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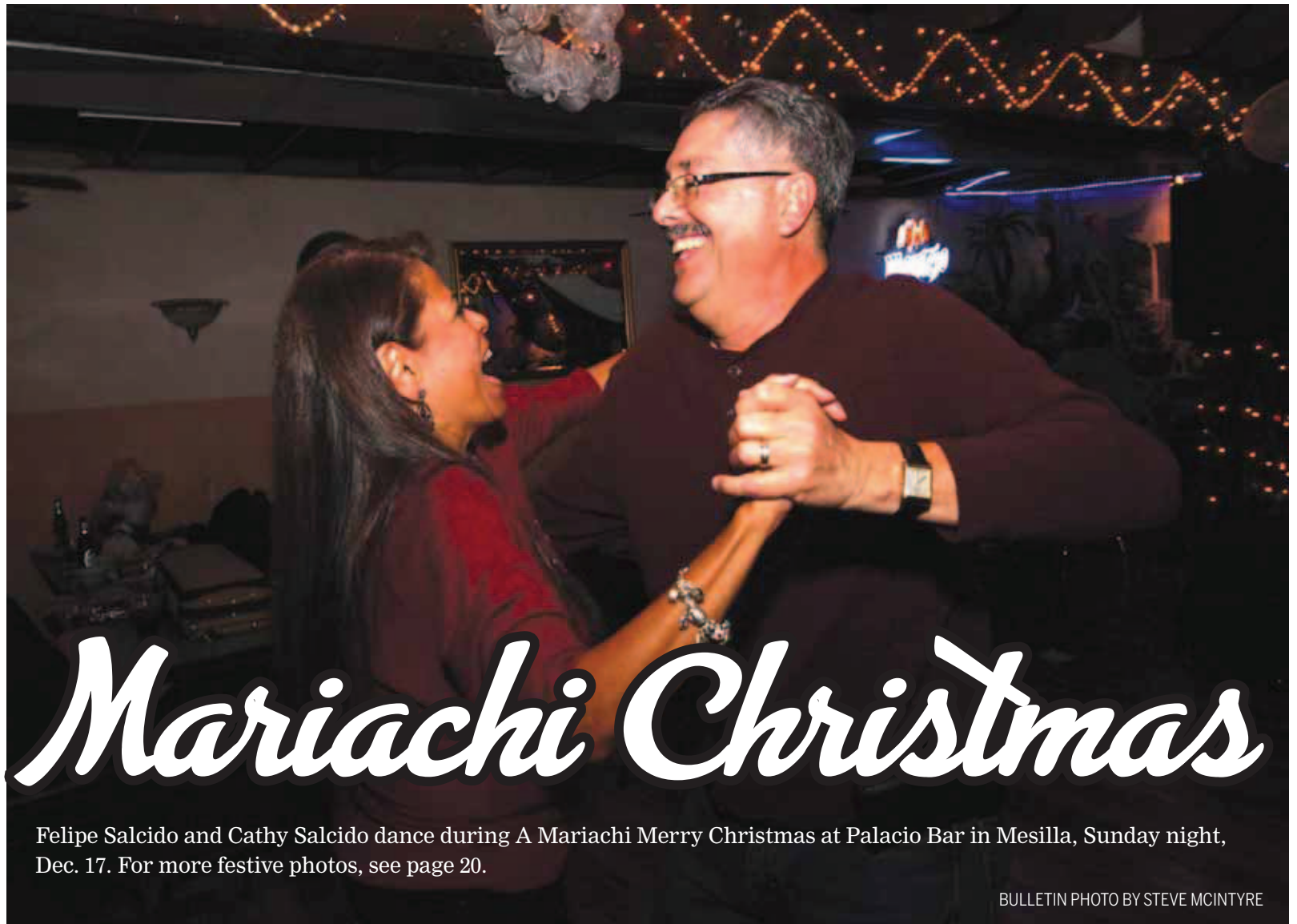
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Felipe Salcido and Cathy Salcido dance during A Mariachi Merry Christmas at Palacio Bar in Mesilla, Sunday night, Dec. 17. For more festive photos, see page 20.

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For a short time, applications are still being accepted for the first Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department Citizen's Police Academy in 2018. The academy spans eight consecutive Saturdays beginning on Jan. 6. Each class will run from 8 a.m. to noon at DASO's Las Cruces headquarters, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

To date, nearly 300 Doña Ana County residents have graduated from the program.

Each Citizen's Academy applicant must be 18 years of age or older, must be a resident of Doña Ana County, and must have a valid driver's li-

cense or photo ID. Because of the sensitive nature of police work, a brief background check will be performed on each applicant. Academy participants must not have any prior felony convictions and no misdemeanor arrests within the last three years.

Classes are interactive and give participants hands-on knowledge of how sheriff's deputies are trained to handle real-life situations. Class members will examine traffic enforcement, understand the use of force – including the use of deadly force – observe K-9 demonstrations and presentations

by the Special Response Team and bomb squad. Several field trips are included in the academy, including tours of the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority and the Doña Ana County Detention Center.

The 2018 Citizen's Academy is free of charge. Applications can be downloaded online at www.goDASO.org, and are also available at the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, 845 N. Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces.

Class size is limited to the first 25 people who pass the background check.

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Clerk: Get your deed copy here

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

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

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

Krahlung said these types of letters surface every year, and a property owner's best defense is knowledge.



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Richard M. Jackson, right, is congratulated by The Honorable (Dr.) Mark T. Esper, Secretary of the Army, on Jackson's appointment as New Mexico Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army.

Rick Jackson inducted as new civilian aide to Army secretary

BULLETIN REPORT

The Secretary of the Army, Dr. Mark T. Esper, appointed a new Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (CASA), Las Cruces' Rick Jackson, during a Dec. 11 investiture ceremony at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Jackson, who will represent New Mexico, is chair of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and a business owner.

"It is my distinct privilege to invest Richard into the CASA program," Esper said in a news release. "CASAs are a vital connection to communities across the country and help the Army convey the hard work being done to ensure America's Army remains the most dominant land force in the world. I have full confidence Richard will positively impact the great state of New Mexico and the CASA Program."

Jackson served more than 25 years in the Army. After retirement, he built a multi-million-dollar business, American Document Services, which manages

records for professional businesses, provides document scanning and performs document destruction.

He was selected as New Mexico Small Business Person of the Year in 2015, ranking sixth in the nation.

He is the 2017 chairman of the board for the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce; a board member for TRESKO, a nonprofit assisting the handicap. He is a board member with Jardín de los Niños, a nonprofit which assists homeless children, Big Brothers and Big Sisters and Boys and Girls Club of America.

Jackson took an 18-month break from community service and his business to serve in Iraq, Green Zone, from March 2007 to August 2008, where he worked with the Department of State in support of soldiers.

"After a 25-year career in the United States Army and a second career as a business owner, it's a real privilege and a pleasure to serve Secretary Esper

as his civilian aide for the great state of New Mexico," Jackson said. "As a retired soldier and current businessman, I look forward to working with each community and the state to assist in the growth and wellbeing of our war fighters, families and veterans. Making a positive difference will always be a priority."

CASAs are a vital part of the Army, promoting good relations between the Army and the public and advising the Secretary about regional issues.

Each state, the District of Columbia and the five U.S. territories have one or more CASAs appointed, usually business or civic leaders who possess a keen interest in the welfare of the Army and their communities.

CASAs serve a two-year term without compensation. Terms may be extended to a total of 10 years of service. The secretary may recognize a civilian aide as a CASA Emeritus after 10 years of service with distinguished service.

Las Cruces Strong

Legislators speak at send-off breakfast

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

"Be visible, be active," is the advice State Rep Bill McCamley, D-Doña Ana, has for the Las Cruces business community during the upcoming 30-day session of the New Mexico Legislature. The budget-focused session begins Jan. 16, 2018.

McCamley, along with Rep. Angelica Rubio and state Sens. Joseph Cervantes and Jeff Steinborn – all Las Cruces Democrats – spoke Dec. 14 at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's legislative sendoff breakfast.

The Doña Ana County Legislative Coalition (DACLC) has outlined nearly \$2 million in capital outlay priorities for the 2018 session. The coalition includes the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico State University, the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, the Las Cruces Hispano Chamber of Commerce, the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA), Las Cruces Public Schools and The Bridge of Southern New

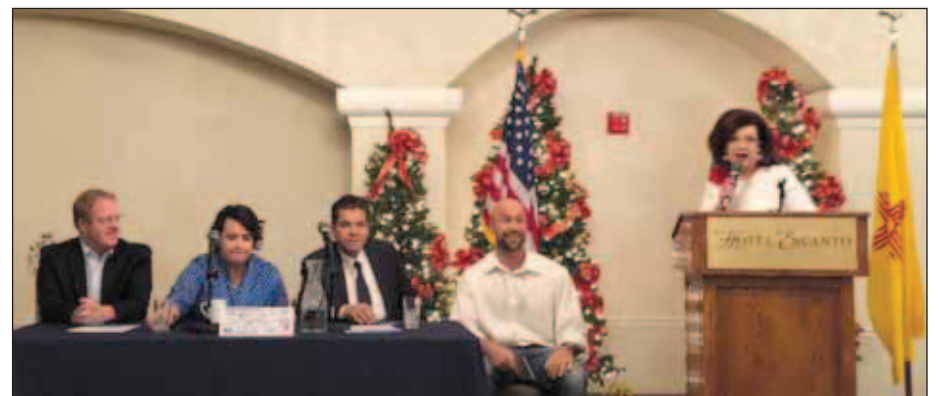
DOÑA ANA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE COALITION 2018 PRIORITIES

- Interstate 10/Interstate 25 interchange landscaping (\$850,000);
- Intersection improvements on Telshor Boulevard and Spruce Avenue (\$260,000);
- Las Cruces public safety improvements (\$140,000);
- Asbestos abatement and ceiling replacement at Branigan Cultural Center (\$100,000);
- Parking lot improvements for Las Cruces Fire Department fire station #2 (\$100,000);
- Las Cruces Police Department mobile data terminal replacements (\$105,000);
- A master plan for Pioneer Women's Park (\$29,000);
- A feasibility study for an acute behavioral health hospital in southern New Mexico (\$100,000);
- Playground improvements in city parks (\$100,000).

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- Increased investment in dual-credit courses (\$5 million);
- Legislation that would keep school district reserve funds in place and strengthen local school districts;
- Modernization of ag and educational facilities at New Mexico State University (\$25 million);
- Regional economic development initiatives like broadband network deployment and state support for the Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) and the Job Training Incentive Program;
- A crosswind runway and runway upgrades at the Santa Teresa International Jetport (\$800,000);
- The Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact;
- Operations, critical infrastructure and facilities upgrades for Spaceport America (\$20.5 million);
- Passage of the Commercial Space Protection Act.

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LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

Debbi Moore, CEO and president of the Las Cruces Greater Chamber of Commerce, introduces local legislators Dec. 14 at Hotel Encanto. From left, Sen. Jeff Steinborn, Rep. Angelica Rubio, Sen. Joseph Cervantes and Rep. Bill McCamley.



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Cherry Hill Photography employee Natasha Nino-Jaurequi helps Eva Gutierrez and Monica Gutierrez after getting a photo with Santa Claus.

Santa sighting

Santa Claus made his way to the Mesilla Valley Mall the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 17, taking photos and gift requests from his fans.



Robert Gutierrez, Eva Gutierrez and daughter Isabella Nunez.



John Baird, Patricia Baird and Dakota Doyle, 1, get their photo taken with Santa Claus.



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From left: Elves Michelle Atayde, Cecilia Sayre, Marla Porras, Aracely Viramontes and Khaley Reyas helped out getting gifts to children in need during the event.



Las Cruces resident Juana Munoz talks with Santa Claus.



Julian Flaco, 3, told Santa Claus what he wants for Christmas during the Border International Truckers Toy Drive.

Truckers Toy Drive

Border International, 2701 Amador Ave., hosted the Truckers Toy Drive Dec. 9, which called for the public to drop by with a new, unwrapped toy and enjoy food, photos with Santa, door prizes and fun activities. The mobile toy drive – a parade of semi-trucks – began at National Truck Stop in Vado, and made various stops in Las Cruces before landing at Border International about 10 a.m. for the event. All toys are donated to local charities throughout Las Cruces for kids in need.



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After the presentation, Kim Sorensen, president of the LWVGLC (left), talks with Rep. Rudy Martinez, Dist. 39—Doña Ana, Grant and Sierra.



State legislators took turns addressing the gathering of LWVGLC members and guests. The speakers are, from left to right, Rep. Rudy Martinez, Rep. Bill McCamley, Sen. Bill Soules, Sen. Joseph Cervantes, Rep. Ricky Little and Sen. Ron Griggs.

League Legislative Dinner

The League of Women voters of Greater Las Cruces (LWVGLC) held its annual legislative dinner, Dec. 11, at Good Samaritan Social Center in Las Cruces. Area legislators attended, and each gave a short presentation about important issues to be discussed in the upcoming 30-day legislative session, followed by a Q&A.



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A special kind of struggle

Homeless teens succeed despite odds

Remember how hard it was being a teenager?



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

Homework. Tests. Books. Peer Pressure. Long practices at music, dance, sports, drama or other extracurricular activities. The combined excitement and

terror of learning to drive.

And then, just before your date with that someone special, AAAAAGGGHH! A big giant zit right on your cheek.

For many of us, those experiences were tempered by having a caring family, a roof over our heads, working parents who made sure the bills were paid and food was in the refrigerator. Tough decisions were: What kind of pizza do we want for game night? Or, what movie are we going to rent tonight?

OK, now pause.

Imagine those teen pressures without the support of at least one caring adult.

Imagine missing meals on a regular basis.

Imagine if you couldn't take a shower when you wanted.

Finally, imagine if you didn't have a roof over your head, a closet to hang your clothes, a sink or even a toothbrush.

There are 75 teens living this way while going to high schools in Las Cruces. To put the proper term on it, they are homeless.

"They are in a very precarious situation," said Yoli Silva, a social worker at Las Cruces Public Schools. "They don't have a parent, a guardian or an adult in their lives."

And because they are too old for local services for homeless children, and too young for services for homeless adults, they wind up in a special kind of limbo.

"Because they aren't 18, we can't rent rooms for them and we can't do many other things for them," Silva said. "They are pretty much on their own."

People love the weather in Las Cruces, but the day I write this, the low temperature this night will be 24 degrees.

There is no single factor in common with these students.

"They are in this homeless situation for many, many reasons," Silva said.

Some are American citizens

whose non-citizen parents were deported back to Mexico.

Some have parents who are in jail or are drug users, and the kids are aware enough to say, "This situation's not for me."

Some have parents who have passed away and there is no other family.

Some have the periodic option to couch-surf and sleep on the floor at friends' homes. Many have no options.

Astonishingly, despite the obstacles, most of them are doing well in school.

"We have 30 who are seniors," Silva said. "At least 25 are on track to graduate and are already registered at New Mexico State University or Doña Ana Community College."

Those 75 homeless teens are among more than 700 homeless children in Las Cruces. It's also a reminder of the poverty in our city, our county and our state.

"It's amazing how many in our community have no idea," Silva said. "Our community needs to be aware Las Cruces, and Doña Ana County, has homeless kids. It's not just homeless veterans and individuals, but homeless kids and families as well."

The word is getting out.

In September, the count of homeless teens in LCPS high schools was only about 50. In two months, it jumped to 75. Silva believes part of that increase is due to more awareness, and people encouraging more of these teens to come forward.

A television report earlier this year from KFOX-TV in El Paso helped shed some light.

"A friend of mine sent me a link to that report," said Terriane Morrison Everhart, broker/partner at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices in Las Cruces.

"Realizing the number of them, and the help they need, it freaked me out.

"Understanding how New Mexico has been hit in regard to behavioral health, and how difficult that has been, I was at lunch with my girlfriends and we said, 'What are we going to do?'"

Everhart contacted Silva to determine the most pressing, short-term needs for the students.

"Meals are always important," Silva said. "On the weekends, the schools are closed; on holidays the schools are closed. Gift cards at restaurants are a huge help. Snack packs are always a

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We want your letters

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Police chief to retire after 26 years with LCPD

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Police Chief Jaime Montoya began his career with the Las Cruces Police Department as a 25-year-old patrolman.

Over a career that has spanned 26 years, Montoya served as a detective, DWI officer, special services sergeant, lieutenant and deputy chief in charge of operations and budget before being promoted to chief in December 2013.

He will retire Dec. 23 at age 51 with nearly three decades of service with the police department.

After being on call 24-7 for the past seven years as deputy chief and chief, Montoya said it is time for a break.

A native of Las Cruces, the chief has no plans to leave his home town once he's retired, but he is looking forward to spending more time with his



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Police Chief Jaime Montoya speaks at a news conference about the death of retired LCPD officer J.R. Stewart in November.

wife, his parents in Las Cruces and his grandson, who lives in Mission, Texas.

Montoya said he has already been approached about entering politics after his retirement, but his immediate plans are to “decompress and recharge my batteries.”

As chief, Montoya has seen LCPD grow to an

authorized strength of 200 commissioned officers (there are currently about a dozen vacancies) and more than 80 civilian employees.

Overseeing about 77 square miles within the incorporated city limits, the department receives about 150,000 calls for service every year, Montoya said, and annually gener-

ates about 35,000 reports.

Earlier this month, LCPD – in partnership with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department – brought a state-of-the-art records management system online that provides an upgrade to the radios and computers police officers use in the field. And all patrolmen are now equipped with body cameras.

Montoya has helped increase in number of officers assigned to community policing in Las Cruces neighborhoods, including participation in community meetings and partnerships with local Neighborhood Watch organizations. That increased level of community engagement – what Montoya calls the “human factor” – between police officers and residents is one of the things he is most proud of as chief.

In addition to being a voice of reason and a commanding presence within the community, Montoya said police officers have to be counselors, teachers and mentors, and able to make life-and-death decisions.

He has stressed ongoing training for officers, including hundreds more hours of police academy training for recruits than is mandated by the state. And most LCPD officers have received local crisis-intervention training.

“You just can't stop learning,” Montoya said.

Within the department, Montoya said he thinks of his officers and employees as one big family.

“I've known and worked with six LCPD chiefs,” Mayor Ken Miyagishima said. “Jaime is one of the best. He is fair, firm and compassionate about his officers and our citizens. He runs a great

organization; I will miss him.”

Montoya earned a bachelor's degree in animal science from New Mexico State University and, after graduation, sold animal feed for several years in Garden City, Kansas.

“I've always wanted to be a cop,” Montoya said he realized when he returned to Las Cruces and saw a newspaper ad for an upcoming police academy.

“It's all I really know how to do,” he said.

After he takes the uniform off for the last time two days before Christmas, Montoya said it will take some time for reality to sink in.

“After the first couple of weeks, it will slowly hit me,” he said, “I don't have a job.”

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good thing. Haircuts. Hygiene is always recurring.”

Those basics most of us take for granted can make a huge difference for these kids.

Everhart invited people to bring these items, and her office was soon flooded with gift cards from restaurants, clothing stores, department stores and hair salons. People brought sample size hygiene products such as shampoo, toothpaste and other toiletries, prepackaged snack foods, Ziploc bags and even detergent pods for laundry.

On Nov. 28, Everhart began telling friends, family and others, and posting on social media. Two

weeks later the flood was still cascading. Boxes and bags full of items for the kids were then taken to Silva, who has the best information of where they need to be distributed.

“I'm grateful our community has heard our cry for our homeless kids and I'm hoping the momentum continues beyond just the Christmas holiday,” Silva said.

Many Las Cruces are working on both short-term and long-term ways to address the problem.

If you would like to help, Silva is the best person to contact first, the point person, because she has the best grasp on the situation and the needs.

You can reach her at the school district, 527-5913 or ysilva@lcpd.net.

COMING UP

Campfire Christmas cookies:

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 23, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The museum will teach the age-old art of making cookies using a vintage pizzelle iron from the 1800s and traditional cookie cutters. \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, and \$3 for children 5-17. Info: 575-522-4100

Christmas Eve in Mesilla:

6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, Mesilla Plaza. Enjoy hot chocolate and a Christmas Eve stroll in historic Mesilla with the plaza aglow with luminarias and. Anyone wanting to help Los Leones de Mesilla place

the 2,500 luminaria bags should show up at the plaza at 10 a.m. and look for a member wearing a yellow Lions Club vest. Mesilla town workers will start lighting the candles at 5 p.m. Info: 575-524-3262

Pickleball watch:

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, at The Game Sports Bar, 2605 S. Espina. CBS Sports Channel will televise the National Pickleball Championships. Info: 575-524-4263

St. Andrew's schedule:

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church announced the following schedule for holiday services.
• Dec. 24: 9:30 a.m., Sunday

Eucharist Service; 5 p.m., Christmas Pageant; 10 p.m. Christmas Day Service.

• Dec. 25: 10:30 a.m., Christmas Day Service.

• Dec. 31: 9:30 a.m., Sunday Eucharist Service.

• Jan. 1: 10:30 a.m., New Year's Day Service.

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

Family and future guide Cervantes' campaign for governor

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

As part of a farming family with deep roots in the Mesilla Valley, Joseph Cervantes knows you don't plant pecan trees and expect them to produce immediately.

The Las Cruces lawyer and Doña Ana County state senator is taking the same approach in his race for governor of New Mexico.

"My focus is always on an agenda that goes far beyond my time in office, and even my time on Earth," said Cervantes.

Cervantes, 56, has been a member of the New Mexico Legislature since 2001, including the last five years in the state Senate, where he serves as chair of the Conservation Committee.

"I'm pleased to say I serve in a strong legislature," Cervantes said. "It's a good, diverse group of people."



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Sen. Joseph Cervantes, D-Doña Ana

Cervantes said he's disappointed that the three governors he has served with, including Incumbent Republican Susana Martinez, have used the governorship as a stepping stone to higher office, and have focused on short-term successes instead of long-term investments.

"The fundamental problem with politics," Cervantes said, is that "the priority is getting elected and re-elected.

Special interests dominate the political process (and politicians) sacrifice judgment and principles to ensure re-election."

If elected governor in 2018, Cervantes said he will continue the same ethic that has guided him in his family's business, his law practice and his tenure in the legislature.

"I don't believe there is any substitute for hard work," Cervantes said.

The single most important quality for the next governor, he said, is that he or she "be able to bring people together."

