, the American Heart Association's annual premiere event for raising funds to save lives from the U.S.'s No. 1 and No. 5 killers: heart dis-

ease and stroke. In 2016, over 400 Vista College staff and families participated, raising \$62,200 – a 65 percent increase in the amount the company raised in 2015. Vista's Las Cruces campus raised \$3,899.

"It is an honor to be ranked as #19 of all Dallas company participants with our fundraising totals," said Jim Tolbert, CEO, Vista College. "This is incredible given our size compared to all corporations in Dallas. This year, our company has moved up six spots from our ranking last year by increasing our participation numbers and raising a significant amount of additional funds. I couldn't be more proud of all of our campuses and their involvement, which demonstrates the dedication of our employees toward such a worthy cause."

DACC welding program retains accredited designation

The DACC Welding program was informed of the successful completion of its third annual on-site audit by the American Welding Society (AWS).

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Police department works to improve local traffic safety

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Officers of the Las Cruces Police Department (LCPD) issued about 12,000 traffic citations in 2016, including more than 2,000 for violations of the city cell-phone ordinance, and made 380 arrests for DWI, LCPD Lt. Kiri Daines told the Jan. 23 Las Cruces City Council.

Police officers conducted 24 DWI checkpoints and 46 DWI patrols in Las Cruces in 2016, said Daines, who oversees the operations of the department's

traffic unit. They also dealt with 4,348 car crashes during the year, she said.

Daines said periodic enforcement projects, which were conducted in 2016 and will continue in the future, allow police to study traffic speed and flow, provide active enforcement and improve community education.

Data analysis helps guide traffic safety issues, including engineering, enforcement and education, she said.

Community education includes officers informing drivers about child safety seats, using

seat belts and other safety issues, Daines said. The goal, she said, is to make traffic stops "positive vs. punitive."

The department conducts monthly car-seat clinics, Daines said, holds victim impact panels, participates in drug court, the DARE program, the schools' Safe Routes to Schools program and the local bicycle coalition.

Engineering to assist with safety includes traffic calming, she said, which the Institute of Transportation Engineers defines as "the combination of mainly physical measures that

reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior and improve conditions for non-motorized street users." Traffic calming devices include speed humps and narrower roadways, according to www.ite.org.

Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith said additional signage about the city's cell-phone ordinance is needed on highways leading into Las Cruces, near interstates and on major streets. The ordinance bars driving while using a cell phone, texting or emailing.

"The numbers of people we're seeing driving with their cell-

phones in their hands is a little frustrating," Smith said. "Why do we have that law if we can't enforce it?"

Councillor Ceil Levatino said she has concerns about some drivers on Sonoma Ranch Blvd. who regularly run stop signs and red lights. "They don't even touch the brakes; they are just flying through there," she said.

Daines said LCPD has a total of 15 officers in the traffic unit, with two vacancies. She said there are eight officers on duty "actively responding" to traffic issues at any time.

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The program was re-accredited as an AWS Accredited Test Facility (ATF). By achieving a successful audit, the welding program can continue to offer certified testing for individuals hoping to achieve national credentialing



in welding. The Doña Ana Community College (DACC) welding technology program has been an ATF since 2013.

Collectively, welding faculty have achieved 190 welding certifications using five processes. The instructors have more than 150 years of cumulative experience in the aerospace, pressure vessel, nuclear component, and general fabrication industries.

At DACC, the program is accredited by AWS and taught by nationally qualified instructors. The program is competency and performance based, consisting of lectures and hands-on laboratory exercises. Students learn to weld steels, stainless steels, chrome-moly steel and aluminum alloy plate and pipe with different processes.

White Sands FCU promotes Andres Corral

White Sands Federal Credit Union announces the promotion of Andres Corral to Branch Manager of the Truth or Consequences branch. Corral has been employed at White Sands FCU for 10 years, and has been a teller, collections officer, loan officer and assistant branch manager. Corral holds an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Dona Ana Community College and is currently enrolled at New Mexico State University, perusing a degree in Finance. Additional information can be found at wsfcu.org.

Southern New Mexico organizations share Blue Cross/Blue Shield grants

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico (BCBSNM) donated more than \$1.2 million dollars in community grants and sponsorships in 2016, collaborating with 86 community partners across including Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach and Roadrunner Food Bank. In addition, 312 BCBSNM employees donated more than 11,000 volunteer hours to a wide variety of organizations in the community.

"We are proud of our long-term relationships and our new connections with community partners who share in our mission to lead New Mexicans towards better health," said Janice Torrez, divisional vice president of external affairs and chief of staff. "BCBSNM invests its time in volunteer hours and community outreach and its corporate contributions to address the most pressing health and social challenges facing our state."

BCBSNM's 2016 grant recipients include: Albuquerque OASIS, Cuidando Los Ninos, Roadrunner Food Bank, disaster relief during the summer's Dog Head fire and Special Olympics of New Mexico.



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Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Mexico presented a check for \$25,000 to Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach.

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Loyad E. Anderson

LOYAD EARL ANDERSON, 63, of Las Cruces, NM, peacefully returned to his Heavenly home on Monday, January 16, 2017. Loyad was surrounded by the ones who he lived for, laughed with and unconditionally loved.

Loyad was born to Olan and Anna Anderson on May 14, 1953 in Garfield, NM and was raised on the family farm in Hatch alongside his sister Carol. He grew up playing basketball and football for the Hatch Valley Bears and graduated High School in 1971. After graduating High School, Loyad attended NMSU, and then later transferred to BYU in Utah where he enjoyed his time on the slopes.

After a few years of venturing out on his own, Loyad returned to the Hatch Valley to accept his calling to be a farmer. He began with a small 20 acre plot and grew to 4,000+ acres during his 39 year career. When Loyad wasn't farming, he enjoyed fishing with his family and friends. But, his greatest joy was always to be with his four aces, Bethanie, Ashley, Zack and Seth.

Loyad is survived by his four children, Bethanie Anderson-Tillery (Joshua), Ashley Anderson, Zack Anderson and Seth Anderson; his grandchildren Victoria Tillery, Addalynn Anderson and Tristan Tillery; his mother Anna Anderson; his sister Carol Anderson-Jimenez (Raul); the mother of his children DeeDee Anderson; his oldest friend Mr. Bill Cox as well as many other close relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his

father, Olan Anderson; his grandparents, Loyad and Lola Wiley, Earl and Lydia Anderson; his aunt, Jean Dickson and uncles, FJ Dickson and Frank Anderson.

A graveside service was held on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 10 AM at Garden of Memories Cemetery in Hatch, NM.

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versity of North Texas trumpet master, spiritual singer/songwriter, peace and civil rights activist, union organizer (AFM local#466, local#1000), musical ambassador to Las Cruces' sister cities: Lerdo, Mexico and Nienburg, Germany, co-founder of the Las Cruces Music in the Park series, the Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society, and the Howling Coyote Coffeehouse/Open Mic, producer of numerous concerts including El Paso's Music Under the Stars, golden voice and trumpet and last leader of the Mike Caranda Orchestra, leader of the Mesilla Valley Swing Band, Austin High School's 2016 "Outstanding Ex", father of Jill, Cristin, and Kenny, grandfather of Kendall, Ashley, Jessica, Matt, Sydney, and Chloe, great-grandfather of Kaleb, Kason, Lily and Jacob, loving husband and singing partner of Melody, and friend to so many, has left this earth to play Herald trumpet with the angels and to laugh and have long debates with the creator of the universe. His Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday February 11th at 1:00 pm at the Rio Grande Theatre in Las Cruces. Though he loved flowers, he would prefer donations be made to the Bob Burns Jazz Scholarship Fund (checks made to MVJBS P.O.Box 3031 Mesilla Park, NM 88047), First Christian Church-Las Cruces, KRWG, KTEP, Dona Ana Arts Council, or a place of your choice in his honor.

Luis A. Vazquez

LUIS ANTONIO VAZQUEZ, age 31, of Las

Cruces died Monday, January 23, 2017 at Memorial Medical Center. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.



Jean E. Thomas

Jean Ellis Thomas, wife, mother, teacher, friend and grandmother died peacefully on Jan. 23 four days before her 97th birthday. Jean was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho, the third child of Mack and Gertrude Ellis. At the age of eight, the family moved to the wild and beautiful Crooked Creek ranch in the Rocky Mountains of Idaho. The family survived the Great Depression by augmenting the produce from their excellent garden with sage hens in the summer and deer in the winter. Jean's parents believed in education, and after attending the country school her parents organized, she boarded with an aunt in Idaho Falls to finish high school. Jean went on to graduate from the University of Idaho, and then landed her first teaching job in Preston, Idaho. In World War II, she joined the Navy WAVES.

Jean's life paralleled the life of her husband who she knew growing up, referring to him as one of the good looking Thomas sons who lived on a nearby ranch. She married Gerald W. Thomas after the war, and they began their life's journey together. From their time in Bryan, Texas where Gerald received his PhD to the many friends they

made in Lubbock, Texas where Gerald served as Dean of Agriculture at Texas Tech University, they were always a team.

On Nov. 13, 1970, Gerald was inaugurated as President of New Mexico State University. For 14 years Jean served as First Lady, welcoming and hosting thousands. Known as a graceful host and for her sense of humor, Jean never lost her love for Las Cruces and the people of New Mexico. God watched over Jean all of her life and we are grateful for how God blessed her and her family. The family is very grateful to the owners and staff of Heritage Assisted Living in Las Cruces for their kind care of Jean and Gerald (who passed away July 31, 2013) during their final days.

Jean is survived by her children David Gerald Thomas, Peggy Jeane Dimsha and husband Stan, and Marianne Shipley; two grandchildren, Amy Pope and her husband, Jimmy, and Ethan Vickery, and his wife Erin Metcalf Vickery; three great grandchildren, Kynlee Pope, Lair Vickery and Lake Vickery; and numerous extended family and friends. Jean will be buried with her beloved husband, Gerald, in Idaho where many family members are buried. A service will be held in Dubois, Idaho, in July. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in memory of Jean Thomas to the NMSU Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 3590, Las Cruces, NM 88003 for either the Gerald and Jean Thomas Endowed Scholarship or the Gary Shipley Endowed Scholarship or gifts can be

made to their church, First Presbyterian Church, 200 Boutz Road, Las Cruces, NM.

To sign the online guest book visit www.LaPaz-Grahams.com.



Adrian J. Gomez

ADRIAN JIMENEZ GOMEZ, age 21, of Las Cruces passed away Friday, January 20, 2017. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory. 527-2222



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Barbara H. Hall

BARBARA H. HALL, 82, of Las Cruces died Sunday, January 22, 2017 at La Posada - Mesilla Valley Hospice. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.



OBITUARIES

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Consuelo C. Aguirre

CONSUELO "CHELO" CHACON AGUIRRE, age 75, of Las Cruces on Saturday, January 14, 2017. Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 527-2222. For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

**Gregorio B. Ortega**

GREGORIO "GOLLO" BARRIO ORTEGA, on Sunday, January 15, 2017 at the age of 91. Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces 527-2222. Your exclusive provider for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care". For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

**James E. Stanfill**

JAMES E. STANFILL, 82, of Las Cruces died Friday, January 20, 2017 at Aristocrat Assisted Living. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

**Joseph S. Devlin**

Joseph Stuart Devlin, JR., Ph.D., 84, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on January 23, 2017. Services are pending with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.

**Luis A. Vazquez**

LUIS ANTONIO VAZQUEZ, age 31, of Las Cruces died Monday, January 23, 2017 at Memorial Medical Center. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

**Oton G. Moreno**

Our beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, OTON

G. MORENO, 82, of Leasburg entered eternal life to be with his heavenly Father on Friday, January 20, 2017 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born October 18, 1934 in Smeltertown, TX to Antonio O. and Rita Gonzales Moreno. Oton served his country honorably in the United States Air Force during the Korean War and was a member of the VFW Post #3242 and the American Legion Post #10. He retired from White Sands Missile Range as an Electrical Engineer and was also the Team Leader of the Research and Development of Missile and Laser Acquisition and Testing. Mr. Moreno was also a member of the Senior Olympics and participated in basketball, volleyball and bowling and was awarded 1st place in State and 3rd place in Regional. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

Those left to mourn his passing include two sons, Oton Moreno Jr. (Audrey) of Las Cruces, and Benjamin Moreno of Flagstaff, AZ; four daughters, Sylvia Ann Guzman, Patricia Ann Rodriguez (Alfonso), Lillian Moreno all of Las Cruces, and Rachel Veed of Colorado; two broth-

ers, Antonio Moreno of Sierra Vista, AZ and Jose Moreno of Las Cruces; two sisters, Nellie Ordaz of Cass Grandes, AZ, and Natividad May of Las Cruces. Other survivors include twenty-two grandchildren; thirty-nine great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Michael Anthony Moreno; two sisters, Emma Saiz and Rosalia Trumble.

Visitation for Mr. Moreno will begin at 6 PM Thursday, January 26, 2017 in Baca's Funeral Chapel, 300 E. Boutz Road where the Prayer Vigil is scheduled for 7 PM. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Friday, January 27, 2017 in Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1327 N. Miranda with Monsignor John E. Anderson officiating. Private burial services will be held at Fort Bayard National Cemetery with military honors accorded

Serving as casket bearers will be Eli Guzman, Antonio, Jared and Oton Moreno Jr., Anthony and Armando Rios. Honorary

bearers will be Benjamin Jr., and Justin Moreno, Isidro and Gustavo Veed, Noel and Mario Garcia, Steven, David and Robert Guzman III.

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**Paul L. Espinoza**

Paul Leo Espinoza Jr., 47, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on January 27, 2017. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.

**Reva Hart**

Reva Hart, 56, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on January 26, 2017. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.



COMING UP

Observatory open house Feb. 3

The NMSU Department of Astronomy is holding an observatory open house at the New Mexico State University campus observatories at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3 at 3415 Williams Ave. Info: 575-646-4438.

Press Women present writing workshop with Mark Medoff

The Las Cruces Press Women hosts "Writing for Stage and Screen with Mark Medoff" at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4 in the Roadrunner Room at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The event is free and open to the public but RSVP to lcpresswomen@gmail.com for a headcount.

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Chef Johnny Vee presents three cooking classes from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday -Wednesday Feb. 6-8 at 980 N. Telshor Blvd. Feb. 6: Beautiful Braising; Feb. 7: A world of vegetarian cuisine; Feb. 8: Awesome Asian Sandwiches and Steamed Buns. Info: 505-699-3419.

Diabetes Outreach February classes

Registration is now open for diabetes classes (class size limited to 12; support persons encouraged to attend.) Sessions 1, 2, and 3: 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, Wednesday, Feb. 8 and Thursday, Feb. 9 at 1320 S. Solano Drive. Classes taught in English and Spanish by T. J. Jasso, RN, BS. Info: 575-522-0289 or snmdo@snmdo.org.

Democratic Women meet Feb. 6

The Federation of Democratic Women of Doña Ana County will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6 at International Delights, 1245 El Paseo Road. Come early if you wish to order dinner or a beverage. Info: Marianne Lappin at 575-644-0444.

Educational Retirees announce new meeting time, place

The Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday Feb. 14 at the Roadrunner Room at Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Guest speaker is Paula Moore. Info: Navora Richardson at 575-523-6004 or Linda Morgan at 575-522-0203.

Youth bowling leagues meet

Las Cruces USBC invites youth ages 6-20 to join bowling leagues at 1 p.m. Sundays at Ten Pin Alley, 1201 E. Amador Ave. Leagues are ongoing through April 30. Three leagues based on age groups are available. Info: Linda Goff, 575-642-6054.

Free tax preparation offered

AARP/Community Action Agency volunteers will prepare simple federal and state tax returns through April 17 on a first-come, first-served basis. (Married-filing separately is NOT considered "simple"). Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fridays. Evening hours: 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, starting Feb. 23. Community Action Agency is located at 3880 Foothills Drive. Bring: Social Security card for each person on your return, driver's license or government-issue photo ID for you (and your spouse), 2015 tax return and all 2016 tax documents. Tax preparation on Tuesday and Friday mornings in Anthony. Info: 575-527-8799.

Vintage Wines live music

Barneymuggers: 8 to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3; Border Avenue: 8 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4; Alison Reynolds: 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5 at 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Info: 575-635-8480

Rebuilding the process of BUILDING IN LAS CRUCES

City reorganizes Building Services

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of three articles on how building projects get approved in Las Cruces and the relationship between building services and economic development.

By ALTA LeCOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

J. Ninch of Tri J. Enterprises traveled to Las Cruces from Dallas two years ago to remodel the Starbucks at 2411 Lohman Ave.

He said he picked up his permit without incident and the project was off to a great start.

“Ninety-nine percent of the inspections went great,” Ninch said.

But Ninch said he had issues with an electrical inspector who questioned an aspect of the project that didn't involve any electrical work. He ripped up a wall to satisfy the inspector. After some discussion, the issue was resolved, construction resumed and Starbucks reopened on time, Ninch said.

Many others — residential builders, developers, business owners who want to remodel or build here — have complained about the process in Las Cruces, especially about delays during the inspection process.

But without exception those The Bulletin spoke with praised the helpfulness of city hall staff and said officials are addressing the issues that

irk them.

“The staff at city hall was very friendly, helped me and worked with me. They gave me the permit while I was standing there,” Ninch said.

Multiple inspections cost time, money

Some who have had difficult experiences here say Las Cruces is the most difficult place to build.

No way, Ninch said.

“Houston,” he said without hesitation.

Houston, like Las Cruces, has multiple inspections during the construction process — separate inspections for the building itself — electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning.

Las Cruces builders complain about multiple inspections, and the Community Development Department is taking steps to streamline the process.

In Houston, Ninch said, when a portion of the project has to be inspected for a second or third time, “you never get the same guy twice.”

Houston city government, he conjectures, is too big and perhaps not as well-coordinated as it could be.

City promises change

Las Cruces, being smaller, has a better shot at addressing building services issues, and efforts in that regard have been underway since 2012.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA LeCOMPTE

Robert Kyle, acting deputy director of the city's Community Development Department and chief building official, sits behind a pile of code books the city — and all New Mexico municipalities — must adhere to when approving construction projects.

Former Las Cruces City Manager Robert Garza examined complaints brought to his attention by the Las Cruces Home Builders Association and came up with procedural changes intended to speed up permitting and inspections.

In September 2014, he outlined his proposed changes to the association.

Among Garza's innovations was the simple but symbolic gesture of tearing down the barrier that separated the public from staff who issued their permits and dealt with

their concerns.

“Part of the problem is the way we built City Hall,” Garza said. “There are walls everywhere — and closed doors. You can't talk to anybody.”

Getting something done at City Hall was like buying a movie ticket at a counter from a person behind a glass.

“We're going to take the wall down,” Garza said. “Let's start working together. City Hall is open. My door is open to you.”

