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Taking the DARE

Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department Deputy Jamar Cotton places a ribboned pendant on Loma Linda Elementary student Kayla Melendrez, who was among 49 students who graduated April 21 from the 10-week Drug Abuse Resistance Education curriculum at her school. Kayla will represent her school at the state DARE conference this summer. The DARE program is part of Doña Ana County Sheriff Kiki Vigil's ongoing community outreach initiative.



Control mosquitoes now!

The monsoon and irrigation seasons are getting underway in Doña Ana County. Large-area irrigation reaches a peak with the scheduled water releases. Each year, Doña Ana County Vector Control partners with farmers to prevent standing open water, where mosquitoes can breed. The farmers assist by keeping drains, ditches, and culverts free of weeds and trash to facilitate proper drainage.



Vector Control personnel also work in residential neighborhoods, and offer a range of educational support to help residents avoid standing water in flower pots with deep saucers, trash barrels and old tires. Large areas of standing water can be reported to (575) 526-8150 for inspection and treatment.

Vector Control personnel advise that water in children's wading pools should be kept fresh to dissuade mosquito breeding. Livestock watering troughs can be treated with various mosquito-control products.

Safe and effective products to treat mosquitoes are available at all major hardware stores. Large, unused swimming pools are easy to treat with floating discs that release a chemical to prevent mosquitoes from breeding successfully. Rainwater cisterns should be screened or regularly treated to prevent breeding.

Natural mosquito control in ponded water can also be controlled with gambusia minnows. Deep-water rain ponds and backyard fountains can be stocked with minnows that eat mosquito larvae. Doña Ana County provides free minnows to residents who visit the minnow ponds at 4605 West Picacho Avenue. Vector staff is onsite Tuesday mornings from 8-10 a.m. to bag fish for residents who want them. It's advised to bring a bucket to prevent leaks in transport.

Mosquitoes are most active in early mornings or evenings, and they're attracted to light. Residents are advised to use effective repellents to reduce the risk of mosquito bites.

Comment period open for ADA accessibility input

Doña Ana County is conducting a self-evaluation study of all county-owned facilities and programs for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Title II of the ADA requires that each of the county's services, programs and activities be readily accessible and usable by individuals with disabilities. Title II also requires public outreach to the community – especially persons with disabilities and advocacy groups for the disabled – to solicit input in identifying and offering corrective measures to ensure accessibility.

The county is asking for comments in identifying any barriers that may exist for persons with disabilities to access county-sponsored facilities or programs.

Comments may be submitted to Meg Haines, EEO Specialist/ADA Coordinator through e-mail at megh@donaanacounty.org or through mail at 845 N. Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Additionally, Doña Ana County has regular meetings of the Doña Ana County ADA Advisory Committee, and comments are welcome during public input. To sign up to receive e-mail notification of ADA Advisory Committee Agendas, please visit the following Website: <https://www.donaanacounty.org/Notifications-Instructions>.

All comments received for the self-evaluation study will be reviewed, considered, and may be included in the final document. Please feel free to pass this infor-

mation to others who might be interested in providing input. The comment period will be open until May 12, 2017.

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ABOVE: Allyne Clarke, marketing director for Rio Metro Regional Transit District, hands out promotional packets Saturday, April 29, as part of Railroad Days at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum.

RIGHT: Local musician Daisy Blue performed for Railroad Days attendees.

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Supporters rally on behalf of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument



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ABOVE: Las Cruces residents showed their support of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks monument during a rally Friday, April 28, inside the Ramada Inn.

RIGHT: Gila National Forest fire lookout Razik Majejan holds a sign in support of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks monument. The Trump Administration has indicated it will review the status of numerous Western monuments.

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Electric Light Parade to take different route

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

The City of Las Cruces' annual Fourth of July Electric Light Parade will likely move out of downtown this year because of the Church and Water streets conversion project that will begin this spring, Mayor Ken Miyagishima said at the April 24 city council work session.

Although no formal vote was taken, Miyagishima said a majority of the council seemed to favor moving the parade – which will be held on Monday, July 3 – to Solano Drive, the route it followed from 2000 to 2012.

The 1.43-mile Solano route begins at Apodaca Park and moves south to the Maag ballfield that is part of the Hadley sports complex.

The council was also presented with the option of keeping the parade downtown but following a shorter route than traditionally because of the construction. The truncated route of just under a mile would begin at Albert Johnson Park on Alameda Avenue, travel south on Church Street and return to the park along Main Street, city Recreation Programs Manager Phil Catanach said.

The regular downtown route, which the parade has followed since 2012, is 1.19 miles long.

The parade had been moved downtown as part of the city's downtown revitalization effort, Catanach said.

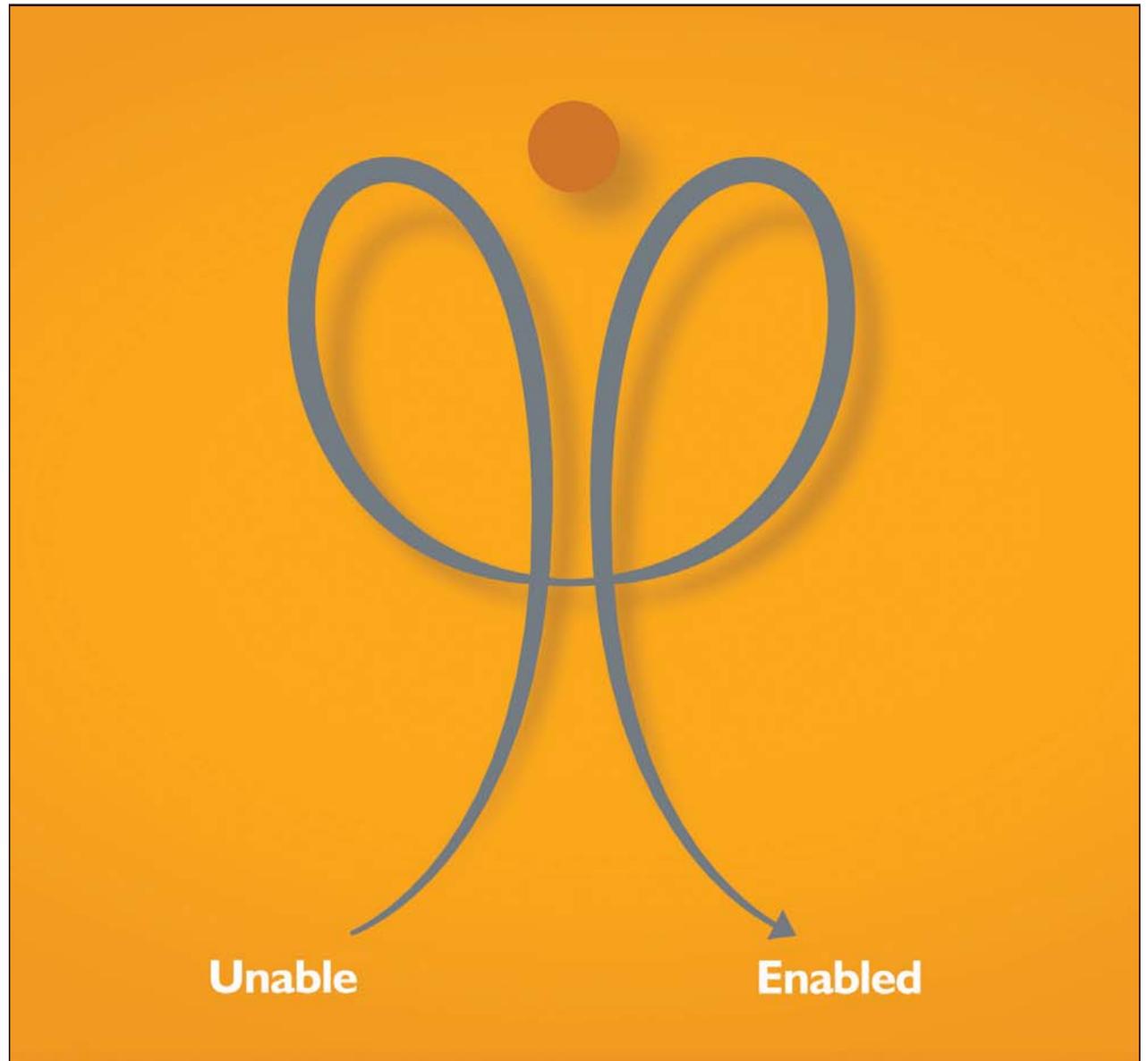
The Solano route provides a wider street for the parade than downtown. It also provides more parking, more viewing areas and less congestion, Catanach said.

Catanach said the Las Cruces Running Club will have an event prior to the parade.

Regardless of which route the council selects for the 2017 parade, it is scheduled to return to downtown in 2018. The Church and Water conversion project is expected to be completed that spring.

Catanach said the city began the parade in 1990 on University Avenue, where it was held for 10 years.

The parade typically begins at 9 p.m.



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Light in the darkness

Scary moment reveals hearts of local kids

There were lots of cool things to do the evening of Friday, April 28, in Las Cruces.



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

There was, of course, the fifth annual Las Cruces Country Music Festival, which included legends Tanya Tucker and Travis Tritt. Aggie softball women and the baseball men were hosting Grand Canyon on their home diamonds.

There was the Fountain Theatre premiere of “The Heart Outright,” written, directed and produced by New Mexico State University folks (Mark Medoff, Ross Marks and Dave Witt, respectively).

I would have loved all of those events.

Instead, I went to an event where I expected to be sitting around doing not much for four or five hours, punctuated by looking at something interesting on a field for a few seconds at a time. It was an 8th-grade track meet at the Field of Dreams.

I was there for the same reason most of the other adults were there. My child was participating.

As the field events wrapped and the track races began, I went down to the field and volunteered as a spotter. Watching these young people compete, I grew impressed.

In almost every case, the close finishers in second and third place went out of their way to congratulate the winners, whether they were teammates or opponents.

The boys’ grueling 1600-meter run showcased some great performances, but also some dedicated determination. One Vista Middle School boy ran the entire race clutching his injured left thigh, gritting out each stride.

The competition was fierce and the athletes were focused.

Things changed, however, during the girls’ 800-meter medley relay. About the time the anchor from Holy Cross crossed the finish line with her team’s baton, I heard the comment: “We’ve got somebody down on the infield.”

Track meets are by definition chaotic. There are things going on everywhere. Races are on. Coaches are coaching. Fans are milling about. Runners waiting for their event are stretching or sitting with teammates in the bleachers. Concession stands are busy. Activity and noise are everywhere.

So when you hear somebody’s

down on the infield, you think maybe someone rolled an ankle or pulled a hamstring.

You don’t think someone’s life is in danger.

Except that it was.

And, thankfully, professional people in the stadium recognized it.

A handful of trained nurses and medical professionals tended to the girl, Kaylynn Cuaron, of Vista Middle School, until EMTs arrived. She apparently suffered a head injury in a fall, though details are still unclear.

Many of the athletes had migrated to the field prior to the race, adding to the confusion. The announcer asked them to return to the stands, which they did. However, from their elevated seats, they saw what I — and everyone else in the stadium — could see. The EMT fervently commencing CPR.

Everyone knew this was no routine injury.

Shortly thereafter, the girl was placed in the ambulance, which drove off to cautious applause. The clouds had darkened significantly and the wind eerily calmed.

I was on the opposite side of the field from the incident, but when an official came back to the finish line area, he was white as a ghost, which told me how close it was. He confirmed

Cuaron’s heart had stopped, but she was revived and breathing on her own before being placed in the ambulance. He added, “This track meet is over.”

Las Cruces Public Schools Athletic Director Ernie Viramontes was onsite, and he gathered coaches and gave instructions. Coaches then met with their teams on the infield. Several of Cuaron’s closest friends and teammates were, understandably, in tears.

I went back in the stands, with a heavier heart, to meet my daughter. We looked down on the field and saw something unexpected.

A dozen or so of these young, shaken athletes had clasped hands and were running a tribute lap around the track, honoring their fallen fellow competitor.

Many others saw this, and headed back to the track.

Inspired by the tribute, a big clump of 60 or 70 kids started running, more joining them every few steps until they formed a mob of mercy crossing the finish line. There they dropped to a knee, expressing concern, prayers and love.

As friends and families gradually made their way to the parking lot, heading to their cars, there were far fewer words than normal. They had already been spoken.

We want your letters

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Monument is important for science

To the editor:

It is with dismay that I read of President Trump's executive order to review the designation of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks as a national monument. I am a biologist at the University of Arizona, and Organ Mountains is important to me not only as one of the most beautiful places in the Southwest, but also as a place where I do scientific research.

In my work, I study insects and plants native to the Southwest. As a biologist, one of my greatest challenges is obtaining access to natural areas where I can conduct

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research safely, predictably, and in a way that respects local property owners. Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks' monument designation makes these lands accessible, and ensures that they remain so into the future. Without public lands — especially national monuments like Organ Mountains, parks, and wildlife refuges — many scientists such as myself would not be able to do their work.

Las Cruces residents, New Mexicans, and all Americans have many reasons to value and cherish Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, and to be concerned that it may be reduced in size or cease to be a monument altogether. One of these many reasons is the continuing importance of these lands for science.

*David Hembry
Tucson*

Monuments make America great

To the editor:

I am so outraged by people attacking our beautiful national monuments including the jewel of Las Cruces - the Organ Mountains - Desert Peaks National Monument. Our national parks and national monuments are so crowded now. Then President Trump wants to reduce them and turn over this land to developers and special interests. It is maddening. Our national parks and monuments contribute to the greatness of America. They actually make America great and the envy of other countries.

*Greg Lennes
Las Cruces*

We need to discuss RGT alternatives

To the editor:

“Fight! Fight!” As a teacher, I only heard that yell a couple of times, but two thoughts rushed through my mind on those occasions. First was how adults would get there and stop it before any serious damage was done. Second was, how could something like this ever happen on our watch?

Similar thoughts occurred as the City took on the Doña Ana Arts Council over the management of the Rio Grande Theatre. While DAAC ultimately chose to walk away from the fight, I believe the City took a pretty ugly black eye as a consequence.

To be sure, friends frequently find ways back to working together, after time has elapsed and calm reason prevails. Perhaps someday this will be true for the City and DAAC.

Meanwhile it has been suggested that we look to the Las Cruces Museum System to run the RGT. It already has experience with volunteers, cultural programming, booking, educational resources, and making do when things are tight.

We need to fully discuss what we expect and how we make it happen at our May 22 work session, but this may be an answer to concerns expressed about the CVB running the RGT.

*Gregory Z. Smith
Las Cruces*

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Arts were treated with disrespect

To the editor:

The Rio Grande Theatre will be in the hands of the city, the CVB and under the Economic Development Department as of June, and the Doña Ana Arts Council will be out on its ear.

However, it was a DAAC Board decision to turn the theatre over to the city and not renew their contract, in a letter sent the morning of the vote to the mayor and city council. The DAAC board and staff were visibly shaken. The city council did finally vote. The mayor was almost apologetic and wanted to help the DAAC in their transition any way the City could. A little too late, if you ask me.

The new city manager, the Economic Development Department and

the city council are the very reason we should all be concerned. If they treated the DAAC with such disrespect, they can't think much of any other arts organization or artist that stands in their way. It is another prime example that government should not have its fingers in something they know so little about.

*Jack LeSage
Las Cruces*

Indivisible was simply passionate

To the editor:

In recent weeks, Indivisible has been mentioned in numerous opinion pieces. As a member, let me provide mine. Summarizing the grassroots efforts of Indivisible from a single event paints a very lopsided picture. Our local Indivisible group has been in existence since January, and in that time we have made more than 30 office visits to

members of Congress, mailed dozens of letters, made hundreds of phone calls, participated in a handful of rallies, and had nearly 10 meetings with a variety of guest speakers. This group is educated on issues and very concerned about the direction the country is headed.

In response to the Town Hall, one must consider the backstory. There were 500-plus emotionally charged people (our membership is 200) who felt compelled to send a clear message to Congressman Pearce because they were not allowed in the phone town hall, had not received responses from their countless concerns, and/or haven't felt represented. We are a group of volunteers who fear the current political climate and are working diligently to be heard while advocating for change.

Indivisible is a resistance movement built on the values of inclusion, tolerance and fairness. There isn't an ounce of "hate" behind the work being done. Passion? Yes. Resilience? Absolutely. We invite you to join the fight because it is having an impact locally and across the country!

*Jill Valdez
Las Cruces*

High schoolers give thanks

To the editor:

Oñate High School would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed their time and resources to help OHS provide breakfast to our PARCC-testing students. We certainly could not have done this without your help. Every day students express their gratitude for a hot breakfast to help get them in the right frame of mind to take these tests. Teachers have noticed that most of our students have a positive attitude and tackle these tests with

an upbeat attitude. On behalf of all of us here at OHS, thank you for showing you care about our students and their education!

Thank you IHOP, Sonic, R-Con Construction, Mountain View Regional Medical Center, Tom Whatley Real Estate, Pic Quic, Tharp Real Estate, Khiem Cao, Southwest Engineering Inc., Arista Builders, Pro-Green Roofing, Bill Adams Remax Realty, Cindy Burrell, Senator William Soules, and Roadrunner Enterprises for your support of Oñate High School. Thank you to our teachers and staff for your patience and help with Oñate PARCC Pancakes.

*Staff
Oñate High School*

March for Science was incomplete

To the editor:

Congratulations to the organizers and participants of the Las Cruces March for Science. The size of the turnout was gratifying and the entire

demonstration was conducted professionally, courteously and effectively.

Arguably, the denigration of science and the abandonment of rationality are the greatest challenges facing society. Even climate change is secondary as it cannot be addressed without these tools.

Our local March highlighted the problem by who was not there. Where were the representatives of local government and science-based institutions? Where was the chancellor of NMSU? True, Provost Howard spoke but he is not the public face of the university. Where was Renay Scott, president of DACC? Where was Las Cruces School Board president, Maria Flores? Where was the director of the Physical Science Laboratory? NASA? White Sands Missile Range? SpacePort America? Department of Agriculture? Where was the majority of the faculty and employees of all these organizations whose very existence is based on science?

So, yes the March was a huge success in highlighting the public need to push our leaders and our neighbors to embrace wholeheartedly the science and rational thinking that made America great.

*Larry Gioannini
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A ducky solution for all those ugly parking lots

In 1975 I was working for the University of New Mexico in media production. Previously I had been at KOB-TV where parking was fast and simple. You just pull up next to the building.

However, upon taking a job at UNM, I found that back then as now parking close to anything on the campus was impossible. Unlike other colleges where a parking permit is a hunting license, at UNM there is no chance.

For people going to UNM, there is a convenient overflow parking lot about a mile away with bus service. It was that or take the city bus to UNM.

Then it got worse. Much



MICHAEL SWICKARD
In My Opinion

worse. One day the news was out on campus: UNM was going to take the 160 most coveted parking spaces on campus out of service. These were between the main library and the administration building.

Why? UNM was going to make a duck pond. The outrage was everywhere. UNM President Bud Davis was burned in effigy and there was an ugly song going around campus, "Bud Davis's Duck Pond." It was not flat-

tering.

But the Regents and President Bud Davis held firm. After the new duck pond was in place people had a flip of emotion. Too late for President Bud Davis to enjoy, they realized that the duck pond was fabulous.

Today, if you felt the need for a beating, all it would take would be to go to the UNM duck pond and say that the area should be made into a parking lot. Wham!

I was thinking of this because the core of the New Mexico State University Campus has some very convenient parking between the Student Union Building, a library and the Milton Media complex. Why not take that asphalt parking and turn it

into a duck pond?

Currently students stream east and west on the NMSU International Walking Mall which crosses the Jordan Street entrance into the inner parking lot. Lines of cars and lines of students intersect. That is dangerous. So, let's turn it into a duck pond. Why not?

Well first the Regents and Chancellor Carruthers would be burnt in effigy for taking such good parking. But NMSU just tore down the dorm next to the student union so that space could be parking. Hmm, people could still park close and the core area could turn into a duck pond.

After all, NMSU is the Ag College for New Mexico.

The university can grow lots of stuff so that would not be a problem. There is a budget squeeze at NMSU. I think subscribing the cost of moving the parking lot to the north and putting in the greenery would be easy.

Maybe the powers that be could combine football, basketball and duck pond tickets. I would be in line to buy those. In fact, this could be a trend where all colleges in the state could turn ugly parking lots into fabulous duck ponds. Perhaps.

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Food bank distributes record amount of food

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Casa de Peregrinos (CdP) emergency food bank served more clients at more sites and provided more food to more clients than ever before in 2016.

"2016 was truly a year of explosive growth for CdP," Executive Director Lorenzo Alba said.

CdP's Food Rescue Program "generated 719,000 pounds of food during the year, he said. Through the program, "retailers and wholesalers donate perfectly edible food that is past its 'sell-by' date – food that would have otherwise gone into the landfill," Alba said.

The total reflects a nearly 300,000-pound increase from 2015.

The Food Rescue Program collected 915,000 pounds of food in total donations, Alba said, including community food drives and special events such as Canstruction, Stamp Out Hunger and the Bataan Death March event.

Alba said a total of 28,287 people "benefited from the services of CdP in 2016." He said 13,655 received services at CdP's Las Cruces pantry, while 8,806 received food through its Rural Food Initiative, which serves 13 sites throughout Doña Ana County. Another 1,070 received services through the City of Las Cruces' five senior centers, and 1,242 were served through Doña Ana Community College pantries. He said CdP summer program served 972 people, and the Healthy Food Market served 1,008.

CdP also increased the amount of food provided per family per month during 2016 to 85 pounds, Alba said.

By comparison, he said, the CdP's 2013 average per family was 50 pounds, and the average among food pantries nationally that year was 40 pounds.

CdP opened seven new mobile food pantries in 2016, bringing the program's total to 21. Working with the City of Las Cruces, CdP now also serves food pantries in five senior centers. Two additional food pantries are located at DACC, "where many students are experiencing food insecurity," Alba said.

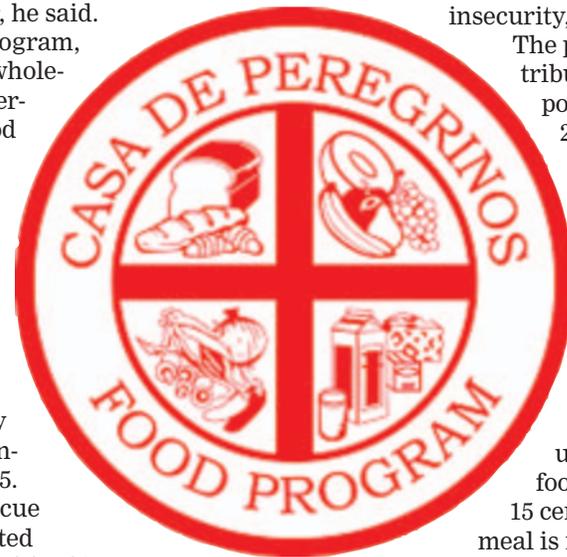
The program distributed 2.5 million pounds of food in 2016, compared to two million pounds the year before, Alba said. With estimated expenditures of \$380,000, that means CdP was able to distribute a pound of food for less than 15 cents, he said. "A meal is measured at 1.2

pounds of food; therefore, our distributions reflected 2,087,500 meals," Alba said, costing 18 cents each. "As the U.S. Department of Agriculture measures a pound of donated food as the equivalent of \$1.72," he said, "this represents a total donated value of nearly \$1.6 million."

Alba said CdP also succeeded "in our commitment to bring more nutritious food to the families we serve." Its food baskets now include 30 to 50 percent produce, up from 15 to 20 percent in 2011.

To contribute to CdP, call 575-523-5542 or email casadepere@yahoo.com. Visit www.casadeperegrinos.org. CdP is located inside the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, at 999 W. Amador Ave., Suite F, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

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Commissioner to host community meetings

District 5 Doña Ana County Commissioner John L. Vasquez has scheduled three community meetings to address constituent concerns.

Meetings are scheduled for 6 p.m., Monday, May 15, at the Doña Ana Community Resource Center, 5745 Ledesma Drive in Doña Ana; Tuesday, May 16, at the Radium Springs Community Resource Center, 12060 Lindbeck Road; and Wednesday, May 17, at the Village of Hatch Community Center, 837 Highway 187 (West Hall Street) in Hatch.

Commissioner Vasquez has invited New Mexico State Sen. Jeff Steinborn and State Reps. Rudy Martinez and Nathan Small to each of the meetings.

Also on hand will be county staff from the Animal Control/Codes Enforcement division, Engineering/Roads Department, Community and Constituent Services Office, Health and Human Services Department, Fire and Emergency Services Department, Flood Commission and the Sheriff's Department.

Spanish language interpretation services will be provided at each meeting.

District 5 encompasses a portion of northwestern Las Cruces and extends north to the Sierra County line, taking in all or part of the communities of Doña Ana, Radium Springs, Leasburg, Hatch, Salem and Garfield.



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ASCMV asks for help with heartworm-positive dogs

The Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley is asking the rescue world or the general public to consider helping out by adopting heartworm and Ehrlichia\Anaplasmosis positive dogs. With the large influx of animals coming into the ASCMV, the animals will not be able to be held for treatment past May 14, 2017. The ASCMV will waive the adoption fees and make sure they are in full compliance with both city and county ordinances. Visit the ASCMV at 3551 Bataan Memorial. For information, call 575-382-0018.

Fallen officers memorial is next week

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, New Mexico State Police, the Las Cruces Police Department and several other local law-enforcement agencies will gather to honor officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. The Southern New Mexico Fallen Peace Officers Memorial will begin with a candlelight vigil at 8 p.m. Monday, May 8 at Plaza de Las Cruces Downtown. A memorial procession will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 9, from the parking lot of the former K-Mart location on El Paseo Road. The procession will end at the Las Cruces Convention Center on Union and University, where a memorial service will begin at 10 a.m. The public is invited to attend all events.

Youth leadership summer camp registration event canceled

The Las Cruces Police Department's Youth Leadership Summer Camp has reached capacity so the

planned registration campaign for Wednesday has been canceled. However, LCPD is still accepting a limited number of registrations for alternates for each summer session in the event there are cancellations.

To register, call Sgt. Robert McCord at 575-528-4153. The free camp includes three two-week sessions, and is for youth ages 12-15 and in at least the 6th grade. The camps are limited to 50 students per session but alternates are being registered.

Session 1: May 30-June 9

Session 2: June 19-30

Session 3: July 10-21

The Youth Leadership Summer Camp runs daily from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is a collaborative effort with the Stan Fulton Endowed Chair in Education at New Mexico State University. Much of the camp is held at Lynn Middle School but campers will visit New Mexico State University.

The camp provides youth with CPR and First Aid training, teamwork building, D.A.R.E. and DWI simulations, anti-bullying and harassment lessons and other activities similar to the Character Counts module.

The camp is free and includes a complimentary breakfast and lunch each day (breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.). Participants will also receive a free camp T-shirt, water bottle and drawstring bag.

