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## HAPPY TRAILS



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Eagle Scout Trevor Taylor stands in front of the Sagecrest Park Trail sign he created and unveiled Friday, Nov. 10, on North Roadrunner Parkway. To his left is his brother, Evan Taylor. Las Cruces nature photographer Frank Parrish donated some of his photographs for the sign, which provides pertinent information for hikers.



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## Doña Ana County 'Your Partner in Progress'



# Property taxes due; payment options abound

Doña Ana County Treasurer Eric L. Rodriguez has mailed 2017's first-half property tax bills, and he reminds property owners that they have until Dec. 10 to pay their first-half property taxes before state-mandated interest and penalties begin to accumulate.

Citing convenience as a priority for his office, Rodriguez said payments can be made in a number of ways, such as:

- \* By mailing payment to the Treasurer's Office using the self-addressed envelope provided with the tax notice.

- \* In person at the Treasurer's Office from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, at 845 Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces.

- \* By using the indoor drop box, located near the Treasurer's Office teller windows.

- \* Online with a credit or debit card, or via electronic

checks at [www.donaanacounty.org/tax/](http://www.donaanacounty.org/tax/) or by phone at (877) 458-2425. There is a nominal fee for this service.

- \* In person from Nov. 10 to Dec. 10 at either of the following satellite locations: Anthony City Hall at 820 Highway 478 in Anthony; or Hatch City Hall at 133 Franklin St., in Hatch.

The Treasurer's office also will have personnel on hand to accept payments in Chaparral from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, at the Dolores Wright Center at 400 E. Lisa Dr.

For property owners whose taxes are paid by an escrow holder, the tax bill will be sent directly to the escrow holder.

Property owners who have not paid their taxes in



full and did not receive reminders should immediately contact the Treasurer's Office at (575) 647-7433. Mobile home owners who did not receive a tax bill should contact the Treasurer's office, since mobile homes are taxed separately from the land on which they are placed.

"We make every effort to notify every property owner of their tax obligations," Rodriguez said. "We have already sent out more than 68,000 first-half reminders. If for some reason you haven't paid your property taxes, please don't miss the Dec. 10 deadline."

Rodriguez said the only way for property owners to avoid penalties and interest is by making arrangements to pay property taxes on time. Once penalty and interest are incurred, there is no provision in the state's tax code to remove the charges from a property owner's account.

### HAZ-MAT TRAINING

The Doña Ana County Fire and Emergency Services Department offered in-depth hazardous-materials training to both paid and volunteer staff last week, thereby ensuring that in the event of a haz-mat spill in Doña Ana County, an appropriate response can be quickly staged. The bulk of the county's haz-mat equipment is stored at Santa Teresa.

Photo: ERIC CRESPIAN



## Applicants sought for DAC ADA Advisory Committee

Doña Ana County is seeking applications from residents interested in serving on the County's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Committee.

The advisory committee studies a broad range of issues related to ADA requirements and implementation and assists the county in identifying and setting priorities for compliance projects.

The advisory committee meets on a regular basis at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. in Las Cruces.

Residents are invited to apply who meet one or more of the fol-

lowing criteria: 1) have significant disabilities included within the protections of the ADA; 2) have experience in ADA compliance; or 3) have a background or experience in disability and accessibility related matters who are not Doña Ana County officials or staff members.

Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28. Applications can be downloaded from the county website, <https://donaanacounty.org/ada> and are also available at the Doña Ana County H.R. Department, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Suite 2-190, Las Cruces, N.M., 88007.

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## Shelter names new executive director

### BULLETIN REPORT

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley Board of Directors has announced that Clinton F. "Clint" Thacker of Layton, Utah, has accepted a verbal offer to become the next executive director for the organization.

The announcement followed a closed session of the board at its regular monthly meeting. Details of Thacker's two-year contract will be negotiated and finalized by the City of Las Cruces Human Resources Department. Assuming all goes well, a special board meeting will be held to accommodate an official board vote on executing the contract.

Thacker was among five finalists who interviewed for the position. He is a 2008 graduate of the University of Phoenix with a bachelor's degree in business management. He is a member of the board of directors of the National Animal Care and Control Association, and he was most recently employed as

director of Davis County Animal Care and Control in Fruit Heights, Utah, where he oversaw 24 employees in a department that handles up to 8,000 animals each year. He has 15 years' combined experience in shelter and animal control environments.

Thacker is expected to begin his duties as early as Monday, Nov. 27, on a two-year contract with an annual salary of \$95,000, plus monthly allowances for vehicle use and a cellular device.

"Mr. Thacker is a great fit for the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley," said Board Chairman Jess Williams. "Bernice Navarro and Paul Richardson did a fantastic job of running the facility since Aug. 11, when Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock left. The board is both hopeful and confident that Mr. Thacker will complement the hard-working staff and committed volunteers who keep the shelter moving forward."

The shelter has a goal of becoming a no-kill facility by the end of 2018.



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Oñate High School flute section



Oñate High School flag team members Alexis Lucero and Priscilla Reyes.

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# Tournament of Bands

The Tournament of Bands competition attracted area high school marching bands to Aggie Memorial Stadium Saturday, Nov. 4. The top 10 winners and their scores:

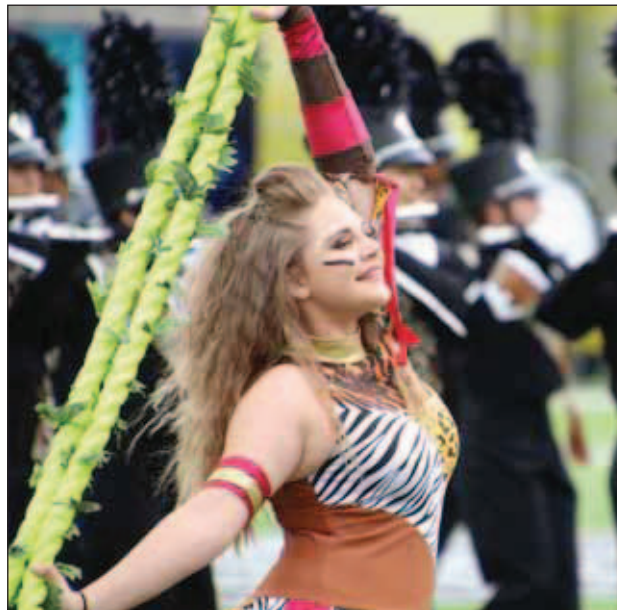
- Coronado High School (El Paso): 89.1
- Hanks High School (El Paso): 88.0
- Oñate High School: 85.1
- Eastlake High School (El Paso): 84.75
- Franklin High School (El Paso): 81.95
- Del Valle High School (El Paso): 80.7
- Centennial High School: 80.375
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- Bel Air High School (El Paso): 78.75
- Mayfield High School: 76.725.



Erica Lee performs clarinet for the Oñate marching band.



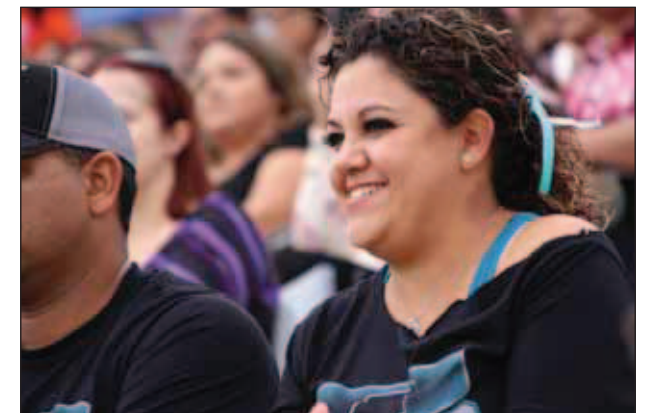
Oñate High School marching band member Thomas Estrada.



Flag team member Mikayla Jurros.



Sean South supports his son Aiden Diaz-South.



Cindy Rivera cheers for Oñate High School.

# Country music festival announces changes

## BULLETIN REPORT

The Las Cruces Country Music Festival has announced it will be moving to Oct. 19-21 in 2018. The festival has been held in the spring since it began in 2013.

“As everyone in Las Cruces knows, the weather in the spring can be a bit unpredictable,” said Jennifer Bales, executive director of Visit Las Cruces, which sponsors the event. “With some of the things we have planned and performers we are looking to bring in, we need to ensure the best possible weather for the event”.

Due to the increase in attendance over the life of the event, the festival will also relocate from downtown Las Cruces to the ballfields off Hadley Avenue.

“We have seen tremendous growth in the number of attendees every year since the festival started, and we needed to find a location that can accommodate an even larger crowd,” Bales said. “We loved being downtown, but we are simply outgrowing the space we had to work with – which is a great problem to have for the festival and Las Cruces.”



BULLETIN FILE PHOTO/MARTY RACINE

**Boots graced the grounds at the 2016 country music festival.**

In 2017, ticket sales were up 20 percent and ticket revenue was up 47 percent over the previous year.

The festival also will expand hours and activities, putting it more in line with other country music festivals around the country.

“We are working hard to create a festival atmosphere, and we feel holding the event on grass will make the event more enjoyable for everyone,” Bales said.

The festival lineup will be announced in spring; vendor registration will open at that time.

For more information, contact Visit Las Cruces at 575-541-2444, or VisitLasCruces.com.

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# Tough as nails, sharp as a tack

## Bulletin says farewell to veteran newswoman

**T**ough as nails. That's not the most common description of a woman who is 5-foot-2, weighs maybe 100 pounds soaking wet, and was born about 76 years ago.



**RICHARD COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

That is, however, one of many ways I would describe Alta LeCompte. For the past five years, Alta wrote for the Las Cruces Bulletin, primarily covering business. Unfortunately, Alta is leaving us, as she and her husband, Ross, move to North Carolina.

I can't remember exactly how Alta's resume came across my desk, but I remember being immediately intrigued. The resume revealed experience broad and deep, and the writing samples were informative and engaging.

We were looking for a versatile writer, so I called the editor for whom Alta had most recently worked in Virginia. Many times, calling for refer-

ences is an exercise in futility, or at least in boredom. Often, former employers don't give you much more than start and end dates of the person's employment. Occasionally they will honestly answer the question "Would you hire this person again?"

Boring cannot describe the call I made to this editor. He could barely contain his excitement.

"Alta is the best reporter I've ever had," he said. "If you can hire her, do not hesitate."

I hesitated long enough to call Alta and bring her in for an interview, at the end of which, I brought her on board.

One of her early interviews for the Bulletin was with Garey Carruthers, now New Mexico State University's chancellor, but then dean of the College of Business.

The next time I saw Carruthers, he went out of his way to come tell me about this feisty little reporter.

"Alta is tough!" he said. "She keeps drilling down until she gets to the heart of the matter. She is good."

I took this as high praise from a former governor, someone who for four years dealt with journalists of all stripes on a

daily basis.

A few years later I would learn another aspect of Alta's toughness.

I sat in a small room in the Mountain View Regional Medical Center emergency room, where Alta sat on a doctor's table, with dried blood on her clothes and skin.

She had been in a car wreck.

The wreck, though, was not the topic of conversation she wanted to cover. She wanted to let me know what appointments and assignments she was missing due to her accident. She wanted to apologize for missing them and was already planning ways to re-schedule.

"Um, Alta," I said. "You do know you have blood on you, right? You do realize there's a good chance you may have some broken bones, right?"

She shrugged all that off, and muttered something about her car.

**Sharp as a tack**

Few people are as active as Alta, in as many different ways. Her life is full of physical, spiritual, social and intellectual activities. She can speak as readily on the Pittsburgh Steelers as she can on the business opportunities in Santa Teresa,

as she can about the teachings of her church. She has bright insight, a great B.S. detector and a wry sense of humor. In short, I want to be like Alta LeCompte when I grow up.

Journalism is a high-stress job, but Alta is unflappable. The closest I ever saw her to being flapped was the time she mistakenly called Valley Cold Storage "Viking Cold Storage," and it unfortunately made it to print. Even though it was ultimately my responsibility, particularly because I had caught the error in an early proof, Alta claimed the mistake as her own. She was upset because she has such pride in her craft.

It is a craft she has honed since she was in the fifth grade in Palisades, New Jersey. She talked her teacher into letting the class do a newspaper, which was mimeographed at the photo engraving business where Alta's father worked.

While I love Alta's sense of humor, her husband Ross's is an acquired taste. If you've known Ross for any time at all, he'll tell you how he once played for the New York Jets. When he's got your curiosity, he'll let you know that he played in

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**We want your letters**

The Las Cruces Bulletin invites readers to submit letters, preferably by email to editor@lascrucesbulletin.com. They can be sent in by fax at 575-526-4621. Letters also can be mailed or dropped off at 1740 A Calle de Mercado, Las Cruces, 88005. Letters should not exceed 200 words and must include the writer's name, address and telephone number for verification. Anonymous letters will not be published. Letters may be edited for length or content.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**To all the non-voters**

To the editor:  
This letter is to every Conservative/Republican/Independent who did not vote on Nov. 7. Thanks to you, this city is now under complete unhindered control of the liberal progressives' agenda. Thanks to you, we will continue to welcome illegals and criminals and protect them from the law, our business community will continue to struggle with overburdening regulations and higher minimum wages costing all of us more.  
Remember, business doesn't pay taxes, you the consumer do. Thanks to you, our tax dollars will continue to be spent on building a sound studio for the film industry, and a hotel next to the Convention Center. Since when is it the business of

the city to go into business? Thanks to you, the Plan for Las Cruces can be fully implemented, and if you don't know what that is, then you are just another uninformed citizen of the city who doesn't take the time to understand what is happening to us, and you will wake up one day soon and not recognize your city!

Linda Dowless  
Las Cruces

**Moment of honesty**

To the editor:  
I want to thank the little girl who found my camera at the Renaissance Faire on Saturday (Nov. 4) and turned it in to Lost and Found. I think I lost it while I was helping tidy up after being part of the Quick Draw Contest. It is so nice that there is one more honest person. Thank you, little girl.

Penny Duncklee  
Las Cruces

**Center needs skilled help**

To the editor:  
Dear County Commissioners,  
It's indeed good news to read that the Crisis Triage Center may finally become a reality, so I am writing to ask that you thoroughly investigate who will run this center – La Clinica or iNetMed.  
I know little about iNetMed, but I have been a patient at La Clinica since it was first established, early 1970, in La Mesilla and I have seen it grow and change substantially over these 30-plus years. Some changes have been good, others not so, in my opinion.  
Since La Clinica is now located in what formerly was Memorial Hospital on Alameda Boulevard, there have been numer-

ous changes under the current administration. Having been a patient there for so many years, I knew many of the office staff by name, and they knew my name, so when I checked in at the desk for my appointment, we often greeted one other by name, a very pleasant arrangement.

But because of a large turnover of office staff, instead of being greeted by name, more often now, the receptionist asks: "May I help you?" Several employees with six or more years of experience at La Clinica have been fired and of course with privacy rules, reason for their dismissal can't be disclosed. They are missed by both patients and former co-workers.

Several other employees experienced in a particular medical area or department have been

transferred to a different department or different medical field. Not only I but some other patients with whom I've spoken, and several of the long-time employees, are similarly upset. Yes, some employees have left for personal reasons, and that's to be expected in any business.

These replacements certainly are not to the advantage of the patient, plus this makes it difficult for that new employee to learn the ropes.

I don't like to think that the reason for this change in management is to increase profits, since the salary for a new employee will be less than that for a seasoned one, but what else would explain this management change, what I and others see as unfortunate for both the patient and the employee?

As I'm sure you all

are aware, it is vital that any facility dealing with mental health patients especially employ both highly skilled and experienced medical and staff personnel. Which of the two agencies considered to run the Crisis Triage center has the best qualifications, is the most experienced?

Tamie Smith  
Las Cruces  
Editor's note:  
See story page 25.

**Legalize marijuana**

To the editor:  
I am writing to express my concerns about keeping the recreational use of marijuana illegal in the state of New Mexico. This choice is keeping New Mexico from financially growing.  
I am a New Mexico State University student who has studied and

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researched a bit into the topics of recreational use of marijuana in surrounding states, particularly Colorado. Did you know Colorado used the legalization of marijuana to bring more income to the state? They currently make an average of over \$160 million worth of tax revenue off of cannabis in the year of 2016.

It is no secret that New Mexico is one of the poorest states in the United States, the 5th to be exact. We are also the 2nd in poverty (20.4%) and 3rd in unemployment (6.6%). With the legalization of recreational use of marijuana, we could actually help our people by providing more jobs and taxing marijuana like tobacco, making a financial gain.

Of course, there are myths about marijuana that people still believe, such as marijuana kills people, marijuana causes more car accidents/traffic fatalities, and marijuana is worse than alcohol and tobacco. All of these are false. There have been no cases of overdosing on marijuana. According to Colorado and Washington state traffic incidents records there have seen no increase of traffic

related incidents from marijuana.

Also, alcohol yearly kills an average of 88,000, cigarettes yearly kill an average of 480,000 citizens.

*Emily Portillo  
NMSU*

### Poor city management

To the editor:

I moved to Las Cruces in 1986 thinking this was a great place to live. However, as the years keep passing by, it has been brought to my attention over and over again at how poorly the City of Las Cruces government maintains the bridges, streets, parkways and sidewalks.

Litter seems to adorn Las Cruces everywhere, with no street being immune from the trash. A council member even told me once that it is only an aesthetic issue and not a safety concern.

Unfortunately, "first impression" when driving into any community can give a person a false representation of the people that live there such as lazy workforce, low quality of life, welfare attraction and more. First impression can even affect a high-paying business or industry's decision on whether or not to build or relocate here.

I (have) observed whereby some city in-

frastructure simply has been "let go" by the city. Such examples include:

– The Lohman Avenue Bridge having most of the Array Lights not working for over a half year now. Landscape almost a total loss,

– The newer rock dam structure across from the Laguna Seca Mall used to have all the weeds including trees removed including the ones facing the Office Max parking lot on the south side,

– Paseo de Oñate whereby dirt from rains cover the sidewalks and nobody in a wheelchair can continue their journey down the sidewalk path. This has to be reported to the city every time it rains. They are covered with dirt as we speak,

– The ugly medians on Lohman Avenue heading east from Laguna Seca Mall up past MountainView Hospital have had no landscape for 20 years since they were first built. Thousands of dollars have been spent on flood debris and dirt removal over the years, which could have been avoided if they were properly landscaped.

– The destroyed fence that borders Lohman Avenue from the defunct Hastings parking lot where truckers have been allowed by the owner to park their semi-trucks in

that parking lot destroying the entire fence.

We as taxpayers deserve a better city government (that) ought to be able to keep up our city's infrastructure with pride.

*Craig and Marisol  
Weisbart,  
Las Cruces*

### Address poverty in NM

To the editor:

New Mexico recently became the worst in the nation for child poverty. I always question if there's a way that these problems could be fixed and how we tackle this issue together.

The first thing we need to address is that many children have no choice or voice for themselves. Thirty-six percent of children under the age of 5 are living below the poverty line in New Mexico. Is New Mexico as a state doing enough to help and offer services to families who are in need?

My personal opinion is that many issues like lack of education and problems within the family come from poverty. Since I have begun my Internship with treatment foster care, I have noticed the effect that poverty has on children at such a young age. In some cases, poverty is an endless cycle that is passed on through generations. I believe that we need to educate

our youth and express to them the importance of their education and their future.

The youth are our future. Not teaching them and not trying to fix this problem is just going to continue to cause harm. Poverty can be alleviated, and I firmly believe that we can do more to solve this problem. I advise your readers to be more educated about what is going on around them and to call, email and leave messages for the members of Congress to voice our concern. We need to be the voice to make the change.

*Stephanie Telles  
NMSU*

### Law and order

To the editor:

When I was growing up my heroes were cowboys. They projected an image of integrity and guts. They were honorable men supported and admired by honorable women. These men protected their families and when necessary they formed groups to protect their communities. When Outlaws committed crimes, groups of law-abiding citizens were formed into posses for the purpose of capturing the criminals and bringing them to justice; back then there were very few Lawmen, so the Sheriffs needed the support of armed citizens as backup

in the form of deputies.

That time has come again because of the inability of our elected officials to protect us; they can't even protect themselves: Gabby Gifford and Steve Scalise. Even the police, who are our first-line defenders against violence, are being gunned down. The masked outlaws of yesteryear have returned; clad entirely in black, they call themselves ANTIFA. Their lawlessness is allowed because of the weak politicians that we have either elected or have failed to vote out of office, once exposed. These politicians have tied the hands our police and promoted anarchy instead of law and order. Until these feckless politicians are rooted out we will be on our own. But there is hope when real cowboys stand up.

On Sunday, Nov. 5, two true cowboys ran down an outlaw in the quiet town of Southerland Springs, Texas. They engaged the mass-murderer in a gunfight and chased him to his capture. If you don't have the heart to be a true cowboy, then at least support them and at the very least get educated as to the history of the politicians that want your vote.

*Dave Gallus  
Las Cruces*

## FAREWELL

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the band that happened to play at New York Jets games years ago.

### New chapter

Perhaps what makes Alta such a lively, positive

person is she remains a seeker.

She and Ross arrived in Las Cruces five years ago with no connection to the community, but quickly immersed themselves in the Land of Enchantment.

"When we first moved here I was really im-

pressed with the Organ Mountains," she said. "But I began to realize all these other mountains around us, with all sorts of geological features that turn all different colors. Physically it's a beautiful place.

"We've just met such wonderful people in Las

Cruces," she said. "We moved here attempting to learn something about a new culture, and work at speaking Spanish, not too successfully. But it's been a great learning experience.

"And I'll always remember the Las Cruces Bulletin as being family,

no matter who's working there over the years," she said. "You guys attract the kind of commitment to community and one another that's very rare."

Now, they head to North Carolina. Again, they have no real connection, but will be somewhat closer to some parts

of their family.

"It's time for another chapter," Alta said about her move, seeking new adventure and new lessons in life, at an age when most people are spending more time looking at the old chapters.

That should be inspiring to all of us at any age.



# Separate toy runs to benefit area children

## BULLETIN REPORT

### Toys for Kids: Nov. 19

Motorcycles will be decked out in holiday décor, along with toys and stuffed animals, for the 37th annual Toys for Kids Motorcycle Parade.

**Toys for Kids** Parade registration begins at 9 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.

The parade is at noon, leaving from the mall to the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

Live music is by Triple Jack at the convention center, along with a barbecue dinner, beverages, vendors, a bike show (with cash prizes), a silent auction, raffles and other activities.

The cost to participate in the parade is \$10, plus a new toy valued at \$7 or more. Educational and non-violent toys are encouraged.

“The parade is the largest one-day toy drive in southern New Mexico and benefits children in Doña Ana and Sierra counties,” according to an event news release. “Tresco TOTS, the only non-profit early intervention agency in Doña Ana County, is the primary beneficiary. Additional agencies that support children and families also receive toys or funds from the event.”

For more information or to be an event sponsor, call Theresa at 575-621-8236 or Kong at 575-523-1061. For vendor information, call Claudia at 575-496-0482.

### Toys for Tots: Dec. 3

The annual Las Cruces Marine Corps Toys for Tots bicycle run begins at 11 a.m. at the downtown plaza Sunday, Dec. 3, according to Las Cruces Toys for Tots Area Coordinator Peggy Petrowsky.

The route is five miles from the plaza to Picacho Peak Brewery, 3900 W. Picacho Blvd., where a buffet lunch will be available for purchase.

The average biking speed will be 10 to 12 miles an hour, Petrowsky said. Helmets are required.

The “cost” to participate in the run is a new, unwrapped toy for a girl or boy. Toys for Tots hopes to provide about 5,000 toys to needy children throughout Doña Ana County.

The bike run is sponsored by ZiaVelo Cycling of Las Cruces and Outdoor Adventures. For more information, call 575-642-9548, or contact Petrowsky at lascrucestft@gmail.com.



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Toys donated for the 2016 Toys for Kids event filled the Christmas tree.