New ag business welcomed in Berino

When dignitaries leave, work goes on

By ALTA LeCOMPTE

Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico Environment Secretary Butch Tongate and Agriculture Secretary Jeff Witte made history Jan. 23 on an abandoned chicken farm in Berino.

It was, participants said, the first time two cabinet secretaries attended an announcement of a new business and new jobs coming to the state. If Matt Geisel, cabinet secretary for economic development, hadn't had a prior commitment he would have been there, too, to make history by simply sitting on the temporary outdoor stage set up by the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA).

The secretaries joined Gov. Susana Martinez to announce Wholesome Valley Farms will invest \$12 million in the next five years and create some 90 permanent jobs in a variety of agricultural enterprises based on the farm.

The 249-acre farm in-

cludes 800,000 square feet of buildings.

Jay Hill's vision for his Wholesome Valley Farms is large and diverse enough to require the involvement of three state departments, MVEDA, New Mexico State University researchers, Cotton Inc., people who live in the neighboring residential community and more — some as yet to be identified.

Hill's team consists of four partners with expertise in real estate development, finance, farming production and marketing.

The farm is a brown-field in need of cleaning — in the process of becoming a new hydroponic farm, a traditional farm, a packaging facility, a research site and grinding mill for a special cottonseed developed at NMSU — and possibly an extension of a Tierra de Sol housing development.

And it may be much more as it evolves, said Christine Logan, rural economic development specialist and NMED's

boots on the ground, covering Doña Ana and six other counties.

After the stage was struck and the governor and cabinet secretaries returned to Sana Fe, Logan will continue to work with Hill and assorted funding sources and subject matter experts to bring his vision to fruition.

Economic development: The long view

"Economic development is not a thing — it's a process," said Logan who has been doing economic development for 17 years. The airport, real estate, tourism are a part of it. And those parts have to be able to be connected with each other."

She said her current job enables her to most aspects of her training, experience and interest.

"It's community development, infrastructure, real estate and financing," she said.

The process looks quite different in the more rural counties Logan



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY ALTA LeCOMPTE

Jay Hill of Wholesome Valley Farms predicted a slow growth curve for the projects, but noted the company already has a product on grocery shelves — Fresh Chile Co. red chile sauce.

serves, but she always plays the role of connector and information source.

"Doña Ana is lucky to have MVEDA (a private-public partnership). Things usually start with

MVEDA before I get involved. I come in when there's a business plan being developed — to see how the state could help."

Wholesome Valley Farms cultivates partnerships

In the case of Wholesome Valley Farms, a lot of work had been done before Logan got into the mix.


Before purchasing the farm, Hill and his partners researched the environmental challenge of removing excess nitrogen from the water table using a high-tech drip system to deliver the water to plants that

require a high level of nitrogen.

The New Mexico Environment Department concluded the process would work, and the project will be the first nitrogen cleanup funded by the EPA.

Wholesome Valley Farms owners also looked into ways they might use the buildings on the property and determined the chicken houses could be converted to greenhouses where they could grow organic produce for local and regional distribution.

Logan said Jay Hill



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found a way to mill cottonseed on the premises and invited Cotton Inc. to mill the edible seed, which is being tested by New Mexico State University for various uses, including food for fish.

One of the warehouses on the property has been converted to a drying facility, now used by Bayer Seed Co. to dry carrot and onion seed grown in the Mesilla Valley.

Logan said Hill took all the giant fans out of the egg houses and created a super dryer “that’s basically a wind tunnel.”

“It could be an innovation that changes the seed industry,” she said.

Rural development specialist steps in

“Our cubby hole was the greenhouses as an opportunity for value-added agriculture,” Logan said. “I worked to put the story together to present to the finance team and cabinet secretary rather than having the finance team, attorneys and cabinet secretary all asking them questions. I’m the point of contact.

Christine Logan



Christine Logan represents the New Mexico Economic Development Department in the seven counties of southwestern New Mexico.

Logan works directly with businesses, local governments and economic development organizations to connect them to state resources and to help programs connect with each other. She provides technical assistance to individuals and agencies throughout the region to help each analyze and capitalize on economic potential; identify funding programs for infrastructure, workforce and business development; grow community businesses; and attract new job creators and capital investment.

She works with companies to identify their individual needs and assist them in accessing local resources such as business support organizations, funding sources, marketing opportunities, real estate developers, suppliers and customers.

Logan holds a Bachelor of Criminal Justice and a Bachelor of Science in land surveying as well as a master’s of public administration — all from New Mexico State University, where she is currently a doctoral candidate in the economic development program. In addition to the economic development certification earned through the International Economic Development Council, Logan is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and a registered professional land surveyor.

“Once they decide how they can help, I help draft documents. I need to get the contract language so everyone is clear on what the business owner is promising to do. We want to have a continuing dialogue so we make sure the project is on track.”

The first chunk of Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) funding going to Wholesome Valley Farms will be \$180,000 for getting four green-

houses up and running.

“In this pilot project there will be eight employees per greenhouse. By then we’ll be comfortable they’ve worked out all the kinks,” Logan said. “I’ll work with them to get the LEDA money.”

Noting the inventiveness of the owners and their broad view of the possibilities for value-added agriculture in the Mesilla Valley, Logan said it’s too soon to tell

what the enterprise eventually will become.

“We want to be sure to set up for whatever comes

along — it could be something we haven’t even seen yet,” she said.

Counties full of clients

Logan can find clients almost everywhere she looks.

Although she’s based in Las Cruces, Logan said she’s out in the counties at least two or three days a week as a resource for businesses.

“I eavesdrop, snoop and stalk people on facebook,” Logan said. “I try to insert myself into a problem before it becomes a big problem. A lot of what I do is translate — planners don’t speak the same language as architects and businesses don’t speak the same language as government.”

Many of the projects Logan encounters are more straightforward

than the one with Wholesome Valley Farms.

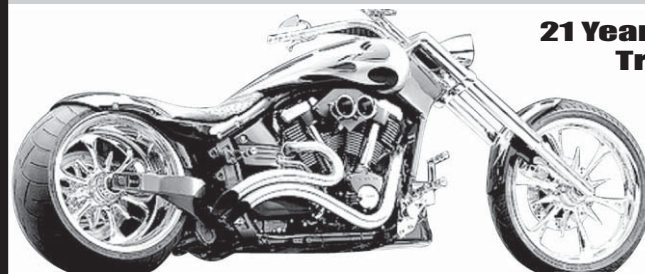
They range from convincing a software developer based at NMSU’s Arrowhead Center that they are a rural enterprise that qualifies for assistance, helping a business get documentation that it is meeting federal standards and working on international trade issues in Columbus.

“I do research and identify what the problem is, because identifying the problem is a big part of solving it,” Logan said. Sometimes the problem is technical, sometimes political, sometimes economic. I prefer the technical ones with nice black and white answers that are easy to find.”

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BUILDING CONTINUED FROM 25**City reaches out to builders**

Garza talked to a lot of builders and developers as well as staff in City Hall before formulating the changes.

He said the development community told him project reviews were not timely and frequently contained inappropriate comments. Staff complained developers submitted incomplete plans in an effort to get a project underway and ignored reviewers' comments, which the reviewers then repeated in subsequent reviews.

"A lot of what I heard was 'we and you' or 'us and them,'" Garza said. "Who's our competition? It shouldn't be the development community against City Hall. That's wrong. That's a broken system."

Garza proposals included:

- A mandatory pre-application meeting

between staff and developer for each residential or commercial project of \$100,000 or more.

- Creation of a plan review committee that will meet "a couple times a week" to deal with pending requests, make sure staff comments are relevant, and ensure that a project developer will have to deal with a single, comprehensive list of city requests.

- Written guidelines for inspectors and plan reviewers to ensure "predictability and consistency."

- Online permitting with a tracking function.

- Creation of a business liaison position in the economic development department.

"That person will own your problem until you get a solution," Garza pledged. "They have to do the homework. They will do the legwork."

Reorganizing to keep it simpler

In a recent interview, Community Development Department Director David Weir said a building services division under the supervision of Robert Kyle has been created to keep all the moving parts that make up the permitting and inspection process moving together.

"Robert has the responsibility of overseeing zoning and land use, public works and the utilities department," Weir said. "All the resources are located in one place. Robert's role is to work out the snags."

Weir said Garza and former assistant city manager Brian Denmark had "envisioned creating one point of focus."

The objective, he said, was better coordination among people reviewing building plans and a mechanism for trouble shooting.

Kyle said most of the changes Garza envisioned have been implemented, including a mandatory pre-application meeting and creation of a business liaison position in the Economic Development Department to help commercial developers resolve building services issues.

Although Garza advocated weekly building services team meetings, Kyle said meetings are called on an as-needed basis.

The development of written guidelines for inspectors and plan reviewers to ensure "predictability and consistency" was placed on hold but should resume, Kyle said.

"An inspector's manual was in the works, but has been on hold since the hailstorms," he said.

The manual would not only aid inspectors but act as a tool for people who apply for building permits to know what to expect.


"We have a start with a document that would be understandable by anybody," Kyle said.

He said reforms are ongoing.

For example, new software is being introduced for online applications and project tracking.

"We are still looking at what makes sense," Kyle said.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS**Electric company CEO to speak at MVEDA forum**

Mary Kipp, CEO of El Paso Electric (EPE), will speak at the Feb. 14 Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) Business in the Borderplex Forum. Kipp will address challenges facing the energy industry and the impact of a regionally located company.

EPE in 2016 announced it had achieved coal-free power generation, celebrating the completion of the EPE Montana Power Plant. The company also announced several new renewable energy projects for 2017.

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Chick-fil-A opens on University Avenue

Chick-fil-A franchise owner Joseph

Ramirez, 25, was scheduled to open his restaurant at 1105 E. University Ave. at 6 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 2, with a party and children's book drive.

The restaurant features two drive-through lanes, an indoor play area, a dining room seating 140 and a patio seating 64. It is expected to generate 85 new jobs.

In a prepared statement, Ramirez said he has dreamed of operating his own Chick-fil-A restaurant since he was 18 years old. Info: HYPERLINK "<http://www.facebook.com/cfanmsu>" www.facebook.com/cfanmsu.

Walmart opens training center

Walmart has opened its first training academy in Las Cruces at 571 Walton Blvd. The 3,000-square-foot facility will serve about 15 Walmart stores in southern New Mexico.

An academy is a dedicated facility located in, or adjacent to, a Walmart Supercenter, where hourly supervisors and department managers receive hands-on training that combines the classroom and sales floor.

The Las Cruces academy is the 50th to open. Walmart plans to open 200 academies across the country this year.

Supporting The Bean Cafe



PHOTOS BY STEVE KAEPLER

ABOVE: A large crowd forms at The Bean Cafe on Jan. 29 in support of the longtime Mesilla coffeehouse, target of a homophobic note taped to the front door by a customer railing against the establishment's ownership. "Food and coffee was good, but won't be back until the nasty (expletive) gays are gone," according to The Bean's owner Kaleigh Jones, who is a lesbian and spread word of the note on Facebook.

A "Safe Zone" sign affirming non-discriminatory policies for all Bean customers was subsequently posted near the self-help bar.

LEFT: Gabriel Mayers waits while his mother places an order at The Bean.

Protesting ban on Middle Eastern countries

More than 300 Las Crucesians attended a rally held at the Las Cruces Islamic Center Jan. 31. The rally was held in protest of President Donald Trump's executive orders banning travel to and from seven Middle Eastern countries, which on Jan. 28 detained Americans and foreigners in airports around the world.

The hastily organized event attracted speakers such as Rabbi Larry Karol of Temple Beth-El, Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith, and a representative from U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich, D-N.M.

A community prayer service titled "Welcoming the Stranger" is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at St. Albert the Great Newman Parish, 2615 S. Solano. Organizers from different denominations call it an "opportunity for members of the Las Cruces community to unite their voices in thoughtful prayer and reflection."

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NOTICE is hereby given that on December 12, 2016, Zohrab and Zahra Hosseneni Samani, 2705 Claude Dove Dr. Las Cruces, NM 88011 filed application numbered LRG-675-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-675-A, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling supplemental well LRG-675-POD2 to a depth of 150 feet with 12-inch casing located at approximately X = 1,433,715.9 Y = 539,096.1 ft. NMS, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant to supplement existing well LRG-675-POD1 located at X = 1,433,798.8 Y = 539,022.4 ft. NMS, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBID for the

irrigation of 9.0 acres of land owned by the applicant located within part of the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Sec 14, T21S, R01W, NMPM, as described in part by Subfile No.: LRN-28-001-0041 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Proposed supplemental well LRG-675-POD2 will be located north of Las Cruces, NM approximately 248 ft southeast of the intersection of Doña Ana Rd and the Leasburg Lateral WW 1. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill and use supplemental well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a

valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 02/03, 02/10, 02/17,
2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 11, 2017, Rene A. Maese and Melinda Colleen Crain, 700 Watson Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-872-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-14750-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-14750-POD2 located at X = 1,479,439 Y = 461,066 ft. NMS, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant and using replacement well LRG-872-POD3 located at X = 1,479,695.32 Y = 461,202.73 on land owned by the Aletta T. Wilson Living Trust for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBID for the



City of Las Cruces
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

INVITATION BID/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)/REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ)

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Due Date / Time
One-Ton Chlorine Containers	16-17-091	N/A	February 15, 2017 / 2:00pm 700 N Main, Rm 3138, Las Cruces, NM
LCPD Ammunition	16-17-090	N/A	February 16, 2017 / 2:00pm 700 N Main, Rm 3138, Las Cruces, NM

Please use this link to access all City of Las Cruces solicitations: <https://www.newmexicobidsystem.com/Registration.asp?ID=1757> Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Section, at 700 N. Main, 3rd Floor, Room 3134.

Unless otherwise noted above, copies of solicitation documents may be inspected or obtained at City Hall, 700 N. Main St, Room 3134, Las Cruces, NM. Additional information/clarification regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Section at (575) 541-2525 or by email to bidclerk@las-cruces.org

Dates 2/3/2017

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irrigation of 1.13 acres of land owned by the applicant located within part of the NE 1/4 of Sec 31, T23S, R02E, NMPM, as described in part by Subfile No's.: LRN-28-013-0452-A and B of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Replacement well LRG-872-POD3 is located south of Las Cruces, NM at the physical address of 660 Watson Lane. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to use a replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. Existing well LRG-14750-POD2 will be retained for domestic one-household purposes.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 02/03, 02/10, 02/17, 2017

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held during the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Doña Ana County at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 in the Commission

Chambers on the 1st floor of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces NM, on Liquor License Application number 1025803, requesting approval of the issuance of a Restaurant Liquor License (beer and wine) to AMR Steak Burger, LLC, doing business as Great American Steak Burger, 1336-1338 Picacho Hills Drive, Las Cruces, NM, 88007, NM, which has received Preliminary Approval by the Director of the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department.

Date: 02/03, 2017

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following legally described trust real estate will be sold, pursuant to the power of sale as provided in the following Deed of Trust, to wit:

Deed of Trust dated April 24, 2013, and filed of record in the office of the County Clerk for Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on May 2, 2013, as Instrument No. 1310912.

at public auction to the highest bidder on the front steps of the Judicial District Court for Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 201 W. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, on March 3, 2017, at the hour of 1 o'clock p.m. of that day. The legal description of the real property that will be sold at this sale is as follows:

Tract I: A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 2 EAST, OF THE SURVEYS OF THE U.S. RECLAMATION SERVICE BEING A PART OF TRACT 613 AS DESIGNATED ON THE PLATS OF THE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR AND PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 9A-79B, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED MARKED BY A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SOUTH

MAIN STREET, IDENTICAL WITH THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF A TRACT OF G.O. WHITE, WHENCE AN IRON RAIL RIGHT OF WAY MARKER BEARS SOUTH 34° 59' 25" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 78.14 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE SHANNON TRACT NORTH 82° 23' WEST, 117.52 FEET ALONG THE CENTER OF A SMALL IRRIGATION LATERAL TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT MARKED BY A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE NORTH 5° 53' 29" EAST, 75.09 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER MARKED BY AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 83° 11' EAST, 143.42 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER MARKED BY AN IRON PIPE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE ORIGINAL SHANNON TRACT; THENCE ALONG SOUTH MAIN STREET SOUTH 24° 39' 46" WEST, 80.59 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

TRACT II: A PART OF LAND SITUATE IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING A PART OF LOT 3 OF THE PLAT OF GUSTAFSON'S SUBDIVISION FILED JANUARY 28, 1909, AND BEING PART OF TRACT 9A-79C AS SHOWN ON THE U.S.R.S. PROPERTY MAPS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT BEING A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SOUTH MAIN STREET, SAID POINT BEING IDENTICAL WITH THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 9A-79C; THENCE SOUTH 82° 29' 42" WEST, 23.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE NORTH 82° 23' WEST, 95.14 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 82° 23' EAST, 117.52 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Pursuant to NMSA 1978 §14-11-10.1, a simple de-

scription of the Real Property is: 1042 S. Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

The name of the Trustor in the subject Deed of Trust is 1042 Properties, Inc., a New Mexico corporation. The name of the original Beneficiary/Lender in said Deed of Trust is Bank of the Rio Grande, N.A., which, by merger, became First National Bank of Santa Fe. TriCentury Bank is the successor beneficiary to the Deed of Trust by recorded Assignment of Mortgage assigning said Deed of Trust to TriCentury Bank. Said Assignment of Mortgage (corrected) was filed of record in the Office of the County Clerk for Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on June 2, 2016, as Instrument No. 1612276.

A Notice of Substitution of Trustee naming the undersigned as the substitute Trustee, with power of sale, was recorded on May 10, 2016, in the office of the County Clerk for Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as Instrument No. 1610099.

The Deed of Trust secures a Promissory Note from the Trustor, of even date with the Deed of Trust, in the original principal sum of \$242,350.18. The unpaid balance due on said Note, secured by the Deed of Trust, is itemized as follows:

Unpaid Principal Balance \$115,861.46
Current Interest Due thru 11/29/16 \$1,216.53
Late Charges Due: \$149.69

Plus per diem interest after November 29, 2016, of \$57.14 per day (at the default rate of 18% per annum), plus costs of collection including legal fees, recording fees and publication fees as a result of the default on the Note and Deed of Trust.

This Notice shall act as notice of the acceleration of the full balance due on the Note, as stated above.

The Beneficiary reserves the right to sell both Tracts described above as one property, in bulk, at the sale.