Bike riding program begins in May

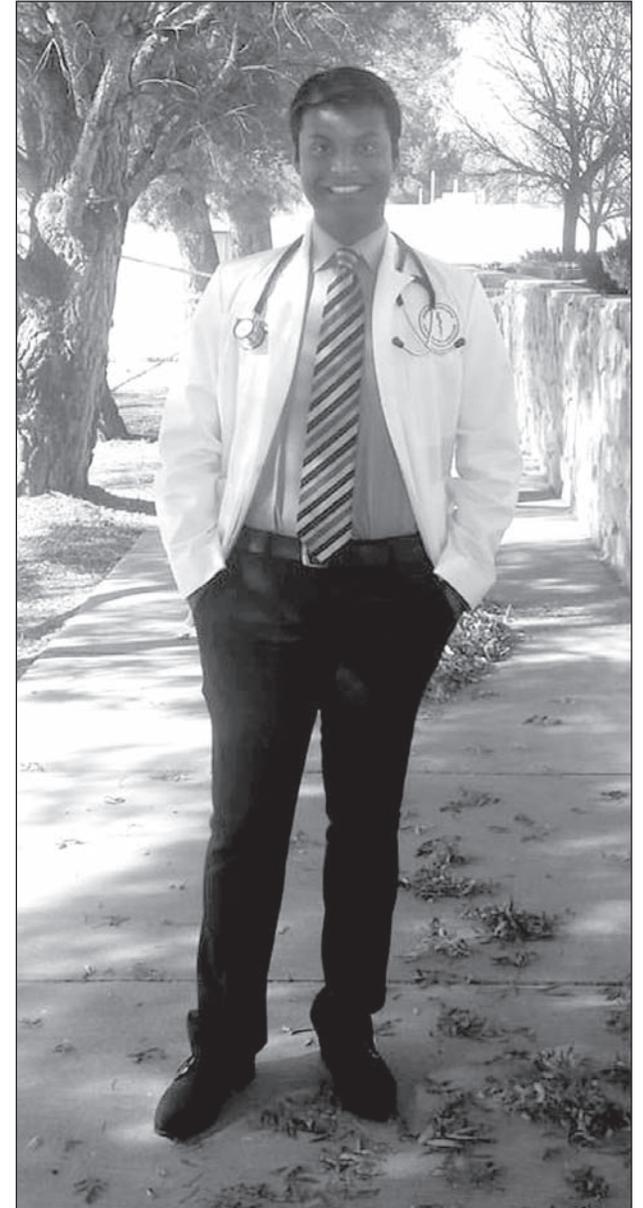
The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will begin the summer session of its Group Riding Program in May. The program is for residents who want to bicycle for exercise as a group. It is intended for the 50 plus community, but anyone 18 and older is welcome to participate.

Rides will be Mondays starting at 9:15 a.m. at Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave. Rides range from 12 to 20 miles and may be cancelled due to weather. Participants need to bring bikes, helmets, patch kits, water, snacks, and other items needed for each excursion. Bikes with multiple gears (road and hybrid) are required for all routes. Each ride is \$2 per participant and \$1 for seniors 60 and older.

For information, call 575-541-2455.

2017 Movies in the Park

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department 2017 Movies in the Park Program kicks off Saturday, May 13, with Disney's "Moana." Movies will be shown twice a month, May through September, on Saturdays at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave., with the exception of Disney's "The Jungle Book 2016," which will be shown at the Plaza de Las Cruces on May 27. All movies are free. Schedule and location subject to change without notice. For information, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 575-541-2550.



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Burrell Student Selected for NASA Internship

A first-year student at the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine was selected out of 122 applicants from across the nation to spend the summer conducting research at the NASA Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, California.

Mohan Muvvala attended the University of Tennessee Knoxville, double majoring in biochemistry, cellular and molecular biology, and neuroscience, and minoring in psychology. NASA's project, titled "The Role of Depressed Metabolism in Radiation Damage Prevention," under Senior Scientist Dr. Yuri Griko, will be the focus of Muvvala's internship.



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2017 student video PSA contest winners announced

During the 11th annual CLC-TV Student Video PSA (Public Service Announcement) Contest, area students were asked to produce a 30-second video PSA for the City of Las Cruces. The theme of this year's contest is "Breaking Stereotypes."

A total of 46 entries were received from 82 middle and high school students in the Las Cruces area. All winners will have their video PSAs placed on CLCTV.com. Gold winners will also have their PSAs played on CLC-TV Comcast channel 20 for up to one year, and are posted on CLCTV.com so the public can vote for an overall favorite. The student or duo who receives the most votes for their PSA will each win a brand-new Go Pro camera. Voting began May 1 and runs through Sunday, May 14. The winning PSA will be announced on the City of Las Cruces Facebook page on Monday, May 15.

Silver Winners

- "Break Free" by Angelina Ranzazzo and Mackenzie Muench, 7th grade, Holy Cross Catholic School
- "Silencing Stereotypes" by Amber Leeth and Abegail Salugsugan, 12th grade, Centennial High School
- "Labels" by Andreana Armandariz, 9th grade and Dania Martinez 10th grade, Centennial High School
- "Just Because" by Joscelin Mantano, 11th grade and Tenesia Lebaron, 10th grade, Centennial High School

• "If You're White, You're Perfect" by Jaime Prieto and Kendra Van Doorn, 8th grade, Sierra Middle School.

Gold Winners

- "Balloon Bullies" by Teresita Ellison and Angelina Essick, 8th grade, Holy Cross Catholic School
- "I Am More" by Aubrey Swindle, 9th grade, Centennial High School
- "How to be a Perfect Lady" by Michaela Chavira and Ariya Nilkaew, 9th grade, Centennial High School
- "STereOtyPes" by Hunter Christmas, 12th grade, Oñate High School

Visit Las Cruces launches new app

Anyone interested in visiting Las Cruces can now plan their trip with just a tap on their phone screen when they download the new app from Visit Las Cruces.

The app is free and available for Apple and Android users by searching for "Visit Las Cruces" in the app stores.

The new app is a convenient way for people to explore Las Cruces once they have arrived and instantaneously receive information about local events, attractions, restaurants, places to stay, or how to follow the Green Chile Trail through Las Cruces. It also has a section for people who only have a few hours and want to know how to best use their time to explore the area. And, for those who enjoy sharing their adventures on social media, the app features a listing of the best places in Las Cruces to take a selfie! For information, call 575-541-2150 or email cfaivre@las-cruces.org.

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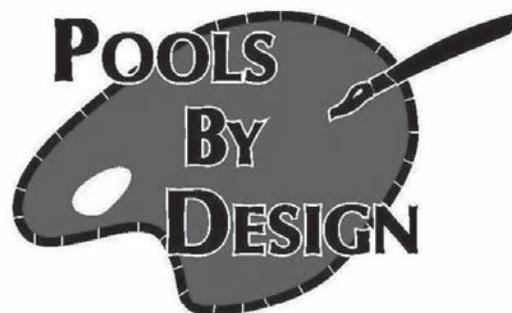
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County tabs assistant for interim manager

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Doña Ana County Commission has named Assistant County Manager for Operations Chuck McMahon as interim county manager.

The contract of former Manager Julia Brown was terminated April 25 by a commission vote of 4-1, with Isabella Solis, John L. Vasquez, Ramon S. Gonzalez and Ben Rawson in favor, and Billy Garrett opposed. Solis, Vasquez and Gonzalez were first elected to the commission in November and began their terms in January.

Brown had been county manager

since Dec. 1, 2013. She received 24 hours' severance pay and vacation pay totaling \$10,520, said County Public Information Officer Jess Williams. Brown will receive "an additional severance package over several months, as per her request" totaling about \$71,000, Williams added.

The commission will now "map out the strategy for filling the position permanently," Williams said.

"The Commission, as a body, has only one employee, the county manager," Solis said. "The manager's employment is at-will, meaning he or she can be terminated at any time per the terms of the contract. A majority of the board, myself included,

are of the opinion that we can do better for our constituents under a manager with different priorities and a different skill set," she said. "As Ms. Brown has threatened litigation, I can't say much more than that at this time."

"Julia Brown was a very good county manager," Garrett said. "She made sure that daily operations ran well, improved the County as a desirable work place, and did her best to address the many competing interests of various commissioners and other elected officials. In a time of turmoil she brought stability to the County. The ... Commission should have reached an agreement with her about work priorities and then given her the opportunity to carry out her job. Since this was not done, I can understand why reasonable people might think that discrimination and political payback influenced the decision to fire her."

Rawson was frustrated by last October's vote to extend Brown's contract.

Three former commissioners voted, including two who were defeated in last June's Democratic primary.

Rawson said he had attempted to put on the commission agenda in January a closed session to review and evaluate Brown's performance. It did not make the agenda, so he requested again three weeks later, and again it was not put on the agenda.

"You had a chairman and a vice-chair who lost in the primaries," he said, referring to Wayne Hancock and David Garcia. "Four months after they'd lost an election, they make that vote. And for three years."

Rawson said he didn't see an issue so urgent that the vote couldn't wait until an evaluation was completed.

After the April 25 motion to terminate, however, there was no way to stop the vote, Rawson said. "I think it's good we're changing direction, but that's not the way to go about it."

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Arts Council looking ahead after management change

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

The Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) will continue its mission to enhance local quality of life through the arts though it will no longer manage the Rio Grande Theatre (RGT), DAAC Executive Director Kathleen Albers said.

DAAC will “stay positive and focused on the future,” Albers said April 27, less than two weeks after the DAAC board of directors told the Las Cruces City Council it did not want to renew its RGT management agreement with the city.

City council voted April 17 not to renew the DAAC contract, and named the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB, also called Visit Las Cruces) as the theatre’s new manager.

“Things really changed on Dec. 12,” Albers said, when City Manager Stuart Ed raised the

possibility of changing theatre management at a city council work session. In January, the city moved oversight of RGT from the city Facilities Management section of the Public Works Department to the CVB. The CVB is part of the city’s newly expanded Economic Development Department (EDD).

DAAC’s management contract ends June 30. It will vacate the top floor of RGT, where its office has been since the theatre re-opened in 2005.

“We’re looking for space,” Albers said. “I think we’d be wonderful tenants ... bringing energy to wherever we land,” along with “vitality, new ideas and traffic.”

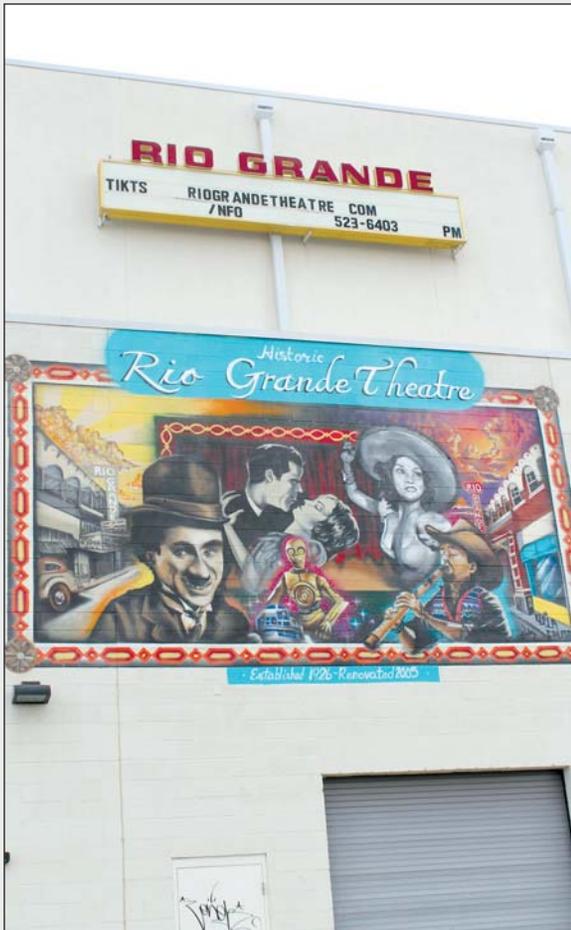
Albers said DAAC would like to “work with the city” on finding its new home, and Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith said that is a possibility.

Smith said state Sen. Mary Kay Papen, D-Doña Ana, has asked New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas for an opinion on the state Constitution’s anti-donation clause, which prohibits governmental entities from contributing to private business, including providing office space at below-market value.

Smith said he also hopes the new city attorney, Jennifer Vega-Brown, will “see opportunities (that would) allow some leeway” for the city to “provide space and resources to nonprofits such as the DAAC” because they provide services the city otherwise would have to provide, or couldn’t provide.

DAAC raised \$3.2 million between 1998 and 2004 to renovate RGT. It quit-claimed ownership to the city so the theatre could

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LC mayor pro-tem suggests city consider museum system

Las Cruces Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith says he wants the city council to consider letting the city museum system instead of the Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) run the Rio Grande Theatre (RGT).

The museum system is part of the city’s new Quality of Life Department. The CVB is in the newly expanded Economic Development Department.

The CVB’s mission is “to bring people to Las Cruces,” Smith said. “The emphasis is not on us, it’s getting people from out of town.”

And, because RGT has fewer than 430 seats, the

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receive \$250,000 from the state without violating the anti-donation clause.

The city and DAAC signed a five-year management agreement effective July 1, 2014 and renewable annually. DAAC received \$100,000 from the city during the first year of the contract and \$120,000 in the second and third years.

Smith said he is “extremely thankful to DAAC for all they did for this legacy structure, the center of our downtown. They took it from where it was to where it is today,” he said. “That gratitude has to be expressed.”

Albers said DAAC would like to continue some of its programs at RGT. She said the DAAC board will develop

a new strategic plan “once we get settled” in a new location.

EDD Director Phil San Filippo said he hopes DAAC will continue to provide programming at RGT, including its Heritage Series and arts programs for children. San Filippo said he planned to meet with DAAC staff in late April to discuss RGT management transition.

“I am completely open to working not only with the arts council, but the arts community,” San Filippo said. In addition to RGT, San Filippo said the city wants to “work with all the other theatre communities in town ... because that supports arts in Las Cruces.”

The city has begun searching for a full-time RGT manager, who will be housed at the theatre, hopefully by

July 1, San Filippo said. The city is already booking events at RGT after July 1 so the theatre won't go dark at any point, he said.

The CVB “never asked for the Rio Grande Theatre,” San Filippo said. Rather, “the city came to the CVB” with the management assignment proposal, he said. “We never said, ‘We have to run the theatre; we can do a better job.’”

The change in management, after a year-and-a-half process, San Filippo acknowledged, “has caused a rift” between the city and the arts community. “And it's sad.” The CVB, he said, is “a strong supporter of the arts, and I personally am. ‘The city vs. the arts’: That's never been the case. The city supports the arts. Art is an economic driver and we should think of

it as such.”

San Filippo said the change in RGT management is in “the best interest of DAAC” because it was “losing too much money” running the theatre. He expects the theatre to break even within three years under CVB management. “We really believe we can do that,” he said. “I think Visit Las Cruces can do the job.”

“It was handled very brutally,” Smith said about the city's change of RGT management.

Albers agreed, calling the process “regrettable.”

“I'm disappointed in the way it evolved,” she said. “It has taken too much of our time and resources.”

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city should not expect it to generate a profit other than a “quality-of-life

return on investment,” Smith said.

“To get everything happening in there successfully, we owe it to

our community to foot the bill,” he said, “rather than continue theatre management as an unfunded mandate.”

Putting RGT under the museum system would allow it to work with the CVB and the Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) to “expand programs the museum is already doing,” Smith said.

“Let's look at it. Let's get the numbers. Maybe

the city's not designed to do this at all. If it is, let's get the best fit possible.”

The city should decide on the programming it wants at RGT, Smith said, and should discuss it with DAAC. “If we really want to see all these

things happening, what's it going to cost?”

“We want this to succeed no matter who's in charge of it. Let's do our best with this. Regardless of how we got to this position, we have to move forward.”

— *Mike Cook*



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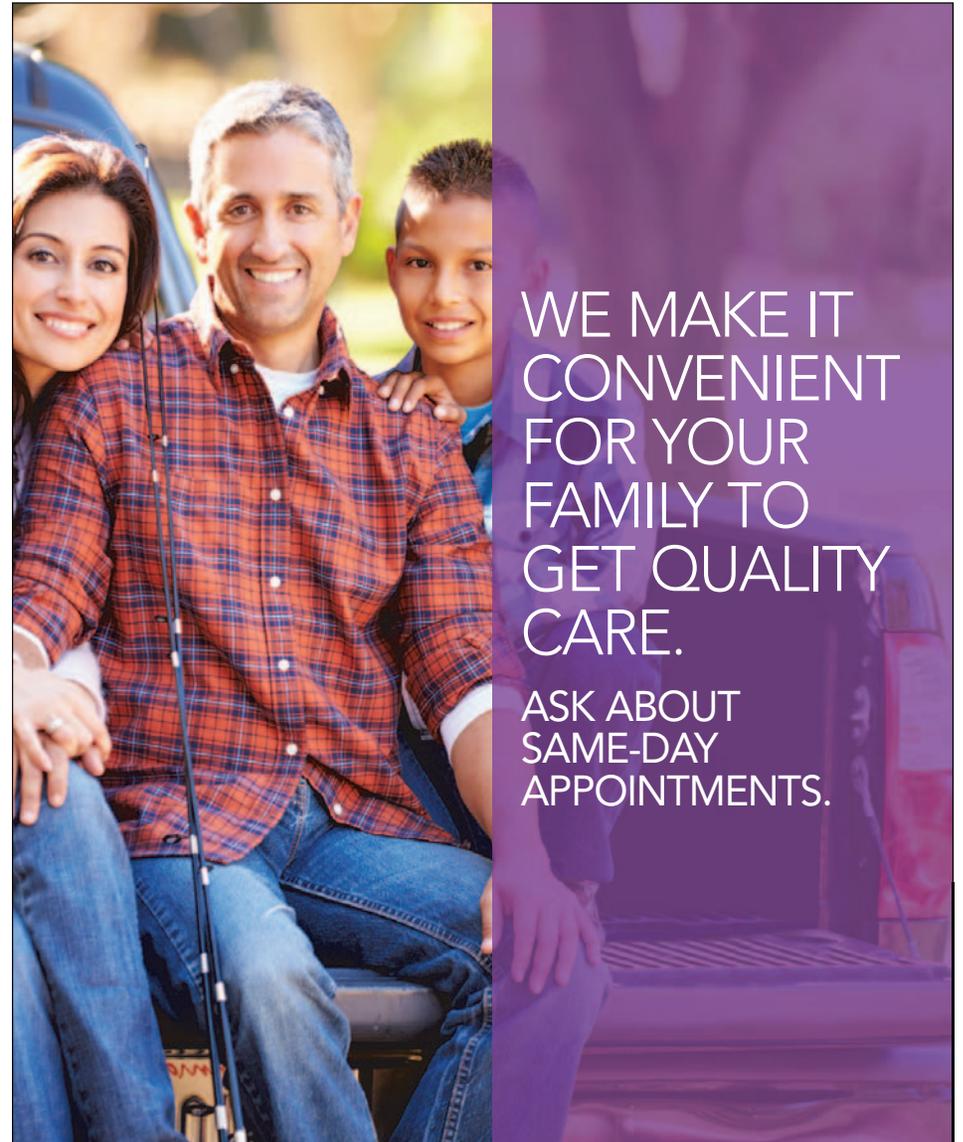
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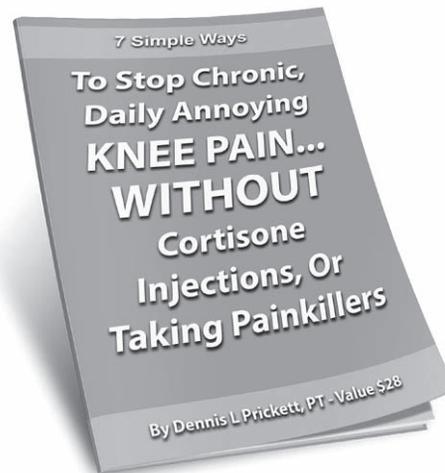
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Bixby, Fenske win Soil & Water Conservation District seats



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Mila Smith votes May 2 in the Soil & Water Conservation District 2017 election at the Doña Ana Government Center polling place. Unofficial results provided by the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office show Kevin Bixby as the District 3 winner with 521 votes to Joe Delk's 285. D. Craig Fenske is the District 4 winner with 1,812 votes to Kent Thurston's 841. Unofficially, 3,453 voters went to the polls.

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Proposed city budget is 'fiscally conservative'

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

City of Las Cruces staff will propose a \$381.5 million budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year that has no tax increases, no staff layoffs and level or expanded services, City Auditor Audrey Evins told the Las Cruces City Council at its April 24, work session.

Evins said the "fiscally conservative budget" includes a net reduction of 2.5 jobs.

The budget includes a \$6.4 million increase, about 1.7 percent, over last year's budget, Evins said.

The new budget will include a general, or operational, fund of \$89.3 million, she said, up 1.5 percent from last year's \$88 million.

City revenues are projected at \$102 million, with 75 percent of that total coming from gross receipts taxes and 10.7 percent from property taxes. Charges for services accounts for 6.4 percent, with franchise fees at 2.9 percent and other revenues at 5.2 percent.

General fund expenditures are projected at \$89.3 million, with public safety spending at \$40.2, or 45.1 percent; operational services at \$31.2 million, 35 percent; administrative services at \$11.6 million, 13 percent; and general government at 6.2 million, 7 percent.

Staff salaries and benefits account for 78.1 percent of the general fund budget, while operating costs account for 21.8 percent.

For the current year,

the city's budgeted payroll is \$104,007,423, Evins said. "Due to vacancies and employee turnover, the estimated actual for year ending June 30, 2017 is \$98,316,649," she said.

The city currently has 1,570.45 employees, which includes the recent departmental reorganization. The Las Cruces Police Department has 330.65 officers and employees, making it the largest city department in that category. The Utilities Department has almost 300 employees, the Public Works Department has almost 200, the Parks and Recreation Department has 184, the Las Cruces Fire Department has just over 155, the Quality of Life Department has 142 and administration 27.5.

The proposed budget includes \$348,000 for six new positions in the fire department to "staff two squads to expand service capabilities for EMS," Evins said. Those positions will be funded with interest generated from the Telshor Facility Fund (TFF), which was created in October 2004 with the proceeds from an agreement between the city and Doña Ana County with Providence Health-care Company for the 40-year lease of Memorial Medical Center.

The TFF totals about \$32 million. Using the money to create the firefighter positions will save the city about \$180,000 in overtime payments, City Manager Stuart Ed said. The TFF generates \$600 to \$700,000 in interest each year. About \$300,000

of that total is distributed annually among qualifying local nonprofits.

The budget also accounts for a \$600,000 reduction in hold-harmless gross receipts taxes, Evins said. The hold harmless distribution comes to the city from the state for the loss of revenue due to the removal of gross receipts tax on food and medicine.

With the new budget, the city will maintain a cash reserve of \$14 million, equal to two-twelfths of the general fund budget, Ed said. A one-twelfth reserve is mandated by the state, and the other one-twelfth is required by city ordinance, he said.

The budget also increases the city's un-

reserved balance from \$69,000 to nearly \$5 million, Ed said. The goal is to get that reserve back to \$8 million, where it was several years ago, he said.

As of March 31, the city had cash and investments totaling \$272.27 million, Evins said. Of that amount, \$36,895,248 was cash. Investments include bonds, market funds, a mutual fund with the state Investment Council and U.S. Treasury bills. Most investments are federal agency bonds, Evins said.

The new budget also funds step and longevity increases for city employees, Ed said, along with an anticipated 10 percent increase in the cost of employee health care.

City Public Works Di-

rector Loretta Reyes said the city's six-year capital improvements program (CIP) calls for \$113.6 million in spending in FY 2018, with funds coming from bonds, local funds, gross receipts taxes, impact fees, the city's Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) fund, the state Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP),

state appropriations and other funding sources.

The city will hold a public hearing on the budget Monday, May 8, and the council is expected to adopt the budget and CIP at its Monday, May 15, meeting.

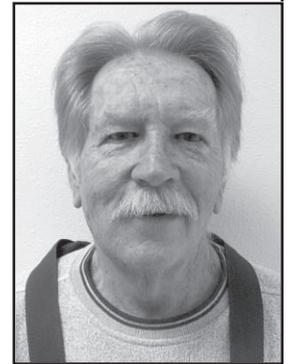
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Little Sister Darlene rolls out the first ball for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region “Wild West bowling party” April 30 at 10Pin Alley. The annual spring event is a fundraising staple for Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies around the country and has been a Las Cruces tradition since the agency began in Doña Ana County in 1989. Teams of five bowlers raised \$500 apiece to register for the event, with the money, after expenses, going to Big Brothers Big Sisters.



Teams for White Sands Federal Credit Union prepare to strike.

New county chair hopes to unite Democrats

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Though he was “re-ally disheartened” after the presidential election, Christopher Schaljo said he had already decided to run for Doña Ana County Democrat Party chair. He was elected April 8, defeating incumbent Liz Rodriguez-Johnson.

Schaljo, 27, has been active in the party for the last several years. As chair, he plans to “unite the party under common goals, values and motivating factors.”

With Democrats now holding almost every elective office at the county level and in the local legislative delegation, Schaljo said he will work hard to keep those seats.

“We had the best crop of Democratic candidates that this county’s had in forever,” Schaljo said of the 2016 slate. “They all worked so hard. They walked. They door-knocked until their knuckles were falling off. We have a great base.

“Now, it’s my turn to make sure they stay there.”

The county party will work on one-, three- and five-year plans focused on “how to keep us blue (since 2000, Democrats have been identified with blue and Republicans with red),” he said.

The party needs to “unite under one roof,” Schaljo said. “At the end of the day, we all need to come together.”

Local Democrats, he said, will also focus on winning the only state

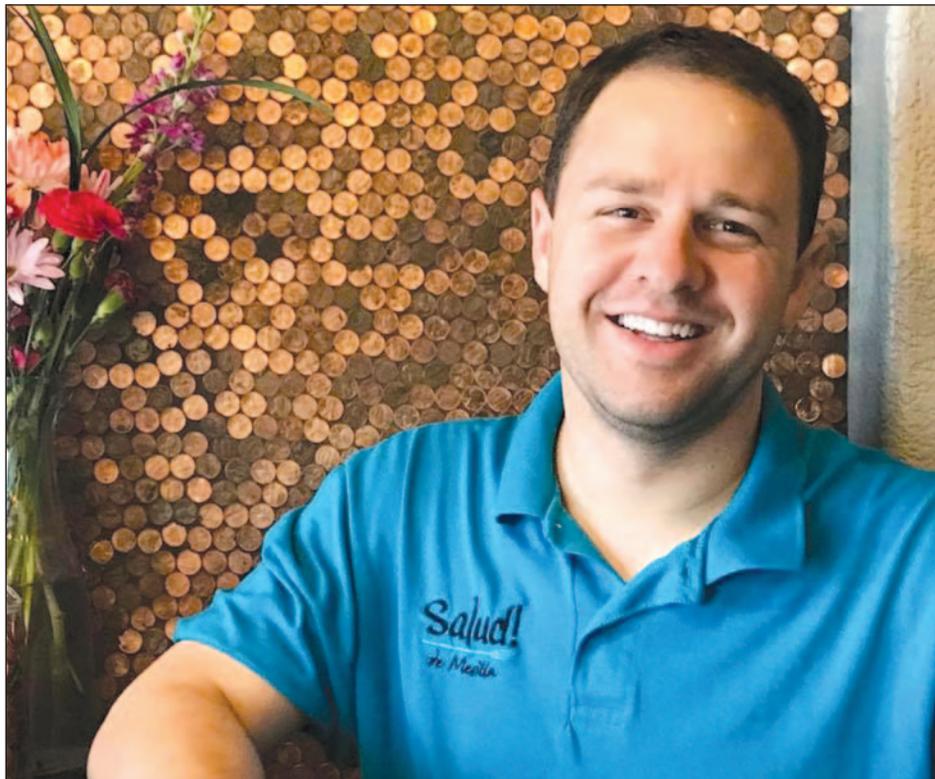


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Newly elected Doña Ana County Democratic Party Chair Christopher Schaljo.