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Reverend Alex Urena leads the Mass.

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## Mariachi Mass

The annual Las Cruces International Mariachi Conference Nov. 8-12 brought workshops, concerts and a competition to the Corbett Center, Hotel Encanto, Centennial High School and other venues. The five-day event concluded with a Mariachi Mass Sunday morning, Nov. 12, on Plaza de Las Cruces.



Former Las Cruces City Councilor Dolores Archuleta, center, joins hands with Dan Sosa III and Julia Fracker.



Seminarian candidate William J. Contreras helps Reverend Alex Urena with the Sunday Mass.



From left, members of Mariachi Aguilas perform – Joshua Bustillos, Margarita Parra and Britany Helton.



Alfonzo Loya sings with his group Mariachi Aguilas.



Daliia Torres holds her daughter Aurora Torres, 10 months.

## COMING UP

**Fall Festival:** Burrell College of Medicine's student chapter of the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians and the NMSU Pre-Med Club will hold a fall festival from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at BCOM/NMSU Sisbarro Park, 3501 Arrowhead Drive, on the NMSU campus. Field games, face-painting, balloon animals, mini med school stations, nutrition education and more. Free. Info: BCOM ACOP President Roxanne Waggoner, roxanne.waggoner@mybcm.org.

**Speak German:** Freunde der Deutschen Sprache (Friends of the German Language) will meet at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 in Room 173-A of Breland Hall at NMSU featuring two recent documentaries: "Die Herrenhuter Sterne – Ein Leuchten in die Welt," and "Deutschland – wie wir leben; Part 3: Ernaehrung." Use the east entrance and east parking lot. Old and new members welcome. Info: Christine at 524-2530 or Heike at 522-5393.

**Cruces Kids Can:** Kids Can Children's Business Fair will be 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 18, at Plaza de Las Cruces. Kids aged 6-18 develop a brand, create a product or service, build a marketing strategy and then open for business for a day. Entry booths will be judged by a panel of local business professionals on a variety of criteria. Cash prizes of \$50 per category. Info: thevillagelc@gmail.com or www.cruceskidscan.org.

**Crafts for Kids:** Create a turkey hat at Turkey Time, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov.

18 at New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. \$5 per car. Info: 575-522-4100.

**Back by Noon:** Guided history outings for nature lovers. The hikes showcase some of the unique natural features of the Las Cruces/El Paso area. Informative, family friendly, and not too strenuous, most of the trips will have you back to your car by noon. Bring sturdy shoes, water, sunscreen and a hat. For more information and to register, contact 575-522-5552 or ashley@wildmesquite.org.

**Fall 2017 lineup**  
Nov. 18: Slot Canyon Adventure, East of the Robledo Mountains  
Dec. 2: Trek to Aztec Cave, Franklin Mountains

**Recreation Mobile Unit:** The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department Mobile Unit providing fun activities will be at Mesilla Park 4:30-6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17. Free, no registration required. Fridays in the Park is geared to middle and high school students but is available for the entire family. Info: 575-541-2455 or RecPrograms@las-cruces.org.



**HomeGrown:** New Mexico Food Show & Gift Market will be held 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Nov. 19, at the NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

Showcases food grown in New Mexico. More than 60 vendors from around the state will sell their products as the gift-giving season approaches. The museum is partnered with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture. \$5 per vehicle and the first 100 each day receives a free burlap shopping bag. Info: 575-522-4100



**Intro to Coding:** For middle school students interested in learning to program, 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, Branigan Memorial Library. To ensure a spot or learn more about the program, contact Jenna McClellan, 575-993-1198, or jenna\_mcclellan@yahoo.com.



**High Heels for High Hopes:** 11th annual March of Dimes show and fundraiser supporting premature babies, 6

p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Info and ticket purchase: highheelsforhighhopes.org, click on Las Cruces.

**Good stories:** Storytellers of Las Cruces will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, beginning with social time and refreshments. Storytellers are Judith Ames and Pat Gill, workshop presenter is Florence Hamilton. Anyone interested in telling or hearing stories is welcome. Info and location: 526-3247 or email jigilbert@zianet.com

**Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot:** Thursday, Nov. 23, at Oñate High School. Sponsored by Las Cruces Running Club, the event will consist of a 5k, 10k and 1-mile fun run. Youths 12 and under have free entry to the fun run. Prizes for largest team and best costume.

**Discovery afternoon:** 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, The Amazing

Honey Bee, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Students will learn about the honey bee and why they are so important. Students will identify different parts of a bee's anatomy, learn about pollination and the life cycle of the bee. Open to children ages 5-10. \$3 per child/parent. Space is limited. Reservations: LuAnn Kilday, 575-522-4100.

**Otero Mesa Field Tours:** Saturday morning, Dec. 2, join Southwest Environmental Center for a free educational outing exploring the largest region of Chihuahuan Desert grassland. Free. Transportation and lunch provided. RSVP: peter@wildmesquite.org

org or 575-522-5552.

**La Frontera store:** La Frontera, a seller of fair-trade items made by women from the border area and Mexico, is located at Nopalito's Galeria, 326 S. Mesquite St., in Las Cruces and will be open every Saturday through Dec. 30. Proceeds from sales go to the women who produce the products, which include oil cloth aprons and tote bags, guerilla prayer flags, clothing and household items. Info: lafrontera-fairtrade@gmail.com.

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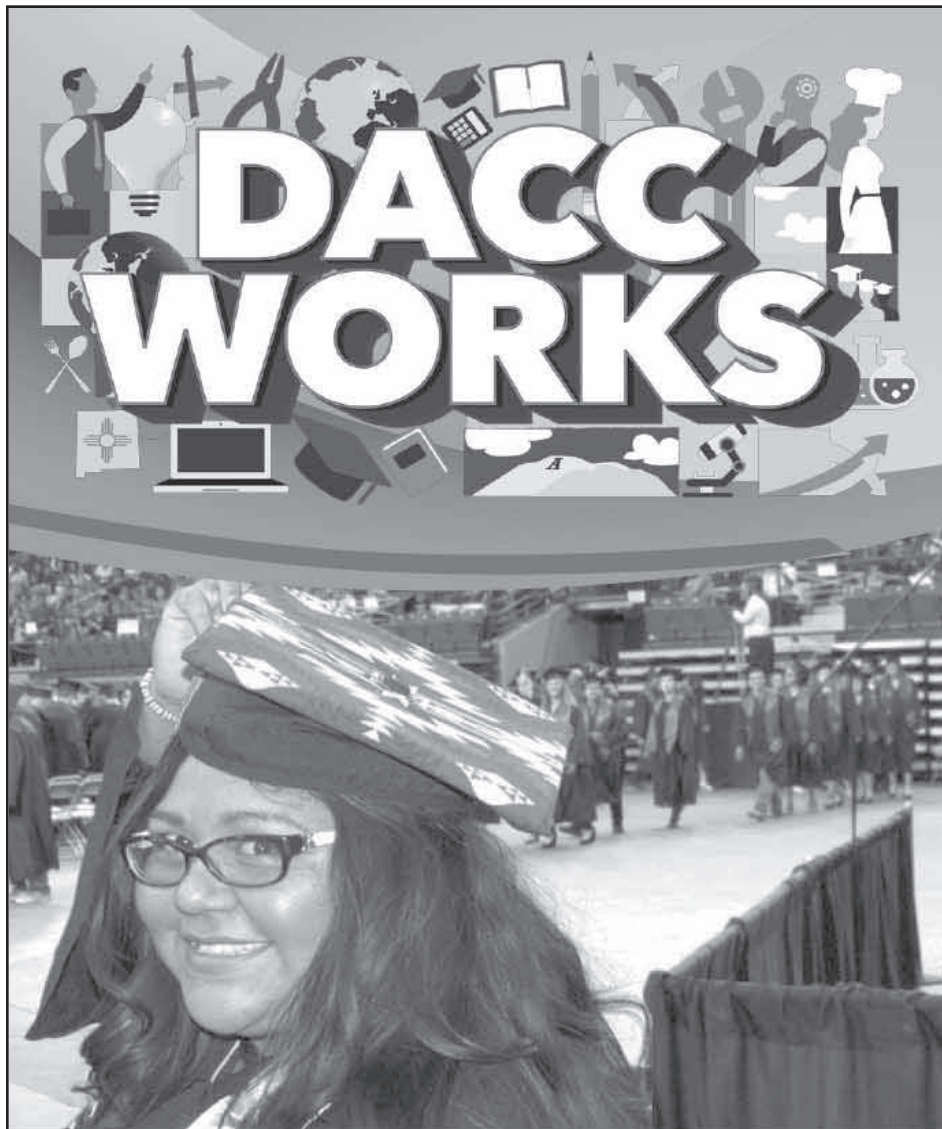
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# Zero waste a goal for public events

By **SUZANNE MICHAELS**  
For the Bulletin

October and November are the best months around Las Cruces to be outside. No surprise that this is when a plethora of festivals are attracting crowds.

This is when thousands of residents and visitors are gathering at events: eating, drinking – and generating a lot of trash.

But much of the “trash” could have been recycled – if eventgoers had a choice.

“When the New Mexico Recycling Coalition (NMRC) conducted an informal study at a Santa Fe event,” says Sarah Pierpont, NMRC executive director, “We created a list of best recycling practices for events and ended up with a 16 percent recycling rate.”

Here is the NMRC list:

- 1) locate recycling containers and trash cans side-by-side at the event;
- 2) provide clear bag-type containers so attendees can see what is in the bag;
- 3) provide lots of signs and labels;
- 4) have volunteers standing by to remove any trash that is put into recycling containers;
- 5) make sure garbage containers are emptied regularly during the event; and
- 6) notify vendors ahead of time to break down cardboard boxes and where/how to recycle dur-



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At this zero waste event, wine was provided to attendees in glass stemware; hundreds of glasses were washed later. The decision was made by SWEC to avoid disposable plastics.

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ing setup.

When the gala committee for the Southwest Environmental Center (SWEC) was planning its annual fundraiser “A Wild Night for Wildlife,” one member, Dael Goodman, was inspired by the Recycle More Partnership (RampUp Recycling) initiated in July by Tarkeysha Burton, South Central Solid Waste Authority recycling coordinator. “That’s when I realized the SWEC event would be a great event to RampUp to Zero Waste,” Goodman said.

More than 300 attendees enjoyed the beautiful evening, were treated to glass plates, stemmed glassware and stain-

less steel cutlery – all of which had to be washed later. The point was to avoid one-use-only disposable plastic, Styrofoam or cardboard plates, cups and forks. Guests paid attention to the signage, honored the recycling bins, were assisted by SWEC volunteers, and raised more than \$25,000 for Zero Waste efforts and other environmental causes.

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



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## District report card reflects small improvements

### BULLETIN REPORT

According to the New Mexico Public Education Department's 2017 school district report card, districtwide reading proficiency during the 2016-17 school year improved by 11 percent while math and science proficiency rates remained flat. The report also showed that districtwide four-year graduation rates improved from 74.5 percent to 80 percent.

Aside from the minor gains, the state report showed few changes



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from the previous year's report card.

"When I look at the progress of our schools, I

look at long-term growth and how our schools are utilizing good teaching and instructional practices," said LCPS Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing. "It's important to keep in mind that the grading system is based

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on one assessment that shows a snapshot of student performance, at one point in time, and not a years' worth of growth."

"To really see some of the long-term growth our schools have undergone, I encourage parents to visit their child's school to see some of the strong and meaningful instruction our teachers are providing," said Executive Director of Leadership Heather Kingery.

Of the district's 40 schools, 25 earned an A, B or C grade. Eight improved by one or more letter grades and 17 earned the same letter grade as the previous year.

Five schools earned "A" grades for 2016-17, including Arrowhead

Park Early College High School, recognized earlier as one of three New Mexico schools to earn the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon distinction. APECHS was also the only school in New Mexico to earn the "Exemplary High Performing School" award, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

According to the Public Education Department (PED) website, the PED issues report cards for 89 school districts regarding achievement, accountability, teacher qualifications and post-secondary success data.

Non-PED schools are exempt from both school grading and school district report cards and include private, home, and Bureau of Indian Education schools.

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## IN THE NEWS

### Byrum Road project

Renegade Construction has begun removing existing pavement on a portion of Byrum Road in Chaparral. Repaving will occur after the roadway has been cleared.

The construction zone runs south from East Lisa Drive to Paloma Blanca Drive and is scheduled through the end of November from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. During construction, the stretch will be closed to through traffic but will still allow access to residences and businesses.

Motorists are advised to expect delays in the area.

### Police officers approved for duty

Six Las Cruces Police Department officers have finally deployed to Puerto Rico to assist with law enforcement duties in the wake of Hurricane Maria.

The officers, who are bilingual in English and Spanish, had originally planned to deploy Oct. 6, but received word from the Department of Homeland Security the day before that their deployment had been placed on hold. Approval came on Nov. 6. The officers are due to return to El Paso International Airport on Nov. 25. They are Sgt. Jaime Quezada, Sgt. Thaddeus Allen, Ofc. Jose Prado, Ofc. Joshua Herrera, Ofc. Manny Soto and Ofc. Charli Velasco.

"I'm very proud that our officers are willing to dedicate their time to this worthy cause and help the citizens of Puerto Rico," said Police Chief Jaime Montoya. "This shows their commitment and human kindness not just to our community, but



Receiving the Blue Ribbon Award on behalf of APECHS are, from left, APECHS English teacher Lynette Defreitas, Superintendent Greg Ewing and APECHS Principal Jennifer Amis.

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citizens everywhere."

### Arrowhead Park honored

Arrowhead Park Early College High School (APECHS) was honored in Washington, D.C., Nov. 7 by the U.S. Department of Education for earning the prestigious Blue Ribbon Award. APECHS is the only school in New Mexico to earn the "Exemplary High Performing School" award, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

In attendance to receive the award were Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing, APECHS Principal Jennifer Amis and APECHS English teacher Lynette Defreitas. U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos was part of the awards ceremony.

"I am so proud of our students, the teachers and staff, parents, and the community partners that make Arrowhead Park a gem of the Southwest,"

Ewing said. "The school is also blessed to have such great instructional leadership in Jennifer Amis."

### Bridge work continues

Work to replace the bridge beam and deck on Franco Road over the Elephant Butte Irrigation District's canal will take longer than first estimated – an estimated five weeks instead of one week.

"We found additional issues that need to be addressed at the site that will take much longer to address than we initially contemplated," Doña Ana County Roads Superintendent Omar Soto said.

Weather permitting, the project is now scheduled for completion in mid-December. Traffic is being routed through Mustang and Lechuga roads.

### County seeks applicants

Doña Ana County is seeking applications from

residents interested in serving on the county's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Committee.

The committee studies a broad range of issues related to ADA requirements and implementation and assists the county in identifying and setting priorities for compliance projects.

The advisory committee meets on a regular basis at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

Applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria: 1) have significant disabilities included within the protections of the ADA; 2) have experience in ADA compliance; or 3) have a background or experience in disability and accessibility-related matters who are not Doña Ana County officials or staff members.

Applications are accepted through 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28. Down-

load them from the county website, <https://donaana-county.org/ada>, pick up at the Doña Ana County Human Resources Department, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Suite 2-190, or call for mail delivery, 575-525-5881.

### Highland student saves friend

What started as an ordinary lunch quickly became extraordinary after Josiah Barrera, a fifth-grader at Highland Elementary School, used the Heimlich maneuver to save Max Miller, his friend and fellow fifth-grader, from choking Thursday, Nov. 2, in the school cafeteria.

"I'm amazed that Josiah was able to stay calm and jump into action so quickly," said Highland Assistant Principal Pat Christensen. "For a fifth-grader, he certainly showed wisdom beyond his years."

According to school officials, Barrera performed the maneuver on Miller as soon as he noticed Miller choking on pieces of the fruit wrap he'd been eating. Barrera said that although he's never been trained on the first-aid technique, he saw the Heimlich maneuver performed on an episode of "Chicago Med" on TV.

Miller credits Barrera for saving his life.

The Heimlich maneuver, named after the doctor who described the technique, uses abdominal thrusts to apply pressure to the bottom of the diaphragm, which in turn presses against the lungs, forcing air outward against an obstruction in the windpipe.

### Dripping Springs closures

The Dripping Springs Natural Area, including

the visitor center, picnic sites and all hiking trails, will be closed to visitors on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Outside of these three holidays, Dripping Springs is open year-round, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. October to March, and 8 a.m.-7 p.m. April to September. Day use fees are \$5 per vehicle and \$15 per bus. Reservations are required for the group site and can be made by calling the Bureau of Land Management Las Cruces District Office at 575-525-4300.

### Creosote treatments

Until approximately Nov. 20, the Sierra Soil and Water Conservation District, in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management Las Cruces District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, will treat up to 11,000 acres of creosote bush. Treatments will occur on BLM, State Trust and private lands within Sierra, Doña Ana, Hidalgo, Luna and Otero counties where creosote densities have surpassed historic, naturally-occurring levels.

A low-flying airplane will drop Tebuthiuron pellets, a soil-activated herbicide that inhibits photosynthesis, on creosote bush. At the planned rate and timing of application, the herbicide should have minimal impact on desirable grasses and forbs.

For further information, or if you are a rancher interested in having pasture treated, contact Travis Day with the Sierra SWCD at 575-894-2212, or BLM Las Cruces District Rangeland Improvement Specialist Lane Hauser at 575-525-4464.



**SALVADOR "SAL" GONZALEZ**

Salvador "Sal" Gonzalez, 81, passed away November 2, 2017. The Gonzalez Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

**JESUS JOSE "JJ" "CHUCHAN" "PELON" LUJAN**

JESUS JOSE "JJ" "CHUCHAN" "PELON" LUJAN, age 89, of Mesquite entered eternal life on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at his home. Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

**DIANE L. TASKER**

DIANE L. TASKER, age 67, of Las Cruces died November 12, 2017 at her home. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

**MIGUEL AVILA**

MIGUEL AVILA, age 53, of Las Cruces died Sunday, November 12, 2017 at his home. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

**DAN CARDON**

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# Bulletin collects seven awards in statewide contest

## BULLETIN REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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# Solid rocket manufacturing facility completed at spaceport

## BULLETIN REPORT

UP Aerospace Inc. and Cesaroni Aerospace have teamed up to create a state-of-the-art solid rocket motor manufacturing and test facility at Spaceport America. The project was completed within a year with the culmination of three full-scale SpaceLoft solid rocket motor static test firings.

The new facility, called the Space Propulsion Center (SPC), is co-owned and operated by the two companies and is located at the spaceport adjacent to the UP Aerospace Sub-Orbital Space Launch Complex. The new capability was created in part to support propulsion development of the UP Aerospace Spyder orbital launch

vehicle. The Spyder rocket, under development in collaboration with NASA, is targeting a total launch cost of \$1 million for a 20-pound payload to Low Earth Orbit. The facility will also be used to produce high-performance military-grade rocket motors for the U.S. government.

“This new facility adds to our existing 12 years of launch operations at Spaceport America, the ability to produce propulsion systems for the SpaceLoft on-site, and develop new propulsion systems for our orbital Spyder vehicle,” said Jerry Larson, President of UP Aerospace Inc. “Having a motor production and test facility onsite with our launch complex will reduce cost ... for future missions



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SpaceLoft Rocket Motor Qualification Static Test conducted Oct. 9 at Spaceport America.

flown from Spaceport America.”

UP Aerospace is currently under contract to conduct 4 sub-orbital space-flown missions from Spaceport America in 2018. Three missions

are scheduled for NASA, and the forth hypersonic mission for a commercial customer. UP Aerospace is also fully funded to complete the development of the first stage solid rocket motor of

the Spyder launch vehicle. The effort includes a full-scale flight qualification test fire of the Spyder Stage One solid rocket motor in September 2018 in collaboration with NASA.

“The Space Propulsion Center (SPC) and crew are functioning very efficiently and are poised to support a very busy 2018 launch and test schedule at Spaceport America,” Larson said.

# Program's success means homes for the homeless



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

Salud! de Mesilla was recognized as one of the sponsors of the 2017 Mesilla Valley Community of Hope Tents to Rents program. Shown at the Nov. 8 event at Salud! are Salud! co-owners Christopher Schaljo, second from left, and Russell Hernandez. With them are MVCH Board of Directors and Development Committee Chair Carrie Hamblen, left, and MVCH Executive Director Nicole Martinez.

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (MVCH) raised \$13,000 during its first Tents to Rents program last year, moving two residents of MVCH's Camp Hope Tent City into their own apartments.

This year, the goal was to raise enough to move three more people into their own homes. But, fundraisers and sponsors exceeded the goal, raising more than \$25,000, enough to put four people into apartments.

“We were really overwhelmed with how the community supports the homeless,” said MVCH Board of Directors and Develop-

ment Committee Chair Carrie Hamblen.

As a result of this year's fundraiser, one person has already moved from a tent into an apartment, said MVCH Executive Director Nicole Martinez. More will make the move from this month, she said.

Individuals are selected for the program based on a needs assessment, she said, which includes determining their vulnerability.

Those who remain in Camp Hope Tent City will continue to be served “in the best and most compassionate way,” Martinez said.

It costs about \$6,000 per person for rent and other services for a full year to relo-

cate one person out of a tent into an apartment, Martinez said.

This year's fundraiser participants were Good Samaritan Retirement Village Housing Helpers (which raised \$7,860, the most of any entity), Daniel Caroe, Lucretia Jones, MVCH, Of the Same ilk, Rawan Jallad (who raised \$1,480, the most of any individual), St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Unitarian Universalist Church and Las Cruces Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith.

“I am thrilled that we exceeded the \$18,000 goal this year,” said Smith, who raised almost \$2,000. “This speaks

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volumes about the caring nature of our community and the innovation at work when addressing challenges here. Our Community of Hope is a shining example of how

we do that, and Camp Hope is specifically such. Tents to Rents is just the next part of the structure Las Cruces is building to help those who have found themselves homeless find a way out of that condition.”

Martinez said communities across the country

“are looking at what we’re doing here, how to operate a tent city.”

For more information, contact Martinez at 575-523-2219 or hope@zianet.com.

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# 'Progressives' dominate city council after election

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Incumbent Gill Sorg, re-elected to his third four-year term on the council, has been labeled a progressive, and said the label fits when it comes to supporting social and economic progress, a better quality of life and social and criminal justice.

But Sorg also calls himself a conservative, because he wants to conserve public lands, soil, water and bio-diversity.

And, Sorg said he is "fairly conservative" on the city's spending and budget issues and feels the city needs a savings account in case of lost funding or unexpected expenses.

Sorg said the two newest members of Las Cruces City Council, both of whom defeated center-right candidates (though the races are officially non-partisan), are welcome additions.

"I think they both will bring excellent experience and expertise to their positions."

Gabe Vasquez succeeds Olga Pedroza as the District 3 representative. Pedroza retired after eight years on the council and endorsed Vasquez, who defeated Bev Courtney Nov. 7.

Yvonne Flores won the District 6 seat, defeating incumbent Ceil Levatino.

"The city's future is quite bright," Sorg said. "We have a lot of great assets here."

In the northeast Las Cruces District 5 he has represented since 2009, Sorg said he wants a "better quality of life for

the people in general," and wants to see a more beautiful district and city. That includes more landscaping and more trees on city property, including medians.

Another major issue for the district is improving connectivity, Sorg said, "So people can get from their homes to work, to school, to shopping."

A third initiative during his new term on the council will be more parks in District 5.

Since he was first elected eight years ago, Sorg said the number of parks in the district has doubled. His goal is to have at least one park within one-half mile of every house in the district.

New parks, Sorg said, are especially needed on both sides of Mesa Grande Park, the north end of Del Rey Boulevard, the neighborhoods off Rinconada Boulevard, on North Elks Drive in the far-east end of the city and in neighborhoods between Sonoma Ranch Boulevard and McGuffey Street and the Sierra Norte subdivision.

Sorg said he will continue to press city staff for a "performance-based plan" to build new parks.

