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The water display at Plaza de Las Cruces downtown is lit up for the holiday season. The long-wished-for plaza opened in the summer for 2016 and was one of the highlights of the year as it hosted various events, including the annual Chile Drop on New Year's Eve. To read about some of the other projects and programs for 2017, see page 14.

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Sheriff extends academy deadline

The application deadline for the winter class of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department Citizen's Police Academy has been extended to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11.

The academy will span eight consecutive Saturdays beginning on Jan. 21. Each class will run from 8 a.m. to noon at DASO's Las Cruces headquarters, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

To date, more than 200 Doña Ana County residents have graduated from the program.

Each Citizen's Academy applicant must be 18 years of age or older, must be a resident of Doña Ana County, and must have a valid driver's license or photo ID. Because of the sensitive nature of police work, a brief background check will be performed on each applicant. Academy participants must not have any prior felony convictions and no misdemeanor arrests within the last three years.

The academy takes class members through various divisions of the department in an effort to strengthen community partnerships through education and awareness. Academy participants are volunteers who wish to learn more about the Sheriff's Department.

Classes are interactive and give participants hands-on knowledge of how sheriff's deputies are trained to handle real-life situations. Class members will examine traffic enforcement, understand the use of force – including the use of deadly force – observe K-9 demonstrations and presentations by the Special Response Team and bomb squad. Several field trips are included in the academy, including tours of the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority and the Doña Ana County Detention Center.

The Citizen's Academy is free of charge. Applications can be downloaded online at www.goDASO.org, and are also available at the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, 845 N. Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces. Class size is limited to 25 people.

A NEW BEGINNING!



A swearing-in ceremony was held Thursday, Dec. 29, in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center. Among those sworn in for the first time were, from left, County Clerk Scott A. Krahling, District 2 Commissioner Ramon Gonzalez, District 4 Commissioner Isabella Solis, District 5 Commissioner John Vasquez and County Treasurer Eric Rodriguez. Behind the newly sworn-in officials are Doña Ana County Sheriff Kiki Vigil and Third Judicial District Attorney Mark D'Antonio. In all, 17 elected officials residing in Doña Ana County were sworn in by Third Judicial District Judge Fernando R. Macias, with all terms of office beginning Jan. 1, 2017. The first meeting of 2017 for the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10.

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Dad suspected of abduction, arson surrenders

BULLETIN REPORT

The 23-year-old father on the run from Doña Ana County Sheriff's detectives surrendered himself to authorities Tuesday, Jan. 3.

According to deputies, Sergio Guadalupe Jacquez turned himself in at the main station of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department before 2 p.m., accompanied by his attorney. Detectives say he will be questioned and then booked into the Doña Ana County Detention Center on charges of arson, aggravated burglary, unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, abuse of a child and battery.

Detectives say Jacquez is cooperating fully with the investigation.

A nationwide warrant for the arrest of Jacquez was issued Monday evening, following an Amber Alert for Jacquez's two-year-old son Ethan.

According to Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority, sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 100 block of Powell in La Mesa at 1:06 p.m. Monday. The call initially came in as a structure fire and a crash involving two vehicles.

The first deputy arrived at the scene at 1:21 p.m. and found a double-wide mobile home fully engulfed. The deputy also learned there had been an altercation between Jacquez and 59-year-old Carlos Jurado, who lived at the residence with his



JACQUEZ

wife. Detectives assigned to the case later learned that Jurado had instructions from

Ethan's mother – his daughter – to not allow her son to leave with his father. According to Jurado, this angered Jacquez, who allegedly hit Jurado in the face at least once before retrieving a container of gasoline from his vehicle. According to Jurado, Jacquez poured the gasoline on him and then poured it on the south entrance of the mobile home. Jacquez allegedly ignited the gasoline that was poured on the house.

Jurado told detectives he was able to leave in Jacquez's vehicle, and went to a neighbor's home to call police.

Jurado's wife told detectives she heard Jacquez break through a window of the home. Shortly afterward, the smoke forced Ethan and his grandmother outside. Jacquez reportedly shoved the grandmother to the ground and took his son, reportedly fleeing in the grandparents' 2001 white Ford F-150 pickup truck.

Jurado told deputies he saw Jacquez leaving in his truck when he was driving back to his residence from the neighbor's house. Jurado said he attempted to block Jacquez from leaving, causing a collision.



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El Paso experience prepared Ed for Las Cruces city manager job

By **MIKE COOK**

For the Bulletin

New Las Cruces City Manager Stuart Ed spent his first several weeks on the job getting to know the organization, he said. He has seen some things he's impressed with, and is already working on several important changes.

Ed took over as city manager Nov. 7, moving to Las Cruces from El Paso, Texas, where he had most recently served as a consultant to the El Paso Independent School District and as president/CEO of Goodwill Industries of El Paso. He retired in 2014 after nearly 20 years



BULLETIN PHOTO

New Las Cruces City Manager Stuart Ed, center; Ed's wife, Beverly; and Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima at the city hall reception welcoming Ed to Las Cruces in November.

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with the City of El Paso.

Among his top priorities in Las Cruces is to improve the city's permitting process, Ed said. He wants to turn the city Community Development Department into a "one-stop shop," and has already moved the fire marshal into that department to speed up the permitting process. And, he's taken staff on tours of similar departments elsewhere "to see how it works" and make the city's permitting process "as efficient as possible." The city, Ed said, wants to "be a good partner" to new and existing businesses.

Secondly, Ed (his last name is pronounced with a long "e," as in steed) wants to work on the issue of transparency. There were "a lot of perceptions of the lack of transparency" around the process of hiring a new city manager after Robert Garza retired in May, Ed said.

Ed said he wants the city to follow New Mexico Foundation on Open Government criteria and standards and make Las Cruces "the most transparent city in New Mexico. We're working toward that," he said.

Ed said he also wants to align the city's strategies for economic development, including tax incentives, grants coordination and downtown revitalization. Ed said he will propose a reorganization of economic development efforts to the city council within the next 30 days.

The city manager said he also wants to work on the city's Neighborhood Improvement Team, which deals with "property in decline" within the city limits. He wants city staff to work with property owners to get blighted properties "back up to code." The effort, Ed said, includes the Las Cruces police and fire departments, along with the city Community Development Department and social services. The owners of blighted properties often need assistance, he said, and the city will work "to address the root issues causing the property to go into decline."

Ed attended the University of Arizona from 1982 to 1986, earning a bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in history. He returned to his parents' home on Missouri Avenue in Las Cruces during the summers.

Ed graduated from the U of A with a bachelor's degree in political science on May 17, 1986, the day he married his wife, Beverly, and the same day he was commissioned by his father as a second lieutenant in the United States Army.

Ed served more than eight years in the Army, where he was battery commander of the 25th Infantry Division.

Because of his top-secret military clearance and training in airborne ranger and air assault schools, Ed was recruited by federal law enforcement agencies, but knew he wanted to "stop moving around" and stay in the area where he had

grown up.

After six difficult months of unemployment following his Army service, Ed took a job as a grant technician with the City of El Paso (CEP) in June 1995.

In 1996, he began traveling two or three times a week from El Paso to Las Cruces to pursue a master's degree in public administration. He got the degree in 2002, "one class at a time."

At CEP, Ed advanced from an hourly grant tech position to become a senior grants planner, where he was involved with community development projects. During his tenure, Ed acquired 72 parcels of land for the city through right-of-way easements without a single condemnation.

"It was a really tough job," he said. "I was always successful. I'm very proud of that to this day."

Ed moved over to the city's Sun Metro transit system as transit program manager, and was provisional assistant director for one year. He then transferred to the El Paso Police Department (ELPD), serving then-Police Chief (and now El Paso County Sheriff) Richard D. Wiles as director of administrative services. That put Ed in charge of ELPD's financial services, records, planning, its \$32 million grants program and its 911 call center.

"It was really a great job, probably one of the best jobs I ever had," Ed said. "I just learned an awful lot from Sheriff Wiles."

Ed then spent five years as director of the El

Paso Department of General Services, overseeing all the day-to-day business functions of the city, as well as a fleet of 2,500 vehicles, 310 buildings and 2,300 park lands across the city.

Ed said his nearly 20 years of experience in a variety of staff and managerial positions with CEP uniquely prepared him to become Las Cruces city manager.

Before retiring from CEP, Ed said he learned "the operations of virtually every department in some capacity," including transportation, capital projects, construction, public safety, planning and business functions.

"I understand the challenges of each department," he said.

As city manager, he now makes it a point to ask his employees "how they are doing and actually listen to them," Ed said. That also helps him "keep kind of a pulse on the organization. I like learning new things ... facing new challenges ... I'm very comfortable being uncomfortable."

After retiring from CEP two years ago, Ed's work with Goodwill Industries of El Paso led him to open the first-ever job center in Las Cruces.

"That brought me back into Las Cruces professionally," he said. "Bringing all my life experiences to bear in the post of Las Cruces city manager is very exciting," Ed said. "I have deep affection and love for Las Cruces. It's just the most beautiful spot on Earth. This is just home for me."

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Dusting off the crystal ball

A futuristic glance at the coming new year

I've never been very good at predictions.

I once correctly predicted Kansas would not win an NCAA basketball title as long as Roy Williams was the head coach. Williams left in 2003 and won a title with North Carolina two years later. Williams' successor at Kansas, Bill Self, would win it all in 2008.



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

More typical is my rate of picking the Final Four teams. I've been making selections in the NCAA basketball tournament every year since 1982, and only once, in 1990, did I ever get all four teams correct.

Look to the 2016 primary season for a more recent example of my poor prognostication skills.

After Donald Trump won his first primaries in February, I predicted he would say a bunch of crazy things and be out of the GOP race by summer.

We now know how wrong that prediction was. Although, technically, I guess I was half right.

In the spirit of the new year I will forge ahead and join columnists all over the country and wade in with predictions, some bold, some clearly not so bold.

- Speaking of basketball, I predict the New Mexico State University men's and women's basketball teams will each win a game in the NCAA basketball tournament this year.

- Former NMSU men's coach Marvin Menzies, now coaching at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, will sweep both games against Mountain West conference rival University of New Mexico.

- The new Doña Ana County Commission will bring surprises. I realize that is broad and vague, but it will be interesting to watch this new commission, which brings three new faces to join incumbents Billy Garrett and Ben Rawson, develop its style and personality.

- Speaking of county issues, I predict the long-running saga of the Unified Development Code is not over.

- A local Mexican restaurant will open.

- A local Mexican restaurant will close.

- A Las Cruces high school football team will make the state championship game.

- The New Mexico state legislature will find a creative, non-tax way to find new revenue. It will not be a silver bullet and it may not be sustaining, but it will be something both parties will agree on and it will help our state get through its current crisis.

- State Rep. Bill McCamley and others will take a legalized marijuana proposition further than it has ever gone before. I believe there is even a possibility a bill could pass both houses. However, I predict if it does pass both houses, the governor will veto it.

- I will falter on my annual New Year's Resolution to learn the lyrics to Elton John's "Bennie and the Jets."

- I predict sometime in February there will be a minuscule, barely visible light dusting of snow at 8 p.m. one night. Las Cruces Police will respond to dozens of fender-benders and Las Cruces Public Schools will be canceled the next day.

- China will complete a successful manned moon flight, prompting Chinese people to say for the next decade: "We can put a man on the moon, but we still have to walk around with masks because the air pollution is so horrible here."

- For the second straight season, Aggie football will have a winning record at home. NMSU was 3-2 at Aggie Memorial Stadium in 2016.

- The Dallas Cowboys will not win the Super Bowl.

- The Cleveland Indians will win the World Series.

- It will rain in Las Cruces on the Fourth of July.

- Oh yeah, and Donald Trump will say a bunch of crazy things.

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I pledge to lie no more

"No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar."

— Abraham Lincoln

I won't lie to you, I do lie. Michael Swickard is a big fat liar. Well, I am big and no one calls me my nickname of "Slim" any longer without laughter.

This year my resolution is that I am going to cut out lying. It is such a habit for me to lie. Sometimes it seems the only thing I can do. Often the people that I am dealing with know that I am lying and they prefer a lie.

Example: I am at the hospital for a routine blood test. Every time I go I must start from scratch. I was born as a small child at Holloman Air Force Base Aug. 24, 1950 at 11:35 a.m. in delivery room B. Yep, we get all the paperwork out there with my numbers and names which are always photocopied again. Then the lie.

I am given my paperwork to read and either initial where indicated showing that I read that paragraph or at the bottom of some pages to sign and date to show I read it all. What a liar I am. I rapidly scribble my initials and sign the bottom of the many pages and hand the packet back.

The counter person always sees I didn't read anything but doesn't rat me out for being the liar that I am.

Same at Comcast and

Verizon. I am handed a couple pounds of paperwork and told to read and sign it. I am done in less than a minute. The representative doesn't blink that I read light-

ning fast and, get this, I understood what I had read before I initialed and signed the many sheets of paper.

This is a quandary for me because I hate lying. As I grew up, lying was a real offense. Get caught lying and the day turned sour. While there were three of us kids, my mother seemed to know which one of us was not telling the truth.

One time I told my rehearsed lie and my mother said, "Michael, that is a lie. I can see it on your forehead." The next time I told a lie, I held my hand over my forehead and she still saw through it though she turned to my father and said, "He gets that from your side of the family."

Incidentally, she could see through both hands and a cap. And there were severe consequences for not telling the truth. So, in my family we were plain-spoken and just said what the truth was without trying to hide it. The punishment for doing wrong was much better than the punishment for doing wrong and lying about it.

This is why it pains me to tell such big lies about actually reading

the paperwork that I was supposed to read. Therefore, this year I am turning over a new leaf and when I must initial and sign paperwork I swear I will read it. All of it. You have my word on this.

I intend to pack a lunch and drink whenever I go to places that have those many pages of lawyer words that are supposed to be signed. You have seen the documents that read: "The party of the first part with the party of the second part and the party of the first part with the party of the second part with the party of the first part and second part blah blah blah."

Perhaps I should take a pillow also since that puts me to sleep. I know if anyone really understands those words, some lawyer will get fired since they are not meant to be understood. And the terms on the paper are not negotiable even if you somehow understand them.

Further, I promise to not repost hoax news. This will be a snap because I can look stuff up easily. You have my word on this to only post what I know is true. I will forego political sites since lying and politics are bedfellows.

I'll let you know how the counter workers handle me spending hours reading every last word.

Email: drswickard@comcast.net - Swickard's new novel, Hideaway Hills, is available at Amazon.com.



MICHAEL SWICKARD
In My Opinion

John's Scrapbook

I stood with George, ears perked, eyes alert, like border collies waiting for the signal. John, (we'll call him John), finally made his momentous decision known, "We'll do a C-section! But, I want pictures for my scrapbook!"

John was a senior veterinary student spending the week with me during calving season. George was my assistant.

The object of John's attention stood quietly in the chute. She was a crossbred heifer, carefully selected for those quality criteria; four legs and a pulse. Although she weighed over 800 lbs, she wasn't much taller than a bathroom sink and wide as a mobile home! Being nine months pregnant made you want to paint "GOODYEAR" on her side!

John was well taught so George and I offered to be his surgical aides during the procedure. John had never actually performed one before but I had insisted that he call the shots. George and I were at his beck and call.

John chose to make a lateral incision in the left flank. We halted and cast the beast on the ground.

Under John's watchful eye we clipped and scrubbed and shaved the incision site. He asked for a drape. I had one, fortunately. I had been cutting hair with it in the bunkhouse! But it was clean.

Before he double-gloved up he asked if I would record his first C-section on film. I took his camera and snapped him poised above what appeared to be Plymouth Rock! He looked over his shoulder at me as I clicked on. Once he made his first incision, he peeled off the outer gloves and asked me to adjust the light. I moved George closer.

All was going well, as the photographs would show. John was doing the perfect imitation of a qualified veterinary surgeon. He penetrated the abdomen authoritatively and immediately the bladder of a blue whale welled up through the incision! John recoiled in terror as the mass came at him like a



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It was, of course, the rumen. This huge organ obscured the surgical field and interfered with his manipulation of the uterus, which he couldn't find, and 26 feet of small intestine which kept crawling into play.

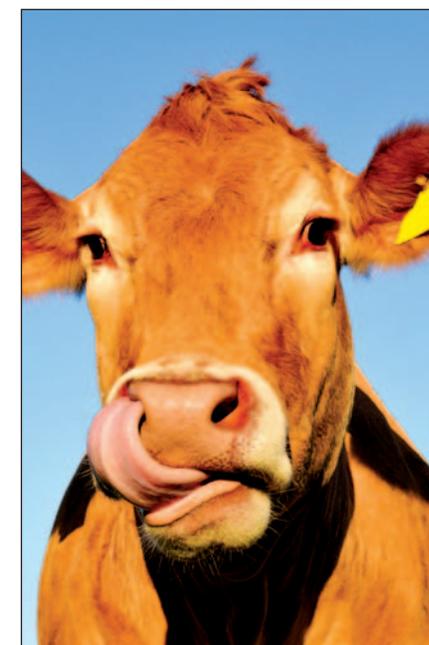
Before I could say, "No! Wait!" John pricked the

rumen wall with his scalpel to relieve the pressure. A stream of green fluid at 2800 psi painted the left half of John's body!

I took one photograph of George sluicing down the young surgeon with a bucket full of water. Another of John wiping his face on the drape. One of him lifting the newborn from the womb and, my favorite, John sewing away at the uterus while keeping one knee on the ground and the other pressed against the protruding rumen!

I don't know if the last one made the scrapbook.

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Down Syndrome group donates bicycle to MECA Therapies

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Southern New Mexico Down Syndrome Families (SNMDSF) donated a new Strider bicycle to MECA Therapies, 1350 Hillrise Circle on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

SNMDSF treasurer and co-founder Tim Query delivered the bike Tuesday morning. Accepting the donation on behalf of MECA were Chief Compliance Officer Roberta

Martinez-Flores and staff members Samuel Muñoz, Rachel Williams, Sophia Gaveria and Cesiah McCulloch.

SNMDSF's 2016 Buddy Walk was one of 60 Buddy Walks across the nation to receive bike donations from Strider Sports, which is a partner with the National Buddy Walk Program.

Query said the local group decided to donate the bike to MECA Thera-

pies "because they've been a huge supporter of ours over the years," he said. The bike will be used in children's therapy at MECA.

Query said SNMDSF represents about 20 local families. He said about 150 people participated in SNMDSF's 10th annual Buddy Walk, held Oct. 1.

For more information, contact Query at snmdsf@gmail.com or visit www.snmdsf.org.



PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Southern New Mexico Down Syndrome Families treasurer and co-founder Tim Query holds the Strider bicycle that SNMDSF donated to MECA Therapies of Las Cruces on Dec. 20. Accepting the donation are, left to right, MECA staff members Rachel Williams, OTR; Cesiah McCulloch, PTA; Sophia Gaveria, PT; Roberta Martinez-Flores, owner; and Samuel Muñoz, PT tech.