Getting along is something Cervantes said he learned working on the family farm and working both sides of the aisle in both houses of the legislature to get important bills passed.

Two of Cervantes' announced opponents in the Democratic gubernatorial primary, U.S. Rep. Michelle Lujan-Grisham and businessman Jeff

Apodaca, are from Albuquerque. When he's campaigning up north, trying to become the second consecutive governor from Las Cruces, Cervantes said he can show voters "that I can get things done, solve problems. I can show them a lifetime of work that is going to be much like the experience of the people I'm speaking to."

His work in the fields helps him connect with working people all over the state, Cervantes said, while his background building successful businesses and creating jobs will bring him votes from business people.

Cervantes said he can also talk to voters "as the parent of three daughters who came through public education."

His daughters, Cervantes said, want to stay in New Mexico, and that points to another major challenge for the next governor.

"Twenty-seven thousand people have left our state for better opportunities, and we have to stop it," he said. "Nobody running for governor will know better how we got here or how to get us out of the problems we face. This campaign is about our families, children in public schools, children in colleges and universities. (It's about) gainful employment ... a commitment to the environment, safe communities, exceptional education. You have to be looking always at the big picture."

Transparency is another important issue in

state government, Cervantes said, and that's why he led the fight to open all legislative committee meetings to the public and the press as part of his agenda in the state Senate.

Cervantes grew up on his family's farm in La Mesa, New Mexico. He has a master's degree in architecture from California Polytechnic State University and was an architect before earning a law degree from the University of New Mexico.

Cervantes and his wife, Jennifer, an award-winning author, have three daughters.

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Apodaca's campaign focuses on job creation, investing 'in our own'

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Jeff Apodaca sounds more like a CEO than a candidate for governor.

"I'm not a politician," the Albuquerque Democrat said after a Sunday evening, Oct. 1 campaign appearance at the Las Cruces home of Orlando Padilla. "At 55, I'm not looking for a political career."

Apodaca said he decided to run for governor after other gubernatorial candidates came to him at Univision in Albuquerque, where he was vice president and general manager, seeking his support for their campaigns.

"They all want to be chief executive of our state with no plan to turn it around or fix it," Apo-



COURTESY PHOTO

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jeff Apodaca with his wife, Jackie Moss Apodaca and twin sons, Asher and Gage.

daca said.

Apodaca's plan as governor includes investing five percent of the state's \$23.2 billion investment fund in New Mexico businesses instead of continu-

ing to invest the entire amount out of state.

"We need to start investing in our own," he said. "It's about investing into our strengths. That's what our campaign is

about."

The single most important issue in the 2018 gubernatorial election, Apodaca said, is job creation.

"You invest in job creation to solve a lot of problems," he said, including building up the state's tax base and providing more resources to schools and law enforcement.

New Mexico, he said, has lost 150,000 jobs and \$1 billion in tax revenue while the economies of neighboring states "are exploding."

New Mexico has no shortage of ideas for new ventures, Apodaca said,

but felt more support in growing businesses is needed.

With \$1.2 billion from its investment funds, he said, the state could invest in public-private partnerships to help companies not only in the start-up phase, but as they expand.

"Ninety-five percent of our economy is small business," Apodaca said.

If the state helped each one of those businesses to create one or two new jobs a year, that would add thousands of jobs, he said, and ultimately attract big companies to the state.

The brewing industry offers a good example of how state government currently operates, Apodaca said.

Political leaders have seen that industry grow, he said, and now they want to create a beer tax. "Typical New Mexico," Apodaca said. "Let's find an industry that's doing well and tax them."

With 32 years of business experience as an entrepreneur and senior executive, Apodaca said he knows that government should help set up companies and then get out of the way.

To support the growth of business, the state

also must invest more in its workforce and in education, he said, including early-childhood development, after-school training programs and addressing New Mexico's shortage of doctors, nurses and physicians' assistants.

If elected governor, Apodaca said he wants to begin a program that would pay for students' medical and nursing degrees if they pledge to work in-state for seven years after graduation.

"If we invest in New Mexico kids," he said, "they will stay in New Mexico."

The state also must give up the idea that "everyone has to go to college," Apodaca said.

Instead, it should invest more in trade schools to create the skilled labor the state needs.

Apodaca said he decided to run for governor despite being told "it's not your turn."

"If not me, then who?" he said, paraphrasing the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. "If not now, then when?"

Apodaca comes from a political family. His father, Jerry, is a former Las Cruces state senator and was governor of New Mexico 1975-78. His mother, Clara, was state cultural affairs officer and later served in the Clinton administration.

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Lujan Grisham gives up House seat to run for governor

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

"I know how hard this job is going to be," New Mexico Democratic gubernatorial candidate Michelle Lujan Grisham of Albuquerque said during an interview with the Bulletin.

But she is willing to give up the U.S. House of Representatives seat she won in 2013 to run for governor.

After eight years of Republican Gov. Susana Martinez, Lujan Grisham said, "It's time to come home and be part of the solution."

Lujan-Grisham hopes to pull people together and tackle a "multitude of crises" in the state, including a diminished economy and workers who are fearful about keeping their jobs.

She vows to do more than Martinez did to solve problems.

Overcoming New Mexico's problems will take leadership and vision, she



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U.S. Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham of Albuquerque.

said. She said her background in Congress, position as secretary of the New Mexico Department of Health from 2004-07, as well as the "productive, serious relationships" she has built across the state and in Washington, D.C. during the past decade give her unique qualifications to be New Mexico's 32nd governor.

Although she has been successful in raising funds for the governor's race and has received endorsements from retired U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas and others, Lujan Grisham said she is running hard against her opponents in the Democratic primary that will be held next June.

"I don't take it for granted," Lujan Grisham said. After losing her first bid for New Mexico's District 1 House seat in the 2008 Democratic primary, Lujan Grisham said she was the underdog when she won the seat with 59 percent of the vote in 2012. She was reelected in 2014 with the same margin, and with 65 percent in 2016.

If elected governor, Lujan Grisham said it will be important to create a path for New Mexico that stretches a decade or more into the future and creates 150,000 jobs and a sustainable economy.

To jumpstart the economy, Lujan Grisham said she and a "kitchen cabinet" of economic experts have developed 10 principals to create jobs in the state.

They include making New Mexico "the clean energy state" by developing wind and solar energy and making state buildings energy efficient; raising the minimum wage statewide to \$10 immediately and to \$12 in four years; lifting the cap on film tax credits to increase film and television production; increasing state severance tax permanent fund investments in New Mexico businesses and pre-K education; upgrading the state's aging infrastructure, including roads, bridges, water systems and broadband internet lines; appointing a small business and entrepreneur advocate in the governor's office to "cut red tape and get projects moving immediately"; fixing the state's procurement system to buy more from in-state businesses; increasing education and workforce training; and investing in rural New Mexico through improved and value-added agricultural practices.

The state also must invest more in specific sectors of its economy, Lujan Grisham said, including the arts and tourism – especially outdoor tourism.

The state should be an effective partner to New

Mexico businesses, she said.

New Mexico must build its own economy, Lujan Grisham said, spending more money "in our own back yard" instead of in other states.

The next governor will also have to deal with a high vacancy rate in every department of state government, she said.

"You don't grow the

economy if you're trying to destroy government," she said.

New Mexico is "hungry for positive change," she said. "I don't want anyone else to suffer."

For information, visit www.newmexicansformichelle.com.

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Races on the 2018 primary and general election ballot in New Mexico

The Democratic and Republican primaries are on Tuesday, June 5. The general election is on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

On the ballot:

- Governor and lieutenant governor (nominated separately but listed together on the general election ballot);
- Other state executives: attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer, auditor and commissioner of public lands;
- Two justices of the New Mexico Supreme Court are up for retention;
- One New Mexico Court of Appeals judge is up for retention, while three others face partisan elections;
- Public Education Commission, District 7;
- New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, District 5;
- U.S. House of Representatives, all three New Mexico seats, including District 2, which includes Las Cruces;
- All 70 members of the New Mexico House of Representatives;
- Doña Ana County offices, including county commissioners districts 1 and 3, county assessor, sheriff and probate judge; magistrate judge races; district court retention and partisan elections

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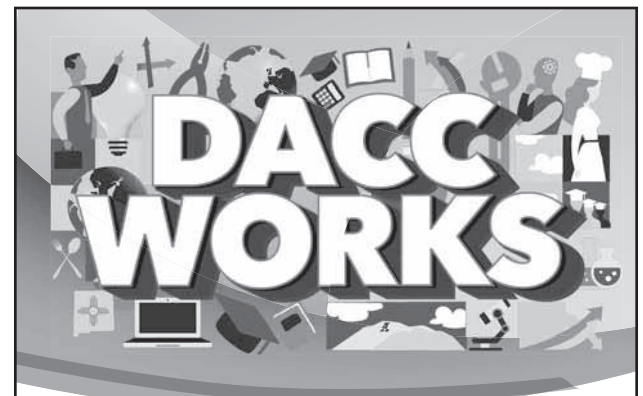
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DeBenedittis organizes governor run with 'people first' policies

BULLETIN REPORT

Peter DeBenedittis, a Democratic candidate hoping to nab the nomination for New Mexico Governor in the June primary election, has lived in Santa Fe for more than 20 years.

His experience includes managing political campaigns overseas and drafting and analyzing state-level legislation, as well as building coalitions to get laws passed. He served as the administrator for the Santa Fe Tobacco Free Coalition. He was a business owner for 20 years, teaching youth alcohol prevention to students around the state. He's a volunteer director



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Peter DeBenedittis, PhD

of Alcohol Taxes Save Lives and Money.

"Anyone who has spent more than a pass-

ing amount of time in New Mexico is aware that we are at the bottom of nearly every quality-of-

life ranking in the country," DeBenedittis said. "We are 50th in poverty, 49th in children going to bed hungry, 48th in unemployment, 46th in high school graduation and 43rd in income for those who do have jobs. The list goes on with one depressing statistic after another. It's clear that our state's current trickle-down economic policies just make the well-to-do more prosperous, while leaving the majority of us struggling to simply get by."

DeBenedittis' campaign includes solutions to real issues in New Mexico.

"We need to grow New Mexico's economy by watering its roots," he said.

He would like to enact

a single-payer health-care systems for all New Mexicans, increase and strengthen early childhood education statewide, increase minimum wage to \$15 per hour, create a public state bank and adopt 100 percent renewable energy.

In September, DeBenedittis released "Statement of Principles for Medical Cannabis, Recreational Cannabis and Hemp." He envisions a unified approach to expanding medical cannabis and legalizing its recreational use.

"First, we legalize industrial hemp and recreational cannabis and then we support the growth of those industries with

low-interest economic development loans," DeBenedittis said. "Simply legalizing cannabis for recreational use in New Mexico would generate \$400 million in sales and 16,000 new jobs in its first year alone. And New Mexico's climate is ideal for growing industrial hemp. With progressive policies and low-interest loans, rural New Mexico could see exciting opportunities for small business start-ups!"

To see the cannabis statement and learn about all of DeBenedittis' initiatives, including detailed plans for achieving the proposed policies, visit www.peoplefirst.online/issues.

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Mexico.

McCamley said local leaders will have to agree on "one or two funding priorities" to press for state funding.

If the 2018 legislature takes on tax reform, Steinborn said, it has to be "done in a way that really helps business, builds society and creates jobs.

Poverty is "the thing that's holding the state down right now," Rubio said.

"It's systemic, it's generational," she said. "A lot of times, people don't want to talk about it."

But to improve the quality of life for everyone, Rubio said, the state must overcome its

belief that "there's just never enough. It's just so imbedded in who we are."

Improving education and early childhood development are critical to moving the state forward in the long term, Cervantes said, but "we need immediate solutions" as well.

"Fifty years ago, this place was exploding," Cervantes said about Las Cruces. "We haven't had that for a long time. We need to get back to the days when there were opportunities for everyone."

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City council adopts nondiscrimination resolution

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

By unanimous consent, the Las Cruces City Council adopted a resolution at its Monday, Dec. 18, regular meeting reaffirming the city's commitment to nondiscrimination in all areas of city government.

The resolution includes language that the city "affirms its immigrant-friendly status (and) is committed to strengthening its status as a welcoming community."

The resolution directs the city manager and city attorney to draft policies that bar any city employee from making an inquiry into any person's immigration status except as required by law, and from disclosing personal or sensitive information about any person except as required by law.

The resolution also mandates that city officials only grant access to non-public areas of city property to federal immigration agents upon presentation of a valid warrant.

The resolution referenced city General Order 165, adopted by the Las Cruces Police Department in July 2011, which mandates the fair treatment of all individuals and requires "the same level of police service to every person regardless of their race, ethnicity, color, national origin, language, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, political affiliation, religion, physical or mental disability,

serious medical condition, economic status or similar personal characteristic."

Council members adopted an amendment to the resolution proposed by Councillor Jack Eakman that requires the council to "continue to enact legislation and pursue policies" that support the resolution.

State Reps. Bill McCamley and Nathan Small, both Las Cruces Democrats, spoke in favor of the resolution, as did Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico Executive Director Ken Ferrone, Hope Border Institute Executive Director Dylan Corbett, New Mexico State University Criminal Justice Department Assistant Professor Nicolas Natividad, NMSU Government Professor Dr. Neil Harvey, New Mexico CAFé Community Organizer Johana Bencomo and eight others.

The only speaker during public input on the issue who did not actively speak in support of the proposed resolution was Linda Dallas.

"This city is awash in drugs," Dallas said. "I wonder where they come from?"

Drugs, she said, contribute to homelessness and mental illness in Las Cruces.

"They are not safe," Dallas said. "We are not safe."

"We acknowledge diversity and immigrants as a strength," said Natividad, who submitted a request to the city seeking the resolution.

Las Cruces Police

Chief Jaime Montoya presented the resolution to the council along with City Attorney Jennifer Vega-Brown. It was Montoya's last presentation to council and last council meeting as chief. He retires Dec. 23.

The resolution is "a fitting legacy" for the council and for Montoya, Small said.

Bus route changes

The council unanimously passed a resolution approving changes in Roadrunner Transit System routes that should take effect by next March.

Transit Administrator Mike Bartholomew said the changes will be implemented within the transit authority's existing budget.

The route changes provide "30-minute bus frequency to the Picacho/Motel (Boulevard) area via Route 5, additional connectivity from

NMSU to downtown via Route 2, and reimplement service ... along Solano Drive, Madrid Avenue and Evelyn Drive via Routes 6 and 7," according to city documents.

The current Route 8 is split into two routes under the adopted plan – a redesigned Route 8 and the new Route 5, which is currently being run on a trial basis.

Cash reserve

The council unanimously adopted a resolution mandating an additional cash reserve of 1/12 of the "budgeted expenditures for the city's general fund."

The state requires of 1/12 cash reserve, and the resolution adds a second, locally mandated 1/12, for a total of 16.3 percent held in reserve. In the approved FY 2018 budget, which began last July 1, the 2/12 cash reserve equals almost \$15

million.

The reserve could be spent for emergencies only.

Adopting the resolution codifies city practice since 2013.

Parking authority

The council voted unanimously to table an ordinance that would have established a city parking authority to oversee city-owned public parking and city rights-of-way governing on-street parking.

City Manager Stuart Ed recommended that the proposed ordinance be tabled so it can be revised to align it with what the council and community want.

The state allows cities with more than 5,000

residents to create parking authorities. But, Las Cruces "does not need another taxing entity" or another additional "layer of bureaucracy," Ed said.

Instead, he recommended a non-regulatory parking commission or advisory committee.

"We have problems going on right now," said Mike White, owner of White's Music Box, which has been in downtown Las Cruces for 70 years.

The city needs to "study ongoing and upcoming parking issues," White said. "We need to be looking at it right now."

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Bill McCamley throws hat in ring for state auditor

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

State Rep. Bill McCamley, D-Doña Ana, is the first announced candidate for state auditor.

It will be McCamley's first statewide race. In the past 14 years, he has won four county races by wide margins and narrowly lost two regional contests.

Former Auditor Tim Keller was elected mayor of Albuquerque on Nov. 14.

Gov. Susana Martinez appointed Bernalillo County Commissioner Wayne Johnson to replace Keller until the 2018 election. Johnson will likely run in the Republican primary for the office, and is the first Republican to serve as state auditor since 1970.

The major role of the auditor is to oversee audits of all state agencies, said McCamley, 39.

McCamley said he wants to continue



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NM Rep. Bill McCamley

Keller's expansion of the auditor's role ensuring overall government efficiency, and said the office also has a part to play in promoting economic development.

McCamley said he wants to continue Keller's work reducing the number of rape kits

that have not been processed statewide, which McCamley said is the highest in the country.

"That's unacceptable," he said.

Shining light on tax exemptions and their benefits to taxpayers is

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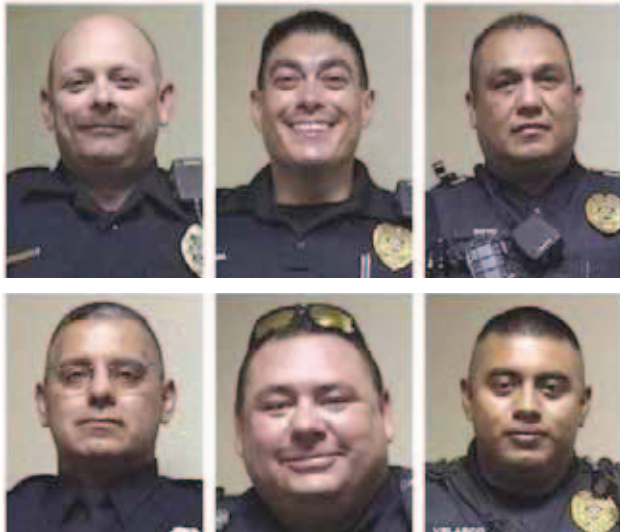


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Six LCPD officers were deployed to Puerto Rico to assist with hurricane relief efforts. They left Nov. 10 and returned Dec. 9. From left to right, top row to bottom row, Sgt. Thaddeus Allen, Sgt. Jaime Quezada, Manny Soto, Jose Prado, Joshua Herrera and Charli Velasco.

Officers seek supplies to help school in Puerto Rico

BULLETIN REPORT

Six Las Cruces Police Department officers deployed to Puerto Rico on Nov. 10 and spent nearly a month on the island, returning Dec. 9. For two of the officers, their commitment to the young residents of the hurricane-stricken territory will continue.

During the deployment, LCPD officers Jose Prado and Manuel Soto visited Escuela Elemental Candido Berrios, a grade school in Humacao, Puerto Rico, and learned that its students were desperately in need of supplies. Much of the school was damaged by flood waters and most the children's school supplies were lost when Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico in September.

Prado and Soto coordinated efforts with Las Cruces' Sierra Middle School and together they have – unofficially – adopted Escuela Elemental Candido Berrios. Prado serves as a

school resource officer in Las Cruces.

Prado, Soto and Sierra Middle School are collecting school supplies – pencils, notebooks, pens, paper, rulers, glue, erasers, crayons, color markers and 3-ring binders – that will be shipped to the children at Escuela Elemental Candido Berrios in Puerto Rico. The officers hope the collaboration also leads to a few pen pal communications between students at Sierra Middle School and Escuela Elemental Candido Berrios.

Anyone wishing to contribute new school supplies can do so at Sierra Middle School in Las Cruces, 1700 E. Spruce Ave. School supplies can also be dropped off at the Las Cruces Police Department, 217 E. Pícacho Ave., or the East Mesa Public Safety Complex at 550 N. Sonoma Ranch Blvd. Organizers hope to ship the collected school supplies to Puerto Rico in January.

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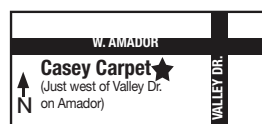
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CARE receives a \$50,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation to further its mission of supporting cancer patients with finances, education and support during treatment.

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Yoli Diaz, left, executive director of Cancer Aid Resource and Education, Inc., and cancer survivor Vangie Yanez hold up a check for \$1321.20. The money was raised by Ben Serrano's 7th grade Leadership class at Mesa Middle School to benefit CARE.



Mesa Middle School students Carly Dirnberger and Jada Bryant enjoy pizza and soda Friday afternoon after presenting CARE Las Cruces with a check for \$1,321.20.

CARE receives \$50K grant from Walmart

Nonprofit throws pizza party for middle school supporters

BULLETIN REPORT

CARE, Cancer Aid Resource and Education, Inc., is an area nonprofit that helps local cancer patients going through difficult financial and medical times

in the form of groceries, gas cards, rent, utility bills, rent and lodging for treatment, airfare, parking and more. That mission just got a little easier after it was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Walmart Founda-

tion Friday, Dec. 15. CARE establishes and assists in services, resources, and general education to support the challenges many Doña Ana County cancer patients, children and adults face while

receiving treatments.

"We want our community to know that CARE helps save lives through the support we provide to our local cancer patients and having Walmart's support is amazing as they

are helping CARE save lives," said Yolanda Diaz, CARE President and Executive Director.

Also on Dec. 15, Diaz, CARE team members and area cancer survivor Vangie Yanez visited Mesa Middle

School and treated students there to a pizza party to reward them for their efforts in supporting CARE. The students in Ben Serrano's 7th grade Leadership Class raised \$1,321 for the organization.

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another important auditor function, he said.

New Mexico's capital gains giveaway is the poster child for tax reform, McCamley said.

New Mexicans pay a five percent income tax, but if someone realizes \$1 million in capital gains, he or she pays only 2.5 percent tax, he said.

"That's so wrong, it's hard to put into words," McCamley said.

In 2003, New Mexico enacted a capital gains deduction for individuals that "was part of a package of reforms intended to make the state more competitive in attracting investment and high-wage jobs," according to a 2009 state Taxation and Revenue Department report.

In 14 years, McCamley said, the deduction has created zero jobs, and 70 percent of its benefit has gone to the top 10 percent of income earners in the state.

The deduction, he said, costs the state \$50 million a year, and its message to taxpayers is, "if you work for a living, you are less important

than some wealthy person's money."

McCamley said the state should create an economy that works for everybody. That will be achieved by combining all efforts at the state level, including auditor, to create an environment of job growth and help the state to recover jobs, wages and residents lost since the 2008 recession, McCamley said.

The two most important elements of that effort, he said, are infrastructure, including quality, high-speed broadband, and a trained workforce.