Dated this 1st day of December, 2016. Richard Leverick, as Substitute

Trustee

s/Richard Leverick
s/Richard Leverick, Esq.
5120 San Francisco NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico
87109
(505) 858-3303
On behalf of TriCentury Bank

Dates: 01/20, 01/27, 02/03, 02/10, 2017

NOTICE OF VEHICLE SEIZURE

TO REGISTERED OWNERS, SECURED PARTIES, AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS:

You are hereby notified that the Doña Ana Sheriff's Office has seized the following vehicles and intends to proceed with forfeiture of each vehicle to the County of Doña Ana pursuant to DAC Ordinance #232-07 pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles related to DWI Offenses: The below listed vehicles and contents will be auctioned to the highest bidder at our upcoming auction set for

04-22-2017 @ 10:00 AM, the event location is 2821-B LAS VEGAS COURT, LAS CRUCES, NM

VIN #
DESCRIPTION
REGISTERED OWNER

1FAFP31N77W173335
2007 RED FORD 4D
FOCUS
JOHN LERMA

1J4GZ78YXRC206939
2000 BLK JEEP
CHEROKEE
JOHNNY GARCIA

1G1AL55F967767652
2006 WHITE CHEV 4D
COBALT
LORENZO HERNANDEZ

1G4CW54C6K1651400
1989 TAN BUICK 4D
ROXANNE VASQUEZ

1FTDF15Y4NPB14375
1992 WHITE FORD
F-150 PK
RUBEN HERNANDEZ

2B4GP44391R349619
2001 WHITE DODGE
VAN
JOAQUINA LUGO

2FTZF17W6WCA24942
1998 WHITE FORD
F150 PK
JOSEPHINA TINOCO

1B7GL22N1S205875
2001 RED DODGE
DAKOTA PK
ROSA APODACA

1N4AL21E57C140318
2007 GRAY NISSAN
ALTIMA 4D
MEGAN ADELL

1A8HX58N58F133933
2008 DODGE DURANGO
SUV
YURIDIA RODRIGUEZ

If you do not demand judicial review within 35 calendar days from the date of the seizure, by filing a claim for the described vehicle with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office or filing a suit in court, you lose the right to a judicial determination of this forfeiture, and you lose any right you may have to the described vehicle and its contents.

Dates: 02/03, 02/10, 2017

Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority is opening the waiting list for the PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM (Note: This is NOT the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.)

Accepting: Fifty (50) Pre-applications for 3 bedroom units

The waiting list is currently open and will remain open until all 50 pre-applications have been accepted OR until further notice.

You must have five (5) to six (6) household members in order to apply.

Landlord, Credit and Criminal background checks will be conducted in order for you to qualify for assistance.

Applicants already on waiting lists for other housing programs must apply separately for this program.

If you or anyone in your household requires a specific accommodation in order to fully utilize our services, please contact our office.

YOU MAY APPLY AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION (you will be required to set up an appointment):

Mesilla Valley Public
Housing Authority
926 S. San Pedro Street
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Telephone: (575) 528-1239



Autoridad de Viviendas Pública del Valle de Mesilla NOTICIA PUBLICA

La Autoridad de Viviendas Pública de Mesilla Valley abrirá la lista de espera para el programa de Viviendas Pública. (Este no es el programa de la Sección 8)

Aceptando:
Cincuenta (50) Pre-aplicaciones para apartamentos de 3 dormitorios

La lista de espera esta abierto hasta el tiempo que las 50 pre-aplicaciones de cada tamaño de dormitorio han sido aceptadas o hasta nuevo aviso.

Debe tener de 5 a 6 miembros de familia para aplicar.

Verificación de antecedentes de historia de renta, el crédito y antecedentes penales serán verificados para poder calificar para asistencia.

Aplicantes que estén en listas de espera para otros programas de viviendas tendrán que aplicar por separado para este programa.

Si usted o algún miembro de su familia es una persona incapacitada y requiere una comodidad específica

para poder utilizar nuestros servicios, por favor póngase en contacto con nuestra oficina.

PUEDE APLICAR EN LA SIGUIENTE DIRECCIÓN (se requerirá hacer una cita para aplicar):

Mesilla Valley Public
Housing Authority
926 S. San Pedro Street
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Telephone: (575) 528-1239



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TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Marisol M. Hrabak, 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 she seeks to change her name from **Marisol M Hrabak to Marisol M Herrera**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Marci E. Beyer, District Judge, on the 9th day of March 2017, at the hour of 8:15 a.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Marisol M Hrabak
Marisol M Hrabak
1345 Paxton St
Las Cruces, NM 88001
PO Box 6503
Las Cruces, NM 88006
575-649-2803

Dates: 01/27, 02/03, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-59
James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Laurie A. Burke FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Laurie A. Burke, 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 District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from **Laurie A. Burke to Laurie A. Blanco**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 7th day of March 2017, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(Seal)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Laurie A. Burke
Laurie A. Burke
2829 Meriweather St.
Las Cruces, N.M. 88007
575-649-6949

Dates: 01/27, 02/03, 2017

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

No. PB 2016-130
Judge Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES ROBERT BUCHANAN, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **G. ANN REMICK-BARLOW** has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said 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 undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.

/s/ M J Reeves Evins
Melissa J. Reeves-Evins
200 W. Las Cruces Ave.,
Ste. A
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-522-5009
522-5031 FAX
Attorney for Personal Representative

Dates: 02/03, 02/10, 02/17, 2017

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

D-307-CV-2017-176
Judge: Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MARIA REFUGIO ELEONORA SANDOVAL FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION

TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maria Refugio Eleonora Sandoval, 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 Maria Refugio Eleonora Sandoval to Ruth Jiron (Maiden name of Ruth Sandoval), and that this petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I Arrieta, District Court Judge, on the 28th day of February, 2017, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. at the Third Judicial District County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue Las Cruces, New Mexico.

WITNESS the Honorable Arrieta, 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 20th day of January, 2017.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY: /s/ Na Heavner
DEPUTY
NA Heavner

Dates: 01/27, 02/03, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-00444

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR CARLSBAD FUNDING MORTGAGE TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

GUSTAVO MOLDOÑADO, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF BILL J. MARTINEZ, DECEASED, FIRST NEW MEXICO BANK, LAS CRUCES, FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC., LAS CRUCES MEDICAL CENTER LLC dba MOUNTAIN VIEW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO and THE ESTATE OF BILL J. MARTINEZ, DECEASED, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **February 8, 2017, 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 735 Stone Canyon Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 23, BLOCK 1 OF CANYON POINT 2 SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 5, 1996 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 18 AT PAGES 426-427, 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 January 4, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$427,062.05 and the same bears interest at 4.875% per annum from November 1, 2016, 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 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 month right of redemption.

Electronically filed
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces,
NM 88004-6169
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 01/13, 01/20, 01/27, 02/03, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No. 17-0011
Judge Diana A. Bustamante

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: AMADO ANTONIO GARCIA (a/k/a Amado A. Garcia), 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 two 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 personal representative at 5822 Jalapeno Dr., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012 or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED this 10th day of January, 2017.

/s/ Nahim Flores
NAHIM FLORES
Personal Representative

5822 Jalapeno Dr.
Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88012

KEITHLY &
ENGLISH, LLC
SHANE A. ENGLISH
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Drawer 1329
Anthony, NM 88021
(575) 882-4500
(575) 882-5000 [FAX]

Dates: 01/20, 01/27, 02/03, 2017

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

No. D-307-PB-2016-00090
Judge Douglas R. Driggers

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLAUDE RICHARD HARRIS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed the 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 undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: January 6, 2017

/s/Richard Patrick Harris
Richard Patrick Harris,
Personal Representative of the Estate of Claude Richard Harris, Deceased

PREPARED &
SUBMITTED BY:
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
PO Box 366
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
(575) 524-0833
holmespa@zianet.com

/s/Joseph M. Holmes
Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the
Personal Representative

Dates: 01/20, 01/27, 02/03, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02503
JUDGE ARRIETA

MESILLA VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, Plaintiff,

v.

ESTATE OF TINA PEREZ (A/K/A TINA LUCERO); THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF TINA PEREZ; ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTERESTS ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF; JIMMY RAY PEREZ, JANELLE PEREZ AND ALL UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION PENDING

To: ANY HEIRS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF TINA PEREZ A/K/A TINA LUCERO; ANY UNKNOWN DEFENDANT WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4958 KENMORE, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity, has filed a Complaint in the above entitled-and-numbered cause in the office of the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, seeking to foreclose on the real property located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 5 in Block numbered F of Rincon Mesa Subdivision Phase 1, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Rincon Mesa Subdivision Phase 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 20, 2007 in Plat Book 22, Folio 157-158.

The object of the action is to foreclose on the mortgage held by Plaintiff.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance or plead herein on or before the 20th day of March 2017, Judgment will be rendered in said cause against you by default.

The Plaintiff's attorney is Damian L. Martinez and Benjamin J. Young of HOLT MYNATT MARTINEZ P.C., P.O. Box 2699, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004. A copy of the Complaint may be requested by calling Mr. Martinez at 575-524-8812. If you file an Answer or any other pleading in this case, you must provide a copy to Plaintiff's attorney at the foregoing address.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 18 day of January, 2017.

(Seal)

Claude Bowman
District Court Clerk
/s/ Javier Cuevas
Deputy

Dates: 01/27, 02/03, 02/10, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2016-01265

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

GABRIELA G. RODRIGUEZ, GERARDO A. RODRIGUEZ, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, AND NEW MEXICO WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS BENEFIT PAYMENT CONTROL SECTION FKA NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant Gabriela G. Rodriguez,

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

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property located at 960 Flora Vista Dr, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOT 39, BLOCK A, CORAZON DEL VALLE 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 MAY 2, 2006 IN BOOK 21, PAGE(S) 601-605 OF PLAT RECORDS.

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. Friedenstain
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Dates: 02/03, 02/10, 02/17,
2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-02247

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-WF1, Plaintiff,

vs.

SANTANA SALDIVAR; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SANTANA SALDIVAR; 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 1060 Mimbres Court, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 12, MIMBRES SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 536, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 31, 1960, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 1, PAGE 53, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 PM on February 23, 2017**, on the front steps of the 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 granted on June 6, 2016, in the total amount of \$88,970.86, with interest at the rate of 6.95% per annum from April 8, 2016 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. US Bank National Association, As Trustee For Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-WF1, 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, and zoning violations concern-

ing 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-2014-00451

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

MANUEL L. ROSALES AND EMMA C. ROSALES, 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 9230 Higgins Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 1 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 1 OF BUTTERFIELD PARK, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID BUTTERFIELD PARK, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 8, 1963

IN PLAT BOOK 8, FOLIO 72. ALSO KNOWN AS:

LOT NUMBERED 1 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 1 OF BUTTERFIELD PARK 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 ON MAY 18, 1962 IN PLAT NO. 574, PAGE 72 OF THE PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 pm on February 23, 2017**, on the front steps of the 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 granted on December 13, 2016, in the total amount of \$126,439.52, with interest at the rate of 5.25% per annum from June 21, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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 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, 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

Cause No. CV-2016-02434
Judge James T. Martin

TERRY GUETHE and VELIA GUETHE, Plaintiffs,

vs.

CHRISTOPHER CARO PEREZ, VICTOR CARO PEREZ, and DEBRA DIANNE TORREZ, if living, if deceased, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DEBRA DIANNE TORREZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendant DEBRA DIANNE TORREZ, if living, or, if deceased, to her unknown heirs:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiffs, Terry Guethe and Velia Guethe, have filed a Complaint for Quiet Title against you in the above-entitled Court and cause. The purpose of which is to quiet title to any interest you may have in the following described property in Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico:

A tract of land situate within the corporate limits of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located in Section 17, T.23S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O.

Surveys, being part of Block 12, Las Cruces Park Addition, plat filed January 7, 1890, in plat record 2, page 48, of the Doña Ana County Records, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod set along the East line of Virginia Street, for the Northwest corner of this tract; **WHENCE** the Northwest Corner of block 12, of said Las Cruces Park Addition, bears, N. 18°08'00" W., 216.00 feet;

THENCE, from the point of beginning, leaving Virginia Street N. 72°39'00" E., a distance of 60.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S.18°46'00"E., a distance of 50.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found along the North line of Bowman Avenue for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE, along the North line of Bowman Avenue. S. 72°39'00" W., a distance of 60.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set at the Northeast intersection point of Bowman Avenue and Virginia Street, for the Southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE, along the East line of Virginia Street N. 18°46'00" W., a distance of 50.00 feet to the point of beginning, enclosing 0.068 acre of land, more or less.

Unless you 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.

LAW OFFICE OF KYLE H. MOBERLY, P.C.

By: /s/ Kyle H. Moberly
Kyle H. Moberly
Attorney for Plaintiffs
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Dates: 01/27, 02/03, 02/10,
2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-00024

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

STACY M. PACHECO, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STACY M. PACHECO, (true name unknown); CHRIS PACHECO, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHRIS PACHECO, (true name unknown); TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **February 15, 2017, 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 6235 Mesa Grande Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A 0.59 ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, COMPRISING PART OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 2 EAST, U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS, AND BEING PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: **BEGINNING** AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, **WHENCE** THE EAST ONE-QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 15 BEARS THE FOLLOWING TWO COURSES AND DISTANCES: S 89 DEG. 50' 04" E, 150.00 FEET; N 0 DEG. 30' 00" E., A DISTANCE OF 340.20 FEET; **THENCE** S 89 DEG. 51' 00" E., A DISTANCE OF 30.00 FEET; **THENCE** FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; **THENCE** S 00 DEG. 27' 45" W., 170.04 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD;

THENCE N 89 DEG. 49' 36" W., 149.97 FEET, TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; **THENCE** N 00 DEG. 30' 00" E., 170.06 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; **THENCE** S 89 DEG. 49' 11" E., 149.86 FEET TO THE PLACE AND POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.59 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO A 25 FOOT WIDE ROADWAY EASEMENT BEING PARALLEL AND ADJACENT TO THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND AND ANY OTHER EASEMENTS OF RECORD AND SUCH AS MAY EXIST ON THE GROUND,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 2009 Southern Energy/Legacy Double Wide, VIN No. DSETX12233AB.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 5, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$121,931.57 and the same bears interest at 5.125% per annum from September 1, 2016, 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 re-

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sponsibility 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 a one month right of redemption.

Electronically filed
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela Carmody,
Special Master
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Dates: 01/20, 01/27, 02/03,
02/10, 2017

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

CV-2016-01783

MAUREEN PONCE SINGLETON REVOCABLE TRUST, Plaintiff,

v.

TUSCAN VALLEY PROPERTIES, INC., et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday February 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the main entrance to the Judicial Complex of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 West Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88005, the Special Master will sell all the right, title and interest of the named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described 4 tracts of real property to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds. Each of the 4 tracts to be sold are situated in Santa Teresa, Doña Ana County, NM and are as follows; 131 Tuscan Ridge Cir., Santa Teresa, NM 88008 and described as follows:

1st tract is known as 131 Tuscan Ridge Cir., Santa Teresa, NM 88008, identified as:

LOT 3, BLOCK 3, TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM, AS DESIGNATED ON PLAT OF TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, FILED IN REAL PROPERTY RECORD OF DOÑA ANA, NM, 2/12/2015, BOOK 23, FOLIO 721-722 on 2/13/2015.

2nd tract to be sold is known as 134 Tuscan Ridge Cir., Santa Teresa, NM 88008, identified as:

LOT 10, BLOCK 2, TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM, AS DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM ON FEBRUARY 13, 2015 IN BOOK 23, FOLIO 721-722. Plat filed: 2/13/2015.

The remaining 2 tracts shall be sold together and are known as 136 Tuscan Ridge Cir., Santa Teresa, NM 88008, further identified as:

LOT 11, BLOCK 3, TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM, AS DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, FILED IN TH OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM ON 2/13/2015 IN BOOK 23, FOLIO 721-722. Plat filed: 2/13/2015.

Which shall be sold with 139 Tuscan Ridge Cir., Santa Teresa, NM 88008, further identified as:

LOT 7, BLOCK 3, TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM, AS DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM ON FEBRUARY 13, 2015 IN BOOK 23, FOLIO 721-722. Plat filed: 2/13/2015.

The sale will be made to satisfy Final Default Foreclosure Judgment filed December 13, 2016, in favor of Plaintiff, pursuant to a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure therein.

Plaintiff, Maureen Ponce Singleton Revocable Trust,

has a Judgment against Defendants, Tuscan Valley Properties, Inc. and Dan M. Brown, in the amount of \$652,894.97 bearing interest at 8% per annum from 7/1/2016.

Plaintiffs may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall be entitled to immediate possession of the real property or properties and improvements more particularly described herein, subject to a one-month right of redemption.

The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real properties and improvements will be sold subject to all, taxes, utility liens, and other restrictions and easements not foreclosed herein.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Special Master shall apply the proceeds of the sale first to the costs of sale, and Special Master fees, then to pay the above described Judgment, and then to be distributed in accordance with further Order of the Court. This sale is subject to Entry of an Order of the Court approving the sale.

Firth•Johnston•Bunn•Kerr
PO Box 942
El Paso, TX 79946

/s/Kenneth L. Beal
Kenneth L. Beal
Special Master

Dates: 01/13, 01/20, 01/27,
02/03, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-00561

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

JULIETTE SANCHEZ, AKA JULIETTE G. SANCHEZ, AKA JULIETTE G. SANCHEZ- PADILLA, AKA JULIETTE S. LOZANO, AKA JULIETTE G. LOZANO; JUAN A. PA-

DILLA; FIRST RESOLUTION INVESTMENT CORP., UNIFUND CCR PARTNERS; AND TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) Juan A. Padilla 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 2120 Windsor Place, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

LOT NUMBERED 101 OF AVALON PARK SUBDIVISION-CORRECTED PLAT, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID AVALON PARK SUBDIVISION-CORRECTED PLAT, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON NOVEMBER 28, 2006 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 62-64.

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Supplemental 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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January 27, 2017

By Electronically signed
/s/ Deborah A. Nesbitt
Deborah A. Nesbitt
Attorney for Plaintiff

(Seal)

WITNESS the Honorable
DOUGLAS R. DRIGGERS,

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 30 day of January, 2017.

NORMAN OSBORNE
Claude Bowman
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

By /s/ Noemi
Ramirez Deputy

Dates: 02/03, 02/10, 02/17,
2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-01740

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

EPI M. GALLEGOS, 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, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF WALTER GALLEGOS, DECEASED, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) Walter Gallegos, if living, if deceased, The Estate of Walter Gallegos, Deceased, Glenn Gallegos, Tom Gallegos and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Walter 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 SeDoña 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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January 11, 2017

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

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 11th day of January, 2017.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

By /s/ Wendy Cousler
Deputy

Dates: 01/20, 01/27, 02/03,
2017

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-01559

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL A. CANDE-

LARIA, DELIA V. CANDELARIA, HUSBAND AND WIFE; 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 4425 Ojo Caliente Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88011-4303, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 5 IN BLOCK NUMBERED M OF SONOMA RANCH EAST II, PHASE 4, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SONOMA RANCH EAST II, PHASE 4, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK ON DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JANUARY 31, 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 128-130.