House seat they lost in last year’s general election: District 53, held by Republican Ricky Little, R-Doña Ana, Otero; and the only seat on the five-member county commission held by a Republican, Ben Rawson, who represents District 3. Democrats also want to help the state party re-elect incumbent U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich, D-N.M., in 2018, and put a Democrat in the governor’s chair.

“We’re going to turn the governor blue,” said Schaljo, who co-owns Salud! de Mesilla restaurant with partner Russell Hernandez.

Incumbent Gov. Susana Martinez, a Republican and former Doña Ana County district attor-

ney, is term limited, and Schaljo said Democrats in Doña Ana County and statewide really want to reclaim the governorship.

Schaljo said Democrats will also target New Mexico’s U.S. House of Representatives District 2 seat held by Republican Steve Pearce of Hobbs. Though Las Cruces is the largest city in District 2, no one from Cruces has held the seat since 1970. Harry Teague of Hobbs is the only Democrat to hold the seat since 1980. Teague was elected in 2008 but defeated by Pearce in 2010.

A possible redrawing of the state’s three congressional districts could help Democrats in that race, Schaljo said. And, Pearce has been listed as

adding that he finds Trump’s presidency “re-ally scary.”

Local Democrats are “taking a stand in response to Trump initiatives, saying, ‘No, this isn’t going to work in our county,’” he said. That includes support “in a peaceful, Democratic way” for recent rallies, and opposition to Trump’s proposed wall along the U.S.-Mexican border, Schaljo said. “We will not let a wall be built in our back yard.”

Democrats must unite throughout Doña Ana County, he said. Schaljo plans to make regular trips to Sunland Park, Hatch and the other communities as part of a “grass roots organizing effort to start reaching out to people on a year-round basis.”

Salud! is located on Avenida de Mesilla, just off the historic Mesilla plaza, but it is zoned in Las Cruces. Schaljo and Hernandez’s home, a farm house on Snow Road, is in Mesilla.

Hernandez’s family

is part of a “political dynasty” that includes former county Sheriff Juan Hernandez, former county Assessor Emma Johnson Ortiz and current Assessor Andy Segovia, Schaljo said.

A native of St. Louis, Schaljo moved to Las Cruces seven years ago. He has a degree in government started at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and completed at New Mexico State University.

Schaljo feels the county party has “a really strong executive board” that includes Vice-Chair Susie Chaparro and eight district directors. He is also encouraged by the number of younger Democrat voters and candidates.

And, while “we did have a great voter turnout,” Schaljo said part of his job as county party chair is to get more people registered and to “go out and vote.”

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Home away from home at NMSU

By **CASSIE McCLURE**
For the Bulletin

When Jag and Linda Cheema needed a family in their new hometown, New Mexico State University answered the call. When NMSU students needed a home away from home, the Cheemas dialed in. Now, the Jag and Linda Cheema Endowed Scholarship will create a way for student athletes to be their best, not only on the playing fields and courts but in the classroom as well.

“When we first moved here, we didn’t know anyone,” Linda Cheema said about their arrival in Las Cruces in 1988. “Jag said to me – the very weekend we were moving in – everyone around here already has their friends. They don’t need us – we need them.”

Jag Cheema, a tennis player, picked up the phone and called NMSU to ask for a tennis partner.

“We met the coach and the rest was history,”

Linda said. “We became more and more involved in the tennis program, and then women’s athletic programs. We realized that the women’s athletic programs don’t always get the same attention as the men’s programs.”

The stories of NMSU students affected Jag and Linda in different ways. Jag, originally from India, felt a desire to help foreign students, the way he was helped as a student. Jag’s family also had innate expectations of education and giving back. It was an example set by his grandfather, an Indian freedom fighter, who showed that it was their duty to take care of people who cannot take care of themselves.

Linda, a first-generation college student, wanted to pay tribute to a great uncle who helped her through school, even though he only had a third-grade education.

“He developed tools, got them patented and made money, but he could

hardly read a paper,” Linda said. “He knew the value of an education and he helped me. Giving back is my way of honoring him.”

For years, the Cheemas’ gifts were in the form of something intangible, but invaluable – being the community that NMSU students needed. Jag remembers the first time they got involved with the women’s basketball team, spending time with the players after the game.

“They were so nice, so thankful that we came out for them,” Jag said and both he and Linda started to laugh before he continued: “We called up the coach later and said we want to have them over for dinner and he asked, ‘Which student?’ and I said, ‘The whole team!’”

“When we couldn’t afford to create scholarships, that’s what we were doing instead – we were their biggest cheerleaders and doted on them,” Linda said about how they welcomed the students into their home.

“And they need it,” Jag agreed.

“I tell the parents who don’t live in the area, I can get to your kid a lot quicker than you can,” said Jag who remembered helping a student who needed knee surgery.

“Her parents couldn’t come, so I said we’ll sit with her,” Jag said. “I called the father after



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Linda and Jag Cheema connected with New Mexico State University when they moved to Las Cruces in 1988, and have been giving their time, caring and support to student-athletes here ever since.

surgery and it barely rang once. He was waiting for my call.”

“A few years later,” he continued, “we went to her wedding in Salt Lake City. I asked her dad where can we stay and he said, ‘No, you’ve done more for my family than any of my own kinfolk has,’ and we ended up staying with them at their home.”

On a recent trip to Croatia, they met up with a former Aggie basketball player – one of the many former students whom they consider a daughter.

“Her husband said that when we met her that it couldn’t have come at a better time in her life,” Jag said. “Now, their 4-year-old daughter’s

name is Linda. I don’t think there is a bigger honor than that.”

“We have two sons and four grandsons, but we have hundreds of daughters,” Linda said. Their gift of time and devotion extended not only to their new daughters, but to the students’ families as well.

When Jag and Linda sat down to consider giving a financial gift to NMSU, they decided to go with their core values.

“We are concerned about the first-generation students – the ones with financial need. We want to increase the quality of lifestyle for the whole community,” Jag said. “Plus, most people who receive a scholarship are very receptive to help oth-

ers, when they are able. It starts a process of change, and that’s our goal.”

The Cheemas took advantage of NMSU’s Giving Tuesday initiative focused on raising dollars and participation. Some donations were even matched dollar-for-dollar, thanks to revenue from the NMSU license plate program and an estate gift from a generous donor.

“We’re not going to solve all the problems,” Jag said. “But how do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time.”

Linda continued, “For us, it’s helping one student at a time. You help your family, and for us, New Mexico State University has become part of our family.”

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ABOVE: Las Crucean Alyssa Newton sings at the Las Cruces Country Music Festival Sunday Brunch, April 30, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.



Bri Bagwell of Las Cruces performs her song "My Boots" while wearing her signature red boots.



LEFT: Rodeo athletes, NMSU students and Las Cruces Community members prepare to model at the Country Music Festival Fashion Show.

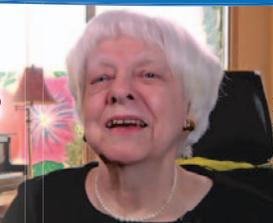
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NMSU alumna's legacy supports athletes, scholars she loved

By **CASSIE MCCLURE**

For the Bulletin

While she was a student at New Mexico State University, Brandy Streit worked on satellite tracking at the Physical Science Laboratory. When she wasn't sitting in front of a computer, she could be found at an Aggie basketball game, sometimes joined by her parents, Ed and Sandy Streit, coming from Roswell.

Brandy earned her degree in computer science at NMSU in December 1993. An active woman, a Girl Scout and a dancer, she was the vibrant and joyful heart of her family, so it came as a shock when at 34, with no warning, Brandy passed away of a pulmonary thrombo-

embolism.

Ed and Sandy Streit decided to build her legacy into a force for influencing the futures of other students at New Mexico State University.

Sandy recalled Brandy's experiences working her way through NMSU co-op programs, with jobs at the Physical Science Laboratory and in the computer science department as tech support, and two internships at IBM in Dallas. Brandy first started on a path toward electrical engineering, but told her mother of her eventual epiphany: That she was really more of a software person than a hardware person.

After college, Brandy followed her passion in computing, and shortly



Brandy Streit, at right, celebrates her mother's birthday with her family in 2004. From left to right are Brandy's brother-in-law, Randy Shine; her brother, Jon Streit; her mother, Sandy Streit; and father, Ed Streit.

before her death, she had celebrated 10 years of employment at Applied Research Associates in Albuquerque.

In their grief, her family discovered a way to build on Brandy's passions. The Brandy K. Streit Memorial Endowed Scholarship will

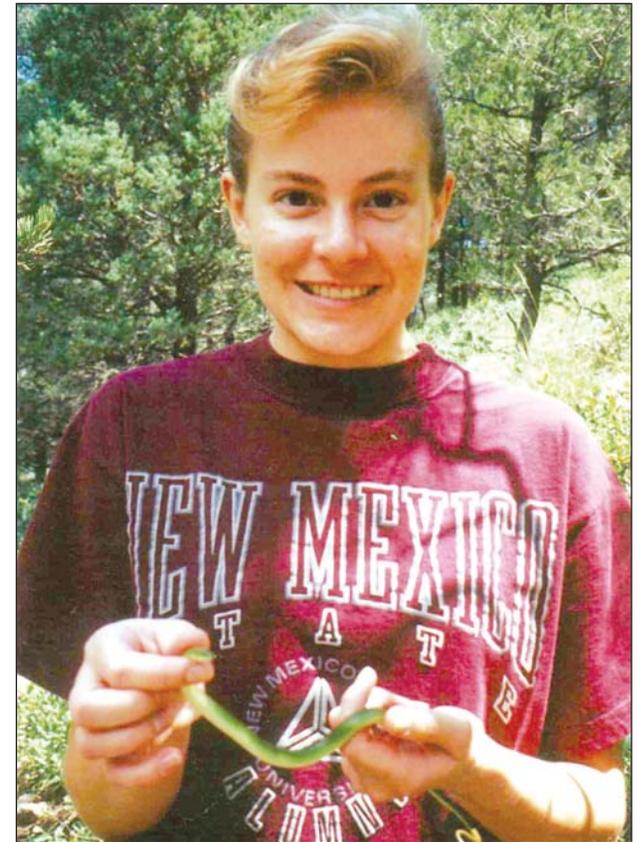
make one or more awards to an undergraduate or graduate level student in computer science, but also one award to a student athlete; just one month before Brandy's passing, she and her parents had traveled to New Orleans together to watch the Aggies play.

"She was so very loving and caring," Sandy said. "She was the heart of our family and that is why remembering her with this scholarship is special to us."

The Streits drew on the excitement of NMSU's Giving Tuesday in late November to spur on their friends and family to take part in a unified day of giving in Brandy's memory, just as they did on Brandy's birthday, May 4.

Secondly, they sought out an annual matching gift from Ed's former employer, State Farm, for their birthday contributions each May – and later, each Giving Tuesday – to the scholarship.

Now, the legacy of Brandy's love of computer science and her love of basketball makes a difference in the lives of up to three students each semester.



PHOTOS COURTESY NMSU

Brandy Streit was a 1993 alumna of New Mexico State University who passed away unexpectedly in 2004. Her family has created an endowed memorial scholarship to support students in the College of Arts and Sciences and student-athletes to honor her love of NMSU.

Receiving Brandy's scholarship gives Kurtlynd McLane a feeling of reverence. At 22, McLane is a transfer student, but found a home when he came to Las Cruces. Involved in the NMSU Army ROTC and the New Mexico National Guard, at NMSU McLane found he could combine his passion for computer science with a career.

McLane now wants to merge his love of the military and love of computers. In 2019, he'll start a commission in the U.S. Army and work to become cyberwarfare officer.

McLane recently took a trip to the resting place

of another person whose memorial scholarship he was receiving. He said he plans to pay his respects and honor Brandy Streit's memory in the same way.

"It's thinking of those coming up in the ranks behind you and giving back to them. I'm being helped by those who came before me," McLane said. "It's why I went to that gravesite. A gift in someone's memory, it's an incredible honor."

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Families grateful for new home ownership



ABOVE: Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Maria Vasquez holds up a welcome plaque for new home owners Friday, April 28, during a block party dedication by Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity on Wendall Road.

RIGHT: Delilah Ojeda with the help of Makayla Bustamante, 7, cuts the dedication ribbon outside her new home.



By **ROB McCORKLE**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The letter that Delilah Ojeda wrote to Santa as a child asking for a house to live in has finally been answered.

She, husband Victor and their three children will live side-by-side on Wendall Road with three other grateful families presented keys to their new Habitat for Humanity homes during a special Block Party April 28. The dedication brings to 111 the number of homes built under the direction of the Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity since its founding in Las Cruces 30 years ago.

“Now that I can provide a home for my kids means the world to me,” Delilah said, choking back tears. “All the love and support, the donations, working with the neighbors and everything, it’s hard to put it in words how thankful I am.”

Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Maria Vasquez presided over the dedication attended by city employees, Habitat board members, Restore staff, corporate sponsors and dozens of community volunteers. She praised the four families for the “effort and love” they put into their homes and expressed confidence that they will be good neighbors.

Before the block party began, Cheyenne Carrillo, a single mom who will graduate in May with a criminal justice degree from Doña Ana Community College, marveled at her new, well-built home in an “awesome” neighborhood.

“I grew up in a single-parent household and neither parent owned a house. Moving into our house motivates

my son (8-year-old Adan), who has told me he wants to be a homeowner when he grows up,” she said.

Habitat for Humanity statistics suggest that Adan, like most children from a Habitat home, will graduate from high school and have an excellent shot at attending college.

Malcolm Fell, a volunteer and former president for the local habitat affiliate, says those who move into Habitat homes lead positive and productive lives. Now that he’s not allowed “to get up on roofs,” the 97-year-old serves as the organization’s unofficial photographer.

“It’s special. The families grow and kids go to college,” he said. “I remember one of the presidents saying way back that sometimes when a house is started, there may be no money in the bank, but somehow it always gets built. You’ve got to have faith to start out with nothing.”

Yvette Bayless, operations coordinator for Habitat’s Las Cruces office, says the typical 1,200-square-foot, 3-2 home costs about \$80,000 to build thanks to hundreds of volunteer hours and donated building supplies, and are valued at roughly \$120,000.

Qualifying partner families receive a no-profit, no-interest mortgage with an average monthly payment of about \$500. The payments are “recycled” to build more homes. Most successful applicants have had to overcome a number of hardships and have shown a strong desire to better their lives and those of their children.

Amorette Trujillo, a single mom with two teens and an 11-year-old, has faced a financial struggle trying to provide for her family. She’d been working full-time but

recently decided to return to school.

“Having an opportunity to be part of Habitat for Humanity has made not only my dream come true, but also my children’s,” Amorette said. “I’ve had so much support from people in my corner, helping us and having faith in us that we can do it. I’ve told my kids that no matter what you’re faced with, dedication, hard work, love and patience will pay off.”

The other two families moving into their new homes are Cynthia Chavez and her two children and Corina Hursey and her son.

Applicants for Habitat housing are required to invest from 250 to 500 “sweat equity” hours into the construction of Habitat homes and the organization’s other activities. Individuals, churches, businesses and community organizations donate funds, volunteer labor, building materials and make other in-kind contributions. The Las Cruces Rotary Club donated children’s bedroom furnishings in the four new homes and each family received a “Welcome Home” basket from Allstate.

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry whose goal is to give a hand up, and not a hand out, to make a difference in the lives of families living in substandard housing conditions, according to the organization’s website. Habitat homes in Mesilla Valley are built from October through May, and the organization welcomes volunteers.

For more information, call Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity at 575-525-0475 or visit: www.lascruceshabitat.org.



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BCOM student group wins national award



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The Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine's (BCOM) student group was recognized as the student club of the year at the 2017 American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians (ACOP) spring conference held in April in Louisville, Kentucky. Left to right, BCOM ACOP student group members Roy Thomas (event director), Gabe Pontipiedra (treasurer), Sara Javadi (event director), Katie Vidal (vice president), Emily Hanka (secretary) and Roxanne Waggoner (president). At far right is BCOM's Dr. Scott Cyrus, student club's faculty adviser.



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By ALTA LeCOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

A million-dollar investment in Allen Theatre's Teshor 12 will make the venue the most comfortable place in town to watch a movie.

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"That's the scary part of doing this," Allen said as he sank into one of the new seats and reached for a handful of popcorn.

He said theater occupancy rates nationally are about 15 percent with conventional seating. Rates for theaters with deluxe seating are 45 to 50 percent.

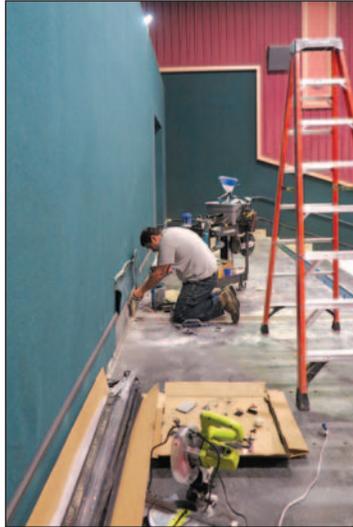
Theater owners who convert are betting on increased ticket sales.

"That's the leap of faith," Allen said, adding that, if the math works, the chairs should pay for themselves in a relatively short time.

Working the numbers

The average person goes to a movie six times a year, Allen said. He's aiming to increase that to seven in order to make his investment pay.

Movie theaters operate in a highly competitive environment. They compete not only with TV and other theaters but



Behind the scenes, workers install an electrical system for the chairs in one of the Teshor 12 auditoriums.

with anything that gives a customer a two-hour respite from daily life, Allen said.

He said the movie-going experience is an opportunity to laugh, to cry, to be transported into another universe or another person's struggles.

To make the experience even more pleasant, he plans to convert a portion of the lobby to a kitchen that can serve a limited menu of real food, such as pizza. Later, adult beverages may be added.

Allen calls the new theater experience relaxed and reserved, meaning all seats will be reserved. Customers will be able to make reservations online, on the theater app or at the theater.

Prices will increase, he said, although the amount of increase hasn't been determined.

"Our goal in life is to keep



Russell Allen, president of Allen Theatres, relaxes in the new seats at Teshor 12.

our expenses as low as possible in order to keep prices as low as possible," Allen said.

Behind the scenes

A Colorado contractor specializing in theaters is demolishing and renovating the auditoriums — three at a time to minimize disruption.

"It's the same company that built Cineport for us," Allen said. "They've done most of our work since 2003. They do it all over the country."

The conversion begins with removing the old seats, placing forms for the new stadium configuration, pouring concrete and then installing handrails, aisle markers and seats.

Electrical upgrades will

provide power to the recliners, which have battery backup in case of a power outage.

The city inspects the project before the seats are installed, making sure the steps, handrails and other elements meet ADA standards.

With some of the auditoriums already converted, the theater is operating on a temporary certificate of occupancy and will apply for a permanent certificate when the project is finished.

Allen said VIP Seating, a leader in the industry, is providing the recliners. The chairs are built specifically for theaters rather than adapted from chairs found in home theaters.

"They are sturdier and more reliable," he said.

The new recliners are an extension of an evolution in theater seating now going on 25 years, Allen said.

Back then, he said, seats were 19 inches wide. In 1998, 21- and 22-inch seats were introduced. About six years ago, the standard became 23 and 24 inches.

The recliners are configured differently, so it's not possible to get an exact comparison, Allen explained.

"I believe these would translate to about 26 inches," he said.

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Sixteen years on 17th Street

American Document Services expands, celebrates birthday

By **ALTA LeCOMPTE**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In the midst of a major expansion of space for operations and document storage, American Document Services celebrates its 16th birthday May 6.

CEO Rick Jackson said growth — especially the demand for digitizing documents — drove the expansion.

“Our hands were forced by growth. We didn’t have a choice,” he said.

“This project has been in the making almost four years, but we tried to time it so we could do it with-

out inconvenience to our customers.”

Size and security

Customers entering the building follow signs along a chain link fence until they reach a side door that leads along a back hall to the offices.

Despite the construction, it’s business as usual in every part of the existing building.

From his desk, Jackson can see through a front window and into the framing of what will be the company’s executive offices.

On an architect’s drawing, he points to the

future customer service and leadership offices currently being framed.

“The conference room for customers viewing their documents will be three times the size of the current one,” he said.

Security, technology and elbow room

More than bigger, the new facility where businesses — including banks and hospitals — store their most sensitive documents, will be even more secure.

The renovation and expansion will include 32 additional security cameras, Jackson said.

People entering the building will swipe their keys and be buzzed in. The reception area will be glass-enclosed.

“It will be higher tech with more security,” Jackson said. “I know with the upgrades ... we will be able to locate and deliver (stored) records to customers faster with the use of higher-speed processors.”

Customers, however, will never know anything has changed, he said, because American Document Services will continue to use the nation’s No. 1 document tracking software, O’Neil. It will migrate seamlessly onto the new processors.

“At the end of the day we will turn a switch,” he said.

The office building will be enlarged by more than 2,300 square feet. The recently completed warehouse will add 7,000 square feet of insulated storage. In all, American



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY ALTA LeCOMPTE

American Document Services CEO Rick Jackson and CFO April Tate pose in front of what will be their offices in the addition under construction in front of the existing building at 300 N. 17th St.



Signs point the way for visitors who use a temporary entrance to get into the American Document Services front office.



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Document Services will grow from a complex of 16,000 square feet to 39,000 square feet.

“We tripled the size of the climate-controlled vault in the existing facility,” Jackson said. It will house media, tapes, hard drives and microfiche.

Why expand?

Jackson said the company’s scanning and imaging operation is expanding every day as businesses move to digitizing their documents.

“Scanning and imaging has definitely grown in this community,” he said. “This town is made up of a lot of small businesses, so it’s a little harder for small businesses to find the funds to go digital. They’re finding it’s definitely worth it to outsource rather than do it in-house. We do in a month what they had been trying to do for a year.”

Jackson said American Document Services

provides scanning all across New Mexico, with the capability to scan anything from anybody in the U.S.

Jackson said his firm “recently scanned 100,000 images for a company in Silver City without ever setting foot on their property during the scanning process. We weren’t in their way.

“Their IT folks provided us with the networking we needed to put the images on their server.”

Jackson said American Document Services has sophisticated industrial scanners and knowledgeable technicians who can work at the customer’s location if the customer prefers.

“It’s always all about making it easier for the customer,” he said.

Adding jobs and ambience

Jackson said another reason for expansion was the opportunity to hire six additional scanning

personnel, whom American Document Services will train in-house.

Meanwhile, local construction workers are on the job at the site. Triple S Construction is the general contractor, and owner Sam Pierce is using all local subs.

“I emphasized local subs when we started,” Jackson said. Some are fellow members of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, whose board Jackson currently chairs.

The exterior of American Document Services will be transformed, with the new front section stuccoed and the existing office building behind it and warehouses painted to match. Wrought iron fencing and a large concrete parking lot with landscaping will complete the Southwest look, Jackson said.

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Competition means low prices – also pollution

The secret sauce of capitalism is competition, which prevents sellers from exploiting buyers, and buyers from exploiting sellers. Don't like a deal, then a competitor is just down the street. But while benefits of competition are oft touted, there is a down side. Competition is bad for the environment.

In a purely competitive market, businesses compete head to head, selling identical products. Sellers are price takers, meaning that the market sets the price and sellers try to sell what they can at that price yet still make a profit.

In the real world, pure competition is



CHRIS ERICKSON
State of the Economy

hard to find. Nearly always, a business will have some pricing power, as it seeks to differentiate itself from the competition precisely so as to not compete head to head. To the extent that it is successful, it can charge a higher price.

Higher prices mean higher profits but fewer

sales. Fewer sales means less pollution, which brings us back to the theme. Competition harms the environment because it limits the ability of businesses to charge high prices, so sales in the aggregate are greater.

Take the extreme case of a monopoly. The monopolist faces no direct competition, therefore charges the highest price. Hence, sales are lowest.

Lower sales, less production; less production, less pollution.

There is another reason why monopolists pollute less, which is social consciousness. Consider a business operating in a competi-

tive market. Suppose the owner is environmentally concerned and adopts techniques that raise costs but reduce pollution. Because the business is a price taker, it can't pass on the higher costs to customers, so the environmental activism comes out of the owner's profits.

At a minimum, the environmentally conscious business loses market share to the less environmentally friendly competitors. More likely, the environmental good guy will be forced out of business, leaving only the bad actors still operating.

The environmentally conscious monopolist faces a different

situation. It has market power, so some of the cost of activism can be passed on to customers. Because monopolies generate excess profits, any cost not passed on can be paid for out of these profits. Being environmentally conscious does not present risk the way it does to a competitive business.

Thus, not only does restricting production reduce pollution, but the profits thus generated allow the monopolist to indulge a personal environmental agenda.

Relying on the environmental benefits of monopoly to save the environment is a haphazard approach. There

is no guarantee that the monopolist's behavior will result in an optimal outcome. Better is environmental regulation that systematically takes into account pollution's costs to society. Which is why we need an EPA determining environmental policy, not El Paso Electric.

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NMSU graduates inducted into College of Business Hall of Fame

By JANE MOORMAN

For the Bulletin

Three NMSU graduates were inducted into New Mexico State University's College of Business' Hall of Fame during an April ceremony at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

They are Perry Elders, Class of '83, and Philip and Sandy Cook, Classes of '84 and '82.

"I have an incredible amount of respect for the people who were honored," said College of Business Dean James Hoffman. "They've been so generous with their time, mentorship and support – each of these honorees has made an impact on our college and our students."

Established in 1997 by the College of Business, the Hall of Fame honors outstanding alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers and supporters who have made an impact with their commitment to the college and NMSU.

Through the Hall, the college seeks



ELDERS



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to create visibility for its alumni and develop a strong relationship with the business community.

Throughout Elders' 30 years' experience in international public accounting he has worked around the world, serving eight years as chief financial officer of two multi-national public companies. In 2009 he was named CFO of the Year for Investor Relations by the Houston Business Journal.

Elders worked 20 years for Arthur Andersen's Gulf Coast Energy service team. After the Andersen liquidation in 2002, he was a partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers. He continued as vice president of finance and chief accounting officer for Vetco International Ltd., director of financial con-

sultant for Sirius Solutions, executive vice-president and chief financial officer for Bristow Group Inc., and, most recently, senior vice-president and chief financial officer for McDermott International.

Elders graduated from NMSU with a bachelor's degree in accounting with a 3.95 GPA, fourth in a class of 362.

Through his career, Elders volunteered with the Second Baptist Church of Houston as a Bible study teacher and ordained deacon. He has served in various church missions and ministries.

He and his wife, Alane, host church groups and pastors at the Elders Ranch approximately 25 weekends a year. The couple have a son, daughter and two grandchildren.

Philip Cook has 20 years of financial experience in the oil and gas industry. He is currently chief financial officer of Primexx Energy Partners, an industry-leading private-equity-backed independent exploration and production company focused on the Delaware Basin in West Texas.

He previously worked at Samson Resources, was executive vice-president and CFO of Quicksilver Resources, and chief accounting officer at Burlington Resources before it was acquired by ConocoPhillips.

Cook recently served on the Tulsa

Area United Way board of directors. He also served from 2006-2012 as a board member for the Fort Worth Opera; president of the Alliance for Children, Inc.; and director of the Children's Advocacy Network of Tarrant County, Texas. An Eagle Scout, Cook served on the Boy Scouts of America Fort Worth board.

Sandy Janssen Cook began her career as a certified public accountant with Peat Marwick & Mitchel, and progressed to Coopers & Lybrand, and Franklin Land & Resources, a subsidiary of El Paso Electric Company. After the Cooks moved to Seattle and began a family, Sandy worked at SeaFirst Bank, which is now Bank of America.

After 10 years of accounting experience, Sandy retired to focus on raising the couple's two daughters and volunteering in their communities.