The state also should mandate that solar panels be used on every public building in the state, McCamley said, to increase energy efficiency and reduce utility payments.

In the past two months, McCamley has taken his campaign for auditor to voters in more than half the state's counties. He also provides video updates on his Facebook page.

McCamley said his pledge as a candidate is to "work really, really hard, listen deeply and carefully to people who come to me with a prob-

lem; and I'll always tell you the truth."

McCamley will continue to serve as District 33 state representative in 2018.

He won the seat with 61 percent of the vote in 2012, and was reelected in 2014 with 57.5 percent and in 2016 with 64.6 percent. He serves as chair of the House Labor and Economic Development Committee.

Previously, McCamley served a single four-year term on Doña Ana County Commission.

McCamley ran in the 2008 Democratic primary for New Mexico's District 2 U.S. House seat and the 2010 New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission District 5 race, but lost both races.

A 1996 graduate of Mayfield High School, McCamley has a bachelor's degree in government from New Mexico State University and a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

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Honor Flight reunion held at BCOM

Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico veterans were treated Saturday, Dec. 9 to a video documentary about their trip to Washington, D.C. earlier this fall to visit memorials. The event was held at Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM) on the NMSU campus. Veterans from past flights were also invited to the reunion.

The film, produced by Elaine and Dennis Prickett of What If Media, included highlights from the entire trip, from their Las Cruces departure to landing in Baltimore amid thanks for their service.

The veterans from Mission 10 were filmed throughout their tour and the film included clips from many moving interviews as they shared their thoughts on the memorials and

memories from their service days. Following the film, veterans enjoyed a reception and time to visit with friends and other veterans from past Honor Flight missions.

Bannister named associate VP



JUSTIN BANNISTER

Justin Bannister has been appointed associate vice president for marketing and commu-

nications at New Mexico State University. He had served as the interim associate vice president for the previous year.

"Justin is the consummate team player and his positive attitude is always uplifting,"

said Andrea Tawney, NMSU's vice president for university advancement and marketing and communications.

Bannister oversees all marketing, media relations and university broadcasting operations and leads the planning and execution of NMSU's marketing and advertising budget to support student recruitment and alumni participation efforts.

Bannister has a bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communications and a master's in communication studies, both from NMSU. He has worked at the university since 2006, in various communications roles and as an instructor at both NMSU and Doña Ana Community College.

"I'm incredibly excited for this opportunity," Bannister said. "NMSU is an outstanding university that changes the lives of every student who arrives on our campus. Our two biggest goals for our marketing efforts are to help in recruiting more students and to continue building Aggie pride. Our news and media relations team helps spread the

word about NMSU's world-class teaching, research and outreach efforts. KRWG-FM and KRWG-TV provide a source of culture, news and dialogue not found through other outlets in our community. We're fortunate to have so many talented team members."

In the past year, the communications office has expanded a number of outreach efforts into the Las Cruces community, including the creation of the Aggie Stomping Grounds program, a business outreach effort that builds Aggie Pride. The group has also worked to expand NMSU's digital and traditional advertising efforts across the southwestern U.S., which played a role in helping increase first-time freshmen enrollment by more than 11 percent this semester.

Prior to working at the university, he was a television news anchor, reporter and producer at NewsChannel 9 in El Paso.

Shoulder work, lane closures

Shoulder work has begun on eastbound Set-

tlers Pass at the Wagon Mound intersection.

Shoulder work will also take place on west bound lanes at the intersection of Roadrunner Parkway and Parkhill Drive up to the intersection of Arabela Drive and Parkhill.

Lane closures will take place when the following streets get crossed: Rimrock Court, Mesita Street and Arabela Drive.

The work is scheduled to be completed by Friday, Dec. 29.

Access to residents will be maintained and motorists wanting to avoid possible delays should seek an alternate route.

For more information, call 575-528-3098. The TTY number is 575-541-2182.

Liquor license sealed bid auction

The Internal Revenue Service will conduct a public sale for a dispenser liquor license, within Doña Ana County, under sealed bid. The sealed bid will be opened at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, Dec. 28, at the IRS Office, 4041 N. Central Ave., in Phoenix, Arizona.

The minimum bid for this item will begin at \$240,000.

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County offices holiday closures

Doña Ana County offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 22 through

Monday, Dec. 25, and again Friday, Dec. 29, through Monday, Jan. 1, to allow employees time with their families during the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

The administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will be closed, but law enforcement and emergency services in the field will be continuous, with saturation patrols and DWI checkpoints planned throughout the holiday period.

Sen. Steinborn receives award

State Sen. Jeff Steinborn has been awarded "Best in Government" by Common Cause New Mexico.

The award was presented at the Common Cause's annual luncheon

in Albuquerque. The event was also supported by the Thornburg Foundation.

Steinborn represents District 36, which covers a large part of Doña Ana County and Las Cruces.

The citation for the award reads: "Sen. Jeff Steinborn is a consistent champion of Common Cause issues in the New Mexico Legislature.

Sen. Steinborn's principled stands on measures for good, open government do not always win him friends among lobbyists or scorecard ratings. But he is pushing the envelope for ethics, campaign reform, and disclosure; and we salute him as a true hero."

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Common Cause organization. Common Cause is a nonpartisan grassroots organization dedicated to upholding the core values of American democracy.

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The Thornburg Foundation is a family foundation based in Santa Fe, which invests in environmental conservation, public policy, and human services. It supports efforts at increasing transparency and ethics in New Mexico government.

Christmas at the Market

The Farmers and Crafts Market of Las Cruces, held 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday mornings in Downtown Las Cruces, will have a theme on Dec. 23.

Christmas at the Market offers residents a chance for a photo in front of Rio Grande Theatre with special guest Santa. Photos will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. Photos are free, but donations of non-perishable foods will be accepted to benefit Roadrunner Food Bank.

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Mariachi Merry Christmas

It's not just a Merry Christmas but a Mariachi Merry Christmas, which warmed up the Palacio Bar in Mesilla Sunday, Dec. 17, with a DJ and performances by Alyssa Adriana Bustillos, Salvador Hernandez, Orlando-Antonio Jimenez, Mariachi Aguilas and Greg Rocha. Proceeds from the event benefited the Las Cruces International Mariachi Conference..



Marty Barrera from California dances to local DJ Rob-E.

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“There has probably never been a better time to switch to solar.” - Consumer Reports

From tech improvements to environmental benefits to tax incentives, there are so many reasons why this is true. If you've been thinking about installing a home solar system, here are five reasons to act right now:

#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.

#2 - The 30% federal tax credit scales down starting in 2019. The federal government is still offering excellent incentives to go solar—but you have to act quickly. In the coming years, tax credits will scale down to 26 percent and then to 22 percent. In addition to tax breaks, there are other excellent options including low-interest financing that are available now.

#3 - New Mexico's “Net Metering” law makes solar a smart investment. Through “net metering,” New Mexico residents can generate their own power and get credit for what they provide to the grid for others to use. This law—in effect now—makes solar incredibly affordable.

#4 - Solar technologies are better than ever. As the solar industry has grown and matured, customer satisfaction has reached impressive heights. Leading firms, including SunPower by Positive Energy Solar, are now able to design and install solar energy systems with minimal impact on your home's appearance. You can enjoy the peace of mind that comes with a 25-year power and product warranty.

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The group tried to get the attention of traffic.



Tax reform protest

A group organized by Indivisible Las Cruces protested proposed tax reform in Congress Monday, Dec. 18, at the corner of Telshor Boulevard and Foothills Drive. The tax reform package was approved by the U.S. Senate Tuesday, and the House was expected to follow suit Wednesday.

RIGHT: Chairwoman of Indivisible Las Cruces Pat Warner and NM House of Representatives District 33 candidate Mary Martinez White.



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From left: Campaign coordinator for NM governor candidate Michelle Lujan Grisham, Nayomi Valdez; Progress Now NM communications manager Lucas Herndon; NM House of Representatives District 33 candidate Mary Martinez White; Jennifer Roberts.

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SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Can you find all the things in Santa's Workshop listed at right?
Read carefully and look closely – it's tricky!

- 12 PAINT BRUSHES
- 11 HAMMERS
- 10 PENCILS
- 9 BASEBALLS
- 8 TEDDY BEARS
- 7 DOLLS
- 6 WRAPPING PAPER ROLLS
- 5 ORNAMENTS
- 4 ROLLS OF TAPE
- 3 STOCKINGS
- 2 MUGS
- 1 SAW

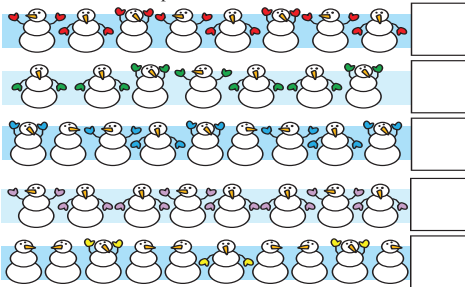
How many candy canes can you find in two minutes?

Find the two identical elves.

Winter Words
Look through the newspaper for words that could be used to describe a cold winter. Use them in a sentence to describe the weather today.
Standards Link: Writing: Write sentences using descriptive details.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Draw the snowman that should come next to complete the pattern in each row.



Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Complete patterns.

Kid Scoop Word Search

ORNAMENTS WRAPPING STOCKINGS WORKSHOP PENCILS SANTA ROLLS ELVES TEDDY PAINT CANDY TAPE MUGS COLD SAW

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

S	T	N	E	M	A	N	R	O	W
T	E	S	A	N	T	D	A	O	R
O	D	S	E	V	L	E	R	S	A
C	D	A	A	O	Y	K	O	Y	P
K	Y	S	C	N	S	B	L	D	P
I	E	M	M	H	T	E	L	N	I
N	R	U	O	R	Y	A	S	A	N
G	G	P	T	N	I	A	P	C	G
S	A	W	S	L	I	C	N	E	P

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

Kid Scoop Together: Funny Filler

Have a friend give you each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then read the story aloud!

My family celebrates the holidays in a rather unusual way.

We always decorate a _____ with lots of _____ go from door to door, singing songs about _____ Sometimes, the neighbors will _____ along with us.

My mom will wrap several _____ and place them under a _____ My sister and I bake some tasty _____ and sprinkle _____ on them.

The day ends with everyone opening their _____ upstairs to bed, thinking back on what a _____ day we had and looking forward to New Year's Eve, when our celebration gets really _____!

Standards Link: Grammar: Understand and use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Naughty and Nice

Look through the newspaper to find a news story about someone being naughty and another news story about someone being nice. Write a letter to each of them.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write informal letters using correct format.

Write On!

Priceless Gifts

Describe some wonderful gifts that money can't buy.

Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word SNOW in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

	S	W		
	N			
W	O	S		
	W			

FROM THE NMSU ARCHIVES



An early Santa Claus, photographed around 1910 by Herbert Yeo.

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A heavily decorated Christmas tree photographed by Green Edward Miller in the Cloudcroft area around 1900.

Mesilla Valley Christmases past

As long as cameras have been available for taking everyday amateur snapshots, since around 1890, Christmastime has been a favorite subject, said NMSU Archives and Special Collections Department Head Dennis Daily.

“Whether taking photographs of children with their gifts, holiday decorations, or Santa himself, cameras have been a part of our celebrations for more than a century,” he said. “Photographs in the New Mexico State University Library Archives and Special Collections reflect this fascination with capturing images of the holiday.”



Alice, Elizabeth and Aileene Longbottom show off their Christmas dolls at their Las Cruces home in the 1920s.



The home of Herbert Holt decorated with Christmas lights during the 1930s. The home still stands at the corner of Alameda Boulevard and Picacho Avenue.



Holiday lunch

Alma d'Arte Charter High School Winter Celebration Lunch was held Dec. 12. Parents joined their students for a specially created meal served by culinary students at the school. The culinary classes are responsible for creating and serving lunch at the school every day.

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Las Cruces Utilities gives a twinkle to the holidays

By **CASSIE MCCLURE**
AND **SUZANNE MICHAELS**
For the Bulletin

“What do you think – a big owl or a fat penguin?” joked A.J. McClarin, water conservation ordinance compliance staff member, to an eager attendee of the Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) ornament-building booth at the City’s second annual Christmas tree lighting on Saturday, Dec. 5. After a split second of shy hesitation from the boy, “Just a small penguin, please.”

The lines for crafting were long, but moving steadily. From parents with strollers to bashful teens, many wanted to have a chance to make an ornament out of repurposed pinecones.



A.J. McClarin, water conservation ordinance compliance staff member, leans down to listen to an excited crafter about to take his place at the table to make an ornament of repurposed pinecones.

McClarin got a chance to interact with citizens beyond his regular duties – thanks to the invitation from the City of Las Cruces. Most city departments had a spot at the Christmas tree lighting,

but LCU had perhaps the best spot – right next to glittering Christmas tree. It wasn’t all just about seeing the pop of the lit tree or the carolers who moved through the crowd. Robin Lawrence,



COURTESY PHOTOS

Diana Montoya, LCU rate analyst senior, helps a young attendee build his owl to take home his Christmas tree.

interim solid waste administrator, said the event was a way to give back to the community and a way to share useful information. The goodie bags handed to children were an easy way to reach out to their parents.

“There’s a coloring book called ‘Trash Rules’ with simple reminders like getting your trash bins out to the curb by 6 a.m.” she said, “And there is a refrigerator magnet on how to recognize a gas leak. Parents

can start a conversation about safety issues that they might not yet have had with their children.”

Even with the lines long, the holiday magic touched the children who waited patiently, speculating how exactly they were going to decorate their ornament. The choices were seasonably varied but classic – reindeer, Christmas trees, angels, penguins and owls.

At the ready were 750 pre-painted pinecones and a small troop of cheerful Santa-hatted

LCU employees to help guide the decorating, and wield the hot glue for the younger crafters. The pinecones had been collected from throughout the city during regular clean ups and now were able to show off a crafty way to reuse things that normally become just a chore to clean up.

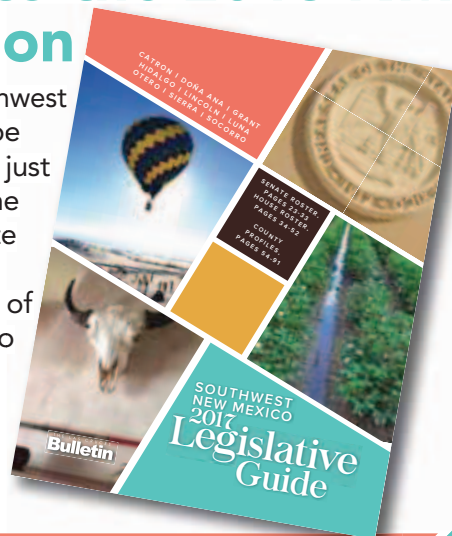
“This is a great opportunity for our employees to reach across to citizens that they interact with every day in a more playful way,” Lawrence said. “Everyone at Utilities has been looking forward to making this night something special.”

You may reach Las Cruces Utilities at 575-528-3500 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Las Cruces Utilities provides gas, water, wastewater and solid waste services to approximately 100,000 Las Cruces residents and businesses.

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The Las Cruces Bulletin’s annual Southwest New Mexico Legislative Guide will be available the week of Jan. 16, 2018, just in time for the legislative session. The guide features profiles of all the state senators and representatives of our region, and gives their expectations of the upcoming session. There are also articles about the nine counties in our southwest region and their legislative needs. Also included are rosters for all 70 representatives and all 42 senators.



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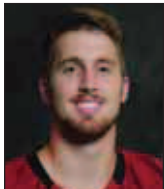
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The Utah State Aggies will be a good test for NMSU in the NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl.

Aggies prepare to go bowling



TYLER ROGERS



JALEEN DAVIS

By **MARTY RACINE**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Aggies vs. Aggies. Aggie Crimson vs. Aggie Blue. Las Cruces vs. Logan. A pair of 6-6 teams from the high desert.

The parallels abound as New Mexico State University and Utah State University prep for their Dec. 29 showdown in the NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl at Arizona Stadium in Tucson. Kickoff is 3:30 p.m. Mountain time.

The game will be telecast on the CBS Sports Network and aired locally on KXPZ 99.5 FM.

Beyond the similarities, the two schools took different routes in becoming bowl-eligible. NMSU had to win their last two games of the season. USU had the luxury of losing their final contest.

They also played different schedules, with NMSU competing in the Sun Belt Conference, Utah State in the Mountain

West.

They did share an opponent, both beating the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque (NMSU, 30-28, Sept. 9; Utah State, 24-10, Nov. 4).

NMSU also played a number of close games, most of which could have gone either way, while USU was wildly inconsistent, often winning big and losing big.

New Mexico State relied all season on its offense, with the passing of Tyler Rogers, the running of Larry Rose III (albeit in a reduced role) and the receiving of Jaleel Scott.

But these Aggies don't go to a bowl game without a resurgent defense, which came up big toward the end of the season thanks to the likes of Cedric Wilcots II, Dalton Herrington, Ron LaForce, Shamad Lomax and Terrill Hanks.

Defense, however, is Utah State's foundation. Anchored by USU cornerback Jalen

Davis, a consensus second-team All American, the D ranked second in the Mountain West and ninth in the nation with 26 forced turnovers. The defense also tied for third in the nation with five touchdowns and ranked 17th nationally in passing yards allowed.

Clearly, something has to give when NMSU has the ball. Mr. Rogers, meet Mr. Davis, and vice-versa.

NMSU is 2-0-1 in its bowl history. Utah State is 4-7, including three straight wins from 2012-14. But there is one more parallel in those numbers: In New Mexico State's last bowl appearance, in 1960 at the Sun Bowl in El Paso, the Aggies won 20-13. The opponent: Utah State.

Marty Racine may be reached at editor@lascrucesbulletin.com

Editor's note: See Brook Stockberger's column, page 62 Sports.

Arizona Bowl NMSU vs. Utah State

TEAM STATS

	NMSU	Utah State
Points per game	29.6	23.9
Points allowed	30.5	29.3
Yards rushing per game	101	171
Yards rushing allowed	164	203
Yards passing per game	352	206
Yards passing allowed	233	177

TEAM LEADERS

	PASSING		
	Ave/G	TDs	Int
NMSU: Tyler Rogers	347.73	26	16
Utah State: Kent Myers	199	10	8
	RUSHING		
	Ave/G	TDs	Ave/rush
NMSU: Larry Rose III	73.36	9	4.7
Utah State: Tonny Lindsey	63.6	6	5.6
	RECEIVING		
	Ave/G	TDs	Ave/catch
NMSU: Jaleel Scott	86.83	8	14.27
Utah State: Ron'quayion Tarver	50.2	3	13.1



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

Mayor Ken Miyagishima and members of the Las Cruces City Council joined the audience in a verse of the New Mexico State University Aggie fight song at the Dec. 18 city council meeting as they unanimously passed a resolution "declaring support to the New Mexico State University Aggie Football Team at the Arizona Bowl." The game will be played Dec. 29, as the Aggies play Utah State in Tucson. The Aggies have played 1,070 college football games in the past 121 seasons, City Policy Analyst Steve Ramirez told the council. This year's passing offense was the fourth-highest-rated in the NCAA, and the defense recorded 40 sacks compared to last season's 13. The Aggies won three of their last four regular-season games to qualify for the bowl game, which will be their first bowl appearance since they won the Sun Bowl in 1960.

Council hands out honors



Las Cruces Police Chief Jaime Montoya was honored at the Dec. 18 city council meeting for his four years as chief and 26 years with the department. Montoya, who will retire Dec. 23, is shown here with Mayor Ken Miyagishima.



Members of the Las Cruces Police Department were recognized at the Dec. 18 city council meeting for their service in Puerto Rico in November after the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria. Left to right at the council meeting are City Manager Stuart Ed, Police Chief Jaime Montoya, Officer Jose Prado, Officer Joshua Herrera, Sgt. Jaime Quezada, Sgt. Thaddeus Allen, Mayor Ken Miyagishima and Councilor Greg Smith.. Not shown are Officer Charli Velasco and Officer Manny Soto.



Former top-rated boxer Louie Burke was recognized for 20 years of service with the Las Cruces Fire Department. Burke started boxing in 1981 in the lightweight division and built a record of 18-0 at one point in his career. He became a fireman in December 1997. He had eight other city employees were recognized at the Las Cruces City Council's Dec. 18 meeting for 15, 20 and 25 years of service to the city.

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Dated: November 8, 2017.

PATRICIA ANN CHERF
N1840 Medina Drive
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54942

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

No. 17-0288

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RUSSELL ALBERT BOOR a/k/a RUSSELL A. BOOR, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

DATED: December 1, 2017

JANE NADINE BOOR
5843 Agave Lane
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88012

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

ELECTION RESOLUTION NO. 943

Be it resolved by the Governing Body of the Village of Hatch that:

A. A regular municipal election for the election of municipal officers shall be held on **March 6, 2018. Polls will open at 7:00 A.M.** and close at 7:00 P.M.

B. At the regular municipal election, persons shall be elected to fill the following elective offices:

1. One Mayor for a four year

term.

2. One Trustee for a four year term.
One Trustee for a four year term

C. Those portions of Precincts #2, #3 & #60 that are within the municipal limits of the Village of Hatch are consolidated for the regular municipal election.

D. The following location is designated as a polling place for the conduct of the regular municipal election:

I. Voters in those portions of Precincts #2, #3 & #60 that are within the municipal limits of the Village of Hatch that have been consolidated shall vote at the Hatch Community Center located at 837 Highway 187, Hatch, New Mexico.

E. Absentee Voting: Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained only from the office of the Municipal Clerk. All applications for an absentee ballot must be completed and accepted by the Municipal Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m., March 2, 2018. After 5:00 p.m. on March 2, 2018, all unused absentee ballots will be publicly destroyed by the Municipal Clerk. The Municipal Clerk will accept completed absentee ballots delivered by mail, or in person by the voter casting the absentee ballot caregiver to that voter, or by a member of the voter's immediate family, until 7:00 p.m. on March 6, 2018.

Absentee ballots may be marked in person in the office of the Municipal Clerk, during the regular hours and days of business, beginning on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, and closing at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2018.

Early Voting: Early voting on paper ballots counted by electronic vote tabulator will be conducted in the office of the Municipal Clerk during the regular hours and days of business, beginning on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 and closing at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2018.