More parks, beautification and landscaping are among the "little things that make a neighborhood and a person living in Las Cruces feel good and feel safe," he said.

The most serious issue the city continues to face is poverty, Sorg said.

"We need to bring more new businesses



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From left, Gill Sorg, Yvonne Flores and Joy Goldbaum await election results Nov. 7 at Cafe A Go Go.

into the city with economic-based jobs."

"We've got to do the hard things for a better Las Cruces," Sorg said, "and keep doing them." Local citizens, he said, need to "stay involved, stay informed."

Sorg is the city's representative on the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) board, as well as the city Utilities Commission, Transit Advisory Committee and Metropolitan Planning Organization board.

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## Turnout hits double-figures – barely

Turnout for the Nov. 7 municipal election was 10.56 percent, Las Cruces City Clerk Linda Lewis said, with 6,119 of 57,963 eligible voters casting ballots.

The election included three city council races – Districts 3, 5 and 6 – with voting restricted by district, and the city-wide race for municipal judge II.

In that race, Las Cruces attorney Joy Goldbaum defeated incumbent Kent Yalkut

and fellow challenger Nelson Goodin.

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

The 2015 city election, which included races for mayor and presiding municipal judge, drew about 19 percent.

New city councilors Gabe Vasquez (District 3) and Yvonne Flores (District 6) will be sworn in during the Monday, Nov. 20, regu-

lar council meeting.

They will join Councilor Gill Sorg (District 5) who was re-elected to a third four-year term; Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith (District 2), re-elected in 2015; and councilors Kasandra Gandara (District 1) and Jack Eakman (District 4), elected in 2015. Mayor Ken Miyagishima was elected in 2007 following six years on the council. He was re-elected in 2011 and 2015.

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## Gabe Vasquez

"I'm honored to get an opportunity to serve the people of District 3 and of Las Cruces," said Vasquez.

"I don't take public service lightly – much responsibility comes with this position. The people trusted me with their vote, and I'll work as hard as I can for them."

His predecessor, Pedroza, said Vasquez is "a wonderful person to carry on the work I have done and has his own ideas of what needs to be done. I see great things for him in the future."

"I'm very humbled and grateful for the support of my friends, family, former colleagues, neighbors and everyone who stepped up to help on this campaign," Vasquez told



BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE

**Gabe Vasquez, center, speaks with family and friends including his father, Alfonzo Vasquez (left), at Las Trancas restaurant while awaiting election results.**

the Bulletin. "It takes a great team to win an election, and I had a great and very diverse team of very talented people."

As councilor, Vasquez said he is "committed to bringing more investment into District 3, particularly in low-income and middle-class neighborhoods. During the campaign, I spoke with

several local artists and small-business owners who were interested in collaborating on a public arts and culture project in our district, and I look forward to working with them to create an actionable plan to get this done.

"I also want to make sure that our city meets its obligations to all of its

residents, from delivering cost-effective utility service, community-based policing and public safety programs and initiatives and infrastructure redevelopment. We're on a great path now and I intend to continue to steer the city's ship toward a place where all of the people in our community can have an exceptional quality of life. They deserve it."

Vasquez supports implementing the city's comprehensive plan "in a way that allows the flexibility for Las Cruces to grow and thrive, and that creates opportunities for young families here, as well as businesses interested in setting up shop in Las Cruces," he said.

"I'm committed to figuring out innovative ways to help our local small businesses grow, while paying our workers with

living wages, and attracting new businesses to the city, too."

Vasquez cited reasons for the city's growth. "It's desirable to live here, to go to school or raise a family, or to retire or start a business here. We have work to do in all of those areas, but generally, I'm very pleased with the past work of the city council, city manager, staff and committees in getting our municipal government to a place that's been nationally recognized for its efficiency and transparency.

"I'm more excited for where the city is headed in the next four years, and what we can accomplish by listening to our constituents, implementing plans of action, and putting boots to the ground to continue building this city to benefit

everyone."

Vasquez is a first-generation Mexican-American whose parents were migrant workers. He grew up in Juarez and El Paso and has lived in Las Cruces since 2002, graduating from New Mexico State University in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in journalism and public relations. He is the New Mexico Wildlife Federation Southern New Mexico outreach coordinator.

At 32, Vasquez will be the council's youngest member.

## Yvonne Flores

Yvonne Flores was reportedly out of the country and could not be reached for this article.

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# County considers proposals for Crisis Triage Center

By LYNN MOORER  
For the Bulletin

Doña Ana County (DAC) is moving to staff its four-year-old Crisis Triage Center (CTC). Located near the Detention Center, the CTC will serve individuals with serious mental illness, many of whom are in crisis and just released from the Detention Center.

Health and Human Services Department Director Jamie Michael told commissioners at a work session Oct. 31 that, after La Frontera halted its negotiations to operate the CTC, the county modified its scope to include reentry and diversion services, requested letters of interest from organizations to provide those services, and received two responses.

La Clinica de Familia is a private, not-for-profit federally qualified health center that was established in DAC in 1978, according to its website. It currently provides behavioral health services 24/7 at its facilities and through a mobile crisis team. It also operates a pilot program in the Detention Center without compensation where its therapists provide comprehensive assessment and create a care plan while patients are still incarcerated, according to its letter of interest.

iNetMed Rx2, Inc., is a for-profit company begun in Las Cruces in 2015. It uses New Mexico's prescribing psychology law, proprietary electronic health records, and telehealth technology to utilize per-

## Glossary of Terms

**CPT Codes** – Current Procedural Terminology codes are used by insurers to help determine the amount of reimbursement a practitioner will receive for services provided.

**Diversion** – seeking to identify individuals whose criminal acts are clearly attributable to untreated mental illness and connect them to needed treatment rather than punishment.

**Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)** – a safety net provider that primarily provides services typically furnished in an outpatient clinic. FQHCs include community health centers.

**La Frontera, Inc.** – a Tucson-based, for-profit health care company brought in by Governor Martinez's administration that, from mid-2013 to mid-2015, provided Medicaid-funded behavioral health care in southern New Mexico. It pulled out of the state in 2015 citing financial difficulties.

**Reentry** – preparing ex-detainees to return safely to the community, connect with services immediately after release, and receive long-term support and supervision as they settle into their community permanently.

**Telemedicine/telehealth** – use of telecommunication and information technology to provide clinical health care from a distance.

sons around the country to provide psychological and psychiatrist care, according to its letter of interest.

Michael, who worked with an advisory committee of community behavioral health care professionals to review the letters, said they recommend opening the CTC immediately, using part of a \$395,000 grant from Molina Healthcare, to expand the reentry pilot program with La Clinica. The next phase is contracting with a crisis provider to build local capacity then expand CTC's scope of service.

A joint operation of the CTC by La Clinica and iNetMed would be "ideal" because, she said. Each has different strengths and neither has experience running a crisis response system.

## iNetMed attacks La Clinica

iNetMed's ability to work with La Clinica became doubtful when iNetMed representatives, while claiming they can work with anyone, attacked La Clinica's staff and operations.

Referring to La Clinica as "administrators," Dr. Jo Velasquez said, "We are the doctors ... with degrees." She accused La

Clinica of being "a FQHC that puts out its hand for money one more time for taxpayers, that's never had to be fiscally viable ever. You better get up off the sofa and you better take care of people."

She boasted that, as a prescribing psychologist, she can charge Medicaid at higher rates for 67 CPT codes, and contended that La Clinica can bill for only 20 codes, at lower social worker rates.

La Clinica's Chief Behavioral Health Officer Rosario Olivera defended her company. "We are a not-for-profit agency. We get paid on a clinical reimbursement. We all get paid the same regardless of what our credentials are because that's part of our federal commitment."

Michael said the two companies have "very different business models. La Clinica is mandated to treat regardless of the ability of its patients to pay. We don't expect their financials to be comparable." She noted that La Clinica is "trying to establish a more financially viable organization."

iNetMed's Velasquez

also accused La Clinica, without evidence, of coming close to running afoul of legal requirements by having too few licensed social workers supervising its interns, but acknowledged she didn't actually know La Clinica's supervisor-to-intern ratio.

In response, Olivera cited the company's commitment to education, noting that many of the professionals in the room had achieved their clinical hours necessary for their degrees working under supervision of La Clinica doctors.

## Medicaid mental health care

David Velasquez, iNetMed CEO, said 90 percent of its patients are on Medicaid. He said it's safer to use telemedicine instead of face-to-face encounters and he can charge a "\$25-origination fee" for each patient telemedicine encounter.

"Beware of for-profit

people," warned Susie Kimball, an advisory committee member and former New Mexico Behavioral Health Planning Council Chair. "There's no money to be made in New Mexico on Medicaid mental health care. If Medicaid expansion goes away, these people may not be on Medicaid."

Tenika Sosa-Gonzales, Memorial Medical Center Director of Behavioral Healthcare Services and advisory committee spokesperson, said, "It's highly concerning to me that the tone has become acrimonious. Neither agency has all the pieces to support everything it needs. We want the best solution" for patients and detainees.

"iNetMed is well stacked with credentials and comes across as making money, which is good," said Captain Vicki Hooser, Detention Center interim director. But

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“they don’t seem to have a grasp on the type of individuals that we’re dealing with getting released. La Clinica does.”

When talking to hospital emergency staff in Las Cruces, “they’ve never heard of iNetMet,” said Commissioner Benjamin Rawson, adding he favors getting the CTC open and expanding the reentry pilot program with La Clinica.

“I don’t want to see this slow down again. I feel we’re finally getting some traction. I trust Ms. Michael and the advisory committee” as the “subject-matter experts.”

Commissioner Billy Garrett agreed. “Right now, the issue isn’t the economics” of the CTC, estimated to cost \$2 mil-

lion annually to operate initially. “The issue is getting the program going,” he said.

“We need to pay attention to our advisors and professionals, Garrett said afterward. “We commissioners aren’t qualified to second-guess.”

Garrett noted that iNetMed is a “hungry, profit-driven organization” but the focus needs to be on “getting more services into the CTC. We were fooled by La Frontera. We trusted them. They lied. La Clinica, which has been a part of the community a long time, isn’t going anywhere.”

Ron Gurley, executive director of Forensic Intervention Consortium of Doña Ana County, said afterward that while telemedicine can work for “cursory evaluations,” it’s not effective in

helping people in crisis. Individuals with serious mental illness who are “in crisis or a psychotic episode are usually on the verge of a dangerous ‘flight or fight’ response and require skilled de-escalation interaction. Skype has limited value with these clients, he said.

Brent Barlow, who, as a major in Doña Ana Sheriff’s Office before retirement in 2016, had long experience responding to individuals in crisis, agreed afterward. “One hundred percent – they need face-to-face help. Obviously, you’re not going to service that person adequately by talking to them on TV,” he said.

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Valerie Torres, left, executive administrative assistant with the Honors College, is congratulated by Timothy Kete-laar, Honors College associate dean, after receiving the "A" Mountain Staff Award during the annual employee picnic at Preciado Park.

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## NMSU's Torres receives 2017 'A' Mountain Award

By **SAVANNAH MONTERO**  
For the Bulletin

Five characteristics within a New Mexico State University staff member's work led to becoming the recipient of the "A" Mountain Award: diversity and inclusion, accountability, excellence, discovery and engagement.

Valerie Torres, Honors College executive administrative assistant, demonstrated these qualifications to be selected as the 2017 A Mountain Award recipient. On Oct. 19, NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers presented Torres with the

award during the annual employee picnic at Preciado Park.

Torres has worked at NMSU for 27 years, as administrative assistant to the director for 10 years at the Center for Learning Assistance/Upward Bound Program and senior executive assistant to the dean for 17 years at the Honors College.

From a young age Torres dreamed of working in an office setting and always had a desire to be a part of NMSU's staff. "Being part of the NMSU family has always given me a sense of pride," Torres said. "Whenever I'm out in the public and I'm

asked where I work, I always feel so proud to say that I work for NMSU." As the Honors College executive administrative assistant, Torres has many important obligations. She oversees the daily operations of the office: answering Crimson Scholar and honor students' questions, verifying eligibility for graduating students, coordinating scholarships for Scholar Dollar, managing budgets and supervising learners who hold work/study positions.

Torres was asked about the best part of her occupation. "I am honored every

day to help such high-achieving students here at the Honors College," she said. "They always amaze me on how determined and diligent they are every day, studying for hours here in the commons study area." Torres loves interacting with the Honors College faculty and other departments at NMSU. She mentioned how good it feels to her that NMSU can provide scholarships to hard-working scholars. She speaks of her fellow co-workers and student employees highly, implying that they make a strong team, and have created sturdy rela-

tionships through their teamwork on many great tasks.

"I look forward every day to come to work with such an awesome team of co-workers and student employees. We all make the Honors College 'Team Honors,'" Torres said. Torres is pursuing her degree in Family and Consumer Science. She has been married to her husband for 40 years, has three daughters, three sons-in-law and 10 grandchildren. Torres volunteers with the Holy Cross Catholic Church as an adult confirmation instructor, Eucharistic minister and a Marriage

Enrichment Program helper. She also spends her free time volunteering at Mesilla Valley Hospice by crafting floral arrangements for the assisted living area. Torres loves spending time with her parents, children, grandchildren and husband.

"I also recently have completed instruction on Transcendental Meditation, which achieves perfect stillness, rest, stability, order and a complete absence of mental boundaries," Torres said.

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# Complaints against police continue decline

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The number of complaints filed against Las Cruces police officers and police department employees continues to decline.

Kym Craven of Public Safety Strategies Group (PSSG) said 16 allegations of misconduct were made against nine officers or LCPD employees from Jan. 1-June 30, 2017, either by citizens or from within the department.

That compares to 26 allegations against 41 officers and employees in the July 1-Dec. 31, 2016 reporting period, Craven said. A total of 20 formal complaints was filed from Jan. 1 to June 30, 2016, and 42 were filed from July 1 to Dec. 31, 2015, according to PSSG reports.

Craven made the report during the Las Cruces City Council's Nov. 13 work session at the East Mesa Public Safety Complex.



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK  
**Las Cruces Police Chief Jaime Montoya speaks to the Las Cruces City Council at its Nov. 13 work session.**

The 16 allegations filed in the first six months of 2017 resulted from eight total cases, according to Craven's report. Three involved formal complaints of a serious- or non-serious nature filed by citizens, and five cases involved "an internal allegation related to misconduct or operational actions of employees on or off-duty."

Ten of the 16 allegations were sustained, including five for the violation alleged and five for a different violation discovered during the investigation of

the allegation; six resulted in exonerations.

Sustained allegations included one finding each for use of force, conduct unbecoming, legal issues, criminal conduct, thoroughness and procedure for applying force.

Craven said there were also 21 formal complaints of a non-serious nature filed during the reporting period where "the preliminary investigation showed that the case/allegations did not have merit." Craven's report also showed:

- The incidence of police

officers failing to turn on their body cameras during on-duty activities has declined. Police Chief Jaime Montoya said LCPD currently has 130 body-worn cameras and is acquiring 40 more, which will allow the department to outfit all officers and supervisors.

- LCPD is providing appropriate training;
- LCPD's Professional Standards Unit (PSU) is open to reviewing dispositions and making corrections;
- PSU personnel take their responsibilities seriously and work diligently to adhere to all timelines while still carefully reviewing each incident;
- Case summary information, case filing/organization, making identifications during interviews and consistently filling out interview paperwork have improved;
- Reports have improved in terms of consistency and work continues to

provide accountability and transparency through investigations;

• Areas that still need improvement include more in-depth interviewing by detectives, more detail in complaint paperwork and disposition clarity.

Craven said PSSG staff and Montoya and/or PSU members held seven meetings during the current reporting period "to discuss cases that have been reviewed."

PSSG, based in Massachusetts, works with police departments nationwide and was hired by the city in August 2014 on a four-year contract to audit LCPD and issue twice-yearly reports to the city council.

Craven said all PSSG personnel have law enforcement backgrounds except some data analysts and researchers. The staff, Craven said, includes former chiefs of police.

Mayor Ken Miya-gishima said earlier this year that he and former City Councillor Miguel Silva came up with the LCPD-review plan about a decade ago to ensure the "transparency and accountability" of the department.

Hiring a firm to audit LCPD is "the best manner to deal with concerns the public may have," Miya-gishima said at the Nov. 13 meeting. "It has been a very useful tool."

The audit is "a very healthy, transparent effort," City Manager Stuart Ed said. He said he will talk to the city's incoming police chief, Patrick Gallagher, about "ways to be more transparent." Montoya will retire Dec. 23. Gallagher will begin his new duties in Las Cruces in mid-January.

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# The Un-COLA: City to delay cost-of-living factor in wage hike

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The organization that led Las Cruces' 2015 minimum wage increase agrees that a cost-of-living adjustment scheduled to take effect Jan. 1, 2018, should be delayed for two years.

In the ordinance it passed Dec. 1, 2014, the Las Cruces City Council included language that tied a three-tiered increase in the minimum wage over five years to the consumer price

index, with a cost-of-living increase (COLA) set to begin in less than two months.

But, New Mexico CAFé Organizer Sara Melton said the council's intention when it passed the ordinance was to delay the COLA until Jan. 1, 2020 – one year after the effective date of the final tier of the minimum wage increase.

CAFé (Communities in Action & Faith), a Las Cruces nonprofit that works to shape public policy, collected 6,000 sig-

natures, Melton said, in support of increasing the minimum wage.

The council passed increases from \$7.50 an hour to \$8.40 effective Jan. 1, 2015, to \$9.20 on Jan. 1, 2017, and to \$10.10 on Jan. 1, 2019,

Melton, speaking at the council's Monday, Nov. 13, work session, said CAFÉ believes the council should move the start date of the COLA to 2020 "as intended by the original ordinance."

But, in honoring the "integrity of the original



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK  
**New Mexico CAFé Organizer Sara Melton speaks to the Las Cruces City Council at its Monday, Nov. 13, work session at the East Mesa Safety Complex.**

ordinance," Melton said the council and business community should also "respect the integrity of the rest of the ordinance" and make

no change to the Jan. 1, 2019, increase.

The consensus of the council was to change the COLA start date to 2020, but to make no change to

the planned \$10.10 wage increase.

Assistant City Manager David Dollahon said city staff will present a resolution at the council's Nov. 20 meeting to amend the 2014 resolution by changing the COLA start date from 2018 to 2020. Dollahon said the council could vote on the amending resolution at its Dec. 4 meeting.

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# Honoring their service

The annual Veterans Day Parade coursed through Downtown Las Cruces Nov. 11 with citizens and organizations turning out to honor those who served.



The car of Grand Marshall Ben Boykin, left, who served in the Korean War, headed the parade.

Katrina Esquivel shows her patriotism while representing the Las Cruces Girl Scouts.

BULLETIN PHOTOS  
BY STEVE MACINTYRE



## 'Mystery' seeks to explain the Star of Bethlehem

### BULLETIN REPORT

For centuries, astronomers have debated the Christmas Star, or Star of Bethlehem, as described in the Bible. Did it exist at all? Was it a nova? A supernova? Or perhaps a planetary conjunction?

The "Mystery of the Christmas Star," opening at the New Horizons Dome Theater and Planetarium in Alamogordo Monday, Nov. 20, delves into this 2,000-year-old puzzle.

While seeking to discover a scientific explanation for the star the wise men followed from Babylon to Bethlehem, the film also investigates possible dates for the birth of Christ and looks at recorded sightings of significant astronomi-



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**What was the Christmas Star? Was it really a star or something else entirely? The "Mystery of the Christmas Star" looks for a scientific explanation.**

cal events during those times.

This modern retelling of the Christmas story is charming and replete with spectacular imagery, according to a press release.

The film shows at 3:30 p.m. daily through Jan.

1. The New Horizons Dome Theater and Planetarium, 2001 Highway, is on the campus of the New Mexico Museum of Space History. For more information, call 575-437-2840 or toll free 1-877-333-6589 or visit [www.nmspace-museum.org](http://www.nmspace-museum.org).



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# Turning tragedy into triumph

## Memorial scholarship created for Giving Tuesday boosts students and their families

By **AMANDA BRADFORD**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University's first-ever Giving Tuesday event on Dec. 1, 2015, was a fundraising success, but that occasion was tinged with sadness for many at the university who had lost their friend, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences graduate Hannah Farbo, just the week before, following a tragic auto accident.

Farbo's parents, Brenda and D.Jay Farbo, and her best friend, Colleen Payne, took some comfort in establishing a scholarship in her honor to benefit stu-

dents who shared her passion for horses and New Mexico agriculture. They created the Hannah Farbo Memorial Endowed Scholarship with an initial \$13,000 in funds gathered from friends and family for Giving Tuesday, and matched dollar-for-dollar by the NMSU Foundation to create an endowed fund.

"Hannah was one of those people who was so passionate about everything she did, especially her time at NMSU," Payne said. "She loved every part of it, from her professors to meeting new friends and dance partners, to cheering on

the Aggies every game."

Payne said the scholarship's impact was accelerated by the matching opportunity made available by NMSU during Giving Tuesday. Those matching funds came from the NMSU Alumni License Plate program and an estate gift from a generous Aggie donor.

"Giving Tuesday allowed us to turn this from a current use goal to an endowment," she said. "Anyone can make a difference, and thankfully with our friends, family and NMSU, we made a difference together."

The scholarship is already having an impact in the lives of three students in the College of ACES who have received it so far. The first recipient, Alexandria Claycomb, a junior from Albuquerque majoring in animal science, said receiving the scholarship meant the world to her and her mother.

"I was honored to receive such a special scholarship created in loving memory of a successful, admirable, beautiful girl who was taken too soon," Claycomb said.

The scholarship helped Claycomb's family by offsetting tuition costs at a crucial time, when her mother, Giovanna Eisberg, was



COURTESY PHOTOS

**Colleen Payne, left, celebrates her NMSU graduation with best friend Hannah Farbo, right. Farbo passed away in 2015, and Payne worked with Farbo's parents to establish an endowed scholarship in her memory.**

in school herself, working toward her Ph.D.

"I am now proud to call my mom Dr. Eisberg," Claycomb said. "Thank you for not only granting me a scholarship, but one that truly touched my heart."

Brenda Farbo said if not for the generosity of so many people, Hannah might not have been able to attend college.

"She understood the importance of the scholarship awards and was always so surprised and grateful to receive the help," she said. "Without the scholarships, we knew we couldn't foot the whole bill for her education, and the support lifted a huge burden. Scholarships, no matter the amount, are

greatly appreciated and make a huge difference in the lives of students and parents."

Brenda said she was moved by the opportunity that she and D.Jay had to meet all of the scholarship recipients recently and get to know them.

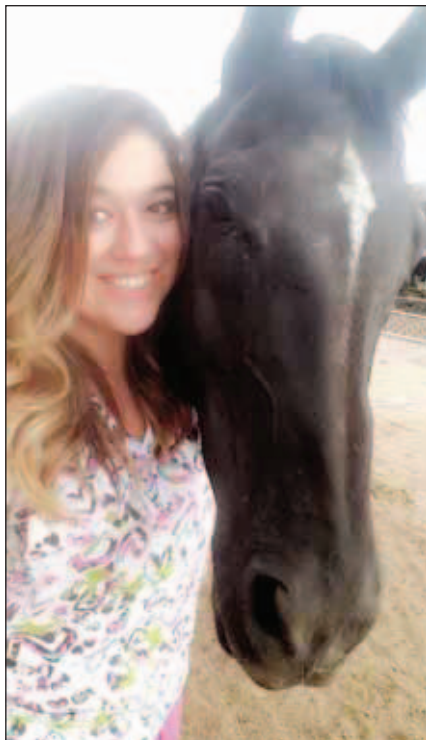
"Each took time, on their way to class, to meet with us and let us know how much they appreciated the scholarship to continue their studies," she said. "They spoke with passion about their individual goals within the Animal Science program. It was the same excitement and passion our daughter would share with us during her time at NMSU.

"We are confident each of these Aggies will be a success and look forward to seeing them become leaders in agriculture," she added.