Sandy's volunteering has been diverse. While in Fort Worth, she twice chaired major fundraising activities for the Alliance for Children and has held several positions for the Fort Worth Opera Guild and Fort Worth Opera.

She also helped Meals on Wheels in Fort Worth for six years and was a tutor for Reading Partners in Tulsa.

Sandy and Philip recently moved to Dallas.

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Workshop helps businesses orient to customers with disabilities

By **SANDY NELSON**
and **TAURA COSTIDIS**

Finance New Mexico

Business owners who don't consider the impact of dollars spent by people with disabilities are missing a market opportunity. Complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) can raise a business's costs, but the rewards of making a business accessible to members of America's largest minority more than compensate for the investment.

About 58 million Americans live with some type of disability, and that number is expected to grow as the last of the Baby Boomers reaches 65, according to Julie Ballinger, a disability rights consultant affiliated with the Southwest ADA Center — one of 10 ADA centers nationwide. This is an untapped consumer market with \$200 billion per year in disposable income, twice the spending power of the teen market.

WESST, a nonprofit



small-business development and training organization, wants New Mexico businesses to take that positive approach, which is why the organization's Roswell branch recently hosted a standing-room-only workshop in which Ballinger illustrated how businesses can approach this lucrative market. Rhonda Johnson, WESST Roswell regional manager, found the workshop eye-opening. "It caused each of us to think about things we haven't considered," Johnson said.

On May 11, Ballinger gives an encore presentation of "Make Money, Save Money: Access Means Business" from noon to 2 p.m. at WESST

Enterprise Center, 609 Broadway Blvd NE, in Albuquerque.

Modeled after the Civil Rights Act and enacted in 1990, the ADA prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability and guarantees people with disabilities equal opportunities to work and participate in society.

Workshop organizers say businesses should see the law not as a burdensome regulation they must obey to avoid costly litigation but rather as a guideline to attracting and serving a lucrative customer market. Accessibility, they stress, isn't just about making reasonable modifications to a physical location but also about communicat-



ing with and marketing to customers with disabilities.

The aim of ADA is to get businesses to "examine your procedures and policies to make sure you are not creating a barrier for customers with disabilities," said Ballinger. It can be as simple as making architectural changes, such as widening store aisles to be more maneuverable for wheelchairs and adding a service-animal exception to a "no animals allowed" sign.

Or it can be less intuitive, as when a car dealer hires a sign language interpreter to facilitate communication with a hearing-impaired customer: It requires forward thinking and costs a little more, but that type of sensitivity can turn a browser into a buyer, Ballinger said.

No small business wants to miss an opportunity to expand market

share — and the market for products, services and environments that meet physical and mental challenges will only increase in the next decade.

The WESST workshop also aims to help businesses become less vulnerable to lawsuits, both legitimate and "drive-by" actions brought by unscrupulous lawyers.

For more information

about the Albuquerque workshop, call 800-949-4232 or visit www.southwestADA.org/. Register online at www.wesst.org or by calling 505-246-6900.

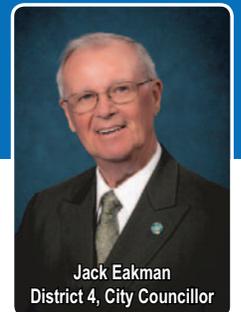
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Friday, May 5

11 a.m. and 1 p.m. flights, Greater Las Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, Red Hawk Golf Course, 7502 Red Hawk Golf Road. Entry fees include greens fee, cart and two meals. Register at www.lascruces.org. Info: bmisqueza@lascruces.org.

Friday, May 5

11:30 a.m., "How to Have a High-Impact Nonprofit," First Friday program, Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room, with Frank Lopez, executive director, Ngage New Mexico. Free. Info: Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, carrie@locallascrues.org.

com, 575-323-1575; WESST, agarcia@wesst.org, 575-541-1583.

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tact Mr. Caz Martinez at
caz.martinez@lasmontanashigh.com**

NOTICE is hereby given
that on April 13, 2017,
Robert H. and Sandra L.
Jones, 810 Dalrymple Rd,
Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed
application numbered
LRG-16502-POD1, OSE
File No. LRG-16502-1 with
the State Engineer for Permit
to Change an Existing Water
Right within the Lower Rio
Grande Underground Water
Basin in Doña Ana County
by discontinuing the use of
well LRG-7926-S located at
X = 1,469,422 Y = 486,167
ft. NMP, Central Zone,
NAD83, on land owned by
Mary Joan Harris Family
Company LLC and drilling
replacement well
LRG-16502-POD1 located
at approximately X =
1,470,218.7 Y = 485,316.8
on land owned by the
applicants for the continued
diversion of an amount of
water determined by the
May 24, 1999 Order of the
Third Judicial District Court,
Doña Ana County, State of
NM, combined with surface
water from the EBID for

irrigation of 1.58 acres of
land owned by the applicants
located within part of the
SW¹/₄ of Section 01, Town-
ship 23S, Range 01E,
NMPM, as described by
Subfile No. :
LRN-28-010-0106-A of the
Lower Rio Grande Hydro-
graphic Survey. Proposed
replacement well
LRG-16502-POD1 will be
located at the physical
address of 810 Dalrymple
Rd. Existing well
LRG-7926-S will be re-
tained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corpora-
tion or other entity having
standing to file objections or
protests shall do so in
writing (objection must be
legible, signed, and include
the writer's complete name,
phone number and mailing
address). The objection to
the approval of the applica-
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fy your water rights; and/or
(2) Public Welfare/Conser-
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welfare or conservation of
water within the state of
New Mexico, you must
show how you will be
substantially and specifically
affected. The written protest
must be filed, in triplicate,
with the State Engineer,
1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J,
Las Cruces, NM 88005
within ten (10) days after the
date of the last publication
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24-hour period. Protests can
be faxed to the Office of the
State Engineer,
575-524-6160. If no valid
protest or objection is filed,
the State Engineer will
evaluate the application in
accordance with the provi-
sions of Chapter 72 NMSA
1978.

Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19,
2017

NOTICE is hereby given
that on April 20, 2017
Steven and Darlene Hernan-
dez, 3011 Mesilla Verde
Terrace, Las Cruces, NM
88005, filed application
numbered LRG-1897-POD4,
OSE File Nos.
LRG-1897-1B and
LRG-1897-1J, with the State
Engineer for Permit to
Change an Existing Water
Right within the Lower Rio
Grande Underground Water
Basin in Doña Ana County

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by proposing to: use existing well LRG-1897-POD4 as a supplemental point of diversion. Well LRG-1897-POD4 is located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, Township 21S, Range 1E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X: 1,472,030.69 ft. & Y: 459,152.1 ft. (NMSP Central NAD83), on land owned by James Cruise and Donna Winslow, for the continued diversion of up to 12.33 acre-feet per annum combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 2.74 acres of land (1.35 acres under file No. LRG-1897-1B and 1.39 acres under file No. LRG-1897-1J) both owned by the applicants and located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 36 as described in part of Subfile Order No. LRN 28-013-0147-A of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to use well LRG-1897-POD4 under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24. Well LRG-1897-POD4 is generally described as being located south of Las Cruces, NM at the physical address of 3051 Mesilla Verde Terrace.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer,

575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 04/28, 05/05, 05/12, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 25, 2017, Wilford Howard Cothorn, 886 S. Fairacres Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-1824-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-1824 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-1824 located at X = 1,458,698 Y = 465,169.3 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by Wilford Howard and Dora Cothorn and drilling replacement well LRG-1824-POD2 to a depth of 250 feet with 4-inch casing to be located at approximately X = 1,458,700.1 Y = 465,178.9 on land owned by Wilford Howard and Dora Cothorn for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic one-household purposes as described by

Subfile No.: LRN-28-012-0089-A (B) of the of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Proposed replacement well LRG-1824-POD2 will be located at the physical address of 886 S. Fairacres Rd, Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-1824 will be properly plugged. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill and use replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate,

with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 5, 2017, Gary & Marne Massey, 3055 Doña Ana Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-16474-POD1, OSE File No.: LRG-16474-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-16474-POD2 to a depth of 200 feet with a 4-inch casing, located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 1, Township 23S, Range 1E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where X = 1,470,244 ft. & Y = 488,481 ft. NMSP Central NAD83, on land owned by the applicants, and discontinue the use of existing well LRN10-0009, located on land owned by the applicants located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said projected Section 1 and more specifically described where X = 1,470,262 ft. & Y = 488,489.7 ft. NMSP Central NAD83, for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic one-household use as described in Subfile Order No.: LRN-28-010-1002 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. The site of proposed well LRG-16474-POD2 will be located northwest of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 262 feet west of the intersection of Artifact Ln and Doña Ana

Rd at the property address of 3055 Doña Ana Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Existing well LRN10-0009 will be properly plugged.

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Dates: 04/21, 04/28, 05/05, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 17, 2017, Joaquin & Viola Legarreta, HC 31 Box 36, Garfield, NM 87936, filed application numbered LRG-12647-POD2, OSE File Nos. LRG-12647-3 & LRG-12647-4, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-12647-POD2 to a depth of 120 feet with a 16-inch casing, in a location within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, Township 18S, Range 4W (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X: 1,322,304.8 ft. & Y: 649,108.22 ft. (NMSP Central NAD83), on land owned by the applicants, and dis-

continue the use of existing well LRG-12647, located on land owned by Antonio T. & Mary Esther Gonzalez located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, Township 17S, Range 4W (NMPM) and more specifically located at the intersection of X: 1,319,894 ft. & Y: 649,250.3 ft. (NMSP Central NAD83), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 10.28 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 6 as described in Subfile Order No. LRR 28-004-0008-B & LRR 28-004-0008-C of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The site of proposed well LRG-12647-POD2 will be located south of Derry, NM and may be found approximately 800 feet west of the intersection of Lorna Parda Rd. & Two Counties Rd., Garfield, NM. Existing well LRG-12647-POD2 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer,

575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 04/28, 05/05, 05/12, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 27, 2017, Jose M. and Christina Estrada, 2433 Bugatti, Las Cruces, NM 88001, filed application numbered LRG-11802-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-11802-C, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling replacement well LRG-11802-POD3 located to a depth of 120 feet with 6-inch casing to be located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, Township 21S, Range 1W, NMPM, and more specifically located near the intersection of X = 1,439,241.84 ft. & Y = 538,208.86 ft., NMSP, Central NAD83, on land owned by the applicants. Applicants propose to discontinue the use of existing well LRG-11802, located on land owned by Chris C. & Ymelda L.Chavez, located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, Township 21S, Range 1W, NMPM, and more specifically described at the intersection of X = 1,439,127.1 ft. & Y = 538,023.5 ft., NMSP, Central NAD83 and will not be using well LRG-11802-POD2 previously permitted but not yet drilled on land owned by Peter Paulson, within said Section 13 at approximately X = 1,439,188 ft. & Y = 537,872ft., NMSP, Central, NAD83, for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 4.78 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13 as described in part by Subfile Order No.: LRN-28-002-0013 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The replacement well LRG-11802-POD3 is located north of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 850 feet southeast of

the intersection of Dona Ana Road and Sunken Train Place, Las Cruces, NM.

Dates: 04/21, 04/28, 05/05, 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 May 1, 2017:

(1) Council Bill No. 17-022 Ordinance No. 2808: An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Chapter 2 (Administration), Article III (Officers and Employees), Division 3 (Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy) of the Las Cruces Municipal Code, 1997, as Amended (LCMC).

(2) Council Bill No. 17-023 Ordinance No. 2809: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a \$5,115,000.00 Loan Agreement for Street Improvement Projects with Such Loan

Agreement to be Secured by a Lien on the First Quarter Percent Increment of Municipal Gross Receipts Tax and the Hold Harmless Distributions Associated with the First Quarter Percent Increment of Municipal Gross Receipts Tax,

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Dates: 04/21, 04/28, 05/05, 2017

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(3) Council Bill No. 17-024 Ordinance No. 2810: An Ordinance Amending Las Cruces Municipal Code 1997, Section 19-134(5).

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 2nd day of May, 2017.**

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

Date: 05/05, 2017

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

WELLS FARGO BANK,
N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

LORENZO BARELA, and
if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
LORENZO BARELA,
(true name unknown),
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) Lorenzo Barela and The Unknown Spouse of Lorenzo Barela, (true name unknown) is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 2120 Margaret St., in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

LOT 24, BLOCK 4, AMENDED LOMA HEIGHTS, PLAT-NO 1, 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 23, 1959, IN BOOK 8 PAGE(S) 37 OF PLAT RECORDS.

Defendant(s) is/are required

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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

April 17, 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
JAMES T. MARTIN,
District Judge of the Third
Judicial District Court of the
State of New Mexico, and
the Seal of the District Court
of Doña Ana County, this 17
day of April, 2017.

CLAUDE BOWMAN
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT
By /s/ Joe M. Martinez
Deputy Joe M. Martinez

Dates: 04/28, 05/05, 05/12,
2017

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the transfer of ownership of **Liquor License No. 28032**, with on premises consumption only, to **K369, LLC d/b/a Ramada Las Cruces Hotel**, to be located at **201 East University Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico**.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for **Monday, June 5, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.**, in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the Director of the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Depart-

ment may approve the transfer.

Witness my hand and seal this 27 day of April 2017.

/s/Linda Lewis, CMC,
City Clerk

Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 2017

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

No. D-307-PB 2017-35
Judge James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
THOMAS ROBERT
HALSELL, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Thomas Robert Halsell, deceased, and all persons having claims against said Estate are required to present their claims within two [2] months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned at: 1061 Lancer Lane Prosper, TX 75078 or filed with the Clerk of the above entitled Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

/s/Kathryn Anderson
Kathryn A. Anderson
1061 Lancer Lane
Prosper, TX 75078

Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 2017

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

CV-2017-234
JUDGE ARRIETA

IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION OF
LEONOR ARANDA,
n/k/a ESTRADA FOR
NAME CHANGE

AMENDED NOTICE OF
PETITION TO CHANGE
NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Leonor Aranda, n/k/a Estrada, 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, herein she seeks to change her name from **Leonor Aranda** to **Eleanor Aranda**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel Arrieta, District Judge, on the 10th day of May, 2017, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Respectfully submitted by:

THE GARDEA LAW
FIRM, P.C.

/s/ Dania R. Gardea
DANIA R. GARDEA
Attorney for Petitioner
3850 Foothills Rd., #12
Las Cruces, NM 88011
(575) 993-5963

Dates: 04/28, 05/05, 2017

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-02074

U.S. Bank National Association, Successor Trustee to Bank of America N.A. Successor by merger to LaSalle Bank N.A. Trustee for the holders of the Merrill Lynch First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-FF18, Plaintiff,

vs.

INEZ Q. McLAUGHLIN, and if married, JOHN DOE A (true name unknown), her spouse; PAUL McLAUGHLIN, aka PAUL E. McLAUGHLIN, and if married, JANE DOE McLAUGHLIN (true name unknown), his spouse; and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,

INC., AS NOMINEE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **May 24, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4614 April Place, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 1, Block 3, DEL NORTE COUNTRY ESTATES UNIT III, 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 June 30, 1992, in Book 17 Page(s) 198-199 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 April 3, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$189,059.21 and the same bears interest at 6.700% per annum from February 20, 2015, 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 A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 04/14, 04/21, 04/28,
05/05, 2017

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-00030
Judge James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF OTIS
ALAN DAVENPORT
a/k/a OTIS A. DAVENPORT, DECEASED

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JAMES ALAN DAVENPORT has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are re-

quired to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A. Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

DATED: April 4, 2017.

JAMES ALAN
DAVENPORT
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Prepared by:
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Dates: 04/21, 04/28, 05/05,
2017

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

Cause No. CV-2017-00862
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

CARMEN A. GONZALEZ, also known as CARMEN A. GONZALES, Plaintiff,

v.

ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM ANY LIEN, INTEREST OR TITLE ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF IN THE PREMISES, and ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS IF DECEASED, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to all unknown persons who may claim any lien, interest or title adverse to Plaintiff in the premises, and any unknown heirs of the unknown claimants if deceased:

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

Lot 2 in Block C of the Southwest Addition to the Town of Mesilla, according to the plat thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on January 4, 1910, as Plat No. 201, and recorded in Plat Book 9 at page 76.

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

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

By: /s/ Kyle H. Moberly
Kyle H. Moberly
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Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19,
2017

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2015-02643

BEAL BANK AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHARTER BANK, Plaintiff,

v.

TRACY L. VENEGAS, JESUS VENEGAS, AND HECTOR ROCHA D/B/A ROCHA'S SEPTIC SERVICES, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on **May 23, 2017 at 11:00 am**, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

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Lot 65, AMBER MESA, located 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 October 20, 1988, and recorded in Book 15 at Pages 326-349 of the Plat Records,

The address of the real property is 6886 Florite Road, Las Cruces, NM 88012. 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 March 8, 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 \$52,447.46 plus interest from October 1, 2016 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.350% 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.

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
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Pro Legal Services, LLC
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Dates: 04/28, 05/05, 05/12,
05/19, 2017

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

Case No.
D-307-CV-2016-01773

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.

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF NOMURA HOME EQUITY HOME LOAN, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff,

vs.

HERMELINDA B. CASTANEDA; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HERMELINDA CASTANEDA; STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT; 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 6518 Rio Mojado Ct, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 6 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 1 OF VALLE DEL RIO SUBDIVISION NO. 1, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID VALLE DEL RIO SUBDIVISION NO. 1, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 3, 1984 IN PLAT BOOK 13, FOLIO 304-305.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on June 1, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on March 17, 2017, in the total amount of \$174,326.99, with interest at the rate of 3.040% per annum from January 18, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. HSBC Bank USA, National Association, As Trustee, For The Registered Holders of Nomura Home Equity Home Loan, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-2, 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
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No. D-307-CV-2014-00445

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

vs.

JOHN C. GARZA, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF JOHN C. GARZA, DECEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, the Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of John C. Garza, Deceased:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff

HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee For Nomura Asset Acceptance Corporation, Alternative Loan Trust, Series 2006-Wf1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates 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 620 Engler Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN SECTIONS 35 AND 36, T.22S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-112B1 AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A 1/2" IRON ROD SET AT THE NORTHWEST INTERSECTION OF ENGLER ROAD AND DOÑA ANA ROAD FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; BEING IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-112B1; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF ENGLER ROAD, THE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES:

S.62°42'06"W., 373.50 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET; THENCE S.63°11'15"W., 117.87 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET; THENCE S.62°06'48"W., 113.56 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET; THENCE S.62°41'06"W., 288.87 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE LEAVING THE NORTH LINE OF ENGLER ROAD, N.24°21'54"W., 410.09 FEET TO A NAIL FOUND FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT THENCE N.59°14'30"E., 649.59 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE S.32°12'00"E., 183.33 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE N.58°51'00"E., 224.70 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND ON THE WEST LINE OF

DOÑA ANA ROAD FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF DOÑA ANA ROAD, S.24°07'00"E., 281.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 7.967 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

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

McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

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Dates: 04/28, 05/05, 05/12,
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**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

Cause No.
D-307-CV 2017 - 00062
Judge Marci Beyer

GECU, a/k/a GREATER EL PASO'S CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

vs.

JORGE L. PEREZ, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on the **11th day of May, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the east entrance of the Doña Ana County District Court, located at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following real property located in said county and state:

LOT 22, BLOCK 12, VILLA VALENCIA SUBDIVISION PHASE II, CITY OF SUNLAND

PARK, 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 17, 2013, IN BOOK 23, PAGE (S) 453 THROUGH 456, PLAT RECORDS.

with a Parcel ID Number of 16-05257, and which currently has the street address of 5862 Baywood St., Sunland Park, New Mexico 88008.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Default Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure, entered on March 31, 2017, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which, among other things, was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage against all secured real property by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$160,558.40, on which post-judgment interest shall run at 6.625% per annum until satisfied in full, which the Special Master calculates to be a per diem of \$29,142,449 from March 25, 2017 for 48 days to the date of the Special Master's sale (the "Sale"), for total post-judgment interest of \$1,398.84, together with attorney fees incurred and costs of sale to the date of sale, and a reasonable Special Master's fee. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit their 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 sale.

Bidders, to the extent that they do not have a judgment permitted to be bid in lieu of cash, must bid cash at the sale. The successful bidder will be given until the close of the second business day following the determination of the winning bidder to supply to the Special Master cash, certified check, or cashier's check in the amount of the bid. Failure to do so will void that bid, and the Special Master shall either accept the next highest bid, or the Special Master may, in her sole discretion, telephone each bidder who attended the sale, using the telephone number each bidder submits at the sale, and communicate a new date and time for a subsequent sale,

without republication of any further notice. Responsibility for reception of notice of any subsequent sale is on the bidder submitting the telephone number.

Notice is further given that the above-described real estate and improvements located on such real estate will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein and all recorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. All prospective bidders are notified that they are responsible for making their own determination as to the extent and nature of the title being conveyed by purchase at the Special Master's sale.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, this 7th day of April, 2017.

/s/Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004
Telephone (575) 642-5567

Dates: 04/14, 04/21, 04/28,
05/05, 2017

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-00290

LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND REVENUE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Paul Rivera, to be published on:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff LSF9 Master Participation Trust 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 11105 N Doña Ana Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007. The

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real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING PART OF LOT 10, SECTION 14, AND PART OF LOT 17, SECTION 24, T.21S., R.1W., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND ON THE EAST LINE OF SELDEN DRAIN FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; WHENCE THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 17 OF SECTION 24, T.24S., R.1W., BEARS THE FOLLOWING TWO COURSES AND DISTANCES: N.69°28' 40"W., 57.24 FEET; THENCE S. 88°41'15"W., 729.45 FEET; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND LEAVING THE EAST LINE OF THE SELDEN DRAIN, N.44°21'45"E., 103.98 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND ON THE WEST LINE OF DOÑA ANA ROAD (A.K.A. NEW MEXICO STATE ROAD 28) FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF DOÑA ANA ROAD, S.46°33'05"E., 181.46 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE SELDEN LATERAL FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SELDEN LATERAL, S.43°26'55"W., 26.29 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET ON THE EAST LINE OF THE SELDEN DRAIN FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SELDEN DRAIN, N.69°28'40"W., 198.81 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.271 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD. INFORMATION IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS DESCRIPTION DERIVE; FROM DEED FILED MAY 8, 1997, IN CLERKS BOOK 88, PAGES 1506,

DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS. A PLAT WAS PREPARED UNDER JOB #05-0295, FIELD NOTES BY MOY SUREYING, INC., LICENSE NO. 5939.

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

McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

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Dates: 04/28, 05/05, 05/12, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-00227

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL SAIGH AKA MICHAEL MARTIN SAIGH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL SAIGH AKA MICHAEL MARTIN SAIGH; MICHAEL SAIGH, ACTING IN HIS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE OF THE MICHAEL SAIGH TRUST (AMENDED AND RESTATED) DATED JANUARY 26, 2007, AS AMENDED; RED ROCK DISTRIBUTING LTD CO AKA RED ROCK DISTRIBUTING CO. LLC; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; EL PASEO LAS CRUCES PROS RE, LLC; 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 2762 Lookout Ridge Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 26, BLOCK 1, THE RIDGE AT NORTHRIDGE PHASE I, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF SAID COUNTY ON DECEMBER 23, 1993, IN BOOK 17 PAGES 386-387 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on June 15, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on April 3, 2017, in the total amount of \$163,970.42, with interest at the rate of 6.2500% per annum from January 27, 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. Bank of America, 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-2016-02332

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,

v.

RICARDO HERNANDEZ, YADIRA Y. CERVANTES, TCF EQUIPMENT FINANCE, INC., FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY OF ARIZONA, AND NEW MEXICO WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS BENEFIT PAYMENT CONTROL SECTION FKA NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant Ricardo Hernandez,

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 847 Cedar Park Ave, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County,

New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOT 27, BLOCK 4, VALENCIA PARK UNIT ONE, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 5286 ON JANUARY 22, 2014 IN BOOK 23, PAGE(S) 566-568.

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. Friedenstein
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Attorney for Plaintiff

Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-02394

LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

BLANCA IBARRA DIAZ AKA BLANCA DIAZ; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BLANCA IBARRA DIAZ AKA BLANCA DIAZ; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL BANK; 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 1854 Seldon Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

THE LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS COMMITMENT IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT 86, BLOCK 8, SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION PHASE II, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 420 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 29, 1978, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 12, PAGES 170-172, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on June 29, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on April 13, 2017, in the total amount of \$178,151.97, with interest at the rate of 9.6300% per annum from February 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. LSF9 Master Participation Trust, 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-2016-02462

LENOX FINANCIAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

HOUSHANG SOLHJOO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **May 10, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 3175 Posada Court Unit A, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

UNIT #A:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS PART OF LOT 42, BLOCK 10, PLACITA DE LA POSADA, A REPLAT OF PART OF TRACT A AND PART OF TRACT B, BLOCK 10, MAJESTIC HILLS SUBDIVISION NO. TWO; PLAT FILED OCTOBER 30, 1978, IN PLAT RECORD 12, PAGES 223-224, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, RECORDS, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 42, BLOCK 10, PLACITA DE LA POSADA, A REPLAT

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OF PART OF TRACT A AND PART OF TRACT B, BLOCK 10, MAJESTIC HILLS SUBDIVISION NO. TWO, PLAT FILED OCTOBER 30, 1978, IN PLAT RECORD 12, PAGES 223-224, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS;

THENCE FROM THE PLACE OF BEGINNING N.68 DEG.16"E., 115.28 FEET TO A POINT FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE PARTIALLY ALONG THE CENTER OF A ROCK WALL S.19 DEG. 10'55"W., 114.02 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF POSADA COURT FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE ALONG POSADA COURT AROUND THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 33.17 FEET; THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 38 DEG.00'14" AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS S.80 DEG.53'10"W., 32.56 FEET TO A POINT FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE LEAVING POSADA COURT PARTIALLY ALONG THE CENTER OF A ROCK WALL N.28 DEG.06'30"W., 79.54 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.1408 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on March 31, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$84,333.74 and the same bears interest at 4.750% per annum from February 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 con-

cerned 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: 04/14, 04/21, 04/28, 05/05, 2017

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

No. CV-2017-00424
Judge: MARY ROSNER

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT,
Petitioner,

vs.

CLAY GERONIMO, AND 2005 SUZUKI FORENZA, SILVER;
VIN:
KL5JD56Z95K188563;
NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NYX 572,
Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Respondent
CLAY GERONIMO:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: **2005 SUZUKI**

FORENZA, SILVER;
VIN:
KL5JD56Z95K188563;
NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NYX 572.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
CITY OF LAS CRUCES
By: Thomas R.A. Limon
Thomas R.A. Limon
Assistant City Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
(575) 541-2128
(575) 541-2017 Fax
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable _____, 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 day of _____, 2017.

COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

By:
DEPUTY

Dates: 04/21, 04/28, 05/05, 2017

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

No. CV-2016-02677
Judge: Martin

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT,
Petitioner,

vs.

THE MARTIN LIVING TRUST, GLORIA MORENO, AND 1990 FORD F-150, WHITE; VIN:
1FTEF15Y7LKB58580;
NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. MBW092,
Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: RESPONDENT
GLORIA MORENO:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1990 FORD

F-150, WHITE; VIN:
1FTEF15Y7LKB58580;
NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. MBW092.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: /s/ Thomas R.A. Limon
Thomas R.A. Limon
Assistant City Attorney
PO Box 20000
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Martin, James T., 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 14 day of April, 2017.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

By: /s/ Javier Cuevas
DEPUTY

Dates: 04/21, 04/28, 05/05, 2017

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

No. CV-2016-02675
Judge: Martin

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT,
Petitioner,

vs.