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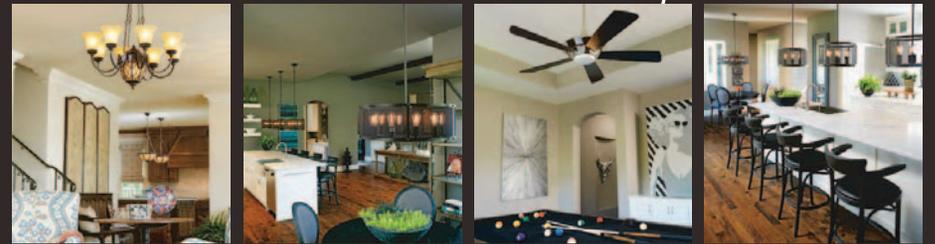
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Foundation announces 2016 Wellness Fund recipients

By **COURTNEY LOPEZ**

For the Bulletin

Stewardship of charitable funds is one of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico's most important responsibilities. A large part of our mission is to enhance the quality of life in southern New Mexico and serve as a center for charitable giving.

"We carry out our broad mission by helping donors build permanent endowment funds and then by using the income from those funds to support a variety of regional nonprofit organizations through grants based on donor wishes," said Jen Cervantes, executive director.

We use our grant-making process to cre-

ate change and we are pleased to announce the recipients of our 2016 Wellness Fund. Eight nonprofit organizations in southern New Mexico were awarded grants to support projects or programs that have a direct impact on maternal/child well-being. Grants range in size from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

This grant program is funded by individual donor endowments, including some that were created to be used at board discretion, and others that were established with the intention to positively impact pressing needs faced by children and their mothers/caregivers.

The Community Foundation casts a wide net

when considering what child well-being really means. It's about physical health as much as it's about mental and emotional health.

For this reason, the organizations selected for funding address a broad range of critical needs including hunger, abuse, literacy and security. The Community Foundation's goals are to grow the ability to support more nonprofits and the valuable work they do as well.

A robust review process was put in place which included a formal training session conducted by a professional grant reviewer for our grant committee, as well as two informational sessions for potential grantees.

The grant committee, comprised of five community volunteers representing an array of professional backgrounds, took their roles very seriously, spending two and a half weeks carefully reviewing applications and completing corresponding rubrics that were developed by both Community Foundation staff and external grant consultants.

"The Community Foundation is committed to planting seeds that will improve the quality of life for children and families in our region," said Abel Covarrubias, grant committee chair. "It will be amazing to see the positive impact these grants have."

The 2016 Wellness Fund recipients:

Roadrunner Food Bank – Childhood Hunger Initiative

Casa de Peregrinos, Inc. – Children's Summer Program

New Mexico Lions Crane Reading Program – New Mexico Lions Crane Reading Laboratories

The Imagination Library of Grant County, Inc. – "Just Imagine!"

NMSU Southern Area Health Education Center – Intergenerational Mentoring: Health Information Pathways Program

Jardin de los Niños – Childhood Wellness Clinic

Mesilla Valley CASA, Inc. – Wellbeing Assessments for Attachment

New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Foundation – Never Shake a Baby

Stay tuned for a series of columns in both the Las Cruces Sun-News and the Las Cruces Bulletin to learn more about these organizations and their projects/programs addressing maternal/child well-being.

The Community Foundation is proud to provide funding to worthy causes and looks forward to the collective impact, with donor support and nonprofit partners, we can have on the quality of life in southern New Mexico.

Courtney Lopez is the Assistant Director for Development and Communication for the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico. She can be reached at courtney@cfsnm.org.

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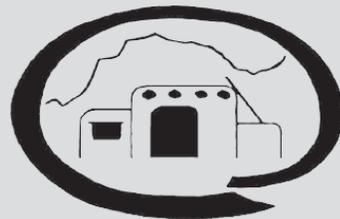
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From mental illness to freedom: Micah Pearson's journey

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Editor's note: This is the first installment of a three-part series on Micah Pearson and the Doña Ana County National Alliance on Mental Illness.

By **MIKE COOK**
For the Bulletin

As vice president of the Doña Ana County National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) affiliate, Micah Pearson is not only a fierce advocate for those suffering with mental health issues, he's also dealt with serious mental illness from a young age.

Pearson, 40, lives with bipolar disorder type 1

with rapid cycling, along with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Pearson was first diagnosed at age 22, but his family believes his symptoms began at age four, when he witnessed the death of his grandfather on the same day the two met for the first time.

Today, Pearson is not

taking any medications for his condition, but has a strong support network of medical professions, other mental health advocates, family and friends to help him cope on the bad days.

And he is fighting tirelessly for the rights of others with serious mental health issues and regularly shares his own story.

"NAMI needed people who were willing to tell their story, and I love to talk about myself," Pearson said. "There's a long line of deacons and preachers in my family. I speak from the diaphragm; I don't need a microphone."

Onset of his condition

Pearson's parents and grandparents had an off-again on-again relationship, he remembers. When he was four, the families decided to get

together for the first time in his lifetime to celebrate the birthday that Pearson's brother and grandmother shared.

After Pearson's grandfather came into their house, Pearson took his hat and coat, and got a present from him. His grandfather then sat on the coach with a glass of wine and some appetizers. A moment later, he "fell over on the floor dead."

Pearson recalls the event in clear detail even though he was only four years old at the time. "That's the day I learned what a stroke was," he said. "My personality took a shift."

Pearson became withdrawn, began reading the same three or four books over and over, adopted black as his favorite color and became obsessed with death. He and his family spent the rest of his childhood "trying to get

doctors to recognize there was something going on with me."

At the age of nine, Pearson remembers being in a psychiatrist's waiting room. He read a pamphlet about manic-depression and told his doctor, "This is me." The doctor's response was, "That's not possible."

Pearson's mental health issues continued, and, as a teenager, he began bouts of uncontrolled crying, started acting out and became suicidal.

"I was quite literally losing my mind," he said.

Finally, at age 22, Pearson was treated by a psychiatrist who recognized he had bipolar disorder.

"All of my treatment changed," Pearson said. "My reaction was, 'I knew it.'"

Pearson said only about one percent of the U.S.

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population has bipolar disorder when he received the diagnosis in 1998.

"I sometimes say I'm a hipster bipolar patient; I had bipolar before it was cool," he said.

Bipolar disorder

Today, it's estimated that bipolar disorder afflicts 1 to 4 percent of the U.S. population. And that number will continue to rise as diagnosis techniques are improved.

"Bipolar I Disorder is mainly defined by manic or mixed episodes that last at least seven days, or by manic symptoms that are so severe that the person needs immediate hospital care," according to the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation. "Usually, the person also has depressive episodes, typically lasting at least two weeks. The symptoms of mania or depression

must be a major change from the person's normal behavior."

German psychiatrist Karl Leonhard coined the term "bipolar" in the early 1950s. It replaced the term "manic depression" in 1980.

Current estimates are about 10 million Americans, or about 4 percent of the population, suffer from a serious mental illness.

"Mental illness is about a dysfunction of your frontal lobe," Dr. Jose Miguel Salmeron said the International Conference on Chronic Diseases, hosted by the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine on the New Mexico State University campus in November. It is "an exclusively human condition," he said. The "two biggest columns in psychiatry" are schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, he said.

See next week's Bulletin for the next installment of Micah Pearson's story.

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County officials, legislators sworn in

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

“This is one of the pillars that supports our democracy,” Third Judicial District Court Chief Judge Fernando Macias said Thursday morning, Dec. 29, as he swore into office new and returning county officials and members of the New Mexico state Senate and House of Representatives.

“Holding public office, being a public servant, isn’t all that easy,” Doña Ana County Manager Julia Brown said during her welcoming remarks at the ceremony.

“Temper your eagerness to make change for the sake of making change,” Brown. “Consider as many of the implications and consequences of your actions as you can.”

She challenged incumbents and newly elected officeholders to heed the words of Gandhi, who said, “Be the change you want to see in the world.”

Those sworn in by Macias included three new members of the five-member county commission: District Two Commissioner Ramon Gonzales, who begins his first four-year term. Macias noted that Gonzales’ two brothers also held the county commission seat in the 1980s and ‘90s. Gonzales defeated incumbent Commissioner Dr. David Garcia in the June Democratic primary and was unopposed in the general



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election; District Four Commissioner Isabella Solis, who defeated incumbent Wayne Hancock in the June Democratic primary and Republican William Webb in November; District Five County Commissioner John L. Vasquez, who succeeds Democrat Leticia Duarte-Benavidez, who was term limited. He defeated Republican Kim Hakes in the November general election.

Scott Krahling was sworn in as the new county clerk, succeeding fellow Democrat Lynn Ellins, who was term limited. Krahling, who had been chief



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deputy county clerk, defeated Republican Maria Rodriguez in November. Eric Rodriguez was sworn in as the new county treasurer. He succeeds fellow Democrat David Gutierrez, who was term limited and also was removed from office Nov. 30, after his conviction on charges of public corruption and gross immorality.

Mark D’Antonio was sworn in for his second four-year term as Third Judicial district attorney.

Sworn in to the state Senate were incumbents Mary Kay Papen, who is president pro-tem of the state Senate and is beginning her fifth term; and Bill Soules and Joseph Cervantes, both of whom begin their second terms. State Rep. Jeff Steinborn who was elected in state Senate District 36, defeating incumbent Republican Lee Cotter, did not attend the Dec. 29 swearing in. He will be sworn in before the New Mexico Legislature begins the 2017 session on Jan. 17. Papen, Soules, Cervantes and Steinborn are all Democrats.

Sworn in to state House of Representative seats representing Doña Ana County were freshmen Democrats Nathan Small, Joanne Ferrary and Rudy Martinez (Martinez held the District 39 seat he won in November

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from 2007 to 2014), all of whom defeated incumbent Republicans to claim their seats; Doreen Gallegos, who was re-elected

without Republican opposition and begins her third term in the House where she will serve as majority whip; and Bill Gomez, who also had no Republican opponent and who begins his second term. Ricky Little, the only Republican sworn

in Dec. 29, begins his second consecutive term representing District 53 in the House. He also held the seat in 2011-12. Little also is a candidate for the Gadsden Independent School District Board of Education. That election will be held Feb. 7.

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Looking ahead to 2017

Las Cruces, Doña Ana County

By ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

Las Cruces Bulletin

After an active, emotional 2016, communities across the country may be hoping for a calmer year in 2017. But with change in the air, that seems unlikely to happen. Certainly, the Las Cruces/Doña Ana County area will see some activity and long-awaited changes throughout the year.

“We have all kinds of local initiatives,” said Rep. Jeff Steinborn, “from locally growing film and media to protecting our prized agricultural crops, increasing tourism, strengthening schools and universities and giving young people more opportunities to be upwardly mobile and achieve their dreams.”

Steinborn is eager to see Las Cruces capitalize on the growing New Mexico film industry and has been working with areas film advocates to bring a soundstage to the area.

“The city is evaluating some options,” he said. “Hopefully in the not-too-distant future we will be ready to move forward.”

The film industry produced nearly \$400 million in direct spending in New Mexico last year, Steinborn said, which was 25 percent more than the year before. Soundstages in Albuquerque and Santa Fe have run out

of space, he said, and the state needs a soundstage in Las Cruces to continue to expand its film and TV production.

Speaking at a city council meeting in November, Las Cruces International Film Festival (LCIFF) Executive Director Ross Marks said in November Las Cruces has a “window of opportunity” to present a local soundstage to “150 viable customers” during the March 2017 LCIFF. The festival, he said, is expected to draw about 12,000 visitors, including about 150 professional filmmakers.

Monument research

The Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument saw a 102-percent increase in visitors to the monument from 2015 to 2016 and its potential to draw tourists and local activity is just beginning to grow. In addition to increasing tourism to the area, local agencies are taking advantage of the monument to grow businesses and research the world.

Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce Director Carrie Hamblin said the chamber will be extending the coverage of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Marketing Toolkit that “demonstrates the investment that our local businesses have in our national monument and protecting public lands.”

In April 2016, New Mexico State University signed a memorandum of understanding with the Las Cruces district of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that offers NMSU the opportunity to engage in a variety of scientific research in the monument area. The first project to support the development of a vegetation map of the monument has recently gotten underway with the signing of a contract between NMSU and the Las Cruces office of the BLM.

Women Veterans Monument

In Las Cruces, construction is expected to be finished for a Women Veterans Monument in the summer of 2017.

“The monument will include (bronze) sculptures of six service women representing all the branches of service and several eras during which women served in the military,” according to city documents. “Two shade structures will frame the monument and cultured stone will clad the walls.”

There were about 215,000 women on active military duty at the end of 2015 representing about 14 percent of the entire U.S. military force, Doña Ana County Manager Julia Brown (a retired lieutenant colonel in the United States Army) said at the groundbreaking event held in September 2016.

Amador Hotel, street projects

At the Nov. 21, 2016, Las Cruces City Council meeting, two projects, both long in the development stage, have plans to be completed in 2017 or soon after. Construction of the downtown Amador Hotel project should be finished in late 2017 and the downtown Church and Water streets conversions from one- to two-way streets are expected to begin in February and should be finished by July 2018.

The Amador Hotel property is now being renovated by developer Max Bower. Work includes constructing four full-service restaurants, he said at a Nov. 21 meeting. The site will also include live palm trees, an outdoor courtyard that can hold more than 800 people, wide sidewalks and parking.

A new unified development code (UDC) has been put into place by the county and will begin to change the way land is used and regulated in Doña Ana County in 2017. It sets zoning provisions and development standards for property within unincorporated areas of the county and outside the limits of any jointly administered extraterritorial zone.

Land use agreement

At its Dec. 19, 2016, meeting, the Las Cruces City Council unanimously approved a resolution adopting a new joint powers agreement (JPA) with Doña Ana County for the regulation and administration of land use (planning, zoning and subdivisions) in the Las Cruces extraterritorial (ETZ) zone, which extends five miles outside the city limits, excluding the Town of Mesilla.



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Under the new agreement, “the county will begin to administer all land use programs and the city will become a reviewing agency for all land use activities within the ETZ,” according to city documents. “The new JPA also acknowledges that the county will use their UDC for regulating ETZ land use.”

Valley Drive Project

The New Mexico Department of Transportation’s (NMDOT) Valley Drive Project is expected to begin construction in the summer of 2017, according to its website. At its Monday, Nov. 7, 2016, meeting, the Las Cruces City Council voted unanimously to approve a memorandum of understanding with the NMDOT for the design and

construction of a \$14 million project to renovate a portion of Valley Drive.

NMDOT will pay the entire cost of the project. The work will be done on about 1.5 miles of Valley Drive from Avenida de Mesilla to Picacho Avenue and .23 miles of Avenida de Mesilla from Hickory Drive to Valley Drive.

La Clinica de Familia

Expecting to open in late February, La Clinica de Familia (LCDF) is getting closer to moving into its new facility, the Cervantes Medical Complex (CMC), at 575 S. Alameda Blvd., CEO Suzan Martinez de Gonzales told news agencies in December 2016.

The \$5 million renovation, 43,000 square-foot site didn’t have to be completely gutted to meet LCDF’s needs, Martinez de Gonzales said, because the building first opened

as a hospital (Memorial General) in 1948.

The facility is expected to house 55 medical professionals when it opens, including three physicians and a certified nurse practitioner, a dentist and a dental hygienist, one behavioral health specialist and ancillary staff, she said.

It also will have a residency program and be a “teaching health center,” with a part-time program director and full-time program coordinator, she said. At CMC, LCDF staff will work with Memorial Medical Center, Mountainview Regional Medical Center and Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine on its family practice, internist and psychiatric programs.

“This has been five years in the making,” Martinez de Gonzales said. “We are excited and overwhelmed.”

Bulletin reporter Mike Cook contributed to this report.

NMSU to host navigating taxes for small farms workshop in Los Lunas on Jan. 19

BULLETIN REPORT

April 15 is just around the corner. It’s time to gather documents to prepare for filing income taxes. For small acreage farmers, the task includes knowing the tax laws to help them reduce their tax burden.

New Mexico State University’s Cooperative Extension Service in Valencia County is responding to a cry for help from small acreage farmers by hosting a workshop titled Navigating Taxes for Small Farms from 6 to 8

p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Valencia County CES office, 404 Courthouse Road in Los Lunas.

“We’ve had several requests for this type of workshop,” said Newt McCarty, Valencia County CES agricultural agent. “NMSU agriculture economics professor Jim Libbin and Don H. Umbrage, an Albuquerque certified public accountant, will conduct the workshop.”

“It’s a constitutional right to affect your tax situation within the letter of the law. We are going

to talk about managing taxes,” Libbin said. “We won’t be concentrating on reporting taxes, but

more about how to manage income and expense flows to minimize the tax burden.”



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New Year's celebration includes Billy the Kid burning

Las Cruces artist Bob Diven talks to his friends Saturday, Dec. 31, for the 10th year of his burning of an effigy to ring in New Year's; this year it was a cardboard copy of his life-size sculpture of famous New Mexico outlaw Billy the Kid.

BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK



By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Every year for the past 10 years or so, Las Cruces artist Bob Diven has gathered west of Las Cruces with a group of friends to welcome the new year with a bonfire and end the old year with the burning of an effigy to which everyone has attached the things they want to release.

Every year, Diven makes a different effigy from scrap lumber and brush to burn. Last year, it was Old Man Gloom. This year, Diven made a cardboard copy of his life-size sculpture of famous New Mexico outlaw Billy the Kid.

Children and adults gathered around the raised effigy after each had attached his or her list of things to leave behind with the end of 2016. The effigy was lit and burned brightly for several minutes before Billy was consumed in the flames and party-goers were ready to welcome the new year.