The community is invited to visit Giving Tuesday 2017 Headquarters at Corbett Center's Aggie Lounge on campus from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 28, or to make a gift online at [support.nmsu.edu](http://support.nmsu.edu). For details about matching fund opportunities, visit [advancing.nmsu.edu/givingtuesday](http://advancing.nmsu.edu/givingtuesday).

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**Alexandria Claycomb nuzzles her horse, Chilly. Claycomb was the first student to receive the Hannah Farbo Memorial Scholarship, established during New Mexico State University's first Giving Tuesday in 2015.**





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Dated: August 28, 2017.

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Dates: 11/03, 11/10, 11/17, 2017

### Message to Public

New Mexico State University - Doña Ana Community College (DACC) is seeking comments from the public about the College in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. DACC will host a visit February 12 and 13, 2018, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. DACC has been independently accredited since 2008. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the college:

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The public may also submit comments on the Commission's Web site at [www.hlc.commission.org/comment](http://www.hlc.commission.org/comment).

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All comments must be received by January 12, 2018.

Date: 11/17/17

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 23, 2017, Ramon M. Mendez and Valerie Ann Mendez, 2001 W Washington, Anthony, NM 88021 filed application numbered LRG-16897-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-16897-1 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 drilling supplemental well LRG-16897-POD2 to a depth of 200 ft. with 2-inch casing to be located at approximately X= 1,519,309 Y= 363,250 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by Ramon M. Mendez to be used supplemental to existing well LRG-16897-POD1 located at X= 1,519,219 Y= 363,443.8 ft. on land owned by Ramon M. Mendez for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic one-

household purposes as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-017-0007 (B) of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Proposed replacement well LRG-16897-POD2 will be located at the physical address of 2001 W Washington St. Anthony, NM.

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Dates: 11/17, 11/24, 12/01, 2017

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the issuance of a Restaurant Beer and Wine Liquor License with on premises consumption only and patio service, to Dragonfly GCE, LLC d/b/a Dragonfly, 139 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held at a special meeting of the City Council scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 700

North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the Director of the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the issuance of the license.

Witness my hand and seal this 13 day of November 2017.

/s/Linda Lewis, CMC, City Clerk

Dates: 11/17, 11/24, 2017

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE WAIVER

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/s/ Linda Lewis, CMC, City Clerk

Dates: 11/17, 11/24, 2017

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt the Following Ordinance(s) at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on December 4, 2017:

(1) Council Bill No. 18-007; Ordinance 2831: An Ordinance to Approve Amendments to the City of Las Cruces' Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) Contract with Certo Plasta of North America, a Texas Corporation.

(2) Council Bill No. 18-008;

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Ordinance 2832: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14. Human Rights, Article III. Minimum Wage, Section 14-62, Minimum Wage Payment Requirements of the Las Cruces Municipal Code (LCMC), 1997, as Amended, Related to Implementation Dates.

(3) Council Bill No. 18-009; Ordinance 2833: An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing in its Entirety Section 27-12-6-17, Parking Restrictions for Recreational Vehicles of the Las Cruces Municipal Code (LCMC), 1997, as Amended.

(4) Council Bill No. 18-010; Ordinance 2834: An Ordinance to Adopt a New Subdivision VIII, Sections 2-531 Through 2-535 "Parking Authority" to the Las Cruces Municipal Code (LCMC), 1997, as Amended.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 13th day of November, 2017.

Linda Lewis, CMC  
City Clerk

Date: 11/17/2017

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

Case No.  
D-307-CV-2015-01850

**BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**LANCE NICHOLAS GAIGE, MONIQUE LYNN GAIGE, AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF TERRY L. BENFIELD, DECEASED**  
**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 4808 Calle de Nubes, Las Cruces, NM 88012-0000, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 21 IN BLOCK NUMBERED D OF DOS SUENOS ESTATES FINAL PLAT-REPLAT NO. 1, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID DOS SUENOS ESTATES FINAL PLAT-REPLAT NO. 1, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JANUARY 29, 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 116-122. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45am on November 30, 2017**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment In Rem granted on September 19, 2017, in the total amount of \$233,816.65, with interest at the rate of 4.3750% per annum from August 1, 2017 until 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.

**BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY 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.

**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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## ORDINANCE NO. 388

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 8 OF THE HATCH MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8.04, SECTION 8.04.160(A) COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEES FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

This ordinance is on file in its entirety in the Municipal Clerk's Office of the Village of Hatch located at 133 N Franklin Street, Hatch, New Mexico, and may be reviewed during normal office hours.

/s/ Andy Nunez  
Andy Nunez, Mayor

Attest:  
/s/ Patrick S. Benegas

Patrick S. Banegas, Municipal Clerk

Date: 11/17/17

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-01787

**FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**EVA P. PEREZ, JESUS N. PEREZ; 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 1015 Poplar Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 2, BLOCK C, WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 463 ON, JULY 25, 1957 IN BOOK 7 PAGE 57 OF PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45am on December 14, 2017**, 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 October 11, 2017, in the total amount of \$153,008.99, with interest at the rate of 3.7500% per annum from October 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. **FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION**, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the

property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

No. 17-0249

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE  
OF  
JESUS PRIMERO,  
DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **MARIA DE JESUS MELCHOR** has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88001, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005

DATED: October 13, 2017

**MARIA DE JESUS MELCHOR**  
661 Skydale Drive  
El Paso, TX 79912

Prepared by:  
Alan D. Gluth  
New Mexico Bar# 14980  
Gluth Law, LLC  
2455 East Missouri, Suite A  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001  
Telephone: (575) 556-8449  
Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

Dates: 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 2017

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-00101  
Judge James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE  
OF  
LORENZO B. PEREA,  
a/k/a LORENZO PEREA  
DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **EDUARDO PEREA** has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88001, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005

DATED: October 13, 2017

**EDUARDO PEREA**  
5660 Costa Blanca Pl.  
El Paso, TX 79932

Prepared by:  
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New Mexico Bar# 14980  
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Dates: 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-3430  
Judge: Manuel I. Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE PETITION OF  
FLORENCE PAULINE CANTRELL  
WELDON  
FOR CHANGE OF  
NAME**

**PETITION TO CHANGE  
NAME**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Florence Pauline Cantrell Weldon 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 **Florence Pauline Cantrell Weldon** to **Pauline Cantrell Weldon**, and that this petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the **11th day of December 2017**, at the hour of **9:00 a.m.** at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces NM.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Florence Pauline Cantrell Weldon  
Florence Pauline Cantrell Weldon  
3305 Neptune Dr.  
Las Cruces, NM 88012  
915-525-1232

Dates: 11/17, 11/24, 2017

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

CV-2017-2956  
JUDGE MARTIN

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE PETITION OF  
BERTHA GONZALEZ TERRAZAS,  
FOR CHANGE OF  
NAME.**

**AMENDED NOTICE OF  
PETITION TO CHANGE  
NAME**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **BERTHA GONZALEZ TERRAZAS**, a resident of the City of Garfield, 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 **BERTHA GONZALEZ TERRAZAS** to **BERTHA GONZALEZ**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the **29th day of November, 2017**, at the Doña Ana District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(seal)

Submitted by:  
Bertha G. Terrazas  
Bertha Gonzalez Terrazas  
P.O. Box 91  
Garfield, NM 87936  
(915) 203-2146

Dates: 11/10, 11/17, 2017

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

DM-2017-1185  
Judge Perea

**OLNEY LOCKETT, Petitioner**

V.

**SANDRA GILES LOCKETT, Respondent**

## NOTICE OF SUIT

TO SANDRA GILES LOCKETT:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County by **OLNEY LOCKETT** requesting a Dissolution of Marriage. You must file a response within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgement by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

GRACE B. DURAN, Attorney at Law, 230 S. Alameda Blvd., Bldg. 2, Las Cruces, N.M. 88005 (575) 541-0329 is the attorney for the Petitioner.

WITNESS the Honorable Conrad F. Perea 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 1 day of November 2017.

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(seal)

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
By: /s/ Lindsey K. Brown  
Deputy-Lindsey K. Brown

Dates: 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 2017

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-00109  
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

## IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FELIPE C. FLORES, Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four 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, NM 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. Dated: October 27th, 2017

/s/ John Phillip Flores  
John Phillip Flores, Personal Representative of the Estate of Felipe C. Flores, 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 Estate

Dates: 11/03, 11/10, 11/17, 2017

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-00118  
Judge James T. Martin

## IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LESLIE EVELYN THORNBERRY, 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: October 27, 2017

/s/ Melissa E. Thornberry  
Melissa E. Thornberry, Personal Representative of the Estate of Leslie Evelyn Thornberry, Deceased

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/s/ Joseph M. Holmes  
Joseph M. Holmes  
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 11/03, 11/10, 11/17, 2017

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-02116

### U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

**REGINA A. MOSSBURG; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF REGINA A. MOSSBURG; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; 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 7526 Sierra Bella Place, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 56 OF SIERRA NORTE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SIERRA NORTE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 5, 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 142-144 If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 11:30 am on December 12, 2017, 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 29, 2017, in the total amount of \$139,828.30, with interest at the rate of 3.875% per annum from October 12, 2017 until 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. U.S. 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, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-02060

### OCWEN LOAN SERVING, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

**NOEL FRANCO; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.; 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 1909 Darlene Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 25, BLOCK 4, UNIT NO. 2 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 646 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 23, 1965, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 9, PAGES 61-62, PLAT RECORDS. If there is a conflict

between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on November 30, 2017**, 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 27, 2017, in the total amount of \$114,422.80, with interest at the rate of 5.5000% per annum from August 31, 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. Ocwen Loan Servicing, 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.

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

NO. D-307-CV-2016-02494

IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

v.

DIANA F. BOYD AND NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, Defendants.

### NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on December 12, 2017 at 11:30 AM, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 382, Block 11 of SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION PHASE III, located in the City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on Plat thereof recorded on March 28, 1979 in Plat Book 12, at Page(s) 246-248 as Plat No. 970, records of Dona Ana County.

The address of the real property is 1707 Defiance Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 1, 2017 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$111,643.44 plus interest from July 1, 2017 to the date

of sale at the rate of 3.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

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

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

Margaret Lake  
Special Master  
Pro Legal Services, LLC  
201 Eubank Blvd. NE, Suite A1  
Albuquerque, NM 87123  
(505)715-3711

Dates: 11/17, 11/24, 12/01, 2017

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-01913

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

**PERLA R. SAENZ; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PERLA R. SAENZ; CITY OF LAS CRUCES; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY; Defendants.**

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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LOT 156, LEGENDS WEST SUBDIVISION, PHASE IV, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2005, IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 344-346 OF PLAT RECORDS. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on December 14, 2017**, 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 29, 2017, in the total amount of \$113,479.87, with interest at the rate of 3.75% per annum from September 07, 2017 until the date of the

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

Case No. :  
D-307-CV-2016-02644

**DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-8, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ROSALIE VALDEZ, JERRY VALDEZ; BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC. D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO.; BOB G. SELBY; 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 305 Tortugas Dr., Mesilla Park, NM 88047, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT A, TOWN OF SAN JUAN (TORTUGAS) REPLAT NO. 4, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 2633, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 3, 1995, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 18, PAGE 209, PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on December 14, 2017, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on September 29, 2017, in the total amount of \$92,445.23, with interest at the rate of 3.25% per annum from July, 31 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. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Trustee For Ameriquest

Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-8, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

PB-2017-0105  
Judge Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF KENNETH R. SCHEIB,  
Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four 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 the Bates Law Firm,

PO Box 305, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Suite A, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED: October 23, 2017.

/s/ Mark Scheib  
Mark Scheib  
Personal Representative of the Estate of Kenneth R. Scheib, Deceased

PREPARED AND  
SUBMITTED BY:  
BATES LAW FIRM  
PO BOX 305  
LAS CRUCES, NM  
88004-0305  
(575) 524-8585  
(575) 524-1895 (Fax)

/s/ Lloyd O. Bates Jr.  
Lloyd O. Bates Jr.  
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 11/03, 11/10, 11/17,  
2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-00445

**HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-WF1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JOHN C. GARZA, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF JOHN C. GARZA, 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 620 Engler Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,

IN SECTIONS 35 AND 36, T.22S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-112B1 AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A 1/2" IRON ROD SET AT THE NORTHWEST INTERSECTION OF ENGLER ROAD AND DOÑA ANA ROAD FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; BEING IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-112B1; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF ENGLER ROAD, THE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES: S.62°42'06"W., 373.50 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET; THENCE S.63°11'15"W., 117.87 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET; THENCE S.62°06'48"W., 113.56 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET; THENCE S.62°41'06"W., 288.87 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE LEAVING THE NORTH LINE OF ENGLER ROAD, N.24°21'54"W., 410.09 FEET TO A NAIL FOUND FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT THENCE N.59°14'30"E., 649.59 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE S.32°12'00"E., 183.33 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE N.58°51'00"E., 224.70 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND ON THE WEST LINE OF DOÑA ANA ROAD FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF DOÑA ANA ROAD, S.24°07'00"E., 281.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 7.967 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 11:30 AM on December 12, 2017, 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 Summary Judgment granted on October 10, 2017, in the total amount of \$447,711.71, with interest at the rate of 7.8750% per annum from February 17, 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. HSBC Bank USA, National Association As Trustee For Nomura Asset Acceptance Corporation, Alternative Loan Trust, Series 2006-WF1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-01107

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

vs.

**ESTHER M. EMOND, KEVIN T. EMOND, DECEASED; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ESTHER M. EMOND; 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 1635 Ebony Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 6 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 2 OF EBONY AVENUE REPLAT NO. 1, A TOWNHOUSE SUBDIVISION, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID EBONY AVENUE REPLAT NO. 1, A TOWNHOUSE SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 7, 1984 IN PLAT BOOK 13, FOLIO 253.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on December 14, 2017, 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 October 2, 2017, in the total amount of \$103,387.43, with interest at the rate of 6.5000% per annum from July 31, 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. U.S. Bank National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Trustee For The RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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**STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
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Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-01516

# LEGAL NOTICES

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

vs.

**JACOB H. SIMS AKA JACOB HARRY SIMS AKA JAKE SIMS; CITIZENS BANK OF LAS CRUCES, 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 955 South Melendres Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT 2, U.S.R.S. TRACT 9A-79C, REPLAT NO. 1, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 2474, THERE-OF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON DECEMBER 28, 1993, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 17, PAGE 389, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45am on January 4, 2018, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on October 11, 2017, in the total amount of \$97,169.81, with interest at the rate of 6.75% per annum from September 1, 2017 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. 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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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-01091

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

vs.

**MARK A. SMITH; 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 163 S Sunshine Lane, Mesquite, NM 88048, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE SOUTH OF MESQUITE, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 3 EAST, N.M.P.M., COMPRISING THAT PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 19-6A2 BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, BEING A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID U.S.R.S. TRACT 19-6A2, WHICH IS THE APPROXIMATE CENTER LINE OF A TRAVELLED ROAD KNOWN AS EAST SIDE ROAD AND DESIGNATED AS DOÑA ANA COUNTY ROAD B-030, WHENCE THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT 19-6A2 BEARS N. 89°55'00"W., 908.00 FEET DISTANT, FROM WHENCE THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 7, T25S, R3E, BEARS S. 79°44'58"E., 3533.76 FEET FARTHER; THENCE FROM SAID BEGINNING SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED AND LEAVING SAID CENTER LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD B-030 AND RUNNING: N.0°04'58"W., 245.50 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE S.88°45'00"E., 218.23 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE S.2°15'00"E., 241.25 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, BEING A POINT ON SAID SOUTH LINE OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 19-6A2 AND COMMON CENTER LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD B-030; THENCE N.89°55'00"W., 228.00 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF TRACT

19-6A2 AND COMMON CENTER LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD B-030 TO THE SOUTHWEST AND BEGINNING CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 1.2457 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO A 10 FOOT WIDE RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT ALONG THAT PART OF THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT WITH THE BEARING OF N.89°55'00"W., FOR 228.00 FEET, AS SAID EASEMENT IS DESCRIBED IN MISCELLANEOUS BOOK 41, PAGES 392 AND 393 FILED OCTOBER 9, 1959 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on December 14, 2017, 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 October 5, 2017, in the total amount of \$228,227.96, with interest at the rate of 5.50% per annum from September 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. Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), A Corporation Organized And Existing Under The Laws Of The United States Of America, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or

manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-01715

**PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**RIKOLE L. GETZ,**

Defendant.

## **NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on December 12, 2017 at 11:30 AM, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: LOT 11, BLOCK H, OF DEL PRADO SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3 AT SONOMA RANCH EAST, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DONA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON MAY 19,

2008 IN PLAT BOOK 22 AT PAGES (S) 491-492 AS PLAT NO. 4733, RECORDS OF DONA ANA COUNTY,

The address of the real property is 4342 Canterra Arc, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on August 24, 2017 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$262,498.30 plus interest from January 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, ease-

ments, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Margaret Lake  
Special Master  
Pro Legal Services, LLC  
201 Eubank Blvd. NE, Suite A1  
Albuquerque, NM 87123  
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Dates: 11/17, 11/24, 12/01, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2011-02899

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR SASCO MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-WF1, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**LUPE P. RAYGOZA AND LUIS S. RAYGOZA, WIFE AND HUSBAND; COLUMBIA CREDIT SERVICES, INC.; NM DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND REVENUE; ABC CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND JANE DOES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED, 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 645 East Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88001-0000, and more particularly described as follows: A tract of land situate in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, BEING Tract 3 also being part of Block 104, of the Elmendorf-Barrows Map of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and being more particularly described as follows to wit: Beginning at 1/2" iron rod found on the West line of Manzanita Street for the Northeast corner of the tract herein described; identical to the Northeast corner of Tract 3, Block 104, of the Elmendorf-Barrows Map of the City of Las Cruces;

Thence from the point of beginning and along the West line of Manzanita Street, S.16°00'00"E., 173.00 feet to a shiner set on the North line of Picacho Avenue for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the North line of Picacho Avenue, S.78°47'00"W., 50.40 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the North line of Picacho Avenue, N.15°57'00"W., 167.79 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Northwest corner of this tract;

Thence N 72°51'00"E., 50.01 feet to 196 acre of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 AM** on **November 30, 2017**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Stipulated & Default Judgment granted on July 11, 2012, in the total amount of \$48,836.29, with interest at the rate of 7.125% per annum from June 25, 2012 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. U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Sasco Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-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, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-01494

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

vs.

**ARTURO MARQUEZ, ROSA ELMA MARQUEZ; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, 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 1233 Big Bend Loop, Anthony, NM 88021, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 8 & LOT 9, DOS LAGOS SUBDIVISION PHASE III, 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. 3735 ON 3/20/2003 IN BOOK 20 PAGE(S) 291-92 OF PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45am on January 4, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on October 11, 2017, in the total amount of \$223,294.31, with interest at the rate of 6.875% per annum from September 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., 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.

By: Robert Doyle  
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STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2017-01274

MTGLQ INVESTORS,  
L.P.,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

**TIMOTHY F. SCHOEPPNER, AKA TIMOTHY SCHOEPPNER; MITZIE A. SCHOEPPNER, AKA MITZIE SCHOEPPNER; FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SANTA FE, Successor by Merger to BANK OF THE RIO GRANDE, N.A.; and MATT McDONALD AS TRUSTEE FOR THE 4620 TETAKAWI COURT TRUST, Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

Defendant Mitzie A. Schoepner, aka Mitzie Schoepner is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 4620 Tetakawi Court, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

LOT 4, BARNCASTLE ACRES, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUN-

TY ON FEBRUARY 10, 2006, IN BOOK 21 PAGES 519-520 OF PLAT RECORDS.

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

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

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:  
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October 25, 2017

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

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County, this 25 day of October, 2017.

DAVID S. BORUNDA  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
(SEAL)

By /s/ Joe M. Martinez  
Deputy Joe M Martinez

Dates: 11/03, 11/10, 11/17,  
2017

STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
IN THE PROBATE  
COURT  
DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 17-0264

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: HARRY E. RUCKMAN, JR., DECEASED.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that BARBARA A. RUCKMAN has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after

the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to personal representative at the address listed below, 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 2nd day of November, 2017.

KEITHLY & ENGLISH,  
LLC

/s/ Shane A. English

SHANE A. ENGLISH  
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Dates: 11/10, 11/17, 11/24,  
2017

STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02405

BANK OF AMERICA,  
N.A.,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

ANA FLORES; WILLIAM HORTON;  
AND SECRETARY OF HOUSING  
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on November 22, 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 118 Virginia, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A 0.10 acre tract of land being part of Block 3, Las Cruces Park Addition as

filed October 3, 1940 in Plat Book 2, Page 48, Doña Ana County Records, situate in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and being more particularly described as follows to wit:

**BEGINNING** at a point on the west line of Virginia Street for the southeast corner of the tract herein described, marked by a found iron pipe, **WHENCE** the southeast corner of the aforementioned Block 3, marked by a found iron pipe, bears S 17 degrees 13 minutes 05 seconds E, 110.46 feet;

**TENCE** from the point of beginning leaving the west line of Virginia Street along a chain link fence S 72 degrees 39 minutes 54 seconds W, 110.00 feet to a point on the centerline of a cinder block wall for the southwest corner of the tract herein described, marked by a set "X";

**TENCE** along the centerline of a cinder block wall N 16 degrees 53 minutes 19 seconds W, 24.49 feet to the northwest corner of the tract herein described, marked by a set "X";

**TENCE** continuing along the centerline of a cinder block wall N 72 degrees 37 minutes 08 Seconds E, 55.63 feet to an angle point of the tract herein described, marked by a set "X";

**TENCE** continuing along the centerline of a cinder block wall N 17 degrees 26 minutes 03 seconds W, 29.69 feet to an angle point of the tract herein described, marked by a set "X";

**TENCE** continuing along the centerline of a cinder block wall N 71 degrees 50 minutes 47 seconds E, 54.35 feet to a point on the west line of Virginia Street for the northeast corner of the tract herein described, marked by a set "X";

**TENCE** along Virginia Street S 17 degrees 13 minutes 05 seconds E, 55.00 feet to the place and point of beginning, containing 0.10 acre of land, more or less, and subject to any easements of record and such as may exist on the ground.

This legal description is based on field data by Gerald K. Donohue, N.M. PLS 8172.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause

on June 20, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$104,205.49 and the same bears interest at 4.000% per annum from April 22, 2017, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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**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: 10/27, 11/03,  
11/10, 11/17, 2017

STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
IN THE  
PROBATE COURT  
DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 17-0260  
Probate Judge Diana A. Bustamante

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD R. NEW, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four 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 Doña Ana County Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated: October 31, 2017

/s/ Jason New  
Jason New, Personal Representative  
of the Estate of Donald R. New, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:  
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.  
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/s/ Joseph M. Holmes  
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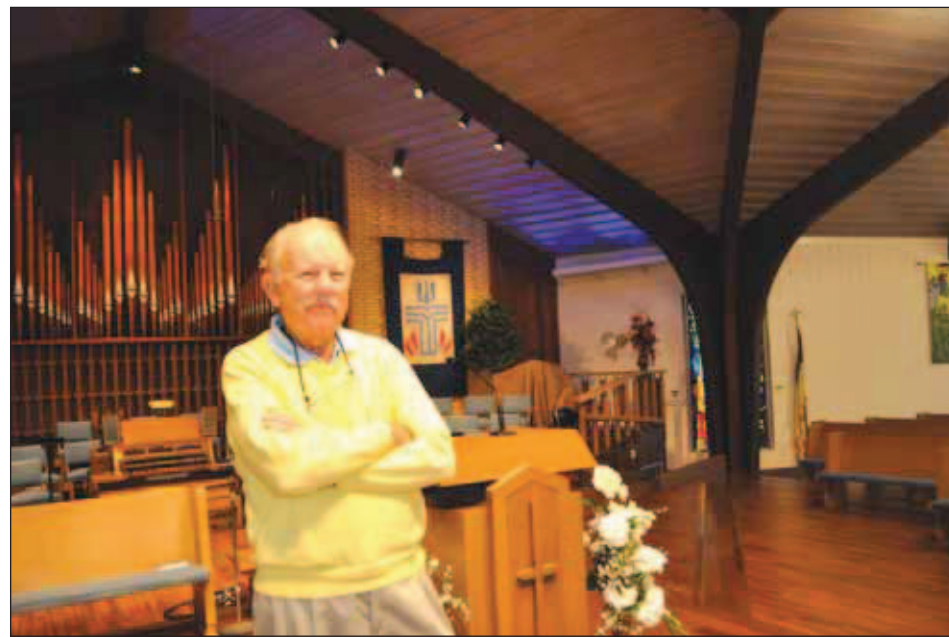


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First Presbyterian Church minister and organist welcomes visitors to see the renovated facility, including the new floors and lighting system.