NATALIE DE ALEJANDRO, NORTH AMERICAN TITLE LOANS, AND 2001 PONTIAC GRAND AM, TAN; VIN:
1G2NF52T61M562444;
NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. 411TLC,
Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: RESPONDENT
NATALIE DE ALEJANDRO:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: **2001 PONTIAC GRAND AM, TAN; VIN: 1G2NF52T61M562444; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. 411TLC.**

2. You are the named RESPONDENT for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: /s/ Thomas R.A. Limon
Thomas R.A. Limon
Assistant City Attorney
PO Box 20000
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Martin, James T., 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 24 day of March, 2017.

(Seal)

COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

By: /s/ LKBrown
DEPUTY

Dates 04/21, 04/28, 05/05, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2014-01700
Honorable Marci Beyer

EDGAR LOPEZ AND MARY LOPEZ, Individually and as trustees of the Edgar Lopez and Mary Lopez Revocable Trust, Plaintiffs,

vs

SEH PROPERTIES, L.L.C., A Texas limited liability company, Defendant.

SEH PROPERTIES, L.L.C., A Texas limited liability company, Counter-Plaintiff,

vs

MARY LOPEZ, individually, as trustee of the Edgar Lopez and Mary Lopez Revocable Trust, and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Edgar Lopez, deceased, Counter-Defendant, and

JOHN DOE, as co-trustee of The Edgar Lopez and Mary Lopez Revocable Trust, dtd 6-22-00, BARCLAY FINANCIAL GROUP, LP, PRESIDENTIAL BANK, F.S.B., BONANZA, INC. and WICHITA COUNTY PROPERTY TRUST, LTD., Additional Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday June 8th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** at the main entrance to the Judicial Complex of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 West Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88005, the undersigned Special Master will sell all the rights, title and interest of the above-named Counter Defendants and Additional Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real property to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds. The tract of real property to be sold is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico at; 2722 Mayfield Ln. Las Cruces, NM 88007 and more particularly described as follows:

Property Description : A tract of land situated in the Doña Ana Bend Colony Grant and in the east half of Section 2, T.23S., R.1E., of the U.S.R.S. Surveys in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being part of U.S.R.S. Tract 7-13 and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the tract herein described marked by a concrete monument set on the east side of a public road and on the west boundary of U.S.R.S. Tract 7-13, whence the southwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 7-13 marked by an iron pipe at a fence corner bears S.35 deg. 19' E. a distance of 866.21 feet; Thence along the south side of a strip of land reserved for a roadway easement, N.65 deg. 34' E. 513.17 feet to the northeast corner marked by an iron rod; Thence S.35 deg. 19' E. 278.22 feet to the southeast corner marked by

an iron rod; Thence along the north side of a farm ditch S.50 deg. 32' W. 506.25 feet to the southwest corner marked by a concrete monument; Thence along the east side of a public road N.35 deg. 19' W. 411.94 feet to the place of beginning.

This being that same property conveyed pursuant to the certain deeds recorded of record dated March 9, 2000 in book 214 page 570 and June 23, 2000 in book 226 page 1156.

The sale will be made to satisfy Partial Default Judgment and Stipulated in Rem Judgment filed on April 25th 2017, in favor of SEH Properties, L.L.C., pursuant to an In Rem Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure therein.

SEH Properties, L.L.C. has a Judgment against Counter Defendants, for unpaid principle, interest and late fees in the amount of \$619,000.57 which bears interest at the rate of 18% per annum from October 7th, 2016 through June 8th, 2017 in the amount of \$52,314.90 and a Judgment for attorney's fees, cost and expenses in the amount of \$17,823.00 with interest at 18% from April 25th, 2017 through June 8th, 2017 in the amount of \$386.32 for a total Judgment with interest through sale of \$689,524.79, plus cost of sale and Special Master fees.

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

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Special Master shall apply the proceeds of the sale first to the costs of sale, and Special Master fees, then to pay the above described Judgment, and

then to be distributed in accordance with further Order of the Court. This sale is subject to Entry of an Order of the Court approving the sale.

The attorney for SEH Properties, L.L.C is Kenneth L. Beal, of Kenneth L. Beal, P.C. P.O. Box 725 Las Cruces, NM 88004

/s/Ben A. Longwill
Ben A. Longwill
Special Master
741 N. Alameda Suite 4
Las Cruces, NM 88005
524-4141

Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19, 05/26, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 17-0094

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF John D. McKibben, aka John Dwayne McKibben, 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, Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Dated: April 11, 2017.

/s/ Michael J. McKibben
Michael J. McKibben
7142 E. Prairie Ridge Rd
Prescott Valley, AZ 86315
928-759-0177

Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19, 2017

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

NO. 17-0073

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
Evelyn H. Raley, a/k/a
Evelyn E. Raley, a/k/a
Evelyn Raley, 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 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. Rm 1-200, Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Dated: April 2, 2017.

/s/Richard D. Baker
Richard D. Baker
4245 Sotol Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88011
575-521-1433

Dates: 04/21, 04/28, 05/05,
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THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-0126

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

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF DAVID T. RAMIREZ, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants,

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1655 Camino De Pavos, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE WEST OF MESILLA, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN SECTION 33, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIPE FOUND FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; WHENCE THE N1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 33, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS BEARS DUE WEST, 938.08 FEET; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND ALONG THE MESILLA CIVIL COLONY GRANT LINE, S.23°45'00"E., 704.96 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE LEAVING THE GRANT LINE, DUE WEST, 283.92 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE FOUND FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE DUE NORTH, 645.26 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.103 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD. INFORMATION IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS DESCRIPTION DERIVES FROM INSTRUMENT #1035977, FILED DECEMBER 30, 2010, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS. A PLAT WAS PREPARED UNDER JOB #11-0373. FIELD NOTES BY MOY SURVEYING, INC., LICENSE NO. 5939. JOB #11-0373.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on May 18, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico,

at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment in rem granted on March 7, 2017, in the total amount of \$184,307.92, with interest at the rate of 5.0600% per annum from December 31, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

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 A. Doyle,
Special Master
c/o Legal Process Network
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THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. D-307-CV-2014-2168
Judge
MANUEL I. ARRIETA

MORGAN TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff,

v.

**WILFRIDO
RODRIGUEZ and
CARMEN ROCIO
RODRIGUEZ,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Judgment of the District Court rendered and entered in the above-entitled cause foreclosing Plaintiff's Mortgage on January 10, 2017, in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants in the matter styled Morgan Trust Company v Wilfrido Rodriguez and Carmen Rocio Rodriguez No. C-307-CV-2014-2168.

Pursuant to the Judgment of the Court that the Plaintiff, Morgan Trust Company, has a first lien, against the following real property in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, to wit:

Lot 26, Block 3, Riverside Subdivision, Unit 1A, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on November 5, 1980 in Book 13, Folio 103-105, commonly known as 106 Redwood Court, Sunland Park, New Mexico 88063.

The Plaintiff's Judgment is in the amount of \$34,261.85 with interest on said amount after November 4, 2014 to date of sale in the amount of \$8,695.36 after allowing a credit of \$3,750.24. Any purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall take the real property subject to existing liens on the property, if any, and any unpaid tax liens having priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **June 5, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.**, at 224 N. Anthony Drive, Anthony,

Doña Ana County, New Mexico I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the above-described real property situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, subject to approval of the Court, and the Defendants' one month right of redemption with respect to the above described real property.

Dated this 26 day of April, 2017.

SHANE A. ENGLISH,
Special Master
P. O. Drawer 1329
Anthony,
New Mexico 88021
(575) 882-4500

Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19,
05/26

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-01243

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

**DON J. HALDEMAN;
PENNY S. HALDEMAN;
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 3464 Wesley Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 13, BLOCK A, SUNSET HILLS SUBDIVISION PLAT NO. 1B, 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 AUGUST 23, 1978, IN BOOK 12 PAGES 213 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on May 18, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District

Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment granted on March 14, 2017, in the total amount of \$144,401.20, with interest at the rate of 3.50% per annum from January 14, 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. Ditech Financial LLC, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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OBITUARIES

**BURTON L. SHEETS**

BURTON L. SHEETS JR., age 90 of Las Cruces passed away from this life on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. He was born January 25, 127 in Baltimore, Maryland and resided in Las Cruces for the past 21 years. "Burt", as he was known to family and friends, was a World War II Veteran, having served his country honorably in the United States Navy.

Burt leaves behind a loving and caring son, Burton L. Sheets and his brother Ted Sheets both of Las Cruces; two beautiful grandchildren, Jonathan Sheets of Colorado, and Jessica Vega of Arizona.

At his request cremation will take place and no services are scheduled at this time.

Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care". For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslas Cruces.com

**MARIA DEL ROSARIO GARCIA**

MARIA DEL ROSARIO GARCIA, 71, of Las Cruces, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Southern New Mexico Advanced Care Hospital. She retired from the Custodial Services in the Music Department at NMSU after 25 years. Rosario loved spending time at her grandchildren's many sporting events as well as gardening and passing the time knitting and watching novelas with her beloved sister, Francisca Balderrama. She loved traveling to visit her children and their families along with meeting up with her friends for coffee at the Benavidez Community Center. Rosario enjoyed trips to the casino with family and friends. She will be dearly missed.

Survivors include her children, Roberto Garcia, Socorro Angelica Garcia, Johnny Garcia, Mary Peay and Michelle Garcia; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Miguel Garcia and Natalia Cornejo and her brother Marcelino

Garcia and sister, Francisca Balderrama.

A Prayer Vigil was held Monday, May 1, 2017 in Baca's Funeral Chapel, 300 E. Boutz Road. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at Our Lady of Health Catholic Church. The Rite of Committal and Internment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest.

Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222 Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslas Cruces.com

**MANUEL R. MESTA**

MANUEL R. MESTA, age 94, of Las Cruces entered eternal life on Friday, April 28, 2017 at La Posada - Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by his loving family. He retired as a farm worker and was a member of the Catholic Church.

Those left to mourn his passing include his loving wife, Rafaela Barron Mesta; three sons, Ignacio "Nacho" and Miguel Mesta and Manuel Guerrero; a brother, Agustin Mesta; eight grandchild-

dren; nine great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by six brothers and two sisters.

A Prayer Vigil was held Tuesday, May 2, 2017 in Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road. Family and Friends joined together to celebrate the Funeral Mass at 10 AM Wednesday, May 3, 2017 in Our Lady of Health Catholic Church, 1178 N. Mesquite Street. Cremation will follow and Inurnment of Cremains will be held at a later date.

Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

**EDWARD A. SHIRKEY**

Edward A. Shirkey, 73, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on April 25, 2017. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.

**MARGARET LUCILE de BOER**

Margaret Lucile de Boer, 84, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on April 26, 2017. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.

**GERALD DEAN RAY**

Gerald Dean Ray, 86, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on April 28, 2017. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.

**JUNE ELAINE MOORE**

June Elaine Moore, 89, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on April 27, 2017. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.

**TERESA MAE BIENZ**

Teresa Mae Bienz, 57, of Deming died Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Memorial Medical Center. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels. 527-2222

**JUDITH A. WARNER**

JUDITH A. WARNER, age 75, of Las Cruces passed away Thursday, April 27, 2017 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. No Services are scheduled at this time. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

**MARY ARMSTRONG ZIMMERMAN**

MARY ARMSTRONG ZIMMERMAN, age 73, of Las Cruces passed away Monday, April 10, 2017. Cremation will take place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory. 527-2222



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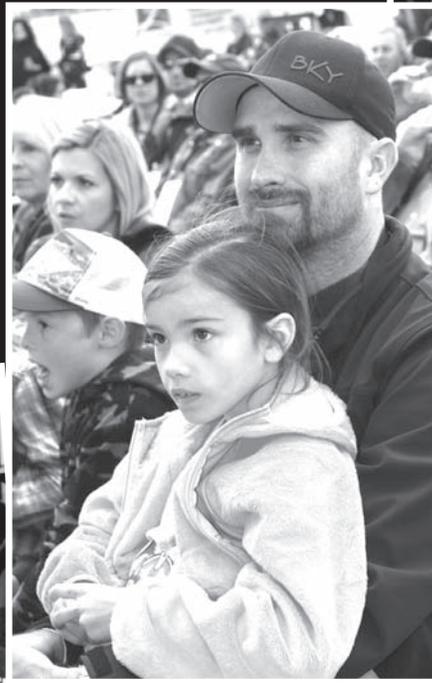
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Country meets the city

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

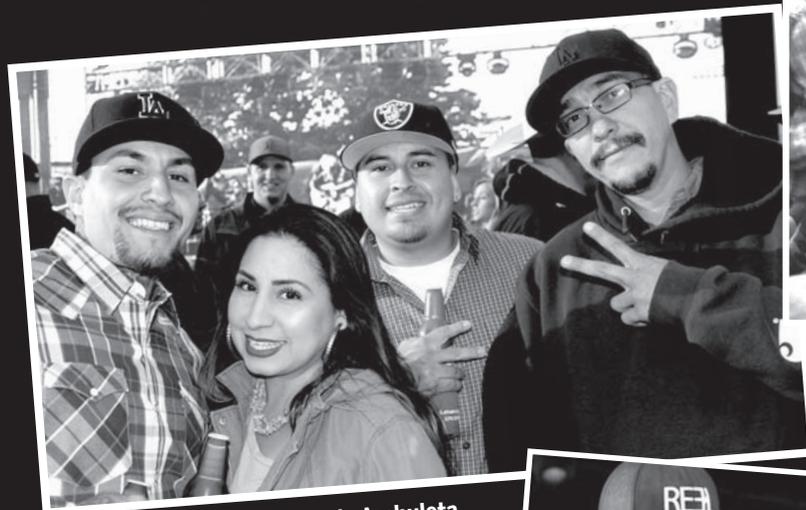


ABOVE: Las Cruces residents enjoy the music of Bri Bagwell.



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

BELOW: Mike Eli of the Eli Young Band performs



From left, Orly Uranga, Amanda Archuleta, Matt Lara and Jacob Trujillo enjoy the early evening.

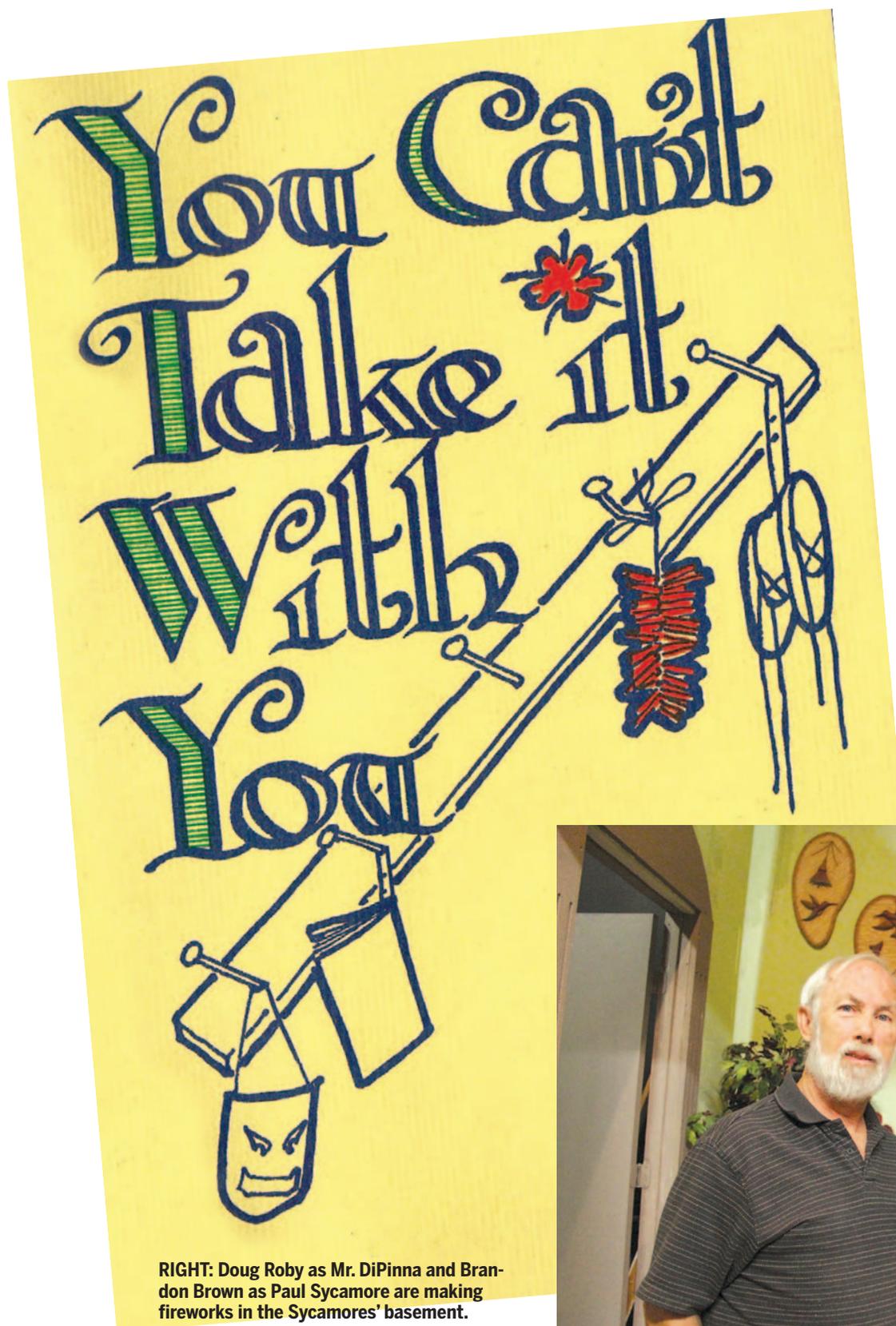


ABOVE: Bri Bagwell's guitarist Nathan Sebesta hits a lick.



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





Classic comedy opens at LCCT

Pulitzer-winning play will run for three weekends



RIGHT: Doug Roby as Mr. DiPinna and Brandon Brown as Paul Sycamore are making fireworks in the Sycamores' basement.

All-star cast opens 'You Can't Take It With You'



By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The latest Las Cruces production of "You Can't Take It With You," a fixture on the American stage (and screen) for more than 80 years, opens Friday, May 5, at Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT) for a three-weekend run.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, May 5-6, 12-13, 19-20; and at 2 p.m. on Sundays, May 7, 14 and 21, at LCCT, 313 N. Main St.

The play is about the ever-so-slightly eccentric Sycamore family, visited by the rather stuffy Kirbys, whose son falls in love with the Sycamores' daughter. Meanwhile, Penny Sycamore is writing

a play, Essie Sycamore Carmichael is making candy and taking ballet lessons from an eccentric Russian instructor and Paul Sycamore and Mr. De Pinna (he used to deliver ice, and just moved in one day) are making fireworks in the basement. The family also gets visits from a tax collector and a grand duchess.

The all-star cast includes David Edwards, Lennie Brown, Autumn Gieb, Bobby Senecal, Karen Buerdsell, Teddy Aspen-Sanchez, Brandon Brown, Doug Roby, Erin Wendorf, Bob Diven, Gail Wheeler, Edward Montes, Jeff Dolecek, P.J. Waggaman, Ilene Steele, Caryl Kotulak, Terry Troutman, Jason Wyatt and Billy Huntsman.

Directing this "has been truly a unique experience," director larrychandler said. "How often does one director get to direct six other directors in the same production? Fortunately, they are excellent actors as well – as is all of the cast. The play has some of Las Cruces' premier talent. We are having a ball doing this production and it is bound to be a terrific production of this American theatre/film classic."

"I had to get used to the idea that I'm old enough to play Grandpa, but I am really enjoying working with people that I care about and admire," Edwards said. "It's a real ensemble piece and a classic American comedy. I have worked with larrychandler before but never been directed by him and this is my first opportunity to act with several members of the cast. It's been great fun."

"I saw 'You Can't Take It With You' as a kid, when LCCT was still at the Fountain Theater," said actor Bob Diven, who

plays Boris Kolenkhov in the LCCT production. "My parents began taking us to community theater plays as soon as we moved here in 1965," he said. "They were wondrous things to me. I saw two of my elementary school teachers on stage, and saw an entirely different side of them. So it's been great to grow up with, and then in, community theater. And, it's been fun to be in a cast with so many people I've known and worked with for so many years, as well as getting to act with other talented folk for the first time. That's community theater."

"This production is going to be incredible, as it's spearheaded by one of Las Cruces' most beloved directors and is packed full of some of the finest local talent and best known local actors," LCCT board President Janet Beatty-Payne said. "This comedy is going to be a treat for all of our theatre patrons for sure!"

"You Can't Take It With You" won a Pulitzer Prize after opening on Broadway in 1936. The film version won Oscars for best picture and best director (Frank Capra) in 1938.

Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$11 for students, seniors and military; \$9 for children under age six; and \$10 per ticket for groups of 10 or more. Student "rush" tickets will be sold to those with a valid student ID card for \$5 15 minutes before curtain time if seats are available. For tickets, call 575-523-1200 or visit <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=64570>.

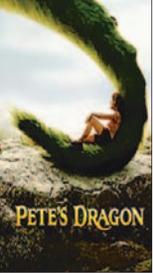
For more information and reservations, call 575-523-1200. Visit www.lcctnm.org.



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The Sycamore family. David Edwards as Grandpa, Lennie Marie Brown as Penny Sycamore, Brandon Brown as Paul Sycamore, and Erin Wendorf as Alice Sycamore.

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Registration open for young writers' summer camp

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Friday, May 19, is the deadline to sign up for "Ink Spilling, 2017: Making My Mark," a summer camp for young writers "who want to explore their interests – in and out of school – through writing, idea sharing, performing fun boot camps and collaborative learning," said Justin Lewis, Ink Spilling assistant director and a writing instructor at New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College.

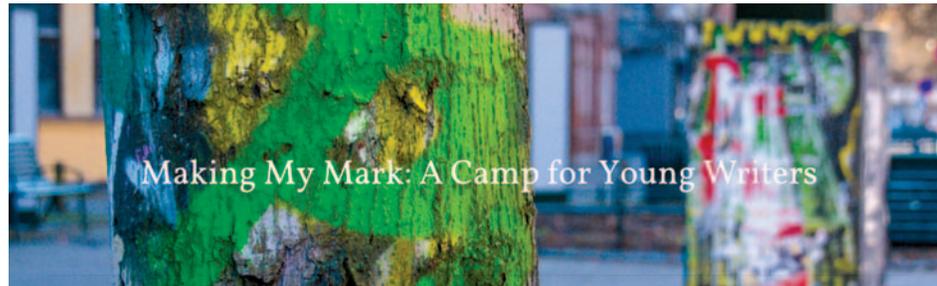
The camp fee is \$50. Two fellowships will be awarded.

The camps – one for students in grades 6 through 8 and one for students in grades 9 through 12 – "will culminate with a presentation by each camp-goer showcasing what they learned in their week full of fun, learning and writing," Lewis said.

Each camp will accept a maximum of 15 students.

For students in grades 6-8, the camp will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 5 through 9. The "book reveal" and closing ceremony for these students will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, June 9, in the NMSU Health and Social Services auditorium/annex.

For students in grades 9-12, the camp will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 12-16. Their "book reveal" and closing ceremony will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, June 16, in the



NMSU Health and Social Services auditorium/annex.

For both groups, brown-bag lunches will be from noon to 12:30 p.m. each day. There will be a pizza party on the final Friday

of each week, he said.

To register for either of the camps, and for additional information, contact Ink Spilling Director Karen Trujillo at karunski@nmsu.edu. Visit inkspilling2017.weebly.com to apply online

and to learn more about Lewis and Trujillo, who will be camp instructors.

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



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MAY 12 • 7:00 P.M. Santa Fe Opera presents "Avastar", FREE	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
MAY 13 • 4:00 P.M. Academy of Music and Dance Spring Recital	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
MAY 14 • 3:00 P.M. Mesilla Valley Chorale presents <i>Dreamin'</i>	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
MAY 21 • 7:00 P.M. Borderland Ballet presents <i>Café Noir</i>	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
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Mesilla Valley Chorale schedules Mother's Day concert

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Mesilla Valley Chorale, directed by Nancy Ritchey, presents a special concert called "Dreamin'" at 3 p.m. on Mother's Day, Sunday May 14, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

Tickets are \$10, and seating is open.

"The program offers a blend of traditional, contemporary and familiar music," Ritchey said. It will include these num-

bers by the full chorale: "Gloria," "Deo Dicamus Gratiarum," "You Raise Me



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Up, "Dream with Me," "Awake, My Soul, and Sing!" "Give Me a Choral Medley," "Dream," "The Argument," "Get Happy" and "The Music's Always There With You."

Also, the men's chorus will sing: "Come Away, Sweet Love" and "Where



Mesilla Valley Chorale

Dwells the Soul of My Love."

The women's chorus will sing "Mr. Sandman" (featuring Lynda Hayes on bass guitar) and Irving Berlin's classic "What'll I Do?"

Judy Bethmann and Judy Westfall will perform the comedy piece "Marry the Man Today," from "Guys and Dolls."

The group "began with a group of friends from the St. Paul's Methodist Church choir getting together in Phil and Val Hosford's living room to sing just for fun," Ritchey said. "Soon, they had a director, Dr. Jack Chamblis; an accompanist, Dulcie Boykin; and a name – The Mesilla Valley Chorale (MVC). By May 1972, they presented their first concert. From then on, they continued to grow and perform free performances twice a year in May and December," Ritchey said.

"In 2007, MVC took a big step and rented the newly refurbished Rio Grande Theatre (RGT) for their 35th anniversary concert," she said. "They felt it was a perfect fit: a historic venue for a historic community choir with just the right

ambiance. For the past 10 years, RGT has been their only performance home.

RGT "brought MVC greater visibility, which brought new singers and new opportunities," Ritchey said. Over the past 10 years, MVC has performed in Le Mans, France, brought the French chorale to Las Cruces in 2011, and in 2012 organized a New Mexico Centennial Choral Celebration as a benefit concert for RGT. The concert, comprised of music by New Mexico composers, was sung by groups from both Albuquerque and Las Cruces.

Ritchey became the group's 10th director in 2002. She is a graduate of the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music in Oberlin, Ohio, with a degree in vocal performance. Ritchey studied for a year at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria.

"As we learn each song, I use my vocal training to tell the singers not only what I want to hear, but how to vocally achieve that result," she said. "It gives me such joy to pull the

best out of each singer and bring all their energies together in harmony."

What keeps MVC going after 45 years? "First and foremost, I honor every director, accompanist and singer who has made a contribution over the years," Ritchey said. "We wouldn't be here without them. But even with a long history, a group is only as good as their last performance."

She credits Assistant Director Judy Bethmann and accompanists Laura Loos and Karen Warren as critical to MVC's success.

A retired Las Cruces Public Schools music teacher, Bethmann is also assistant director of the New Horizons Band of Las Cruces.

Choral singers are encouraged to join MVC. For information on the May 14 concert and on joining MVC, contact Ritchey at 575-647-2560 or nancy.ritchey@comcast.net. Visit www.mesillavalleychorale.org.

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'A Movable Feast' features local watercolor artists



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"On the Vine," J. Caffee-Cruz

BULLETIN REPORT

Watercolor artists in southern New Mexico show their creations in a new exhibit at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

"A Movable Feast: Foods of New Mexico" is presented by the New Mexico Watercolor Society, Southern Chapter, and will show in the museum's Arts Corridor through Aug. 6. There are 25 pieces on exhibit. Most are for sale.