F. Persons desiring to register to vote at the regular municipal election, must register with the County Clerk of Dona Ana County not later than Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., the date on which the County Clerk will close

registration books.

G. All Declarations of Candidacy shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

H. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors shall be recorded on paper ballots to be counted by electronic vote tabulators.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th day of November, 2017.

ATTEST:
/s/ Patrick S. Banegas
Patrick S. Banegas, Municipal Clerk
/s/ Andy Nunez
Andy Nunez, Mayor

VOTE:
Trustee Franzoy Aye

Trustee D.G. Torres Aye

Trustee Martinez Absent
Trustee R. Torres Aye
Moved by: Trustee Franzoy
Seconded by: Trustee R. Torres

cc: County Clerk
Secretary of State

RESOLUCION DE ELECCION NUMERO 943

Sea resuelto por el cuerpo gobernante de la Aldea de Hatch que:

A. Una eleccion municipal regular para la eleccion de oficiales municipales se llevara a cabo el 6 de marzo del 2018. Lugares de votacion estaran abiertos al publico entre las horas de las 7:00 A.M. a las 7:00 P.M.

B. En la eleccion municipal regular, individuos seran elegidos para ocupar los siguientes cargos electivos:

1. Un Alcalde por un termino de cuatro años.

2. Un Fiduciario por un termino de cuatro años.
Un Fiduciario por un termino de cuatro años.

C. Las porciones de precinctos #2, #3 y #60 que estan dentro de los limites municipales de la Aldea de Hatch son consolidados para la eleccion municipal regular.

D. Los siguientes locales son los designados para votar para llevar a cabo la eleccion

LEGAL NOTICES

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municipal regular:

1. Votantes en esas porciones de precintos #2, #3 y #60 que estan dentro de los limites municipales de la Aldea de Hatch han sido consolidados votaran en el Centro Comunitario ubicado en 837 West Highway 187, Hatch, New Mexico.

E. Votacion en Ausencia. Todo votante calificado de la Aldea de Hatch obtendra una solicitud para obtener una boleta para votar en ausencia, unicamente de la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad. La Escribana de la Municipalidad debe llevar y aceptar todas las solicitudes para obtener una boleta para votar en ausencia antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 2 de marzo del 2018. A partir de las 5:00 p.m. el 2 de marzo del 2018, la Escribana de la Municipalidad publicamente destruira todas las boletas no utilizadas. La Escribana de la Municipalidad aceptara las boletas completadas por el votante que emite su boleta, con el fin de votar en ausencia, que se le entregue por correo o en persona, o por un miembro de la familia inmediata del votante, o el cuidador del votante hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 de marzo del 2018.

Las boletas para votar en ausencia se pueden marcar en persona en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad, durante las horas y dias habiles, empezo el martes, 30 de enero, 2018 y terminando a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, 2 de marzo del 2018. Votacion por Anticipado. El recuento de los votos por anticipado, de papeleta, se llevara a cabo por un tabulador electronico M100 en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad, durante las horas y dias habiles, empezando el miercoles, 14 de febrero del 2018 y terminando a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes 2 de marzo del 2018.

F. Las personas que deseen registrarse para votar en la eleccion municipal regular, tienen que registrarse con el Escribano del condado de Dona Ana a mas tardar el martes, 6 de febrero del 2018 a las 5:00 P.M., la fecha en que el Escribano del Condado cerrara los libros del registro.

G. Se archivara todas las Declaraciones de Candidatura con la Escribana Munic-

ipal el martes, 9 de enero del 2018 entre las horas de las 8:00 A.M. y las 5:00 P.M.

H. Se hara un record de los votos de los electores municipales calificados en papeletas, de las cuales se hara un recuento por tabuladores electronicos.

ADOPTADA Y APROBADA este dia 14 de Noviembre del 2017.

Da fe:

/s/ Patrick S. Banegas

Patrick S. Banegas

Escribano Municipal

/s/ Andy Nunez
Andy Nuñez, Alcalde

VOTE:

Trustee Franzoy Aye
Trustee R. Torres Aye

Trustee Martinez Absent
Trustee G.D. Torres Aye

Moved by: Trustee Franzoy
Seconded by: Trustee R. Torres

cc: County Clerk
Secretary of State

Date: 12/22/2017

HIGHLAND ENTERPRISES, INC. is interested in receiving quotes from WBE and MBE firms for the construction of the Doña Ana MDWCA Via Norte Water System Improvements Project. Firms interested in sub-contracting or suppliers may quote the various types of work such as Surveying, Materials Testing, SWPPP, Rip Rap, Aggregate Base, Concrete, Asphalt, Steel Water Tank, Traffic Control and painting. Minority firms must submit EPA forms provided in bid documents with or prior to submitting quote. Please furnish all quotes by or prior to Bid Day. All subcontractors must follow New Mexico Public Works Regulations. Project bids December 21, 2017 at 2 pm.

If interested please contact Highland Enterprises, Inc. by phone (575) 524-3551, fax (575)526-0835 or email: hei@highlandnm.com.

Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 2017

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of the Following Ordinance(s) at the Regular City Council Meeting Held on December 18, 2017:

(1) Council Bill No. 18-011; Ordinance 2835: An Ordinance Placing a Moratorium on Enforcement of the Domestic Violence Ordinance of the Las Cruces Municipal Code (LCMC) 19-83, § 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 19th day of December, 2017.

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

Date: 12/22/2017

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 January 16, 2018:

(1) Council Bill No. 18-015; Ordinance No. 2839: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change From R-4 (High Density Residential and Limited Office District) to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial District) on Two Properties Located at 229 S. Campo St. (0.121 Acres+) and 237 S. Campo St. (0.121 Acres+) Within the South Mesquite Overlay. Submitted by Lisa Jo Willman, Property Owner, (71541).

(2) Council Bill No. 18-016; Ordinance 2840: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from M1/M2 (Industrial Standard) to M1/M2/C-3C (Industrial Standard/Commercial High Intensity Conditional) on a 1.0 + Acre Parcel Located at 5220 Bataan Memorial East. Submitted by Diana Hernandez, Representative on Behalf of Ana Hernandez, Property Owner (71551).

(3) Council Bill No. 18-017; Ordinance No. 2841: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from REM (Residential Estate Mobile) to R-1BMC (Single-Family High Density Mobile Condi-

tional) on a 13.09 + Acre Parcel Located at 5001 Central Road. Submitted by Pillar Engineering LLC, Representative on Behalf of IRA Club FBO David Ramo IRA 1000729, Property Owner (71561).

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 19th day of December, 2017.

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

Date: 12/22/2017

NOTICE OF VEHICLE SEIZURE

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

You are hereby notified that the Doña Ana Sheriff's Office has seized the following vehicles and intends to proceed with forfeiture of each vehicle to the County of Doña Ana, pursuant to DAC Ordinance #232-07 pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles related to DWI Offenses: The below listed vehicles and contents will be auctioned to the highest bidder at our upcoming auction set for **Saturday March 24, 2018 2017 @ 11:00 AM** the event location is 2821-B LAS VEGAS COURT, LAS CRUCES, NM

VIN #
DESCRIPTION
REGISTERED OWNER

1G1JC1248Y7176033
2000 CHEV GOLD 2/D

ALEX OSNAYA

1B7KE26C1PS118726
1993 DODGE CUMMINS
DIESEL PK
SHARON ELLEN

1G6KD52B0RU284134
1994 CADILLAC WHT 4D

STEPHANIE NEVAREZ

JHMCD5637RC087177
1994 HONDA BLK 4D
BRIAN G. CASKIN

1GNEK13Z92J285771
2002 CHEV BLUE TAHOE

ANGEL CORRAL

KNAFB121135264557
2003 KIA RED SPECTRA
4D

MARTHA DELAO

1GTEC14X33Z234059
2003 GMC GRAY PK
JOSE SANCHEZ

2G4WS52J921111382
2002 BUICK WHT 4D
AMELIA UNPINGO

1GNCS13X14K121434
2004 CHEV GOLD JIMMY
ARACELI VILLEGAS

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

Dates: 12/22, 12/29, 2017

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Las Cruces, NM 88005

To
Fernando Alphonzo Mickens
2732 N. Glenn Ave
Winston Salem NC 27105

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Attn: Region IV Claims
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San Diego CA 92150-9914

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AUCTION STARTING AT: 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION OF AUCTION: 1103 N. Solano
Las Cruces NM 88001

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Carol Peña
(575)525-0808

Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 2017

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

CV-2017-03323
JUDGE MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF JESSE GARCIA FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **JESSE GARCIA**, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from **JESSE GARCIA** to **JESSE MORALES**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 8th day of January, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Doña Ana County District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-3848
JAMES T. MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MARCO FRANCISCO ORTIZ FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Submitted by:

Jesse Garcia
3366 Park Ridge Place
Las Cruces, NM 88005
(575) 636-7167

Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-3688
JAMES T. MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF KATHLEEN JANE RICHARDSON FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kathleen Jane Richardson, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Kathleen Jane Richardson to Kathleen Barnes Richardson, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 8th day of January 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Kathleen Jane Richardson to Kathleen Barnes Richardson, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 8th day of January 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(Seal)

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ Kathleen Jane Richardson
Kathleen Jane Richardson
1651 Alta Vista Place.
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88011
575-642-9742

Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-3848
JAMES T. MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MARCO FRANCISCO ORTIZ FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Marco Francisco Ortiz a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Marco Francisco Ortiz to Marco Mitchell Anchondo, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 8th day of January 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Dates: 12/22, 12/29, 2017

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

Case No.
D-307-CV-2017-03821

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SHIRLEY CAROLYN WEBB also known as SHIRLEY CAROLYN SANDERS FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Marco Ortiz
Marco Francisco Ortiz
3333 Majestic Ridge Apt.
207A
Las Cruces, NM
P.O. Box 278, Anthony, NM
88021
915-490-6077

Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 2017

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

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

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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

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

(seal)

KENNETH L. BEAL, P.C.
P.O. Box 725
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-526-5511
/s/ KENNETH L. BEAL
KENNETH L. BEAL
Attorney for Petitioner

Dates: 12/22, 12/29, 2017

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

Case No.
D-307-CV-2017-03821

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SHIRLEY CAROLYN WEBB also known as SHIRLEY CAROLYN SANDERS FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME (ADULT)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Shirley Carolyn Webb aka Shirley Carolyn Sanders, Resident of the City of Las Cruces, County

of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico 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 Shirley Carolyn Webb aka Shirley Carolyn Sanders to Carolyn S. Webb. This Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the 5th day of January, 2018, at the hour of 10:15 a.m. at the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces, NM.

Respectfully submitted,

WATSON SMITH, LLC
/s/ Joshua L. Smith
Joshua L. Smith
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 2183
Mesilla Park, NM 88047
Tel: (575) 528-0500
Fax: (575) 526-9094
josh@watsonsmithlaw.com

Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00717

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

v.

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

**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 1325 Evelyn Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows: LOT NUMBERED 20 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 20 OF UNIT NO. 7 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID UNIT NO. 7 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 2, 1971 IN PLAT BOOK 10 FOLIO 84-85 If there is a conflict between the legal descrip-

tion and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 AM on February 1, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Summary and Default Judgment In Rem granted on November 22, 2017 in the total amount of \$158,417.51 with interest at the rate of 6.875% per annum from July 24, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

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

By: Robert Doyle
c/o Legal Process Network
P.O. Box 51526
Albuquerque, NM 87181
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**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2016-02436

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

v.

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

**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 2491 Tuscan Hills Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows: LOT 8 IN BLOCK F OF SEDONA HILLS SUBDIVISION 4 AT SONOMA RANCH EAST, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SEDONA HILLS SUBDIVISION 4 AT SONOMA RANCH EAST, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JANUARY 10, 2005 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 102-103. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 AM on February 1, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment granted on November 17, 2017 in the total amount of \$216,130.14 with interest at the rate of 4.875% per annum from October 6, 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 Mortga-

gor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, 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-2015-02233

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

v.

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

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with

the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5254 Nana Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 43, BLOCK 3, MESA LA JOLLA SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 2, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 23, 1988, IN BOOK 15 PAGE(S) 372-373 OF PLAT RECORDS. 1995 TOWN AND COUNTRY 60.1 X 27.5 DOUBLEWIDE SERIAL #CTC95069AB If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 AM on February 1, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment In Rem granted on October 30, 2017 in the total amount of \$102,097.74 with interest at the rate of 5.375% per annum from July 21, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to

the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-02580

**SPECIALIZED LOAN
SERVICING, LLC,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DONALD J. FOURNIER
AND CAROLYN CHAVEZ,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 3, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 3548 Mission Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 37 in Block numbered A of Cave Creek Subdivision, Phase 2A at Sonoma Ranch South, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Cave Creek Subdivision, Phase 2A at Sonoma Ranch South, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on December 2, 1999 in Plat Book 19, Folio 344-345.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above

entitled and numbered cause on November 17, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$317,540.78 and the same bears interest at 4.990% per annum from September 1, 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.

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

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

Dates: 12/01, 12/08, 12/15,
12/22, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-02567

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL NEW MEXICO, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

**BENJAMIN MADRID;
JACOB KURIAN, Defend-**

ants.

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 9486 Dragonfly Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Dated this 30 day of November, 2017.

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

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

By/s/ Dana M. Kyle
Dana M. Kyle
P.O. Box 2277
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2277
(575) 525-0020 telephone
(575) 525-0017 facsimile
Attorney for Personal Representative

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2017-00660

IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

v.

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

NOTICE OF SUIT

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

GREETINGS:

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

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

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

WEINSTEIN & RILEY, P.S.

By: /s/ Elizabeth V. Frieden-stein
Elizabeth V. Frieden-stein
5801 Osuna Road NE, Suite A-103
Albuquerque, NM 87109
505-348-3200
ElizabethF@w-legal.com
Attorney for Plaintiff

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2016-02174

BOKEF, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

The address of the real property is 2921 Valle Vista, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given

notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 1, 2017 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$98,886.15 plus interest from August 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.750% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

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: 12/08, 12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2017-00720

IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

v.

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

NOTICE OF SUIT

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

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

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

Unless you file and serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30

days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you. Respectfully Submitted,

WEINSTEIN & RILEY, P.S.

By: /s/ Elizabeth V. Frieden-stein
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Attorney for Plaintiff

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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

MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff,

v.

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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02121

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

v.s.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

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

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 AM on February 1, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on May 22, 2017 in the total amount of \$131,921.59 with interest at the rate of 4.00% per annum from March 28, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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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postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

Electronically filed
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
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Dates: 12/08, 12/15,
12/22, 12/29, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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

NATIONSTAR MORT- GAGE LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly

known as 3805 Jade Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

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

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on February 1, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on November 17, 2017 in the total amount of \$145,214.66 with interest at the rate of 4.0% per annum from September 13, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

PROSPECTIVE PUR-
CHASERS AT SALE ARE

ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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

JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.

**DOSKIE M. BUCK; UNI-
TED STATES OF
AMERICA BY AND
THROUGH THE
SECRETARY OF HOUS-
ING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

**STATE OF NEW MEXI-
CO** to Defendant, Doskie M. Buck:
You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff James B. Nutter & Company has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 440 Farney Ln., Las Cruces, NM 88005. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:
LOT 17, BLOCK D, COLLEGE PLACE SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 467 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON OCTOBER 24, 1957, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 1, PAGE 34, PLAT RECORDS.

also known as:

LOT 17, BLOCK D, COL-
LEGE PLACE SUBDIVI-

SION NO. 2 IN THE CITY OF LASCURCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS PER PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY.

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

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

McCARTHY & HOLTHUS,
LLP

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2017-01767

WELLS FARGO USA HOLDINGS, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

**A. SYLVIA ROMERO
and DISCOVER BANK,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

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

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

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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:
Little, Bradley & Nesbitt,
P.A.
1700 Louisiana Blvd NE,
Suite 300
Albuquerque, NM 87110
(505) 248-2400 FAX:
254-4722

December 18, 2017

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

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

David S. Borunda
CLERK OF THE DIS-
TRICT COURT

By/s/ Lindsey Brown
Deputy

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2016-01908

BOKF, N.A.,

Plaintiff,
v.

**THE ESTATE OF MI-
GUEL G. SILVA, DARIO
SILVA, CO-PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE ESTATE OF MI-
GUEL G. SILVA, AND
MARIA SILVA
S U T T O N , C O -
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ES-
TATE OF MIGUEL G.
SILVA,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the undersigned

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

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

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

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

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

THENCE leaving Organ Avenue, S.15°29' 00" E., a distance of 129.50 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract;

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

The address of the real property is 628 E Organ Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 15, 2017 in the

above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$103,722.86 plus interest from June 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

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

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

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2017-02559

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

**THE ESTATE OF DAN-
NY CRUSE aka Danny R.
Cruse, Deceased; MARIA
MARGARITA CRUSE,
Individually and as Per-
sonal Representative of the
Estate of Danny Cruse aka
Danny R. Cruse, Deceased;
BRANDI MONIQUE
CRUSE; REBEKKA
SHEALEA LAWRENCE;
and THE UNKNOWN
HEIRS, DEVISEES OR
LEGATEES OF DANNY
CRUSE aka Danny R.
Cruse, Deceased,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

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

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

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

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

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

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December 5, 2017

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

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

(seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
DAVID S. BORUNDA
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By /s/ E. Balizan
Deputy Elizabeth Balizan

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-03318

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

vs.

THE ESTATE OF ISABELLE A. GREEN, Deceased; ROBYN KAHLE; LYNNE KLOSS; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES OR LEGATEES OF ISABELLE A.

GREEN, Deceased; and Unknown Successor Trustee of the Isabelle A. Green Revocable Trust UTA dated March 13, 2002, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF
PENDENCY OF ACTION**

Defendant(s) The Estate of Isabelle A. Green, Deceased,

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

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

Beginning at the southeast corner of this tract, whence the southeast corner of Lot 10, Block 7, Unit No. 2, Dale J. Bellamah's Glendale Gardens bears N. 87 deg., 12'E., a distance of 20.00 feet; thence S. 87 deg., 12'W., 111.61 feet to the southwest corner of this tract; thence N. 14 deg., 46'E., 124.20 feet to a point on a curve on the south line of Aspen Avenue; thence around the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 180.03 feet, an arc length of 55.20 feet, through a central angle of 17 deg., 34' to a point of tangency; thence N. 87 deg., 12'E., 19.79 feet to the northeast corner of this tract; thence S. 2 deg., 48'E., 110.01 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.242 acres of land more or less.

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

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December 4, 2017

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

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

David S. Borunda
CLAUDE BOWMAN
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By /s/ Victor A. Eres
Deputy
Victor A. Eres, Judicial Specialist

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

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-00121
Judge James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
ANTONIO H. SEPULVEDA,
a/k/a ANTONIO HERNANDEZ SEPULVEDA,
a/k/a ANTONIO SEPULVEDA
DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **ORALIA SEPULVEDA NOL** 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, NM 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: November 8, 2017

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Prepared by:
ALAN D. GLUTH

Las Cruces Bulletin

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

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

No. 17-0277

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

**NOTICE TO
KNOWN CREDITORS**

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

Dated: December 15, 2017

/s/ Catherine M. Salcedo
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Las Cruces, NM 88011
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Dates: 12/22, 12/29, 2017, 01/05, 2018

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

No. 17-0278

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
Robert C. Medina, DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO KNOWN
CREDITORS**

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

the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd. 1-201, Las Cruces, NM 88007

Dated: December 15, 2017

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

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

No. 17-0287
Judge Diana A. Bustamante

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF:
IRENE MARGARET
MORGAN,
DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **JOHN P. MORGAN** 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 30th day of November, 2017

**KEITHLY & ENGLISH,
LLC**
/s/ Shane A. English
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Attorney for John P. Morgan,



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Dates: 12/08, 12/15, 12/22, 2017

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

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

**JPMORGAN CHASE
BANK, NATIONAL AS-
SOCIATION, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SAMANTHA J. HOOPER
AND JOHN DOE HOO-
PER, WIFE AND HUS-
BAND; ABC CORPORA-
TIONS I-X, XYZ PART-
NERSHIPS I-X, JOHN
DOES I-X AND HANE
DOES I-X, THE UN-
KNOWN HEIRS AND
DEVEISEES OF ANY OF
THE ABOCE, IF DE-
CEASED; OCCUPANTS
OF THE PROPERTY, De-
fendants.**

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5041 Starlite Court, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 26 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 29 OF LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, PHASE VI-A, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, PHASE VI-A, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 2, 1996 IN PLAT BOOK 18, FOLIO 412-413. 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 18, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico,

Friday, December 22, 2017

at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment granted on September 22, 2015, in the total amount of \$84,365.30, with interest at the rate of 5.375% per annum from July 31, 2015 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due.

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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CHASERS AT SALE ARE
ADVISED TO MAKE
THEIR OWN EXAMINA-
TION OF THE TITLE AND
THE CONDITION OF THE
PROPERTY AND TO
CONSULT THEIR OWN
ATTORNEY BEFORE
BIDDING.**

By: Robert Doyle
c/o Legal Process Network
P.O. Box 51526
Albuquerque, NM 87181
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**THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
STATE OF
NEW MEXICO**

No. D-307-PB-2017-00119
Judge James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF**

**VIRGINIA R. SEPULVE-
DA,
a/k/a VIRGINIA RO-
SALES SEPULVEDA,
a/k/a VIRGINIA SEPUL-
VEDA
DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

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VEDA NOL** 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, NM 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: November 8, 2017

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LOCAL FILMMAKERS WIN TOP AWARDS

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Student filmmakers at New Mexico State University's Creative Media Institute for Film and Digital Arts (CMI) and Doña Ana Community College's Creative Media Technology (CMT) programs have won top prizes in state and national competitions.

And, a video by a Las Cruces filmmaker has won multiple awards.

"CMI faculty are always proud of our students and excited by the work they create," CMI Department Head Amy Lanasa said. "It's rewarding for all of us to see our students and alumni honored outside of our theatre."

Here are the award-winning films and their filmmakers:

Student Filmmakers Magazine

A short film called "Deadbeat Motel" directed and written by CMI digital filmmaking senior Ryan Robson won first place in the college category in the Summer Shorts Film and Video Contest sponsored by Student Filmmakers Magazine. His collaborators, fellow CMI students Sam Palm (director of photography) and Austin Ahler (producer), were also honored.