The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on March 23, 2017**, on the front steps of the 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 granted on December 23, 2016, in the total amount of \$233,725.24, with interest at the rate of 5.0% per annum from September 13, 2016 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 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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**THE STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No.: D-307-CV-2016-00773

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

NUNE NAGAPETYAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NUNE NAGAPETYAN; THE NUNE NAGAPETYAN LIVING TRUST U/T/D DATED AUGUST 18, 2010; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Nune Nagapetyan, Unknown Spouse of Nune Nagapetyan, The Nune Nagapetyan Living Trust U/T/D Dated August 18, 2010:;

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff **NATIONSTAR MORT-**

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GAGE LLC 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 4636 Camino Dos Vidias, Las Cruces, NM 88012. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 23, BLOCK K, DOS SUENOS ESTATES, 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 4230 ON 09/28/2005 IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 352-57 OF PLAT RECORDS

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

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-01176

BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT ROSE-BLOOM AND LORRAINE ROSENBLUM, HUSBAND AND WIFE; CAPITAL SAVINGS BANK, SSB; FIRST-LIGHT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; 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 4130 Gila Trl, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 32, Block A, ARROW-HEAD ESTATES 4, 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 June 20, 2003, in Book 20 Page(S) 361-362 of Plat Records.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on March 9, 2017**, on the front steps of the 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 granted on January 4, 2017, in the total amount of \$185,957.50, with interest at the rate of 4.375% per annum from January 1, 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. BOKF, N.A., a National Banking Association, 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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THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-01907

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

SINDY L. JONES, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS THE TRUSTEE OF THE JONES 2007 FAMILY TRUST; DALE E. JONES, TRUSTEE OF THE JONES 2007 FAMILY TRUST; 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 3901 Sonoma Springs 1104, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

UNIT #1104, CASAS DE SOLEDAD CONDOMINIUMS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE DECLARATION FOR CASAS DE SOLEDAD CONDOMINIUMS AND THE CONDOMINIUM PLAT RECORDED ON JANUARY 10, 2007 IN

BOOK 778 IN PAGES 1283 THROUGH 1402 OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY CLERK RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15pm on February 23, 2017**, on the front steps of the 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 granted on December 12, 2016, in the total amount of \$67,391.34, with interest at the rate of 6.00% per annum from October 20, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-02600

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

JULIA ECHEVARRIA; 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 Defendants, JULIA ECHEVARRIA:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. 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 215 Palo Verde Drive, Sunland Park, NM 88063. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 8 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 40 OF MEADOW VISTA SUBDIVISION, PLAT 6, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID MEADOW VISTA SUBDIVISION, PLAT 6, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JULY 22, 1959 IN PLAT BOOK 8, FOLIO 45.

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.

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-01430

BANK OF THE WEST, Plaintiff,

vs.

FRANK RAMOS AKA FRANK G. RAMOS, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF FRANK RAMOS AKA FRANK G. RAMOS, DECEASED; 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 971 Fourth Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING PART OF LOTS 1 THROUGH 4, BLOCK 9, PALMER'S SUBDIVISION, PLAT FILED FEBRUARY 7, 1912, IN BOOK 4, PAGE 44, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A 1/2" IRON

ROD SET ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF N. FOURTH STREET FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK 9, PALMER'S SUBDIVISION, PLAT FILED FEBRUARY 7, 1912, IN BOOK 4, PAGE 44, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE, FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LEAVING N. FOURTH STREET, S.74°58'00"W., A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE, N.15°02'00"W., A DISTANCE OF 62.00 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE, N.74°58'00"E., A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF N. FOURTH STREET FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF N. FOURTH STREET, S.15°02'00"E., A DISTANCE OF 62.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ENCLOSING 0.142 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on March 23, 2017**, on the front steps of the 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 R em granted on January 9, 2017, in the total amount of \$66,333.11, with interest at the rate of 6.0% per annum from April 1, 2016 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. Bank of The West, its attorneys, and the under-

signed 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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THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-02349

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

SAMANTHA J. HOOPER AND JOHN DOE HOOPER, WIFE AND HUSBAND; ABC CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND HANE DOES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOCE, IF DECEASED; 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 5041 Starlite Court, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 26 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 29 OF LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, PHASE VI-A, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, PHASE VI-A, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 2, 1996 IN PLAT BOOK 18, FOLIO 412-413.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on March 23, 2017**, on the front steps of the 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 granted on September 22, 2015, in the total amount of \$84,365.30, with interest at the rate of 5.375% per annum from July 31, 2015 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. JPM organ Chase Bank, National Association, 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, 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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**THE STATE OF
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COUNTY OF
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THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-00001

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DONALD R. HIRSCH, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF DONALD R. HIRSCH, DECEASED; FRANCES M. HIRSCH, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF FRANCES M. HIRSCH, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; 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 415 McClure Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly

described as follows:

LOT 16, LINDA VISTA SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 335 THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 3, 1947, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 6, PAGE 53, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **10:45 on March 9, 2017**, on the front steps of the 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 December 14, 2016, in the total amount of \$171,875.90, with interest at the rate of 1.7300% per annum from July 31, 2016 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 D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company, 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.

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-01521

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

**THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF MIRIAM N. JENSON, DECEASED; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MIRIAM N. JENSON, DECEASED; NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION; FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
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 7265 Brahman Road, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTHEAST OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING PART OF LOT 2, CARMONA ACRES, PLAT FILED SEPTEMBER 22, 1998, IN BOOK 19 PAGE 161, 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 NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 2, CARMONA ACRES, PLAT FILED SEPTEMBER 22, 1998, IN BOOK 19, PAGE 161, OF

THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS;

THENCE, FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, N. 89 DEG., 57'26"E., A DISTANCE OF 292.75 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF A 40.00 FOOT WIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATED TO DOÑA ANA COUNTY, KNOWN AS BRAHMAN ROAD, FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT: WHENCE THE ORIGINAL NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2, CARMONA ACRES, PLAT FILED SEPTEMBER 22, 1998, IN BOOK 19, PAGE 161, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS, BEARS N.89 DEG., 57'26"E., 40.00 FEET;

THENCE, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF BRAHMAN ROAD, S.00 DEG. 20'57"W., A DISTANCE OF 165.43 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE, LEAVING BRAHMAN ROAD, S.89 DEG., 56'47"W., A DISTANCE OF 292.58 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N.00 DEG. 17'20"E., A DISTANCE OF 165.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ENCLOSING 1.112 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO A 5.00 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT PARALLEL AND IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE NORTHERLY, WESTERLY AND SOUTHERLY BOUNDARIES.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on March 9, 2017**, on the front steps of the 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 granted on January 5, 2017, in the total amount of \$59,717.19, with interest at the rate of 6% per annum from October 1, 2016 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. BOKF, 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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**THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF
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STATE OF
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No. D-307-PB-2017-00003
Arrieta, Manuel I.

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE JOSE
JARAMILLO-FRIAS
IRREVOCABLE TRUST,
DATED NOVEMBER 10,
2014**

**NOTICE OF HEARING
BY PUBLICATION**

**THE STATE OF
NEW MEXICO:**

TO: ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE MATTER OF THE JOSE JARAMILLO-FRIAS IRREVOCABLE TRUST, DATED NOVEM-

The Friday, February 3, 2017

BER 10, 2014, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

Hearing on the Petition for Judicial Determination of Beneficiaries and Judicial Supervision of Administration and Final Distribution of Trust (the "Petition") filed by the undersigned petitioner will be held at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on March 30, 2017, at 9:00 A.M. before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge. You are hereby notified that at the hearing the Court will consider the request by the petitioner to:

1. determine the beneficiaries of the Jaramillo-Frias Trust who are entitled to distribution of the entire remaining principal and undistributed income of the Jaramillo-Frias Trust estate in accordance with paragraph 6.1 of the Jaramillo-Frias Trust;

2. direct Petitioner, as Trustee to make final distribution of the Jaramillo-Frias Trust to the beneficiaries as determined by the Court;

3. approve the payment from the Jaramillo-Frias Trust of the fees of Petitioner and the costs and attorney fees incurred by Petitioner in bringing this Petition before the Court; and

4. otherwise direct Petitioner, as Trustee with regard to the administration and distribution of the Jaramillo-Frias Trust as the Court shall determine and granting Petitioner such other relief as the Court determines is appropriate.

A copy of the Petition is on

file with the Court in the above-captioned cause and is available for your review.

Pursuant to NMSA, 1978 §45-1-401 (2014), notice of the time and place of hearing on the Petition is hereby given you by publication, once each week, for three consecutive weeks.

Witness our hands and seals of this Court.

DATED: January 18, 2017

(Seal)

Claude Bowman
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

By /s/ Victor A. Eres
Deputy Victor A. Eres

ZIA TRUST, INC.,
Petitioner

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Exploring Lundeen Inn of the Arts Boutique Hotel and Chapel



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Lundeen Inn of the Arts a unique Las Cruces icon

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Jerry and Linda Lundeen celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary last December, and that's also when they bought the large property at 618 S. Alameda Blvd. that has for the last several decades been the Lundeen Inn of the Arts Boutique Hotel and Chapel. Nearly 30 years ago, they added an art gallery.

The two-story building has seven rooms available to guests, who have included Linda Ronstadt, Blythe Danner and Hugh Downs over the years, along with a number of international guests.

There also are more than 300 works of art scattered throughout the property by a range of talented local, regional and national artists, including some who are participating in this year's For the Love of Art Month. The gallery has been part of the Inn for the past 28 years, Linda Lundeen said.

A native of Roy, New Mexico, Lundeen said her passion for art began when she was a student at Albuquerque High

School. Her principal collected student donations to buy a graduating-class painting by Ernest L. Blumenschein to hang in the school.

"Principal Reeves imbued his students with the passion of art," she said. "I'm one of them. I'm very grateful to him."

Lundeen studied art at the University of New Mexico in the 1950s, and also studied under Joseph Sharp, one of the founding members of the Taos Society of Artists, she said.

Perhaps Taos' best known artist, Georgia O'Keeffe, has one of the rooms at Lundeen Inn named in her honor, along with other New Mexico and Native American artists like Olaf Wieghorst and Gordon Snidow.

The entire property is filled with memorabilia, including everything from a photograph taken atop the Empire State Building in 1935 to a 200-year-old Brandenburg piano bought at an antique store in Hillsboro, New Mexico.

The inn also features a ceiling of pressed tin imported



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Interior of Lundeen Inn of the Arts

from Lordsburg. Lundeen and her family hand-painted the many ceiling rosettes.

Jerry Lundeen is a well-known architect who studied under Frank Lloyd Wright and designed many of the Inn's unique features. The couple have two adopted children: Lydia, who manages the Inn, and Gered, a silversmith.

The chapel behind the Inn was built for Lydia's wedding, Lundeen said.

"We've been here for 51 years and loved every minute of it," she said.

Lundeen traces her ancestry to New Birmingham, Eng-

land in the 1640s. Ancestor Barnabas Horton (Lundeen's maiden name) sailed to New York aboard the Puritan ship "The Swallow" with six other families. He became a property owner on Long Island.

Much later, her grandfather opened a 400-seat theatre in Roy whose patrons included football players from the University of Oklahoma. Lundeen said she dated Tommy McDonald, a native of Roy who played for Bud Wilkinson at OU and is now in the NFL Hall of Fame.

Lundeen said she is working on a manuscript of her life, which will be bound and placed

in the Inn's rooms. "It's so profoundly important to pass these stories on," she said.

"Put yourself in the way of things and things will happen," Lundeen said. "Be vibrant. Be driven. That's what Dorothy Tuma taught me."

Tuma, a Deming artist, was Lundeen's mentor, she said.

When you visit Lundeen Inn of the Arts, turn off Alameda Boulevard where you see the green numbers 636 on the rock wall. The Inn of the Arts is right next door.

For more information, contact Lundeen at 575-526-3326. Visit www.innofthearts.com.

Performances added for 'Bonhoeffer,' 'Beauty and the Beast'

BULLETIN REPORT

The play "Bonhoeffer – The Last Encounter" has extended its run for two additional performances in early February, director Ken Forestal said.

The additional performances will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3 and at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Isabel M. Crouch

Readers Theatre on the New Mexico State University campus.

The Reader's Theatre building is located between the Speech and English buildings on the NMSU campus, and behind the Barnes & Noble bookstore at the corner of University Avenue and Jordan Street.

Tickets are \$5.

If you missed Scaffolding Theatre Company's production of "Beauty and the Beast" in Las Cruces and Socorro, you still have two chances to see it in El Paso.

The show will be performed at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11 and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12 at the Philanthropy Theatre, 125 Pioneer Plaza, in El Paso.

All tickets are \$16 for these two shows.

For reservations and additional information, visit www.scaffoldingtheatrecompany.com, click on click on the word "here" under ticket information, and then click on "buy tickets here" under El Paso. For more information, visit www.scaffoldingtheatrecompany.com. You can also find them on Facebook at Scaffolding Theatre Company.

LCIFF kicks off with poster party

By **ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH**
Las Cruces Bulletin

A full house at Las Cruces' Cutter Gallery officially kicked off Las Cruces International Film Festival (LCIFF) events with a poster release party. Tickets are now officially on sale for the event.

The festival, slated for March 8-12, will include numerous workshops, parties, short films and full-length movies.

The poster party, held Jan. 24, included the unveiling of the poster with art by Jud Wright, and event attendees received signed posters for their own.

Wright and his wife, Anna Perez-Wright, have owned and operated Del Valle Design and Imaging as well as Justus Wright Galeria for more than 30 years.

An all-access pass to the film festival, which includes all screenings and workshops, a filmmakers' reception and awards reception, costs \$75. A student film pass costs \$25 and a VIP all-access pass, available for \$150, includes all screenings and workshops as well as after-parties with exclusive access to an opening night red-carpet party with film celebrities.

Slated to be part of the upcoming festival are Hollywood writer Don Foster, "Big Bang Theory" star Johnny Galecki, Brendan Fraser of "The Mummy" franchise fame and Las Cruces' own Mark Medoff.

For tickets, hotel packages and more information, visit <http://www.lciffest.com/> or stop by the Las Cruces Convention & Visitor's Bureau, 211 N. Water Street.



Unveiled on Jan. 24, the official poster for the Las Cruces International Film Festival represents film in New Mexico and is by local artist Jud Wright.

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| The National Dance Company of Ireland presents <i>Rhythm of the Dance</i> | |
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Annabelle Fortin from Zia Middle School



The Las Cruces Public Schools Middle School Art Show is currently on display in the lobby gallery of the LCPS administration building, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Centre, Suite 249. The building is open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

LEFT: "Disoriented" by Joanna Perez from Picacho Middle School

BELOW: "Wild Things" by Marja Roybal from Picacho Middle School



"Value Grid" by Emily Kai from Lynn Middle School

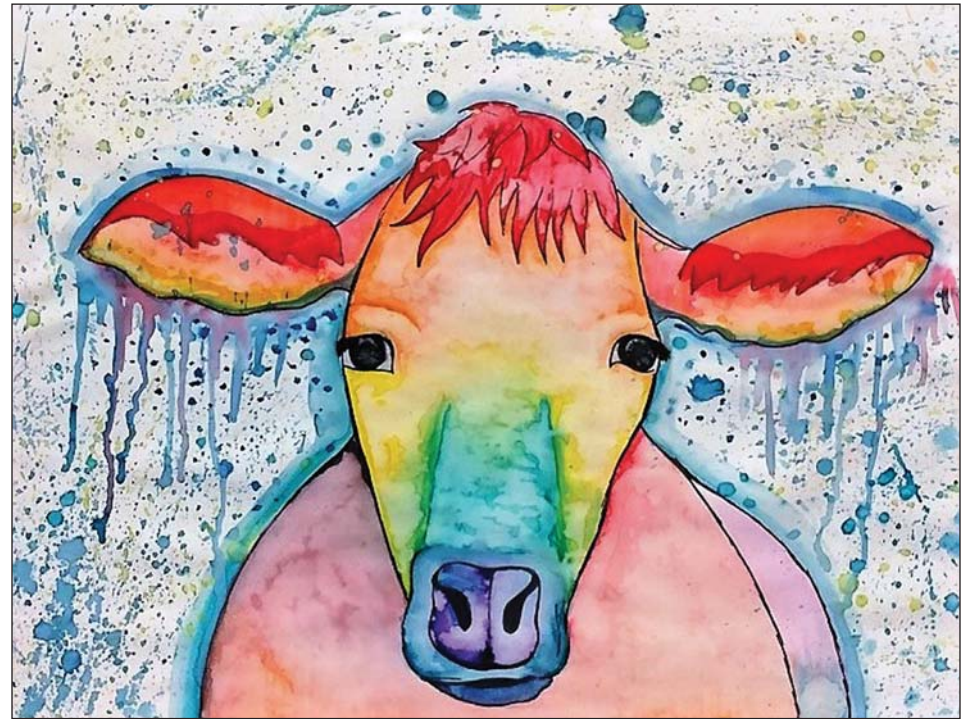




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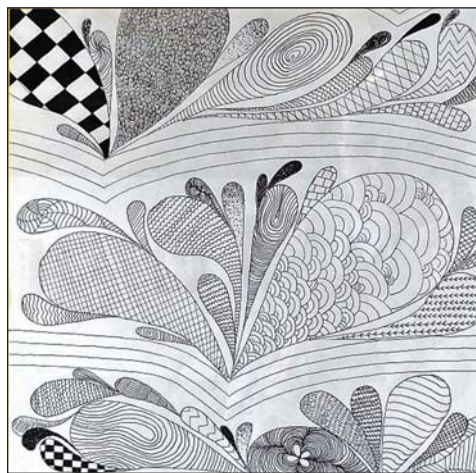
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TV actors' advice to NMSU students: Believe in yourself

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Two highly successful television actors were in Las Cruces last week for a 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 the depart-

ment to be creative, work together, make good choices and have integrity as they audition, perform and pursue acting as a career.

The class is taught by department head Wil Kilroy.

Sibbett and Lutes also said it was important to audition for as many parts in plays, films, television shows and commercials as possible. "Take any chance you can to read for anything," Lutes said.

Sibbett said she had many friends who didn't succeed as actors be-



PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK / THE BULLETIN

In the back row, far left, is NMSU Theatre Arts Department head Wil Kilroy. Next to him is Eric Lutes, and next to Lutes is Jane Sibbett. They are shown with students in Kilroy's Theatre Workshop class, which the television actors visited last week.

cause "they couldn't handle the disappointment when they didn't get cast. You've got to be like a duck – if you don't get that part, you've got to let it roll off you," she

said. "Everything is a learning process," Lutes said. "That's where you grow."

"Make choices, be interesting" when you

audition for a part, Lutes said. "Don't be safe. Be creative. Be believable and interesting.

"Believe in yourself. When you walk into an audition, tell yourself, 'This is me. I'm coming to do my thing. I've done my homework.'"