From Puebloan times to the present, agriculture has been crucial in making the Chihuahuan Desert habitable. Indian, Spanish and modern farmers accepted the challenges of limited water and harsh terrain as they plowed and planted to produce such staples as chile, nuts, wine, honey, fruit, squash, corn, beans, sunflowers and yuccas. In this exhibit, NMWS members have created works based on

their own visions and inspirations.

The New Mexico Watercolor Society was founded in 1969 as a statewide chapter of the Southwestern Watercolor Society, and became an independent entity in 1975, with the goal to make New Mexico known nationally for its watercolor artists. As the southern half of the state grew, Las Cruces artists lobbied for a local chapter of the NMWS, and a proposal for the Southern Chapter's formation was approved by the NMWS Board in 2001.

The museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for children 4-17 and free for Museum Friends members and children 3 and under. For more information, call 575-522-4100 or visit www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.



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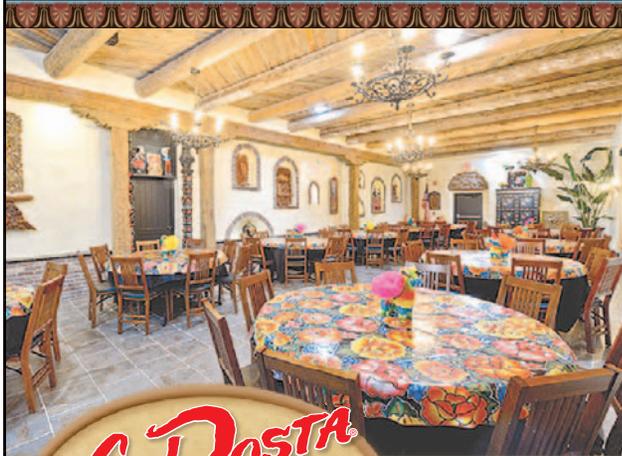
"Corn Maiden"

Color blindness no obstacle for this artist



The Gallery at Big Picture hosts Gary Biel for the First Friday Downtown Arts Ramble, May 5, with an opening reception from 5-7 p.m. Biel, who oversaw a successful landscaping business in Las Cruces, is now dedicated to his passion for art. He is color blind, thus his style and use of color are totally unique to him. The Gallery at Big Picture is located at 311 N. Main Street. Hours are 10-5 Tuesday-Friday and 9:30-1:30 Saturday. Biel's exhibit runs through May. Info: 575-647-0508.

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Great theatre downtown, at NMSU in May

There is some wonderful live theatre in Las Cruces in May.

In this week's article in the Bulletin, you can read all about "You Can't Take It With You," which opens Friday, May 5, for a three-week run at Las Cruces Community Theatre. It has some of the best theatrical talent that you will find in this town. I can't wait to see it! Visit www.lcctnm.org for reservations and more information. And remember, its

last performance is the 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, May 21.

Just down the street at the Black Box Theatre, "Seagulls in a Cherry Tree" will open May 12 for a three-week run. Ceil Herman, who owns the Black Box with her husband, Peter, will direct the play. The Hermans



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Theatre 101

are big fans of Downs' work, having produced his plays "Cockeyed" during the 2010-11 season and "Mad Gravity" in 2014-15, both of which I saw and enjoyed.

The Black Box has come a bit full circle with play titles. I remember seeing their very first production, "Seascape," in September 2000. It starred, among others, the late Joe Denk, a lovely and talented man who is dearly missed. Ceil also directed that play.

Visit www.no-strings.org for reservations and more information about "Seagulls in a Cherry Tree." The last day to see it will be the 2:30 p.m. matinee on Sunday, May 28. And, if you can't make it to a weekend show, remember there is one Thursday night performance during the run, at 7 p.m. on May 25.

You also will not want to miss "Urinetown The Musical," I saw the

opening performance on Thursday evening, April 27, at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts. It blew me away – read my review in this week's Bulletin!

Reminder: The NMSU Theatre Arts Department has changed its performance schedule so that shows are performed over two weekends instead of three. Visit www.nmsutheatre.com/event/232/urinetown for reservations and more information.

Another great theatre company in town is Doña Ana Repertory Theatre (DART). Darin Cabot, who is one of the finest actors I've ever seen and a DART co-founder, tells me auditions for DART's next show will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 13 at Centennial High School, where Darin teaches. The show is "Symposium, or The Drinking Party," which is a new play by Algernon D'Amassa.

Algernon is another co-founder of DART. I've been in two plays he's directed, and he, too, is an outstanding actor, and a very talented playwright. He created an amazing experience for those of us lucky enough to act in "The Hothouse" a couple of years ago at Black Box. It remains one of my favorite theatre and life experiences.

If Algernon's new play is anything like "The Last Days of Judas Iscariot," which DART produced last summer, actors will want to try out for it and audiences will want to see it. I will keep you posted!

I also had a chat with Las Cruces actor, director, producer Ken Forestal this week about his Toad Hall Productions company. Look for information soon about auditions for his upcoming "Two Gentlemen of Verona." Toad Hall's recent productions have

included "Agnes of God," "Pericles, Prince of Tyre" and "Bonhoeffer – The Last Encounter."

We are so lucky to have such great theatre in Las Cruces, and so many talented people performing on stage and working backstage.

And, by the way, you will almost always see me spell theatre with an "re" at the end instead of an "er." The "re" is for live theatre; "er" is a movie theater. They're pronounced the same, although you're allowed to say "theatah" (as in, "The Queen and I shall be stopping at the theatah tonight, followed by a candlelight supper.") as long as you spell it, or at least think of it, with an "re" at the end. I'm sorry, but these are the rules.

See you at the theatah!

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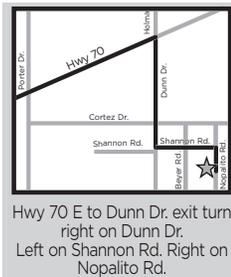
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Arts and Crafts Show: Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., May 24-26, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. each day in the room next to the cafeteria. Each artist or crafts person will be allowed from one

to three pieces depending on size. Set up will be from 2:30-4:30 p.m., May 23. Interested artists or craft persons should call 528-3000.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

MVTS World Tour: Mesilla Valley Teen Singers, directed by Terry Kay Gilbert, perform a free concert 5-7 p.m. Friday, May 5, at University Presbyterian Church, 2010 E. Wisconsin. Music from around the world. Snack reception follows. Info: www.mvteensingers.blogspot.com.

May Ramble: Mas Art, 126 S. Main St., presents an exhibition by watercolor artist Sue Ann Glenn. "Capturing the West" features representational paintings that have been inspired by cactus, wildlife and cultural artifacts. Reception 5-7 p.m. Friday, May 5. Info: 575-526-9113 or www.masarllc.com.

All About Hoot: Create a craft all about Hoot, one of the museum's owls, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 6, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Rd. Free, plus regular museum admission.

"The New Romantic: Views of the 20th Century Landscape": Artists Sharbani Das Gupta and Scott Greene discuss their exhibition, 2 p.m. Saturday, May 6, in the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Both artists' work mirrors their concern for the often-destructive human impact on the environment. Free. Info: museums.las-cruces.org.

Cinco de Mayo schedule, Plaza de Mesilla Saturday, May 6

Noon: Welcome from Mesilla Mayor Nora Barraza, invocation, National Anthem

- 12:15 p.m. Jose Tena and his Ballet Folklorico Tierra del Encanto, with Con Junto
- 2 p.m.: K'AYY Ballet Folklorico
- 3 p.m.: Mariachi Alma de Jalisco
- 4 p.m.: Las Perlititas with Mariachi Aguilas
- 5:30 p.m.: Grease Pole climb and piñatas
- 6:30-10 p.m.: Animo

Sunday, May 7

Noon: Welcome from Mesilla Mayor Nora Barraza, National Anthem

- 12:15 p.m. Jose Tena and his Ballet Folklorico Tierra del Encanto, with Mariachi Aguilas
- 1:30 p.m.: Mariachi Galivan, Mariachi Amanecer and Mariachi Nuevo America
- 2:30 p.m.: Erenca Mexicana Ballet Folklorico
- 3:30 p.m.: Grease pole climb and piñatas
- 4-7 p.m.: Latin Funktion

Blazin' Brewfest: 5th annual, 5-9 p.m., Saturday, May 6, Downtown. Sponsored by the New Mexico Brewer's Guild. Twenty craft breweries from around the state, including Las Cruces' High Desert, Picacho Peak and Spotted Dog. Live entertainment and local food trucks. Tickets \$17 in advance, \$20 at the gate, available at High Desert Brewing, Spotted Dog, and Bosque Taproom or at www.nmbeer.org. Guests receive a commemorative tasting glass and samples.

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- May 6. Gloria Hacker
 - May 13 Loni Todoroki
 - May 20 Douglas Jackson
 - May 27 Sarah Addison and Sharlene Wittern
- Solano**
- May 6 Nancy Banks
 - May 13 Jean Gilbert
 - May 20 Florence Hamilton
 - May 27 Judith Ames

American Southwest Theatre Company:

Accepting donations for fund drive to benefit The American Southwest Theatre Company. Items in clean, sellable condition can be dropped off at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts box office, corner of University Avenue and Espina Street, NMSU campus, between 1-5 p.m. daily from May 8-12 and May 15. If you can't make it to the theatre during those times, call the main office and a board

"Art Tales": Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N Main St.,

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 9, a reading of Andy Warhol's Colors by Susan Goldman Rubin. Free. Info: museums.las-cruces.org or 575.541.2137.

Re-imagining film: Acton Academy hosts "Most Likely to Succeed," 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 10, at Allen Theaters' Cineport 10 at Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. The film "offers an inspiring look at what students and teachers are capable of — if we have the vision and courage to transform our schools." It's also been

called the "most compelling film ever done on the topic of school," according to Acton. Info: 575-449-4796 or anna@anna-e.com.

"Billy the Kid's Grave": Author David Thomas of Las Cruces explores the death, burial and grave marker of Billy the Kid, 7 p.m., Thursday, May 11, Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Free.

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Mesilla Valley Film Society

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May 5-11

The Last Word

This comedy-drama stars **Shirley MacLaine** as a retired business woman who wants to control everything around her, including her own obituary. Also starring **Amanda Seyfried**.

Nightly 7:30 Saturday matinee 1:30 Sunday matinee 2:30
No one will be admitted after the film has begun. LC1-LV37928

May 12-18

Un Padre No Tan Padre

In Spanish w/ subtitles. This quirky comedy is a story about family: the one we're born into and the one we create along the way. Starring **Héctor Bonilla** and **Benny Ibarra de Llano**.
Back by Popular Demand!
Saturday, May 20 4:00pm
Vincent Van Gogh: A New Way of Seeing

RIO GRANDE THEATRE — MAY EVENTS

Friday, May 5, 5-7 p.m.
Exhibit opening with Las Cruces Arts Association

Las Cruces Arts Association's exhibit "Patterns of Spring" offers both abstract and realistic representations of spring. Las Cruces Arts Association artists work in a variety of styles and media, including oils, acrylics, pastels, watercolor, fabric arts, graphic media, gourds, mosaics and fused glass. Many artists will show their works at this show, including Judy Licht, Jack Le Sage, Penny Duncklee, and Dennis Lujan.

Saturday, May 6, 1:30 p.m.
Studio A440 Recital

Music students from Studio A440 will present a recital. The event is free and open to the public. For additional information, visit www.RioGrandeTheatre.com or contact the Doña Ana Arts Council at (575) 523-6403.

Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.
Every 2nd Wednesday: Linda Gallegos Flamenco presents "Tierra Flamenca"

This event is free and open to the public. Linda Gallegos Flamenco, one of the Southwest's leading Flamenco troupes, performs "Tierra Flamenca" featuring two dancers, guitar, percussion, and the song. The show brings percussive footwork, swirling skirts, and the castanets that are synonymous with the passionate and fiery gypsy art form. Gallegos' students will also perform a couple of colorful pieces.

Friday, May 12, 7 p.m.
Santa Fe Opera presents "Avastar"

This event is free and open to the public. The Santa Fe Opera Spring Tour Program will present "Avastar," an original work written especially for the tour by Kirk Pavitt, the opera's spring tour music director, and stage director Kathleen Clawson, to engage students of all ages in the world of opera using contemporary themes.

Saturday, May 13, 4 p.m.
Academy of Music and Dance Spring Recital

The Academy of Music and Dance will present their spring recital. The program is free and open to the public. For additional information, visit www.RioGrandeTheatre.com or contact the Doña Ana Arts Council at (575) 523-6403.

Sunday, May 14, 3 p.m.
Mesilla Valley Chorale presents Dreamin'

The Mesilla Valley Chorale, directed by Nancy Ritchey, presents "Dreamin'." Celebrate this Mother's Day Sunday with a beautiful choral program featuring "You Raise Me Up," Jackie Evancho's "Dream With Me" and many favorites such as "Mr. Sandman" and "Get Happy."

The Rio Grande Theatre is located at 211 N. Main Street. Box office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, and one hour prior to show time. Info: www.riograndetheatre.com or call (575) 523-6403.



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The Big Band Dance Club:

Ballroom, country, swing and Latin styles at the Alma de Artes School, 410 W Court St., 7:30-9:30 p.m., May 11. Music by DJ, Mike D'Arcy. Group dance lesson by members of the NMSU Dancesport team at 6:45-7:30 p.m. Beginners, singles and couples welcome. No dance partner necessary.

Summer art series:

Becky Smith teaches beginning techniques for alcohol inks on Yupo paper and ceramic tile, in the courtyard of My Rich Sisters Closet, 2226 Calle De Guadalupe, Mesilla, 4-7 p.m., May 12. Class size limited to six.



NIKKI TALLEY

Supplies included. Sign up at My Rich Sisters Closet.

House concert: Singer/songwriter Nikki Talley with

Jason Sharp on banjo, guitar, 7 p.m., Friday May 12. Social hour at 6. Requested donation \$15. RSVP and directions: 575-644-1536 or

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kmforestal@yahoo.com.

Food Truck Fiesta: 6-9 p.m., Friday, May 12. A special Friday fiesta at Rio Grande Vineyard and Winery, 5321 New Mexico Hwy. 28, three miles south of Mesilla. Food, beer and wine in a rural setting, kid- and pet-friendly. Live music provided by Nicole Martinez.

• 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17: The Food Truck Fiesta's regular Wednesday gathering, Plaza de Las Cruces on Main

Street. Live music by Perfect on Paper.

Full Moon Golf Tournament: 18 holes of glow-in-the-dark golf, hosted by Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra, 5:30 p.m., Friday, May 12, at Red Hawk Golf Course, 7502 Red Hawk Golf Road. Check-in 4:30 p.m. The registration, \$150 per person, dinner included. Register at www.lascrucessymphony.com/full-moon-golf-tournament.

Mother's Day Crafts: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 13, Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Celebrate Mom and create a craft showing how much she means to you. Crafts are free, but regular admission

required: \$5 adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$3 children 4-17, free for children 3 and under.

"Dreamin'": The Mesilla Valley Chorale, directed by Nancy Ritchey, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 14, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown. A mix of traditional, contemporary, and familiar music. Tickets \$10, open seating. Info and tickets: 575-647-2560.

Tea Dance: El Paso del Norte Big Band, 2-5 p.m., May 14, Alma de Artes School, 410 Court St. Fox trots, waltzes, Latin and country. Snacks and soft drinks provided. Dress in your finest "dressy clothes." Beginners, singles and couples welcome. No dance partner necessary. \$15. Info: 575-526-6504

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Artist George Mendoza speaks to students at Alameda Elementary

BULLETIN REPORT

George Mendoza, an internationally-acclaimed abstract artist, spoke to hundreds of Alameda Elementary School students in two presentations April 18, describing his experiences as a legally blind artist, renowned novelist and former long-distance runner.

"The students were thrilled to meet Mr. Mendoza, and his presentation caused a very excited learning buzz throughout the school," said Alameda Principal Aine Garcia-Post. "Having such a respected artist volunteer his time to come speak at our school was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for our students, teachers and staff."

The presentations were the result of an off-chance realization by the school librarian that Mendoza



COURTESY PHOTO

Artist George Mendoza speaks to students at Alameda Elementary School on April 18.

— the subject of the book "Colors of the Wind" — lives in Las Cruces.

"So she invited him to come speak to the school and he graciously accepted," Garcia-Post said.

According to his website, Mendoza, a Las Cruces native and painter for more than 20 years, is well-known for creating colorful abstract artwork which he paints despite being legally blind since 15. His work is featured in

a Smithsonian traveling art exhibit, in museums and galleries throughout the country, and in a fabric collection.

In addition, Mendoza has authored several books, presented more than 100 nationwide lectures and motivational presentations and set track and field records as a long-distance runner competing in the U.S. Association of Blind Athletes Olympic games.

Cottonwood Gallery features local birds, landscapes

BULLETIN REPORT

The unique beauty of local birds and landscapes is featured in "The Photo Art of Nature" exhibition, which opens in May and continues through June 30 in the Cottonwood Gallery at the Southwest Environmental Center (SWEC), 275 N. Main St.

The exhibit begins with a reception from 5-7 p.m. Friday, May 5, during the Las Cruces Downtown Ramble.

The exhibit features the photography of Nirmala Khandan, "an avian enthusiast with deep concerns about New Mexico's disappearing bird species," according to a SWEC news release, and Victor Gibbs, "an archeologist interested in cultural landscapes."

"Rapid urbanization, energy exploration and the intensity of farming and ranching contribute greatly to decreases in the arid land bird populations in New Mexico," Khandan said in the news release.

"Cultural landscapes also disappear with population movement and habitat loss," Gibbs said.

In the SWEC exhibit,



PHOTO BY VICTOR GIBBS

"both photographers seek to encourage the preservation of habitat," according to the news release. "For Khandan, to retain resident and migratory avian life, and for Gibbs, to hold onto nature's quirky places."

Khandan, a native of Sri Lanka, has been a faculty member in New

Mexico State University's Civil Engineering Department since 1990, according to SWEC. He is self-taught and is an active member of the Mesilla Valley Audubon Club. He can be reached at nkhandan@nmsu.edu

Gibbs, who grew up in Los Alamos, studied art, psychology and anthro-



PHOTO BY NIRMALA KHANDAN

pology at NMSU and is a past president of the Ars Nova Guild, a performance art group operating between 1984 and 1992. In the middle 1990s, Gibbs owned a creative video business (Lizard Light Productions). Contact him at food4thoth@yahoo.com.

SWEC is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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ACROSS

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10 Belt locale
15 Swedish auto
19 Verdi slave
20 Greek market of old
21 Act announcer
22 Big, wild cat
23 Start of a riddle
26 See 129-Across
27 In a way, informally
28 Tour crew member
29 Awaiting
31 Sit-up muscles
33 Below zero: Abbr.
34 Cozy retreat
36 Ear-related
37 Cheering words
40 Riddle, part 2
45 Et -- (and others, in Latin)
46 Like -- of sunshine
47 Like half the integers
48 "-- culpa"
49 Nation south of Kenya
51 -- tai (cocktail)
53 Feline zodiac sign
55 Titanic call
58 Riddle, part 3
63 "The Good Wife" ailer
65 Bucks and bulls
66 Attach
67 Lt.'s underling
68 Bandit-hunting band
69 Keys hitting piano keys
71 Heckling
73 Giggle sound
74 Scoundrel
75 Sharp left or right in a ring
76 Carry- -- (plane totes)
77 Shearable male
78 Little kitchen raider
79 Riddle, part 4
84 Well-suited
85 Special time span
86 Hurly-burly
87 Masses near tonsils
90 Big tippler
92 Ring king Muhammad
94 Students at Yale
95 Small cut
96 End of the riddle
102 Like quiche

103 "No men" palace area
104 Longtime delivery co.
105 Wrestler's win
106 Alley- -- pass
108 Cuts into the surface of
110 Juarez wife
113 "The Lorax" author
117 Concealed obstacle
118 Riddle's answer
122 "Citizen" of film
123 Pass on
124 Slip away from
125 Gillette brand name
126 -- -Pei (kind of dog)
127 ISP customers
128 Fix, as a bow
129 With 26-Across, skills of the past

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1 Raven calls
2 Old Ritz rival
3 German river to the Fulda
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5 -- -jongg
6 Stress or sun, to some
7 Big Apple district
8 Hooky-playing
9 Smoothing machine
10 Existed
11 Grant with six Grammys
12 I, to Hans
13 Perceiving
14 Memphis loc.
15 Patty flipper
16 Northern lights, e.g.
17 Acela offerer
18 In a low way
24 Diner's bill
25 Prefix with byte or watt
30 In no peril
32 Welsh city and county
34 Pulled off
35 Opposite of crosswise, archaically
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56 Gridiron great Merlin
57 Clay target sport
59 Judo-like cardio fad
60 Anxious
61 Hypothetical missing links
62 Trouble
63 Magna -- (document of 1215)
64 Weakly hit fly ball
70 Give a line to

71 Many a Net game
72 Grooving on
73 Likes at once
75 Rattle
77 Base of a number system
80 Crumbly cheese
81 Drizzle, e.g.
82 Barn bundle
83 Sachet bit
88 Cutting barb
89 KGB figure
90 Actor Rod
91 Resistance measures
93 "-- Miserables"

94 Make heroic
96 Scrambling kitchen tools
97 ESPN's Storm
98 Mysteries
99 Shoves
100 Duel blade
101 Evening meal
107 --Kosh B'Gosh (clothing brand)
109 Pale tan
110 "The -- the limit!"
111 Lick soundly
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116 See 120-Down
119 -- -de-France
120 With 116-Down, a tot travels in it
121 "Well, I'll be!"

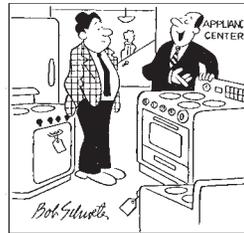
PUZZLES

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



"Here's just the stove for a bachelor like you — it comes with a smoke
-----!"

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!

Beguile
DUELED _____

Small
TILLET _____

Respond
ACERT _____ _____

Grace
DROAN _____

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: F equals S

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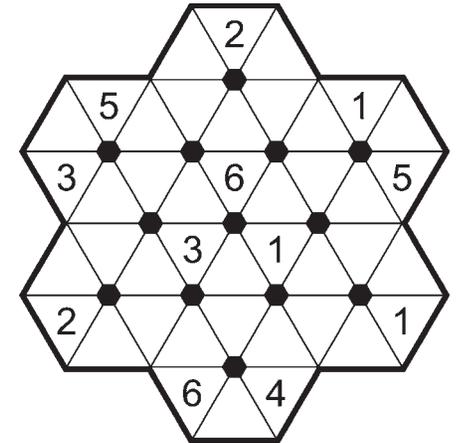
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SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

Easy Medium Difficult

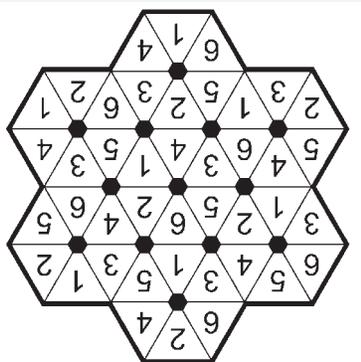
PUZZLE ANSWERS

When a tailor's work is normally only mediocre, I reckon you could say that it's sew-sew.

CRYPTOQUIP

DETECTOR
Today's Word
3. React; 4. Adorn
1. Delude; 2. Litter;

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

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SUPER CROSSWORD

'Fate of the Furious': Where we land, already driving

By **ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH**

Las Cruces Bulletin

"The Fate of the Furious" is yet another chapter in the adventures of a team of tough-and-ready do-gooders who just like driving cars.

I'd love to be at the table listening to the concepts tossed out for any "Fast and Furious" franchise film. Previously, ideas included things like, "let's have the team use their cars to rob a gas-tanker truck on a twisty mountain road while everyone is driving up to 120 mph," and "hey, I think the crew should parachute out of an airplane, already in their cars, and land on a forest road in the mountains, already driving."

This newest edition is no exception; in fact, it simply seems to jump from concept to concept loosely tied together by a Dom (Dominic Toretto played by Vin Diesel) and bad guy Cipher (played by Charlize Theron).

Concepts include: "What if most of the cars in New York City are cybernetically hacked and attack the Russian ambassador to help Cipher get hold of the Russian nuclear codes?" And, "let's have the team, in powerful vehicles, flee/fight a Russian submarine while speeding over the ice. The submarine, nuclear weapons aboard, could attack the team with all kinds of things like heat-seeking missiles and torpedoes."

In addition to Diesel and Theron, Dwayne "The

Rock" Johnson (Luke Hobbs), Jason Statham (Deckard Shaw, franchise villain), Nathalie Emmanuel (Ramsey, franchise damsel-in-distress and computer whiz) take top billing in the "family" of car-driving misfits.

The film includes a nod to Paul Walker (Brian O'Conner) who starred in the previous seven films in the franchise but died in a true-life fiery crash in 2013.

For those who enjoy well-designed action and watching sexy characters do everything but sex, this will be perfect. Those looking for anything but pure fantasy, sweet cars and brute force should look elsewhere.

Elva K. Österreich may be reached at elva@lascrucesbulletin.com.

Good intentions, a fun story salvage 'The Last Word'

By **JEFF BERG**

Las Cruces Bulletin

A lot is said about the lack of roles for older actors and actresses, but

that seems to be ending. Actors such as Morgan Freeman (80), Robert DeNiro (74), Alan Arkin (83), and actresses Helen Mirin (71), Julianne

Moore (56), and Meryl Streep (67) are all still quite busy, as is New Mexico resident Shirley MacLaine (83).

MacLaine has about 70

acting credits and even now is involved in three new productions.

In "The Last Word" the best parts of it are in the beginning when Shirley, as Harriet Lauler, a rich and obstinate woman (and it is said that Ms. M is like this in real life as well, according to my friend who was briefly her personal assistant) is shown in reflection in her empty and opulent home.

The lighting for these scenes along with the remarkable camera work by Eric Koretz are moving and realistic.

From there, we move to part comedy, part drama, as Harriett reviews her life and decides to have her obituary written before she passes on.

She marches down to the local newspaper that she has supported financially through the years and sternly states to the editor that she wants to meet the obituary writer. A dying

very surprised Harriet who determines to make her last days on this rock better for someone, if in her own style.

She takes on an "intern," a young African-American girl, Brenda, (AnnJewel Lee Dixon), and it is not long before Harriet begins pursuing things that she loved but has never done, with the help of Brenda and Anne.

There is revenge on the ad agency she ran for years, a road trip, and a visit to a local radio station, where Harriet's musical knowledge so surprises the station manager that she gets her own show. One of Harriet's favorite bands is The Kinks, one of my favorites as well.

The pacing is brisk and it's obvious that MacLaine is in charge here. We could have done without the extended happy dance scene, and Brenda's role seems forced at times. But the film conquers these issues with a fun story,

GRADE: B+

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If you're in town don't miss 'Urinetown'

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

There are so many things I loved about the Tony Award-winning "Urinetown: The Musical" at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts that it's hard to know where to begin.

By way of background, Urinetown is a community that hasn't seen a rain in decades and has outlawed private toilets to reduce water consumption. Town folk – divided into the Rich and the Poor by creators Mark Hollman and Greg Kotis – must pay to use public "amenities" provided by the Urine Good Company (UGC).

Mario Ragazzone plays Caldwell B. Cladwell, who runs UGC. I've seen Rio give outstanding performances, including one of the title roles in Scaffolding Theatre Company's "Beauty and the Beast." His work in "Urinetown" may be his best yet. The fabulous silver cowboy hat he wore in this show was enormous, but it couldn't contain his energy, vitality and talent. The show is a great send-off for this very talented NMSU Theatre Arts Department senior. We will miss him.