Musician William Kuyper played an active part in planning the now-complete renovations at First Presbyterian Church in Las Cruces.

BULLETIN PHOTO BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

## The music shall rise

### Beethoven concert celebrates First Presbyterian's renovation

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

When William Kuyper's wife went to church, she had to take her little booklight to see her hymnal as she sang in the pews. The lofty 50-year-old structure at First Presbyterian Church in Las Cruces had that '60s feel to it as the lighting failed and sounds dampened by carpeted floors fell flat.

Originally designed by architect William Harris and built in 1965, the building is stately and curved up to create a massive and glorious

space over chorus, clergy and parishioners, but over the years, the light fixtures became dimmer and dimmer and new bulbs did nothing; the problem was the entire outdated electric system.

The dim lighting and dampened acoustics were affecting the mood of the churchgoers.

"Now, here, the sound is alive," Kuyper said, after three years of renovation.

Kuyper is retired from the New York Philharmonic and a volunteer for the music presentation at the church. He and nine friends, once

and current professional musicians, will be performing several Beethoven selections at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, to celebrate the renovations at the temple.

Harris's protégé Ted Shelton was asked to visit the church and offer suggestions. An acoustician was brought in to consult on the best changes to make to bring the music and voice celebrations to their best possible advantage. Thus, work began about three years ago to bring the stately facility up to date.

Janet Loman, minister at First Presbyterian,

said she first noticed the difference in the sound at the church when she heard the summer choral voices rising into the vaulted ceiling.

"We had wonderful contractors," she said. "This was designed as an acoustical church."

The acoustical work was done mainly on the ceiling and the floor, she said. The ceiling got fresh acoustical paint and the floor gave up its carpeting. And the lighting has been completely upgraded, with each ceiling light and spotlight under dimmer control.

A gala reception



First Presbyterian Church's facelift occurred over three years including new flooring, acoustical paint on the ceiling and a new lighting system.

will follow the Nov. 19 "concert" for everyone attending. The event is free, Loman said, but love offerings are welcomed. The church is located at

200 Boutz Road in Las Cruces.

*Elva K. Österreich may be reached at [elva@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:elva@lascrucesbulletin.com).*



# 'Crimes of the Heart': a resilience of the spirit

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Six actors and director Nikka Zimmer are in rehearsals for "Crimes of the Heart," which opens Friday, Nov. 24 and continues through Sunday, Dec. 10 at Black Box Theatre, 411 N. Main St.

The play, written by Beth Henley, won a 1981 Pulitzer Prize for best drama and was nominated for a Tony for best play.

"I first read 'Crimes of the Heart' in the mid '80s in a class on American drama at NMSU," Zimmer said.

"I tended to look at the world very seriously, so I certainly picked up on the tragedy of the underlying story.

"When I saw the movie, however, I was astonished

at all the humor I had missed in the reading. It is interesting for me to look back now and wonder if being exposed to that was a gift which nudged me toward finding humor in devastating circumstances, as that time was one of extreme challenges in my own life. It is such a privilege to be able to direct this play all these years later.

"Henley has deftly enabled us to laugh in the midst of heartbreak and demonstrated a powerful tool to, as Meg says, 'get through these real bad days here.' 'Crimes of the Heart' immerses us in the humor through which we are able to experience the resilience of spirit available to us as human beings."

The cast includes Debbie

Jo Felix as Lenny Magrath, Gina DeMondo as Chick Boyle, Eric Hadley as Doc Porter, Erin Wendorf as Meg Magrath, Cassandra Galban as Babe Botrell and Wake Gardner as Barnette Lloyd.

Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 1-2 and 8-9; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 3 and 10; and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7.

Tickets are \$15 regular admission, \$12 students and seniors over age 65 and \$10 for the Dec. 7 performance.

For more information, call Black Box Theatre at 575-523-1223. Visit <https://no-strings.org/>.

*Mike Cook may be reached at [mike@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:mike@lascrucesbulletin.com).*



PHOTO COURTESY PETER HERMAN/BLACK BOX THEATRE

From left, Erin Wendorf, Debbie Jo Felix and Cassandra Galban rehearse for "Crimes of the Heart," directed by Nikka Zimmer, which opens Nov. 24 at Black Box Theatre downtown.

## Community theatre seeks directors for next season

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT) is looking for a few good directors.

LCCT plans to produce seven shows during the 2018-19 season, beginning Aug. 10, 2018, and continuing through June 30, 2019. The theatre's play-reading committee is now accepting director applications for comedies, dramas and musicals.

Applications will be accepted until Dec. 31, 2017.

In choosing the schedule for next season, LCCT play-reading committee chair Norman Lewis said the theatre will look for shows that are likely to be popular with both audiences and potential actors and if the show can be rea-



sonably cast and produced by LCCT.

In choosing directors, Lewis said, LCCT will consider each candidate's experience directing plays at community theatre and other Las Cruces venues, how well his or her previous shows were directed and received, the cast's and crew's experiences with those shows and the directors' handling of budgets.

Lewis said LCCT will consider first-time directors in the new season, and potential directors are encouraged to submit multiple applications for different shows, although

only one show may be selected, since each director may only direct one show per season for LCCT.

Potential directors can submit applications to direct shows of their own choosing or shows suggested by LCCT.

"LCCT, like most live theatres across America, is attempting to grow its audience and improve its financial viability," Lewis says on the LCCT website.

For more information, a list of suggested plays and musicals to direct next season, a director's application packet and contact information for Lewis, visit [www.lcctnm.org/calling-all-directors](http://www.lcctnm.org/calling-all-directors).

*Mike Cook may be reached at [mike@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:mike@lascrucesbulletin.com).*

## 37TH ANNUAL POTTERS' GUILD OF LAS CRUCES HOLIDAY SALE!

Friday, Nov. 17th 2-6 pm and  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FRI NOVEMBER 17 • 10:30 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Rhythm Roundup (Music and dance for ages 2-5)

**FRI NOVEMBER 18 • 12-4 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
Christian Science Talk, Mary Baker Eddy

**FRI NOVEMBER 17 • 3:30 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Library Lab (Stories/Activities for ages 7-11)

**SAT NOVEMBER 18 • 1:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Sound Session: (Intermediate Guitar for Teens)

**SAT NOVEMBER 18 • 1:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Intro to Coding for Teens: Class 2

**SUN NOVEMBER 19 • 6 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
Beatles tribute

**TUE NOVEMBER 21 • 10:30 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Read to Me (Story time for ages 3-7)

**TUE NOVEMBER 21 • 2:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Intro to Computers: Internet for Beginners

**TUE NOVEMBER 21 • 4:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Teen Game Night

**TUE NOVEMBER 21 • 6:30 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Branigan Book Club *A Carrion Death* by Michael Stanley

**WED NOVEMBER 22 • 10:00 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Toddler Time (Story Time for ages 1-3)

**WED NOVEMBER 22 • 5:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Library Closing Early for Thanksgiving

**THU+FRI NOV. 23+24 • ALL DAY** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Library Closed for Thanksgiving

**THU NOVEMBER 30 • 7:30 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
Dan Lambert Band

## ONGOING EVENTS:

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- Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market - Wed. and Sat. Morn.

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# Opening into darkness

## Blu Ant Gallery display layered in paint and dichotomy

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

Painter Michael Poncé lets his darkness seep through his paintbrushes. The resulting canvasses are presented at an extraordinary show on display through Nov. 24 at the Blu Ant Gallery, 221 N. Main St.

Known for his polo sporting images and other, traditional, paintings, Poncé has taken a seductively rustic style and used it to expel frustration by layering pigment into forms that are fascinating, repelling and beautiful at the same time.

With “Another F\*\*ing Landscape, 2003-2017,”

layers of paint have flowed over the years, one on top of another, to become a thick, telling onion of a work. Poncé said he often works this way, letting painting cover painting, with the underlayers adding to the meaning.

With “Untitled, 2012-2015,” Poncé’s fascination and relationship with the female figure is explored in a multilayered, multi-stage canvas. “Bliss 2001-2013” is a figure is brought to light in golden glory.

Another painting, “Rare Hands” has the viewer wondering at society’s concept of beauty. And with “Innocent,” we mull concepts

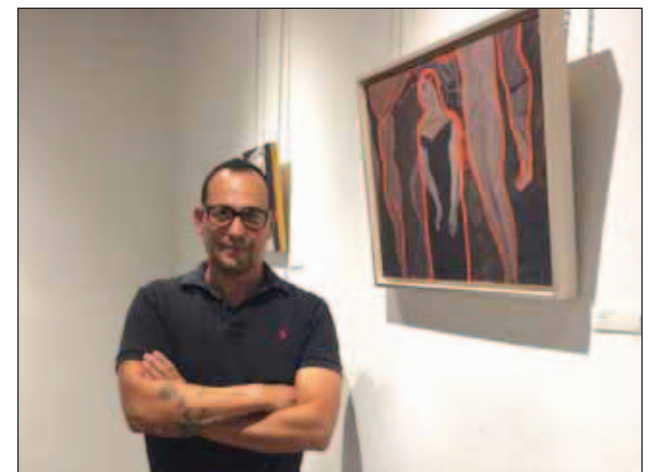


PHOTO BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

“Untitled, 2012-1-2015”

of light and darkness. Poncé has us question our very nature – elegant or disgusting? I am not sure, but it is certainly worth a look.

For information, call 575-322-4983.

*Elva Österreich may be reached at [elva@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:elva@lascrucesbulletin.com).*

### LAS CRUCES CHAMBER BALLETT AND MICHELE'S DANCE ACADEMY

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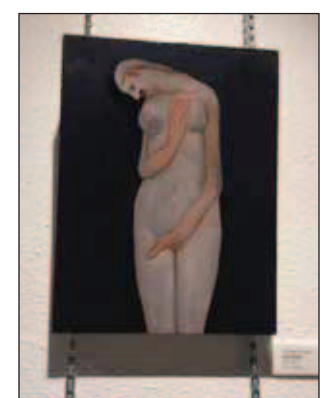
## “NUTCRACKER BALLETT” AND HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

December 15th and 16th at 7:00 p.m.

December 17th at 2:00 p.m.

NMSU Atkinson Music Recital Hall

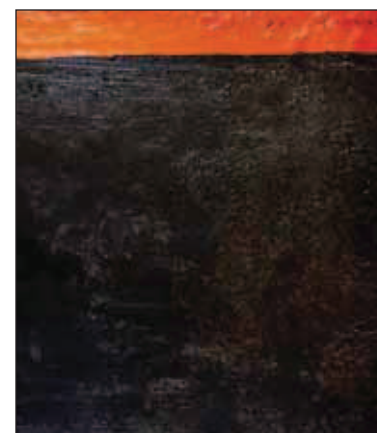
Tickets available at NMSU Pan Am Ticket Office, \$21  
646-1420 or at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com)



TOP LEFT: “Innocent, 2012-2016”

TOP RIGHT: “Rare Hands, 2015-2017”

LEFT: “Another F\*\*ing Landscape, 2003-2017”





## 'Annie' selling quickly

Opening night of Las Cruces Community Theatre's holiday production of "Annie" is almost sold out, though the Tony-winning musical doesn't open until Friday, Dec. 1. In this photo from a recent rehearsal, Miss Hannigan (Megan McQueen) gets a bit rough with Annie (Tatiana Garzon), as the other orphans look on.

There will be 10 performances, through Sunday, Dec. 17. Shows will be at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, Dec.

1-2, 8-9 and 15-16; at 2 p.m. on Sundays, Dec. 3, 10 and 17; and at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14. Opening night is Gala Night, with cake and beverages in the theatre lobby and a chance to meet the cast and crew.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and military, \$11 for groups of 10 or more, \$10 for children under age 12. Buy tickets online at [lccctnm.org](http://lccctnm.org). Call 575-523-1200. LCCCT is located at 313 N. Main St. downtown.

**Tatiana Garzon is "Annie" and a rescue dog named Sundae plays Sandy in the award-winning musical "Annie," which opens Dec. 1 at Las Cruces Community Theatre.**

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MIKE COOK



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**#1 - Solar installation costs have fallen dramatically**—to half of what they were in 2008 and 100 times less than what they were back in 1978. But don't keep waiting on the sidelines for further price reductions: many of the recent price cuts have been "soft costs," including labor costs that are unlikely to decline much further.

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# PUZZLES

## WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

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

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## SCRAMBLERS



I can tell you what I think of having a nuclear power plant in this town in one word —

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

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Capture **PARENT**

**TODAY'S WORD**

## CRYPTOQUIP

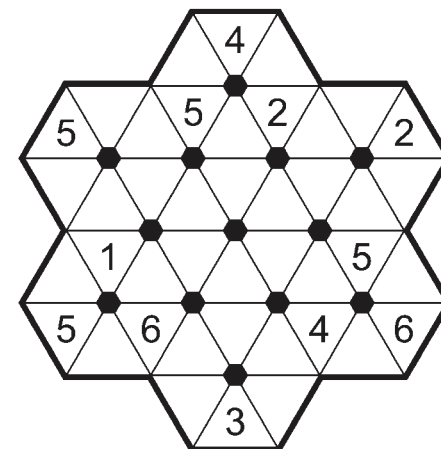
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: G equals Y

TAFM GNY'QF OZSFQVMR KYUS  
 SAF CVQUS TNQW NC O UFMSFMBF,  
 GNY BNYZW DF BAOMRVMR SAF  
 UYDKFBS.

## SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

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



**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆◆

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# PUZZLE ANSWERS

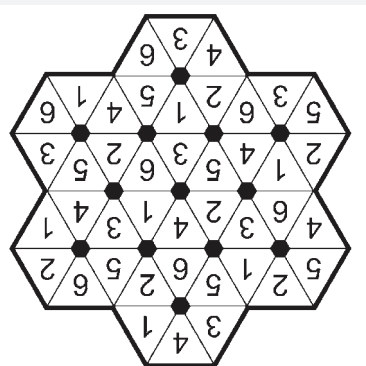
When you're altering just the first word of a sentence, you could be changing the subject.

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 1. Cloak; 2. Belong;

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### SNOWFLAKES

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### SUPER CROSSWORD

# PUZZLES

## A DOSE OF REALITY

**ACROSS**

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- 4 Eye-popper
- 8 Town in NE New Jersey
- 13 Root
- 19 Old Olds
- 20 Some till fill
- 21 Obstinate reply
- 22 Nobelist Hemingway
- 23 Phnom Penh's land [2015]
- 25 Tonga's site [2011]
- 27 Top points
- 28 Purplish-red flower
- 30 Apple product
- 31 "Beats me!"
- 33 Fashion's Anna --
- 34 Aries, e.g.
- 36 Home of Columbus
- 40 Kitchen raiders
- 41 Neighbor of Mexico [2005]
- 44 Kenya's home [2001]
- 46 Zing
- 47 Virginia hrs.
- 48 Varieties
- 50 They're part of French Polynesia [2002]
- 55 Country with the capital Vila [2004]
- 58 Tint
- 59 Sailor's site
- 60 Big Apple NFL team, on scoreboards
- 62 Umlaut pair
- 63 High-five sounds
- 65 Conduct, as business
- 68 Legal exam
- 70 "Adios!"
- 72 Harvest mo.
- 73 Where Tagalog is spoken [2012]
- 76 "Finished!"
- 80 Sailing
- 82 Biology div.
- 83 Inventive
- 85 Cola brand

88 Comic Fox

- 90 Log cutter
- 92 Parades
- 93 "Hail, Livy!"
- 94 Luzon province north of Isabela [2014]
- 97 Its president is Daniel Ortega [2010]
- 100 One who dawdles
- 102 Cartoon yell
- 104 Tram cargo
- 105 Where balboas are spent [2006]
- 106 World's largest rain forest [2003]
- 110 Cotillion girls
- 114 Hose mishap
- 115 "Pardon?"
- 116 "-- tu" (Verdi aria)
- 117 Diner staple
- 119 "Mamma Mia!" quartet
- 122 Treatment process
- 125 Greek vowel
- 126 Central American archipelago [2003]
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- 133 Maine city
- 134 Sky color
- 135 Butyl or propyl ender
- 136 Titans
- 137 Native of Italy's Leaning Tower city
- 138 Desires
- 139 Outlaw Kelly

**DOWN**

- 1 Secret stuff
- 2 Signal light
- 3 Perpetrate
- 4 Having slack
- 5 German link
- 6 Viking Ericson
- 7 Chant for the Dream Team

8 Aquarium swimmers, to toddlers

- 9 Deuces
- 10 Novelist -- May Alcott
- 11 Necessitate
- 12 Numerical suffix
- 13 Sewer's line
- 14 Whale type
- 15 Horse's mythical kin
- 16 Ump's kin
- 17 2000-15 TV drama
- 18 List abbr.
- 24 Nap locales
- 26 Lapel sticker
- 29 Affectedly adorable
- 32 Old film critic James
- 35 Entire scope
- 37 Too -- price
- 38 Freeze over
- 39 Havens
- 42 Co. with brown trucks
- 43 "True Life" channel
- 44 Hgt.
- 45 Soul-seller of legend jokes
- 46 Many groan-eliciting
- 49 Egg-hunt holiday
- 50 Verbal jewels
- 51 Lot division
- 52 Harvest
- 53 Australian airline
- 54 Opposer
- 56 Conforms
- 57 Brief denial
- 61 "The Wizard of Oz" witch
- 64 Hoity-toity
- 66 Jungle beast
- 67 Fee
- 69 Jacuzzi joint
- 71 "Do -- say!"
- 74 Gent partner
- 75 "-- get it!"
- 77 Blood type, in brief
- 78 Half of Mork's farewell
- 79 Film lioness
- 81 "Attack, mutt!"

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- 86 Brand of spring water
- 87 Del. neighbor
- 89 Ground
- 91 Major Turkish city
- 95 Noted coach Parseghian
- 96 Classy gp.?

- 98 Dove's noise
- 99 River in Italy
- 101 Cosmonaut Yuri
- 103 Poet Ralph Waldo --
- 107 John Wayne film of 1962
- 108 Group that shares a culture
- 109 Flies past

- 110 Actress Moore
- 111 Late morning time
- 112 "Vamoose!"
- 113 Gazed rudely
- 115 Used to exist
- 118 Dance parts
- 120 Dark stain
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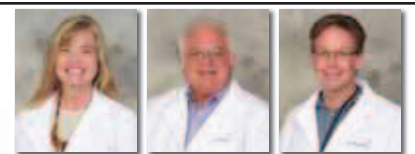
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# Dance Las Cruces is about more than the steps

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Dance Las Cruces.

It's not just the new name of the group, it's also a suggestion for fun and exercise.

The group, which used to be called the Big Band Dance Club, has been around for more than 20 years, said club President Curtis Graham. It has more than 60 active members and welcomes more.

Dances are held every Thursday except on Thanksgiving and near Christmas, and begin at 7:30 p.m.

And, if you don't know how to dance or you're a little rusty, you can take lessons beginning at 6:45 p.m. before each Thursday dance.

Dances are held at Alma d' Arte Charter High School, 402 W. Court Ave.

The cost to join is \$25 a year, plus \$8 per dance for members and \$10 for non-members. That fee includes the pre-dance lessons, provided by NMSU Dancesport students.

Several Dance Las Cruces members select the music for each dance,

choosing a number of different dance styles, including traditional favorites like waltzes, fox trots and swing dancing, to Latin steps ranging from rumba and cha-cha to bacahada, corridos and cumbia, said club member Edward Wendell.

Most songs are about two and one-half to three and one-half minutes in length, and it takes more than 30 songs for each of the club's two dances every month with live bands. The month's other two dances feature songs on CD.

Picking the music means making sure it's not too fast or too slow and about the right length, Wendell said. The club keeps a spread sheet of more than 300 songs, including popularity ratings from club members for each.

The group's music committee also provides feedback to live bands on their performances, Wendell said, rating the number of dance styles played or not played, tempo and rhythm, time between songs and overall sound.

"We encourage people to come," Wendell said. "Although I find dance



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

**Malcolm "Max" Fell and his wife, Dona, are active Dance Las Cruces members.**

more about social connections and entertainment, there are other benefits that many people may find surprising, (like) neurological stimulation."

The students who give dance lessons "are terrific," he said. "They are kind, wonderful and generous with their time." NMSU Dancesport member Harold Joy is in his first year as a teacher for the club.

A native of Las Cruces, Joy, 25, is a civil engineer-



PHOTO BY ERIC BROWN

**Las Cruces Dance Club members cutting a rug.**

ing major at NMSU with a minor in dance. He's been dancing for about four years, Joy said, since hearing about the university's dance program from his best friend's sister-in-law.

"I fell in love with it," Joy said.

"I just wanted to find something in college to be a part of," Dancesport member and Dance Las Cruces teacher Emily Heckes said.

Heckes said she enjoys

teaching people new things, and is especially happy when she sees someone learn to dance.

"It's always fun to see them light up."

Club member Malcolm "Max" Fell joined about 12 years ago. Now 98 years old, he comes to the dances every week with his wife, Dona, 84. Both widowed, they wound up living on the same street and married in 2009.

Fell, who moved to Las

Cruces from Wisconsin about 30 years ago, especially enjoys the foxtrot and waltzes with his wife. He's also learned to rumba and to "sort of tango."

For more information, contact Graham at cgraham68@hotmail.com. Visit <https://www.meetup.com/Dance-Las-Cruces>.

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# 'Loving Vincent': Using the master's art as a plot device

By **JEFF BERG**  
For the Bulletin

I can't imagine working for seven years on a film, but that is what directors Dorota Kobiela and Hugh Welchman did with this entirely hand-painted film,

Vincent Van Gogh has been on the screen many times before, with Kirk Douglas portraying him in "Lust for Life." There is also "Vincent and Theo," not to mention the two-and-a-half-hour "Van Gogh," which covers the last weeks of the artist's life.

Each shared the vision and interpretation of the filmmaker's thoughts about Van Gogh's life, but none really touch on "after life," as this does, and none are hand-

## GRADE: B+

Love it or hate it after you see it, "Loving Vincent" screen at Mesilla's Fountain Theatre almost a week starting Nov. 17. The theatre is closed Thanksgiving Day.

painted by 100 artists such as this work is.

Van Gogh's life is popularly thought to have ended in suicide, while this piece implies heavily that he was murdered. In his brief career, he did 800 paintings, only one of which sold while he was alive, but it is suggested profoundly that a failed artist or perhaps an emotionally disturbed bully (a contradiction in terms,



**Night Café, Arles Lt. Milliet (Robin Hodges) and Armand Roulin (Douglas Booth)**

no?) may have killed Mr. Van Gogh.

In this biopic Kobiela and Welchman use Van Gogh's canvases as both form and function.

The story follows the investigation, if you will, by Armand Roulin, who

was the subject of some of Van Gogh's works, who narrates and investigates, not always effectively,

Although an amazing work due to the artistry that went into it, the story is often weak and pedestrian, and if one's interest can't be held by the painted work, it is a tough sit, since it feels, at times, like an '80s made-for-TV movie.

Roulin heads for the

village of Auvers by request of his father, the local postmaster, to deliver a letter to Vincent's brother, Theo. But upon arrival, Roulin finds that Theo has passed as well, partially due to the loss of Vincent and the ravages of syphilis.