New Mexico Filmmakers Showcase

"Deadbeat Motel" and two other films CMI submitted to the New Mexico Student Filmmakers Showcase took home top prizes. The awards were presented Nov. 4-5 in Albuquerque.

Robson won for best horror-thriller for "Deadbeat Motel." Jordan P. Jordan won the best screenwriting award for his short film "Favor." G.C. de la Rosa tied for best animation for the short "Morning Brew."

"I'm not generally an ecstatic individual, but I have been smiling like an idiot ever since I heard about the success our short has been garnering," Robson said. "I had no idea we were even entered, and the fact that we won a top placement is even more jaw dropping. I just ultimately hope that everyone who worked on 'Deadbeat,' and volunteered and helped is about as happy with it as I am. They worked hard and they deserve it. At the end of the day, we're just students trying to do the best work and tell the best stories we can."

"The story itself is essentially about what people are willing to do to get what they want, and I wanted to approach that idea through heroin and ad-



NMSU's Creative Media Institute alum Orlando Martos won the New Mexico Filmmakers Showcase best music video for his direction of the Hard Road Trio's "Whiskey in a Glass."



CMI animation and visual effects senior Bryan Rutter was among 62 artists from across the world whose work was chosen to be part of the viewer-created Bob's Burgers animated opening.

FACEBOOK PHOTO



PHOTO COURTESY RYAN ROBSON

NMSU's Creative Media Institute digital filmmaking senior Ryan Robson won first place in the college category in the Summer Shorts Film and Video Contest sponsored by StudentFilmmakers Magazine.

AWARDS

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diction," Robson said. "Everyone knows that one person, everyone is related to someone that went through something similar."

DACC CMT filmmaker Juan Gonzales won honorable mention in the dramatic narrative category for his film, "Utopia."

"Juan, 23, has become a constant presence in the CMT program's advanced production courses and editing lab," CMT Professor Lamaia Vaughn said. "His goal is to make films that com-

municate the dehumanizing effect of modern materialistic society and consumerism. 'Utopia' was made with CMT students working as crew members and actors under the supervision of Assistant Professor Stephen Osborn. The CMT faculty and students are all very proud to call Juan one of our own."

"Doc," a short film written and directed by CMI alumni Dave Witt as his senior project for the film program, won best drama at the showcase. The film also won best short film and best actor in the 2017 Urban Action Showcase at the

International Action Film Festival.

"It was an honor to receive this New Mexico film award and bring home some recognition to the talented and hard-working filmmakers we have here in Las Cruces," Witt said. "'DOC' is a true New Mexico film that was shot on location in Las Cruces, Organ and Santa Fe. Big shout-out to the cast, crew and everyone involved ... this award belongs to all of us!"

Orlando Martos, also a CMI alum, won the showcase's best music video for his direction of the Hard Road Trio's "Whiskey in a Glass" video.

The Hard Road Trio.

PHOTO COURTESY
ORLANDO
MARTOS



CMI alum Dave Witt won best drama at the New Mexico Filmmakers Showcase for the film "Doc," which Witt wrote and directed.

PHOTOS COURTESY
DAVE WITT

Martos worked for CMI when he made the video, and CMI Professor Mitch Fowler was the video's director of photography.

The Hard Road Trio's song and Martos' video tell the story of two former lovers who meet at an underground, high-stakes poker game.

Martos met trio member Chris Sanders at a local restaurant and was given a copy of the trio's album "Smoke and Redemption."

"After listening to it a few times, the song 'Whiskey in a Glass' really stood out to me and resonated with me," Martos said.

"Chris said she always pictured the song being about gambling addiction. Trio member Steve (Smith) said it was about a toxic relationship and

not going back to it. I decided to roll all of these ideas together into the storyline that plays out in the video."

The couple in the video "have great chemistry and passion," Martos said, but the story is ultimately about "their addictions and insecurities that lead to their downfall. At the time of production, I was going through a breakup myself and put a lot of my personal experiences of that into the story and performance of the characters."

Martos employed crew members from throughout New Mexico as well as El Paso. "We also hired a handful of students to serve crew positions."

The video also won the Telly Award-silver for directing and cinematog-

raphy and the Tioga Film Festival best music video.

Bob's Burgers TV series animated opening

CMI animation and visual effects senior Bryan Rutter was one of 62 artists from around the world whose work was chosen to be part of the viewer-created Bob's Burgers animated opening. Bob's Burgers is an animated situation comedy now in its eighth season on Fox network.

Rutter's contribution is at 13 seconds into the video (during the "woof"): <http://ew.com/tv/2017/09/29/bobs-burgers-opening-fan-drawn-episode/>.

Mike Cook may be reached at mike@lascrucesbulletin.com.



Community Foundation of SNM Director of Development April Anaya and Executive Administrative Assistant Morgan Pinnell ring up sales Dec. 10 during the Community Foundation Art Sale.



CFSNM special events coordinator Alexia Goodwin talks with NMSU professor of nursing Martha Morales about the work of Howard Carr at the art sale Dec. 10.



Mary Rose Korduner and Alison Clark decide which pieces of art to purchase during the art sale.

PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Art sales lend a helping hand

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) held a community art sale Dec. 8-10, in which it displayed more than 200 pieces of art available for purchase, at 390 Calle Alegra (formerly the First Step Pediatrics Center). Proceeds from the art sales help CFSNM continue to support the region through grants, scholarships and professional development opportunities. This year's event raised an estimated \$6,000.



Wares were on display and for sale during the CFSNM art sale.



UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC. 18 THRU JAN. 31, 2018 RIO GRANDE THEATRE
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FRI DECEMBER 22 • 3:30 A.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Holiday Hangout: Holiday Stories/Crafts for ages 6-10

SAT DECEMBER 23 THROUGH TUE DECEMBER 26
ALL DAY EACH DAY LIBRARY
BRANIGAN LIBRARY CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

WED+THU DEC. 27+28 • 10:00 A.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Toddler Time (Storytime for ages 1-3)

WED DECEMBER 27 • 11:00 A.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Mother Goose Time (Activities for Infants)

WED DECEMBER 27 • 2:00 P.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY
4th Wednesday Happening: New Year's Traditions

THU DECEMBER 28 • 4:00 P.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Teen Game Night



ONGOING EVENTS:

- Downtown Art RAMBLE - 1st Friday of the Month 5-7pm
- Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market - Wed. and Sat. Morn.

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Ring in the new year – New Mexico style

BULLETIN REPORT

New York has the ball drop. Atlanta has the peach drop. Las Cruces heats it up a little more with the chile drop. The 4th Annual Las Cruces Chile Drop, a New Year's celebration, will begin at 9 p.m., Dec. 31 at Plaza de Las Cruces.

Kate Bieri, of KVIA TV, will serve as this year's Grand Marshal. The Chile Drop Queen will also be introduced during grand opening ceremonies.

"This celebration is

a wonderful way for our community to end 2017 and ring in 2018" said DLCP Executive Director Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski, "We have so much to be grateful for and having an event like this where Las Cruces can celebrate together reminds us how tremendous our community is."

Admission is free. There will be food trucks, High Desert Brewers Beer Garden, free party favors, music and special dance performances.

The events conclude at 12:30 a.m. Jan. 1, 2018. A piñata for kids will be

provided by the Kiwanis Club. Mariachi La Muncas will perform at 9 p.m. on the stage of the plaza. The 19-foot chile will be hoisted by Weaver Crane. Food vendors will include Green Chile Paddy Wagon, Happy Dog, Wannabe Farms, Three Crosses Kettle Corn, The Juice is Worth the Squeeze, Party Animals, Emmy's Elephant Ears, Half-Baked Food Truck. Additional performances by BAZAAR Dance of El Paso and Las Cruces Motorsports will keep the event lively. A photo booth will also be on-site.



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Left: Imogen Cunningham (American, 1883-1976), *Two Callas*, 1929. Silver gelatin print on paper, 13 3/8 x 10 3/8 inches. Gift of Robert B. Menschel. Courtesy of the Syracuse University Art Gallery.

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Thomas Rhett makes stop at Pan Am in April

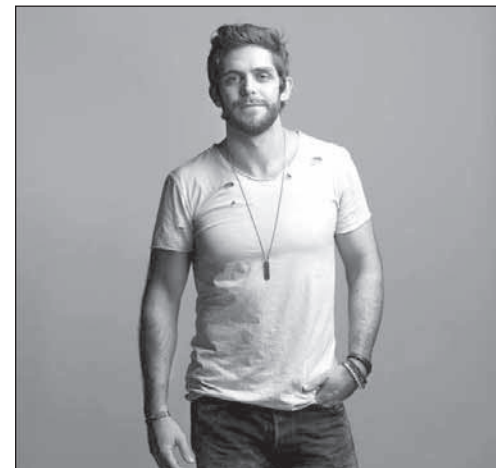
BULLETIN REPORT

Thomas Rhett, Academy of Country Music Male Vocalist of the Year, brings his "Life Changes Tour" to the Pan American Center in Las Cruces at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 7, 2018.

Also performing will be Brett Young and Jillian Jacqueline.

Rhett first topped the charts in 2013 with hit "It Goes Like This" and has reached No. 1 eight times since then.

Tickets went on sale Dec. 15 at the Pan American Center Ticket Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, by phone at 800-745-3000 and online at LiveNation.com and ticketmaster.com. There is a limit of eight tickets.



Thomas Rhett

St. Paul's Christmas Eve service includes 'Magnificat' performance

BULLETIN REPORT

Christmas Eve 2017 is on the fourth Sunday of Advent, and the scripture text for that day is "The Song of Mary," the "Magnificat."

St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Las Cruces, 225 W. Griggs Ave., will celebrate with

a special performance of English composer John Rutter's "Magnificat."

The performance will be part of the St. Paul's Christmas Eve service, beginning at 3 p.m.

"Magnificat" is one of the premier Christmas works of the century," said Dr. Douglas Weeks, St. Paul's director of

musical ministries. "It is strong musically, textually and emotionally, and it is so rewarding."

The St. Paul's performance will be by a concert chamber choir with instrumental accompaniment, Weeks said.

There is no charge to attend the performance, which is open to everyone.

Advent, from the Latin "adventus," meaning "coming" or "visit," is a time when many churches prepare for and anticipate the coming of Christ.

"Magnificat" was first performed in May 1990 at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

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'Jane' offers intriguing glimpse into chimp caretaker's life

By **JEFF BERG**
For the Bulletin

If this film looks a lot like a National Geographic special, that shouldn't be a surprise since it is presented by the movie arm of National Geographic. And it feels like a more in depth and intimate NG piece.

It is one of nearly 20 works of all sorts that have been done on Jane Goodall, in one form or another.

Made mostly from films, through long-lost by Jane Goodall's former husband, Hugo van Lawick, all shot on 16 millimeter, "Jane" offers an interesting look at a sometimes-complex woman and her work and family.

Directed by Brett Morgen, whose oeuvre contains several other terrific documentaries

GRADE: B+-

Thanks to Jason Silverman of Santa Fe's Cinematheque for his help in achieving a preview of the film.

Jane will play at the Fountain Theatre for a week, starting December 22. Note that the theatre is CLOSED Christmas Eve and Day. I hope everyone has a great holiday season and a lively new year!

including "Crossfire Hurricane" (about the Rolling Stones) and "The Chicago 10," Morgen finely interweaves the found footage with more current visions and brief interviews with Goodall, now 83 and not looking a day older than she looks in the van Lawick works.

We learn the basics of her study of chimpan-



COURTESY PHOTOS

"Jane" offers a look at Jane Goodall's work and life.

zees. It explores how she had no formal training. She was commissioned by archaeologist and paleontologist Louis Leakey, for whom she was a secrete-

tary at the time.

Leakey was intrigued by the thought that a beginner could find more information from experience than a trained scientist – one probably ripe with his/her own partialities.

Joined two years later by van Lawick, who was working for National Geo, his craftsmanship is superb – noting Goodall and her subjects at every turn.

The film follows Goodall as she slowly gains the trust of the creatures, who soon start making off with goods from her camp, but a bit later, she can communicate with them like no other can.

As the film progresses, it is apparent that van Lawick and Goodall have a strong basis for a relationship, which in turn became marriage and parenthood.

But as time progresses, things change between

van Lawick and between Jane and the chimps, who rebel in mass when a matriarchal chimp dies, possibly just of old age. It is a sad and frightening scene, but also shares just how similar in behavior these intelligent creatures (who can use simple tools) are to humans.

The filming is terrific as one can really watch the behavior of the chimps and absorb the beauty of the area they live in Gombe, Tanzania, while being a fly on the

wall to Goodall's private life and that of her son, Grub (Hugo Eric Louis).

Van Lawick died in 1974, after the couple had divorced.

In the end, "Jane" becomes more of a love story than one about chimpanzees and it all works rather well.

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



Jane Goodall, Brett Morgen and Thom Powers at an event for "Jane" in 2017.

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SCENE 1: HOUSE, INTERIOR

PHIL
(VOICEOVER)

I was taking a break from my Wednesday night activity of choreographing marching band routines that celebrate the Periodic Table of the Elements (This week, "Yeah for Yttrium") to check my email. A message from an address I didn't recognize caught my eye.

CUT TO SHOT OF COMPUTER SCREEN

Hi, I'm KH, a CMI student casting my Directing class final project. I saw your headshot in the CMI actor database and would like to invite you to an open casting call.

Title: Danny's Trip
"After the sudden death of his son, a single



PHIL
WILKE

Life's Lessons

father overcomes his grief in order to move on."

(VO CONTINUES)

I'm new to acting and figured I was too old to audition for the son. I'm 57, but talented enough to play 55. Certainly, I don't have enough experience to be a lead actor, even in a student project. Those go to people with experience and talent, two things I lack. Still, it sounded like fun. It's an honor to have your headshot chosen from among the literally three or fewer she had access to. I said yes and went back to Sousaphones.

SCENE 2: FILM SCHOOL STAGE

TWO MEN AND A
WOMAN STANDING
AROUND A VIDEO CAM-
ERA ON AN EMPTY
STAGE

ENTER WILKE

KATHLEEN

Hi, you must be Phil. Thanks so much for coming by. This is Eric and Luis.

(Kathleen crosses right to left to shake Phil's hand)

Let me tell you a little about the project. I'm taking a directing class and this is my final project. I've written the script and will be directing the film "Danny's Trip." It's the story of a father dealing the grief of his son's death over the course of a year.

(Kathleen hands Phil a few pages of a script)

The final film will only be about five minutes long. The father and son will talk in the first few minutes about their upcoming summer trip to Alaska. Later that night, the son will be killed in a car crash. The last few minutes of the film will focus on how the father processes the "seven stages of grief" over the course of a year.

(Kathleen and Phil rehearse a few scenes, in-

cluding "anger" and "depression." The two young men film the audition and help read the scenes.)

That was great. We'll be in touch.

EXIT WILKE

SCENE THREE: OFFICE, INTERIOR

WILKE, AT COM-
PUTER

PHIL (VO)

I was at work, single-handedly fending off the financial collapse of the nationwide public broadcasting system, when I got an email alert.

CUT TO SHOT OF EMAIL

Phil, Thank you so much for auditioning for the part of James Conway in Danny's Trip. We are excited about the skill and energy you will bring to the part and look forward to working with you. I have included a copy of the script for your preparation.

(VO CONTINUES)

It's an honor to be nominated, but it's more fun to win. I could almost taste that Academy

Award.

SCENE FOUR: A HOME IN QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD

PEOPLE SETTING UP CAMERAS, LIGHT, SOUND EQUIPMENT, PROPS

PHIL (VO)

A film set is a lot like the Army, prison or prepping for a dinner date with your wife – hurry up and wait. We were scheduled to film today from 11 in the morning until 11 at night. Kathleen said we likely wouldn't need all that time and I wanted to believe her.

I enjoy being a part of such a creative endeavor, watching the director and crew dissect and create a scene, blocking the scene, deciding what lighting and camera angles to use, and how to use the actors. I wish I was as good at what they want me to do as the director and crew were at their jobs. I'm just talented enough to fool them into thinking I know what I'm doing.

KATHLEEN PUTS
THE ACTORS INTO
A SCENE AS LIGHTS
ARE POSITIONED AND
THE CAMERA ROLLS.
THERE IS A SECOND
TAKE, CLOSE-UPS,
CONTINUITY AND DE-

TAIL SHOTS.

(VO CONTINUES)

Kathleen told me that the final the scene we're shooting tonight is the most dramatic: my character getting the news from a policeman that my son was killed in an accident. We'll end up shooting it multiple times from multiple angles, so I'll need to ad lib my reaction the same way over and over again to ensure continuity. This has been an exhausting but exhilarating day. I learned a ton about how to perform, and that was thanks to Kathleen and the crew. She'll start editing the film next week, and it will premiere at the end of the semester. I'd like to see what all the fuss is about. I guess I'll have to get my tux out of mothballs.

DRAMATIC MUSIC, UP AND UNDER END TITLES

(No animals were harmed in the making of this film, but someone did sit on a duck and the cameraman disappointed a marmoset.)

Phil Wilke is a recent transplant to Las Cruces, a ham actor and a freelance writer. He can be reached at wilkephil@yahoo.com.

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December 29-Jan 4
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**Sunday, Dec. 31 2:30 matinee only; no evening show

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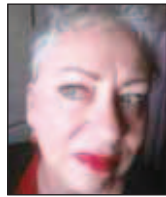
BULLETIN REPORT

January brings a new slate of artists to Mesilla, and special events on Jan. 13 provide an opportunity to enjoy an evening of art and food in the Mesilla area.

Laurel Wethersbee

The Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) Arts & Cultural Center's gallery opening reception for visual artist Laurel Wethersbee will be held 5-7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13 at the gallery, 1740 Calle de Mercado, suite D, in the Bulletin Plaza. Attendees can meet the artist discuss her work and enjoy refreshments.

Wethersbee graduated Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in art from Park College in Missouri. She has taken numerous workshops and seminars in art from regionally, nationally, and internationally-recognized instructors in the intervening years. She has taught workshops for adults and children and



LAUREL WETHERSBEE

is a signature member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society. She has exhibited in solo and juried group exhibits in Las Cruces and Albuquerque, and had a solo exhibit at Park University in Kansas City, Missouri. Her current focus is cut and torn paper watercolor collages of the Southwestern landscapes and cut paper watercolor collages inspired by antique wallpaper, along with creating hand-made paper and books.

Mesilla Art Mercado

Also on Jan. 13, there is opportunity to visit multiple art galleries and enjoy food. The Mesilla Art Mercado ("art market") includes art galleries/studios in the area off Avenida de Mesilla directly east of St. Clair's Bistro at Calle de Mercado and Avenida de Mesilla. The galleries include the

Doña Ana Arts Council's (DAAC) Arts & Cultural Center, Rokoko Art Gallery, Carolyn Bunch Studio, and nearby restaurants where visitors can enjoy delicious meals, such as The Hacienda, Paisano Café, Salud! de Mesilla and St. Clair.

'Opposites Attract'

Rokoko Art Gallery, 1785 Calle de Mercado, will hold an artist reception for a community group show titled "Opposites Attract" on the evening of Jan. 13, and Carolyn Bunch Studio, 1765 Calle de Mercado, will also be open for visitors.

Each month, DAAC showcases a different local artist. To be considered, visit www.daarts.org or call 575-523-6403.

Art speaker series features Glenn Cutter in January

BULLETIN REPORT

The Doña Ana Arts Council's (DAAC) monthly Promoting Art Speaker Series January speaker will be Glenn Cutter, New Mexico Arts Commissioner and owner (with his wife, Sally) of Cutter Gallery. The talk will be held Friday, Jan. 26, at noon at the DAAC Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado, Suite D, in the Bulletin Plaza in Mesilla.

Cutter's topics will be

New Mexico Arts, the New Mexico Arts Commission, and the Art in Public Places program (One Percent for Arts program), which since its inception nearly 25 years ago has placed more than 2,500 works of art in New Mexico's 33 counties.

The talk is open to all interested parties at no cost. Brown bag lunches are welcome. A Promoting Art Speaker Series presentation is given on the last Friday of each month at noon on

a topic of interest to the arts community. The Doña Ana Arts Council is a nonprofit organization created to enhance the quality of life in Las Cruces and southern New Mexico by ensuring that the performing, visual, and literary arts are an integral part of education, economic growth, and community development.

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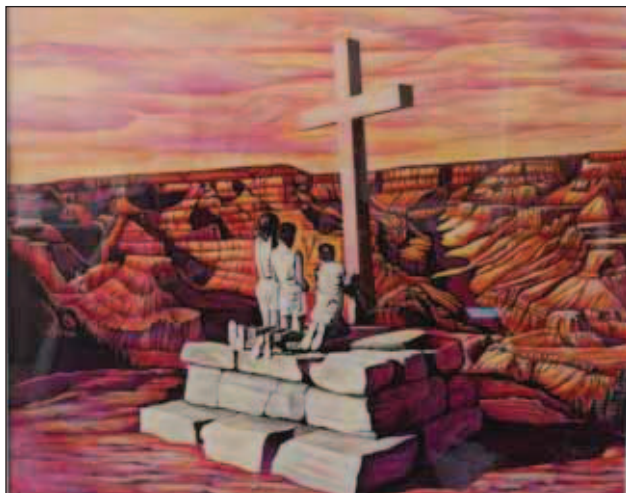
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"Declaring His Majesty"

Las Cruces artist Joey Avalos stands at a kiosk featuring his artwork at ABC Printing, 406 N. Main St. in downtown Las Cruces.



"Sacred Mountains of the Piro Manso Tiwa Indians," is a colored pencil/watercolor painting.

BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

Ransomed Art

Artist Joey Avalos is a vessel for the messages of his work

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

"I never had set my sights on becoming an artist," artist Joey Avalos said.

But the Las Cruces native started to see some promise as an artist emerge while he was in high school.

Avalos began to create art that reflects his Native American heritage and religious faith, his childhood visits to Cen-

tral and South America, his training as a boxer and his own personal struggles.

While he was in jail in 2005-2006 in northern New Mexico, Avalos "discovered again the talent that had lain dormant for a long time," he said.

Avalos had what he calls a "divine encounter" when he awoke one night to the image of a gavel, which would become a part of his

"Inspiration" series of paintings.

A week later, he was arrested and jailed, and that's "when the game became real," Avalos said. "There had to be interaction to get me out of my reckless behavior."