Fortunately for the future of NMSU theatre, "Urinetown" is filled with talented students who will return next year. They include Calvin Chervinko, who played Bobby Strong. Calvin just turned 20, but his range, talent and absolute fearlessness – one of the qualities I most admire in every great actor I've ever seen – make you think he's been doing this forever.

Melis Darya White was equally delightful in her portrayal of Hope Cladwell, powerful but vulnerable as both actress and singer. It's hard to believe Melis is only a sophomore. Hope is another in a succession of terrific performances she's given at NMSU, including



PHOTO BY MIKE WISE, NMSU THEATRE ARTS DEPARTMENT

Much of the cast of NMSU Theatre Arts Department's "Urinetown The Musical," which continues through Sunday, May 7, at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts.

in "Truth Dare."

Maximilian J. Contreras played Officer Lockstock, the sheriff and narrator, showing all his facets. The "Cop Song" duet with Officer Barrel, portrayed to acting, singing and dancing perfection by theatre arts senior William Steele, was a highlight.

Sarah Sue Jones, as always, was terrific as Little Sally. She was both childlike and wise beyond her years, clutching her beautiful doll, standing up to the sheriff and other intimidating adults and even talking to the audience. Sarah Sue is a senior who plans to pursue an acting career in Los Angeles. She has

the talent and stage presence, and, thanks to NMSU theatre, the experience in a wide range of roles.

NMSU junior Alexa Johnston was a grand Penelope Pennywise, the keeper of one of the public toilets. Who couldn't love to hate her in "It's a Privilege to Pee"?

Theatre arts sophomore Taylor Rodriguez showed his versatility by playing three very different parts in the show. I really liked his Old Man Strong, but his Hot Blades Harry was even more of a show stealer.

Kudos also to Alex Wheeler as the old woman and as Josephine Strong. I've watched Alex grow

and evolve as an actress and performer in many shows. She's another theatre arts senior who has given many outstanding performances for NMSU, Scaffolding and just about every theatre company in town.

Kudos also to Jared Simon; I loved his nerdy Mr. McQueen. Torrie Hughes was a wonderful – and surprisingly agile – pregnant and poor Little Becky Two Shoes.

Bravo also to Miranda Kay Elizabeth, Laura Mae Dille, Daniela Castorena, Rowland D. Smith III, Paden James and Anton Ragas for their terrific performances. And I can't forget David Arias as Senator

Fipp. I think David is the only non-student in this cast. He was terrific in this show as he was in "A New Brain" at Black Box Theatre and "No Sex Please, We're British" at Las Cruces Community Theatre.

"Urinetown" director Wil Kilroy, the NMSU theatre arts department head, set this show in "a location very near to here," using the decades-long drought we've experienced in southern New Mexico as the setting.

Look for Zia symbols and southwestern turquoise and silver in Deborah Brunson's brilliant costumes and jewelry. Theatre arts junior Arianna Swinson designed a fantastic set that included the Organ Mountains, red chile and tumbleweeds. Carlos Saucedo again lent his talents as a choreographer. And, there are no words for all that NMSU theatre arts assistant professor Megan McQueen brings to this as musical director.

Eliza Schwartz and Karina Ortega shared duties as stage managers. I can only imagine how hard they worked back stage helping to make this production – dare I say it? – flow.

Compliments also to bandmembers Brian Theodoros, Darlene Mueller, Adriel Hernandez, Steve Helmreich and Mark Klett.

Four performances of "Urinetown" remain, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6, as well as 2 p.m. matinee performances on Saturday, May 6, and Sunday, May 7.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and NMSU faculty/staff, \$11 for students and \$5 for high school students.

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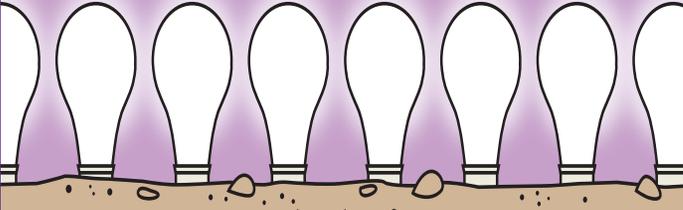
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Take a walk outside and look around! Chances are you will see flowers starting to bloom. May is a month to celebrate the colorful display of flowers in our community. Even pesky weeds bloom this time of year!

Color these drawings and enjoy the beauty of some of North America's wildflowers!



Buttercups have cup-shaped flowers made up of five petals. People used to believe that the rich yellow color of butter originated from a high content of buttercups in the cows' diet. This belief is false. Cows avoid buttercups because they are poisonous!

FLOWER: **YELLOW**
STEM AND LEAVES: **GREEN**



Bluebonnets are the Texas state flower. Some grow to be three feet high! The bluebonnet comes from the legume (bean) family.

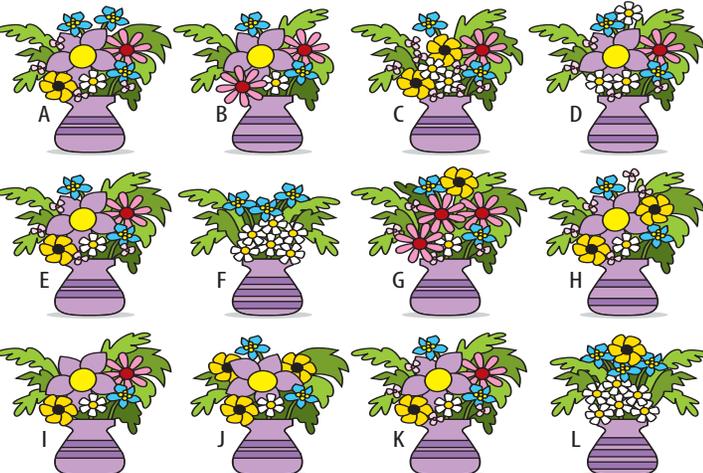
FLOWER: **PURPLE/DARK BLUE**
STEM AND LEAVES: **GRAY-GREEN**



The Indian Paint Brush is Wyoming's state flower. It has been used to make dyes. The main pollinators of this wildflower are hummingbirds.

FLOWER: **RED-ORANGE**
STEM AND LEAVES: **GREEN**

Look closely: Can you find the two identical bouquets of flowers?

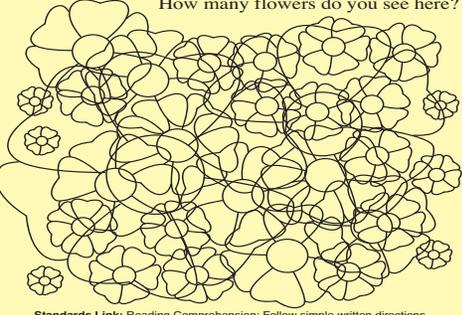



Poppies are the California state flower. They can be found blooming throughout the state in spring.

FLOWER: **ORANGE**
STEM AND LEAVES: **GREEN**

Extra! Extra!
Circle It!
On one page of the newspaper, find and circle the letters that spell each of the flowers on this page. Connect the circled letters to spell each word.
ANSWERS: Bouquets E and K are the same.
Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler
How many flowers do you see here?
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



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

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

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What's missing?
Show a friend pictures from the newspaper with a piece of the picture missing. Then have them ask questions that can only be answered "YES" or "NO" to determine what is missing.
Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Write On!
Remembering the School Year
What will you remember about this school year? Write a paragraph about it. Share your writing with your classmates.

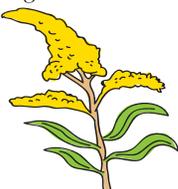
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Which flower belongs to which state? Unscramble the letters underneath each flower to find out!

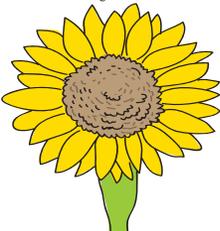
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Answers can be found at www.kidscoop.com

To draw what you see

Boren passes on experience, encouragement to students

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Kristin Boren has been an artist her entire life.

The Oñate High School art teacher's earliest memory of "being pegged as an artist" was in the second grade when she and her classmates were doing portraits. "Mine looked like the girl I was drawing," Boren said. "Everyone crowded around the table and asked, 'How did you do that?' That's when I realized I had a skill other people didn't have."

Boren, a teacher for 23 years, including 18 with Las Cruces Public Schools at OHS and, prior, at Lynn Middle School, said she tells that story to her entry-level students who tend to think "I can or I can't" when it comes to being artistic.

"Our education system hasn't done a good job with kids and their skill development," Boren said. Elementary-school students "only get art every two weeks. I'm so grateful we offer that, but it's not enough."

As students reach high school, "most want to be able to create," she said. As a secondary art teacher, "I get to play different roles."

For students in their first high school art class, her goal is to provide a "supportive experience" to give them self-confidence as artists. For some, that means overcoming a long-held "I can't do it, I have no talent attitude," she said.

As beginners continue with advanced classes, "they kind of find their niche," she said.

Some may pursue art as a career, but all of them will



One of artist Kristin Boren's favorites among the many pieces of art she has created.

have "a better attitude about art the rest of their lives."

For students with a more serious interest in art, Boren sees her role as that of mentor – "the person who helps them stretch and grow."

"I have incredibly talented students," she said. And, often, her relationship with them is one of collaboration as well as teaching. "I get a lot of inspiration from my students from engaging creatively with them."

Art "is not concrete, not black or white, right or wrong," but rather a "constant opening up," Boren said. So, "on an incredibly deep human level, you get to interact with kids in their creative soul."

Because of that "shared experience," Boren said the

career she chose in her late 20s has proven rewarding. "I have gotten so much more from this profession of teaching than I ever thought."

Boren said she was not a natural-born teacher. "I feel like I grew into being a teacher," she said, and chose the profession "because my major mentor in my life was my high school art teacher."

The most difficult part of teaching, she feels, is shifting gears between being creative and performing regular classroom duties required of every teacher. Being a good art teacher is "a combination of right brain and left brain. You have to be able to shift between one and the other."

"Teaching has allowed me to

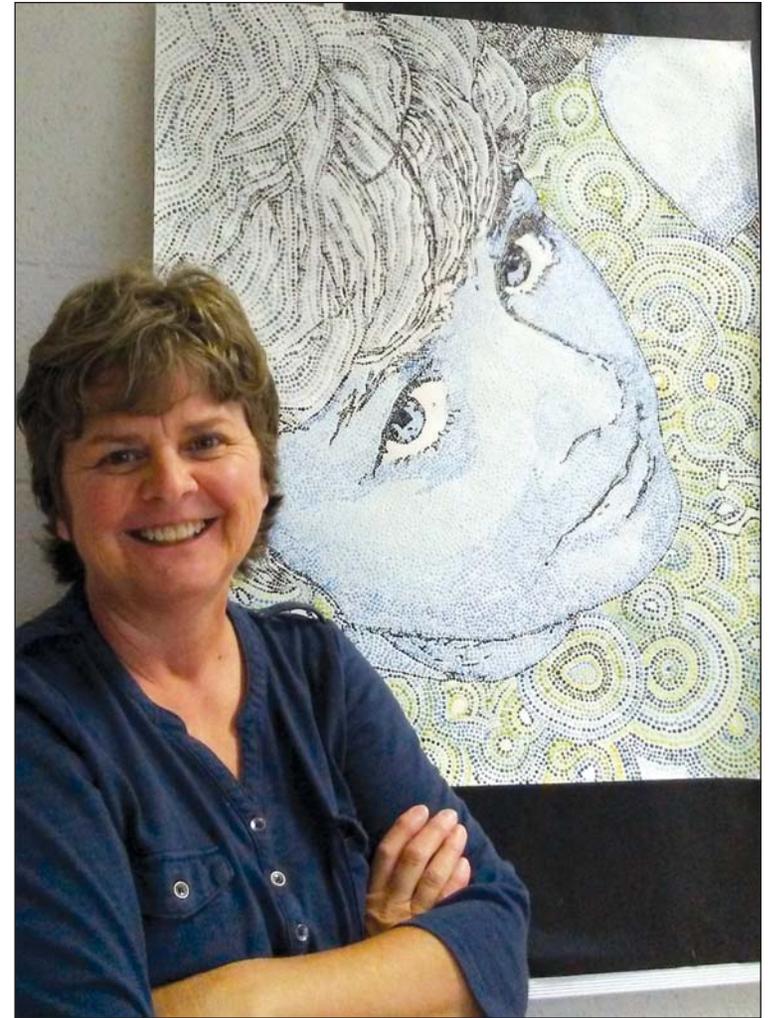


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Las Cruces artist and Oñate High School art teacher Kristin Boren with a piece of her art.

make art every single day. I'm incredibly privileged to have the opportunity," she said.

Boren is primarily a painter. "The thing that takes me to the place of absolute focus that happens with art is when I'm painting."

Her favorite work, she said, is "whatever I'm doing" at the time. It's more about the process than the final product.

When a fire destroyed a Character Counts mural she and her students at Lynn had just completed, she was disappointed, yet still satisfied with the work because "the process was still there, the lesson. That happened. It's all about now."

Although she doesn't enter many competitions, her work

is a regular fixture in the annual LCPS faculty art show and she has won second- and third-place awards in the Avenue Art Chalk Art Festival.

In addition to living in Las Cruces, Boren owns a small RV park in Hillsboro, New Mexico, and has undertaken new art – restoring vintage (1978 or older) trailers. She often stays in the 1955 Spartan she restored and parked in Hillsboro. She built a bathhouse and painted murals on the walls.

"My favorite thing lately is building," she said. "I'm pretty fearless when it comes to trying new things."

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We don't need walls for security, fulfillment

I have been thinking a lot about walls, not just recently, but over many years.

Walls can keep people out.

Walls can keep people in.

Walls can separate between people so that they don't have to get to know each other, deal with each other, or even look at each other.

It is curious that such a description of walls does not have to be about walls made of stone, or wood, or about fences, all of which create physical separations.

Unseen walls that reinforce divisions, grounded in disagreements or in cultural or ideological differences, may create a comfortable space for some people, a space where

their views are not challenged.

Those walls, however, even more than physical ones, can form impenetrable barriers that prevent us from recognizing real aspects of life that we share as members of the human family. We work hard.

We want to have a roof over our heads.

We want to bring home enough money to pay our bills.

We want to have a secure future.

We want safe communities for ourselves and our children and grandchildren: neighborhoods, villages, towns and cit-

ies where we can productively work with our neighbors to make good things happen.

We want to see opportunities for people of all ages to learn, to expand their horizons, and to be engaged with other community members in common pursuits and interests.

We want health care that will help us stay stable, get better, or give us comfort as challenges to our well-being increase.

Some people will want to pass by and through invisible or real boundaries around neighborhoods, states or countries in order to assist people who need help and support.

These "wants" have a way of putting all people in one place, in one category, with no wall to separate them.

The only divisions that might persist would be those that we create in our minds and hearts, the ones that are harder to tear down, including the walls that rise all too quickly when we begin to discuss how to address at least some of these wants for as many people as possible.

Quotes about walls (yes, I did an aggressive search online) include declarations that walls may be present so that we can demonstrate our strength and will to bring them down.

My tradition also teaches that a house of worship must have windows in its walls so that the people worshipping don't forget that there is a connection between the words they pray (about forgiveness, the sanctity of creation, freedom, gratitude, and peace) in

that space and their actions in the outside world. So it is with many other contexts in which we live and work, where we learn values and lessons that we can apply to daily life.

Challenging a wall's existence can be the expression of a strong desire to join with others in constructive and cooperative action for the benefit of many people.

And so, may we work together to create a world where walls, solid or invisible, need not stand for people to feel fulfilled, hopeful and secure.

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Baha'i council elected

The Baha'i Faith community of Las Cruces recently elected its nine-member governing council, known as the Local Spiritual Assembly, for 2017-2018. Members are, seated from left to right, Laura Clayton, Deborah Rodgers, Jean Wilkey (vice-chairman), and Ann Mitchell (secretary). Standing, from left to right are, Rudhwan Al Dabbagh, Carl Ewing (chairman), Dean Wilkey (treasurer), Phyllis Williams and Darrell Rodgers. Local Assemblies minister to the needs of the community. They support community members who organize classes for the spiritual education of children, adult study circles and devotional programs. They plan Holy Day observances and service projects. They also conduct Baha'i marriages, pray for members of the community and provide spiritual counseling on matters brought to the Assembly. The Baha'i Faith, founded in Persia in 1844, is the youngest of the world's independent, monotheistic religions and is one of the fastest-growing, with approximately 175,000 members in the United States and more than five million world-wide. For information on the Baha'is of Las Cruces visit their website at www.lascrucesbahai.org.

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A moral perspective on the Gila River

After the recent observation of Earth Day, I wish to offer some moral and ethical considerations on the planned diversion of the Gila River. With the 2015 publication of "Laudato Si," Pope Francis drew attention to the fact that caring for creation was not merely a political issue, but a moral one. We were reminded that the first mandate to mankind in the Hebrew Scriptures was to "till the soil," that is, to care for creation. In the biblical creation story, the garden was given to our ancestors for their enjoyment and use, but there was a certain reciprocity. They were to care for it.

As a result of the 2004 Arizona Water Settlement Act, \$100 Million in federal subsidies was allotted for water projects in southwest New Mexico, \$66 million of which could be used for projects that would not divert water from the Gila River. This is the rub. Should New Mexico claim \$100 million for a project that would divert water from the Gila, or simply \$66 million for a non-diversion water proj-

ect? That is the question. At least the first question. There are more to come.

Let's clarify. For the sake of their children and grandchildren, the people of southwestern New Mexico need to establish water security into the future. Silver City has decided not to participate in a diversion project.



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To the layperson in water engineering, it seems easy enough: pipe water from the Gila to Deming. Studies on the cost of this proposed project have varied from nearly \$1 Billion to the most recent price tag of over \$550 million. Thus, while a diversion project would allow southwestern New Mexico to claim the entire \$100 million federal subsidy, tax payers would still be on the hook for at least \$450 million. Moreover, the flow of the Gila is neither steady nor predictable; thus neither would water availability be steady or predictable. Thus, two significant issues with a diversion

project: cost (\$450 million yet to be accounted for) and lack of steady water flow. If this shortfall for the diversion project is raised through increased water rates, for example, the people of Deming (Luna County is the second poorest county in New Mexico) would be saddled with the remaining price tag. Here I would question the morality (not to mention the feasibility) of such a project.

The engineering for a water diversion to Deming has not been not feasible, thus a modified diversion project has been proposed. However, this modified project would serve only a very small percentage of the population of southwestern New Mexico – those in immediate proximity to the Gila River. The equity and ethics of such a project would be questionable, at best.

There are solutions to this quandary that are cost effective, quicker, and easier than diversion projects. Southwest New Mexico should use the \$66 million in federal subsidies for non-diversion projects. The

aquifers in southwest New Mexico provide a great deal of water, and using them wisely can secure water through 2050. Water engineers have made reasonable proposals to secure water through existing sources – in a more cost effective and timely manner. I urge the Interstate Stream Commission and the NM CAP Entity (those charged with deciding how to use the federal subsidies) to consider non-diversion solutions to secure water for the residents of southwestern New Mexico, and to confer transparently with constituents before committing to a solution. As Pope Francis says in "Laudato Si," "We need a conversation which includes everyone" (no. 14). Proposals should be presented to residents with realistic costs (including operation and maintenance).

The Bible begins and ends with settings in a garden where water nourishes all life. The Gila River is one of the last free-flowing rivers in New Mexico; a diverse ecological system depends on this naturally flow-

ing river. Fishermen, hunters, birders, and hikers all enjoy this beautiful piece of nature in New Mexico.

After a busy Holy Week and Easter weekend, several of my priests and I enjoyed a couple of days of camping, hiking and fishing along the Gila River. It's amazing how nature has the ability to nourish and replenish the human soul. Indeed nature takes care of us, if we take care of it.

As Pope Francis says, "Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations" (LS, 76).

Thus, I urge southern New Mexico to leave the Gila intact so that it may continue to nourish the hearts and souls of our children and grandchildren, and to seek more cost effective and reasonable ways to secure water for our residents.

*Bishop Oscar Cantú
Roman Catholic Bishop of
Las Cruces*

Owls take over at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park

By RICHARD ANDERTON
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Last December, a local pair of American Kestrels, a small breed of falcon, were observed repeatedly flying up to the apex of the utility building at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park (MVBSP). Believing and hoping that this could be a start of breeding behavior, me, the New Mexico State Park team and The Friends of MVBSP decided to make and put in place the appropriate nesting box.

It was completed in January, and before long, we observed an unexpected development. The park's resident Say's Phoebe bird would come out of the nesting box on cold mornings, having obviously found a warm, insulated place to spend the night.

But, wait. The plot thickens. Recently, it became apparent that the Phoebe was not content just to use the nesting box as a cozy hotel, but also had plans to move in and raise a family. We were checking the ground beneath the box for signs of occupancy, when we noticed the material intended for the Kestrel, some wood chippings and a few short lengths of bulrushes, was being ejected from the entrance hole. To our great amusement, we were showered in the pieces of reed, the material we had placed in the bottom of the box for the falcons. Several days later, around mid-day, a visibly agitated Phoebe was seen swooping up to the box with finer bedding suitable for a comfortable Say's Phoebe residence.

The bird's erratic behavior was due to it not being able to enter its new home. On closer surveillance with my binocu-



Western Screech Owls inhabit a box at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park.

lars, it became apparent the entrance was blocked with something. I identified it as a Western Screech Owl, no less, making a takeover bid for the dwelling!

The Western Screech Owl occupant has been owner of the cabin for one week at the time of this writing. Visitors to MVBSP are delighted to see our celebrity owl. The 8 a.m. Saturday morning birding tour participants are thrilled to see this charismatic creature keeping an eye out for them.

Having been given permission to conduct an after-dark surveillance visit, I can confirm that there is a pair of Western Screech Owls in the box, suggesting that they really are breeding as opposed to just using it as a daytime roost.

We are delighted to host this protected (classified at-risk) species of bird. MVBSP is an ideal habitat, as cottonwoods and many other young trees which have been recently planted will provide a habitat for ultimately two to three



Park volunteer Joe Baldonado builds Kestrel/owl boxes, just like the one in which a Western Screech Owl has made home at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. The park is selling the boxes for \$45 at its visitor center, and all proceeds go to the park.

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pairs of Western Screech Owl. Everyone involved in the Kestrel Box Project is ecstatic about helping this bird. Kudos to Joe Baldonado, who volunteered his own free time to manufacture the boxes.

On a more serious note,

population trends are difficult to monitor with this particularly nocturnal owl. The North American Breeding Bird Survey reports that its sample sizes are not large enough to adequately estimate or deliver trends, but populations appear

to have significantly declined between 1966 and 2015. They rate a 12 out of 20 on the Continental Concern Score.

The Western Screech Owl is also on the 2014 State of the Birds Watch List, which lists bird species that are at risk of becoming threatened or endangered without conservation action. The riverside vegetation where Western Screech Owls thrive, tends to be prime real estate for humans as well. In developed areas, Western Screech Owls' ability to tolerate human presence and adapt to nest boxes will help the owls thrive, and here (at MVBSP) we have a good example.

The Friends of the MVBSP are selling Kestrel/owl boxes for \$45, and all proceeds go to MVBSP. The nesting boxes are displayed and sold at the park's visitor center.

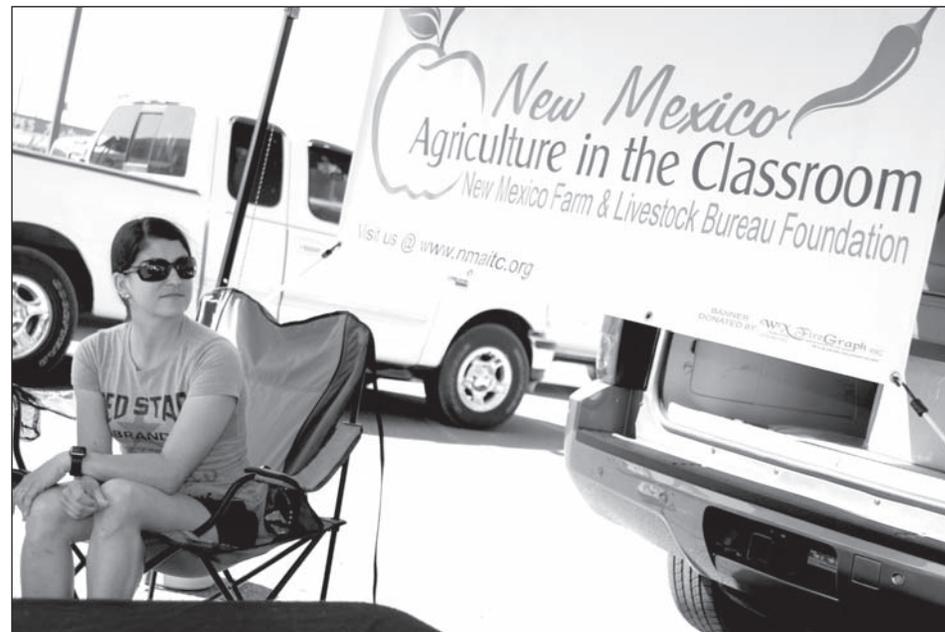
MVBSP opened in 2008. It is located at 5000 Calle del Norte in Mesilla.

For more information, or to book a group tour, contact MVBSP Acting Superintendent Gary Gruer at 575-523-4398 or gary.gruer@state.nm.us. For information on joining Friends of the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, email friendsmvbbsp@gmail.com.

Richard Anderton is volunteer resident ornithologist at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. Anderton was a bird-recorder at the Swiss Ornithological Institute and member of the State of Graubünden Ornithological working group. He's been published in "The Birds of Graubünden" and the "Swiss Atlas of Breeding Birds," and is an established blogger at www.wildwestbirds.org.



A stroll through the market



PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

ABOVE: Second grade teacher Abby Husson at East Picacho Elementary School promotes her "Egg in the Classroom" program Sunday, April 23, at the Sunday Farmers Market of Las Cruces on the corner of Valley Drive and Picacho Avenue.

LEFT: Gardening by Monty Sarvo employee Bryce Rogers sorts through some fresh organic tomatoes Sunday, April 23, at the Sunday Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market on the corner of Valley Drive and Picacho Avenue.

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Youth crew helps restore wetland habitat

BULLETIN REPORT

A crew of five people, ages 20-25, are helping restore wildlife habitat at the Southwest Environmental Center's (SWEC) La Mancha Wetland, located along the Rio Grande near Mesilla.

The six-month project is funded by a NM Youth Conservation Corps grant awarded to SWEC. The group is removing non-native plants, planting native species, and designing and constructing trails, vehicle barriers, information signs and a wildlife viewing blind. They will also install bat houses on land managed by the City of Las Cruces behind Las Cruces Dam.

The mission of the YCC is to promote the education, success and well-being of the youth of New Mexico through the conservation and enhancement of the state's natural resources and lasting community benefits.

"The YCC is a great pro-



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A group of youths are in the midst a six-month restoration project along the Rio Grande in Mesilla and Las Cruces, through a NM Youth Conservation Corps grant awarded to the Southwest Environmental Center.

gram," said Kevin Bixby, SWEC's executive director. "It employs young people and gives them a chance to learn valuable job skills while doing important work."

The crew includes Stuart Holden, Cambria Huff, Felicity Lopez, Damaris Lewis, and Garrett Means. They are supervised by Chris Schaefer of Las Cruces, also

hired with the YCC grant.

"This is a really great crew," Schaefer said. "They get along well, work hard, and are really enthusiastic about helping the environment. We are getting a lot done."

The Southwest Environmental Center works to protect and restore wildlife and their habitats in the Southwest.