It's also important to remember that everyone knows everyone else in professional theatre, movies and television, he said. "It's a small business. You always want to leave a good impression."

Lutes, a Rhode Island native, was a successful actor on the East Coast. He moved to Los Angeles in 1995 to pursue more television work, and landed a role as station manager Tom Duran — one of the earliest gay characters on television — on the television show "Frazier." That led to a lead role on "Caroline in the City."

"I was a 15-year overnight success," Lutes said.

Sibbett was studying theatre at UCLA when she got a chance to audition for a role on a soap opera in New York. She didn't get the part, but she got a call from a casting director who used her as his reader for auditions. He later helped her find an agent, who got Sibbett her first acting job.

"It was perseverance for me," she said.

Sibbett said studying the craft of acting, including voice, is also very important for an actor. "I learned how to speak, how to enunciate," she said.

Successful acting is preparation, integrity, showing up and having "respect for yourself, your fellow actors" and everyone else involved, Sibbett said.



Eric Lutes and Jane Sibbett spoke to NMSU theater students about acting professionally.



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Black Box Theatre's 'Out of Sterno' interesting, unusual

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Black Box Theatre's "Out of Sterno" is a most unusual play.

To begin with (it quite literally started at the very beginning of the show), the lead, Dotty, talks to the audience, offers them cheese doodles and passes around a photo of her husband.

Sterno is a city, you see. Dotty lives there with her husband, Hamel, who keeps her on a very tight rein. She never leaves their apartment building, and only leaves the apartment itself to do his laundry. But Dotty is forced to venture out after she gets a strange phone call and receives visits from a deliveryman and a taxi driver which make her suspicious of Hamel's fidelity.

Dotty spends much of the first act in a house dress and slippers — even when she goes out — and ultimately agrees to participate in a very interesting murder plot.

Close to the end of the first act, I thought I had the ending all figured out. Boy, was I wrong — and I love that. Playwright Deborah Zoe Laufer has a few tricks up her sleeve.

I liked the play more and more as it developed. It's an interesting and unusual story that I will be thinking about for days to come.

I'm glad director Ceil Herman chose this play and I have only kudos for the cast she picked.

Nora Thomas-Medina, whose directorial work I have enjoyed on many occasions, was a terrific Dotty. Like the script, she

got stronger and stronger as the story developed. I liked her and felt sorry for her at the beginning; I loved and admired her by the end. This is a vibrant performance that Thomas-Medina should be very proud of.

I confess that Marissa Bond is one of my favorite actresses. Her performance in "I, Custer" last year at LCCT was one of the finest performances I've ever seen. She has done stellar work in other shows as well, and her performance as Zena in "Out of Sterno" is no exception. Costumer Lana Eckman knew exactly how to dress Bond to accentuate her beauty and highlight her character's fabulous flaws.

Rafael Medina has had more challenging roles than Hamel, including his recent work as the title character in "Agamemnon" at Black Box, but, I honestly have never seen him give a better performance than he did in "Out of Sterno." He was so completely believable in everything he did as the arrogant, dim-witted and ultimately regretful husband.

I've also seen David Reyes play a lot of parts in a lot of plays in a lot of theaters in Las Cruces. The audience loved every one of the more than half dozen men and women he portrayed in "Out of Sterno." I think my favorite was Dotty's bus buddy, Sally Mae. Reyes captured both the sweetness and the wisdom of this heavily pregnant character.

This is a really good show. Go see it. It will make you laugh, it might make you cry a little and it will certainly make you think.



PHOTOS BY PETER HERMAN, BLACK BOX THEATRE

ABOVE: Nora Thomas-Medina and Rafael Medina in a scene from "Out of Sterno," which is being performed the next two weekends at Black Box Theatre.

RIGHT: Left to right are Nora Thomas-Medina, David Reyes and Marissa Bond in a scene from "Out of Sterno."



Additional performances of "Out of Sterno" will be at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 3-4 and 10-11; at 2 p.m. on Sundays, Feb. 5 and 12; and at 7 p.m. during a single Thursday night performance on Feb. 9.

Tickets are \$15 regular admission, \$12 for students and seniors age 65 and above and \$10 for the Thursday night performance.

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 25 "I repeat ..."
 26 Gal pal, in Grenoble
 27 Parts of lbs.
 29 Bring to ruin
 30 Dog hanging out with pride members?
 39 Gawk rudely
 40 Restrained with shackles
 41 Bit in trail mix
 42 British money depicting a dog?
 45 Capital of Indonesia
 49 Hollywood's Raines
 50 Edible mushroom
 51 Sack fiber
 52 Catering hall receptacle
 53 Take eager advantage of
 55 Equaling a dog's level of coziness?
 60 Plant pore
 63 "When I was -- ..."
 64 With 32-Down, Lucille Ball's partner
 65 Dog carrying a container of high-fat spread?
 73 Verdi song
 74 Cozy recess
 75 Old heads of Iran
 76 Dog along with Mrs. Truman?
 81 Gunfire noise
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 87 Heavy cart for haulage
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 91 -- Alto, California
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 94 Dog's felt-tip pen?
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 107 Latin love
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 32 See 64-Across
 33 Memo words
 34 Nabisco's -- Wafers
 35 Prefix with 20-Across
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'Split' delivers scares, gets a B+

By ADAM PALOMINO
For the Bulletin

After what seemed like an unbreakable slump, M. Night Shyamalan returns to form with what is, without doubt, his best film in years.

"Split" tells the story of a man named Kevin, who struggles with a severe case of dissociative identity disorder. There are 23 vibrant personalities living inside of him, subduing the true Kevin and seizing complete control. It is Dennis, one of the malevolent personalities, who sets the plot in motion by kidnapping a trio of girls and holding them captive.

However, what begins as a tale of abduction swiftly shifts into something more menacing when we learn through Hedwig, another Kevin persona, of a supposed 24th personality known simply as "the beast." The beast is a lethal, uncontrollable monster, and the girls are there as an offer of sacrifice to him.

Bringing Kevin and his multiple personalities to life is the criminally underrated and immensely talented James McAvoy, who gives a hypnotic set of per-

formances. It's truly captivating to watch him effortlessly embody the various personalities, giving each a distinctive voice.

There is a constant sense of unease throughout the movie. From the makeshift prison the girls are held in, to the impending threat of the beast; Shyamalan successfully creates a terrifying atmosphere.

Despite its PG-13 rating, "Split" finds a way to push the boundaries, diving into some pretty dark territory.

There has been a wave of controversy surrounding the portrayal of dissociative identity disorder, with many fearing Kevin paints the wrong picture of those dealing with a mental disorder. It's a difficult claim to dispute. After all, Kevin is going around kidnapping young girls for sacrificial purposes. But it's also vital to stress that this is a work of fiction.

Of course, being an M. Night Shyamalan film means there's that huge twist ending and this one is a bit of a doozy. Unfortunately, I can't get into it without spoiling the twist, but let's just say this probably isn't the last time we'll be hearing from Kevin.

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Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A koala named Buster Moon has one final chance to restore his theater to its former glory by producing the world's greatest singing competition.
Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon, Seth MacFarlane

xXx: Return of Xander Cage



Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Xander Cage is left for dead after an incident, though he secretly returns to action for a new, tough assignment with his handler Augustus Gibbons.
Starring: Vin Diesel, Donnie Yen

La La Land



Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A jazz pianist falls for an aspiring actress in Los Angeles.
Starring: Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone, Rosemarie DeWitt

Gold



Rated: R
Plot Overview: Kenny Wells, a prospector desperate for a lucky break, teams up with a similarly eager geologist and sets off on an amazing journey to find gold in Indonesia.
Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Bryce Dallas Howard

Patriot's Day



Rated: R
Plot Overview: An account of Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis's actions in the events leading up to the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing and the aftermath.
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Michelle Monaghan, J.K. Simmons

Split



Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: After three girls are kidnapped by a man with 24 distinct personalities they must find some of the different personalities that can help them while running away and staying alive.
Starring: James McAvoy, Anya Taylor-Joy, Haley Lu Richardson, Jessica Sula

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Hidden Figures



Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A team of African-American women provide NASA with mathematical data needed to launch the program's first successful space missions.
Starring: Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe

A Dog's Purpose



Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A devoted dog finds the meaning of his own existence through the lives of the humans he teaches to laugh and love.
Starring: Dennis Quaid, Britt Robertson

Monster Trucks



Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Looking for any way to get away from the life and town he was born into, Tripp (Lucas Till), a high school senior, builds a Monster Truck from bits and pieces of scrapped cars.
Starring: Lucas Till, Jane Levy, Thomas Lennon

Moonlight



Rated: R
Plot Overview: A chronicle of the life of a young black man from childhood to adulthood.
Starring: Trevante Rhodes, Ashton Sanders, Janelle Monáe

Rings



Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A young woman finds herself on the receiving end of a terrifying curse that threatens to take her life in seven days.
Starring: Matilda Anna Ingrid Lutz, Vincent D'Onofrio

Rogue One



Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The Rebellion makes a risky move to steal the plans for the Death Star, setting up the epic saga to follow.
Starring: Felicity Jones, Diego Luna, Alan Tudyk

Story of 'Loving' should win you over

By **JEFF BERG**
Las Cruces Bulletin

It is 1958 Virginia, although after watching this true-story film, one might think it is 1858.

Sadly, without much introduction or back story, we are witness to a marriage, that of Mildred Jeter and Richard Loving.

Together, the Lovings started a family, bothered no one and kept to themselves, with Richard working in the construction business, and Mildred, a slightly reserved but strong woman, raising the family and tending to the home.

After their simple marriage ceremony in Washington, D.C., home of what is wrong with most of this country, the local police break into a home where the couple is temporarily staying. The crime? A violation of the state of Virginia's anti-miscegenation law which prohibited Anglos marrying African-Americans. Oh, the horror of such an idea! And to make things worse, it is reported that the newlyweds were in the throes of lovemaking at the time.

Ironically, it wasn't only Virginia that had such a law. Nearly 30 states had the same absurdity in their books for some years, which often included a ban on Anglos marrying Asians, Filipinos, people of American Indian heritage (Arizona, Nevada, Tennessee, South Carolina, Idaho, and Oregon, and forbade whites to marry Hawaiians) with some of those laws staying on the books until at least 1967 (Wyoming and Indiana), while others repealed them during reconstruction after the Civil War, only to reinstate them later. Southern states continued the folly into the late '60s.



It is a bit unclear whether New Mexico ever had such a law. Some of my research says we never did; different texts note that it was in place as early as 1857 but was repealed in 1866, 1886 or 1954.

The New Mexico law supposedly read: "SEC. 3. If any negro or mulatto, being free or a slave, shall marry or cohabit with any woman of the white race of this Territory, said negro or mulatto shall be liable to be presented by indictment, and on conviction shall be sentenced to hard labor in the penitentiary, for a term not less than two years, nor more than three years."

However, we didn't have a penitentiary until 1885.

Anyway, the Lovings find an attorney,

Richard is bailed out and is able to retrieve Mildred from the pokey as well. Their attorney cuts a deal with the judge, which finds the Lovings needing to leave the state and never return or spend time in the big house.

Reluctantly, they leave and move to Washington, returning under cover to visit family until the taciturn Richard has enough and they return to a community near their family in Virginia.

They are soon ratted out and the legal challenges begin.

Mildred writes a letter to then-attorney general Robert Kennedy, who forwards the story of the couple's plight to a new organization, the ACLU, which takes on the case with the help of a noted civil

GRADE: A-

"Loving" will be at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla for a week run, starting Friday, Feb. 3, just in time for Black History Month. With that in mind, check out "The Well" and "Nothing but a Man," earlier films that show African-Americans in a positive light.

rights attorney.

The set-up for "Loving" is all fine and good, but in order to keep it real, it becomes a challenge at times to continue to watch the story. As played by Joel Edgerton, Richard Loving is almost too intense in his efforts to stay out of the limelight and just live his life. Certainly, this was true in real life, but his lack of expression and energy toward a case that went to the Supreme Court is a bit dry.

Ruth Negga, as Mildred, is a quiet individual in the film but has a bit more life to her, especially during the courtroom scenes, which thankfully don't overwhelm the picture.

"Loving" is dramatically powerful but emotionally stifled and could have told us how the marriage came to be and how their respective families accepted the relationship.

In spite of this, the picture's strength lies in its spirit and storytelling, which should win you over.

Jeff Berg has been reviewing movies for the Bulletin since 2002. He lives in Santa Fe and can be reached at 505-466-1634.



EVENTS CALENDAR

For kids: 'Moon Mouse: A Space Odyssey' Feb. 3

The Rio Grande Theatre presents a special program for young theater fans and the young-at-heart by Lightwire Theatre. "Moon Mouse: A Space Odyssey" is a cosmic tale about Marvin, a mouse who wants to be popular told through dance and music with puppets lit by dazzling lights.

The performance begins at 7 p.m. Feb. 3 at 211 N. Main

St.; doors open at 6:30 p.m. Reserved seats for children are \$7; adult reserved seats are \$26 (including all fees). The theatre box office and Doña Ana Arts Council office is on the second floor of the theatre. Box office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and one hour prior to show time. Info or tickets: www.riograndetheatre.com or call 575-523-6403.

Howling Coyote open mic dedicated to Bob Burns

The Howling Coyote Coffeehouse open mic celebrates its 12th anniversary following the First Friday Downtown

Arts Ramble at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3 at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Signup for a jam session begins at 6:30 p.m. with performances beginning at 7 p.m. Featured are acoustic musicians, songwriters, poets, and storytellers. Free and open to the public. The evening will be dedicated to co-founder Bob Burns, who passed away Jan. 11. Info: Melody Burns at 575-525-9333.

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Be Your Own Valentine!



Show yourself the love by taking good care of yourself. Here are some little Valentine's Day gifts to give yourself!

Love Your Teeth
Color in a heart every time you brush your teeth for the next week. Can you color in every heart? That would be a Valentine treat to keep your teeth strong and healthy!

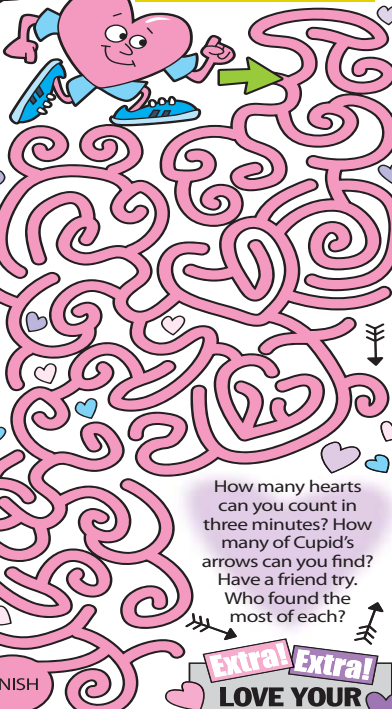
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Teeth are real sweet
But they need your care!
You couldn't munch an apple
With no teeth there!

Be a Hero for Your Heart!

A Valentine your heart will treasure is a gift of action! Jump rope, dance, run, skip and play active sports and games. Anything to get your heart beating a bit faster for 20 minutes a day or so.


Help this heart race to the finish!



How many hearts can you count in three minutes? How many of Cupid's arrows can you find? Have a friend try. Who found the most of each?

Love Your Life

Each night before you go to sleep, write down at least one happy thing that happened that day on a little slip of paper. Keep these slips of paper in a jar and read them whenever you are having a bad day.



My soccer team won today!
Grandma visited :)
Got a B+ in spelling this week!

Vegetable Valentines

Fill in the missing vowels to complete these Valentines messages by these healthy foods.

T_g_th_r,
we're a_r_lly
gr_t_p_r!

We l__e
y__
a
wh__le
b_nch!

Y__ are
the _ppl_
of my _y_!

My h__rt
b__ts
just
for y__!

Eating yummy fruits and veggies
Helps your body and your mind.
Lovely food from the produce section
Keeps you feeling really fine!

Extra! Extra!
LOVE YOUR BRAIN
Look for these things in your newspaper or its website:
♥ A headline with two adjectives
♥ A number larger than 1,000
♥ A picture with an animal
♥ Something that makes you happy
♥ Something healthy
♥ A word with three syllables
♥ Tomorrow's weather forecast

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

LOVE-ly Magic Squares

Every row and every column, plus the two diagonals will add up to same sum if you fill in the four missing numbers correctly.

16	2	♥	13
5	11	10	♥
9	♥	6	12
4	14	15	♥

Standards Link: Math: Compute sums using addition.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing, Recognized identical words, Skim and scan reading, Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Valentines from the Headlines

Cut out five or more words from the headlines in today's newspaper. Use these to write a funny Valentine message to your teacher! Then, make another one for a friend or family member.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write summaries of expository text.

Write On!

Valentine Surprise

Make up a story about a Valentine's Day surprise. Who was surprised? What was the surprise? Use five or more adjectives.

Kid Scoop FIT & FUN

Healthy Heart Tag

Cut out the cards below.

Give the cards to the person who is "it." When "it" tags someone, that person selects a card and performs the activity for the amount of time stated.

After the person completes the activity, they become "it!"

- HOP IN PLACE for 60 seconds
- DO A WILD DANCE for 30 seconds
- STAND ON ONE FOOT for 15 seconds
- DO JUMPING JACKS for 60 seconds
- SKIP AND SING for 60 seconds
- DO SIT-UPS for 45 seconds
- RUN IN PLACE for 30 seconds
- DO PUSH-UPS for 30 seconds
- SOMERSAULT for 30 seconds
- WALK BACKWARD for 10 seconds
- DO CARTWHEELS for 30 seconds
- TWIRL YOUR ARMS FAST for 60 seconds
- WALK ON ALL FOURS for 30 seconds

Standards Link: Physical Education: Use a variety of basic and advanced movement forms.

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

NMSU Museum exhibit reveals Native American artists' reflections in photography, video

Ninety-five works by eight contemporary Native American photographers and filmmakers will be on display starting this week at the New Mexico State University Museum.

The museum announces the exhibition "As We See It - Contemporary Native American Photographers," running through the end of April at the museum, 1280 E. University Ave. Info: 575-646-5161.



Collaborative Tape Sculpture on display

Motoko Furuhashi, "Impermanent Topography" - exhibiting artist and New Mexico State Department of Art faculty member shows his artwork, which is a result of an interactive group performance. The work, "Finding a Path-Collaborative



Tape Sculpture," is on display through Feb. 9 at the NMSU Art Gallery, 1390 E. University Ave. Info: 575-646-2545.