By the way, Diven's birthday is July 14 – the same day Billy the Kid was killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett in Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

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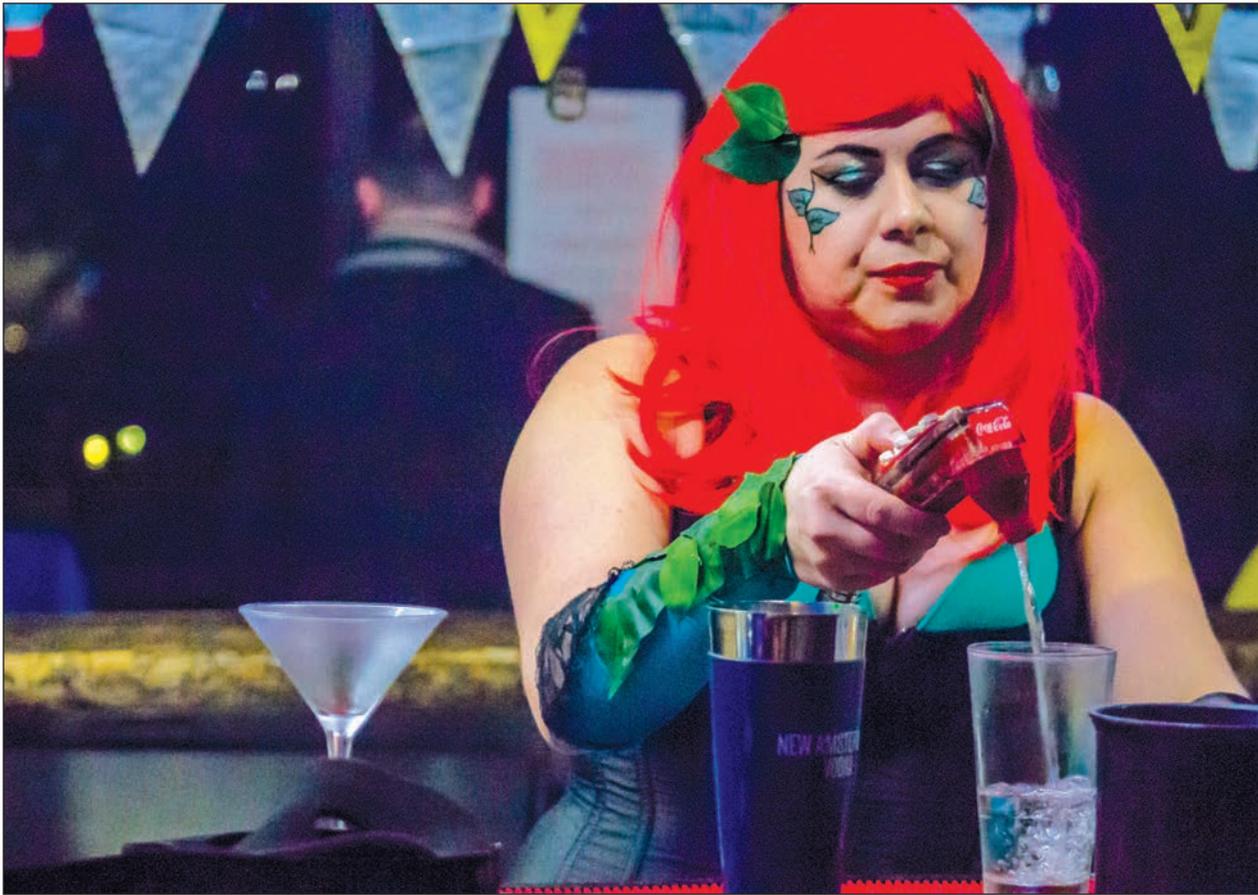
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Ring in the New Year, Comic-Con style



The Pecan Grill and Brewery at 500 S. Telshor Blvd., held a Comic Con-type event on Saturday, Dec. 31, to celebrate New Year's Eve.

ABOVE: Korinna Manhan and Chandler Ferilino take tickets.

LEFT: Sarah Boothe mixes drinks at the bar.

BELOW: Frank, Edward and Jackie toast the New Year.



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 ABOVE: One of the attendees came dressed as a Wookiee for the \$500 costume contest.

ABOVE RIGHT: A Star Wars storm trooper helmet was on display.



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COMING UP

Roundtable discussion features Sen. Soules

State Sen. Bill Soules speaks on the topic: "How will the November Election Results Affect New Mexico?" A continuation of December's discussion from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Jan. 8 (every Sunday) in the library of the Unitarian Church, 200 S. Solano Drive. Democrats now control the legislative branch of NM government, Republicans now control all branches of the federal government. How will these changes impact our lives in New Mexico? Info: roundtable@uuchurchlc.org.

Unity White Stone Ceremony on Jan. 8

A worship celebration, which will include the White Stone Ceremony, a reminder of what can be found in meditation in 2017 takes place at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 8 at 125 Wyatt Drive in Las Cruces. Info: www.unityoflascruces.org or 575-523-5592.

Southwest Calligraphy Guild meeting

The Southwest Calligraphy Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9 at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. The January program, "Your Word for 2017," will be taught by Gail Lieurance. Be thinking of a word that contains energy, meaning, and images that excite you. Gail will guide you through a step-by-step process of drawing contemporary letters and enhancing them with markers, colored pencils or gel pens. Visitors welcome. Info: Maude Beakley at maudebeakley@yahoo.com, (RSVP by Jan. 8).

Democratic Women meet Jan. 9

The Federation of Democratic Women of Doña Ana County meets at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9 at International Delights on 1245 El Paseo Road. Annual dues, elections for three positions. Come early to order food or beverage. Info: Marianne Lappin at 575-644-0444.

Genealogical Society meets Jan. 11

The January meeting of the Doña Ana County Genealogical Society (DACGS) is at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan.

11 in the Roadrunner Room at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The program is a panel discussion titled "Stump Our Experts," in which four DACGS members will answer audience questions. Visitors welcome. Info: dacgslc@gmail.com or Carole Gerig at mormor24@comcast.net.

Educational Retirees host Railroad Museum curator

Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees will meet from 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10 at the NMSU Golf Course restaurant ballroom, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. Speaker is Joanne Beer, curator of education at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla Street. New year membership dues (\$20) are due. Membership includes all educational staff: administrators, principals, teachers, educational assistants, clerical staff, cooks, custodial, maintenance, bus drivers and their spouses from all districts and states. Luncheon is \$12.50 per person. Info: Navora Richardson 575-523-6004 or Linda Morgan 575-522-0203.

Reservations accepted for diabetes classes

Reservations are being taken for Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach classes taught in English and Spanish for the month of January. Session 1: 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10; Session 2: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11; Session 3: 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12. Classes held at Families & Youth, Inc. Building, 1320 S. Solano, Ste 1. Email reservations to snmdo@snmdo.com or call 575-522-0289. Info: Website: snmdo.org

Soroptimists meet Jan. 11

Soroptimist International of Las Cruces, a women's advocacy group, meets at noon on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Good Samaritan Village, 3010 Buena Vida Circle. Info: silascruces@soroptimist.net

Model Airplane Club Winter Fun-Fest and more

Mesilla Valley Model Airplane Club is sponsoring a Winter Fun-Fest, open flying, contest and swap meet starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 at the new Las Cruces R/C Airport, one block south of the Lohman Avenue and Sonoma Ranch Boulevard intersection inside the city landfill site. Fee: \$5 for all pilots plus \$1 for each contest entered. Entrants must be current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Instructor pilots available; raffles and prizes; food. Info: Mike Moore 575-541-8341 or phantomx1pilot@gmail.com.

NARFE Chapter meeting Jan. 14

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Chapter 182 will meet at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 in the Esperanza Room of the Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 Don Roser Drive. The first meeting of the new year will be a "State of the Federation" presentation by New Mexico Federation President Lorna Howerton. There is a cost (cash only) for the breakfast buffet; reservations must be made by Jan. 10 by calling

Carol Main at 575-382-7686 or Carol Smith at 575-522-3033.

Cruces Apple User Group meets

The Cruces Apple User Group (CAUG) group meets at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 at the Administration Building of Doña Ana Community College (corner of South Espina and Gregg Streets) room 114 (parking on Gregg Street). Agenda: "What's New With Apple" and a tutorial on Mac "Photos." CAUG welcomes anyone interested in learning and sharing information about Apple Products. CAUG meets on the second Saturday of each month. Presentations and tutorials are part of the group's activities. Info: <http://www.cauglc.org> or contact Louise Foster at louisefoster@mac.com.

Las Cruces Ukcs change practice days

The Las Cruces Ukcs welcomes new members to weekly practices starting in January at Good Samaritan - Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Practices are Thursday evenings, with a strum for fun/beginner group meeting from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. and the performance group practicing from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There is no charge and loaner ukuleles are available. Info: www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com or by calling 575-405-7133.

GFWC Progress Club card party is Jan. 21

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Progress Club of Las Cruces holds its annual card party from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Doors open at 11:30; lunch at noon; play will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person. The event helps to fund all GFWC charities. Reservations and info: Ingeborg Peter at 575-522-5474 or 575-642-7588.

Espina Street project ongoing

The Espina Street restriping and installation of bicycle lanes is ongoing and is expected to be done by Jan. 10. Espina Street will be narrowed to three lanes and two bike lanes from just north of the first crosswalk between the ASNMSU Center for the Arts and the Music Building to Wells Street during the winter holiday break.

Las Cruces Civitan Club meets

The Las Cruces Civitan Club meets monthly at on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Second Tuesday meeting starts at noon; fourth Tuesday meeting starts at 6 p.m. at Los Compas Restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive. Info: 575-649-0165.

Vital Records Office hours

The Vital Records Office at the Las Cruces Public Health Office is available for registering and acquiring birth or death certificates 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1170 N. Solano Dr. (Office is closed noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.) Info: Las Cruces Vital Records Office at 575-528-5046.

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COMING UP CONTINUED FROM 18**Quilt Guild meets third Monday**

Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the American Legion Post 10 Hall, 1185 Madrid Ave. Guests are welcome. Meetings consist of brief business announcements, a program, show and tell and door prizes. Starting in November, the guild meets at 1:30 p.m. for six months of daytime meetings. Info: Linnea Egbert at 575-521-0521, linneanice@aol.com or visit www.lcwg.org.

Gene's Gesters Toastmaster Club meets on Tuesdays

From 7 to 8 a.m. every Tuesday the Gene's Gesters Toastmaster Club meets at the Doña Ana Community College (DACC) Workforce Center Solutions, 2345 Nevada Ave. If you are interested in improving your public speaking and leadership skills, you are cordially invited to attend a meeting to learn how this organization can benefit you. Info: clobato@nmsu.edu, or visit the Toastmasters International website at <http://www.toastmasters.org/>.

Las Cruces Shrine meets second Monday

The Las Cruces Shrine meets the second Monday of each month at 1150 W. Brown. All Shriners are invited to attend. Info: 575-526-8396.

Story time, discounted shopping

At 10:45 a.m. Wednesdays at 300 El Molino Street Tutti Bambini hosts a children's story time. Attendees can shop for children's clothes at half price. Info: 575-526-9752.

Business Builders meet Wednesdays

Elite Business Builders BNI Group meets from 8:30 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Sonoma Ranch Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. Open networking, questions and answers, coffee and water with food available to order. Bring business cards. Info: Cheryl 575-524-1201 or 520-730-4456.

Brown Bag lecture at Las Cruces Railroad Museum

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum hosts a free lunch time lecture at noon on the second Tuesday of the month at 351 N. Mesilla St. Admission to the Railroad Museum is free. Info: <http://lascruces.org/museums> or call 575-647-4480.

Doña Ana County Republican Party office hours

The Doña Ana County Republican Party Headquarters, 3201 S. Main St., is open to serve the public 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Info: 575-523-8683.

MS Support/Education group meets first Thursday

Group meets from 4:30 to 6 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the Social Center Creative Arts Room, Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle for emotional support and MS education. Date, time, location subject to change. Info: 575-373-5130 or lascrucesmselfhelp@gmail.com.

'Blast from the Past' discussions

Take a walk down memory lane when Stan Blitz and Jim Gibson lead discussions about the movies, music, television and stars of the 1950s and 60s from 2 to 3 p.m., every Friday at Mountain View Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Info: 575-522-0503.

Soroptimist International meets 2nd, 4th Wednesday

Soroptimist International of Las Cruces, a women's advocacy group, meets at noon on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Good Samaritan Village, 3010 Buena Vida Circle. Info: silascruces@soroptimist.net.

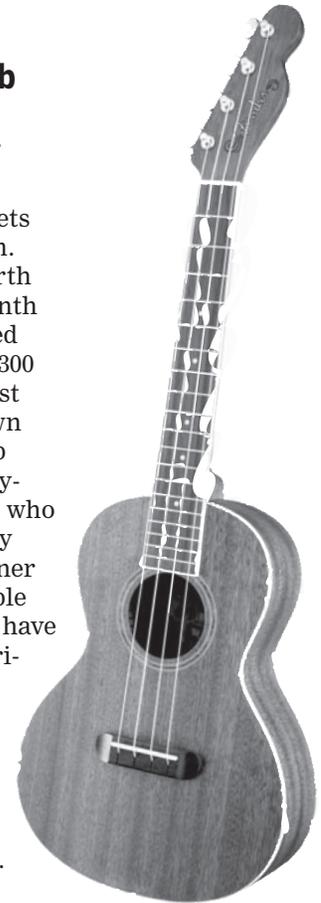
Immunizations available at health department

The New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office provides immunization services for children and adults on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1170 N. Solano Drive.

Info: 575-528-5017.

Ukulele kids club meets second, fourth Saturday

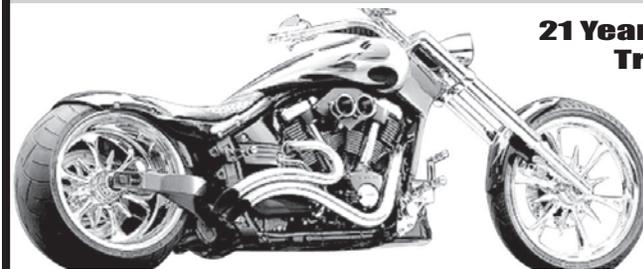
The Las Cruces Ukes Kids Club meets from 10:30-11:15 a.m. the second and fourth Saturday of the month at El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo Street, just east of the downtown post office. The club is free to elementary-school-age children who want to learn to play the ukulele and loaner ukuleles are available for those who don't have their own. No experience is necessary. Info: www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com, www.facebook.com/lascrucesukes, or by calling 575-405-7133.



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NMSU professor finding ways to remove organic pollutants in water

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**
Las Cruces Bulletin

An assistant professor in New Mexico State University's Department of Chemical & Materials Engineering recently received a \$373,000 grant from NASA and a \$50,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for research to remove pollutants from groundwater using local waste materials.

Catherine Brewer's three-year NASA grant is for research pertaining to the absorption of N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) from the water beneath the White Sands Test Facility.

"NDMA is a probable human carcinogen," Brewer said. "In the 1960s and '70s, NASA tested a series of rocket fuels for the Apollo program at the WSTF. After each test, the test engine and fuel lines had to be cleaned and flushed. The wastewater from those flushes was treated to remove the fuel compounds and then emptied into the desert."

Unbeknownst to the scientists, the treatment process to destroy the fuel residues created



Catherine Brewer, New Mexico State University chemical engineering assistant professor, stands next to the burner used to burn the pecan shells, activating the carbons required to remove carcinogenic NDMA from the underground water at White Sands Test Facility.

NMSU PHOTO BY BILLY HUNTSMAN

NDMA in the water, Brewer said.

"In the 1980s, NASA became aware of the NDMA and other organic

pollutants in the water underneath WSTF," Brewer said. "Since then, they have been pumping up the water, treat-

ing it by air stripping to remove the NDMA and re-injecting it underground."

Brewer said the treat-

ment process will likely need to be continued over the next century with thousands of gallons per day, requiring much electricity and costing a great deal.

"The purpose of this project is to see if we can make pecan shells with activated carbons that can adsorb the NDMA out of the water as effectively but for a lower cost," Brewer said.

Brewer said the project started two years ago and is currently in the analytical stage – measuring NDMA concentra-

tions in water at the part per trillion level.

"After that, the remaining time of the three-year project will be spent designing the adsorption water treatment system using pecan shells with activated carbons," Brewer said.

The NSF grant is for Brewer to research burning bio-waste, such as pecan shells, pecan orchard prunings, cotton gin trash and yard waste, to create heat in order to desalinate brackish water.

Using heat generated from bio-waste can reduce the effects of scaling, a common problem when desalinating water, especially in this region, Brewer said.

In addition to these two projects, Brewer has also been the principal investigator for five other projects, funded by the Sun Grant Program South Central Region, the NM WRRRI-Bureau of Reclamation Cooperative Agreement, the Western Excelsior Corporation, NASA and the USDA. These five projects have received more than \$574,000 in funding.

"On every project, I have worked with researchers from multiple colleges, multiple institutions and industry," Brewer said. "As a land-grant institution, NMSU is well-suited for this kind of research as it is easy to pull together the needed expertise from basic science, applied agricultural science, engineering and extension. I am very grateful for the wonderful collaborators I have found here."

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Airport hosts B-17 flights

BULLETIN REPORT

A B-17 flight and tour is coming to the Las Cruces International Airport on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 13-15, at 8990 Zia Blvd, nine miles west of Las Cruces.

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) will be in Las Cruces for three days hosting tours of “one of WWII’s most vital aircraft,” according to an EAA press release. Visitors can climb aboard a B-17G “Flying Fortress” aircraft for a “once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” the release said.

Ground tours are available from 2 to

5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 13 and 14, and from 8 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 15. Individuals-\$10; Families-\$20; Children under 8 free with paid adult; Veterans and active military-free.

Flights on the “Aluminum Overcast” are available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 13 and 14 and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15. EAA members-\$435; nonmembers-\$475.

Revenue from the B-17 tour helps cover maintenance and operations costs for Aluminum Overcast, according to the press release.

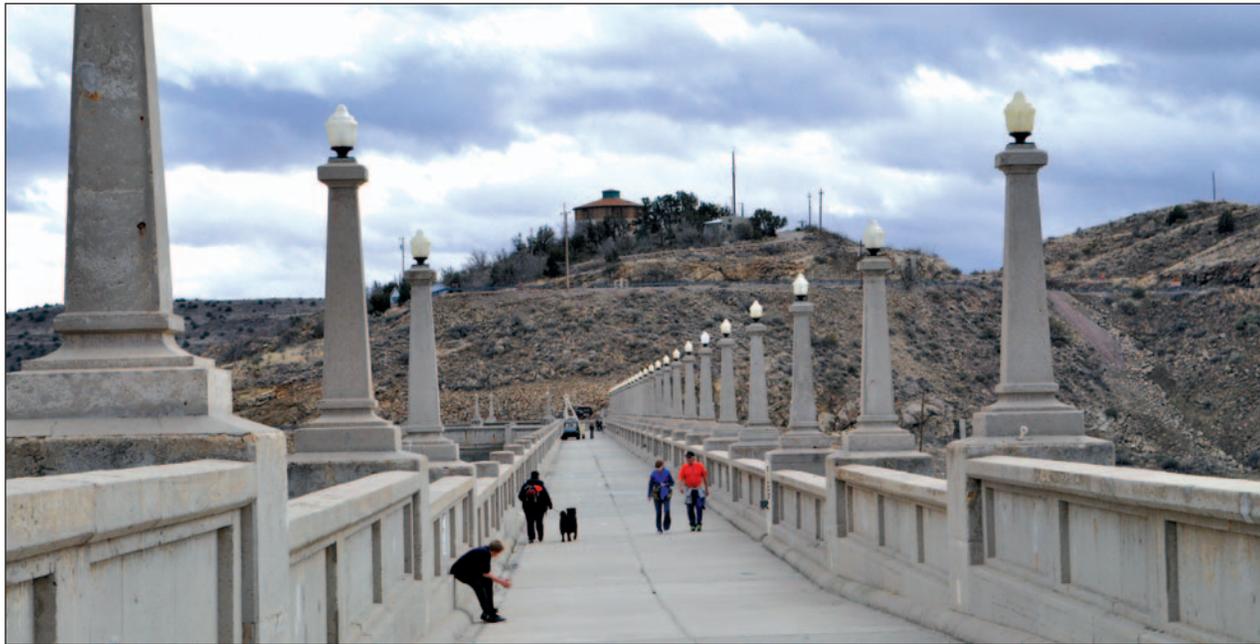
For information, visit B17.org or call 800-359-6217.