Back by Noon hike highlights desert reptiles

BULLETIN REPORT

The Southwest Environmental Center, continuing its 2017 Back by Noon hike series, will host "Reptiles of the Chihuahuan Desert," with a 1.5 mile walk along maintained trails of the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park. New Mexico ranks third in the country for reptile diversity. The hike will be led by NMSU Professor of Herpetology Niki Harings.

The group will meet at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 6. Advanced reservations required. Space is limited. For information or to register, call 575-522-5552. Learn more at www.wildmesquite.org about the full Back by Noon schedule.

The Southwest Environmental Center is a Las Cruces-based membership based organization that protects and restores native wildlife and their habitats in the Southwest.

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Abigail

My name is Abigail. I am a 3-year-old dark tabby. I have a sweet disposition and I love to be brushed. I relax by spending time with humans. I play well with others. Come by for a visit. You can see me at Cat's Meow Rescue and Adoption Center, 2211 N. Mesquite Ave. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

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Off-Site Adoption Events

- Farmers & Crafts Market – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays
- Dog adoptions are located at the far north end of the market on the Downtown Mall.
- Cat adoptions are located at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.
- Petco – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, 305 E. Lohman Ave. Bldg. D.

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DONATION REQUESTS – ASCMV is in need of dog crates, blankets and towels. Collars and leashes are also always needed. Donations can be dropped off during normal hours of operation or left at the door.

ASCMV hours of operation are noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and noon to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Call 575-382-0018.

5K Diaper Drive ensures No Child Wet Behind



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New Mexico Doulas Race Director Carrie Chalverus stands in front of hundreds of diapers donated during last year's No Child Wet Behind event.

BULLETIN REPORT

Diaper need is real, and as anybody with kids knows, they're expensive. Government assistance programs cannot be used to purchase diapers. New Mexico Doulas has partnered with Bravo Mic Communications and Turning Point of Las Cruces, a local pregnancy help center, to raise awareness, money and collect diapers for families in need.

The 2nd annual No Child Wet Behind Diaper Drive and 5K run will be held from 7 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at La Llorona Park in Las Cruces.

The 5K begins at 8 a.m. A 1-mile family fun run for children and parents starts at 9 a.m. Family-friendly events include vendors, a raffle and a kids' zone with bouncy houses, face painting and a petting zoo.

All diapers and proceeds go to Turning Point, which will be distributed through "Earn While You Learn" program. Families earn points for the education classes

they complete, which are then spent on baby necessities — the most common item being diapers.

The event is one of 20 others happening across the country in partnership with the national nonprofit organization, No Child Wet Behind, according to a press release. In 2016, a New Mexico Doulas' event in Alamogordo collected more than 30,000 diapers. Las Cruces' goal this year is more than 50,000 diapers and the total will be announced at Saturday's event, after the Family Fun Run.

New Mexico Doulas is a professional doula agency providing labor and postpartum support and childbirth education to families in Las Cruces, Alamogordo and surrounding areas. A doula is a person trained to provide emotional, educational and physical care for a woman, and her partner, during labor and the early months of parenting a newborn. For more information, visit www.nmdoulas.com.

For more information about the diaper drive or 5K, or to register, visit www.nochildwetbehind.com.

New Mexico Board of Nursing upgrades DACC status

BULLETIN REPORT

After Doña Ana Community College (DACC) petitioned for a review of the decision, the New Mexico Board of Nursing (NMBON) voted to upgrade the status of the community college nursing program and lifted the admission restriction which will allow DACC to enroll students in the Associate Degree of



Nursing (ADN) program in fall 2017.

"I appreciate the NMBON for recognizing the work we do when considering this petition," DACC President Renay Scott said. "I want to also thank our community for supporting our high-

quality program and hiring our students. This is great news for our community, our faculty, staff and our students."

In February, the DACC ADN program approval status was changed to conditional by the NMBON. Conditional approval restricted the ADN program's ability to admit new students into the program, but it did not impact students who were

currently enrolled. The conditional status was imposed because for three consecutive years the pass rate for first-time takers of the NCLEX-RN exams fell below the required 80 percent. The pass rates were, 42 percent in 2014; 70 percent in 2015; and 77.7 percent in 2016.

On April 11, the Nursing Education Advisory Committee (NEAC) heard the DACC petition to re-

visit the approval status after reviewing the first quarter NCLEX-RN pass rates. The committee voted to recommend a change from the conditional approval status to full approval. The next anticipated review is in two years. As part of the NMBON approval, DACC must submit quarterly reports on the NCLEX-RN pass rates for the next two years.

The DACC ADN program received initial accreditation Aug. 4, 2015 by the national Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. The program's accreditation was not lifted by the NMBON decision.

The DACC nursing program is continuing to accept applications for the fall 2017 ADN nursing cohort which will close on June 30, 2017 at 5 p.m.

Tips to be prepared for wildfire season

BULLETIN REPORT

Wildfires can strike at any time, and the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) encourage residents to be prepared by learning more about smoke, fire, and health resources available.

“Smoke can not only hurt your eyes, but can also irritate your respiratory system, and aggravate chronic heart and lung problems,” said Department of Health Cabinet Secretary Lynn Gallagher. “People with heart or lung disease, adults over age 65, young children, and pregnant women should minimize outdoor activities during times when the visibility is about five miles or less.”

Be prepared

To get ready for wildfire season, health-care facilities, schools, businesses, and other places where people gather should take steps to become clean air shelters.

Home and community clean air shelters protect public health during wildfire smoke events. Replacing HVAC filters annually before wildfire season will help to keep smoke out of buildings. Additionally, individuals using air conditioning in their home should set their system to recirculate during smoke events to avoid smoke entering their home. Room-size air cooling systems that don't bring in outside air can also be used to cool the home while keeping smoky air from coming in.

Protect yourself

Since the Southwest United States typically has very low humidity, visibility is an easy way to determine if it is healthy to be outside when smoke is present. Use the 5-3-1 Visibility Method at <https://nmtracking.org/fire> to determine if smoke might impact your health. Residents are encouraged to listen and watch local and statewide news for health warnings about smoke.

When advised to stay indoors, keep indoor air as clean as possible. If you do

not have an air conditioner and it is too warm to stay inside with the windows closed, seek shelter elsewhere such as at a cooling center or at a relative's or friend's home. During the day, consider going to public libraries, senior centers and other public places that may have air conditioning. For multi-day events, consider staying somewhere else until the air quality improves. Get more tips at <https://nmtracking.org/health/heatstress/Heat.html>.

NMED operates air quality monitors at multiple locations around the state that gather information about air quality conditions and help to keep the public informed. Data from the Environment Department air monitors can be found at <http://drdasnm1.alink.com/>. See the Safety Decision Making Toolkit available at <https://nmtracking.org/environment/air/FireAndSmoke.html>. Find additional wildfire and smoke resources at <https://www.env.nm.gov/aqb/WildfireSmokeLinks.htm>.



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Alzheimer's and dementia support group: 11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Uno Pizzeria & Grill, 2102 Telshor Court. Arbors of Del Rey Assisted Living Community support meeting offers information and interventions. Info: 575-382-5200.

Parkinson's Support: 10 a.m. third Tuesday of each month at the Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Parkinson's Support Group of Southern New Mexico. Info: Sarah Stegall, 575-496-2550; Jon Roberts, 702-217-0450 or visit pdsgsnm.org.

Legislature urged to overturn veto on state's first Diabetes Action Plan

By **GEORGE HUNTLEY, LARRY SMITH, STEWART PERRY and LARRY ELLINGSON**

There are few things that present a greater challenge to New Mexico's future prosperity and quality of life than the diabetes epidemic. How the state confronts diabetes today, could be the most important legacy our generation of leaders can leave for the future.

The impact of diabetes on the citizens of New Mexico cannot be overstated.

Over 248,000 people, more than 12 percent of the state's adult population, are now living with diabetes. Another 615,000 are estimated to have prediabetes, many of whom will develop diabetes in the future without intervention.

Estimates of the medical and non-medical costs of diabetes in New Mexico are as high as \$2.2 billion a year, according to the Institute for Alternative Futures (altfutures.org). Simply put, the direct and indirect cost of diabetes to the state's economy is roughly equivalent to 13% of the state budget.

And it is going to get worse. In another ten years those costs are expected to approach three billion dollars annually. Over 300,000 New Mexican citizens will have diabetes, either diagnosed or undiagnosed. Another 675,000 thousand will have prediabetes.

The financial toll inflicted on New Mexico by diabetes is staggering. Moreover, left unaddressed, the human toll is, and will continue to be, catastrophic.

Clearly, it is time for action. Action for the sake of the thousands of New Mexico's residents affected by the diabetes epidemic and the many additional tens of thousands who will be affected in the future.

New Mexico simply cannot accept the status quo in diabetes prevention and care. Not when there are meaningful steps that can be taken to help the thousands of health care professionals, educators, volunteers and others already enlisted in the fight against diabetes.

Leaders in state government took a chance and joined them in the fight by doing something that will have lasting positive impact on the future of the state and its citizens.

HB 87 passed both the House and the Senate of the New Mexico General Assembly. It would create a framework and guidelines for developing of a comprehensive, statewide diabetes action plan that would bring a new level of coordination and accountability to New Mexico's efforts to fight diabetes.

Despite passing both chambers overwhelmingly, Governor Susana Martinez vetoed the legislation.

Similar legislation already in place in 19 other states is enabling government leaders and health care professionals to develop new strategies to bring efficiency and improved communications to their fight against diabetes. New levels of coordination and collaboration among government agencies are being required that are making state efforts more efficient and effective.

Today, the impact and financial toll of diabetes in those states are being viewed, in many cases for the first time, in relationship to other chronic diseases so that care and prevention strategies can be improved. Bureaucratic barriers are being brought down and turf battles eliminated as agencies learn to work together.

Requiring state agencies to collaborate in the preparation and execution of a statewide diabetes action plan creates an environment in which everyone has access to all of the important information necessary to develop more effective strategies and brings much needed accountability to their efforts.

Another significant feature of the legislation is the fact that it acknowledges the tangible role that health care providers, diabetes educators and others play in the sponsorship and expansion of prevention strategies and seeks to more

effectively assimilate the energies of thousands of groups and individuals already at work in diabetes education prevention and care.

Inexplicably, there are those in the state government who oppose what is fiscally sound and politically benign legislation that could actually save the state millions of dollars, not to mention the lives of New Mexico citizens.

Diabetes is destroying lives in New Mexico. It is destroying families. And it is costing billions of dollars every year in direct and indirect costs to the state's economy.

A comprehensive, statewide diabetes action plan can be a valuable tool for making prevention efforts more effective and existing programs more accountable. We ask legislators to ignore the false claims of those whose sole motivation appears to be the desire to protect the status quo. We urge you to overturn this veto and advance this important legislation that will put New Mexico at the forefront of the war against diabetes.

George Huntley, Larry Smith, Larry Ellingson and Stewart Perry are leaders in the National Diabetes Volunteer Leadership Council. Each has served as chair of the American Diabetes Association national board of directors. Learn more at www.ndvlc.org.

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Breastfeeding support: 10-11:30 a.m. every Friday, Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex, Piñon A meeting room. Mama's Milk Club Breastfeeding Support Group. Refreshments provided. Cost: free. Info: 575-521-5393.

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. Overeaters Anonymous (OA) is a fellowship of those individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from a compulsive relationship with food. Info: www.oa.org, Barbara, 575-405-0128 or Wayne, 575-647-5684.

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Siblings may help you live a longer, happier life

Growing up, I always envied my friends who had several brothers and sisters. I longed to have someone to argue with and on many occasions felt like I was really missing out on not being part of a loud and boisterous house full of children arguing over toys, sharing clothes, and always having someone to play with.

An early childhood friend, Angela Sickles, had many sisters. I can remember playing at her house and having her tell me how lucky I was to not have to share a room with anyone, to never have



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to wear hand-me-downs, and not to have any one trying to boss me around. She thought her siblings were a liability. I thought they were gems and that she was the luckiest girl in the world. My sister and I are 10 years apart and with that age difference we didn't get to enjoy those experiences.

As an adult, I was fortunate to be blessed with four children. As they were growing up, there were many times where

the house was filled with loud and boisterous children, many arguments, and at times these same children were the best of friends. I can admit now that as a mom, the little girl I was who longed to have someone to argue with, was not as equally enthused to be a mother with children who had days of constant bickering.

As is the case with most siblings, it is perfectly acceptable for the arguing to go on amongst the siblings, but no one else had better pick on them or there will be a price to pay.

I can remember a time when my boys were little and the usual car ride was extremely quiet,



Good Samaritan residents Mary and Lois are sisters and best friends.

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which was quite out of character for my boys. The usual "he's looking at me, he stuck his tongue out at me, he's sitting too close, etc." never transpired during the car ride. As I had seat belted the boys in, they had asked me where we were going. I replied that we were going to the doctors as my youngest son needed his shots — an innocent reply, or so I thought. As I got out of the car to get the boys out, my middle son said with teary eyes, "Mom, Dallas promises to be good and I promise

to clean my room, just please don't let the doctor shoot him."

I'd always used the words immunizations and so innocently had changed the meaning of what would transpire at the doctors' office.

I share these stories with you as those of us who have been fortunate to have siblings, will be pleased to know that even though your brothers and sisters may have frustrated at times, they may now add to the length, quality and fulfillment of your adult life.

Psychologists have done several studies and have found that sibling relationships tend to be the longest-term family ties we have. Additionally, two-thirds of those participating in a large study stated that their siblings were one of their best friends. Studies have also shown that sibling friendships in middle- and older-aged individuals helped with health, a positive mood, assisted with alleviating loneliness, depression and stress.

So, as you walk down

memory lane reminiscing times in your childhood, try not to hold grudges but look on those times with a smile and a fondness in your heart. Keep your sibling friendships on a positive note as not only will it make you happier, it may add to your quality and longevity as well.

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Registration underway for 39th Conference on Aging in Albuquerque

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) will host the 39th Annual Conference on Aging Aug. 15-16 at Isleta Resort & Casino Conference Center in Albuquerque. It is the only integrated conference for older adults, family caregivers, advocates, policy makers and service providers

throughout New Mexico.

The conference is a collaborative effort between consumers, community-based service providers, and ALTSD. Informative educational programs, meaningful exhibits, and stimulating speakers will be featured at the conference. The theme for the 2017 conference is "Supporting Active Aging: Today – Tomorrow – Beyond."

Participants are encouraged to take an active role in the conference. There are multiple ways to get involved:

- Submit poster artwork: The conference planning committee is seeking submissions of artwork to be used for the 2017 Conference on Aging poster. Artwork must be relevant to the conference theme. Submissions must be received by Mon-

day, May 8.

- Submit an Aging & Community Service Award Nomination: Nominations are being accepted for awards recognizing individuals, organizations and businesses that have made significant contributions to benefit our state, local communities, and older New Mexicans. Award winners will be recognized during the conference. Nominations

are due by Friday, June 2.

The Conference on Aging is also seeking sponsors, exhibitors, and advertisers. For additional conference details, call 505-383-3900 or email crystal.lucero@state.nm.us or andrea.allen@state.nm.us. Register or learn more about submitting artwork or nominations at www.nmaging.state.nm.us/2017-conference-on-aging.aspx.

Thrills and spills at the rodeo



Athletes from New Mexico State University and other teams from the Grand Canyon Region competed in the final regular season rodeo Sunday, April 30, at the Pete V. Domenici Arena at the Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds. Results for the NMSU men and women, whose teams are nationally ranked, were not available as of press time.

BULLETIN PHOTOS
BY RICHARD COLTHARP



Aggie fans have chance to court history at auction

By **RICHARD COLTHARP**
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Bob and Wanda Bowman arrived in Las Cruces in 1971 to start a retail business, they quickly learned of the big man on campus at New Mexico State University.

Lou Henson.

Henson and his Aggies were fresh from their 1970 Final Four appearance and en route to a fifth straight NCAA tournament appearance. While he was definitely the big man on campus, Henson never acted like it. He was always humble and generous to all.

Ever since those early days, Aggie athletics, Coach Henson and his wife, Mary, have held a big piece of Wanda Bowman's heart.

And now she has a big piece of Aggie history. A 68-foot by 112-foot piece, to be specific.

It's the Aggies' parquet basketball court that occupied the Pan Am Floor from 1988-



The center court circle will be one of more than 200 pieces of the Aggie basketball floor up for auction. Proceeds will go to Aggie athletic scholarships.

2012. Bowman will only have the historic floor temporarily, however. Starting at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 6, a piece of the floor could be yours, as it will be auctioned at Bowman's business, Ashley Furniture Homestore at 3299 Del Rey Blvd.

The auction will be conducted by Charles Dickerson and is open to the public. Dickerson's daughter, Marci, will cater the event, which will take place on the east side of the store.

Proceeds of the auction will go toward Aggie athletic scholarships.

In 2002, in the midst of Henson's second run as Aggie coach (1997-2004), the court was officially named Lou Henson Court, and adorned with a giant replica Henson signature.

There are more than 200 sections to the floor, though some will be auctioned together, such as the center-court circle with the Aggies logo, the segments with Lou Henson's autograph, and others with NMSU insignia. Smaller

pieces will be turned into framed certificates and office decorations.

In addition to Aggie men's basketball success, the court was the scene of many great volleyball teams and players and great Aggie women's basketball teams and players.

Bowman witnessed many great sporting events inside the Pan Am. But not long ago she saw something sitting outside the Pan Am under wraps. Turns out, it was the floor.

She didn't know exactly what to do about it, but she thought it could find a better home than weathering for another five years.

She made an inquiry of the university, which then put out a request for proposal for anyone who wanted to purchase the floor. Bowman had

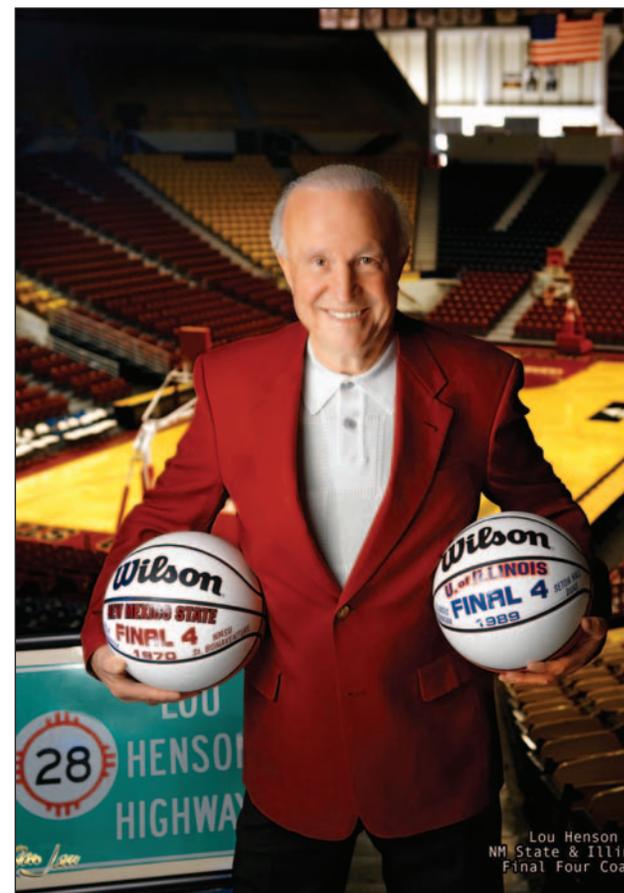


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Lou Henson, one of the few coaches to take two teams to the Final Four, had the court at the Pan American Center named for him in 2002. Now that court, which served as New Mexico State University's basketball floor from 1988-2012, will be auctioned off. Fans and collectors can participate 6 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Ashley Furniture Homestore, 3299 Del Rey Blvd.

the winning bid.

"She's a longtime Aggie athletic booster and supporter of NMSU," said Ashley director of sales, marketing and advertising Lou Hendren. "When it comes to the university, knows that when you donate to the university, you're giving to the community."

That donor spirit inspired Bowman to see something in the floor beyond some stacks of wood.

"She's furnished and decorated the offices and homes of many NMSU coaches, professors and university officials," Hendren said.

The May 6 auction will give Bowman the chance to decorate the homes and offices of a lot of NMSU fans eager for a piece of historic memorabilia. In turn, those fans will collectively fund scholarships to athletes who may create more Aggie memories.

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On-course decision-making can make (or break) your score

The game of golf is played in such a way that, whether we admit it or not, we are forced to make decisions at every point in our round. We decide what club to hit, what point to aim at, what line to hit our putts, even what attitude to maintain throughout the day.

We think it happens by default; but truthfully it happens by a combination of conscious and less-than-conscious choices. Sometimes we become aware of competing choices – 9 iron or 8 iron – and sometimes we go on autopilot and don't realize that we have several options. When we are out playing golf and we are faced with lots of decisions, some of which we make well and some we make not so well. Fortunately golf is not like combat, with life and death hanging in the balance depending on our choice at a given moment. Golf is a game; life is not a game.

A lot of golfers make on-course decisions by not



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

thinking much at all. I also see some anal golfers spend way too long pondering, obsessing, stewing over and ultimately failing to make an intelligent decision at all. Rapid cognition is one key in making decisions in sports; there is some brief deliberation involved, but not like at the Supreme Court. I'll never forget a corporate mentor years ago once saying to me, "you know, I'd rather be approximately right than precisely wrong." There's a lot of truth in that. You have to have a game plan and a basic philosophy about the game you are playing.

My personal strategy is that I would rather be

a little long than a little short. A little long will generally be on the green; but a little short usually means off the green and in a little spot of bother, as they say. Wouldn't you rather aim for the fat of the green and be safe than go flag-hunting and wind up in the water?

Most on-course decisions should be based on what you know about your game and the probabilities involved. If you find yourself in a precarious position without much of a shot, you need to quickly size up the situation and realize that it's most probable that you won't pull off the one-in-a-hundred shot, but that you probably will have a chance to save par if you lay up to a good spot. Jean van de Velde teed it up on the 72nd hole of the 1999 British Open leading by three shots, but he proceeded to make a succession of bad decisions, compounded by a series of bad shots. It was a meltdown which was difficult to watch at the time,

and ultimately he lost the tournament (in a playoff) which he had in the palm of his hand.

In the 2007 Masters Zach Johnson decided to lay up on all the par fives; he birdied 11 out of 16 of them and won by two shots.

One of the cardinal rules they play by in the U.S. Open (and really all majors) has to do with awkward lies of the golf ball and troublesome situations. The brainier competitors know very well that when bad fortune strikes (or bad play) they need to take their medicine and limit the damage as best they can. Sometimes it is a choice of taking a penalty drop, or playing well away from a hazard, or trying to save bogey, which U.S. Open veterans know is

sometimes an acceptable score.

In this past Masters Sergio Garcia took a penalty drop after hooking his drive in the woods on the par 5 15th, took the penalty drop, hit a safe third shot, hit a brilliant shot to the green and made a 15 foot putt to save par, which may have ultimately won the tournament for him.

Staying calm and maintaining one's composure are two absolute requirements of solid decision making on the golf course. Golfers who are confident and unflappable tend to make the best decisions under adverse circumstances. And knowing the rules, so that you don't penalize or handicap yourself by dropping or taking relief unwisely, would be

another standard for good play. Lapses of awareness, consciousness and focus can quickly lead to choices that are ill-advised. You shouldn't think while making the golf swing, but you sure better think and focus without getting distracted when paying attention to the myriad of conditions and variables.

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Aggies baseball takes revenge against Lobos

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico State baseball nine avenged a recent losing streak to the University of New Mexico, May 2, defeating the Lobos 12-5 in Albuquerque.

It was the Aggies' first victory in three games this year of the Battle of I-25 series against their

northern rivals.

The victory also snapped a five-game losing streak against the Lobos in Albuquerque, with the team's last road win coming on March 13, 2012, in a 6-2 decision.

New Mexico State (27-19 on the season) travels to Orem, Utah, for a three-game weekend series

against Western Athletic Conference opponent Utah Valley, May 5-7.

The Aggie offense, a strength all year, produced a team season record 15 hits against UNM. This explosion at the plate was led by Tristen Caranza, who went 4-for-5 with two home runs and seven RBI.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Lendsey Suggs is an 18-year-old senior at Mayfield High School. She is on the Lady Trojans track and field team and runs the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles and 4x400-meter relay. Suggs has qualified for the state track and field championships in the 100-meter hurdles (16.55 seconds), the 300-meter hurdles (47.12 seconds) and anchors the 4x400-meter relay (4:05). She is honest, trustworthy, positive, hard-working, dependable, ambitious and competitive. Suggs enjoys spending time with teammates and being around the coaching staff and her peers view her as a leader. She is a dedicated student, with a 3.6 GPA. Outside of school and sports, Suggs spends time outdoor and loves animals, babies and kids and will pursue a career in nursing, labor and delivery or as a pediatrician.



William Haywood is an 18-year-old senior at Mayfield High School. He plays left field and bats third on the Trojan baseball team. Haywood has a .419 batting average, a .548 on-base percentage and 22 RBIs. He is a well-rounded individual who has no problem facing challenges and is dependable on and off the field. Haywood is a dedicated student, with a 3.4 GPA and his interests outside of sports and school include hunting, ROTC and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has committed to play baseball at the New Mexico Military Institute.

MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Exiting NMSU seniors eye NFL

BULLETIN REPORT

Former New Mexico State football players Anthony McMeans and Rodney Butler are one step closer to reaching their dreams of playing in the NFL this past weekend.

“We are all really excited and proud of Anthony [McMeans] and Rodney [Butler],” Aggie head football coach Doug Martin said.

A two-year starter for NM State (2015-16), McMeans signed with the Los Angeles Rams as an undrafted free agent late Saturday night. The Greenville, Ala., native was named to the All-SBC Honorable Mention team both years he played for the Aggies while earning captain honors his senior season. In his

first campaign with NM State, McMeans blocked for Third-Team AP All-American running back Larry Rose III. Rose III was named the Sun Belt Conference’s Offensive Player of the Year in 2015 after rushing a league-high 1,651 yards with 14 touchdowns on 240 attempts.

“I know Anthony has the ability to make the Rams roster and he will be relentless in that pursuit,” Martin said.

In addition to blocking for an All-American running back, the 6-2, 314 pounds center played a huge role as the team’s vocal leader on the field. McMeans was well respected by teammates and foes alike, due to his high football IQ.

“Rodney has two work-

outs coming up and one of those teams will get a real steal,” said Martin. “He led the nation in tackles by ability and more importantly his heart and you can’t measure that.”

Butler, who led the NCAA in tackles at the end of the season, was invited to a tryout with Seattle Seahawks next weekend. After ending last year with 165 tackles, Butler was named to the Fourth-Team Phil Steele All-American list. In addition, Butler was also named First-Team All-Sun Belt Conference on defense.

The Palm Springs, California, native rounded out his collegiate career with 378 total tackles, 42 tackles for loss, five forced fumbles, five QB



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Rodney Butler, center, eyes an offensive set.

hurries and a fumble recovery. His 378 career tackles tied him for fifth all-time with Leo Barker (1979-83) while his 165 tackles in 2016 tied him for third in the Aggie record books with Steve Campbell (1991).

Should both make the 2017 an NFL roster on opening day, they’ll be one of five Aggies that are on an active roster. The two recent Aggie alums will be joining Davon House, who recently signed with the

Green Bay Packers, Kyle Nelson of the San Francisco 49ers and Marquis Bundy of the Arizona Cardinals, in addition to Valerian Ume-Ezeoke – who is a practice squad player with the Pittsburgh Steelers.



Center Anthony McMeans was instrumental in the rushing exploits of Aggie running back Larry Rose III.

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