Masterpiece Contest reception at MVFA

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts gallery celebrates the annual "For the Love of Art" month with a "My Masterpiece Contest" reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at 2470A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla. Light refreshments and music provided. Info: www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

NMSU art faculty, staff exhibition runs through Feb. 9

Featuring works by 11 NMSU Department of Art faculty and staff members, the exhibition "Impermanent Topography" addresses the social, political, geographical and cultural landscapes that comprise our ever-shifting understandings of contemporary life. Curated by Michelle Lanteri, "Impermanent Topography" includes artwork by Julia Barello, Tauna Cole-Dorn, Craig Cully, Jessica Edgar, Motoko Furuhashi, Richard Hesketh, Wes Kline, Adam Labe, Bree Lamb, Jacob Muñoz and Rachel Stevens.

The exhibition runs through Feb. 9 at the University Art Gallery, 1390 E. University Ave.

EVENTS

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McLerie and friends, returns to Las Cruces from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 at High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. with their "spicy chilegumbo music." Keppeler and McLerie host the radio show Roots & Branches on gmcr.org or KURU 89.1FM Silver City from 8 to 10 a.m. every Saturday. Info: 575-534-0298.

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of free art workshops for all ages from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays in February as part of the Culture Club family program at 501 N. Main St. These free workshops include Japanese silk paintings, self-portraits, African masks and Japanese flying carp.

- Feb. 4 - Japanese silk painting. Silk paintings originated in India and Eastern Asia and have stood the test of time. Visitors are invited to try the practice of laying paint on silk. Due to limited supplies, the activity is first come, first served.
- Feb. 11 - Self-portraits. In conjunction with the exhibit, Faces of Hillsboro, Polaroid pictures of visitors will be taken, decorated and painted to represent each visitor's unique personality. Due to limited supplies, this activity is first come, first served.
- Feb. 18 - African Masks. Culture Club collaborates with the African Guitar Summit in celebrating Black History Month by creating Dogon masks, used by the people of Mali in a special dance. Learn and sing the "Walking Through Africa" song.
- Feb. 25 - Japanese Flying Carp (Koinobori) are carp-shaped wind streamers traditionally made in Japan to celebrate Tango no sekku (Children's Day). Learn about this whimsical fish while creating your own.

Admission to the Branigan Cultural Center is free. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Info: museums.las-cruces.org.

Culture Club activities Saturdays in February

The Branigan Cultural Center is hosting a series

CALL TO ARTISTS

Monument Artist in Residence program deadline Feb. 28

The Friends of Organ Mountains Desert Peaks and Bureau of Land Management announce a call to artists to apply for the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument Artist in Residence Program to take place May 1-31.

The Artist in Residence program educates and promotes the appreciation, protection and preservation of natural and cultural resources on public lands. The residency provides an artist and public an opportunity to interact to better enhance the understanding of the public lands as well as the unique qualities an artist's eye can capture.

Entries for the 2017 Spring Residency must be received via email on or before Feb. 28. For more information, see program details and application materials at: organmountainsdesertpeaks.org/artist-in-residence/ or contact Ben Gabriel at 575-323-1423 or email info@organmntfriends.org.

Aldo Leopold writing contest open to grades 6 through 12

The purpose of the Aldo Leopold Writing Contest is to build on the author's legacy by inspiring the next generation of citizens to participate in the evolution of the land ethic through the written word. The Aldo Leopold Writing Contest invites New Mexico students in grades 6 through 12 to read Leopold's work, especially "A Sand County Almanac," and to write an essay on land ethics. The essays vary in length according to grade category. Students in grades 6-7 write essays no longer than 300 words; grades 8-9 (400 words); grades 10-12 (500 words). Each grade category will be judged separately. A \$500 cash prize will be awarded in each age category with an additional \$250 worth of books awarded to the school of the overall best essayist. The first-place essays will be read at the Awards Ceremony to be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at the First Annual Leopold Lecture at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque. Entries must be emailed to brian@goldenapplem.org by Feb. 7. Go to www.LeopoldWritingProgram.org for contest and entry information.

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As a citizen and clergy person, I always try to find common ground with a wide range of community members through discussion of values that we live by. Some principles do cause division, while others have the potential, and even power, to bring people together in ways they may not have expected.

Now, as much as any other time, a discussion of values in America can take us to a place where we can determine what we can do together. Such conversations remind us to listen to one another, further defining what we can do for the betterment of our community and our nation as a whole.



**RABBI
KAROL**
Seeking Harmony

Surveys from the last several years attempted to identify values that most Americans still prize. In 2013, Andrew Kohut and Michael Dimock, in a report on resilient American

values for the Council on Foreign Relations, found that more than 50 percent of Americans endorsed involvement in community activities to address local issues, volunteer work for charitable causes and personal expression through prayer and some connection with God (with half of Americans doing so through a religious community).

From America's beginnings, faith communities have infused values into our national culture. Sacred texts have the potential to lead us to consider what it means to be honest, hard-working, caring, generous, welcoming, considerate, decent, supportive, respectful and peaceful.

Following the 2016 election, Andrea Weiss, associate professor of Bible at Hebrew Union College-

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MEET THE COLUMNIST

The rockstar rabbi of Las Cruces

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In our series "Meet the Columnists," Susie Ouder Kirk profiles each of our columnists so you'll know more about them. This week, we introduce Rabbi Karol who writes "Seeking Harmony."

By **SUSIE OUDERKIRK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Although his day job is as rabbi of Temple Beth-El, Larry Karol has the soul of a rock star. When not speaking to the members of his congregation, he can be found singing and playing music in a variety of venues, as well as leading interfaith panels and discussions around Las Cruces.

"I like music!" he said, which includes "listening to folk, folk-rock, soft rock and

classic rock, songwriting, singing, playing guitar." His original music can be found by Googling "Rabbi Larry Karol."

Originally from Kansas City, Missouri, Karol was educated in the Midwest and eventually found the Bulletin when he and his wife, Rhonda, made Las Cruces their home in 2011. Rhonda is an early-childhood educator and their son, Adam, is a soul singer/songwriter whose wife, Juli, is studying to be a rabbi in New York.

LARRY KAROL

AGE: 62

LIVES: in Las Cruces

EDUCATION: University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Bachelor of Arts in liberal arts and sciences (sociology major and religious studies minor) in 1976; Master of Arts in Hebrew letters from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1980; ordination as rabbi in 1981.

FAVORITE QUOTATION: (From a collection of rabbinic sayings) Find yourself a teacher; get yourself a friend; and give each other the benefit of the doubt.

"I strongly believe a paper like the Bulletin offers a valuable opportunity to share a message based in the values of my heritage that can be relevant to everyone," Karol said. His favorite religious lessons include the story of Jacob's dream of a ladder

reaching to heaven and the profit Elijah finding a divine presence in a still, small voice at Mount Horeb.

As all good teachers are also ardent students, Karol continues to learn from the members of his congregation.

"I have learned from my

members to appreciate every moment of life, to be open to a wide range of viewpoints on faith and personal ideology, and to seek new ways of doing what I may have done before," he said.

In his personal time, the Rabbi enjoys watching old and new science fiction shows on television or online "and sometimes reading sci-fi," he said.

In his "Seeking Harmony" column this year, he plans to explore a variety of values, such as freedom, commitment, peace, humility, respect, and gratitude. "I may discuss these values in relation to certain celebrations/observances from my tradition, or days that mark special times on the American calendar of holidays," he said.

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RELIGION BRIEFS

'Fireside' discussion at Baha'i

The Baha'is of Las Cruces present "Divine Remedies: A Fireside Discussion on Health and Healing" at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3 at 3220 Jupiter Road. This is an opportunity to learn what the world's religious traditions have in common. Guests also are invited to share their own ideas on this topic. Entertainment provided by folk-blues musician Darrell Elmer Rodgers. Info: 575-556-9650, yieldnot@comcast.net, or visit www.bahai.org. Special request: Guests are asked to refrain from wearing fragrance.

Events at Unity

Special notice: Worship celebration with Rev. Robert Brumet, author of the Book Study book, Sunday Feb. 12. Book study continues from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays; Meditation 11 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays; Prosperity class 4 p.m. on Thursdays; 10:30 a.m. all Sunday worship celebrations; All activities at the church, 125 Wyatt Drive. Info at www.unityoflascruces.org or 575-523-5592.

Wellspring Religious Science Center events

The "Early Birds" discussion group starts at 9:30 a.m. followed by the service at 11 a.m. every Sunday. Upcoming spiritual messages will be from Ernest Holmes' book "Basic Ideas," and our speakers will be Edward Burlbaw on "Spiritual Growth" on Feb. 5; Vickie

Avery on "The Personality of Value" and "Finding Life's Riches" on Feb. 12; Kari Bachmann on "Better Living - Now" on Feb. 19; Dean Lively will lead the annual "Arts, Music and Poetry" on Feb. 28 at 140 Taylor Road. Info: well-springnow.com.

'American Values, Religious Voices' at Temple Beth-El

Rabbi Larry Karol hosts an initial community conversation on the new project, "American Values, Religious Voices," from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 at Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave. As part of this campaign, scholars of religion from around the country are sending a letter a day to our newly elected and appointed national leaders to highlight the role of faith values in guiding both citizens and leaders. The daily letters can be found at www.valuesandvoices.com (you can subscribe to receive one each day via email). Please email Rabbi Karol at rabbi@tblc.org or call Temple Beth-El at 575-524-3380 if you plan to attend.

Unitarian Universalist February Roundtables

The goal of the Roundtable Discussion is to learn more about all sides of issues and more about each other.

"It takes a village: Seven actions you can take to lift New Mexico public education out of 49th place" by Jose Garcia, former NM secretary of higher education. From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5 at UUCLC Church library, 2000 S. Solano Drive.

"Community Impact and Education"

by Frank Rene Lopez, executive director of Ngage NM. From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 at UUCLC Church library, 2000 S. Solano Drive.

"Coming out of the Closet: The Affirmation of Humanism" by Richard Hempstead, board certified dermatologist. From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 at UUCLC Church library, 2000 S. Solano Drive.

"Exploring Cuba before McDonalds, Hooters and Starbucks arrive" by Elisa Sánchez. From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 at UUCLC Church library, 2000 S. Solano Drive.

Info, comments or suggestions: roundtable@uuchurchlc.org.

Spiritually healthy divorce support group

Peace Lutheran Church offers a supportive group for those working through or facing divorce from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sundays Feb. 5 through April 30 at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Childcare available on request. Info: church office at 575-522-7119.

Clothing giveaway, New Age Expo at CSL

Center for Spiritual Living announces a clothing giveaway from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 in the front of the center. Clothing for adults and children, winter-wear (jackets, hats, scarfs, gloves, socks, boots) and children's toys.

CSL is hosting the first Southwest New Age Expo at the Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, featuring readers, divination, healing arts, conscious arts and crafts, drumming,

astrology and speakers. Anna Vaughn at 979-255-9736 or Suzen Dopson at 505-429-6013 or <http://superdop.wixsite.com/swexpo>

Jewish Federation director to speak at Temple Beth El

Daniel Chejfec, director of The Jewish Federation of El Paso, will speak at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 at Temple Beth El, 39890 Sonoma Springs Ave. Chejfec worked in the Argentine Jewish community as youth director, adult education director and counselor trainer, serving on the national board of the Argentine Association of Jewish Communal Professionals. He has worked in New Jersey, Delaware, Kentucky, New York and currently Texas and will be sharing his journey from Argentina to Texas.

New event at Center for Spiritual Living

A Practical Mysticism class will be facilitated by Rev. Bonnie. The main purpose of this course is to evoke the inner mystic that indwells you. Students will have the opportunity to do specific soul work to embrace the totality of themselves, releasing blockages and embodying the spiritual truth of their being. Class scheduled: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays for 10 weeks starting Feb. 13. to begin

Men's prayer meeting at Heart for the World

Heart for the World announces a 7 a.m. Saturday morning prayer meeting at 1605 S. Valley Drive. Manny Howie leads the prayer. Info: 575-523-1113.

KAROL CONTINUED FROM 50

Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in New York City, believed that this moment in our nation's history called for "guidance, inspiration, and a reaffirmation of what it means to be an American."

Weiss envisioned a diverse group of religious scholars sending a letter a day to the newly elected officials for the first 100 days of the new presidential term. Through her own teaching of ancient biblical texts, Weiss realized they

could be a source of both comfort and wisdom for the here and now. Working with an advisory committee, rabbinic interns from HUC-JIR and project designers, the "American Values/Religious Voices" (www.valuesandvoices.com) Campaign was created, developed and brought to fruition. Since the first day of the new administration, a new letter has been added each day to the website, which offers readers the opportunity to receive each letter as an email.

I spoke on the phone with

Weiss last week to find out more about this campaign. She said part of this effort was about learning from other people. America has been a place where people learn from and listen to each other, and she hoped people would learn and listen through reading and reflecting on the letters. She was proud of the page on the website that shows the faces of the 100 scholars, illustrating the diversity of our citizens. Through their letters, these teachers of religion are linking the principles

they discuss in their classes with what it means to be an American.

The Values and Voices Advisory Committee's "Letter 0" on the website noted that the letters intend to "contribute constructively to our national discourse, reaffirming who we are as Americans and modeling how we can learn from one another and work together for the common good."

I read these letters every day and consider the values on which they focus and how

they can become a greater part of American life. I hope you will do the same, both on your own and at a local discussion series that will begin soon. I believe that local conversations on these letters could lead us to renewed and much-needed common ground.

Rabbi Larry Karol has served as spiritual leader of Temple Beth-El (www.tblc.org) in Las Cruces since July, 2011. His writings are available at rabbi-larrykarol.blogspot.com.

Colors, materials and inspiration make for TRENDY HOME FURNISHINGS

A cavalcade of color, metallics, acrylics, flashbacks and nature were all prevalent at this fall's International Home Furnishings market at High Point, North Carolina.



SHERRY FRANZOY

Trends

Vibrant colors are all the rage. Bold shades of gold, green, yellow, red, purple, orange and other hot hues were found at the market throughout furniture and accessory showrooms to punch up neutral spaces add lots of personality.

Many of these vibrant colors can dominate a room, so it is recommended to use them as accents to add that “pop” of color and give life and whimsy to a room. Color, it is said, is how we see the world. Step out of your comfort zone just a little and let in some unexpected fun to your design.

On the neutral side, gray remains a wonderful, easy-to-incorporate option that consumers love. Gray can be very stylish and sophisticated. It is a moody color that can be conservative on one hand while elegant and formal on the other. I saw it being used in various shades ranging from cool gray to darker, warmer shades and in a variety of elements.

Blues were prominent in many shades from dark indigo and sapphire to lighter tones

such as ice and baby blue. Blues tend to reduce stress and create a sense of calmness, relaxation and order.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Hot hues are all the rage in furniture and accessory showrooms this spring.

For drama, I saw black and white. Using black can add a focal point of color that grounds, anchors and adds a sophisticated look to a room. Black and white accessories, light fixtures, paints, or in one bold piece of furniture, will catch the eye and sharpen any decorating scheme.

Metals have always been the jewelry piece to any wardrobe as well as any room design. From polished nickel, brushed brass to rustic and distressed looks, the market had a metal

for every taste and style. I saw strong focus toward gold, especially polished gold — in traditional settings as well as in contemporary design— even in gold finished leather.

In terms of materials, acrylics are popular in chairs, tables, lighting and accessories. They appeal to young decorators who may have less space or older consumers who are downsizing or just looking for new and exciting products. Acrylic legs can give the illusion of opening a space and giving it more room. This material also is lighter and easier to move around.

The desire to flash back to

mod silhouettes and styles of the mid-century is still going strong. The lines between modern and contemporary are increasingly blurred and can be confusing.

Nature is inspiring many designs in furniture, fabrics, lighting and accessories, which can best be described as Wabi-sabi, the Japanese tradition of looking at the beauty of something through its imperfections.

When struck with the desire to kick back and relax, nothing embodies that more than a warm, sandy beach, of course. Thus, there is an increasing use of wicker and rattan inside

“Step out of your comfort zone just a little and let in some unexpected fun to your design”

SHERRY FRANZOY

Designer



the home, to at least make us feel like we're islanders.

There's more I could write about: Motion with rockers, swivels and recliners with power, bar carts that offer versatility, ottomans in many varieties, small tables—simple and sophisticated—but, we'll leave it at this for now.

Native to Las Cruces, Sherry Franzoy, DDCD of Decorating Den Interiors, is an international award-winning designer with more than 15 years of experience in the industry. She owns Decorating Den Interiors of Las Cruces at 151 S. Walnut St. and also serves the El Paso area. She can be reached at 575-521-8326.

NMSU exploring water management, irrigation techniques

By **AMY SMITH MUISE**

For the Bulletin

New Mexico State University's Media Productions is part of a prestigious integrated USDA-National Institute of Food and Agriculture project to explore the safe use of nontraditional irrigation water on food crops.

Maintaining agricultural water security is critically important to the continued sustainable production of the nation's food supply. In support of this goal, farmers may choose to conserve their groundwater by

the safe use of nontraditional irrigation water. At the same time, the recent Food Safety Modernization Act has increased the focus on preventing foodborne contamination. To meet stricter guidelines for the quality of irrigation water used on food crops, producers need up-to-date information and transformative on-farm solutions.

Funded by USDA-NIFA and managed at the University of Maryland School of Public Health, this multidisciplinary, multistate team is addressing this need through CONSERVE

(COordinating Nontraditional Sustainable watER Use in Variable climatEs): A Center of Excellence at the Nexus of Sustainable Water Reuse, Food and Health. The CONSERVE project includes research, Extension and education activities and will reach out to farmers, communities, educators, students and federal, state and local governments.

CONSERVE is focusing on two key regions, the Mid-Atlantic and Southwest. These two diverse climates each have regional agricultural water

challenges that are exacerbated by climate change.

Currently, NMSU Media Productions is working to create animated modules to communicate key underpinnings of the project as the basis for educational curricula and outreach materials to support producer and community understanding of nontraditional irrigation water practices.

"For more than a decade, our team has partnered with national experts to promote new agricultural production and process techniques that

allow consumers to enjoy fresh, raw produce while minimizing food safety concerns," said Jeanne Gleason, head of NMSU's Media Productions. "With this new project, we will work with even more national and international scientists to develop educational programs promoting the project's new water management and irrigation techniques that will protect and extend our limited water supply while supporting consumers' access to safe raw fruits and vegetables produced in a more sustainable way."

Turfgrass researchers focus on irrigation efficiency

By **KRISTIE GARCIA**

For the Bulletin

We've all seen water from sprinklers land on sidewalks or get whisked away by the wind.

Researchers in the New Mexico State University College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences are determining methods to improve irrigation

efficiency, focusing on subsurface irrigation, which may be the solution to wasted water and high water costs.

NMSU Extension Turfgrass Specialist Bernd Leinauer said subsurface drip irrigation is the newest method in turfgrass efficiency.

"Although subsurface drip irrigation has been used in agriculture for

decades, it's just making its way into the turfgrass industry," Leinauer said. "And it's the only system that limits irrigation to exactly the area that needs to be irrigated."

Leinauer has been the lead on two recent projects that will further test these research findings.