Armand hangs on to try and figure out what happened, hearing different stories from different sources – from the young woman whose family runs the inn where Van Gogh died (after lying pretty much unattended for two days with a stomach wound) to two different doctors, one of whom, a failed artist, is a rather suspicious character indeed.

Each offers up a different story, some saying that Vincent did himself in, others being sure that he was indeed murdered.

I suspect that art historians and Van Gogh's followers will find this

film pithy and annoying, using the master's art as a sort of plot device (even the stars twinkle in the paintings), but I feel that the directors are attempting something bold and innovative and in another way somewhat honorable to Van Gogh and his work.

Put in the form of a potboiler, the film doesn't work at all, but if one looks at it in the vein that it was probably made (don't forget those seven years of labor), it does partially work, but lacks tension throughout.

And Vincent would be mighty surprised to find that his work on "Portrait of Dr. Gachet," the chief suspect, sold for \$82.5 million in 1990.

*Jeff Berg has been reviewing movies for the Bulletin since 2002. He lives in Santa Fe and may be reached at nedludd76@hotmail.com.*

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Vincent (Robert Gulaczyk) in colour



# The staging of a wonderful film

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University's production of "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" brings Christmas Eve 1946 back to life, with Clarence, the guardian angel, trying to intervene as George Bailey stands on a bridge ready to end it all.

Attempts have been made to turn the classic 1946 film into a stage play, but "it proves too large a project to give it proper due," said NMSU Assistant Theatre Professor Nichole Hamilton, making her Las Cruces directorial debut.

Playwright Joe Landry, she said, "had the wisdom to bring it to the stage in the framing of a 1946 radio program, complete with a live studio audience."

The NMSU production is a show-within-a-show and takes place Dec. 24, 1946, in Studio A at WSTG Radio, as a cast of actors presents "It's a Wonderful Life" live.

The cast includes

Calvin Chervinko, playing radio actor Jake Laurents, who portrays George Bailey. Jeff Dolecek is Harry "Jazzbo" Heywood, the actor who portrays Clarence Odbody, the guardian angel. Melis Derya White is actress Lana Sherwood, who plays Violet, Rose Bailey and ZuZu. Jessica Jimenez is Mary Hatch. Taylor Rodriguez is actor Freddie Filmore, who plays the evil Mr. Potter. Aliyah Parnell plays the stage manager. Violet Griffin and Juan Carlos Garzon are Foley Artists. Francesca Perez-Wright, Iree Herren and Emilie Rasmussen are the State Sisters (singers).

All cast members are NMSU students except for community actor Dolecek.

Set design is by NMSU student Arianna Swinson, lighting by NMSU Theatre Arts Department Resident Scenic and Lighting Designer Jim Billings, and costumes by NMSU student Maggie Jane Simpson.

"In 1946, radio was still



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**Melisa Derya White and Jeff Dolecek rehearsing a scene from NMSU Theatre Arts Department's production of "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play."**

king," said Hamilton, who joined the NMSU theatre arts faculty in August. "Moving out of the Depression and two world wars, televisions were too expensive for every home and a trip to the movies was a special event; we relied on radio for our news and entertainment.

A preview performance begins at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, followed by a talkback with cast and crew. Tickets for the preview only are \$10. High school students are admitted free.

Regular performances will be 7:30 p.m. Fridays

and Saturdays, Nov. 17-18, 24-25 and Dec. 1-2; 2 p.m. matinees Sundays, Nov. 26 and Dec. 3 and Saturday, Dec. 2.

A talkback with cast and crew will follow the matinee performances on Nov. 25 and Dec. 2.

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## Movie version wasn't popular until 1970s

By **NMSU THEATRE ARTS ASSISTANT PROFESSOR NICHOLE HAMILTON**

For the Bulletin

When Frank Capra's film 'It's a Wonderful Life' was released in 1946, it was a box office flop.

Despite many rewrites of adapted screenplays of the original story, "The Greatest Gift" by Philip Van Doren Stern, numerous copyright law changes (a long and fascinating story causing the screenplay to change numerous hands), and more than \$3 million spent on production costs, it was overlooked by filmgoers.

It wasn't until the early 1970s, when the

film fell into public domain and television networks wanted a cheap holiday film to air repeatedly, that "It's a Wonderful Life" became one of our most beloved holiday film-watching traditions.

In 1994, the copyright laws were changed yet again and the film disappeared from television after Thanksgiving. The film will not be in public domain for another 20-plus years.

Nichole Hamilton is an assistant professor of theatre at New Mexico State University, and is the director of the NMSU Theatre Arts Department's "It's a Wonderful Life: A Radio Play."



In a rehearsal of NMSU's "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play," which opens with a special preview performance at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16, are, left to right, Jessica Jimenez, Jeff Dolecek, Melis Derya White and Taylor Rodriguez.

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# Paisano Café: A deeper trip into Mexico

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Talk about a good neighbor!

My three favorite things about Paisano Café are 1) their Tacos Dorados; 2) their beautiful Latin music; and 3) their location, literally 30 steps outside the Bulletin's front door.

From outside the restaurant, on Bulletin Plaza, the smells and the sounds emanating from the restaurant are enticing. But they're nothing compared to enjoying the ambiance – and the fabulous food – inside.

There are many delicious entrees – the restaurant has separate menus for breakfast, lunch and dinner. They also have

a vegetarian and vegan menu.

My favorite lunch dish, as mentioned, is Tacos Dorados – shredded chicken, tomatoes, lettuce and their special sauce. Yum!

It's a simple and traditional Southwestern dish that Paisano Café has dressed up in their own unique style.

And, you get four tacos instead of the standard three, and they come in a taco rack.

I also love the chips and salsa you get at Paisano before the meal. The chips are thick and crunchy (as they simply must be!), and the unique green salsa is also what you also get on their green enchiladas.

There is a rice dish on the side which I often save for afters (that's British for



**Tacos Dorados.**

**Art is often for sale inside Paisano Café, including "A View of La Mancha" by Rhoda Winters.**



dessert). Just sprinkle on a packet or two of sugar, and you've got the sweet course ready and waiting.

When I'm feeling a bit more decadent, I choose from Paisano's dessert menu – or "para el Cafe-cito" ("with the coffee," I think), as they call it.

I almost always get the flan, and theirs is flantastic!

The price for the entire meal was a modest \$18.16, including tax. And, I am, of course, a generous tipper.

I've only been to Paisano for lunch so far, but I'll be going back for breakfast and dinner. Breakfast is served on Saturday and Sunday only, including all day Sunday. It includes traditional favorites plus unique creations like Oro Negro Benedict (two poached eggs atop an English muffin, sliced Canadian bacon and a homemade corn truffle hollandaise sauce with

grilled asparagus), café French toast made with croissants, and banana pancakes.

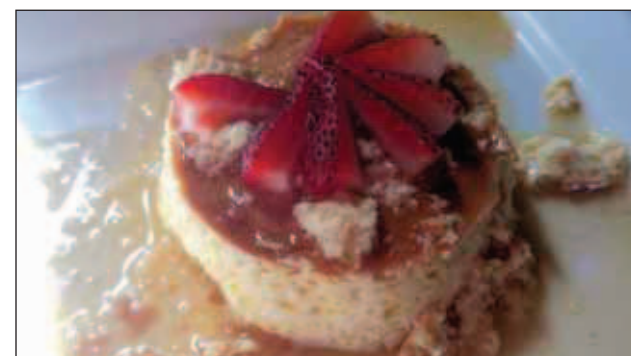
The lunch menu includes Queso Fundido (three melted cheeses fondue style with choice of chorizo, green chile or mushrooms), Cazuela de Guacamole (fried corn tortilla basket filled with fresh homemade guacamole and refried black beans) and Mezcla de Hongos (sauteed mixed mushrooms in Guajillo sauce) and chef's-recipe hummus. They also have salads, wraps, sandwiches, lunch plates and pasta with five different creamy sauces.

The dinner menu includes appetizers, soups (the signature is green chile potato) and entrees ranging from fish and chicken to duck, shrimp and steak. Many of their traditional Mexican dishes include their signature mole (mow LAY) sauce:



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**Paisano Café, 1840 Calle de Mercado, in the Bulletin Plaza.**



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a smoky taste and hint of ash, with a touch of Oaxaca chocolate, and a bit of "hoja santa" (root beer plant).

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Monday and Tuesday; 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday.

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# Farm & Ranch patrons can win artwork from exhibit

## BULLETIN REPORT

During the final month of the exhibit “On the Wing: The Avian Photography of Nirmala Khandan,” visitors to the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum can enter a free drawing to win one of the actual print-on-metal photographs from the exhibit.

Visitors also have a chance to win the print “Western Meadowlark” or one of two copies of Khandan’s 8-x-12 hardcover lay-flat album, “Fauna & Flora of New Mexico,” filled with copies of all the prints included in this exhibit.

The promotion is through Dec. 3. Only visitors 18 and over who have paid regular museum admission may enter – one entry per person per visit. Purchasers of any of Khandan’s photographs on display receive five free



COURTESY PHOTO

**A print of “Western Meadowlark” will be offered in a promotional drawing by the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.**

entries in the drawing.

The winners will be notified during the first week of December.

Khandan, a professor at New Mexico State University, began photographing birds in his native Sri Lanka before moving to Las Cruces 17 years ago. His show includes 32 colorful and detailed images.

Beyond art, Khandan’s work strives to raise awareness of the impor-

ance of habitat.

“I hope this exhibit will help raise awareness, especially among younger generations, about the diversity and beauty of local avian life, and encourage the preservation of our ecosystem in the face of rapid urbanization, climate change and habitat loss,” he said.

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, \$3 for children ages 4 to 17, and \$2 for active U.S. military members and veterans. Children 3 and under and members of the Museum Friends receive free admission.

For more information, call 575-522-4100 or visit [www.nmfarmandranch-museum.org](http://www.nmfarmandranch-museum.org).

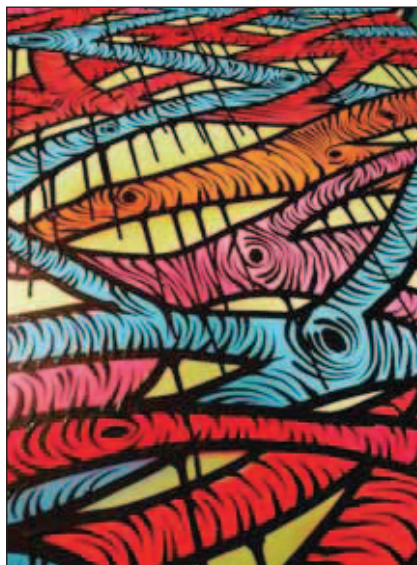
## Embracing the beauty in everyday life

In collaboration with Avenue ‘L’, the NMCO Media team hosts artist Louie Cisnerossi of Woar 2 Art from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, for a show titled “Tiger Style Deer Juice.”

A native of Las Cruces, Cisnerossi uses ink and spray paint to craft detailed and abstract works inspired by everyday life.

“Life is a trip,” he said. “I take all the feelings that happen daily and project it onto a canvas.”

Ave ‘L’ is a partnership of businesses located at E. Lohman Avenue and Walnut Street that aim to increase the number of art exhibit venues and extend the reach of local artists in Las Cruces. This is the third Ave ‘L’ exhibit for NMCO Media, a studio offering photography, web development, branding, graphic design and social media management to area businesses – located at 2001 E. Lohman Ave., #114.



“Tiger Style” art by Louie Cisnerossi

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## GALLERIES & OPENINGS

### Art memories

Artist Jo-an Smith will share memories of “Her Art Journey” at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 at Cutter Gallery, corner of University Avenue and El Paseo Road. The Gallery exhibits artworks by Smith as part of her exhibit “Elemental.” Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays.

### Conversations in Color

The Tombaugh Gallery presents “Conversations in Color,” work by Las Cruces artist Ruth Drayer, on exhibit through Nov. 25. Drayer has a design background, managed two art galleries, creates pottery and sculpture and studies art

history and therapy. Info: 575-522-7281.

### Fauna & Flora of New Mexico

The photography of Nirmal Khandan is featured at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, through Dec. 3 in the Arts Corridor. The images capture a variety of birds in their natural habitat. Khandan intends to bring awareness of the diversity and beauty of the local avian life, as well as the importance of habitat. Info: [www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org](http://www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org) or 575-541-4100.

### 100 Years Strong

Exhibit on display through Sept. 16, 2018, at the NM Farm & Ranch

Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The Farm & Livestock Bureau has been the voice of agriculture in New Mexico. The group has worked with elected and appointed officials to coordinate beneficial outcomes for New Mexico’s food producers. Soil conservation, better irrigation methods, and improved crop production were issues on the minds of the 300 farmers and ranchers in the Mesilla Valley who first gathered in 1917.

### Interference + Interaction

Through Nov. 17. University Art Gallery, 1390 E. University Ave., presents a group show featuring works by Nabil Gonzalez, Daisy Quezada,

Laura Turón, and the Jellyfish Colectivo, who “mediate everyday noise, communication, and social predicaments within personal and political spheres, negotiating the boundaries of the complex and multilayered issues that arise due to the current relationship between the U.S. and Mexico.”

### Landscapes of Lindy Bridgers

M. Phillip’s Gallery, 221 N. Main St., hosts a one-woman show for artist Lindy Bridgers through November. Her works feature landscapes of White Sands, the Organ Mountains and the surrounding area. Info: 575-525-1367 or [www.mphillipsgallery.com](http://www.mphillipsgallery.com).

### Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery

Two local artists will be featured in November at Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre. Roberta Widner is an oil painter with subject matter from abroad, mainly France and Italy. Kurt Van Wagner is a self-taught digital artist, transforming personal photographs into collectible works of art. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.

### Pamela Needham

Photography of Pamela Needham, sharing her love of nature and interesting subjects, is on display at Mas Art Frame and Art Supplies, 126 S. Main St. Info: 575-526-9113.

### Revel in the Mystery of the Night

The Gallery at Big Picture presents award-winning photographer and Las Cruces native Wayne Suggs with landscape photography exhibit “Revel in the Mystery of the Night.” Suggs has photographed landscapes for more than 40 years but when he turned to the “dark side” and transposed his daytime composition eye to the night, he revealed the sky, clear, bright and pristine. An opening reception will be 5-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, exhibit through Dec. 31. The gallery is at 2001 E. Lohman Ave. Suite 109, next to the UPS store in the Arroyo plaza. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday; 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday. Closed Sunday. Info: 575-647-0508.

### Student art

More than 100 pieces of original student artwork from the Las Cruces and Gadsden Public Schools have been installed in the first-floor corridors of the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd. in Las Cruces. The exhibit includes paintings, etchings, photographs and drawings. The artists range in age from elementary students to high schoolers.

### Transitions

Las Cruces artist Jeri Desrochers featured at Unsettled Gallery, 905 N. Mesquite St. “Transitions,” explores changes in life and art after the experience of a threatening illness and benefits CARE Las Cruces, a local support system for those battling cancer. Info: 575-647-8053.

### Trotando Pasos Ajenos

The art and cultural exhibit runs through Jan. 6, 2018, at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 North Main St. The exhibit features 12 interactive educational installments designed to appeal to a wide audience that focus on regional issues of justice inequality as they pertain to identity, environment, history, immigration, law, and faith. The exhibit was curated by Dr. Dulcinea Lara, Dr. Nicholas Natividad professors at NMSU’s department of Criminal justice who specialize on issues of social justice in crime and law. The exhibit designer is artist and filmmaker Daniel Aguilar. Open 10-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday. Info: 575-541-2154 or [museums.las-cruces.com](http://museums.las-cruces.com).

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## A&E EVENTS

**Community dance lessons:** Join New Mexico State University's Dance Program through Nov. 28 for free dance lessons – ballroom, Latin and swing dances, 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Rentfrow Hall, 3165 Williams Ave. Wear comfortable clothing, smooth/leather-soled or ballroom dance shoes. No flip-flops or cowboy boots. No experience necessary. No partner required. Free. Level 2 lessons start at 8 p.m. for \$5. Info: kind.nmsu.edu

• Nov. 28: Cha-cha, rumba and final party.

**Pre-K programs:** Join the Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St., from 9-10 a.m. every Thursday for exploration designed for preschoolers. No registration required. Free. Parents asked to stay with their children throughout the program.

• Nov. 30: "Nature Kids" will explore colorful leaves through hands-on activities. Info: 575-522-3120 or visit museums.las-cruces.org.

**Potters Guild Holiday Sale:** Potters Guild of Las Cruces is having its 37th annual Holiday Sale Nov. 17-18 at Peach Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. An opening will be held 2-6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17. Functional pottery, sculpture and décor, mosaics, jewelry, textiles. Hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. Proceeds benefit El Caldito Soup Kitchen. Info: pottersguildlc.com.

**Contra Dance:** Little Table Contraband, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Ludeman will be calling. No partner needed. Beginners and newcomers welcome. Cost: \$6, youth \$4. Info: www.snmmms.org or 575-522-1691.

**Artrageous:** Free art appreciation activity, 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays in November, theme is "Folk Art." Meet in the atrium of the Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Info: museums.las-cruces.org or 575-541-2137.

Nov. 18: Paper Mola: Panama-inspired folk art

Nov. 25: Wycinanki (vee-chee-non-kee): Polish paper cutting design

## Live music calendar

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**NOV. 18:** Gypsy Stew, roots rock

**NOV. 23:** Derrick Lee Group, jazz ensemble

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**NOV. 30:** Honeywise, Americana (Cedar Falls, Iowa)

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**NOV. 17:** Brooke & Dawn, female country duo from Austin

**NOV. 18:** Matt McCormack, Southern roots

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**NOV. 18:** Jean Gilbert

**NOV. 25:** Gloria Hacker

**Dance Las Cruces:** Join Dance Las Cruces for ballroom dancing – Latin, country and salsa music provided by Allen Kuncel. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Nov. 30 at Alma de Arte Charter School, 410 Court St. Free dance lesson begins at 6:45 p.m. Admission \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members and \$5 for students. Beginners, singles and couples welcome. Dance partner not necessary. Info: 575-496-2761.

**Studio art classes:** Through Dec. 9 at Las Cruces Museum of Art. Children, teens, adults. Register at the Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St., between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Info: museums.las-cruces.org or 575-541-2137.

*Please send your art event announcements to editor@las-crucesbulletin.com by Thursday at least one week prior to the desired publication date.*

## CALL TO ARTISTS

**Lend me a Tenor:** Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT) will hold auditions for "Lend Me a Tenor" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 and 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19 at Isabelle M. Crouch Readers Theatre, behind the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at University Avenue and Jordan Street on the New Mexico State University campus. No roles in the show have been pre-cast. For auditions, actors are asked to prepare a two-minute contemporary comedic monologue and be prepared for a cold reading from the script. Those auditioning for Max, Tito and the Bellhop should also prepare and sing (acapella) from the following operatic piece: "Don Carlos" by Verdi, *Dio che nell'alma infondere*, Act 2, scene 1. Bring a current head shot and theatre resume, if available. The show includes four men and four women. Character age ranges listed are for stage portrayal. A copy of the script is on reserve at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 Picacho Ave. The show opens Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, at LCCT, 313 N. Main St. and continues through Sunday, Feb. 4. "Lend Me a Tenor" was written by Ken Ludwig and is being directed by Michael Wise. Info: 575-646-5418 or mwise@nmsu.edu.

**NMSU theatre auditions:**

The New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department will hold auditions for its spring 2018 productions of "The Odyssey" and "Rent" 6-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27 with callbacks scheduled for 4-9 p.m. Nov. 28. Sign up for an audition slot at www.nmsutheatre.com/audi-

tions. No roles in either production have been pre-cast, and community members and NMSU students are welcome to try out for parts for men and women ages 17-65. Auditioners are asked to prepare a 60-90 second monologue and a song excerpt of 16 bars. "The Odyssey," written and directed by Mary Zimmerman, NMSU theatre arts Assistant Professor Larissa Lury, is looking for actors 17 and older to play mortals and gods. Musical or other special skills will count. "Rent" will be directed by NMSU Theatre Arts Department Head Wil Kilroy, with Assistant Professor Megan McQueen serving as musical director. Info: Mike Wise, 575-646-5418, www.nmsu-theatre.

**Choral members:** The Mesilla Valley Chorale, directed by Nancy Ritchey, has resumed rehearsals for the holiday concert "Joy," to be performed in December at the Rio Grande Theatre. Rehearsals take place in the Choir Room of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, corner Griggs and Alameda. Interested singers invited; call Ritchey at 575-647-2560. Visit www.mesillavalleychorale.org.

**Love of Art:** Event Guide deadline is Dec. 1. Apply

now for Studio Tours, Art Around Town event or Member Show. Membership required. Membership form and application forms at www.artformsnm.org/forms. Info: 373-0333.

**Photograph 51:** Black Box Theatre is looking for five male scientists for its upcoming production "Photograph 51." Auditions are 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at the theatre, 430 N. Main St. Needed are five men for these roles: British scientists Maurice Wilkins (aged 30s to 40s), Ray Gosling (20s) and Frances Crick (30s or 40s), and American scientists Don Caspar (20s or 30s) and James Watson (early 20s). Auditions will be cold readings from the script, available at the research help desk at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Performance dates are Jan. 26-Feb. 11, 2018. Info: Ceil Herman, 575-523-1223 or nstcbbt@zianet.com.

**Rokoko seeks 'opposites':** Rokoko Art Gallery announces a call for artists working in all media for an upcoming group show opening Jan. 13, 2018. Submissions are due in the gallery, 1785 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla, on Saturday, Jan. 6. Entry fee is \$15 per piece. Info: 575-522-5553.

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# Las Cruces filmmaker completes artist documentary

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Artist and filmmaker Ed Breeding has completed a documentary called "Spirit of Art," featuring nine Las Cruces artists.

The 50-minute film premieres at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

Admission is \$5 (cash only).

The film includes Breeding, Doña Ana Arts Council Executive Director Kathleen Albers and local visual and performing artists Megan McQueen, Bob Diven, Michael C. Gutierrez, Joey Avalos, Bob Lindsay, Larry Miller, Tawanda Seussbrich-Joaquin and filmmaker Ross Marks.

The documentary also includes photos Breeding has taken lo-

cally, including the Organ Mountains and the Rio Grande.

Breeding has made more than a dozen documentary films, and said most have been shown locally on PBS affiliate KRWG-TV.

Breeding also has been a painter for 25 years. His paintings have graced Waterfowl Magazine, Waterfowler's World and American Field Magazine, according to his website. His four paintings of The Four Seasons of the Amish of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, were reproduced on Gourmet candy tins by Simon Candy Company.

See a trailer for "Spirit of Art" at <https://youtu.be/luJ9dGaBIsU>.

For more information, contact Breeding at 575-202-5687 or [edbreeding@yahoo.com](mailto:edbreeding@yahoo.com). Visit [www.edbreeding.artistwebsites.com](http://www.edbreeding.artistwebsites.com).

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## A new generation upholds tradition at Silver Assets

By ALTA LECOMPTE  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The glow of Native American silver jewelry and the scent of leather moccasins create an unmistakable New Mexico vibe in an historic adobe shop, Silver Assets, on Calle de Santiago.

Behind the glass counter, owner Jason Dahlstrom carries on a tradition established by his parents Ken and Lori Dahlstrom.

“My dad managed a trading company in Gallup,” Jason Dahlstrom said. “He started in 1978 with Navajo, Hopi and Zuni jewelry, rugs, pottery and arts and crafts. His was one of just a few Gallup places that had goldsmiths actually working on the premises.”

When Jason’s dad, Ken Dahlstrom, decided to move on, his aunt, Linda

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Lundeen, exposed him to Las Cruces.

“My parents didn’t want to live in Santa Fe or Albuquerque. Once they found Mesilla – how it had its own flavor – they both felt at home.”

### Growing up in Mesilla

When the family relocated to southern New Mexico, home was in back of the shop in Mesilla, formerly a photo studio.