COURTESY PHOTO

Aluminum Overcast B17G will be in Las Cruces for ground tours and flights Jan. 13-15.

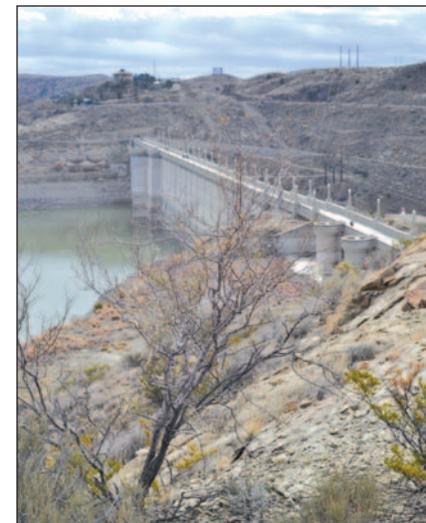
Annual day to explore the dam



ABOVE: For one day a year only, Jan. 1, Elephant Butte Dam is open for the public to walk across as part of the New Mexico Parks First Day Hikes program, which offers hikers “the opportunity to explore unique natural and cultural treasures.”

RIGHT: The 27,945-kilowatt hydroelectric power plant downstream of Elephant Butte Dam still generates power seasonally in spite of record lows in water levels at the lake.

PHOTOS BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH



Elephant Butte Dam turned 100 years old in 2016. At the time the dam was built, it was the largest concrete structure of its type in the world. The structure is 301 feet high and the road on top is 1,162 feet long.



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Why did George Washington have trouble sleeping?

ANSWER: Because George Washington could not lie.

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PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

The **inauguration** is the ceremony in which the new or reelected president is inducted into office. This year it will be held at noon on January 20. It takes place outside the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C.

The President's Oath of Office

At the inauguration ceremony, the president takes an **oath of office**. With right hand raised and left hand on an open Bible, the new president says the following statement:

“I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.”

Whoops! Cut out the Presidential Oath and paste it on a sheet of paper in the correct order.

Hottest and Coldest Inaugurations

Some presidents have had two inaugurations. That's because they served two terms. One of these two-term presidents had the hottest (55°F/12°C) and coldest (7°F/-13°C) inaugurations. Use the code to discover the name of that president.

1 = A	5 = L	8	7	6	1	5	2
2 = D	6 = N	8	3	1	4	1	6
3 = E	7 = O						
4 = G	8 = R						



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Inauguration Day 2017



Donald J. Trump will be sworn into office as the 45th president of the United States during his inauguration celebration on January 20th. He will take the oath to “preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.”

President-elect Trump was born on June 14, 1946. Do the math to discover how old he will be on his birthday this year.

2017 - 1946

How many members of the armed services will take part in Inauguration Day activities? Circle every other letter:

Q F T I A V B E C T Y H S O L U R S D A P N M D

F

The Inaugural Ball

- America's fourth president, James Madison, and his wife, Dolley, were the guests of honor at the first official Inaugural Ball. An Inaugural Ball does not bounce. It is actually a big party.
- Like the word **ball**, many words mean more than one thing.
- Each object shown here has the same name as another object shown. Can you match the picture pairs?



bark punch hood

Presidential Seal

The Seal of the President of the United States contains a circle of white stars representing America's 50 states. The banner that reads **E PLURIBUS UNUM** is Latin for “out of many, one” meaning out of many states, one country and also, out of many peoples, one nation. There are 13 stars, clouds, leaves and arrows that represent the original 13 states.

Starting with the first letter in each line below, circle every other letter to discover what the olive branch represents and what the arrows the eagle is holding represent.

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Standards Link: Spelling: Alphabetize words to a second or third letter.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The words in the scrambled sentence below make up a very American sentence. Can you put the words in the right order to reveal the sentence?

THE UNITED PLEDGE OF STATES AMERICA OF ALLEGIANCE FLAG I TO THE.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

CEREMONY
PRESIDENT
SWEAR
PROTECT
PRESERVE
DEFEND
OATH
FIRST
PARTY
SWORN
HAND
HONOR
WHITE
NOON

H	F	H	U	N	S	T	Y	O	P
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N	R	S	H	A	O	O	E	A	E
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R	T	H	E	O	I	T	C	W	E
E	M	R	O	D	R	D	Y	S	R
D	E	F	E	N	D	I	N	M	V
C	E	N	R	O	W	S	C	A	E
N	T	C	E	T	O	R	P	T	H

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

For the Children

Imagine that you have been selected to advise the president on the concerns of children. Look through the newspaper for articles addressing topics that affect children. Make a list of ways you think the president could help children.

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

Write On!

Dear Mr. President

What do you think the new president should do for kids? Send your letter to:

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Washington, DC 20500

Kid Scoop Together: Missing Words

Fill in the missing words in the below article.

Growing Up in the White House

Several presidents have had children who lived with them in the White House.

Thomas (Tad) Lincoln was the youngest son of President Abraham Lincoln. Known for his _____ around the White House, Tad once discovered how to make all of the White House _____ ring at the same time, much to the surprise of the entire staff and residents of the building!

John and Jacqueline Kennedy were among the youngest presidential _____ to live in the White House, and their children _____ it as a playland. Caroline Kennedy, almost 4, and John Jr., just an infant, _____ in on February 4, 1961. John Jr.'s favorite _____ place was under his father's desk in the Oval Office. He could hide behind a secret _____ built into the desk.

Amy Carter was 9 when her father became president. She attended _____ schools near the White House and had a tree house built on the White House grounds. When she labeled White House trees as a school project, her father liked the idea and made it official. Now all White House trees have labels with their _____ and Latin names, as well as information about who _____ or donated them.

COUPLES	PUBLIC
ANTICS	BELLS
DOOR	COMMON
PLANTED	HIDING
TREATED	MOVED

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Read a variety of grade-level appropriate expository text.

Afterschool program registration continues for spring session

BULLETIN REPORT

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department Afterschool Program will continue registration for the 2017 spring session at the Parks & Recreation Administrative Office, 1501 E. Hadley Ave., for

remaining open slots until program sites have reached capacity.

The following schools have openings for children kindergarten through 5th grade: Alameda Elementary, Cesar Chavez/Sunrise Elementary, Fairacres Elementary, Her-

mosa Heights Elementary, Mesilla Park Elementary, Monte Vista Elementary and Valley View Elementary. Highland Elementary is closed - capacity has been reached.

Cost per child is \$360 for the entire spring session. All session program hours are

Monday through Friday, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. and follow the LCPS school calendar. A 10-percent discount will be offered for full payment of the spring semester before Jan. 9. The Afterschool Program offers four monthly payments of \$90 due the 7th of each month. Initial

payment is due at time of registration.

Acceptable payments include cash, check, money orders, and major credit cards (VISA, Discover or MasterCard).

For more information, call the Parks & Recreation Department at 575-541-2550.

OBITUARIES

Francisco Saenz

Francisco "Frank" Villanueva Saenz, 86, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on January 2, 2017. Services are pending with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.



Guadalupe P. Gonzales

GUADALUPE P. GONZALES, age 90, of Mesquite, passed away on Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 527-2222



Pedro C. Holguin



Our dear beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend, PEDRO CRUZ HOLGUIN, age 89, of San Pablo passed away peacefully

at home surrounded by his loving family. Pedro was born March 28, 1927 in Talamantes, Chihuahua, Mexico to Pedro and Soledad Cruz Holguin.

Pedro will be remembered for his love of harvesting pecans as well as for his

enthusiasm for assembling family gatherings around his beloved meat pit that he built out of concrete and brick.

If there was an opportunity to be outside, he took it. He loved nothing more than to be outside tending to his humble pecan orchard.

As visitors would pull into his driveway, the first thing they would see was Pedro sitting on a weathered chair, plastic bucket to one side and a dust-covered radio tuned to La Rancherita on the other.

His love for fresh air was rivaled only by the joy he got from watching his favorite television shows, especially telenovelas. He would sit on his La-Z-Boy alongside his wife of 63 years and watch shows like "Caso Cerrado," "Tengo Talento, Mucho Talento" and "Sabado Gigante."

You might not always get his full attention, especially if the show was good, but upon your departure you'd always be guaranteed a sign of the cross followed by a parting blessing: Que Dios Los Bendiga; and, if you were lucky, you might also walk away with a Ziploc plastic bag full of freshly shelled pecans and perhaps a chocolate candy or two, which he'd squirrel away throughout the house. A small expression of love to send his family and friends on their way.

Pedro was a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Those left to mourn his passing include his loving wife, Maria Gonzalez Holguin of the family home; six sons, Hector Holguin (Hermelinda) of El Paso, TX, Pete Holguin (Donna) of San Antonio, TX, Raul Holguin (Lucy) of Dallas, TX, George Holguin (Angela) of Atlanta, GA, Art Holguin (Jennifer) of Plano, TX, and Jaime Holguin (Lauren Johnston) of New

York City, NY; and his only daughter, Pat Garcia (George) of Las Cruces. Other survivors include thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Pedro was preceded in death by all his siblings.

Visitation for Mr. Holguin will begin at 9:30 AM Friday, December 30, 2016 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1240 S. Espina Street where the Prayer Vigil is scheduled for 10 AM. The Mass of Christian Burial will follow immediately thereafter. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow at San Albino Cemetery in Mesilla where he will be laid to rest in the family plot.

Serving as casket bearers will be his six sons, Hector, Pete, Raul, George, Art and Jaime Holguin, and his son-in-law, George Garcia.

Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222. For online condolences logon to

www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com



Genaro G. Baeza

GENARO G. BAEZA, age 77, of Vado died Sunday, December 25, 2016 at his home. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.



Robert C. Clark

Robert C. Clark, 64, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on December 31, 2016. Services are pending with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.







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NMSU student helps feed local senior citizens

By **TIFFANY ACOSTA**

For the Bulletin

From her experience as a young girl living with her grandmother, Shelby Stuckel knows how tight the budget can be at the end of the month. As a graduate student in public health at New Mexico State University, she is working with a local food bank to make sure seniors have enough to eat every month.

"I'm invested in it because I was raised by my grandmother, and sometimes we struggled at the end of the month when her Social Security ran out,"

Stuckel said. "I have empathy and I think it's neat to meet people to talk to at the mobile



STUCKEL

food pantries, because they have the best stories and best insights. It's good to get out in the community and talk to them." In August, Casa de Peregrinos Food Bank in conjunction with Roadrunner Food Bank and the City of Las Cruces started a food distribution program at local senior centers across Las Cruces. The senior mobile food

pantry now serves five centers: Eastside Community Center, Henry Benavidez Community Center, Munson Senior Center, Sage Café Community Center and Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center. The program distributes once a month at each site and provides 50 pounds of food, which includes 40 percent produce, to 50 seniors at each location.

Stuckel said bringing the food to the seniors is critical.

"We are going to where they are," she said. "We go to them, where they are for classes or eating lunch. It's in their com-

munity so it's pretty close rather than having to arrange for a ride if they don't have transportation. From what I've seen, it's appreciated that we're going to the senior centers."

"Shelby is a shining star helping to lead some of our county's food distribution programs," said Cindy Kratzke, public health sciences associate professor. "She finds common ground with seniors and other community members who need help with food donations."

Stuckel began working with Casa de Peregrinos after completing a year with AmeriCorps

working with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for the Roadrunner Food Bank. She said she enjoys working with the nonprofit sector especially with food insecurity and socioeconomic disparities issues in the region.

"I was looking for a way to get into nonprofit work and volunteering and giving back to the community after I got back from the Peace Corps," Stuckel said. "Once I got home, I realized the need here is so great. It was a reintroduction into my hometown. There's so much we don't know about."

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Connect with potential employers at NMSU's Career Connections

By **DARRELL J. PEHR**

For the Bulletin

New Mexico State University students, alumni and the general public will have a chance to connect with more than 75 potential employers later this month.

MSU's Career Services will host the 12th annual Career Connections Fair Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, and co-sponsor the event with the College of Engineering Feb. 1.

"This event begins the spring campus recruiting season by bringing employers and candidates together," said Roseanne Bensley, associate director for NMSU Career Services and Career Connections event coordinator.

Career Connections provides opportunities for students to connect with potential employers and discover career information ranging from internships and co-ops, to summer or permanent full-time positions. This event is open to NMSU students, alumni and the general public.

With hundreds of candidates and more than 75 employers projected to attend this year, Career Connections al-

lows candidates and employers to communicate on a personal, face-to-face basis.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, the focus of the event will be on majors in the colleges of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education (non-teaching) and Health and Social Services. On Wednesday, Feb. 1, the focus will be on majors in computer science, engineering, life/physical sciences, mathematics and technology, but other majors are encouraged to attend. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Corbett Center Ballrooms on the NMSU campus.

Though each day focuses on specific career fields, employers and candidates are encouraged to attend both days to maximize their networking opportunities. Candidates are also advised to bring their resume and dress appropriately.

Employers who would like to attend may register online in AggieCAREER Manager at careerservices.nmsu.edu. Candidates do not have to pre-register. For more information, call 575-646-1631 or email rbensley@nmsu.edu.

Saddle up for a PICKER'S PARADISE

By ALTA LeCOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

Joe Soebbing is steeped in Western lore. How steeped?

So steeped that when



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he moved from Arizona to the Las Cruces area in 1992 he built himself a frontier town, complete with general store, saloon and more.

“This is my fourth western town,” Soebbing said. “I built them all by the seat of my pants.”

These construction projects were informed by a lifelong study of history by Soebbing, who majored in history and minored in art at California State University.

Each building in his Mesilla Park western town is crammed with the stuff he's collected from his family, his travels and his business — Rio Grande Estate Sales LLC.

Piles of treasure line the narrow front porches of his town and are piled in some of the buildings. “American Pickers’ were here about 10

months ago,” he said. “I went through and pulled out and piled up a lot of stuff for them to search through, because I know that’s what they like to do.”

Now he faces the task of sorting through everything again and deciding what to do with each piece. The alternative, Soebbing said, would be to sell the 5-acre property — western town, residence and all — lock, stock and Winchester barrel.

He acknowledges the prospect is tempting.

“I would really like to pass the keys and move on,” he said.

After all, selling is what he does.

Buying and selling

Soebbing said he began his career as an executive for a paint company headquartered in Los Angeles.

“When I turned 35, I decided I didn’t want to work in the business world,” he said. “I moved to Tombstone, Arizona in 1977 and opened a gallery/museum/gift shop/antiques mall. I restored over 30 buildings over the period of years I was there.”



A sidewalk tour of the town



Inside the general store in Joe Soebbing's frontier town

Soebbing relocated to Las Cruces in 1992. The place held a quiet fascina-

tion for him.

“I like new challenges and opportunities,” he

said.

Soebbing said Las Cruces was growing and, as

a college town had a lot to offer.

“I was going to retire, but I guess it’s just not in my nature,” he said. “I probably never will.”

He bought Mesilla Valley Estate Sales. After selling that business, he helped a former employee start Rio Grande Estate Sales LLC.

Soebbing later bought that business and continues to run it.

He said he’s a certified appraiser and has conducted appraisals for banks and lawyers as well as individuals in Las Cruces.

An appraisal should precede every estate sale, Soebbing said, so sellers will know the value of the items they intend to sell.

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Farmers seek funding, businesses want relief

By ALTA LeCOMPTE

Las Cruces Bulletin

Legislators got what they came for — an earful from farmers and business owners — when they held a listening session on job creation Dec. 16 on the New Mexico State University campus.

The event was split into two sessions, one for agriculture and the second for all other businesses.

Among the issues farmers and ranchers raised were the challenge of meeting new workers comp requirements, lack of funding for agriculture, the need to diversify agriculture and facilitate value-added production, young farmers' need for information, the challenge of exporting agricultural products, and, of course, water.

Local business owners and government officials pointed out taxes and regulations they find burdensome and urged the legislators to support the growth of the alternative energy sector.

A number of speakers voiced sensitivity to the state's revenue challenges and made suggestions for job creation initiatives they anticipated would require little or no investment by the state.

"We still need a lot of infrastructure, but we know the money isn't there," said Joshua Orozco of the Border Industrial Association, a private economic development organization focused on southern Doña Ana County. "But this creates problems because we can't specifically plan for the future."

Orozco pitched an extension of hours for the crossing at Santa Teresa to make it more competitive with the port at El Paso.

Young ranchers seek information

"I'm a sixth-generation ag kid," said 23-year-old Adam Mitchell. "For me to go back to my ranch is just about impos-

sible. Diversification is the main thing young agriculture people are looking for. If I want to go back to my ranch, I have to bring something back."

Mitchell said he is one of eight children with whom the ranch will be split.

"You could look into helping (farmers and ranchers) with succession plans," he told the legislators

Training for agricultural workers and opportunities for small farmers to lease or borrow equipment were other suggestions emerging from the discussion.

Jeff Flores of New Mexico Hay and Livestock Co. LLC, told the committee he vacationed in San Jose, California, and found himself in a different world — a world of advanced technology being applied to agriculture.

"We shouldn't have to leave New Mexico to be blown away by cutting-edge stuff," he said.

He said the state needs to replace "little loans that don't even pay the bills" with adequate financial assistance for agriculture.

"It's time," he said. "It's time to put agriculture first."

Legislators suggest solutions

Following the session, Rep. Bill Gomez suggested using industrial development funds to support agriculture.

"It's a \$10 billion industry in this state," he said. "We need a piece of legislation that directs our bond capacity to grow agriculture."

He also touted an industrial hemp bill that passed two years ago but was vetoed by the governor.

"I have introduced a bill and will continue to do that," he said.

Rep. Nathan Small stressed the importance of investing in value-added agricultural products and expanding markets for agricultural products.

Rep. Bill McCamley said a big worry for New Mexico is the lawsuit with Texas regarding the allotment of water from the Rio Grande River. Loss of that suit would be a big blow to the state, he said.

New Mexico needs to work on a new system for delivering water to where it's needed, McCamley said.

Building job-creating capacity

Among speakers addressing the legislators during the general business portion of the listening session were Rocky Bacchus of One Hour Air Conditioning and Heating; George Vescovo of Vescovo Toyota; Jake Redfearn of NAI 1st Valley; Joe Bullington of Jacobs Engineering; Mark Westbrook of SunPower by Positive Energy Solar; and Rico Gonzales of El Paso Electric.

Vescovo urged legislators to consider any legislative proposal in light of whether it would make the state more competitive and would lead to the creation of jobs in New Mexico.

"You need to recognize New Mexico doesn't exist in a vacuum, particularly here in Las Cruces where we're so close to El Paso," he said.

Bacchus advocated the establishment of a technology center in southern New Mexico where alternative energy technicians could be trained.