Last summer, Leinauer and his research team led a project to install a subsurface drip irrigation system in several tee boxes at The Club at Las Campanas in Santa Fe. The project is a collaboration among NMSU, Las Campanas, United States Golf Association and irrigation manufacturers Toro and Rain Bird. USGA awarded NMSU a grant to assist with the research at the golf course.

At the beginning of this January, it was announced that Leinauer and his team are conducting a study at the City of Albuquerque's Paradise Meadows Park. While half

of the park will use a traditional pop-up sprinkler watering system, NMSU will oversee the other half of the park, on which a subsurface drip irrigation system has been installed.

"This project is interesting from the perspective that we were able to scale up our research findings," Leinauer said. "We're able to take our research findings and implement them in a park which is significantly larger than test plots or the traditional residential turf areas. For the funding agencies that have supported our research in water conservation, it is particularly important to document that technology not only works in a research setting but can be successfully scaled up to real world situations."

In the next three to five years, NMSU researchers and City of Albuquerque officials should find out if the subsurface drip irrigation system helped

conserve water.

In addition to irrigation efficiency, NMSU research also focuses on salt and drought tolerance. Leinauer said there's been a shift to new types of waters with higher salinity levels, such as saline ground water, treated effluent or recycled water.

"In the future, having grasses available that can tolerate higher salt concentrations in the water and in the soil will become paramount to keeping green grass in urban settings," Leinauer said. "Therefore, we need to screen for salt tolerance in addition to screening for drought tolerance in new grasses."

Leinauer's work doesn't end with research. An important factor is outreach and education. What good are the research findings if professional turfgrass managers don't know about them?

In October, Leinauer and fellow researchers

educated homeowners, master gardeners, landscape managers and turfgrass professionals at the Southwest Turfgrass Association Recreational Landscape Conference and Expo hosted by NMSU. The conference included a field trip to the NMSU Turfgrass Salinity Research Center.

"With me being a board member of the Southwest Turfgrass Association, I am closely connected with the industry," Leinauer said. "I think such outreach activities represent some of the core work of an extension specialist. We need to work with the practitioners and the industry, so we always have a close ear on what the problems and the trends are outside the university. We can work closely with each other and design projects together. We can hopefully advance science through real-world applications."

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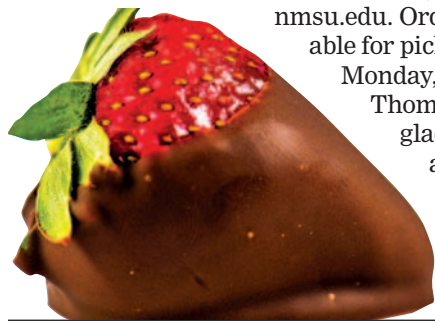
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The National Society for Minorities in Hospitality (NSMH) is having a chocolate-covered strawberry fundraiser. Orders are being taken at this time for strawberries that will be hand-dipped by students in the School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management.

They're available in dark chocolate, white chocolate or mixed, and they're sold by a half dozen for \$10 or a full dozen for \$20. To order, call 575-

646-5995 or email jzumwalt@nmsu.edu. Orders will be available for pick-up from 3 to 6 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 13, in Gerald Thomas Hall, 100 West Café. We gladly accept cash, checks payable to NSMH or credit card payment with Visa, MasterCard or Discover.



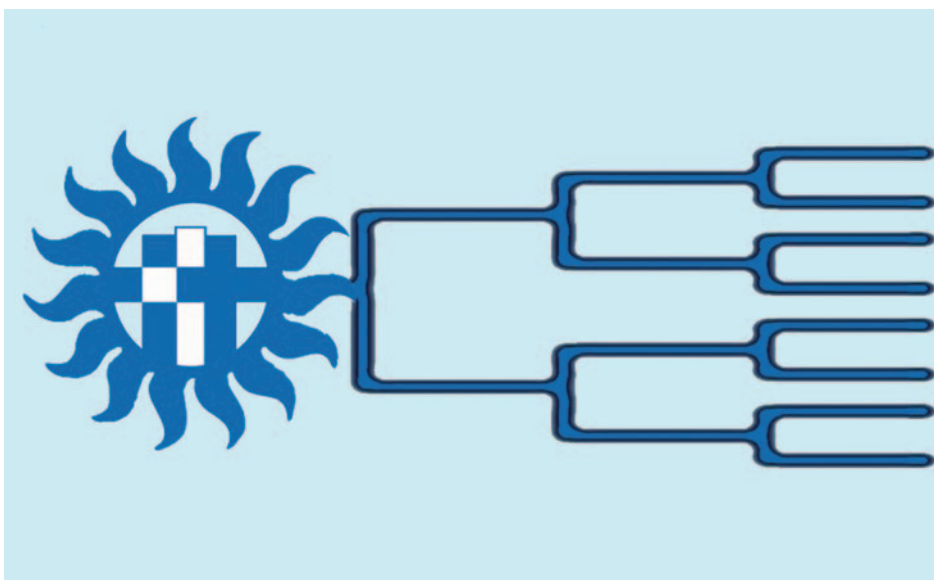
Doña Ana Genealogical Society meets Feb. 8

BULLETIN REPORT

The February meeting of the Doña Ana County Genealogical Society (DACGS) is 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8 at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

According to a DACGS press release, four of the society's members will present *Have Suitcase, Will Travel*, providing insight into planning a genealogical road trip learned from earlier journeys. There also will be time for questions from the audience.

The Doña Ana County Genealogical Society (DACGS) was organized in January 2008 with the mission of meeting the genealogical needs of society members and the general public through the acquisition, preservation and dissemination of genealogical



and historical information, according to the DACGS website. All visitors are welcome. Questions? Contact [\[gslc@gmail.com\]\(mailto:gslc@gmail.com\). For more information, contact Carole Gerig at \[mormor24@comcast.net\]\(mailto:mormor24@comcast.net\) or 575-680-0516.](mailto:dac-</p>
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Sage Cafe offers golden opportunities for seniors

City of Las Cruces Senior Programs offers several activities for seniors at the Sage Cafe Community Senior Center, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 6121 Reynolds Drive on the East Mesa.

- “Coffee & Conversation” takes place from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays offering free coffee and pastry. This friendly group frequently plans outings and potlucks outside of Senior

Programs.

- EnhanceFitness meets from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Alex Palacios, New Mexico Senior Olympics certified instructor, leads an aerobic exercise class for seniors which combines breathing, stretching, chair exercises, aerobics and weights.

- Chess: Intermediate chess is taught from 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.; Beginner level chess meets from noon to 1:45 p.m. with

one-on-one instruction.

- Dominos and card games: 10:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Tuesdays.

- Sage Knitting Group gets together from 10:15 a.m. to noon Thursdays. Embroidery, crochet or needlepoint, too.

- Senior Nutrition serves its Congregate Meal from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meals are by reservation.

- The Branigan Memorial Library

Express Branch at the Sage Cafe is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Books can be ordered online from the main branch in town and picked up at the Sage Cafe the next day. The library offers six public-use computers with internet.

The Sage Cafe and Branigan Express Library staff want to hear about other activities seniors would like to see at the facility. Info: 575-528-3000.

Upcoming Voyager's trips for seniors includes Alaska cruise

Palomas, Mexico, February 10, 2017, cost: \$25 pp (day trip)
Bisbee, Tombstone, Douglas, AZ, February 15-17, 2017, cost: \$327 pp double; \$450 pp single
Socorro, NM, Pie Town, Very

Large Array, March 21-22, 2017, cost: \$157 pp double; \$197 pp single

Orlando, Florida/Epcot, May 5-15, 2017, cost: \$1,106 pp double; \$1,400 pp single

Venice to Rome cruise, June 14-25, 2017, cost: \$4,794-\$6,310 pp double depending on cabin

Alaska cruise, September 1-8, 2017, cost: \$2,501-\$2,561 pp inside cabin; \$2,980 pp outside cabin

Western Caribbean cruise, November 10-18, 2017, cost: \$2,538 pp inside cabin; \$2,648 pp outside cabin; \$2,889 pp balcony

Volunteer drivers/hosts

needed for Voyagers trips. For more information, call Cathy Lockman at Voyagers Travel Center, 575-523-1152 or visit lascrucesvoyagerstravelcenter.com

Hoping for an online Valentine? Beware

New Mexico is the fourth most dangerous state for online dating



By SARAH BROWN

For the Bulletin

Whether you're swiping right on Tinder or verifying if there really are Plenty of Fish in the sea, online dating has become "the way" to snag your perfect partner. However, after perusing hundreds of carefully curated profiles, you'll begin to suspect that not everyone is who they seem to be. (And they aren't.)

So, what can you do to ensure your online dating life doesn't end in disaster? Well, you can start with where you live. According to Safewise.com research, some parts of the country are safer than others for online dating.

In the interest of keeping Valentine's Day enjoyable (and STD free), the teams at highspeedinternet.com (HSI) and SafeWise thought we'd do you a solid and find out which states have the best odds in this online dating roulette. We analyzed the FBI's cybercrime and violent crime rates per capita for each state, as well as the CDC's reported cases of the most common STDs in America. We adjusted this data to account for population, then correlated our stats with demographic information from Gallup and other sources as noted.

Our findings? Don't online date in D.C. Just don't. While large parts of the South are definitely sketchy, the numbers on crime and STDs coming out of DC are next level. And not in a good way.

Sarah Brown is a home automation and community safety consultant for SafeWise.com. She enjoys writing helpful tips and in-depth reviews. Sarah believes that through entertainment,



Most dangerous states for online dating

1. D.C.
2. Alaska
3. Louisiana
- 4. NEW MEXICO**
5. Nevada
6. South Carolina
7. Arkansas
8. Tennessee
9. North Carolina
10. Alabama

Safest states for online dating

1. Vermont
2. Maine
3. New Hampshire
4. Utah
5. Idaho
6. Wyoming
7. West Virginia
8. Connecticut
9. Minnesota
10. New Jersey

technology and the written word, we can all stay connected to each other and create a safe environment out in the ether.

Sarah Brown is in charge of press and strategic partnerships for Safewise. She can be reached at: sarah.brown@safewise.com

Lifeguard training courses start in February

BULLETIN REPORT

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department is offering two lifeguard training courses for 2017, according to a press release. If you are 15 years of age or older and looking for a summer job, the American Red Cross Lifeguarding Program is a great place to start. Lifeguarding allows you to work as part of a team to help people safely enjoy the water.

Through videos, group discussion and hands-on practice, participants will learn:

- Rescue skills for use in the water and on land.
- First aid and professional rescuer CPR/AED training to help prepare for emergencies.
- Professional lifeguard responsibilities.
- Surveillance skills to help you recognize and prevent injuries.

Class schedule:

Session I: Feb. 18, 19, 25 and 26

Class times: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

(You must pass a "Skills Pre-test" held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17.)

Session II: March 20-24

Class times: 1 to 4 p.m. Monday; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday – Friday.

(You must pass a "Skills Pre-test" held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 17.)

Session III: April 22, 23, 29, 30

Class times: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday



and Sunday.

(You must pass a "Skills Pre-test" held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 21.)

All Pre-tests and trainings will be held at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive. Class

schedules and locations will be available the first day of class. Candidates 17 years of age and younger must have parent or guardian present to sign a parent consent form prior to participation in the pre-test

and class. The cost of the class is \$200

According to the release, "These jobs are in high demand. You can work anywhere in the U.S. No other training organization helps train as

many lifeguards each year as the American Red Cross."

Contact the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center for further information and to sign up for the skills pre-test at 575-541-2782.

Fire department reminds of importance of home fire drills

NMSU FIRE DEPT.

Do you know EDITH? The acronym stands for Exit Drills In The Home.

You may have participated in fire drills here on campus, but have you ever had a fire drill at your house? The New Mexico State University Fire Department

would like to remind you of how crucial it is to know how and where to evacuate your house in case of an emergency.

Be sure to know what doors and windows you are able to open and get out of at any time, and make sure your children and anyone else living in your home also know these exits. It is extremely important

to practice fire drills at your house and on campus so that you know where to go and feel confident about your plan.

The more you talk about the possibility of an emergency and practice what actions to take, the more likely you will be to act appropriately in a real emergency.

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Non-traditional wellness treatments

A team of Vedic Vibration Experts from India will be available to offer nontraditional treatments beginning Thursday, Feb. 9. Each treatment consists of three sessions utilizing a gentle, non-invasive technology with no toxic side effects. Reservations required. Info or to apply: Andrea Cowan, coordinator at 575-635-5046 or visit: <http://vdedicvibration.com>.

'The Truth About Cancer' Global Series

Episode #7 of this series is titled "Heal Cancer with Clean Electricity, Unique Water, Natural Sunlight & Combining Superfoods," from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb 22 at Picacho Hills Country Club, 6861 Via Compestre. Presented by Laura Smart. Free. Info: laurasmart@comcast.net or 425-233-9082.

Breast Cancer Support Group set for February

The group meets the fourth Saturday of each month. The next monthly meeting is from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 at Memorial Medical Center West Side Annex Bldg., 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. No pre-registration, no charge and open to all who are interested in health and wellness. For info, call 575-524-4373

Fitness Center offering Jazzercise Lite

Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center Associate Amy Richards will be teaching Jazzercise Lite at 10 a.m. Tuesday and Thursdays at 3217 El Camino Real. Richards has been a Jazzercise instructor for over 11 years. Info: Dianne Sage at 575-650-9721 or visit jazzercise.com.

Events at Center for Spiritual Living

Spirit Dance: 2-3 p.m. Tuesdays. Express your spirit through free dancing. No experience necessary.
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Single Parents Support Group: 7-8 p.m. Thursdays.
Yoga: 9-10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays; 4-5 p.m. Wednesdays; 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
All activities held at the Center, 575 N. Main St. Info: 575-523-4847.

Cancer support group meets at UUMC

Meetings take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Cancer Care, a support group for those dealing with cancer, (patients, survivors, caregivers, family and friends) meets. Info: Betty Harris at 575-524-3994 or the church office at 575-522-8220.

Alzheimer's and dementia support group meets

Group meets at 11:30 a.m. every Thursday, Arbors of

Del Rey Assisted Living Community holds a support meeting at Uno Pizzeria & Grill, 2102 Telshor Court. Arbors of Del Rey experts offer information and interventions. Info: 575-382-5200.

Tesoro Integrative Health Center yoga classes

At 10 a.m. Monday/Wednesday/Friday is Gentle Yoga; 7:15 a.m. Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. Saturday is Kundalini Yoga; 6:15 Tuesday/Thursday, 10 a.m. Saturday is Hatha Yoga; 6:15 Monday/Wednesday is Gentle Yoga at Tesoro Integrative Health Center, 1605 S. Main St. Walk-ins welcome. Drop-in fee is \$7; five classes for \$30; and 10 for \$60. Info: 575-541-5660.

Parkinson's Support Group meets third Tuesday

Support group meets at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. the Parkinson's disease Support Group of Southern New Mexico (PDSGSNM) meets.

MS Support/Education group meets first Thursday

Group meets from 4:30 to 6 p.m. the first Thursday of each month in the Social Center Creative Arts Room at Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, join a multiple sclerosis support/education group. Date, time and location are subject to change. Info/RSVP: 575-373-5130 or laslucrucesmself-help@gmail.com.

Birth, death certificates available at Public Health Office

From 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, the Vital Records Office at the Las Cruces Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive. is available for registering and acquiring birth or death certificates. Closed noon to 1 p.m. for lunch. Info: 575-528-5046.

Breastfeeding support group

From 10 to 11:30 a.m. every Friday at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex, Piñon A meeting room Mama's Milk Club Breastfeeding Support Group meets. Refreshments provided. Free. Info: 575-521-5393.

Zumba class at aquatic center

From 10 to 11 a.m. every Saturday the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department holds Zumba class at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Info: 575-541-2782.

Zumba at Mountain View Senior Circle

At 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Mountain View Senior Circle, 3948 Lohman Ave., Suite 1, Zumba classes are held. Info: 575-522-0503.

Flu vaccines available

Flu vaccines are offered in many locations, including doctor's offices, hospitals, public health

offices, and pharmacies, as well as by many employers and some schools. New Mexico Department of Health encourages those with health insurance to contact their healthcare provider or pharmacist about getting the flu vaccine. The Department offers vaccinations for people without insurance or who are otherwise not able to get vaccinated. Those with Medicaid or other insurance who go to Public Health Offices are asked to bring their insurance card. To find out about flu vaccination clinics throughout the state, call the Immunization Hotline toll free at 866-681-5872 or visit <http://flushot.healthmap.org/> to see where the vaccine is being offered.

Immunizations available at Dept. of Health

The New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office at 1170 N. Solano Drive provides immunization services for children (0-18 years of age) on Monday mornings, Wednesdays and Fridays. Info: 575-528-5006.

Safe needle disposal/syringe exchange

The Las Cruces Public Health office provides safe needle disposal and syringe exchange from 8:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. every weekday at 1170 N. Solano Drive. Info: 575-528-5090.

Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach support group

Diabetes Educational Support Group meetings provide open discussion and short teaching regarding diabetes, and a question-and-answer period from 10 - 11:15 a.m. the third Thursday of each month in the meeting room of Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave.

Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meets at noon Wednesdays in the library of St. James Episcopal Church, 1102 St. James Ave. and at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. OA is a fellowship of those individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from a compulsive relationship with food. Info: www.oa.org or call Barbara at 575-405-0128 or Wayne at 575-647-5684.

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Mechanical problems

On the coldest morning of last December my pickup wouldn't start. It wasn't the battery; it turned over. I ground away at the starter, manipulating the manual choke (it's 30 years old) until the battery began to weaken.

Installing my daughter behind the wheel and hooking up the jumper cables, I squirted jets of ether down the carburetor's throat as my daughter ground the starter. Occasionally it would catch and a ball of flame would shoot from the two barrel!

I broke off and went to town for more ether. My daughter suggested it was outta gas. She switched the gas gauge from MAIN TANK to AUX, "See," she said, "it's empty."

"No," I explained, "You've just switched it wrong. See, the other tank is full."

I used another can of ether to no avail. I released my daughter, unhooked the cables and left my pickup for the wolves.

That night I lay in my bed plotting how to pull it to the mechanic in town when my unconscious



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mind finally spoke up, "Dummy, switch yer tanks. Yer outta gas!"

Which I was. I haven't confessed to my daughter yet, so if she doesn't read this column I'll still retain my position as "The Perfect Father." Unfortunately, Bruce's whole family was there when Mr. Lanham di-

agnosed his mechanical problem.

Bruce was a recent arrival to northeast Missouri. As the new Extension Service man from California, he was making big waves. Because everyone knows that California produces people on the cutting edge of agricultural technology!

Bruce's tractor was on the blink. Either the transmission or the linkage was fouled. "I've checked it thoroughly," he told his wife and kids, "I'd better call Mr. Lanham."