Avalos got his hands on colored pencils and paper and started drawing, instinctively knowing that he had to share his art.

"I knew I was being

used as a vessel," he said. "I knew I had to draw something that would eventually become a message."

Avalos has given the name "Ransomed Art" to his collection, referencing Isaiah 43:1-3: "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you."

Most of Avalos' pieces are done in colored pencil and pigment ink. He often uses watercolors



A print, featuring artist Joey Avalos' trademark hand-made Blue Strand tassel, of his painting called "Ransomed."

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“El Mariachi Bien Conocido” is a 2015 colored-pencil painting of musician Johnny Flores.



“Worship the Lord with Gladness,” a colored pencil/pigment ink drawing, is Las Cruces artist Joey Avalos’ favorite painting from his collection.



“He Carried Me,” a colored pencil and graphite self-portrait of the artist.



“A Walk in the Garden,” in colored pencil and watercolor.

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RANSOMED

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as a blending tool. Some are in black and white; many are brilliantly colored.

“Culture journeys inspired a lot of the color that you see in my work,” Avalos said.

Much of that work, he said, is “automatic painting.” “Things just start to appear as I’m drawing or painting.”

Avalos’ favorite piece in his collection is called “Worship the Lord with Gladness,” which he did in gray and ivory colored pencil and pigment ink. It’s based on a photograph Avalos found partially covering a window as he was being escorted to his jail cell one day in February 2006.

“It makes me want to be the fifth person in that painting,” a man

MEET THE ARTIST

JOEY AVALOS, PAINTER AND COLORED PENCIL/INK DRAWINGS

SEE HIS ORIGINAL ARTWORK: ABC Printing, 406 N. Main St.

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EMAIL: artbyjavalos@yahoo.com.

WEBSITE: www.ransomedart.org

FACEBOOK: Ransomed Art - By Joey Avalos.

who bought a print of the original told Avalos.

His “Sacred Mountains of the Piro Manso Tiwa Indians” is dedicated to the memory of Avalos’ father, Arturo Avalos, who raised his children “to embrace our Indian Heritage,”

Avalos said.

Avalos’ paintings have won numerous awards, including the sponsor’s and people’s choice awards in the El Paso Art Association Arts International 2017 juried art exhibit.

You can see Avalos’ original artwork on the walls of ABC Printing, 406 N. Main St. in downtown Las Cruces.

Long-time ABC Printing owner Frank Silva does printing for Avalos, who calls his office gallery “the ABC’s of Art.”

Avalos also has a kiosk there, where prints and greeting cards featuring his work are available for sale.

They come with Avalos’ trademark “Blue Strand” tassels, which are made by his girlfriend to serve

as a reminder that we can make a difference, Avalos said, and come with the message of love.

Avalos also sells his artwork in front of ABC Printing during the Saturday morning Farmers and Crafts Market of Las Cruces.

“My artwork is for the people,” Avalos said. “It was intended to be that way.”

For more information, contact Avalos at 575-650-2220 and artbyjavalos@yahoo.com. Visit www.ransomedart.org and find Avalos on Facebook at Ransomed Art - By Joey Avalos.

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Solstice Art Circle: 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, Quesenberry Farmhouse Studio/Gallery. Bonnie Mandoe and a small group will celebrate the shortest day of the year and the turning from dark to the light. This turning will be marked by art-making, either guided or freestyle. All materials are provided and there is no set fee for the session. Donations are welcome. Info and sign-up: www.bonnie-mandoe.com/artcircles. Send name and email address to assure a spot.

Holiday ukes: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at Good Samaritan Village auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Las Cruces Ukes, a nonprofit community group of ukulele enthusiasts, will perform a holiday concert with toe-tapping sing-along holiday tunes and some anytime favorites. Las Cruces Ukes welcome

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Dec. 23: Sarah Addison & Sharlene Wittern
Dec. 30: Nancy Banks

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DECEMBER

Dec. 22: Chris Baker, country
Dec. 23: Daisy Blue, Western, blues
Dec. 24: The Damn Union, singers, songwriters, guitarists, strings
Dec. 29: Das Papayas con Chile, Folk rock de la frontera
Dec. 30: Smokin' Blue, folk
Dec. 31: Oversoul, jazz, R&B

players of all levels at its weekly practices and puts on an annual Las Cruces UkeFest each May. Info: lascrucesukes.com. To learn more about the festival, go to lascrucesukefest.com.

Adult coloring: 10 a.m.–noon Friday Dec. 22, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Coloring Club for Adults

will meet. It's a chance for adults to socialize with other adults while expressing themselves creatively. Participants bring their own supplies or use the museum's coloring pages and colored pencils. Info: 575-647-4480, museums.las-cruces.org.

Poetry pilgrims: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, Mesilla Community Center. California women poets driving along the border sharing their work will be in Mesilla will read from their work. The reading is sponsored by Casa Camino Real Bookstore & Art Gallery, Town of Mesilla, Hotel Encanto and other local organizations and individuals. Info: 575-523-3988.

Social justice: The exhibit, Trotando Pasos Ajenos, which continues until Jan. 6 Branigan Cultural Center, 501 North Main Street. The exhibit focuses on social justice with 11 interactive educational installations designed to appeal to a wide audience that focus on regional issues of justice inequality as they pertain to identity, environment, history, immigration, law, and faith. The exhibit was created by Dulcinea Lara and Nicholas Natividad, professors at New Mexico State University's Department of Criminal Justice who focus on issues of social justice in crime and law. The cultural center is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Native voices: The travel-

ing exhibit Native Voices: Native Peoples' concept of Health and Illness runs through Jan. 13, at the Branigan Cultural Center. Native Voices examines how wellness and illness interconnect with cultural life. The U.S. National Library of Medicine developed and produced Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness. The American Library Association Public Programs Office, in partnership with NLM, tours the exhibition to U.S. libraries. The cultural center is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Cost: Free. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Lend me a Tenor: Friday, Jan. 19, LCCT, 313 N. Main St. Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT) production opens at and continues through Sunday, Feb. 4. "Lend Me a Tenor" was written by Ken Ludwig and is being directed by Michael Wise. Info: 575-646-5418 or mwise@nmsu.edu.

Promoting art: Noon, Friday, Jan. 26, DAAC Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Avenida de Mercado, Suite D, in the Bulletin Plaza in Mesilla. Glenn Cutter, New Mexico Arts Commissioner and co-owner with his wife, Sally, of Cutter Gallery, monthly Promoting Art Speaker Series. Cutter's topics will be New Mexico Arts, the New Mexico Arts Commission, and the Art in Public Places program, which, since its inception nearly 25 years ago has placed more than 2,500 works of art in New

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ONGOING

Art classes: Beginning adult classes are 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Intermediate and advanced drawing and painting classes are 1-3:30 p.m. Thursdays. Fee is \$60 for four classes. High school students welcome; 1:30-2:30 p.m. Wednesdays for children ages 7 to 12. Fee is \$40 for four classes. My Place Jewell Studio, 132 B Wyatt Drive. Students may begin any time. Info: 575-647-5684 or www.waynecarlhuber.com.

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- 10 a.m. Mondays: Drawing
- 10 a.m. Tuesdays: Oil painting
- 10 a.m. Wednesdays: Painting the human head
- 10 a.m. Thursdays: Pastel painting
- 10 a.m. Fridays: Drawing the clothed figure

Las Colcheras Quilt Guild: 6:30 p.m. third Monday of the month, American Legion Post 10 Hall, 1185 Madrid Ave. Meetings consist of brief business announcements, a program, show-and-tell and door prizes. The guild offers quilt lessons, community service opportunities, sew-ins, an active outreach program and a biennial quilt show. Info: Linnea Egbert at 575-521-0521, linneanfce@aol.com

or visit www.lcqq.org.

Las Cruces Ukes: 5:15-6:15 p.m. Thursdays beginner group; 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays performance group at Good Samaritan Society, Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Free. Info: lascrucesukes.blogspot.com, 575-405-7133.

New Mexico Watercolor Society: Meets 2-4 p.m. the second Sunday of each month, except May which meets the third Sunday, at Good Samaritan Society's Arts & Crafts room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Info: nmwatercolorssociety.org.

Photos and Photoshop: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Las Cruces Museum of Art. Artist and photographer Bree Lamb will hold a how-to class on macro photography (close-up images) and manipulating images in Photoshop. She will create a live photo shoot and give participants a chance to explore professional photography equipment. Additionally, Bree will host a walking gallery tour and discussion of the exhibition Art in the Detail: 20th Century Masters of Photography, a collection from the Syracuse University Art Galleries. Info: museums.las-cruces.org.

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

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

Art in the Detail: 20th Century Masters of Photography

A photography exhibit, features works by noted photographers Aaron Siskind, Barbara Morgan, Imogen Cunningham, Wynn Bullock and others. A Syracuse University Art Galleries Traveling Exhibition, it continues through Jan. 20 at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. The museum is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Info: 575-541-2137.

Beyond the Familiar

Rosemary McLoughlin shares her love of Ireland and its rich culture with a show that continues through Jan. 6 at the the Glen Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday at 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. McLoughlin was born in Brooklyn and moved to New Mexico in 1973. She taught art at NMSU until 1990 when she became education di-

rector at NMSU Art Gallery. In 1998 she retired to become a full-time professional artist. Her show's paintings depict colorful tales of rich and colorful voyages by Saint Brendan, a 6th century saint visited by an angel who told him he must go forth and build monasteries. Info: 575-541-0658.

Las Hermanas finale

"Strength," the final exhibition in a six-part, yearlong series of the Las Cruces women's artists group Las Hermanas, continues through Dec. 30 at Rokoko Gallery, 1785 Calle De Mercado in Mesilla. Gallery hours are noon-5 p.m. Saturdays and by appointment. Info: 575-405-8877.

Lifetime of Art

An exhibit featuring the works of Las Cruces artist Connie Garcia (1950-2017) will continue through April 1, 2018. Garcia began creating her artwork in the 1970s, starting with batik art,

which she sold at art shows throughout the U.S. She expressed her creativity through tile, foil, drawing, contemporary painting, cards, and more. Admission to the reception is free, and there will be refreshments.

Makeshift art

MakeShift, an exhibition put together by partner and artist duo Ramon and Christian Cardenas, who together form the artist collaborative Lxs Dos, continues at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. through March 10, 2018. The exhibit comes from the artists' need to create and express themselves using materials and resource available to the them. The work is ethnographic in nature, describing the socio-cultural relations of the United States/ Mexico border region and its people. Branigan Cultural Center is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sat-

urdays. Info: 575-541-2154, museums.las-cruces.org.

New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau 100 Years Strong

Exhibit on display through Sept. 16, 2018, at the NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The Farm & Livestock Bureau has been the voice of agriculture in New Mexico. The group has worked with elected and appointed officials to coordinate beneficial outcomes for New Mexico's food producers. Soil conservation, better irrigation methods, and improved crop production were issues on the minds of the 300 farmers and ranchers in the Mesilla Valley who first gathered in 1917.

Orchard art

Las Cruces artist Frank Peacock's "Selections from the Orchard Series" paintings and drawings inspired by the pecan orchards of the Mesilla Valley, will be on exhibit through Jan. 25 at Mas Art Frame and Art Supplies, 126 S. Main St. downtown.

Revel in the Mystery of the Night

The Gallery at Big Picture presents award-winning photographer and Las Cruces native Wayne Suggs with landscape photography exhibit "Revel in the Mystery of the Night." Wayne has photographed landscapes for more than 40 years but when he turned

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EVENTS

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children throughout the program. Info: 575-522-3120 or visit museums.las-cruces.org.

Thursday Night Jam: Support local musicians every Thursday night at Rio Grande Theater, 211 N. Main St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and show time is 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$5, cash only, at the door. Concessions served, including beer and wine. Info: www.riograndetheatre.com, 575-541-2290.

Please send your art event announcements to editor@lascrucesbulletin.com by Thursday at least one week prior to the desired publication date.

CALL TO ARTISTS

Mesilla gallery: Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle De Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre, is accepting applications for new artists to be juried into the gallery. Application are available at the gallery 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Info: 575-522-2933.

Rokoko seeks 'opposites': Rokoko Art Gallery an-

nounces a call for artists working in all media for an upcoming group show opening Jan. 13, 2018. Submissions are due in the gallery, 1785 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla, on Saturday, Jan. 6. Entry fee is \$15 per piece. Info: 575-522-5553.

Second Saturdays: Artists and artisans who want to open their studios to

the public once a month and join a new informal group, Second Saturday Open Studios. The idea is to increase public awareness of Las Cruces-area artists. There's no fee, and studios don't have to participate every month. Info: Kathleen at 828-467-9060 or kdarts2u@gmail.com.

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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've been barred from another car pool — they won't put up with my —————!"

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!

Sneer
PRIMES

Twist
GLEAN

Edge
FINGER

Avoid
REGION

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: Y equals I

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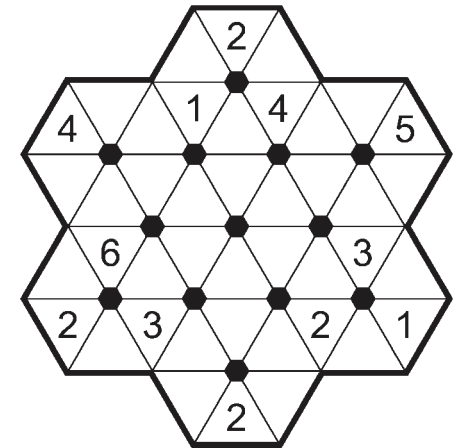
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"ULOE RYID!"

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: ◆◆◆
◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

PUZZLE ANSWERS

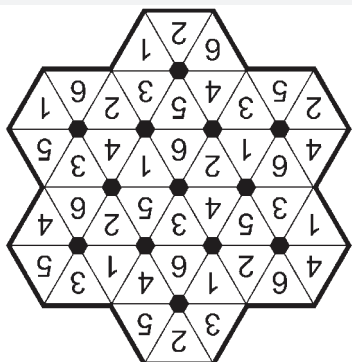
Upon realizing it wanted to promptly get up and cried "Carp diem!"

CRYPTOQUIP

SNORING

Today's Word
1. Simper; 2. Angler; 3. Fringe; 4. Ignore

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

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WEEKLY SUDOKU

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SUPER CROSSWORD

PUZZLES

BED OF FISH

ACROSS

- 1 Santa -- (desert winds)
- 5 Heroic tales
- 10 "iZombie" network
- 15 Marathoner's statistic
- 19 Promote
- 20 Horror, e.g.
- 21 Prefix with gram or liter
- 22 Strong -- ox
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 "That is to say ..."
- 26 Piper's garb
- 27 AWOL part
- 28 Pat lightly
- 30 Short literary sketch
- 32 Riddle, part 2
- 38 Jailbird
- 39 Poet's "always"
- 40 German's "one"
- 41 Suffix with suc- or lact-
- 42 Riddle, part 3
- 51 Starting point
- 52 Ike's initials.
- 53 Cell stuff
- 54 Government loan agcy.
- 55 Runway user
- 56 Clumsy sort
- 58 Dollar pts.
- 60 He beat Romney
- 64 Riddle, part 4
- 70 "Look, I did it!"
- 74 Ostrich kin
- 75 Bohea, e.g.
- 76 That, in Chile
- 77 Oil gp.
- 78 Riddle, part 5
- 83 '90s-'00s boy band
- 84 Thrice-spun-off TV show
- 85 Wimbledon unit
- 86 Swimming (in)

- 91 Sue Grafton's "-- for Evidence"
- 93 Mind-reading ability
- 95 Lilted syllable
- 97 "Haegar the Horrible" creator Dik
- 98 Riddle, part 6
- 104 Pitching whiz
- 105 Ballpark fig.
- 106 Prefix meaning "equal"
- 107 Syllable after "Mao"
- 108 End of the riddle
- 118 Merit the best score, maybe
- 119 Half of hexa-
- 120 See 45-Down
- 121 Lacking width and depth, for short
- 122 Els of golf
- 125 Riddle's answer
- 129 Baseball team count
- 130 Actress Tierney
- 131 Plants used in first aid
- 132 Borscht vegetable
- 133 Anti-DUI org.
- 134 More sneaky
- 135 Flirty laugh
- 136 Probability

DOWN

- 1 Slanting
- 2 Like free banking
- 3 Acoustic
- 4 Rock's Perry
- 5 "I" problem
- 6 Chapel seat
- 7 Hotel's kin
- 8 Set of beliefs
- 9 Roomy car
- 10 "No need to share all that," in texts
- 11 That bloke

- 12 School pupil, in France
- 13 Actresses Bloom and Danes
- 14 Fancy shoes
- 15 George of "Star Trek"
- 16 "... true statement, correct?"
- 17 Dog or cat breed
- 18 Went inside
- 24 Ida, borderer
- 29 British TV network, with "the"
- 31 Tiny self-propelled machine
- 33 Clicked-on graphic
- 34 Bart Simpson, to Marge
- 35 With a sharp image, briefly
- 36 -- -do-well
- 37 Long ditch
- 42 Marge Simpson, to Bart
- 43 -- -Magnon
- 44 Prefix with day or week
- 45 With 120-Across, 65 and older, e.g.
- 46 Sledding site
- 47 Work like --
- 48 Cherished by
- 49 Ramble on
- 50 Verboten act
- 57 Feudal lands
- 59 Cubs hero Sammy
- 61 Galaxy buy
- 62 Pal of Larry and Curly
- 63 Jets' gp.
- 65 Conifer with toxic seeds
- 66 Apple choice
- 67 Sipped on
- 68 Sex cell
- 69 Down vote
- 70 Earthy color

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- 71 Muscles below pecs
- 72 Handyman's initialism
- 73 Nixon's veep
- 79 Actress Annabella
- 80 Not make the event in time, say
- 81 Other, in Chile
- 82 Delhi wear
- 87 Concave pan
- 88 Stupefy

- 89 NBC skit show since '75
- 90 Kin of "Psst!"
- 92 Secondary details
- 94 Elegant
- 96 Voting 69-Down
- 97 Cordon -- (chicken dish)
- 98 Particles composed of quarks

- 99 South Pacific region
- 100 Soho locale
- 101 Left-leaning
- 102 Ring around a castle
- 103 Pa. hours
- 109 Surrendered
- 110 Listless feeling
- 111 Yummy morsel
- 112 Edge shyly
- 113 Abbr. at LAX

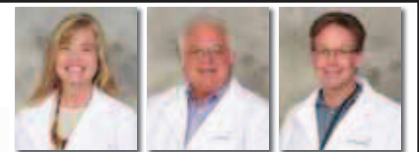
- 114 1990s fitness fad
- 115 "-- a drink!"
- 116 Looked at provocatively
- 117 Swift homes
- 123 Wrath
- 124 Acoustic organ
- 126 "So fancy!"
- 127 Peace gesture
- 128 Nationality suffix



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to the “dark side” and transposed his daytime composition eye to the night, he revealed the sky, clear, bright and pristine. The exhibit will continue until Dec. 31. The gallery is at 2001 E. Lohman Ave. Suite 109, next to the UPS store in the Arroyo plaza. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday; 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday. Closed Sunday. Info: 575-647-0508.

Student art

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

Watercolor reception

5-7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado, Suite D. Opening reception for local watercolor artist Laurel Weathersbee, summa cum laude graduate with



a BA in art from Park College in Missouri who has taken numerous workshops and seminars in art from regionally, nationally, and internationally-recognized instructors in the intervening years. The show will open Friday, Jan. 5, and continue through Jan. 30. Regular gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Info: 575-523-6403, e-mail admin@daarts.org or www.daarts.org.



Masks, Maidens and More, a show and sale

Featuring the work of gourd artists Joanna Bradley, Sylvia Henderson, Karen Phillips, and Kathe Stark will continue 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Jan. 26 at Tombaugh Gallery inside the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. The exhibit features functional, spiritual and whimsical objects. Info: Lurene John, 503-490-4908.

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Las Peregrinas stop in Las Cruces to share poetry

BULLETIN REPORT

Writer Yaccaira Salvatierra came up with the idea of four California women poets, Las Peregrinas, driving along the border sharing their work. These poets feel it is very important for California border poets to be in communication with other border states and other communities and to share stories and build community.

One of the poets' stops is Las Cruces at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 3. The reading will take place at the Mesilla Community Center. The reading is free, but donations are appreciated to help Las Peregrinas on their tour.

The poets include Marisol Baca, author of *Tremor* (Three Mile Harbor Press). She has been published in *Narrative*



Yaccaira Salvatierra

Northeast, Riverlit, Shadowed: An Anthology of Women Writers and *Acentos Review*, among other publications. She received her Master of Fine Arts from Cornell University where she won the Robert Chasen poetry award for her poem, "Revelato." She is also a recipient of the Andres Montoya poetry scholarship. Currently, Marisol is an English professor at Fresno City College.

Xochitl-Julisa Bermejo, a first-generation Chicana, is the author of *Posada: Offer-*



Xochitl-Julisa Bermejo



Marisol Baca

ings of Witness and Refuge (Sundress Publications 2016). A former Steinbeck Fellow, Poets & Writers California Writers Exchange winner and Barbara Deming Memorial Fund grantee, she's received residencies from Hedgebrook, Ragdale, National Parks Arts Foundation and Poetry Foundation.

Her work is published in *Acentos Review*, *CALYX*, *crazy-horse* and *American Poetry Review* among others. A dramatization of her poem "Our Lady of the Water Gallons,"



Vanessa Villarreal

directed by Jesús Salvador Treviño, can be viewed at latino.com. She is a cofounder of "Women Who Submit" and a member of Macondo Writers' Workshop.

Yaccaira Salvatierra's poems have appeared in *Huizache*, *Diálogo*, *Puerto del Sol* and *Rattle* among others. She is a VONA alumna, the recipient of the Dorrit Sibley Award for achievement in poetry, and the 2015 winner of the *Puerto del Sol Poetry Prize*.

She has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize and a Best of the Net. An educator and art instructor, she lives in San José, California with her two sons.