During the session, economic development professionals also presented their wish lists.

"We all recognize there's no money, so how can we work on regulations, on accessibility for existing businesses to expand?" Debbi Moore, CEO of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, asked.

Moore said the process of applying for state LEDA and JTIP economic development assistance is complicated for small businesses.

"A lot of times they can't spend that time because they're busy keeping the lights on," she said. "We try to be a concierge for them."

A level playing field for New Mexico?

Moore said southern New Mexico faces a competitive disadvantage with both northern New Mexico and Texas with regard to the health care industry.

She said physician reimbursements are much lower on average in this area, while premiums are 50 percent higher than they are north of Interstate 40.

"Malpractice insurance is much higher here than in Texas," she said.

David Dollahon, Las Cruces assistant city manager, suggested businesses be eligible for JTIP employee training assistance of 50 percent — rather than the current 100 percent — of employees are New Mexico residents.

He also advocated changing the requirement that municipalities pass an ordinance in order to get LEDA funds.

"We don't have a month to pass an ordinance," he said. "An ordinance is a big deal for us when we're competing to recruit a new business."

He suggested the lawmakers look into other options such as a council resolutions.

Redfearn said the difficulty in getting liquor licenses and the GRT are competitive disadvantages for southern New Mexico, which competes with El Paso.

"From our industry perspective, for a lot of people we deal with from out of state the GRT sounds like a business-unfriendly tax. Lots of time we have to eat it."

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Tuesday, Jan. 10

2-4 p.m., Small Business Development Center workshop, Steps to Starting Your Business, at the Small Business Development Center, Doña Ana Community College (DACC) Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave., Room

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6 to 9 p.m. Chamber Choice Awards & Gala.

Info: Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, 575-524-1968.

Saturday, Jan. 28- Monday, Jan. 30

2017 Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe, an annual event held in Santa Fe to focus on the legislative issues of Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico.

Hosted by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Council of the Conquistadores. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Eldorado Hotel & Spa, 309 W. San Francisco, for Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe guests. Hotel reservations: 800-955-4455. Event info: www.lascruces.org; 575-524-1968.

Financial literacy is essential for business owners

By CARMEN MARTINEZ

Business owners don't need a degree in accounting, but they do need to know how to read basic financial statements and when to ask the accountants who prepare them to explain what they don't understand.

No one wants to be like the business owner who believed she was making a profit because her checkbook had a positive balance. But even business owners who diligently record financial transactions using basic accounting software don't always comprehend the reports their CPA generates based on these records.

That means they're not using the expertise they pay for, and they're not using the numbers as tools to build their business.

The three financial reports every business owner should understand are the profit and loss statement, the balance



sheet and the cash flow statement.

Profit and loss

The P&L, or income, statement shows how much profit a company makes — or doesn't make — over a given period. The statement reports revenues, expenses, gains and losses. If a positive balance remains once expenses and losses are subtracted from revenues and gains, the result is net income. If the balance is negative, the statement shows a net loss.

Understanding the profit and loss statement helps the owner understand why he's making or losing money and suggests where to trim expenses. Knowing the difference between fixed and variable expenses helps him make this

decision. Variable expenses — such as raw materials and sales commissions — increase or decrease with changes in production. But fixed expenses — like rent, phone service and loan payments — are paid even if sales are flat.

Balance sheet

The balance sheet tallies a company's assets, liabilities and shareholder's or owner's equity at a specific moment, offering a summary of the company's financial strength.

Assets

Assets are what a company owns, and they include cash, accounts receivable, inventory, supplies, land, equipment and trademarks or other intellectual property. Liabilities represent a company's obligations, such as accounts and wages payable, unearned revenues and income taxes owed. Owner's equity in a sole proprietor-

ship or shareholder's equity in a corporation shows a company's book value — its assets minus its liabilities.

Banks use the balance sheet to determine if a business has enough assets to qualify for a loan, and owners need it to assess their business's health.

Cash flow statement

An owner needs to know how much cash enters and exits a company over a given period by way of operating, investing, financing and other activities, and that's the purpose of the cash flow statement.

A company that's making a profit can still fail if it doesn't have the resources to pay its bills when they're due because of uneven or inconsistent cash flow. If a business doesn't have enough cash to survive the slow periods, the owner needs to review the cash flow statement and make

adjustments. If the business has more cash than it needs, it should invest excess money in an interest-bearing account to create more wealth for the business.

Business owners can learn more about financial statements by attending workshops offered by the New Mexico Small Business & Center Network. Since 1989, SBDC consultants have supported the growth of small-businesses and startups through training and mentorship. Learn more at www.nmsbdc.org.

Carmen Martinez, director, Small Business Development Center at San Juan College, prepared this article for Finance New Mexico. Finance New Mexico assists individuals and businesses with obtaining skills and funding resources for their business or idea. For more information, visit www.FinanceNewMexico.org.

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"What the public needs to do when they think about an estate sale is to get an idea of the value of what they're selling," he said. "It just seems natural to me, but most people don't want to go through that step. We thoroughly research what we're selling. Being an appraiser for 35 years is more than beneficial."

Soebbing said he's getting "an insane amount of calls" and is doing two or three sales each weekend.

"The economy has gotten better, so mid- to upper-middle art is selling," he said, "Indian artifacts, cowboy art. Prior to the rebound, we were selling mostly general run-of-the-mill kitchen wares, couches, beds, refrigerators — usable things. Now there's more luxury buying — items to decorate with, frame and hang on the wall."

A case in point is an oil painting he sold a couple months ago in Picacho Hills.

Soebbing said the painting by a listed artist sold for \$48,000 — almost book price.

Remembering Rex Allen

Soebbing's town stands hidden from the road in back of his home, which could be a museum in its own right. His living room is lined with shelves of Indian baskets, pottery, glassware, vintage photos and more.

"Everything in here has a story for me," he said.

Under a long window sits a bronze statue of Rex Allen on horseback.

"He was a cool guy," Soebbing said, one of the last of the singing cowboys. I spent thousands of hours with him."

He said Rex made 19 movies, a lot of them Disney films.

Most of Allen's films were B westerns, Soebbing said, "but he's better known for his narration of 'Charlie the (Lonesome) Cougar.'"

As a singer, Allen recorded one of the first crossover hits, "Son, Don't Go Near the Indians," which climbed

to No. 1 on both the country and pop charts, Soebbing said.

"He could have been a major, major star, but he liked the bottle too much," Soebbing said.

Sitting in an overstuffed chair in his living room, surrounded by memorabilia, Soebbing peered over the top of a stack of boxes on the coffee table, and reminisced about his years in Arizona and his friendship with Allen.

"I remember people asking him for autographs as we were walking along at the Tucson music festival," Soebbing said.

"We went to openings in Tucson clubs — I would go along because our wives didn't like to go."

A lasting tribute

Thanks to Soebbing's salesmanship, Rex Allen's hometown of Willcox, Arizona, now has a museum memorializing the Hollywood cowboy.

Soebbing said the people of Willcox had put out jars around town to raise money for a Rex Allen museum.

He said he was chairman of the board of the Chamber of Commerce at the time and a member of the Allen museum board.

"I told them at that rate they would have enough for a museum in 2080," he said.

He suggested giving a roast for Allen in Phoenix. At the event they auctioned a bronze of Allen on horseback for \$1,500, Soebbing said.

"We raised close to \$85,000," he said. "Roy Rogers and Gene Autry were there, Slim Pickens."

They brought the money back to Willcox, where they had been negotiating with the owner of the theater and general store.

"He cut the price of the theater in half — it was pretty dilapidated," Soebbing said. "We bought the general store for a museum."

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Legal Notice

Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District (DASWCD)

Resolution No. 2016-12-1 OMA Abridged version for publication

The Doña Ana SWCD board of supervisors met in regular session on **December 8, 2016, at 9:00 AM** and resolved that:

Regular meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of each month at 9:00 AM in the EBID conference room, 530 S. Melendres. Agenda will be available at least 72 hours prior from the DASWCD office at the USDA NRCS field office at 760 Stern Drive, Suite 118, Las Cruces, NM, 522-8775, x 116. Special meetings may be called upon 3-day notice. Emergency meetings may be called upon 24-hour notice, unless threat of personal injury or property damage requires less notice. Notice of the date, time, place and agenda are posted at the USDA NRCS office and our website at www.daswcd.org, submitted to the Las Cruces Sun-News and/or LC Bulletin for publication in the community calendar, mailed to broadcast stations and newspapers which have made a written request for notice of public meetings, and sent by electronic mail to individuals who have requested such notice. For emergency meetings notice of the date, time, place and agenda is provided by telephone or email to broadcast stations and newspapers that have made a written request for notice of public meetings. Notices and agendas of meetings shall also be posted on the DASWCD website, at www.daswcd.org. Meetings of the Doña Ana SWCD are open to the public except as permitted by the Open Meetings Act.

The names of the Plaintiff, Defendants, and the Court in which said cause is pending and the civil cause number are set out hereinabove.

The Defendants against whom service by publication is sought to be obtained are ANDY R. BARELA, and any and all unknown heirs, devisees, spouses and claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiff.

The general object of this action is to quiet and to set at rest the title of Plaintiff in and to the lands described herein against any adverse claims of the Defendants and that the Defendants be barred and estopped from having or claiming any lien upon, any right or title to the estate of Plaintiff in and to said lands, or any portion thereof, adverse to the Plaintiff.

Passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Doña Ana SWCD board of supervisors.

To obtain a copy of the full text of this resolution, visit www.daswcd.org or call 522-8775, x 116.

/s/ Joe Delk, Chairman

Date: 01/06, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-2725
Judge James T. Martin

MIKE MERRICK, a/k/a MICHAEL MERRICK, Plaintiff,

vs.

ANDY R. BARELA, and any and all unknown heirs, devisees, spouses and claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiff, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: ANDY R. BARELA, and any and all unknown heirs, devisees, spouses and claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiff

I, Claude Bowman, Court Administrator of the Third Judicial District Court in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, do hereby cause to be issued this Notice of Pendency of Suit, for the purpose of service of process on any and all unknown heirs, devisees, spouses and claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiff by publication.

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The property which is affected and concerned by this pending action is located in

Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Lots 17, 18, 19 and 20, Block 36, Organ Townsite, in the County of Doña Ana, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 48, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on November 3, 1883, and recorded in Book 3, pages 12, Plat records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

Also known as Doña Ana County Parcel No. 03-12939, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The name of the Plaintiff's attorney is as follows: Dana M. Kyle of The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.O. Box 2277, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004, (575) 525-0020.

ANDY R. BARELA, and any and all unknown heirs, devisees, spouses and claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiff, against whom constructive service is sought to be obtained, are hereby notified that unless they file a responsive pleading or motion with this Court within twenty (20) days after the date of the third and last publication of this notice, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered in such suit against them by default.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this 20 day of December, 2016.
Claude Bowman
Court Administrator

(Seal)

By: /s/Maria Zamora

Dates: 12/30, 2016
01/06, 01/13, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 2, 2016 Susan A. Krueger, PO Box 1143 Mesilla, NM, filed application numbered LRG-1768, OSE File No. LRG-1768-2, with the State Engineer for. Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County to continue using existing irrigation well LRG-1768 for irrigation purposes which is located within the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of projected Section 36, Township 23S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or

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near where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°15'28.681"N & 106°47'53.359"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, which will supplement existing well, LRG-1768-POD4, located at or near where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°15'27.796"N & 106°47'54.203"W (WGS84), located on land owned by the applicant, 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 6.95 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located in SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ of said projected Section 36, (NMPM), as described by Subfile Order No. LRR-28-013-0360, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to continue to use existing irrigation well LRG-1768 for irrigation purposes under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24. The site of existing irrigation well LRG-1768 is located south of Mesilla, east of the intersection of Snow Road and W Union Ave., & further described at the property address of 2913 W. Union Ave, Las Cruces, NM.

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: 01/06, 01/13, 01/20, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 11, 2016 Halsell Farm LTD Partnership, PO Box 695, Hatch, NM, filed application numbered LRG-4053-POD12, OSE File No. LRG-4053 & LRG-4053-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County to begin using existing exploratory well LRG-4053-POD12 for irrigation purposes which is located within the SE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ of Section 27, Township 19S, Range 02W (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°37'52.544"N and 107°1'30.31"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, & which will supplement existing wells, located on land owned by the applicant described as follows:

Well number
Where Latitude and Longitude intersect
LRG-5348-S-2
32°37'29.368"N
107°1'33.911"W

LRG-5348-S-3
32°37'24.16"N
107°1'27.879"W

LRG-4053
32°37'57.084"N
107°2'1.011"W

LRG-4053-S
32°37'50.812"N
107°2'0.793"W

LRG-4053-A
32°38'16.254"N
107°1'50.864"W

LRG-4053-POD6
32°37'37.694"N
107°1'28.312"W

LRG-4053-POD7
32°38'6.621"N
107°1'40.618"W

LRG-4053-POD8
32°37'59.233"N

107°1'19.2"W

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 593.83 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located in the following:

Section, Township & Range (PLSS)
SE¹/₄ Sect. 22 Twn 19S, R2W,
SW¹/₄ Sect. 23 Twn 19S, R2W
SW¹/₄ Sect. 25 Twn 19S, R2W
NW¹/₄ Sect. 26 Twn 19S, R2W
NE¹/₄ Sect. 26 Twn 19S, R2W
S¹/₂ Sect. 26 Twn 19S, R2W
SE¹/₄ Sect. 27 Twn 19S, R2W
NE¹/₄ Sect. 27 Twn 19S, R2W

as described in part by Subfile No. LRR-28-010-0013 Right A, & LRR-28-010-0017-A Right A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey, and also described by Subfile Order No., LRR-28-010-0013-A & LRR-28-010-0017, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to use existing exploratory well LRG-4053-POD12 for irrigation purposes under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of existing exploratory well LRG-4053-POD12 is located south of Hatch, NM and may be found approximately 3.7 miles southeast of the intersection of Rincon Rd. & Kit Carson Rd & further described at the property address of 4000 & 4205 Kit Carson Rd, Rincon, NM.

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/Conser-

vation 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: 12/23, 12/30, 2016
01/06, 2017

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Qualifications-based competitive sealed proposals for professional design services will be received by the Vista Del Rey Estates Mutual Domestic Water Consumers' Association (VDRMDWCA) for RFP No. R001-2017. The Association is requesting proposals for professional surveying, planning, and engineering services for the VDRMDWCA Water System Improvements Project No. 001-2017. Proposals will be received at 54 Santana Road, Vado, NM 88072, until January 16, 2017, at 5 p.m. Copies of the Request for Proposals can be obtained in person at the office of Beth Morgan, VDRMDWCA Secretary, at 54 Santana Road, Vado, NM 88072, or will be mailed or emailed upon request to respondents who call for one at 575-233-4071. A non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at 54 Santana Road, Vado, NM 88072.

Dates: 01/06, 01/13, 2017

NOTICE TO PUBLIC - DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) GOAL

Las Cruces International Airport, operated by the City of Las Cruces, hereby publishes a proposed overall goal for its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program for FY 2017-2019 for the Airport. The proposed overall goal is 3.5% for all FAA/AIP-funded projects in FY 2017-2019. The methodology used in developing this goal is available for inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Airport Administrator, 8990 Zia Boulevard, Las Cruces, NM 88007. The Airport will receive and consider public comments on the proposed goal until February 17, 2017. Comments may be submitted to the Airport Administrator at PO Box 20000 Las Cruces, NM, 88004.

For additional information, please contact Lisa Murphy, Airport Administrator, at 575-541-2471 during normal business hours.

Dates: 01/06, 01/13, 2017

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the following property shall be sold at public auction or otherwise disposed of in satisfaction of lien in accordance with the New Mexico Self Storage Lien Act.

**To be held at:
DISCOUNT SELF STORAGE
2499 EL CAMINO REAL RD
LAS CRUCES, NM 88007
575 382-0000**

**ON SATURDAY,
JANUARY 21st, 2017
BEGINNING AT 10 a.m.
SIGN IN AT 9:30 a.m.**

THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS: 21, 35, 92, 103, 105, 122, 190, 287, 294, 357, 404, 427, 492, 502, 670, 682, 703, 713, 726, 789, 807
Tenant addresses are "last known."

**Unit 21
MARK BERNIER**
689 Hummingbird Dr
Las Cruces NM 88007
Unit items consist of:
Unicycle, toilet seat, wooden bed frame, plastic bins, TV, misc. items

Unit 35

RAMONA ALLISON
1805 Doree Ct
Las Cruces NM 88001
Unit items consist of:
Chest with drawers, dresser, TV, VCR, plastic totes, bed, misc. items

**Unit 92
RAMONA ALLISON**
1805 Doree Ct
Las Cruces NM 88001
Unit items consist of:
Plastic totes, comforter, misc. household items, misc. items

**Unit 103
RUDY CASTILLO**
P.O. Box 846
Hatch NM 87937
Unit items consist of:
Couch, Kids' bicycles, car seat, Misc. Kids' items

**Unit 105
JOANA RENDON**
1520 W Hadley Sp 16
Las Cruces NM 88005
Unit items consist of:
Big screen TV, dining chairs, living room set, bed foot & head board, DVD player, misc. items

**Unit 122
JULIANA URANGA**
P.O. Box 770
Las Cruces NM 88001
Unit items consist of:
Washer, dryer, dresser, night stand, bed foot/head boards, misc. items

**Unit 190
ANNA ALCALA**
270 Totonico
Las Cruces NM 88007
Unit items consist of:
Wheelchair, plastic bins, misc. items

**Unit 287
JOSE LUJAN**
1324 Luna St
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Unit items consist of:
Big trunks, TV, misc. items

**Unit 294
ERIKA RODRIGUEZ**
1643 Ash Ave
Las Cruces NM 88001
Unit items consist of:
Washer, dryer, vacuum, headboard, misc. household items

**Unit 357
ISRAEL BACA**
861 Guadalupe
Las Cruces NM 88001
Unit items consist of:
TV, boom box, computer, misc. items

**Unit 404
SKIP VALENZUELA**
3315 Mercury Ln
Las Cruces NM 88012
Unit items consist of:
TV, ATV battery, boxes

with LED lights, leather couch, bed, metal racks, misc. tools & items

**Unit 427
BRIDGETTE ROMERO**
5131 Genesis
Las Cruces NM 88012
Unit items consist of:
bicycle parts, clothing, misc. items

**Unit 492
JESSICA JUSTICE**
2200 Holiday Ave #320
Las Cruces NM 88005
Unit items consist of:
Grill, weights' bar, chest with drawers, dining table with chairs, misc. items

**Unit 502
DARLA JARVIS**
301 S Motel Blvd Rm 118
Las Cruces NM 88007
Unit items consist of:
Big Screen TV, day bed, misc. items

**Unit 670
MARGARET LUJAN**
3635 Haines Rd
Las Cruces, NM 88007
Unit items consist of:
Baby bed with mattress, car seat, misc. plastic bins

**Unit 682
RICHARD HERNANDEZ**
1054 Aguilera Ct
Las Cruces, NM 88007
Unit items consist of:
Bins, boxes, bike, household items

Unit 703

PATRICK GONZALES
1029 La Fonda #8
Las Cruces NM 88001
Unit items consist of:
Ladder, speaker, suit cases, misc. boxes

**Unit 713
DESIREE JUAREZ**
4093 Mojave Dr
Las Cruces NM 88005
Unit items consist of:
Dresser with drawers, desk, storage bins, boxes, misc. items

**Unit 726
AARON JACKSON**
3509 Winter Haven Dr
Las Cruces NM 88007
Unit items consist of:
Flat screen TV, suit case, dolly, gas cans, misc. items

**Unit 789
RICHARD TRUJILLO**
850 Holly Dr Sp A35
Las Cruces NM 88005
Unit items consist of:
2 dressers, night stand, big screen TV, mirror

**Unit 807
ARMANDO PADILLA**
1370 N Paxton
Las Cruces NM 88001
Unit items consist of:
2 couches, plastic bins, safe, mirror, misc. items

Dates: 01/06, 01/13, 2017

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

Case No.
D-307-DM 2016-1367
Judge: Rosner

Karina Estrada, Petitioner,
v.