“We moved into the old

office space,” Dahlstrom recalled.

“We had cardboard furniture. When I got my Star Wars toys at Christmas, the box would disappear. I looked over and it was covered with a doily.”

During his years at Las Cruces High School and New Mexico State University as an architecture student, Jason Dahlstrom worked part-time at Silver Assets.

“I started off managing the moccasins,” he said. “My dad taught me to see what the bosses do, right and wrong, and learn from that. The biggest thing I learned from my dad was honesty and how to treat customers.”

Inspired by his dad, Dahlstrom decided he would rather go into business than pursue a career in architecture.

### Colorado dreaming

But Jason Dahlstrom also wanted to see the world. And he wanted to do it on a motorcycle. He dreamed of driving his dirt bike around Iceland – and he began planning a ride from southern New Mexico to Costa Rica.

His mom, Lori Dahlstrom, decided the best way to keep him safe would be to find him a nice girl.

She voiced her concerns to Jason’s sister who lived in Fort Collins,

Colorado, and introduced him to his future wife, Sharon, a corporate communications and marketing professional.

“He cancelled the trip,” Sharon Dahlstrom said.

That was in 2003. They married in 2004 and opened a shop in Fort Collins in 2005.

“He had always known he wanted his own business,” she said. “We had a shop in Old Towne Fort Collins for nine years.” “We didn’t have to go to the bank for money,” Jason Dahlstrom said. “We rolled our investment over and rolled it again – and I had to sell some motorcycles, some fun things.”

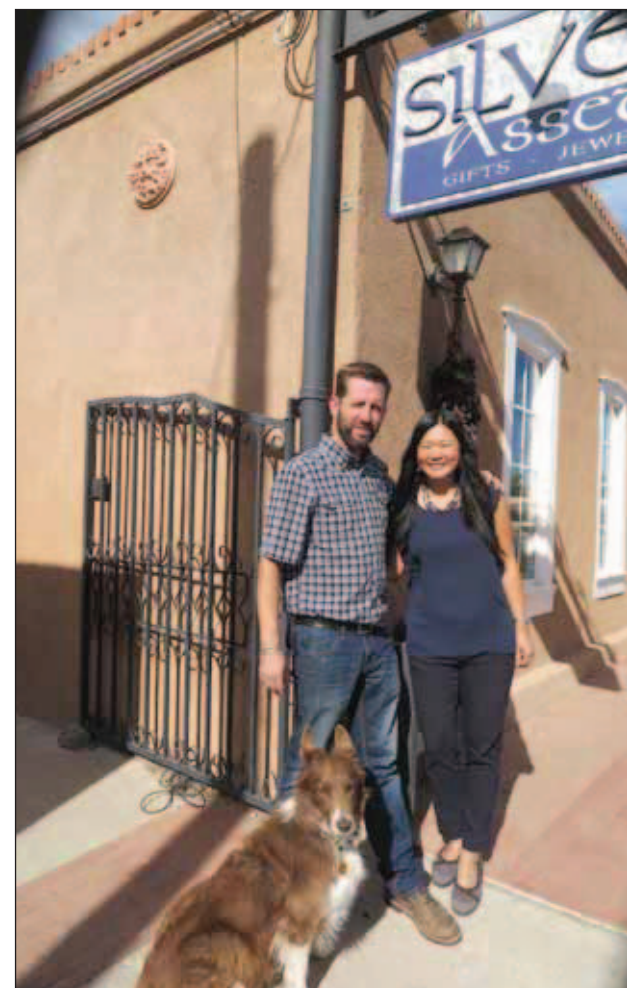
### Back to the valley

When his parents decided to retire, Jason and Sharon adopted the Mesilla business.

“I thought it would be nice to have a relative for a landlord,” Jason Dahlstrom said. “We had a son and we felt it would be nice from him to be around his grandparents.”

“Fortunately, Ken and Lori had established a strong business, were well liked by the community and did so much for the community,” Sharon Dahlstrom said.

She said in their first year running Silver Assets she and Jason focused on inventory.



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Brody, the Dahlstroms’ seventh shop dog, relocated with Sharon and Jason when they came to Mesilla to take over his family’s business, Silver Assets.

“Our inventory is evolving,” she said. “We hand pick our pieces and we are quite picky about the stones.”

“We are adding more contemporary items because people like that,” Jason Dahlstrom said.

In addition to the jewelry room featuring silver and turquoise, Silver Assets has an adjoining room “for people who are not looking for jewelry.”

There are hats, shawls, moccasins, knick-knacks and crosses.

“We are always think-

ing about what we should be carrying and how we can do better,” Sharon Dahlstrom said.

“We have some estate pieces customers have bought from us or inherited and don’t wear. We have done some consignments. We find a lot of people are interested in older pieces – they have a lot of character and history behind them.”

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Jason and Sharon Dahlstrom in the jewelry room at Silver Assets, founded by his parents Lori and the late Ken Dahlstrom.

## The power of possible on our doorstep

Perhaps the most amazing thing about Southern New Mexico's proposal to Amazon for their new headquarters building is simply the fact that it's possible.

The sweeping vision of a bi-national, world-class campus for one of the most innovative companies on the planet is truly a credit to the power of partnership here and the understanding of the shared destiny of this region. Kudos to the partners at the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance and the Border Industrial Association who worked with their partners to put the proposal together. Thank you all for your constant commitment to the economic empowerment of Southern New Mexico!

Embracing that spirit of "the possible" is key to the future of our region. Do you want to put a stop to the perpetual, generational cycle of poverty? Do you want to stem the tide of "brain drain" that carries far too many of our young people out of the state? Then let's give them a reason to stay! They are LITERALLY the builders of our future.

The power of possible is also what drives the now more than 30 members of the Workforce Talent Collaborative supported by The Bridge of Southern New Mexico. These cross-sector partners are working to design the blueprint for the skilled and ready workforce needed to fuel attraction for new com-

panies like Amazon, as well grow companies here now and the budding entrepreneurs planting the seeds of the future.

The Doña Ana County/Borderplex Joint Regional Workforce Development Strategic Plan is the first of its kind in the state. Once again, we are providing a model for community collaboration that could create what the philanthropic field would call, "needle-moving change."

By working together, we are mobilizing the partners in the workforce talent continuum (business and industry, educators, economic developers, policymakers, and workforce service providers) toward a shared set of economic drivers with career and earnings ladders, while simultaneously working to remove barriers that stand in the way of our community's talent.

We are nearing the finish line of the plan with a few pieces still to be set in place, but the work ahead is clear already. We know that our talent needs to be characterized by the exact same set of traits highlighted by so many speakers at this year's Domenici Public Policy Conference:

- Able to deal with ambiguity
- Problem solvers
- Critical thinkers

panies like Amazon, as well grow companies here now and the budding entrepreneurs planting the seeds of the future.

The Doña Ana County/Borderplex Joint Regional Workforce Development Strategic Plan is the first of its kind in the state. Once again, we are providing a model for community collaboration that could create what the philanthropic field would call, "needle-moving change."

By working together, we are mobilizing the partners in the workforce talent continuum (business and industry, educators, economic developers, policymakers, and workforce service providers) toward a shared set of economic drivers with career and earnings ladders, while simultaneously working to remove barriers that stand in the way of our community's talent.

We are nearing the finish line of the plan with a few pieces still to be set in place, but the work ahead is clear already. We know that our talent needs to be characterized by the exact same set of traits highlighted by so many speakers at this year's Domenici Public Policy Conference:

- Able to deal with ambiguity
- Problem solvers
- Critical thinkers



- Good communicators
- Strong work ethic
- Accountable
- Driven by strong values and ethics
- Perseverant

In turn, they will transform our region to one characterized as:

Business' choice destination for high quality, easily mobilized talent

A community that appreciates a high-quality workforce

Abundant in opportunities for advanced education, employment and economic development

Having high-quality Pre-K-12 systems

Reflecting a decreased need for public assistance

A transformed, increasingly diversified economy that fuels regional prosperity and better quality of life for all

Over the past two months, we've shared this Collaborative's work with state-elected officials, Las Cruces' city leaders, business leaders, regional thought leaders, and state workforce leaders,

all of which are willing and ready to play their part in what could be an incredible story of regional transformation.

We've only just begun to talk to parents and those raising our next generation. And the most important audience of all, our young people, we still need to reach. They need to know not just what's possible, but that we are positioned like never before to equip them to achieve it.

The Amazon proposal gives us a window through which to envision a far brighter future for Doña Ana County and our region than we typically do. Whether Amazon chooses us for their headquarters or not, that bright future is within our grasp – we just have to keep believing in what's possible and move toward it together.

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

## Misqueuz awarded National Institute Scholarship

### BULLETIN REPORT

Brandi Misqueuz, executive assistant to the president of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, has been awarded a National Institute Scholarship.

The announcement comes from the Institute for Organization Management, the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

Given to professionals across the country, the National Institute Scholarships recognize recipients for their involvement in industry professional organizations, community service and professional background.

"National Institute Scholarships offer executives the opportunity to learn about emerging industry trends, expand their organizations' influence, and grow their peer network," said Raymond P. Towle, vice president of Institute for Organization Management at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. "We are pleased to help these talented professionals advance their careers and organizations."

Since its commencement in 1921, the Institute program has been educating tens of thousands of association, chamber, and other nonprofit leaders on how to build stronger organizations, better serve their members and become strong business advocates. Institute's cur-



**MISQUEUZ**

riculum consists of four week-long sessions at five different university locations throughout

the country. Through a combination of required courses and electives in areas such as leadership, advocacy, marketing, finance and membership, Institute participants enhance their organizational management skills and help make their organizations run more efficiently and effectively.

"This is a great training opportunity for Brandi," said Debbi Moore, president and CEO of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce. "Institute provides many leadership and educational tools that will give her additional knowledge and skill sets to use in her expanding duties."

Graduates of Institute receive the IOM recognition, signifying completion of 96 hours of course instruction in nonprofit management. In addition, participants can earn credit hours toward the Certified Chamber Executive (CCE) or Certified Association Executive (CAE) certifications. Nearly 1,000 individuals attend Institute annually.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce dedicated to strengthening America's long-term competitiveness.



# Drain the swamp: eliminate corporate income tax

The recently announced Republican-sponsored tax plan calls for reducing corporate income tax rate from 39 percent to 20 percent. This rate cut is the single most costly provision of the tax proposal, and for this reason, has become a lightning rod for critics of the tax proposal. But while many are critical of the provision as being too generous to corporations, I argue that it doesn't go far enough. We should repeal the corporate income tax outright. Just get rid of it.

The reason is to drain the swamp. The corporate tax code is a Swiss cheese of loopholes and special provisions, each of which is associated with lobbyists dedicated to preserving a benefit for someone paying a fee. The corporate



**CHRIS ERICKSON**  
State of the Economy

tax code, as it now exists, could be renamed the Lobbyist Full Employment Act. All over Washington, as swamp creatures scurry about seeking special provisions for their clients. One of the arguments made by Democrats and

other opponents of the Republican-sponsored corporate tax cut is that the effective average tax rate is not the statutory 39 percent, but only 29 percent.

This difference between the statutory and effective rate can be thought of as a measure of the effectiveness of lobbyists and is not an argument against lowering rates, but precisely why we should go further.

As things stand now, American corporations are heavily taxed. Our statutory rate is the highest in the world, while our effective average rate is third highest. Such high rates do distort corporate decision making. In recent years, tax inversion, the practice of re-

locating headquarters in a foreign jurisdiction to avoid taxes, has become more common. Under the Republican plan, the statutory rate would be dropped to third lowest among major countries, ahead of the UK and Germany.

Exactly who pays the corporate income tax ultimately depends on the interaction of supply and demand and differs by industry and even among firms within an industry. Some of the tax is passed on to consumers, some is covered by lower salaries paid employees, and some of it comes out of dividends, so is paid by shareholders.

Certainly, many shareholders are wealthy individuals, and cutting

the corporate income tax will benefit them. But many other shareholders are the proverbial widows and children, often owning the shares via a mutual fund. And here is the rub with a corporate income tax: it is less fair than a direct income tax on individuals.

So, I would pay for elimination of the corporate income tax by increasing the top tax rate sufficiently to make up for the lost revenue. About 9 percent of federal tax revenue comes from the corporate income tax, so the increase in taxes paid by the wealthy tax payers would be substantial.

The Washington swamp is pretty big. Lobbyists earned \$3.2 billion

last year, down slightly from the year before, but still a lot. We don't know how much of that lobbying was aimed at the tax code, but a substantial amount.

Neither the Democrats nor the Republicans want to drain the swamp, as lobbyists are the source of their political mother's milk – money. The corporate income tax isn't likely to go anywhere soon.

*Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at NMSU. He owns stock only via mutual funds. The opinions expressed may not be shared by the regents or administration of NMSU. Chris can be reached at [chrerick@nmsu.edu](mailto:chrerick@nmsu.edu).*

## Century Bank welcomes new 'teammate'

Century Bank is proud to welcome Gerardo Valencia to their team in Las Cruces. Gerardo is a business development officer and vice president and comes to Century Bank with over 25 years' experience in customer service, including 15 years in commercial and consumer lending. He is a graduate of San Diego State University with a Bachelor in Liberal Arts.

Gerardo and his family have been in Las Cruces for over 17 years. He is actively involved in the community and has been a member of the Rio Grande Rotary and the Business Industry Association in Santa Teresa. Gerardo has a passion for finding solutions for his clients and works hard to bring value to their businesses and their lives. He can be found at Century Bank, 141 N. Roadrunner Parkway. He may also be reached at 575-521-2407.



**VALENCIA**

## Fritz named NMSU's associate vice president for development



COURTESY PHOTO

**Zizi Fritz has been named associate vice president for development at New Mexico State University. She will begin her position in late November.**

**By TIFFANY ACOSTA**  
For the Bulletin

Albuquerque native Zizi Fritz has been named associate vice president for development at New Mexico State University. She brings more than 28 years of nonprofit fundraising and senior management experience to Las Cruces.

"We are excited to welcome our newest team member to the NMSU Foundation, Zizi Fritz, as associate vice president for development," said Andrea Tawney, NMSU Foundation president and vice president for University Advancement. "We look forward to Zizi's addition to our outstanding team and working with the development di-

rectors and Corporate and Foundation Relations unit."

Fritz will join NMSU on Nov. 27 after spending three years as the president and CEO of YMCA of Central New Mexico in Albuquerque.

"I am thrilled to accept the position," Fritz said. "I first became acquainted with NMSU through Leadership New Mexico and Quality New Mexico. It is a true honor to become aligned with an organization such as NMSU, and its unwavering dedication to excellence."

Previously, she was the director of resource development at the Bosque School for more than two years and executive director and vice president of the Presbyterian Healthcare

Foundation for more than seven years.

"I have always had a passion to strengthen my community," Fritz said. "I hope to inspire many about the great joy of giving. I am also excited to show the endless possibilities and opportunities created with donor investments."

Fritz earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. Fritz also is a graduate of the fundraising school from the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University and Lean Six Sigma Process Improvement training.

*Tiffany Acosta may be reached at 575-646-3929, [tfrank@nmsu.edu](mailto:tfrank@nmsu.edu).*

# Worship Services



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**Divine Love:** First Church of Christ, Scientist, will host longtime Christian Science practitioner Maryl Waters, a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, for a talk on "The Healing Power of Divine Love" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

**People of Character:** What does it take to be a "mensch" (a decent human being), an inter-faith conversation, will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19 at Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Avenue. Spiritual leaders discuss their approach to identifying core values of good character from their traditions and perspectives. Rabbi Larry Karol will moderate. Questions welcomed. Bring a donation of non-perishable food for Casa de Peregrinos. Info: 575-524-3380, rabbi@tblc.org.

**Give Thanks:** Thanksgiving Day Service at First Church of Christ, Scientist will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 23, at 325 W. Mountain Ave. Info: 575-523-5063.

### ONGOING

**Unity events:** Tuesday Book Study, 10 a.m.-noon weekly; Thursday meditation, 11-11:30 a.m. weekly; Sunday worship, 10:30-11:30 a.m., a joyous service designed to help you raise your consciousness and acceptance of the truth of your being, and affirmation that God is good all the time. 125 Wyatt Drive. Info: www.unityoflasruces.org or 575-523-5592.

**Campus Mass:** 12:10 p.m. Tuesday, Newman Center, 2615 S. Solano Drive. Catholic students and St. Albert the Great weekly mass. Info: Mona Chip, mona@stalbertnewman-center.org.

**Men's prayer meeting:** 7 a.m. Saturday, 1605 S. Valley Drive, led by Manny Howie. Info: 575-523-1113.

**Worship service:** 10 a.m. Sunday, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 2540 El Paseo Road, followed by a light meal before Bible classes for all ages. Info: www.crossofchristlc.net or call 915-740-7714 or 575-649-5458.

**Worship service:** Seventh Day Adventist, 240 Three Crosses Ave. Sunday – 9:30 a.m. service, 11 a.m. Sabbath School; Wednesday – 6 p.m. Bible study. Info: 575-526-5623.

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## WORSHIP

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for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Join to discuss the articles of Science of Mind Magazine with like-minded people. Bring a lunch. Info: 575-523-4847.

**MMC Mass:** Noon Wednesday, Memorial Medical Center chapel, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. Holy mass. Info: 575-636-3274.

**Men's Fellowship:** Noon, Tuesday, IHOP, 2900 Del Rey Blvd. Christian Men's Fellowship. Open discussion. All men welcome. Info: 575-621-2350.

**Men's prayer breakfast:** 7-9 a.m. Tuesday, 106 S. Miranda St., in the Fellowship Hall. Info: 575-524-3691.

**Non-denominational service:** 5:45 p.m. Sunday, Dream Center, Sixth and Wilson Streets. New Agape Christian Church offers a scriptural, theological, historical and scientific look at the prophets. Children's church provided. Info: Pastor Herb, 575-650-3915.

**Prayer groups:** 9 a.m. Saturday, 20-30-minute centering prayer. 4-5 p.m. Saturday, women's prayer, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave.

**Fusion Youth Fellowship:** 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday at 2941 Morningstar Drive. Info: 575-521-3770.

**Trinity Lutheran:** 9 a.m. Sunday, worship with

Holy Communion. 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sunday School for children and youth, 2900 Elks Drive. Info: 575-523-4232 or www.trinitylutheranlc.org.

**Genesis Bible Study:** 6:30 p.m. first three Thursdays of the month, Revival Fire Bookstore, 2645 Missouri Ave., Suite 5. Book of Genesis Bible study. Info: Bev, 575-642-1003.

**Agape Christian:** 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Bible school for all ages. 5:45 p.m., Secret Church and Children's Church, 1400 6th St. Communion served to all believers. Info: Herb Pinney, 575-650-3915.

**A Course in Miracles:** 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Tesoro Integrative Health Center, 1605 S. Main

St. Complete self-study spiritual thought system with Edward Alvarez. \$5 suggested donation. Info: 575-541-5660.

**Codependents Anonymous:** Meetings are 7-8 p.m. Mondays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave., Room 107. CoDA is a 12-step program that focuses on learning to nurture ourselves. We let go of unhealthy rescuing behavior and focus on spiritual and emotional health. Info: www.coda.org or Wayne at 575-647-5684.

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• 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, practical mysticism class

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• 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Tao healing and touch yoga, \$5

• 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, spirit dance

• 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Single Parents Support Group

• 1:30-3 p.m. first Friday and 5-7 p.m. third Friday of the month, shamanic drumming and meditation

• 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, A Course in Miracles discussion.

**Sunday Mass:** 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Southeast corner of First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo

Road. St. John's Catholic Church of Antioch mass. Open to all. Info: 575-621-0255 or www.stjohnscatholicchurchofantioch.org.

**Cowboys for Christ:** Non-denominational outreach organization seeks volunteers to coordinate Christian fellowship to assist those in need. Info and requests: benzo@live.com.

**Sunday School:** 9-10 a.m. every Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road. For children ages 4 through fifth grade; includes "Parable Quest," as children hear the parable stories of Jesus and participate in games, crafts, snacks and songs. Info: 575-526-5559 or vbs@fpc.lc.

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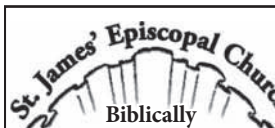
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North Las Cruces Park, 1005 Valley View Ave.

BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

## North Las Cruces Park offers playgrounds, grass, stunning vistas

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

North Las Cruces Park, 1005 Valley View Ave., is one of the city's newer parks, and one of its most beautiful.

The large park has a lot of grass (47,259 square feet) and native landscaping, as well as stunning desert vistas.

It includes a play area featuring swings, slides and even a play structure in the shape of a scorpion. There's a basketball court, five picnic tables, 10 benches, a gazebo and two barbecue grills, a drinking fountain, three trash cans and a doggie-bag station.

The park was designed by Matthew Borowski & Associates of Lincoln, New Mexico, and

Studio D Architects of Las Cruces. After public input to help determine the final layout of the park, it was constructed by Bauer Construction of La Mesa, New Mexico, in 2008 with about \$184,000 in state capital outlay funds and city park impact fees.

The park was officially named "North Las Cruces Park" by the city Park Board in April 2009.

The City of Las Cruces has more than 100 parks covering more than 700 acres.

For more information on city parks, ballfields and trails, visit [www.las-cruces.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks](http://www.las-cruces.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks).

*Mike Cook may be reached at [mike@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:mike@lascrucesbulletin.com).*



## Cold Feet

**Y**er lookin' at a feller with no tennis shoes, a '76 GMC pickup, an outhouse and a learning permit for a cell phone. But! Lest you lump me into that group of stodgy ol' dinosaurs that cling to the days of Garth Brooks, pygmy Angus, and real spare tires, let me assure you that I have stepped boldly into the modern world of manly footwear.

A constant recurring memory of workin' cows when I first started years ago was cold feet. Everybody wore their regular regulation cowboy boots with five-buckle overshoes. And everybody's feet got cold.



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feet, stand me in one place for an hour and my toes are still toasty and safe. They are an invention as radical as round bales, insecticide ear tags and affirmative action.

Alas, Leroy

It was a common practice to scrape the snow and scatter straw around the chute where we were gonna be standin' all day. We'd keep a pickup runnin' with bottles of Vitamin A on the dash defroster to alternate when the cold turned it thick as axle grease.

We weren't above buildin' a fire nearby to slip up to when our fingers turned to frozen hot dogs. I'd stand by the flame 'til the rubber on my overshoes started steamin' and my toes tingled. But today things are different. Cowboys have benefited from NASA and the Hi-Tech ski clothing industry. I go outside on a beautiful 20° mornin' and spend all day in my insulated coveralls and moon boots. Wonderful waterproof moon boots with hard rubber soles and hard rubber toes. Step on me, drop anvils on my

was still stuck in the five-buckle Dark Ages that late November when he and Tom completed the last circle on Yankee Bill summit lookin' for stragglers. Four hours horseback in the Idaho Klondike had turned their feet to fudgesickles. They rode up to the last gate and Leroy dismounted to let 'em through. The latch post was buttressed with big rocks. When he undid the wire gate, a twenty pounder slid off the pile and landed on Leroy's foot.

Never one to endure pain silently, he thrashed around and fell in the snow crying, "My toe's broke! My toe's broke!"

"Take off yer boot quick," instructed Tom, "Or it'll swell!"

"But it'll freeze," whined Leroy.

"It's that or gangrene,"

# Prepare your home for the winter

Despite the weatherman's predictions, you never know for sure what the coming winter will have in store. Some winters are mild, others are severe, and many are somewhere in between. No matter what, you want your home to be prepared for whatever Mother Nature brings.

Winterizing your home is one of the most important duties of homeownership. Neglecting to do so can not only lead to more costly utilities and potentially significant repair bills, it can make your home less comfortable



**NICOLE BLACK**  
Building Las Cruces

for you and your family. Here are some tips from the Department of Homeland Services' Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help extend the life of your home and keep your family safe during the cold winter

months.