Vanessa Angélica Villarreal was born in the Rio Grande Valley borderlands to formerly undocumented Mexican immigrants. Her work has appeared

or is forthcoming in *Buzzfeed Reader*, *Epiphany*, *Apogee*, *Sporklet*, *PBS Newshour*, *Poor Claudia*, *Waxwing*, *The Wanderer*, *DIAGRAM*, *The Feminist Wire*, *The Poetry Foundation Harriet Blog*, and others. She has served as an editor for the Bettering American Poetry project and is a CantoMundo Fellow. She is the author of *Beast Meridian* (Noemi Press, Akrilica Series, 2017). She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, but her hometown is Houston, Texas.

The group will be hosted by Casa Camino Real Bookstore & Art Gallery, The Town of Mesilla, Hotel Encanto and other local organizations and individuals. Other sponsors are invited to join this celebration of culture and words.

'Twisted Vine' looking for poetry, short fiction, creative nonfiction, interviews and art

BULLETIN REPORT

Western New Mexico University's student-run "Twisted Vine Literary Arts Journal" put out a call for submissions and asked artists to send original and unpublished works of poetry, short fiction, creative nonfiction, interviews and visual arts for possible publication.

Curated by WNMU's Master of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies program, "Twisted Vine" publishes work by both emerging and established literary and visual artists.

Students in a graduate-level course called "Literary Journal" run "Twisted Vine." The staff



COURTESY PHOTO

A Western New Mexico University art student works on a submission for "Twisted Vine Literary Arts Journal."

consists of a managing editor, design specialists, communications specialists and screeners for all genres. All of these positions are held by graduate students, and the staff usually changes

semester-to-semester. The course gives students real-life experience running a literary journal and provides practice in publishing that they can put on their résumés. The journal was

started by WNMU professor John Gist and is currently run by Dr. Heather M. Steinmann, Assistant Professor of English at WNMU. Since its inception, "Twisted Vine" has published work by writers and visual artists from all over the world. The five past issues are archived online.

According to the staff-developed call for submissions, "Twisted Vine" seeks to represent an eclectic mix of ideas and values.

"We have a particular interest in pieces that challenge or redefine expression in new and inviting ways," the Twisted Vine website says. "We will give preference to

pieces that capture the spirit of our interdisciplinary theme."

"Twisted Vine" adheres to a blind review policy, so contributors should not include any identifying information in submissions. Works from "Twisted Vine" and Western New Mexico

University staff and faculty will not be accepted.

Pieces can be submitted to Twisted Vine at twistedvine.wnmu.edu. Announcements about the literary journal's final selections will be posted on Facebook and Twitter. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 11.



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WORSHIP CALENDAR

Metaphysical music: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N Main St. An uplifting shared metaphysical and musical program with Wellspring. Participation by all three Unity of Las Cruces churches. There will be no regular Sunday morning celebration service.

Pray for peace: 5 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Music, readings, prayers, and meditation as a contribution to peace on the planet. Doug Bailey will lead the service. On the last day of each year, at noon Greenwich time, 5a.m. New Mexico time, men, women, and children

of all religions around the world gather to contemplate and pray for peace. A complimentary breakfast will follow the service.

Up in smoke: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Unity Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive. The Burning Bowl is an opportunity to write the things that you are ready to release, then watch them go up in smoke in a moving ceremony. Followed by writing the things you want to replace those gone in smoke.

Personal goals: 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 7, Social Hall at the Center For Spiritual Living at 575 N. Main St. Rev. Bonnie

Smith will lead a personal visioning for the New Year, followed by Kathleen Wolf and Lisa Farrell facilitating the creation of the personal visioning boards. Materials will be provided.

ONGOING

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.

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. Com-

munion served to all believers. Info: Herb Pinney, 575-650-3915.

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.

Center for Spiritual Living: 575 N. Main St.

- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday service
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Sacred Living Circle
- 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, practical mysticism class
- 9-10 a.m. Monday and Wednesday; 4-5 p.m. Wednesday; 9-10 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday, yoga

- 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.

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.

Cowboys for Christ: Non-denominational outreach organization seeks volunteers to coordinate Christian fellowship to assist those in need. Info and requests: benzo@live.com.

Fusion Youth Fellowship: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday at 2941 Morningstar Drive. Info: 575-521-3770.

Genesis Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. first three Thursdays of the month,

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Holy Family Mass: Holy Family American National Catholic Church, an inclusive Vatican II Catholic church, 702 Parker Road, 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and 10:30 a.m. Sundays. Fr. Jim Lehman and Fr. Louie Amezaga lead the services.

MMC Mass: Noon Wednesday, Memorial Medical Center chapel, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. Holy mass. Info: 575-636-3274.

Men's prayer breakfast: 7-9 a.m. Tuesday, 106 S. Miranda St., in the Fellowship Hall. Info: 575-524-3691.

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 meeting: 7 a.m. Saturday, 1605 S. Valley Drive, led by Manny Howie. Info: 575-523-1113.

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.

Pancakes breakfast: 8-11 a.m., second Saturday of each month beginning Jan. 13, Center for Spiritual Living at 575 N. Main. Pancakes, eggs, and sausage. Cost: \$6.

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.

Science of Mind talk: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Center 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.



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If the statistics hold up, these homes in the Mesilla area should sell for more than they would have in 2016.

Las Cruces home sales, values see increase

BY MICHAEL SCANLON

For the Bulletin

Higher-end home sales were up sharply in Las Cruces during 2017, but the year also saw a decline in sales of lower-priced homes, those priced at \$150,000 and below.

“Sales of homes up to \$150,000 were down in a very good year for sales,” said Dave Stevenson, an associate broker at Steinborn & Associates Real Estate and a board member of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors. “This is because of a lack of homes to sell and no new homes being built in this price range.”

Stevenson cited a shortage of lower-priced

homes in Realtors’ listing inventories for the drop in sales.

Overall, the number of homes sold in the Las Cruces market jumped year-over-year through November, from 1,335 in 2016 to 1,480 this year – an increase of 11 percent, according to the latest figures from Southern New Mexico Multiple Listing Service.

The total value of the homes sold increased by 20 percent, or by more than \$50.3 million. The average selling price jumped by 9 percent, from \$185,142 in 2016 to \$201,018 this year.

Driving those increases was a brisk market for homes priced at more than \$400,000.

Those sales were up 83 percent from 2016 from 35 homes to 66 homes sold this year. Home sales in the \$250,000-to-\$400,000 range jumped 34 percent, from 197 homes sold in 2016 to 264 sold this year.

Sales in the \$150,000-to-\$250,000 range were up 12 percent from 573 homes in 2016 to 641 homes this year.

Sales of so-called “starter homes” declined 6 percent in the under-\$100,000 category from 143 homes sold in 2016 to 135 sold this year. In the \$100,000-to-\$150,000 range, sales were down 3 percent, from 387 homes sold in 2016 to 374 sold this year.

“There are two stories

the numbers tell about single family home sales in Las Cruces for 2017,” said Stevenson, who also is treasurer of the Multiple Listing Service. “First, sales are impressively higher than 2016 and any other year since 2008. Second, it’s becoming more and more difficult to find a ‘starter home’ under \$150,000.”

Part of the problem with lower-priced homes is that demand is high for those homes in lower-income markets like Las Cruces, and price-inflation has pushed those prices upward.

“If there wasn’t demand, there wouldn’t be price inflation,” Stevenson said. “There are very few homes being built in

that price range. There is a demand that isn’t being met or can’t be met.”

Mark Hettinga, incoming president of the Las Cruces Home Builders Association, listed three subdivisions currently under development that would strive to meet the lower-end demand for housing.

“But what this community really needs is more jobs – like manufacturing jobs – so people can afford to buy homes,” he said.

The September unemployment rate in Doña Ana County was 7.7 percent, compared to the state’s unemployment rate of 6.3 percent and a national rate under 5 percent.

The higher-end homes probably aren’t selling to people from Las Cruces.

“I’d say it’s mostly people moving in,” he said.

Stevenson said real estate is the No. 1 financial driver in Doña Ana County.

“If you can’t find what you want for under \$150,000, you bump up what you expect from a house,” he said.

People who simply can’t afford a more expensive home are not unique to the Las Cruces market,” Stevenson said.

“They’re being squeezed out nationwide.”

Mike Scanlon may be reached at mscanlon999@gmail.com.

The repeal of net neutrality will have its pros and cons

Repeal of net neutrality will allow internet service providers to charge different content providers different prices. This will enable service providers to use their monopoly power to structure fees to their advantage. More profit for the service providers, less for the content providers.

Many claims have been made on both sides of the issue, and most of these claims are valid. For example, the pro-net neutrality people argue that repeal with tip the scales in

favor of internet service providers and that prices higher costs faced by content providers, like Net Flix, will reduce investment and stifle innovation. This is true.

Opponents of net neutrality argue that repeal will increase investment into internet access and will promote competition. This is also true.

Indeed, the goal of the internet access providers will be to set prices so as to transfer all profits from the content providers to themselves. The access providers will be able to use their detailed information about downloads and streaming to make this profit transfer very efficient.

Higher provider profits will draw investment in to the industry. A key question for consumers is whether this investment will take the form of ex-



CHRIS ERICKSON
State of the Economy

pansion by existing firms or entry by new firms. If the latter, we will see more competition and lower prices.

The ultimate outcome will depend on the cost structure. So far, the high fixed costs of internet access have served to protect incumbent providers from competition. Advocates of net neutrality repeal argue that the higher profits after repeal will be sufficient to overcome fixed costs, thus, will promote competition. They may be right, but they could be wrong. Evaluating this assertion ahead of time is very difficult, which is one of the reasons why repeal is so controversial.

The increased profitability of the internet access providers comes at the expense of the content providers. And Content providers will try to pass on their higher costs to consumers. Whether they succeed in so doing is unclear.

Competition among content providers is much more intense than

among internet access providers. If content firms can't pass on their cost, we will likely see exit. Consumers will have fewer content choices and in the end, those choices will cost more.

Will repeal make consumers as a group better or worse off? It is hard to say. Less content bad, improved internet access good, higher prices bad.

If provision of internet access where a competitive industry, real repeal of net neutrality would be no big deal. The disadvantage content providers would simply defect to a competitor. Competition would force internet access to be priced at its cost.

Of course, most markets, including Las Cruces, have only a few internet access providers. However, the price-equals-cost outcome doesn't take that much competition. Under the right conditions, just two competitors are sufficient. And most markets have that. So maybe net neutrality wouldn't turn out to be that big a deal.

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3 Things That Surprisingly Won't Help To Ease Your Shoulder Pain



Las Cruces (NM) - By Leading Physical Therapist, Dennis L Prickett

Are you or a loved one suffering with, or have you suffered with shoulder pain? Have you experienced the sudden onset of shoulder pain and stiffness? The one that often creeps up on people with

no warning and often with no explanation? It's one of those great mysteries of being 50+ and sometimes it just happens. I've had a number of patients come to see me and say very similar things. They just woke up one morning with pain in their neck and shoulder and they thought it would go away on its own but it still hasn't. Or that at first their shoulder just felt stiff when they woke up and they didn't think much of it. However, after a few days their shoulder has become tighter and is now interfering with their day.

It's something that happens to a lot of people, especially without warning. So people often try a number of different options before coming to see me when they're looking for some way to end their shoulder pain. It's normally one of three things they try;

1. Painkillers
2. Rest and time
3. 'Nice' relaxing spa-style massages

Do those options sound familiar? Maybe you haven't tried all of them, but most people will have tried at least one of them. But none of them work. In the long run, they never work, especially not like those people who try them out hope they will. Here's why they don't work:

Painkillers - The problem with painkillers is that they might ease your pain for an hour or so, but that's about it. They never actually get rid of your pain, they only mask it. Not only that, but they don't get to the root cause of your painful shoulder. Once they start to wear off and you start to feel the ache and stiffness come back, you reach for a few more to mask it again. The problem is still there and you're left frustrated and with a very tight muscle or a stiff shoulder. They don't solve the problem.

Rest and time - This is one of the mistakes that a lot of people make when it comes to pain. Many people think that if they rest their shoulder and keep it immobilized for a few days, the pain will go away

and they will be fine again. Wrong. The more you rest it, the tighter your muscles become and the more stiff your joints become too. Imagine leaving your car sitting on the driveway for a few months, when you try to drive it again, it's very unlikely that it will feel as smooth as it used to straight away. Your joints and muscles are designed to move and your body gets stronger the more you keep it active. Which is why it's crucial that you keep your shoulder joints moving to reduce stiffness and to help it feel more relaxed. So you can freely begin to move without pain again.

'Nice' relaxing spa-style massages - These might feel lovely, but these types of massages will never work. It's definitely not the massage therapists fault! They aren't trained to get to the root cause of your problem which means that the pressure they apply to your muscles will never be 'quite right'. They say they can feel 'knots' in your shoulder. They're probably right. But that's because every person over the age of 45 has knots and tension in their shoulders. In fact, most people do, regardless of their age. It's not always an issue, or even the source of your pain. This is where we can help.

We will never recommend dosing up on painkillers, even if your pain hasn't gone after 5 days. It's just not the way we do things. We know, and now you do too, that painkillers just mask the pain. What we will do, is give you a personalized set of exercises. These exercises will be done safely when we know that you're ready for them.

Remember earlier I said that "this is where we can help" when it comes to those 'nice' relaxing spa-style massages? Well, the massages that we can do for you are done with expert hands that are trained to know exactly where, when and how much pressure to apply to the problem area. We want to help you get back to being active and on the go as quickly as we can, without painkillers, resting or getting a spa-style massage. If you have any questions about your specific shoulder pain, please feel free to call us on (575) 525-2450 or email us at biz@atriumpt.com

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

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NMSU accepting employers for career fair

By **TIFFANY ACOSTA**

For the Bulletin

Employers interested in attending the 13th annual Career Connections Fair Jan. 30-31 at New Mexico State University can register with NMSU's Career Services. The two-day event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Corbett Center Student Union third-floor ballrooms. "Career Connections

brings employers together from all over the United States to recruit Aggies for all levels of employment such as internships, cooperative education and full-time employment," said Roseanne Bensley, NMSU Career Services associate director.

"We encourage anyone with contacts who would be interested in the fair to pass it along to Career Ser-

vices so we can continue to increase the size and variety of employers each year."

On Jan. 30, Career Connections will focus on majors in the colleges of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education (non-teaching) and Health and Social Services.

The College of Engineering is co-sponsoring the event on Jan. 31, which will highlight majors in computer science, engineering, life/physical sciences, mathematics and technology.

Career Connections is free and open to NMSU students, alumni and community members. To register or for more information visit careerservices.nmsu.edu.

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New Mexico State University alumna **Reydelle Sheland of Sandia National Laboratories** speaks with a student about internship opportunities. Employers can register with NMSU's Career Services to attend the 13th annual Career Connections Fair Jan. 30-31.



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Church-Water conversion continues on budget

BULLETIN REPORT

Work continues on time and on budget to convert Church and Water streets from one-way to two-way traffic in downtown Las Cruces.

“We recently hit the 20 percent completed milestone,” the city said in a December news release.

“The project is still in Zone 1, in the south part of downtown,” the release said. “Water Street and Church Street between Amador and Bowman are complete. We are currently working on Main between Amador and Bowman.”

Construction will move to Main Street between Amador and Lohman avenues after

that, the city said.

“This section will be closed while under construction,” the news release said. “This was not in the original plan, but it will shorten the time frame of work by about two weeks.”

Zone 1 construction should be completed by Jan. 31, 2018, the city said, so the nearby Amador Project can begin next spring.

As part of its commitment to minimize the impact of the construction on downtown businesses and shoppers, the city will continue to keep at least two streets open in the downtown area.

City staff continue to hold monthly meetings with downtown mer-

chants, residents, the Las Cruces Farmers and Crafts Market and others to provide updates on construction.

Up to one mile of the streets between Lohman Avenue and Picacho Avenue will be re-configured during the project, Las Cruces Downtown Coordinator Andy Hume said at an April city council meeting. The project also will include street resurfacing and utility upgrades for parts of both streets, as well as for Griggs, Bowman and Las Cruces avenues.

The conversion is “one of the largest public works projects the city has ever undertaken in scope and in cost,”



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

In this southeast-facing view, a stretch of Main Street is under construction and inaccessible between Amador and Bowman. Once completed, the project will move up Main between Amador and Lohman.

Hume said, by making it “a place to drive to, not through.”

Follow construction live at www.las-cruces.org/Departments/Economic-Development/Main-Street-Downtown/Church-Water-Two-Way-Conversion.

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Children's Reading Alliance Reading Buddies program volunteer Grace Quiroz reads with students at Sonoma Elementary School.

Reading Buddies program helps kids love books

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Reading Buddies, a program of the Children's Reading Alliance of Doña Ana County (CRA), is helping to stimulate children's interest in reading.

Through the program, which CRA started about 10 years ago, children read one-on-one with volunteers, and "together they enjoy a conversation about the text – interesting information, humorous parts – and speculate how the story might turn out," said CRA volunteer Jan Reed.

CRA has 12 volunteer Reading Buddies that, for 30 minutes twice each week of the school year, read with first- and second-grade students in four LCPS elementary schools, Reed said.

"Close bonds form be-

tween student and Reading Buddies around the books they share," she said.

"Should a student be absent on Buddy Day, when the volunteer appears at the classroom door, a dozen hands go up with calls of, 'Take me!' to the volunteer," Reed said. "If we had more volunteers, more students could be buddies."

"Through orchestrated efforts with the Reading Buddies program from The Children's Reading Alliance, my students' reading performance is now at-grade-level," said Sonoma Elementary School second-grade bilingual teacher Susana Rios, PhD.

One student who read with CRA volunteer Reading Buddy Grace Quiroz in the child's native language of Spanish, Rios said, "explored

books of her liking, talked about the books and, most importantly, asked questions about the books. Her writing has improved, and her self-esteem has bloomed. She is now a table captain who helps others with reading in her shy, unique way.

"From the bottom of my heart, I thank The Children's Reading Alliance commitment to hold hands with our school, Sonoma Elementary, to help young English learners thrive through outstanding caring and loving volunteering service," Rios said.

For more information on CRA and the Reading Buddies program, contact Reed at 575-644-9867 or jgreed31@msn.com.

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Some of Children's Reading Alliance Reading Buddies are, left to right, Gale Wiley, Jan Reed, Nancy Kimble, Betty Wolle, Rosalie Antupit and Aletta Wilson.



First place, adult division, Trish Skhatov, "Twas the Nightmare Before Christmas."



First place, children's division, Samiya Ibarra, "A House for Jesus."



First place, school division, Mesilla Park Elementary, "A New Mexico Winter."

Houses of sweet treats

Rob Wilson, a member of Christ's Church of Las Cruces, founded a Gingerbread House Contest in 2016 as a way to engage the community. The results are in for the second annual contest:

Children's division

1st place, Samiya Ibarra, "A House for Jesus"
2nd place, Caleb Carr, "Castle of No Return"
3rd place, Ryan Schrader, "Tree House"

School division

1st place, Mesilla Park

Elementary, "A New Mexico Winter"

2nd place, Desert Hills Elementary, "Mrs. Meyer's 1st Grade Class"

3rd place, Hermosa Heights Elementary

Adult division

1st place, Trish Skhatov, "Twas the Nightmare Before Christmas"

2nd place, Danielle Caesar, "Christmas Mansion"

3rd place, Sara Hipps, "There's No Place Like Abuela's for the Holidays"



Rob Wilson, back left, poses with Mesilla Park Elementary teacher Lisa Davis, teacher's aide Cynthia McCormick and the first-place winning class of the school division. The church gives each school two gingerbread house kits so that each school has an opportunity to participate in the contest.

COURTESY PHOTOS

What's Christmas to a Cow?

Know you've prob'ly asked yourself, what's Christmas to a cow?

You've not! Well maybe, just perchance I've got you thinkin' now,

When we march out on Christmas morn like nothin's goin' on,

Has Yuletide struck the night before and disappeared by dawn?

Were plastic sleeves a'hangin' up around the calvin' shed?

Did visions of molasses blocks cavort inside her head? And did she lay awake all night tensed up anticipating

Or, in excitement, milk her bed by accident, while waiting?

Do cows pretend to be just cows, devoid of all intrigues



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But really lead a secret life like women's bowling leagues?

Did we just miss the mistletoe? Did all the clues elude us? Does she believe in Santa Claus or just Santa Gertrudis?

And if we looked would we see sign of reindeer in the pen Or would we just convince ourselves the goat got out again?

And after we'd all gone to bed would they join in a hymn

And sing that little manger song they learned in Bethlehem?

I guess that it don't mat-

ter much if cows believe or not.

We'll fork her out a flake of hay and head back in a trot

To celebrate our Christmas Day and all that we espouse

And when we say our dinner grace we'll thank him for the cows.

For the livelihood they give us and life we get to share. But do the cows have Christmas cheer?

Who knows, but just beware if you see chicken tracks among the straw and drying chips, you better check suspicious cows for eggnog on their lips.

Baxter Black is a cowboy poet, former large animal veterinarian and entertainer of the agricultural masses. Learn more at www.baxterblack.com.

Saving babies a fantasy come true at High Heels for High Hopes

BULLETIN REPORT

Community movers and shakers raised nearly \$200,000 for the babies when fantasy dominated reality at the 11th Annual March of Dimes High Heels for High Hopes show Nov. 18.

"As are all of our High Heels for High Hopes shows, this event really offered a spectacular look at the talent and compassion within our community," said Becky Horner, executive director for the Greater New Mexico Territory March of Dimes. "There is something so unique about the creativity, fashion, passion and efforts of everyone involved."

Twenty women and eight men committed to walk the runway, spending their evenings and weekends practicing for the exhilarating runway show, and raising money as they did. Together they raised a total of \$183,787.

Top fundraisers who raised more than \$5,000 included Amanda Vescovo (\$9,190); Wendy Zuniga (\$7,500); Linda Jackson (\$7,473); Karissa Doan



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A scene from the 2017 High Heels for High Hopes event, held Nov. 18, to benefit March of Dimes.

(\$7,063); Brianne Pfau (\$5,986); Kelli Burchell-Flamm (\$5,585) and Kristi Bower (\$5,310).

During the event, titled "Fantasy...Where Our Dreams Become Your Reality!" with more than 600 people in attendance, cosmetologists and this year's creative directors, Jennifer DeVine Walraven and Sylvia Tellez, were able to present a fantasy look of everything from Pirates of the Caribbean to Dia de los Muertos. Other visual treats included performances from Project in Motion, the NMSU Contemporary Dance Company and the band Latin Funktion.