Jose L. Estrada,
Respondent.

Issued NOTICE OF SUIT

TO JOSE L. ESTRADA,
RESPONDENT:

Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you.

The subject of this lawsuit is: divorce

If you do not file a response or responsive pleading with the above-titled Court within 30 days after the third publication of this Notice, the Court may enter a default judgment against you.

Karina Estrada
2013 S. Triviz #737
Las Cruces, NM 88001
757-650-8896

WITNESS the Honorable Mary W Rosner, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County, this 14th day of December, 2016.

(Seal)

Claude Bowman
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

BY: Susana Tyfair
DEPUTY

Dates: 12/30, 2016
01/06, 01/13, 2017

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2016-00231

FRANKLIN AMERICAN
MORTGAGE COMPA-
NY, Plaintiff,

v.

LUZ E. BRIVASCAS, LAS
CRUCES MEDICAL
CENTER LLC D/B/A
MOUNTAINVIEW RE-

SIONAL MEDICAL
CENTER, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on **January 24, 2017 at 11:45 am**, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT NUMBERED 6 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 11 OF UNIT NO. 3 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID UNIT NO. 3 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 15, 1966 IN PLAT BOOK 9, FOLIO 98-99.

The address of the real property is 1948 Peri Ann Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 15, 2016 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 \$112,514.24 plus interest from May 1, 2016 to the date of sale at the rate of 3.3750% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing.

The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

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

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

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

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

Dates: 12/30, 2016
01/06, 01/13, 01/20, 2017

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

No. PB-2016-132
Judge James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
JOYCE EILEEN
WATSON Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

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

Dated this 3rd day of
January, 2017.

/s/

TANYA EILEEN
WATSON,
Personal Representative of
the Estate of
JOYCE EILEEN WATSON,
deceased.

Prepared by:

The Law Offices of Dana M.
Kyle, P.A.

By/s/

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

Dates: 01/06, 01/13, 01/20,
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STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

Cause No.
D-307-CV-2016-02872
Judge: Martin, James T.

NANCY A. BYRES
formally known as
NANCY A. CAPLAN
Plaintiff,

vs.

THE TOWN OF MESILLA A NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AND UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN LIEN, INTEREST, OR TITLE ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ANY DECEASED PERSON MAKING CLAIM OF LIEN, TITLE OR INTEREST ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF Defendants.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF SUIT**

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO

To unknown persons claiming interest, lien or title adverse to the Plaintiff and unknown persons claiming a lien, interest or title adverse to Plaintiff and unknown heirs of any deceased person making claim of lien, interest or title to Plaintiff.

You are hereby notified that the above named Plaintiff has brought suit against you in the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico under Cause Number D-307-CV-2016-02872 the general object of which is to quiet title in the following described property situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico to wit.

A 0.3374 acre Tract of land situate within the Town of Mesilla, Doña Ana County, New Mexico. Located in Section 25, T. 23S., R. 1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. surveys, being part of U.S.R.S. tract 11B-29, and being more particularly described as follows to wit;

BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod found along the East line of N.M. Highway 28 for the Southwest corner of the Tract herein described, WHENCE, a N.M.S.H.T.D. Aluminum cap for Station147+11.13 (NMPM-4511(1)), bears S.36°10'32"E., a distance of 666.76 feet;

THENCE, from the point of beginning, along the East line of N.M. Highway 28 N.36°41'25" W., a distance of 91.62 feet to a point of curvature for this tract;

THENCE, along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 12.57 feet, an arc length of 13.40 feet, an included angle of 61°05'29", and whose long chord bears, N. 18°06'02"E., a distance of 12.78 feet to a point at a concrete sidewalk for an angle point of this tract;

THENCE, N.38°07'20"W., a distance of 5.95 feet to a point at the back of the curb along the South line of W. Boutz Road for the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE, following the back of curb, along the South line of W. Boutz Road, N.51°52'54"E., a distance of 19.00 feet to a point of curvature of this tract;

THENCE, along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 399.86 feet, an arc length of 25.85 feet, an included angle of 03°42'16", and whose long chord bears, N.46°29'37"E., a distance of 25.85 feet to a point of reverse curvature of this tract;

THENCE, along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 259.15 feet, an arc length of 50.71 feet, an included angle of 11°12'40", and whose long chord bears, N.47°30'30"E., a distance of 50.63 feet to a point of tangency of this tract;

THENCE, continuing along the back of curb, along the South line of W. Boutz Road, N.55°16'31"E., a distance of 43.36 feet to a point for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE, leaving the back of curb, and leaving the South line of W. Boutz Road, S.38°28'02"E., a distance of 112.05 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S.53°16'09"W., a distance of 152.13 feet to the point of beginning, enclosing 0.3774 acres of land, more or less. Subject to all easements, patents, restrictions, and reservations of record.

You are further notified that unless a responsive pleading or motion is filed with the District Court Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico at 201 W. Picacho Avenue Las Cruces, New

Mexico 88005 in which response to pleading or other motion shall also be served on the below named attorney for the Plaintiff within the time required by law which is 30 days after the date of the third publication of this Notice of Pendency of Suit, a judgment by default will be rendered against unknown persons claiming an lien, interest of title adverse to Plaintiff or unknown heirs of any unknown deceased person making claim of lien, title or interest to Plaintiff.

Plaintiff's attorneys are Martin & Lutz, P.C. 2110 North Main Street P.O. Box 1837 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-1837

WITNESS my hand and seal this 30th day of December, 2016.

(Seal)

Claude Bowman
Clerk of the District Court
/s/ Joe M. Martinez
By: Deputy -
Joe M Martinez

Dates: 01/06, 01/13, 01/20,
2017

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
IN THE
PROBATE COURT
DONA ANA COUNTY

NO. 16-0258

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF Amelita
F Hill, aka Amelita Hill,
aka Amelita Fox Hill, aka
Amelita Fox Tankersley
Hill, DECEASED.**

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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, Room # 1-201, Las cruces, NM 88007.

Dated: Dec. 2, 2016

/s/Boyce E. Tankersley, III
Boyce E. Tankersley, III
340 Gatewood Lane
Grayslake, IL 60030

Dates: 01/06, 01/13, 01/20,
2017

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-02385

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

vs.

DAVID A. DIBBLE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID A. DIBBLE; JERRY D. DIBBLE, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JERRY D. DIBBLE, DECEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 711 Lenox Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 10, AND 1/2 OF THE ADJACENT VACATED ALLEY, BLOCK D, COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES, REPLAT NO. 1, REPLAT OF BLOCKS D AND I, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 659, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY, ON FEBRUARY 7, 1966, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 9, PAGE 88, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 PM on February 9, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on November 28, 2016, in the total amount of \$146,525.43, with interest at the rate of 5.25000% per annum from October 21, 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. Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), A Corporation Organized And Existing Under The Laws Of The United States Of America, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the

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

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

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

By: Robert A. Doyle,
Special Master
c/o Legal Process Network
P.O. Box 51526
Albuquerque, NM 87181
505-417-4113

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

No.: D-307-CV-2016-01478

LSF8 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

RAUL ESTRADA; TERESA ESTRADA; BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC. DBA BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO.; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Raul Estrada, Teresa Estrada, and the Occupants of the Property:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff LSF8 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 1710 S Pecos St, Las Cruces, NM 88001. The real property which is the subject matter of this action

is legally described as follows:

LOT 5 FARMERS SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1947 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 6 AT PAGE 65, PLAT RECORDS.

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

McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

By:/s/ Carrie Cook
Karen Weaver
Carrie Cook
6501 Eagle Rock NE,
Suite A-3
Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87113
Telephone No.:
(505) 219-4900
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 12/23, 12/30, 2016
01/02, 2017

**THE STATE OF
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COUNTY OF
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Mesilla Valley Radio Club



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Radio club members reach out to the world

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Alex Burr said his favorite thing about his more than 50 years as a member of the Mesilla Valley Radio Club (MVRC) is the contests to see how many



BURR

other operators he can contact. He put an entire country on the air once, and his membership is not only a great hobby – he’s part of an important emergency communication system.

Local radio amateurs “decided to form a club after World War II,” Burr said. There’s been a national club since about 1920. “There’s always been people wanting to play around with radio since it was discovered in the 1800s,” Burr said.

Today, MVRC is involved in a number of local events and activities, including the annual White Sands National Monument Bataan Death March and local foot races; the club’s Bean Feed and Field Day events; a local builders club; a host of radio contests; search and rescue and other emergency operations, often involving severe weather; and classes and testing to help new amateur radio operators get licensed.

Once an operator is licensed, he or she is given a call sign, which is often better known to other club members than the person’s real name.

Burr’s call sign is K5XY. There are few call signs with only four letters, indicating how long he’s been an amateur radio club member. Burr chose the last two letters himself: “I picked ‘XY’ because I’m a physicist,” Burr said. “You draw XY graphs.”

MVRC owns its own clubhouse, at 6609 Jefferson Lane



PHOTO BY ALEX BURR

Mesilla Valley Radio Club member Richard Johnson (call sign KC3EVR), left, explains his amateur radio station mounted on a bicycle to Charlie Welch (N5CWW), who was one of the organizers of the club’s Wireless Wizardry exhibition displayed recently at the Branigan Cultural Center.

on Las Cruces’ east mesa. There are fewer than 100 club members, Burr said, and new members are always welcome. The fee is \$35 a year per person or \$45 for a family. You can sign up on the MVRC website at www.n5bl.org. You don’t have to have a license or own any radio equipment to become a member, Burr said.

MRVC meets at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at the clubhouse. It begins with “conversation and snacks,” Burr said, with the program beginning at 9 a.m.

You can buy a hand-held radio for under \$100, Burr said. It will give you access to the two-meter band that is just below the most popular police

band on VHF radio spectrum. More expensive receivers are also available.

Repeaters (small boxes with antennas placed at as high an altitude as possible) set up by MVRC and other radio clubs around the state and across the country and the world allow radio operators to connect with each other across hundreds

and even thousands of miles. Burr said there are about 100 repeaters in New Mexico.

Burr has a station in his home and another one in his car, which is his main station. Burr has talked to operators in 120 of the 300 countries that have amateur radio operators. “The first half are easy,” he said.

Burr has also “talked to everybody all over the United States from the car. It depends on sunspots,” he said.

There are about 600,000 amateur radio operators nationwide, he said.

During a visit to Hawaii to count albatross, Burr even helped put a separate country – Midway, an atoll in the Hawaiian Islands chain that is an unincorporated territory – on the air for other operators.

There are three levels of radio amateur licenses: technical, general and extra. Several MVRC members, including Burr, are licensed examiners, and the club offers regular classes and testing to certify new radio operators. Test questions are mostly about amateur radio regulations, Burr said, and get more technical with the more advanced licenses.

“It used to be, you had to know Morse Code to get a license,” Burr said. “But that’s been done away with.” Now, operators use a modern version of teletype, he said.

Radios are battery powered, and repeaters have battery backups, so they can run without the electrical grid. That makes them and their operators extremely valuable when power lines are down. In the event of an emergency, “lots of amateurs go out to provide emergency communication,” Burr said.

Burr helped out during severe flooding in the Hatch area about 10 years ago, reporting to the

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New Mexico State Police on water levels in gulleys, he said.

One of MVRC's most important annual activities is its participation in the Bataan Death March re-enactment at White Sands Missile Range, Burr said. MVRC members help provide manpower and communications. With more than 4,000 participants, he said, "that's a lot of people to keep track of."

The club also puts on the Bean Feed the first Sunday in May, which includes a meal, as amateur radio operators gather from New Mexico and surrounding states to buy, sell and trade radios, transmitters, cables, antennas and other "junk," Burr said.

"I consider it a success when Alex comes home with less junk than he takes," said Burr's wife, Margery.

MVRC also participates in the national Field Day event, during which clubs across the country set up stations and talk to each other. There's a contest "to see how many field stations you can talk to," Burr said.

Burr said his favorite part of being a MVRC member is the contests. "The place is full of them," he said. For a national contest, amateur radio operators may try to communicate with as many other operators or stations as often as they can over a specified period of time.

Or, the contest may invite operators to communicate with as many national parks across the country as they can.



PHOTO BY ALEX BURR

An antique radio receiver.

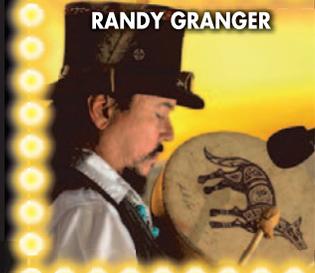
There are more than 400 national parks, monuments, preserves, trails and historic sites across

the country.

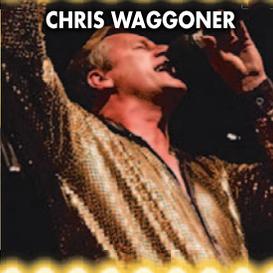
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more than 3,000 counties in the United States. "I have worked all the counties," Burr said.

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S.O.B. Antiques closes its doors

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

December is an emotional month for S.O.B. Antiques owner Carol Gaines.

She married her late husband, Robert L. Gaines, on Dec. 26, 1964. The couple moved their antique store to its present location at 928 W. Picacho Ave. on Dec. 3, 1986. And, the business closed its doors to the public on Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016.

“I decided it was time,” Carol said on Dec. 21.

Bob Gaines (“Sweet Old Bob” – S.O.B.) grew up in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, while Carol is a native of Ashland, Wisconsin. The two met in Washington, D.C. when Bob was stationed at Headquarters Marine Corps. He was directing a play she got a part in. Carol learned quickly that she didn’t care for acting, but she “liked theater and liked theater people” – especially Bob. She wound up being property master for the play, and was even able to borrow a stuffed buzzard from National Geographic to use on stage.

The two were married later, when Bob was stationed at the U.S. embassy in Ethiopia. He retired from the Marines in 1968, and the couple moved to Las Cruces in 1971.



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Carol Gaines operated S.O.B. Antiques with her late husband Robert.

Community theater seeks directors for next season's shows

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT) is looking for people with theater experience, especially as directors, to direct plays and musicals for its 2017-18 season, LCCT Board of Directors President Janet Beatty-Payne said.

The season is expected to include three musicals and four plays (comedies or dramas), following this tentative schedule: Aug. 11-27, 2017: musical; Oct. 6-22: play; Dec. 1-17: musical; Jan. 19-Feb. 4, 2018: play; March 2-18: play; first two weeks of April: one-act play festival; May 4-20: musical; and June 22-July 1: play.

The LCCT Play Reading Committee has suggested the following plays and musicals for the 2017-18 season, said LCCT Play Reading Committee Chairman Norman Duttweiler.

Drama/mystery plays: "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," by Tennessee Williams; "Death of a Salesman" and

"The Crucible" by Arthur Miller; "The Bad Seed," by Maxwell Anderson; "The Laramie Project," by Moises Kaufman; "The Miracle Worker," by William Gibson; "Veronica's Room," by Ira Levin; "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," by Ken Kesey; "Witness for the Prosecution," by Agatha Christie.

Musicals: "All Shook Up," "Annie," "Avenue Q," "Gypsy," "Legally Blonde," "Ring of Fire" and "South Pacific."

World classics: "A Doll's House," by Henrik Ibsen; "Blood Wedding," by Garcia Lorca; "An Enemy of the People, either Ibsen's original or Arthur Miller's adaptation; "The Cherry Orchard," by Anton Chekhov; and "Becket," by Jean Anouilh.

Comedies: "Boeing, Boeing," by Marc Camoletti; "Born Yesterday," by Garson Kanin; "Harvey," by Mary Chase; "Murder Among Friends," by Bob Barry; "Red, White and Tuna," by Ed Howard, Joe Sears and Jaston Williams; "The Women," by Clare Boothe Luce; and "Brighton Beach Mem-

oirs," by Neil Simon.

"Interested directors are encouraged to select a show or shows from this list and submit applications," Duttweiler said, adding that potential directors may also submit applications to direct shows that are not on the list, if the shows they propose to direct for LCCT "meet the criteria of good theater and commercial viability," he said.

"LCCT, like most theaters across America, is attempting to grow its audience and improve its financial viability. This is the reason we are favoring name shows like these, rather than lesser known works that may not generate the audiences we need to survive and thrive," he said.

If you are interested in directing a play or musical for LCCT during its 2017-18 season, you can download a director's application from the link at <https://lcctnm.org/directors.html>. The deadline to apply has been moved to Jan. 31.

For more information, contact Duttweiler at playchair@lcctnm.org.

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There were few jobs available in Las Cruces, Carol said, but Bob got a call from Las Cruces High School (LCHS) Principal Harry Foltz, offering him a teaching job in English and speech. Bob was hired on the phone, she said, and "in two weeks, we were here. We traded in all our savings bonds and bought a house."

Bob started the theater program at LCHS, but also wanted to do something with his love of collecting, which began with lead soldiers when he was eight or nine years old, Carol said.

He looked for the soldiers when he came home on leave, only to discover that his mother had given them to a neighbor boy. "He never forgave her," Carol said. "She gave away his first collection."

Bob and Carol bought a property at 140 E. Organ

Ave. and built a one-room antique store. They moved six and one-half years later to an adobe building built by Harold Woods in the late 1940s on Picacho Boulevard, and that's where S.O.B.'s has remained for the past three decades.

The store was originally open only on Saturdays, except during the summer, when school was out and Bob and Carol could work more days and more hours. They later expanded the days they were regularly open to include Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Carol had a job as librarian at Holy Cross School in the mornings, and she and the Gaines children, Lucy and Rob, ran the store in the afternoons. Bob was there when he wasn't teaching, unless he was off doing a speech tournament, Carol said.

Bob was Las Cruces Public Schools teacher of the year in 1988, and re-

tired in 1989. That's when S.O.B.'s expanded to being open six days a week.