Insulate walls and attics, caulk and weather-strip doors and windows, and install storm windows. An economical alternative to storm windows is to cover them with plastic on the inside.

Clear debris from rain gutters so that they don't fill with water that could freeze, adding weight that could damage the fascia board and cause leaks.

Trim tree branches that could potentially fall on your home during a storm. Hiring a professional is strongly advised, especially if

any branches are near power lines.

Have your heating equipment and chimney professionally cleaned and inspected every year. And ensure all your fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside and that those vent openings are clear of debris and snow.

Insulate pipes with foam wrap or newspaper to help prevent freezing. Know how to shut off the main water valve in case your pipes do freeze and burst.

During winter, it's not uncommon for people to rely on additional or al-

ternate heating sources. With some devices – especially those not intended to be used inside the home – there is an increased risk of fire, electric shock or carbon monoxide poisoning. As general guidelines:

Keep fire extinguishers throughout the home, and teach all family members how to use them.

Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning device anywhere inside your home, including the garage.

Space heaters should

only be placed on a level surface and away from heavy foot traffic when in use, especially if pets or small children are nearby. It's best to have space heaters that automatically turn off when a room reaches the desired temperature or in the event it is tipped over.

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It'll keep the swelling down," suggested Tom.

Leroy stood on one leg holding his manly footwear and looked up at Tom, who never cracked a smile.

When Leroy and Tom hit camp, we helped Leroy off his horse, drained the ice water out of his overshoe and took him inside.

I don't know the medical terminology they used to describe the condition of his foot in those days, but we all agreed – it was blue.

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# NMSU Extension collaborating with Burrell College

By JANE MOORMAN

For the Bulletin

New Mexico State University's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences is collaborating with Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine with the common goal of providing personal health information to New Mexicans.

One of the traditional roles of Cooperative Extension Service's Family and Consumer Sciences specialists and agents is to provide educational programs in areas of health and wellness, thereby enhancing the quality of life for people in New Mexico. Health of New Mexicans is one of the College of ACES' pillars of economic and community development.

A growing number of states are linking the land-grant university Extension service with academic health centers and health care systems.

In New Mexico, two academic health centers, Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine and the University of New Mexico Health Science Center Office for Community Health, are collaborating with NMSU Extension to expand the Extension Model of providing research-based information to people throughout the state.

"We have two collaborations with Burrell College currently in progress," said Sonja



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**Sonja Koukel, right, New Mexico State University's Extension community and environmental health specialist, and Dr. Francisco Laboy, assistant professor of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine with Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, are collaborating to expand the Extension model of providing research-based information to people throughout the state.**

Koukel, Extension Community and Environmental Health Specialist. "Dr. Francisco Laboy, assistant professor of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, is interested in providing community-based programs so the school's residents can build skills that will increase health literacy with the clients they will be serving in the future."

The first in this project was a presentation created by Mountain View Regional Medical Center resident Dr. Kate Nixon focused on a guide to

over-the-counter medications that Koukel delivered to a workshop in Clovis in September.

"The information included medicinal ingredients for name-brand medications in the categories of pain relievers, antihistamines, sleep inducers, cold and cough medicines and gastrointestinal medications," Koukel said.

"Following the 45-minute presentation, Dr. Laboy was available via conference phone to answer questions from the participants."

Future presentation topics being considered are best selection of supplements, reasons why the doctor orders so many tests, and tips for pain management.

Koukel expects the modules to become part of a curriculum that Extension county agents and trained volunteers will deliver in their communities.

The second collaboration involves introducing the Burrell pre-med students to Extension's role in improving the quality of life for all New

Mexicans.

Two Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Department associates, Lucinda Banegas-Carreón and Lourdes Olivás, are presenting programs to the 42 pre-med students focusing on the history and philosophy of Extension nationwide and in New Mexico, the benefits of the Extension model in statewide health programing, and recruitment and retention in community programing.

"Preliminary discussion with Burrell College

Associate Dean Nancy Minugh-Purvis and Steven Ontiveros, assistant professor of cell biology, have also brought up the possibility of the students engaging in future Extension Health programs, such as Fit Families; Prevent T2, a diabetes prevention program; and On The Road to Living Well with Diabetes," Koukel said.

NMSU Extension has also collaborated with the UNM Health Science Center Office for Community Health's Health Extension Regional Officers in Bernalillo and Dona Ana counties since 2013 when the two universities signed a memorandum of understanding.

The collaborations have included programs on community education concerning Medicaid expansions, nutrition education for patients of community health centers, and support for seniors. Both Extension Family and Consumer Sciences professionals and HEROS continue to build upon this collaborative effort whenever possible.

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# Department of Health launches vaccine website

## FOR THE BULLETIN

The New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) Immunization Program announces the launch of two new interactive maps to help residents find a vaccination provider nearest them.

One map is created specifically to help parents search for a Vaccines for Children (VFC) provider. The other assists uninsured adults to link to a nearby health care provider that offers immunizations for New Mexicans without medical insurance. Both maps can be found on the NMDOH's Immunization Program's webpage at <https://nmhealth.org/about/>



**Jotham Jarry, 11, receives a preventative flu shot from Registered Nurse Debby Hanus at Memorial Medical Center Oct. 28.**

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These user-friendly tools will quickly identify a provider by simply entering a home address to see a list of providers within a

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# Babies and books go together

**T**here are almost 3,000 babies born in Doña Ana County each year. About half of them are born at Memorial Medical Center where MMC Auxiliary volunteers make sure that every one of them goes home with baby's first book.

As new moms get ready to leave the hospital, volunteer Claud Westcott tells them, "You need to sit down and rest. Hold the baby on your lap, show the pictures and read. Everybody benefits."

For the past eight years the auxiliary has made books and reading a focus of their work.

"It's never too early to get started," he says. "We know that parents are the basis of all learning, so we want to help them establish early reading right from the beginning."

What MMC auxiliary members are doing is important because even newborns are listening, looking and learning. Babies respond to books even though their interaction won't look like reading at all. Even the tiniest infant snuggling in the safety of a family member's lap learns to associate books with the pleasure of love and security. From the beginning, a baby responds happily to the sound of a calm voice so you can just read your favorite magazine out loud and you both will relax.

Between three and six months, babies enjoy focusing on pictures of faces and familiar objects in a book. As motor skills improve, baby begins to develop enough coordination to hold her head steady to look at pictures. Soon hand and eye coordination allows for grasping and



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tasting the book as well as dropping and throwing it. These activities are actually baby's scientific exploration. Soon patting and smiling at favorite pictures along with babbling and cooing

during story time indicate interest and developing communication skills.

Babies enjoy participating with parents, talking back and forth, making eye contact, cuddling, singing, talking, playing and reading together by pointing and naming the pictures. This is a joyful time as long as parents follow baby's cues for "more" or "stop."

All of this activity is just the beginning of raising a reader. Long before the first day of school, a child learns what is valuable to the family. Important adults in a child's life continue to answer their questions, name everything in the environment, use books in daily family routines, make up silly rhymes and sing songs, patiently read the same book over and over, point to letters and numbers, ask "what happens next" and make up stories about pictures. All of these activities develop large vocabularies, curiosity, confidence and the expectation that learning is fun.

Reading Readiness is a major determining factor in a child's success in school. More than 3,000

local children will start kindergarten next year. Not all of them will be ready to succeed. Half of the children in Doña Ana County live in poverty. Most of them will go to school without the early learning advantages of books at bedtime and magnetic letters on the fridge. A recent report showed that by third grade 3 out of 4 students are not reading at grade level. For the majority of these children, their struggle began on the first day of Kindergarten.

The solution starts at home. With the support of the community and dedicated volunteers, the Children's Reading Alliance (CRA) has been helping parents fortify their efforts to be their child's first and best teacher. Our programs reach out to neighborhoods where the need is greatest. The demand for our work continues to grow.

Everyone's quality of life and our children's future depend on getting the best education. The Children's Reading Alliance is committed to Raising Readers Together. Your support makes the difference for children in our community.

And at this busy time of year we all would profit from taking Claud's advice, "Sit down and rest. Put the baby in your lap and read."

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## PET OF THE WEEK

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### Volunteers

If you love animals and would like to make a difference, contact the volunteer coordinator or stop by to learn about volunteer opportunities.

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## "Last Night My Neck Pain Got So Bad... I Couldn't Even Turn My Head!"

### Are You Suffering From Neck Pain And Want To Know How To Find Real And Lasting Relief That Goes Beyond Just Taking Pills?...

- By Physical Therapist Dennis Prickett

**Las Cruces (NM)** - if you or a loved one suffer from chronic neck pain - so bad you struggle to do simple things like turn your head to look over your shoulder, or sleep at night without pain, then reading this report may be the most important thing you do this year.

It may unlock the agonizing mystery of your neck pain and show you a way to get back to the life you deserve...

- A life where you can **sleep at night** without tossing and turning, hoping to find one position where your neck pain stops.
- A life where you can **read a book before bed...** or newspaper on a morning... without the fear of more neck pain.
- A life where you can wake up in the morning and **not suffer from headaches or migraines...**
- A life where you can plan family time with your kids or grandkids, without **worrying over if your neck pain will strike!**

### ...Basically, A Life Without The Curse Of Chronic Or Severe Neck Pain!

Finally, Dennis Prickett, a Physical Therapist from Las Cruces who has already helped 100's of people over the last two decades with his recovery advice - has recently released a new 12 page "Neck Pain Consumer Awareness" report that reveals the best kept secret in New Mexico ... How to actually **get to the bottom of Neck Pain (And Migraine Headaches)** without talking to your insurance, a chiropractor, or needing a referral from your doctor.

### Neck Pain

#### "Truths" Finally Exposed

This report exposes how weekly, (and costly), visits to a chiropractor are NOT always needed, how pain medications and muscle relaxers might be cheaper (for your insurance!), and easy for a doctor to prescribe, but may not necessarily be right for you in the long run... have you seen the list of crippling side effects these days?

This 100% FREE report, entitled: "**How To Get To The Root Cause Of Neck Pain (And Migraine Headaches)... Without Relying On Pills To Get Relief**" (Value \$28!), reveals the leading remedy for neck pain that is often overlooked by 95% of even good family doctors, and also shows how you can get to the bottom of neck pain quickly and naturally, for FREE, without even needing a referral from your doctor!...

**More:** The report also exposes what most doctors fail to recommend to people aged 40+ when treating neck pain, and reveals for the first time to the residents of Las Cruces, new advancements that will ease neck pain more quickly than ever as well as improve posture, all at the same time. I'd say they're perfect if



you're aged 40+ and worried about losing your confident, healthy posture at the hands of chronic neck pain.

### Here's What You'll

#### Learn Inside This New Report:

- The 7 urgent coping strategies **every neck pain sufferer must never** forget when neck pain strikes!
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- 1, 2 or 3? Just how many **pillows** should you sleep with? And what about your mattress... It's covered in here on page 5.
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## Big state playoff game on tap

Fourth-ranked Las Cruces High School continues its quest for the New Mexico 6A football championship Friday, Nov. 17.

Kickoff is 7 p.m. at Field of Dreams vs. 5th-ranked Rio Rancho, which dispatched 12th-ranked Las Cruces Centennial in the first round of the playoffs Nov. 10, 24-7.

The Bulldawgs, 9-1 during the regular season, earned a bye in the first round. They are peaking with seven straight wins after a 2-1 start. The Rams are 10-1.

Field of Dreams is located at 2502 Tashiro Road.

— Marty Racine



Centennial fans Bryson Medeiros and Bryan Melendrez were among 2,987 attending the Nov. 2 rivalry game at Aggie Memorial Stadium vs. Oñate.

BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE

# School district to review football rivalry package

## Attendance insufficient to cover all expenses at Aggie Memorial Stadium

### BULLETIN REPORT

After holding two rivalry football games at Aggie Memorial Stadium the first weekend in November, Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing said the district will discuss the long-term feasibility of holding both high school games at NMSU.

The LCPS Athletics Office indicates 12,940 attended the consecutive-night football games Nov. 2-3 – 2,987 for Oñate-Centennial; 9,953 for Las Cruces-Mayfield.

Ewing said that was not enough to cover expenses.

But the superintendent

touted the benefits of playing in a college environment.

“Yes, we had an additional expense to hold both games at the university stadium but the cost of what it meant to our student athletes was priceless,” he said.

Unofficially, it cost about \$75,000 to play both games, according to LCPS Athletics Director Ernie Viramontes, including stadium rental and the hiring of gate workers and security/law enforcement to monitor crowds and traffic.

Viramontes estimated ticket revenue at \$58,956 – \$16,044 short of break-even.

“We knew it would be a challenge to fill the stadium for two games,” Ewing said. “But this wasn’t about the money. It was about providing a great opportunity for kids to experience something very few high school student athletes throughout the country get to experience, playing in a collegiate arena.”

Las Cruces-Mayfield is among the top traditional rivalries in the state. Centennial-Oñate was added to the card as a developing rivalry, dubbed the Organ Mountain Rivalry or the Battle of the East Side.

That game “was an important addition this year,”

Viramontes said. “I heard from many students and fans who thought it was finally time to recognize the match-up. You just can’t put a price on what this kind of experience gives to students and how it impacts this community that’s had a long tradition of attending the ‘big’ game at Aggie Stadium. But, at the same time, we have to be fiscally responsible to the community.”

Ewing stressed that the high school football programs are typically self-supporting and the district doesn’t tap into other operational funds in order to cover their costs.

## No ordinary rivalry

### NMSU-UNM has a backstory that can’t be ignored

By MARTY RACINE

Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University and the University of New Mexico resume their intrastate rivalry Friday, Nov. 17, at the Pan American Center in Las Cruces.

Tip-off is 7 p.m. for the beginning of a three-game home stand. Fans attending the game are encouraged to wear white for the “white out” game.

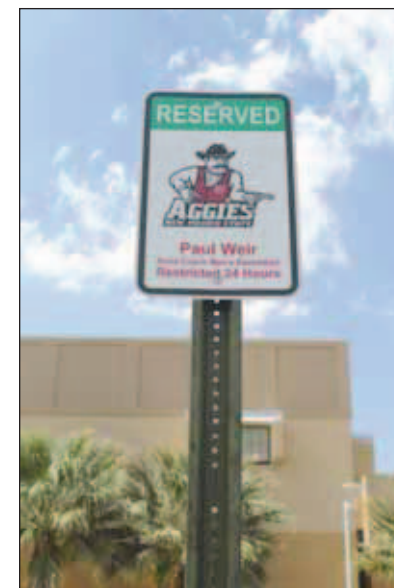
But this is no ordinary rivalry matchup. The Lobos, 2-0, are coached by former Aggie mentor Paul Weir, a longtime NMSU assistant who left the program last spring after just one year as head coach. Weir was so successful – compiling a 25-5 regular season

record with 20-straight wins, and guiding the Aggies to the Western Athletic Conference championship and into the NCAA tournament – that UNM came calling with an offer he couldn’t refuse.

New Aggie Head Coach Chris Jans, a former associate head coach at Wichita State, is 1-1 following the Ags’ 92-74 road loss to nationally ranked St. Mary’s Nov. 13. NMSU opened the season with an 81-55 victory over East Central University.

New Mexico State is led by returners Eli Chuha, Jemerrio Jones and Sidy N’Dir, and newcomers AJ Harris and Zach Lofton.

Friday’s game can be heard on KXPZ, 99.5 FM.



Suffice it to say, this sign no longer stands outside the Pan American Center.

BULLETIN PHOTO BY MARTY RACINE

# Five dreaded errors and how to avoid them

Over the years I have boiled down the infinite variety of mental errors that we make in our golfing game to five of the most common. We all make these mistakes at one time or another. But first we need to grasp the nature of our errors.

The first of the five is failing to play within your capabilities. It's really important that you understand your own game and your level of ability at the present time. Folks will be paired with someone they don't know, and then try to outdo him, not even realizing they are attempting to impress the other golfer. It takes total concentration along with full awareness to focus



**CHARLIE BLANCHARD**  
Golf Doctor

entirely on your own game. Become totally self-absorbed in what you are doing. Ben Hogan and Tiger Woods are among the few famous golfers who can shut out all distractions around them, to the point that they seem to be in a trance, in "the zone." Just don't take it too far.

Second, I have noticed golfers frequently succumbing to fear and

anxiety. Anxiety (call it nervous tension) is associated with a mental state in which you worry more about the outcome and the consequences of your performance, and less about the real actions that you are about to engage in. Your mind becomes cluttered with apprehension and impatience, causing agitation. Stick to an unflinching routine.

Too many high-handicappers waste too many strokes around the green. Most of the strokes in the game happen somewhere near or on the green. Think about it. You drive the ball and then hit an approach shot ending up somewhere near the

green. Then a pitch or chip or two, or a bunker shot or two, and then tree putts, and presto more strokes added to the score – around the green! Why is this a mental error? Because few weekend golfers appreciate the need for short game technique. Learn and practice. There is a mental aspect, along with touch and feel, to using your imagination.

Nearly all golfers suffer from inattention to fundamentals at one time or another. No matter how good you are – in any sport – success demands continual attention to fundamentals. It's blocking and tackling in football; passing and rebounding in

basketball; bunting and base-running in baseball. In golf we need frequent reminders about grip, posture, stance, ball position and tempo. It generally takes an instructor to point out lapses in fundamentals. Most wannabe golfers are reluctant to take lessons. But the truth is that clumsy, inept golf is probably a waste of time. Become a student of the game.

When Herb Wimberly and I presented our Performance Golf School clinics, what really got our students' attention was the presentation of the fifth mental error: giving in to negative thinking and brain lapses. Typical is failing

to choose confidence, resulting in indecision, doubt, mindless actions, poor judgment, compulsive behavior despite past poor outcomes and ignorance of available options – all while hoping for some magical good fortune or miracle. Visualize the target and the swing, take dead aim and let it go. When we concentrate all our attention on the real task at hand – making the best swing we can – our desired outcome is more certain.

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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**Christina Aguayo** is a 15-year-old sophomore at Las Cruces High School. She on the Lady Bulldaws track, basketball and volleyball teams, playing left side on the latter team. This season, Aguayo has had 3.42 kills and 1.2 blocks per game. She is hard-working, goal-oriented, and driven to succeed, with excellent leadership potential. Aguayo has a 3.90 GPA and is 33rd out of 464 sophomores. Her interests outside of sports are coaching younger kids, reading and volunteering at elementary schools.



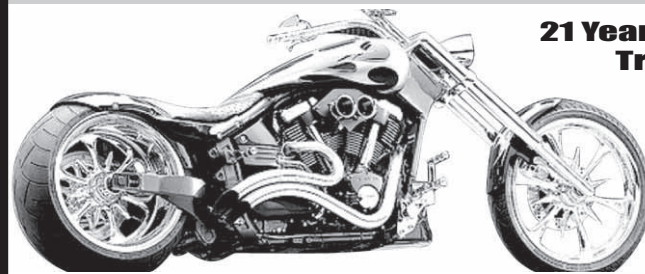
**Jesus Villegas** is an 18-year-old senior at Las Cruces High School. He plays linebacker and special teams on the BullDawgs football team. For the year Villegas has 47 tackles, six tackles for loss, 37 assists, two quarterback sacks, two caused fumbles, one fumble recovery and seven quarterback hurries. He has been an incredible leader for the football team. Villegas consistently makes great choices on and off the field. He is a student athlete of high character, with a 3.70 GPA. Out of the classroom and of the field, Villegas loves to watch movies with family and friends. He also likes to read and is active with his church, volunteering on a regular basis.

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Las Cruces AARP members volunteering at the AARP booth at the Renaissance ArtsFaire. PHOTO COURTESY DAVE LYNCH, LAS CRUCES AARP



## Las Cruces AARP chapter among best in the nation

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For the second year in a row, the Las Cruces AARP has been named one of the top chapters in the United States.

The Las Cruces AARP “is one of only 10 chapters in the country which has been named Successful Chapter last two years in a row,” local President Dave Lynch said.

That recognition is based on four themes: a strong focus on serving the community, enriching the lives of chapter members, continuous recruitment of new members and determined and persistent leaders.

There are more than 1,000 AARP chapters in the 50 states, plus Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, Lynch said.

Chapters are divided into six regional groups, he said, “each having a chapter advisory team, which organizes monthly meetings to review and share best practices.”

Las Cruces AARP Chapter 1230 was incorporated in March 1973, Lynch said,

“several years prior to the establishment of a state AARP office in Santa Fe.”

The local chapter has 56 members. In addition to Lynch, officers are Vice President Jerry Gunderson, Secretary Irene Lewis and Treasurer Larry Lufkin. Board members are Dorris Hamilton, Patrick Gillispie, Abel Chavarria and Louise Hosa.

“We currently are providing local Medicare and Fraud Watch presentations, Smart Driver courses, information tables at (the downtown) Farmers and Crafts Market on the first Saturday of the month and information tables at various venues, most recently at the Renaissance ArtsFaire,” Lynch said.

The local chapter supports the state AARP on various events and presentations in Las Cruces, Lynch said, including a recent caregiving mixer and dialogue with the City of Las Cruces Community Development Department on Plan4LasCruces long-term planning for the city.

“We also travel to Santa Fe

during the legislative session as needed, and work with local legislators,” he said.

AARP members have access to resources including the AARP website, [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org), and the New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department, with a Las Cruces office at 2407 W Picacho Ave, suite B2.

Lynch said AARP “is not an insurance company,” but members can get dental and vision insurance discounts through AARP, along with Medicare supplement plans. AARP also gets its members discounts on a wide range of services and programs.

Cost to join the Las Cruces AARP chapter is \$5 a year after joining the national AARP for \$16. That entitles you to participate in local potlucks every September and December and gets you a quarterly newsletter.

For more information, contact Lynch at 317-385-8874 or [dlynchio@hotmail.com](mailto:dlynchio@hotmail.com). Visit [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org) and [www.nmaging.state.nm.us](http://www.nmaging.state.nm.us).

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## The Good Ole Days: The lighting, heating and cooking

Last month I shared about living without plumbing (in the good ole days). Today I will tell about life without electric lights and how we heated our homes and cooked our food.

Fortunately, we had advanced beyond candles as the main light source. We had kerosene lanterns. They were safer, but not always. It was important to keep the chimneys clean as soot accumulated if the wicks were not adjusted just so. The light they gave was fairly good but one needed several lamps for a large room.

Keeping warm in winter and cool in summer were challenges. One of the houses we lived in had a large fireplace in our bedroom, an iron “pot-bellied” stove in the living-dining room with wood as fuel, and in the kitchen we had a cook stove, heated also with wood. It was necessary to chop the wood into smaller pieces before using. My father was kept busy chopping wood delivered by wagon to our house in the fall.

I remember being cold and standing in front of the fireplace to first warm up on one side and then turn and warm up the other. At night, the fire was allowed to die down, but attempts were made to keep some coals going in the ashes so that the next morning a fire might be started up without a lot of effort. My mother put flannel sheets on the beds since they were much warmer than regular ones. She warmed up bricks, wrapped them in towels, and put them at the foot of the bed to keep our feet warm. Thankfully, as a child of 4-6 years, I was not expected to get out of bed until the fireplace had a roaring fire going.



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In the summer, the bigger challenge was to keep from sweltering. Where we lived in central Texas my parents moved our beds outside. A full moon would bath us in light most of the night, and it was hard to keep covered with sheets because the wind was blowing! We did have fans

but they were manual, generously provided for all the churches by the local mortician with his name prominently displayed.

Cooking food so that it would get done without burning was an art to be developed. There was no such thing as a thermostat. The skillful cook just had to learn the hard way, especially when it came to baking cakes, pies and bread. There were kerosene stoves as well as wood stoves, each had its unique techniques for successful baking. And of course, there was the wood or kerosene which had to be replenished as the cooking proceeded. As a child, I did not have to worry about all that. Ah, a care-free childhood! I basically was not aware how hard it was for my parents to keep up with the chores of daily life.

Next, I will share how it was to do a wide variety of things without the blessing of electricity, and to survive!

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