Mr. Lanham is to the age where

he doesn't worry about coddling people. He asked a few questions over the phone. Bruce, a grad of Fresno State, became impatient explaining he'd done all he could but the tractor still wouldn't start. Would Mr. Lanham please come and check it.

When Mr. Lanham arrived Bruce pointed to the shed, sat down to lunch and answered the phone.

Three minutes later Mr. Lanham appeared at the kitchen door.

"Are you gonna have to haul it to town?" asked Bruce.

"Nope. It's fixed."

"Great! What was wrong?"

"Hard to explain..."

"Okay, so how much do I owe ya?"

"Not sure."

"I don't understand. Ya fixed it, right? So, how come you don't know?"

"Wull, ya had a wrench stickin' outta yer tool box so the lid wouldn't close. The clutch pedal was hittin' the lid so it wouldn't go down all the way. And Sonny, I never charged anyone to rearrange a toolbox before."

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Trail ride to benefit animal rescues

BULLETIN REPORT

Branco's Equine League is hosting The Ride For Terri fundraiser starting at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25 with proceeds benefiting local animal rescues, according to a press release.

The event features a competitive 10-mile trail ride, cowboy brisket lunch, a silent auction and live country music by Jim Leslie's Country Legends Tribute.

"Anyone interested in helping rescuers care for our area's staggering population of abandoned horses, dogs and other animals awaiting adoption, are invited to attend. Proceeds from this event will be divided among three local animal rescue organizations," said Dawn Hagen, event organizer.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the trail

ride starting at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 25 at 6651 Brahman Road on Las Cruces' East Mesa. For those not participating in the trail ride, tickets are available for purchase for the silent auction, lunch and music. If traveling from out of town, participants can ask about space at the site for RV parking with electrical hook up.

Terri Caudill, the inspiration for the fundraiser ride, worked closely with the ASPCA of Lindale, Texas, over a 20-year period caring for abandoned horses and dogs. According to the release, Caudill suffered from the effects of scoliosis since childhood, which eventually left her completely disabled. Upon her untimely passing in April 2016, Terri's family donated many of her animal-related personal items and artwork, including her horse tack to Branco's.

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- Dog adoptions are located at the far north end of the market on the Downtown Mall.
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- Petco – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, 305 E. Lohman Ave. Bldg. D.

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Aggies: Winning Streaks 'R' Us



COURTESY PHOTOS

LEFT: NMSU's Moriah Mack is having an impressive season for the Aggies. **RIGHT:** Sophomore Brooke Salas scored a game-high 24 points against Utah Valley.

Salas stars for surging women

BULLETIN REPORT

Sophomore sensation Brooke Salas scored a game-high 24 points and pulled down nine rebounds to lead the New Mexico State women's basketball team over Utah Valley Jan. 28, 63-46 at the Pan American Center.

Their eighth-straight victory moves NMSU to 15-6 overall and 7-0 in Western

Athletic Conference play. The Aggies next play at Chicago State Saturday, Feb. 4, with tipoff at 1 p.m. MT. The Aggies won the teams' first meeting, 100-63.

For her efforts against Utah Valley and Seattle University, Salas on Monday was named the College Sports Madness National Mid-Major and Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week. In two games, playing 72 minutes, the guard from

Placentia, California, averaged 25 points and 10.5 rebounds.

Salas has started all 21 contests for the Aggies and has averaged a team-leading 14 points and 5.9 rebounds, as well as 17.7 points and 6.4 rebounds in WAC play. But this was the best week of her NMSU career as she scored a career-high 26 points in the

Road no obstacle for men

BULLETIN REPORT

Nineteen and counting. That's the number of consecutive victories for the New Mexico State men's basketball team after it surged past Northern New Mexico 98-75 Monday, Jan. 30, at the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho.



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The win lifted the Aggies' record to 21-2, impressive enough to garner votes in the national USA Today Coaches Poll and the AP Top 25. The mark ties the 1968-69 team for the second-best start in program history.

New Mexico State returns to action Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Pan American Center against Chicago State, a team they beat earlier in Chicago by 16 points. Tip-off is 7 p.m. (KXPZ, 99.5).

The Cougars, 6-18 and 1-6 in the Western Athletic Conference, are led in scoring by Fred Sims, Jr., and Trayvon Palmer. Palmer and Sims are also Chicago's top rebounders.

Ian Baker, rounding into form in the second half of the season, posted a career-high 27 points against Northern New

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NMSU tennis sweeps the court

Men end hibernation with strong return

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico State men's tennis team didn't miss a beat after taking a hiatus during the winter with a 7-0 sweep of Mesa Community College Jan. 27 at the NM State Tennis Center.

Christofer Goncalves and Luis Flores continued their dominance in doubles action with a 6-1 victory to open up the dual campaign. Sergi Espias and Enrique Asmar claimed the doubles point for NM State when they sent MCC's No. 3 doubles team home 6-3. Stijn de Haan and Mauri Benitez secured the sweep in a tightly contested victory at No. 2 doubles 7-6.

Doubles

1. Goncalves/Flores (NMSU) def. Holthey/Maurin (MCC) – 6-1
 2. De Haan/Benitez (NMSU) def. Felix/Loaiza (MCC) – 7-6
 3. Espias/Asmar (NMSU) def. Fisher/Donghyun (MCC) – 6-3
- Order of Finish: 1, 3, 2

Singles

1. Christofer Goncalves (NMSU) def. Linus Holthey (MCC) – 6-0, 6-3
 2. Sergi Espias (NMSU) def. David Felix (MCC) – 6-4, 6-2
 3. Luis Flores (NMSU) def. Matt Fisher (MCC) – 6-1, 6-3
 4. Sijn de Haan (NMSU) def. Kim Donghyun (MCC) – 6-2, 6-2
 5. Mauri Benitez (NMSU) def. Andres Loaiza (MCC) – 6-3, 6-0
 6. Enrique Asmar (NMSU) def. Eduardo Couto (MCC) – 6-1, 6-2
- Order of Finish: 1, 4, 6, 4, 3, 2

Once again, Goncalves was the first to finish during singles action. The Barquisimeto, Venezuela, product cruised past the Thunderbirds' No. 1 singles player

6-0, 6-3 for his 16th singles victory on the season and first in dual action.

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NMSU's Enrique Asmar won his singles and doubles matches.

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Women netters take care of business

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico State women's tennis team has a lengthy rest period before it hosts the University of Houston Feb. 12.

Going into the break, however, the Aggies took care of business, sweeping Mesa Community College Jan. 27 at the NM State Tennis Center.

The Aggies' No. 2 doubles team of Vanessa Valdez and Rebecca Keijzerwaard maintained their dominance against the Thunderbirds, taking down the visitors' doubles tandem 6-1. Fanni Novak and Eli Arnaudova easily clinched the doubles

point for NM State when they defeated their counterparts 6-2 before

Rimpledeep Kaur and Gabrielle Joyce defeated their opponents 6-3 shortly after.

Lindsay Harlas put the Aggies up quickly in singles action, blanking MCC's Charlotte Lotte 6-0, 6-0. Kaur then gave NM State match point when she blasted past Yolena Carlon 6-0, 6-3 before this week's Western Athletic Conference



KEIJZERWAARD

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De Haan was the next Aggie to win his flight, downing Kim Donghyun in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2. Asmar clinched the match moments later when he blasted his opponent at No. 6 singles 6-1, 6-2. Benitez was the next to finish followed by Flores and Espias to complete the sweep for New Mexico State.

The Aggies now hit the road for 18 straight matches, heading first to Las Vegas for four weekend matches at the Fertitta Tennis Complex on the campus of UNLV. They play host UNLV Feb. 3, followed by neutral-site matches against UC Riverside (Feb. 3), Weber State (Feb. 4) and Youngstown State (Feb. 5).



Mayfield product Lindsay Harlas blanked No. 6 singles foe Charlotte Lotte.

Doubles

1. Kaur/Joyce (NMSU) def. Carlon/Ankrah (MCC) – 6-3
 2. Valdez/Keijzerwaard (NMSU) def. Nelson/Ortiz (MCC) – 6-1
 3. Novak/Arnaudova (NMSU) def. Fournier/Lotte (MCC) – 6-2
- Order of Finish: 2, 3, 1

Singles

1. Rimpledeep Kaur (NMSU) def. Yolena Carlon (MCC) – 6-0, 6-3
2. Vanessa Valdez (NMSU)

- def. Naa Ankrah (MCC) – 6-1, 6-4
3. Rebecca Keijzerwaard (NMSU) def. Hanna Nelson (MCC) – 6-0, 6-4
 4. Eli Arnaudova (NMSU) def. Julia Ortiz (MCC) – 6-2, 6-2
 5. Elizabeth Geronimo (NMSU) def. Michelle Fournier (MCC) – 6-4, 6-4
 6. Lindsay Harlas (NMSU) def. Charlotte Lotte (MCC) – 6-0, 6-0
- Order of Finish: 6, 1, 3, 4, 5, 2

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Player of the Week, Keijzerwaard, clinched the match at No. 3 singles – 6-0, 6-4.

Elizabeth Geronimo picked up another win for the Aggies, this time at No. 5 singles when she claimed a 6-4, 6-4 victory. Valdez wrapped things up for New Mexico State with her 6-1, 6-4 victory.

Harlas and Keijzerwaard remain undefeated in dual play for the Aggies while the No. 2 doubles team of Valdez and Keijzerwaard are undefeated at 3-0 as well.

NMSU equestrian team rides again

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico State equestrian team won a nail-biter in Las Cruces Jan. 28 as the Aggies tied No. 1-ranked Texas A&M 7-7 but won on a raw score of 1201.25-1052.25.

It is the first time the NMSU equestrian team has defeated a No. 1 team in the country.

“Today was a great day to be a part of New Mexico State Equestrian,” said head coach Robin Morris-Walters. “Since starting spring practices, we’ve been trying to focus on riding in the moment and enjoying the opportunity. I think it paid off today as these student-athletes came in with a clear head, a passion for showing horses, and the support of their team.”

NM State took an early 2-1 lead after the Equitation competition. Karianna Knezevich (73) and Remington Willkie

(81) each scored a point with Willkie earning MVP honors in the event.

Madison Brayman (85) and Knezevich (79) each scored in the Equitation over Fences event with Brayman winning the MVP award. This gave NM State a 4-3 lead at the end of the Hunterseat competition.

New Mexico State fell behind at the start of the Western competition as Texas A&M took the 6-5 lead after Horsemanship.

New Mexico State made up the deficit in the Reining event as Hallie Padilla (65.5) and Kimberly Ferrante (72) outscored TAMU 2-1 to end the competition in a 7-7 tie.

The raw scores determined the winner, with NM State coming out on top.

The NM State equestrian team is back in action Feb. 11 when it travels to take on SMU. Competition is set to begin at 10 a.m.



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Rylee Meloy is a 17-year-old senior at Centennial High School. She plays middle blocker and shooting guard/forward on the Lady Hawks volleyball and basketball teams, respectively. So far, this volleyball season, Meloy has had 54 kills and 81 blocks. In basketball, she is averaging 10 points, seven rebounds, three assists, three steals and one block per game this basketball season. She is responsible, caring, trustworthy, faithful, cheerful, optimistic and adventurous. Meloy is an excellent student, with a 4.0 GPA. When off the court and out of the classroom, she enjoys hanging out with family and friends, camping, reading and going to church.



Jacinto Montoya is a 17-year-old senior at Centennial High School. He plays guard and is one of three captains on the Hawks basketball team. Montoya scored 10 points against Mayfield in an overtime win on Jan. 13 and scored 12 points against Gadsden on Jan. 10. He is shooting 42 percent from the field for the season. Montoya is a leader, exhibiting hard work and perseverance. He is a dedicated student with a 3.0 GPA and is always eager to learn. His interests off the court and outside the classroom are law and history.

CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Super Bowl swamis: It's the Patriots – or not

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

"I will be watching this year for the commercials," New Mexico State University Director of Athletics Mario Moccia said about Super Bowl LI, to be played Sunday, Feb. 5 in Houston (4:30 p.m. kickoff). Moccia is a Cowboys' fan, and Dallas was bounced from the playoffs weeks ago. He predicts the New England Patriots beat the Atlanta Falcons, 45-24.

Most in this informal poll suggest a high-scoring game, regardless whether the Patriots win their fifth Super Bowl in the Bill Belichick/Tom Brady era or the Falcons their first.

NMSU Chancellor Garey Carruthers thinks Atlanta will win by 14 because the "Falcons will deflate their footballs, thus having an edge." Carruthers, born in southern Colorado, is a diehard Denver Broncos fan.

Former New Mexico State University Chemical Engineering Department head Charley Johnson predicts Atlanta, 31-27. Johnson quarterbacked the Denver Broncos in the 1970s and led them to their first winning season, in 1973. He is a member of the Broncos' select Ring of Fame. He also quarterbacked New Mexico State to its last undefeated season, 11-0 in 1960, when it won the Sun Bowl and were ranked 17th nationally.

City Manager Stuart Ed takes the Patriots. "Love 'em or hate 'em, they are on a mission to make Commissioner (Roger) Goodell hand them a trophy. Plus, they have the best X's and O's coach in the NFL. I admire their teamwork, which is why they are so efficient." Ed said he is part of "(Oakland) Raider Nation." But admits, "After living in the area for over 20 years, I've taken to drinking the blue and silver Kool Aid and have become a closet

Cowboy fan."

Mayor Ken Miya-gishima is picking Atlanta, 17-14. Last year, he took Denver over Carolina by a score of 24-17. The Broncos won 24-10, so the mayor was closest to the pin of anyone in my 2016 Super Bowl column.

State Rep. Bill McCamley, D-Doña Ana, agrees with Carruthers: Falcons by 42-28. "Their offense is just too good," said McCamley, a New Orleans Saints fan.

Las Cruces Police Chief Jaime Montoya, also a Saints fan ("we dat!"), thinks the Falcons will win by seven. Fire Chief Eric Enriquez is also taking the Falcons by seven, predicting a final of 34-27. He's a Pittsburgh Steelers fan, but thinks this year's game is going to be great.

NMSU Creative Media Institute for Film and Digital Arts Assistant Professor Ross Marks, a Chicago Bears fan, is taking New England by a score of 38-35.

The Patriots are City

Councilor Ceil Levatino's favorite team, and she predicts they will win 27-17. "As much as ... the Falcons quarterback, wants a ring, Brady wants righteous revenge against Goodell. Brady wins," she said.

Councilor Jack Eakman has followed the Steelers, Green Bay Packers and Minnesota Vikings over the years, "depending on where we were residing." He picks the Patriots, 31-21. Councilor Kasandra Gandara, a Steelers fan "since I was four years old," is picking the Falcons by three.

Councilor Gill Sorg, a Broncos and Vikings fan, predicts the "Pats in a close one" – and adds an even bolder prediction: "Maybe (Patriots quarterback Tom) Brady might retire."

"I go to Super Bowl parties for the friends and the food," Doña Ana Arts Council Executive Director Kathleen Albers said. "I'm one of those people who talks throughout the

game and only tunes in for the halftime show and commercials. Now, if you were to ask me who will win the commercials, I might be able to make a prediction on that," she said.

"As a Cowboys fan, I must ask, 'What is this Super Bowl of which you speak?'" said New Mexico Farm and Ranch Museum Communications Manager Craig Massey. "I'm never comfortable predicting outcomes, but I would give the Patriots the edge in a close, high-scoring one. His prediction: 34-31.

Mesilla Valley Community of Hope Executive Director Nicole Martinez predicts the Patriots will win, though she'll be rooting for the Falcons. She's a San Francisco 49ers fan.

"I'm thinking a shootout with lots of points, but I think New England has the edge and just enough defense. They win 45-41," said Las Cruces actor/director David Edwards. "I was raised a Cowboy fan

and I still pull for them. I perpetually root for the underdogs and enjoy the total chaos of the favorites losing.

At the Bulletin, new editor Marty Racine predicts the Patriots, 37-24. After living in Houston for years, his favorite team is the Texans, but he grew up a 49ers and Raiders fan "long before they won Super Bowls." Racine sees "a high-scoring affair that Matt Ryan and Atlanta could win with their dynamic passing game, but with time to prepare, I never go against Belichick and Brady. I have also grudgingly accepted that we're witnessing a dynasty that deserves all sports fans' respect."

The Bulletin's Susie Ouderkirk is taking Atlanta, 36-31. "Tom Brady may be Superman, but Matt Ryan has the coolest nickname: Matty Ice. Look for a lot of field goals," she said. Ouderkirk's favorite team is the Chicago Bears.

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73-69 overtime win over Seattle University.

Salas has been named the WAC Player of the Week a conference-leading three times this season (Nov. 14, Jan. 9). It's also the second time this season she's earned College Sports Madness honors.

Aggies Tamera William, Gia Pack and Moriah Mack have also earned Conference Player of the Week recognition this season.

The Aggies overcame Utah Valley with strong defense and opportunistic offense. "We spread the ball around well against the zone defense and came up with big shots to win," head coach Mark Trakh said.

The game was sloppy in the beginning. NM State forced 10 turnovers and Utah Valley forced six in the first quarter, which ended tied at seven.

The offense opened up for both teams in the second quarter, but the low-scoring half ended 22-21, New Mexico State. Pack led nine Aggie scorers with five points.

Salas dominated the third, scoring 14 points and fueling an 11-2 run that put the Aggies up 48-36 going to the fourth.

The NMSU defense took over from there, holding the Wolverines scoreless until the 6:58 mark. The other highlight was Moriah Mack's fifth basket of the game, making her the 22nd player in NM State history to score 1,000 career points. She joined teammate Brianna Freeman, who accomplished the feat Jan. 7 against Chicago State.

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Mexico on 9-of-16 shooting, including 15 in a second-half barrage that put the game away. Eli Chuha recorded his 11th double-double of the year with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Coming off a six-day road swing, the Aggies (7-0 WAC) started slowly. The Eagles (4-20) at one point held a 16-15 lead, but the Aggies' speed and inside play fueled a 23-3 run capped by a tip-in from Jemerrio Jones.

NNMC cut the Aggie lead to 43-36 heading into the break.

Taking care of the ball (with only nine turnovers on the night), New Mexico State claimed a nine-point lead in the second half, only to allow the Eagles to creep within 60-54 at the

13:31 mark. However, an and-1 from Johnathon Wilkins sparked a 20-7 run to give NMSU an 18-point lead.

Tanveer Bhullar provided the Aggies with their largest lead of the game, 94-69, on a pick-and-roll from Jermaine Haley at the top of the key that led to a jam with 3:03 remaining.

Haley, a redshirt freshman, finished with 14 of his career-high 16 points in the second frame to complement five boards and five assists. Wilkins and Matt Taylor each added 11 points.

Back in the friendly confines, New Mexico State has won 22 straight at the Pan Am Center, dating to last season, the third-longest home streak in the nation.