After 20 years of military service in China, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Korea, Bob suffered pulmonary fibrosis in his later years, Carol said. He continued to work at S.O.B.'s every day, carrying his oxygen tank around with him.

Over the years, Bob collected books, church keys/bottle openers and amusing items related to indoor and outdoor toilets. He kept all his records in notebooks, Carol said, tell her, "Find me an antique computer" – otherwise he would stick with pens and paper to record what he bought and sold.

Bob, who was born August 14, 1929, worked a full day at the antique store on Friday, May 1, 2015, Carol remembers. He died at home in her arms the next day.

S.O.B.'s "was Bob's store for so many years," Carol

said. "Now that he is gone, his spirit is still here in this store."

"It's a bittersweet time," she said about closing the store. "I will be sad because it's the end of an era."

Carol said the store and property have been sold, and she will vacate the premises by January 31, 2017. She said S.O.B.'s will be the fifth antique store to close on Picacho Boulevard in the past couple of years.

Carol, who trained as a high school English teacher, also had a long career in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving as a captain and commanding officer of a women's company. She also has been working on women veterans issues for the past 30 years. She is past president of the United Military Women of the Southwest and a leader in the effort to construct a women veterans monument at Veterans Memorial Park on Roadrunner

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Ashton Sanders and Jaden Piner play best friends as boys in one segment of the movie "Moonlight." Sanders plays the main character Chiron in the first part of the movie.

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'Moonlight' based on honesty, reality

By **JEFF BERG**

For the Bulletin

I was mighty skeptical (which is a virtue in this business) when I read all of the high praise for "Moonlight," directed by Barry Jenkins, whose career heretofore was made up mostly of short films, except for the somewhat uninteresting "Medicine for Melancholy" which contained too much melancholy for my melancholic tastes.

But upon watching this terrific and quietly paced film, it became apparent to me once again, that there are movies that tell us good stories about simple people and good movies that teach us things, and "Moonlight" does both. It also took me to places that I knew existed but never thought I

GRADE: A+

"Moonlight" opens Friday, Jan. 6, at the Fountain Theatre at 2469 Calle De Guadalupe, Mesilla to play for a week at 7:30 p.m., daily, with a 1:30 p.m., Saturday matinee and a 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee

would visit.

It is also interesting that it even got made, since it was based on an unproduced play by a gent named Tarell Alvin McCraney.

"Moonlight" is also unique because it is based on honesty and reality rather than melodrama and action. A simple story, it tells the coming-of-

age story of a young African-American named Chiron who lives in Miami in the 1980s.

Best of all, this film is not some hyperventilating, rap/hip-hop work about how terrible life on the streets is and because that is all we know, we can't change.

It is in three parts all following the young Chiron, with three superb performances by the actors that play Chiron in the three acts.

We first meet the young, silent Chiron, sliding through grade school, fatherless, and with a mother who is working hard to support him but also using crack.

Approached by a seemingly friendly man, Chiron, who is silent and withdrawn, because he already knows he is "different," as do the bullies who mock and harm him, the man

helps Chiron learn to swim, takes him on outings and becomes a surrogate father of sorts until the truth comes to stare us in the face.

The second story finds Chiron somewhat older, a teenager now, and discovering his emotions and sexuality. A furtive kiss on the beach with a long-time friend, Kevin, shows us what we knew all along – Chiron is gay and Kevin may be bisexual, or just a braggart when it comes to his conquests of women.

In the third segment, Chiron is a young adult, tough, buff, dealing and hardened by life and time. But out of the clear blue, Kevin calls him and the totally unemotional Chiron is moved by this, later going to the restaurant where Kevin works. Kevin has spent time in prison but is

on his way back now, having learned to cook and enjoying it. The film concludes with a wondrous long conversation between the two men, who have not seen each other in a decade.

"Moonlight" doesn't just about how difficult life can be for a young gay man in a place and time where it is one of the most difficult sort of lives during the times. Rather, we can see Chiron as a common man, refracting emotions we've all touched at some time or another and that makes Jenkins' film that much more real.

"Moonlight" also gently tears down a number clichés and stereotypes resulting in a work that has a feeling of timelessness and verse that feels unforgettable.

It might just be.

Berg tries to find something good in every movie

Meet the Bulletin columnists

You read them every week, but what do you really know about them? What makes Sunny Conley an expert on cooking? Why is Jeff Berg reviewing movies, and should you trust his judgement? We're confident that Father Gabriel Rochelle, Rabbi Larry Karol, Reverend Carol Carnes and Reverend Tom Baca are above reproach, but are they really? You decide.

In our series "Meet the Columnists," Susie Ouderkirk will profile each of our columnists so you'll know more about them. This week, we will reintroduce our movie critic, Jeff Berg.

By SUSIE OUDERKIRK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Originally from the northwest suburbs of Chicago (Barrington, Illinois), Jeff Berg has lived in Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, Alaska, California and Las Cruces (for about 11 years.)

He started with the Bulletin in 2002, and is, we think, the longest-running columnist in the paper's stable.

"A guy named Jim Earley was doing reviews for the Sun News," Berg said. "I talked with him a few times and decided to approach the then-editor and publisher of the Bulletin (on Madrid Street) to see if they were interested."

They were, so he started doing reviews for free for them whenever he had a chance to see a film before it opened at the Fountain, since it was easier to see those than the main-

stream films, Berg said. "It continued from there and I can't recall the last time I missed an issue. It has been years."

He admittedly has no "real expertise," reviewing movies, but had done a few reviews in the past and always watched a lot of movies. "I have enjoyed reading reviews for many years and always admired those written by Roger Ebert, Manohla Dargis of the New York Times and Mick LaSalle of the San Francisco Chronicle."

He's had reviews in numerous other papers and has done work for Film Comment Magazine of Lincoln Center of New York.

"I try to find something good in every movie, even if it is atrocious for the most part. I usually succeed," Berg said.

When he's not watching movies, he works



Meet Jeff Berg

AGE: 65

LOCATION: Currently lives in Santa Fe

EDUCATION: High school grad, few odds and ends in college. Never had the chance to attend

full time. Self-taught writer, never taken a writing class

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FAVORITE QUOTATION: "I love the movies; they put a screen between me and the real world." - Anonymous

part time as a "used cat and dog salesperson at the Santa Fe Humane Society," which he describes as counseling and teaming people with new pets. "I also just started working again for the U.S. Postal Service in Tesuque, New Mexico, just north of Santa Fe. I teach continuing education at University of New Mexico and do presentations around the state that focus on New Mexico movies."

Berg's book, "New Mexico Filmmaking" has sold 649 copies. "Watch out, Stephen King," he warns.

What movies impacted Berg, and why?

"Speaking only for myself, the movies that have most influenced me are "Days of Heaven" because it was one of the first films I watched that made me really think

about what the director and writer had done. Cocteau's "Beauty and the Beast" since it was my first subtitled film and I was in awe of the production and story. "Smoke Signals" because it was one of the first films to truly portray contemporary life for First Nation's peoples," he said. "And

I could watch "Animal House" every week, just for the pure lunacy of same."

"I think works such as "Citizen Kane" are vastly overrated, as is Hitchcock, whose work strikes me as borderline amateur," he said. His favorites include "Days of Heaven," "The Wild Bunch," "The Hired Hand" and "Walkabout."

"I would list "Sorcerer" as well, but no one understands that it is not a horror/fantasy film. I wish everyone would watch it. A small part was shot in New Mexico," Berg said.

With such an eclectic resume, what else makes Berg tick? Besides movies, he enjoys reading,

cooking (vegetarian), U.S. history, travel ("when I can go to places where there are no people,") and baseball — "to a certain point," he said.

He would really like to hear from Bulletin readers at 505-466-1634.

"I used to get occasional emails either challenging what I wrote or at times even praising what I wrote. I guess someone is reading this stuff since I'm on my 15th year now," as the Bulletin's movie reviewer, he said. "Oh, and buy my book, "New Mexico Filmmaking," which is a history of movies made in New Mexico."

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The new century keeps rolling and so does the "Howling Coyote Coffeehouse/Open Mic", as it continues following the First Friday Downtown Arts Ramble at 7 p.m., Jan. 6 at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.. The jam session begins at 6 p.m. and sign-up for performers begins at 6:30 p.m. The "Coyote" is entering its 12th year of continuous operation and is free and open to the public. Featured are acoustic musicians, songwriters, poets and storytellers.

For more information contact Bob Burns 575-525-9333

Studio Art Classes at the Las Cruces Museum of Art

Registration for the Las Cruces Museum of Art's spring 2017 studio programs art classes is now open. The studio programs art classes offer the community access to creative learning opportunities. Children, teens, and adults are given the opportunity to learn a new skill or enhance existing knowledge while guided by local, experienced and qualified professional artists.

Students will be encouraged to have fun and be inspired to discover their inner creativity through various class options including beginning and intermediate ceramics, drawing portraits, still life painting, and art exploration. Classes are offered to all levels of artists. A full listing of classes is available at each museum and can be found online at museums.las-cruces.org.

Two, six week sessions of classes will be offered. Session one runs Jan. 25 through March 4. Session two runs March 22 through April 29.

Students must register in person at the Museum of Nature and



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Daisy Blue specializes in a fusion of Western and Blues and is scheduled to perform at NM Vintage Wines at 2461 Calle de Principal in Mesilla at 3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 8.

Science, 411 North Main St. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration ends Jan. 18 for session one and March 15 for

session two. Admission to the Museum of Art is free.

For more information, visit the website at: museums.las-cruces.org or call 575-541-2137.

If you need an accommodation for a disability to enable you to fully participate in this event, please contact the museum 48 hours prior to the event.

Call to Artists: Monument Artist in Residence program

The Friends of Organ Mountains Desert Peaks and Bureau of Land Management announce a call to artists to apply for the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument Artist in Residence Program to take place May 1-31, 2017.

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

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

NM Vintage Wines offers music

NM Vintage Wines at 2461 Calle de Principal in Mesilla presents:

Sunday, Jan. 8 from 3 to 5 pm

Daisy Blue • Popular local musician that specializes in a fusion of Western and Blues.

Friday, Jan. 13, from 8 to 10 pm

Cooper CW Ayon • Foot drums, guitar, vocals, and harmonica..

Saturday, Jan. 14, from 8 to 10 pm

Paul Walter Kimball • Incorporating trumpet, guitar, percussion elements & a deep tenor voice.

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 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017 • Las Cruces Convention Center - 680 E. University Ave.

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Sunday, Jan. 15, from 3 to 5 pm

Alison Reynolds • Playing classical pieces on cello as well as Folk, Pop and Rock music.

Friday, Jan. 20, from 8 to 10 pm

Soulshine • Rock, Pop, Classic Rock, Folk, Soul, Country, Southern Rock. . . all Acoustic Performance.

Saturday, Jan. 21, from 8 to 10 pm

Double Clutchers • Base slappin' rockabilly act.

Sunday, Jan. 22, from 3 to 5 pm

The Cajon Brothers • Rocking Originals & Cool Tunes mixing Blues, Jazz, & Acoustic Rock Fusion.

Friday, Jan. 27, from 8 to 10 pm

Chris Baker • Local Country star.

Saturday, Jan. 28, from 8 to 10 pm

Megan Davenport • Straight from Miami, Florida with Country, Blues, Pop originals & more

Sunday, Jan. 29, from 3 to 5 pm

Alister M + Steve MacIntyre • An Indie-rock-folk group.

Friday, Feb. 3, from 3 to 5 pm

Barneymuggers • Jazz in a Folk/Ragtime rhythm.

Free spirit dance offered

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Cactus Chords barbershop quartet is scheduled to perform at the The Friends of the Branigan Library's Annual Meeting at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Jan 19, in the Good Samaritan Auditorium.

N. Main St. Info: 575-523-4847.

Barbershop quartet to sing at library meeting

The Friends of the Branigan Library will hold its Annual Meeting at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Jan 19, in the Good Samaritan Auditorium. The agenda will include year-end reports, review of by-laws and nomination and election of officers for the organization for 2017. The evening will also feature refreshments and musical entertainment. The

meeting is free and open to the public. Special entertainment for the event is the Cactus Chords barbershop quartet. The popular group performed for the first annual Real Men Sing Concert sponsored by the New Mexico State University Music Department and was named the 2016 gold medalist in the New Mexico Senior Olympics competition in the 65+ class, making them eligible for the national competition in Birmingham, Alabama in June 2017.

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

'Moons' exhibit continues at Tombaugh Gallery

The exhibit, "Moons, Mandalas & Meditations" continues at the Tombaugh Gallery, with a second opening at 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 6. The artist Corina's exhibit includes acrylic, gold leaf and India ink mandala paintings, full moon photographs and inspirational meditations.

The Tombaugh Gallery is located inside the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano, and is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The gallery will be closed Dec. 24 to Jan. 3. The exhibit continues through Jan. 27. For details call the church at 575- 522-7281.

Three new exhibits open

Three new exhibits have opened at the Branigan Cultural Center at 501 N. Main St. The new exhibits are: "An Enduring Tradition: 20th Century Navajo Weaving"; "Howard Clinton Tibbitts: Historic Advertising Photography of the Southwest"; "In Service to Country: Military Equipment 1860 to Present". All will be on display through Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017. Admission is free to the Branigan

Cultural Center.
Info: 575-541-2154.

Gallery features Tugel, Hendrickson

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre, will feature local artists Arlene J. Tugel and Sylvia Hendrickson.

Tugel likes the pure, glowing color that can be achieved with watercolor, her preferred medium. Hendrickson works with gourds and her technique includes carving and wood burning, using dyes, inks, paints, beads, feathers and leather with a variety of other natural products. She also conducts classes on the subject.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Sunday. For information, call 575-522-2933 or visit the web site at www.mesillavalley-finearts.com.

Blue Gate shows Estelle's works

Donnie Estelle's art works are on display at the Blue Gate gallery. She is a self-taught artist Estelle's working surfaces usually

have textures, often weathered wood. Also featured at Blue Gate will be paintings by Flo Hosa Dougherty. Both exhibits will continue through December by appointment, 575-523-2950 or bluegatetodoc@aol.com.

Woodcut exhibit

Artist Nancy Frost Begin has an exhibit at Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road. Her exhibit features woodcuts, architectural images, and the "Avian Fashion Show," where she has taken favorite persons in history, art, science, music and made wood cuts with birds. Info: 575-541-0658.

Linda Lundeen Gallery announces new artist

Jeri Desrochers is joining the other artists at the Linda Lundeen Gallery at the Lundeen Inn of the Arts. Desrochers is known for her electric style and using vibrant shades and colorful splashes portraying the chili fields of the Mesilla Valley. The gallery is located at Lundeen Inn of the Arts, 618 S. Alameda Blvd. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 575-526-3326.

WE WANT YOUR SUBMISSIONS

If you have an announcement you'd like to see in the calendar or galleries, please send to brook@lascrucesbulletin.com.

The Friends organization looks forward to providing new opportunities and services as the Branigan Library moves through the 21st century. The Friends consist of more than 200 members, including individuals, families and businesses. For more information about becoming a Branigan Library Friend or giving to the library, visit the website, libraryfriendslc.org.

Art classes offered

The following art classes will take place at My Place Jewell Studio, 132 B Wyatt Drive:

- Beginning Drawing and Painting: Tuesdays 1-3:30 p.m.
- Intermediate and Advanced Drawing and Painting: Thursdays 1-3:30 p.m.

High School Students are welcome in either class.

Payments of \$45 are due every four weeks. Students may begin anytime.

In addition, home school art classes offered for students between ages of 7 and 12, who may enroll in classes repeated every Wednesday from noon to 12:50 p.m. Price is \$25 for four classes. Instructor is Wayne Carl Huber, MFA, is licensed in art education in New Mexico and has 50 years of teaching art nationally.

Info: 575-647-5684 or www.waynecarlhuber.com.

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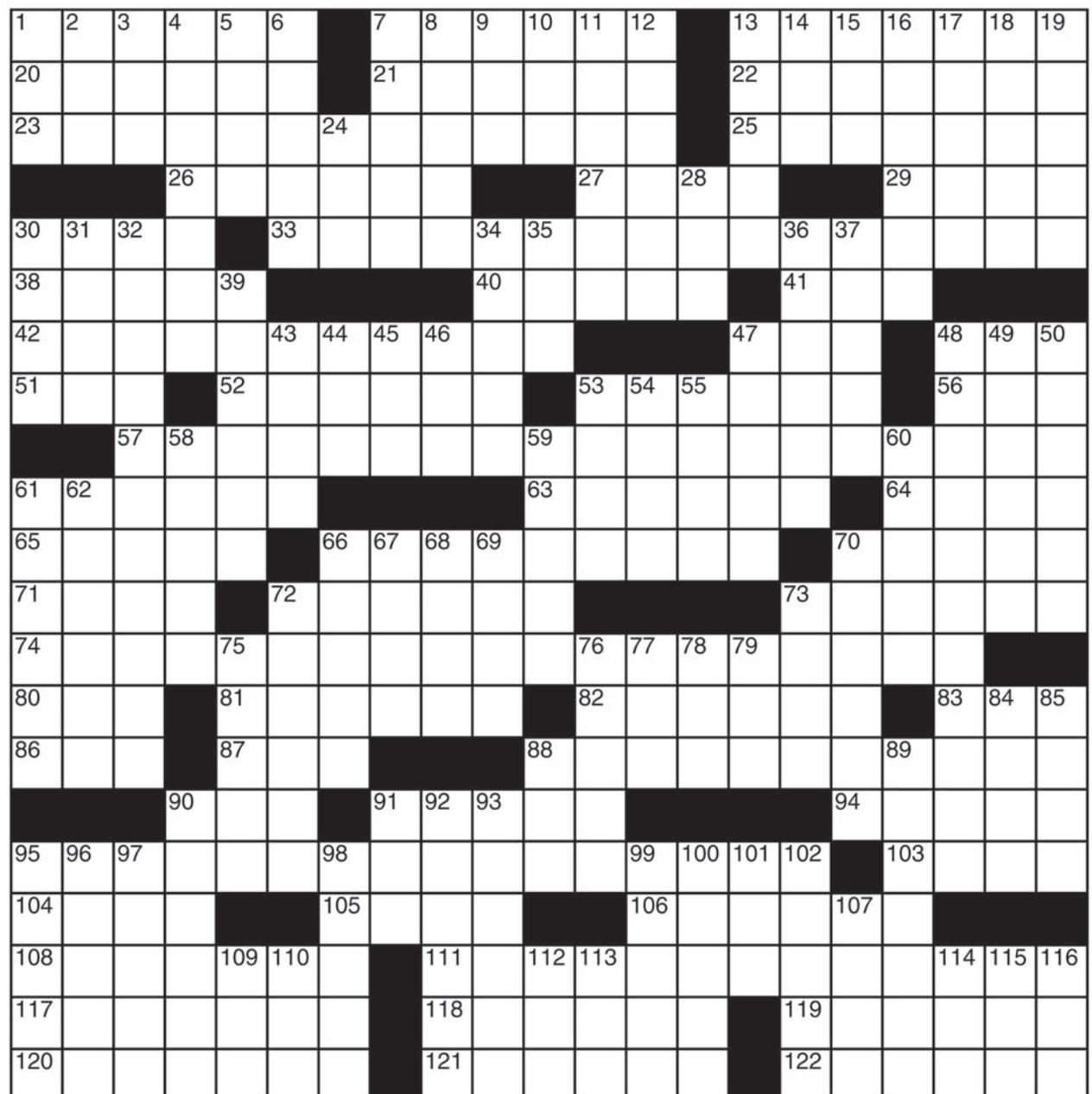
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 35 Runner-turned-lord Sebastian
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 40 Pops' moms
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 44 Growl like a mad dog
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 52 Opera piece
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 56 "Speed up," in mus.
 57 Oceans
 58 Puccini title role
 59 San Jose, Costa —
 60 Show people to seats, informally
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 63 Sing softly
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 66 Prevent, in court
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 77 12-step support group
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 92 Broncos great John
 93 Tell- — (exposes)
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 109 Lyricist Gershwin
 111 "The Lion King" lioness
 112 Female hare
 113 Metal bars
 115 More hammy
 117 Actor Elba
 119 Like both-sex colleges
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 125 Writer Bronte
 126 Sultry singer Horne
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 74 California wine area
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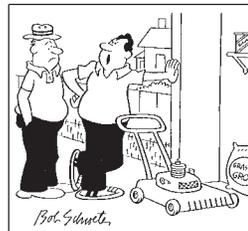
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WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

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



Talk about bad luck — when the mower repair people picked up my mower, they left me a _____.