MC Lyndsey Kalson

entertained the crowd and, as a special treat, former creative director and the spectacular annual event's first volunteer, Leonard Jimenez, introduced the models and salons.

"This High Heels for High Hopes Campaign raises funds to continue the important and life-saving work of the March of Dimes," said Lindsay Thomen, development manager for the local March of Dimes. "That work directly impacts babies right in our very own community, like Judah Medina."

As a representative of premature babies throughout Southern New Mexico, Judah Elias Medina, 2, and his parents, Carmen and Martin, served as the March of Dimes Ambassador Family, sharing their remarkable story of a baby thought dead who became a miracle, thanks to crucial research by the March of Dimes.

Plans are already underway for the 2018 March for Babies on April 28. The 5.5-mile walk will start at Young Park. For more information or to register for the event, visit www.marchforbabies.org/EventInfo/?EventID=19450.

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Colorectal surgeon combines education, techniques to heal

BULLETIN REPORT

Most of us have been there at least one time or another. A delicate health issue arises – one that we’re embarrassed to talk about – and the internal debate on whether to mention it to the doctor begins. Do we let our comfort win and just hope it goes away on its own? But what if it’s a sign of a more serious condition?

If you’ve ever felt this way, you’re not alone. It’s a conundrum that Dr. Victor Barnica, a colorectal surgeon at Memorial Colon & Rectal Surgery, comes across often in patients who come to see him. And if it’s a colorectal condition, there’s more than a good chance Dr. Barnica has treated it before.

“These conditions are very common, and are things I see every day in my practice,” he assures. “There’s nothing to be embarrassed about.”

Don’t suffer in silence

While it can be difficult to bring up sensitive subjects with your doctor, overcoming embarrassment can serve your health in good stead for the long run – especially if the condition is symptomatic of something more serious.

“When your body is telling you, there are signs for alarm, they shouldn’t be ignored for something that causes you embarrassment,” Dr. Barnica said. “It could be something life-threatening that could have consequences that could be preventable by seeking early medical attention.”

According to key statistics published by the American Cancer Society, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in in

the U.S. That sobering fact is something that drew Dr. Barnica to his current specialty.

“That was one of the easiest things for me to explain to people,” he says of the path that led him to colorectal surgery. “But it’s really many things. Colorectal surgeons do endoscopy, an extensive variety of surgeries...diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. It’s a very exciting field.”

And a field that Dr. Barnica is very passionate about – especially when it comes to educating his patients and the community at large.

“Patients shouldn’t have to suffer in silence,” he says, stressing the hazards of ignoring a condition or just hoping it will go away without having to bring it up with a doctor. “Not everything that itches or hurts in the anal area is a hemorrhoid. Knowing the potential consequences of ignoring or assuming might make it easier to seek the medical attention these conditions often require.”

From Honduras to Las Cruces

Dr. Barnica, 37, was born and raised in Honduras. He left home at age 17 to attend medical school, eventually arriving in the U.S. in 2005 for his medical board exams. He went through general surgery training during a residency at Mercy Catholic Medical Center and then began a fellowship in minimally-invasive and robotic surgery at Temple University Hospital’s Fox Chase Cancer Center, both in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

It was during his training that his interest in the colorectal field sparked, and he completed training in that spe-

cialty at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield, Illinois. It was there that he first learned of the opportunity to come to Las Cruces and join the surgical team at Memorial Medical Center.

“I saw it as a good opportunity to help a community that didn’t have a surgeon with my background and training,” he explains of his eventual decision to move to Las Cruces.

Making Las Cruces healthier

And while he has embraced the year-round warm weather and is grateful for how welcoming the community has been, Dr. Barnica is perhaps most excited about what his practice means for the community.

“The fact that some of these colorectal issues require a different level of training and being able to offer that additional service that is not readily available everywhere excites me,” he explains. “People don’t have to leave Las Cruces or travel farther than here to receive these services now.”

Patients are seeing Dr. Barnica for many colorectal conditions, including anal or rectal

pain, fecal incontinence, hemorrhoids, anal fissures, rectal prolapse, diverticulitis, inflammatory bowel disease, cancers of the colon and rectum and anus, anal fistula and abscesses among many other conditions.

Meaningful to Dr. Barnica as he continues to establish his practice at Memorial Colon & Rectal Surgery is the opportunity to introduce advanced technology that makes treatment of colorectal conditions easier for patients.

“Being able to offer advanced techniques and minimally-invasive surgery to take care of very complex issues and have the patient

back at work quickly is something that really excites me,” he said. “A lot of the things I do are minimally-invasive, and that means quicker recovery and less pain for the patient.”

But what excites Dr. Barnica most is the chance to educate his patients and the community on the importance of getting medical attention for colorectal issues and assuring them that there’s nothing to be embarrassed about. He cites his special training and experience in the field as an advantage when it comes to working with his patients to help them heal in a comfortable atmosphere.

“Often, it only takes a few minutes to realize what’s going on, and I can determine that by just asking a few questions” he said. “That’s the difference between someone who has advanced training in this area and someone who doesn’t. This training and experience can help put patients at ease.”

For Dr. Barnica, education is the key to help ease the embarrassment and fear that can keep patients from being open with their doctor and sharing their issues and concerns.

“And these are conditions and symptoms that need to be brought up so that physicians can lead and guide patients to the right person and the right treatment to help them heal and get back to doing the things they love.”

For more information, visit MemorialColonandRectalSurgery.com.

Dr. Victor Barnica, colorectal surgeon at Memorial Colon & Rectal Surgery



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Peaches

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The value of a horse

Decades ago in Las Cruces, a friend's mare was stolen in the night. When the authorities tracked down the two men who had stolen her, they discovered that my friend's horse had been slaughtered. The details of that story are not the focus here, but because I had gone to the trial (the men were found guilty) and tried to "be there" for my friend, I was asked to place a monetary value on the mare by the judge. As a respected horse professional in the community, I told the judge what I thought because I had known the mare.

I said that, "because this horse's life had been prematurely taken, no one would ever know her full potential." Because the mare had been an unusually good mover (her gaits were special, her body very balanced) and she had a lovely face, a good disposition, she might have produced valuable foals. And I spoke to the fact that no amount of money could make up for the loss of a companion, a sentient being who grew up trusting people, only to be betrayed by a couple of drunken men on a whim with irreversible consequences.

That experience comes to mind today as I consider the loss of equine lives to the fires in California. While many lament the considerable loss of such valuable horses, focusing upon monetary value, I'm thinking about the loss of equine companions, brothers and sisters on this Earth whose value is immeasurable.

A horse is first, a living, feeling, thinking being who has a right to common courtesy. His value as just that makes him worthy of consideration and proper care no matter his bloodlines, accomplishments or age. Our horses in sanctuary come from high-level competition, backyards, slaughter-bound auctions, abusers and from owners who love but cannot care for them anymore.

When my father finally decided



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to buy me my own horse, we went to look at two prospects at one stable. One older gelding with over a decade of show and trail experience had a "cold" and was being treated by the veterinarian.

He was \$50 more than the other gelding – a young Morgan with a dark, glistening coat and a "tail in the air, fire at the nostrils" attitude that unfortunately

impressed my father.

He bought the younger horse for me. Two years later, my mother had to sell the Morgan and buy me a much gentler gelding after the former had left me on the ground in a show arena in Tazewell Virginia, where I was taken out by an ambulance.

"Value" is a quite subjective concept. For people who see horses as objects, it is a black and white thing. For those of us who want to partner with and genuinely love a horse, there are many considerations. The horse for a beginning rider/owner is evaluated by disposition, calmness and experience. An older, average size, average color, scruffy "baby sitter" horse is said to be "worth his weight in gold" because of the safety and education he can provide.

For someone focused upon competition, the young prospect with specific genetics, schooling and soundness becomes the most desired. But for those of us with a lifetime of "rescue" and compassion for all horses, the discarded baby sitter and the broken down million-dollar prospect are equal. A horse lives his life in service to humans. A horse lives his life completely dependent upon humans. He must be honored in all phases of his lifetime commitment to humanity. He had no choice concerning his destiny. Those who made the choices for him, who had authority over him, ethically took responsibility for his life.

There are more horses in this country than there are proper



homes for them. When an industry creates demand for a living being, yet has no concern for the fate of those beings who become injured, ill, "unusable" or elderly, that industry does a disservice to all. Those left to pick up the pieces are the rescues, sanctuaries and individuals able to care for a horse or two through their lives to a humane end. There are not enough of us for all those equines needing us.

Answers truly lie in the way in which we value the horse. As a species and as individuals, horses have given more to humanity than humans can repay... but some of us are absolutely dedicated to giving it a whole-hearted try.

Katharine and Mark Schreiber operate Dharmahorse Equine Sanctuary where unwanted horses are cherished. The Sanctuary is at capacity for equine residents but ongoing educational outreach through lessons and equine therapies helps connect gentle people with gentle horses whose lives are extremely valuable. They can be reached through www.dharmahorse.org.

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Diabetes classes: 1-4 p.m. Jan. 9-11, Families and Youth Inc., 1320 S. Solano. Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach will hold a series of three diabetes classes in English and Spanish by Diabetes educator T.J. Jasso, RN, BS. Info: 575-522-0289, snmdo@snmdo.org.

Flu vaccines: Immunization Hotline, toll free 866-681-5872, or visit flushot.healthmap.org.

Immunization services: For children up to 18, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at the New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive. Info: 575-528-5006.

Jazzercise Lite: 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

at the Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center, 3217 El Camino Real. Info: Diane Sage, 575-650-9721; jazzercise.com.

MS support group: 4:30-6 p.m. first Thursday, Social Center Creative Arts Room at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Multiple sclerosis support/education group. Info/RSVP: Andres Selgado, 915-433-2588

Near Death Experience Group: International Association for Near Death Studies, support group for those who have had an NDE. Experiencers, family and friends welcome, third Monday, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Infor: Jane at 928-897-0933 or LasCrucesIands@gmail.com

Needle disposal/syringe exchange: 8:30 a.m.-4:40 p.m. weekdays, Las Cruces Public Health office, 1170 N. Solano Drive. Info: 575-528-5090.

Overeaters Anonymous: 9:30 a.m. Saturdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. and noon Wednesdays in the library of St. James Episcopal Church, 1102 St. James Ave. OA is a fellowship of individuals recovering from a compulsive relationship with food. Info: www.oa.org; Barbara, 575-405-0128 or Wayne, 575-647-5684.

Parkinson's support group: 10 a.m. third Tuesday at the Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Info: Sarah Stegall, 575-496-2550; Jon Roberts,

702-217-0450; pdsgsnm.org.

Reclaim Wellness: Third Thursday Mini-Fairs 6-9 p.m. at 2201 N. Main St. Features card readers, artists and vendors of organic handmade products. Info: 575-613-1664

Savvy Caregiver Program: Free seven-session course presented by the Alzheimer's Association, NM Chapter, 2-4 p.m. each Tuesday from Oct. 24-Dec. 5, 2017, hosted by Crossroads In-Home Care, 189 Howard Place. Info, registration: Lindsey Bachman, 575-647-3868 or lmbachman@alz.org.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous: 7 p.m. Mondays, Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor

Blvd. 12-step fellowship of men and women who share experiences, strength and hope to solve common problems and help each other recover from sexual compulsion. Info: www.sca-recovery.org or 575-526-9535.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, First Christian

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Chasing the ghosts

In securing the school's first bowl game in 57 years, NMSU's toughest foe was their own history

By **BROOK STOCKBERGER**
For the Bulletin

I first learned about the ghosts of Aggies' past in 1998, fittingly on Halloween night. As we sat in the dimly lit press box at Aggie Memorial Stadium, a fellow sports writer and I swore we could hear the faint, haunting moans of past New Mexico State University football spirits slowly rising up from the depths of the Mesilla Valley.

Yep the Aggies, those Aggies, were about to lose a close game to Utah State.



BROOK STOCKBERGER

Senior running back Denvis Manns – who is still NMSU's all-time leading rusher with 4,692 career yards – stood with his back to a wall outside that locker room and tried to wrap his

arms around NMSU's bad luck. Manns was well on his way to becoming just the third running back ever in NCAA history to rush for 1,000 yards in four consecutive seasons, an accomplishment he shared with the likes of University of Pittsburgh's Tony Dorsett and "Famous" Amos Lawrence of North Carolina. The later duo went on to NFL careers and played in a total of three Super Bowls. But Manns had no interest in discussing his personal feats. In fact, he seemed

world weary and maybe even holding off a few tears.

"It doesn't matter," he said. (I paraphrase because it's been 19 years since we held that talk, but I clearly remember the gist of the conversation.) "It's the same story."

In other words, another loss. Manns would finish his college football career in Las Cruces with just 10 wins in 44 games.

The slightly brisk Halloween night air seemed alive with spirits. They taunted

But Manns had no interest in discussing his personal feats. In fact, he seemed

TIMES HAVE CHANGED

The last time New Mexico State University's football team played in a bowl game in 1960:

Las Cruces' population was 29,367

Minimum wage was \$1.25 per hour

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The average price of a house was \$12,700

The average price of gas was 25 cents a gallon

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The Dallas Cowboys played their first season

The No. 1 song was "Are You Lonesome Tonight" by Elvis Presley

The Beatles were just forming

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The first 50-star United States flag was flown

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and smothered with a heaviness of inevitability.

For years afterward, my sports writer colleagues and I would sit in various press boxes around the country and, whenever we'd see the Aggie footballers find success, we'd make the 'woo' sound of a ghost. No other words had to be spoken.

We knew the spirits would rise and quash Aggie dreams. Sports-writers are a cynical bunch, anyway, but watching NMSU football year after year gave one a "laugh-before-you-cry" approach to each fall.

Sure, former coach Tony Samuel led NMSU to a 6-5 season in 1999 and a 7-5 campaign in

2002. But the bowls did not come knocking and, after Samuel was replaced after a 5-6 season in 2004, NMSU found itself in the midst of a 14-year stretch of losing seasons.

Recently, though, something strange began to happen. Anyone who watches Hollywood movies knows an exorcism is not pretty. NMSU's football soul was on the line once again this season, but there was a different feel.

The Aggies weren't setting the world on fire, but even in their losses, they looked better than usual. They were competitive. NMSU fans began perusing the schedule and counting on their fingers and came cautiously to the realization: "Hey, this team could secure the program's first bowl bid

since 1960!"

Sure, most hardened Aggie fans were reluctant to speak the thought out loud – jinxes are real in the sports world – but the road ahead was shaping up.

Then it happened. Nearly two decades after I stood with Manns near the north end zone of Aggie Memorial Stadium and felt the ghosts in the air haunting the great NMSU running back, I found myself on the end of my bed, cell phone in hand, watching the Aggies on TV make a late, potentially game-winning drive against South Alabama. A victory would give NMSU a 6-6 record and make the team bowl eligible when there would actually be a bowl spot available. It'd been 57 years since that happened.

"Woo?" I texted a good

friend and fellow reporter who has watched many Aggie games at my side but has since moved from Las Cruces. I debated whether to use the question mark, but my cynical media heart had thawed some since I left the biz nearly a year ago. And, dang it, I felt the ghosts were on the run, just like the South Alabama defense. The grip, so long seemingly unbreakable, was being broken.

"Surly there'll be an interception or missed field goal or something," I mumbled to myself. But I didn't feel confident in defeat. I felt, well, confident in an Aggie victory. I had napped through some of the game, so I wanted to blame my foggy head for the feeling. I couldn't though. In my soul I felt the time had come.

I shook my head and smiled slightly. I swore I could feel the energy from Aggie Memorial Stadium transverse the 12 miles to my house, not through the TV, but actually through the air. Any ghosts trying to take flight were knocked out of the sky by that energy. What a weird, wonderful feeling.

The Aggies, yep those Aggies, were exorcising past demons and were going to the postseason.

I sat on the edge of my bed and watched the celebration. I had so many long-suffering Aggie fans as friends and I wanted to start texting them and calling them and saying 'Congrats!' But I decided to let them celebrate. Let them hug and cry and maybe imbibe a libation or two.

I hoped Dennis Manns was watching some-

where, wearing an NMSU shirt.

I hope he clenched a fist, thrust it into the air and hollered, "Take that you stinking ghosts!" Maybe he did and maybe he didn't. But I'm sure he smiled and nodded his head as the circle came complete. The same Utah State program that so frustrated him on Halloween many years ago will be NMSU's opponents in this year's Arizona Bowl. Is this a sign of coincidence or destiny? You decide.

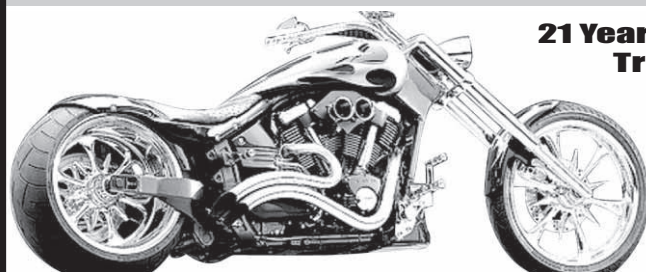
But those dang ghosts have been silenced.

Brook Stockberger is a former sports writer who covered the Aggies for 10 years.

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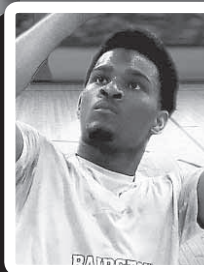
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Alexis Lewis is a 17-year-old senior at Las Cruces High School. She plays post on the Lady Dawgs basketball team. This season, Lewis has 6.4 points, 4.6 rebounds and 1.7 steals per game. She is a team captain, an extremely hard worker both on and off the basketball court. Lewis is well-liked by her teammates and classmates. She is a very positive player on the court and when she is working with kids at basketball camps. Lewis is a great student, with a 3.80 GPA. She takes Honors and AP classes and plans on attending New Mexico State University and major in Nursing. In her spare time, Lewis enjoys reading, volunteering at Mesilla Valley Hospice, and spending time with family and friends.



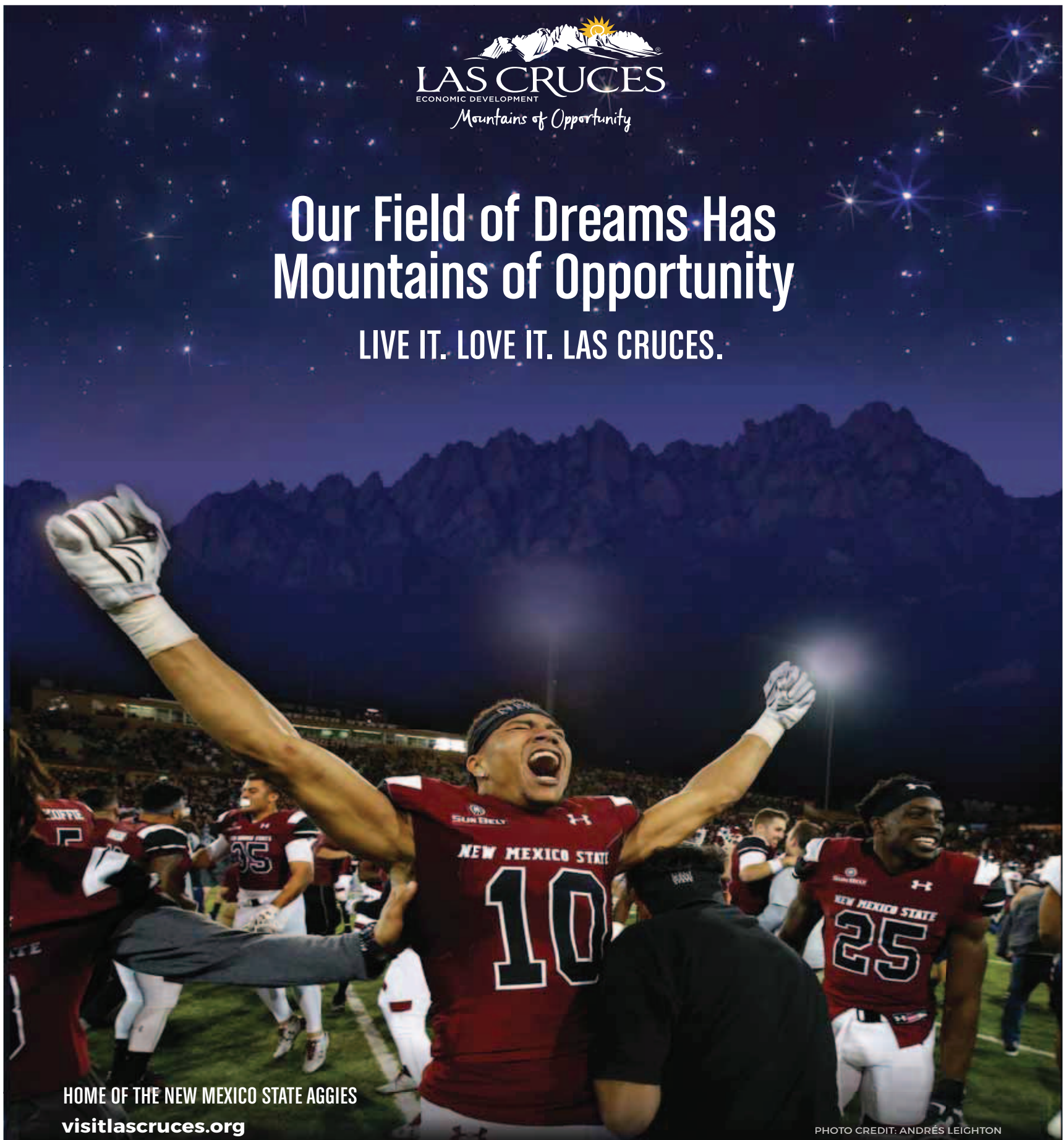
RJ Brown is a 17-year-old senior at Las Cruces High School. He plays forward on the Bulldawgs basketball team. Brown is averaging 13 points and 16 rebounds per game for the start of the 2017-18 basketball season. He was named to the All District Team last year and has lettered all four years at LCHS. Brown is a very hard worker and leads by example. He is a great leader for his peers and takes responsibility for his actions. Brown's positive actions can not only be seen on the court, but in the halls and classroom as well. He is a dedicated student, with a 3.60 GPA. Brown has signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Adams State Grizzlies to pursue his love of basketball after high school. He has a strong family connection and enjoys spending time with his family.

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