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!

Doze
PESEL

Mess
GALENT

Bundle
GREHAT

Grimace
WOLCS

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.

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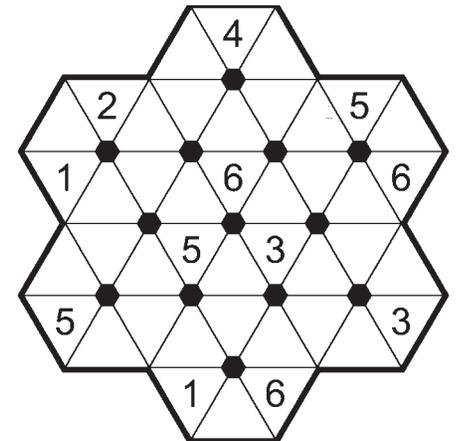
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W N P W A N J V U P B O L D A J C J O A L

“OCAM PM ZA.”

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.



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◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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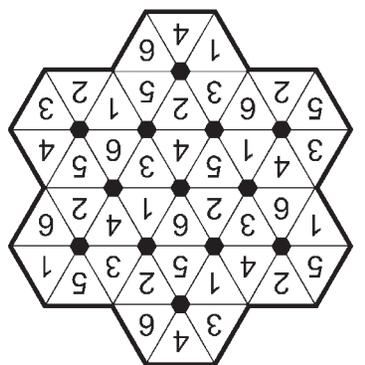
A song written about somebody with a legal claim on his property could be titled “Lien On Me.”

CRYPTOQUIP

LOANER

Today's Word
3. Gather; 4. Scowl
1. Sleep; 2. Tangle;

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

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WEEKLY SUDOKU

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Coming to DVD on Jan. 10

The Accountant

Rated: R
Genre: Thriller, drama
Directors: Gavin O'Connor

Deepwater Horizon

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama
Director: Peter Berg

The Birth of a Nation

Rated: R
Genre: Drama
Director: Nate Parker

Max Steel

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Action, adventure
Director: Stewart Hendler

Top grossing Dec. 30-Jan. 1

- Rogue One**
(Week No. 3) \$49,539,000
- Sing**
(Week No. 2) \$42,820,000
- Passengers**
(Week No. 2) \$16,150,000
- Moana**
(Week No. 6) \$10,974,000
- Why Him?**
(Week No. 2) \$10,600,000
- Fences**
(Week 3) \$10,045,000
- La La Land**
(Week No. 4) \$9,530,000
- Assassin's Creed**
(Week No. 2) \$8,600,000
- Manchester by the Sea**
(Week 7) \$4,239,000
- Collateral Beauty**
(Week No. 3) \$4,150,000

Now playing

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Sing



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

Passengers



Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A spacecraft traveling to a distant colony planet and transporting thousands of people has a malfunction in its sleep chambers. As a result, two passengers are awakened 90 years early.
Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Chris Pratt

La La Land



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

Fences



Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: An African-American father struggles with race relations in the United States while trying to raise his family in the 1950s and coming to terms with the events of his life.
Starring: Denzel Washington, Viola Davis

Manchester by the Sea



Rated: R
Plot Overview: An uncle is forced to take care of his teenage nephew after the boy's father dies.
Starring: Casey Affleck, Michelle Williams, Kyle Chandler

Moana



Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A young woman uses her navigational talents to set sail for a fabled island. Joining her on the adventure is her hero, the legendary demi-god Maui.
Starring: Auli'i Cravalho, Dwayne Johnson, Rachel House

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Hidden Figures



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

Why Him?



Rated: R
Plot Overview: A holiday gathering threatens to go off the rails when Ned Fleming realizes that his daughter's Silicon Valley billionaire boyfriend is about to pop the question.
Starring: Zoey Deutch, James Franco

Assassin's Creed



Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: When Callum Lynch explores the memories of his ancestor Aguilar and gains the skills of a Master Assassin, he discovers he is a descendant of the secret Assassins society.
Starring: Michael Fassbender, Marion Cotillard, Jeremy Irons

A Monster Calls



Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A boy seeks the help of a tree monster to cope with his single mom's terminal illness.
Starring: Lewis MacDougall, Sigourney Weaver, Felicity Jones

Underworld: Blood Wars



Rated: R
Plot Overview: Vampire death dealer, Selene (Kate Beckinsale) fights to end the eternal war between the Lycan clan and the Vampire faction that betrayed her.
Starring: Kate Beckinsale, Theo James, Tobias Menzies

Rogue One



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

New play recalls minister who stood up to Nazis

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Toad Hall Theatre Company of Las Cruces presents a new play about a hero in the fight against Nazi oppression in Germany during World War II.

“Bonhoeffer – The Last Encounter,” tells the story of German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer from the time of his imprisonment in Nazi Germany from April 5, 1943 until his execution on April 8, 1945, just two weeks before the Allies liberated Flossenburg Prison Camp in which he had been held.

The play will be performed at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15 at the First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road,

across from Las Cruces High School. Admission is \$5. Proceeds will be donated to the church.

Additional performances will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22 at the Isabel M. Crouch Reader’s Theatre, located between the Speech and English buildings and behind the Barnes & Noble bookstore on the New Mexico State University campus.

“Bonhoeffer – The Last Encounter” was written by Juergen K. Tossmann, a native of Germany, who also directed its first ever production at the Bunbury Theatre in Louisville, Kentucky in 2015.

The most amazing thing about Bonhoeffer was his faith, said Ken Forestal, who directed the play and is



Left to right are Joe Pfeiffer and Bobby Senecal in a rehearsal of “Bonhoeffer – The Last Encounter.”

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the founder of Toad Hall Theatre Company. Bonhoeffer believed that “you’ve really got to be a Christian 24-7,” said For-

estal, who retired from the University of Texas at El Paso Department of Psychology in 2015. He was a principal actor

with El Paso’s Shakespeare on the Rocks during more than 60 performances over 10 years.

“He firmly, firmly believed in his religion,” Forestal said about Bonhoeffer. “Not one time did he lose his faith.”

Even in prison, Bonhoeffer “was preaching to the inmates.”

Bonhoeffer gave up a position with Union Theological Seminary in New York to return to Germany and preach against the Nazis. He was executed for his involvement in a failed plot to assassinate Nazi leader Adolph Hitler.

“Bonhoeffer’s faith and his interaction with his family, prisoners and German personnel in

Tegel Prison form the framework of this very intriguing piece of theater,” Forestal said.

The play’s cast includes veteran Las Cruces actor Bobby Senecal as Bonhoeffer, Joe Pfeiffer as Klaus, Kerrigan Sivils as Maria, Ed Montes as a Gestapo agent, Richard Warren as Adam Clayton Powell, Neil Donnelly as an officer of the S.S. Nazi secret police, and Forestal as Heinrich.

Founded in 2014, Toad Hall Theatre Company has previously presented “Pericles,” “Medea” and “Agnes of God,” all directed by Forestal.

For more information, contact Forestal km-forestal@yahoo.com.



Left to right are Bobby Senecal, Ken Forestal and Kerrigan Sivils in a rehearsal of “Bonhoeffer – The Last Encounter.”

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Temple Beth El prepared a breakfast of sausage, pancakes and eggs at Community of Hope on Dec. 25.

Temple Beth El serves Christmas breakfast for Camp Hope residents

By SUSAN FITZGERALD

For the Bulletin

Temple Beth El of Las Cruces celebrated five years of providing Christmas Day breakfast to the residents of Camp Hope on Dec. 25. Started by congregant and former Camp Hope Board Member, Liz Lewis-Olson, the annual event has become one of the Temple's most popu-

lar outreach events.

On Christmas morning, congregants gathered at the Community of Hope administration building to move and dress tables, set up electric frying pans and a propane camp stove and organize a serving line. At 8 a.m. they were ready to cook and serve a breakfast of sausages, pancakes and eggs.

Stories were shared over plates of hot food and cups of coffee. The Christmas breakfast was part of Temple Beth El's commitment to the Community of Hope. Temple congregants also are regular cooks at El Caldito soup kitchen and the youth group conducts an annual food drive for Casa de Peregrinos.

Sharing food allows us to see and understand the various paths that bring people to Camp Hope.

More than 40 members of the Temple participated in the Christmas Breakfast with donations of food, time and money. Rabbi Larry Karol quoted from Proverbs: "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act."



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It is likely that the symbol that most people would identify with the Jewish community and Judaism from ancient times would be the six-pointed star or hexagram, widely known as the Star of David.

The oldest symbol of Judaism and the Jewish community is the seven-branched candelabra, called, in Hebrew, "menorah."

The biblical book of Exodus records the command to fashion a "lampstand of pure gold," with seven branches. Each branch of the menorah featured on top ornamentation in the shape of almond blossoms. This was significant because the almond tree blooms early (in January) in the land of Israel, so early that it was viewed as having an eternal quality. It was a short "leap" to link the almond tree to

the Tree of Life (in the story of the Garden of Eden).

A symbol bearing light, which can light up the darkness at any time of year, was created in the shape of a tree that represented the endurance of life itself.

At this writing, lights are still up around town (and in many, many more places) as the celebration of Christmas continues to its conclusion, following the kindling of lights during Advent leading up to the

holiday. Many find these lights, in whatever form, captivating.

The lighting of a new candle on a kinara each night from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 to observe Kwanzaa highlights values based in African traditions that reflect both particular and universal messages. The glow of these candles offers inspiration to strengthen

personal character and a sense of communal responsibility.

When most people hear the word "menorah," they think of the candelabra that Jews light on Chanukah, an eight-day holiday that celebrates a victory for religious freedom by Jews of Judea against their Syrian Greek rulers. Led by Judah Maccabee and his brothers, the Jews re-consecrated and rededicated the Temple in Jerusalem as a place of Jewish worship. They celebrated their victory for eight days, lighting the Temple menorah which had not been lit for three years.

The story of a container of oil being found that was expected to last for one day, but burned for eight days, added a touch of drama and sanctity to the holiday. In Jewish tradition, Chanukah is not a major holy day, but the light on the nine-branched Chanukah menorah,

also known as a Chanukkiah, is considered to be holy. With each additional night, the glow of the candles increases in intensity. There is beauty, wonder, spirit, history, determination, strength and hope contained in those lights.

Perhaps similar values are recalled for many people as they behold the lights that are a part of their own traditions and cultures at this and other times of the year.

Recently at Temple Beth-El, we dedicated new front doors which bear a stylized menorah.

At the recent ceremony to consecrate these new doors, I offered this interpretation: "During the day, these doors allow light to come in and to sense when someone has a desire to enter our space to join us. At night, we can see the light from within shine forth into the night.

"As these doors allow light in,

may we be open to the lights of learning, freedom, friendship, love and hope so that they can suffuse our spirits. As these doors reveal the light within to the darkness of the outside world, may we share our lights with our community, the lights of wisdom, wonder, creativity, commitment, kindness and peace."

There is light inside each of us that we can share. There is light outside of us that, if we welcome it, can lead us to personal growth and new understanding and bring us closer to one another. Our combined light can, if we will it, illuminate any darkness we may encounter.

Rabbi Larry Karol has served as spiritual leader of Temple Beth-El (www.tbcl.org) in Las Cruces since July, 2011. His writings are available at rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com.



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Events at Unity

Book study continues from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays; Meditation service 11 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays; Prosperity

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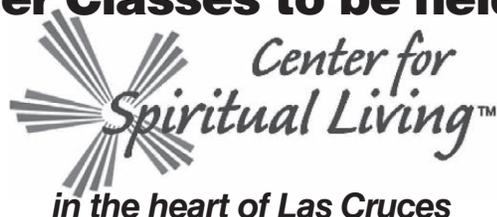
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La Semilla Food Center launches fruit orchard

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With guidance and assistance from several community partners, La Semilla Food Center added a fruit orchard to its 12-acre farm in Anthony, New Mexico when they planted about 60 fruit and nut trees on Saturday, Dec. 10.

“It has been a dream to get the trees in,” La Semilla co-founder and farm director Cristina Dominguez-Eshelman said.

The tree planting was part of a fruit-tree workshop at La Semilla led by New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service Horticulture Agent Jeff Anderson. Sierra Vista Growers nursery in Anthony donated most of the trees, Dominguez-Eshelman said.

Other workshop partners included Organic Valley, the U.S.D.A. Organic Transition Project 2015 and Doña Ana County’s food security and resiliency services. La Semilla also got organizational support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, she said.

The orchard contains apple, pear, peach, plum, apricot and quince trees, along with persimmons and palms, Anderson said. Anderson also donated

a dozen yellow horn nut trees that are native to China and will produce oil that is high in Omega 3, he said.

Because yellow horns are cold-hardy and use little water, they could provide a valuable nut crop in New Mexico. The trees yield about 350 gallons of oil per acre, and Anderson said the oil is “super healthy for cooking.”

Before helping to plant the trees, Anderson conducted a lecture on fruit trees that included information on how they grow, when they ripen and how they should be cared for.

“We’re learning how to do it and we’re teaching the community how to do it,” Dominguez-Eshelman said.

“We had about 45 people come from all different ages,” she said. “It was just a great generational event. A lot of partnerships and generosity” have gone into getting the orchard started, Dominguez-Eshelman said.

Everyone participating in the workshop and tree planting was treated to an organic lunch that included beet hummus, chicken salad, turnips, soups and hibiscus tea.

The planting also included a blessing of the trees, led by NMSU

Assistant Professor of Horticulture, Plant and Environmental Sciences Evette Guzman, PhD. Guzman is also part of La Semilla’s organic transition team, Dominguez-Eshelman said.

La Semilla’s farm is all about “food, fun and spirit,” she said.

Participants included about a half-dozen students from Gadsden High School’s after-school garden club, she said. La Semilla partners with teacher Efrén Villalobos, who sponsors the club, to lead lessons. Villalobos is a former school garden coordinator with La Semilla.

Future workshops on how to prune and care for fruit trees are already being planned, she said.

Anderson said he expects La Semilla’s new fruit trees to produce a “big crop” within about three years.

Dominguez-Eshelman said some of that fruit will be sold through La Semilla’s Farm Fresh Mobile Market. Young people who are part of La Semilla’s programing will take care of the trees and “take some of the fruit home,” she said. La Semilla also plans to conduct orchard tours for area school children, who will be able



PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Close to 50 people showed up to the Dec. 10 fruit-tree planting at La Semilla Food Center in Anthony.

to “take fruit right off the trees,” Dominguez-Eshelman said.

Dominguez-Eshelman said other trees will be planted outside the one-half acre fruit orchard to provide more shade for the farm. And, she hopes to plant garden beds between the new trees to grow more vegetables.

The farm is located at 101 E. Joy Drive in Anthony, New Mexico and was incorporated in May 2010. The first planting was done in June 2013, Dominguez-Eshelman said. La Semilla is a certified nonprofit organization.

For more information, contact Dominguez-Eshelman at 575-882-2393 or cristina@lasemillafoodcenter.org. Visit www.lasemillafoodcenter.org.



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There are still plenty of chores left to do

Another year has gone by. They just seem to get shorter and shorter!

It has been quite a warm winter. With that in mind, there are still plenty of chores to do around the yard. It is now time to rake those leaves that have taken their time to fall this winter. At the time this was written, I still had a beautiful red oak in its full red glory, but I am sure this will change soon. Please try to reuse or compost any leaves if possible. The fallen leaves make great addition to poor, starving soils and may



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help reduce winter weed growth, as well as retain moisture. If any plants or trees have shown signs of disease or insects, it is best to discard those leaves as they may pose a threat of spreading into next year's growth.

You may do some light pruning at this time. Keep in mind the best rule of thumb is to have a reason for every cut that you make. In other words, will it keep its natural shape? Is this branch or limb diseased? Is it in the way of a view or walkway? Will the tree or shrub still have "balance" after removal? Do not prune just for the sake of pruning!

If your landscape looks a bit bleak, you may consider planting something that keeps its leaves all year long. Shopping at a garden center during the winter may help your garden be a bit more interesting during the coldest months. There are plenty of "evergreens" (plants that keep leaves during this time of year) that will also add some color to your lot. Trees such as magnolia, live oak, pine or eucalyptus can add some substance to larger areas. Shrubs such as nandina, kaleidoscope abelia, emerald n' gold euonymus or emerald gaiety euonymus, provide purplish-red to reddish-orange hues during the winter chill.

Evergreens such as juniper,

xylosma, wax leaf privet and euonymus will provide basic green during the frigid temps. Other evergreens such as pyracantha, holly, yaupon holly and dwarf yaupon holly will not only provide winter green but will provide orange or red berries to boot.

Winter greens such as abelia, oleander and raphiolepis (Indian hawthorn), will give you green during winter and will have flowers during the regular growing season. Juniper and arborvitae can also add low-maintenance greenery and are available in a wide range of colors from green to blue and in sizes from small ground cover to larger upright specimens. Once established, these become

quite drought tolerant, especially during the winter months.

You can get a good jump start on the upcoming spring by planting during this time of year. It requires less watering and the weather is much friendlier than the hot, dry spring winds we usually go through. So get out there and enjoy our beautiful Southwestern sun!

Please don't forget to mulch your cut Christmas tree with the city.

Gary Guzman, owner of Color Your World Nursery and Guzman's Greenhouse, considers gardening one of his hobbies as well as his trade. He can be reached at 575-521-0496 or gary@guzmansgreenhouse.com.

Health department announces top 2016 baby names in New Mexico

Top 10 Baby Names in New Mexico in 2016*

	GIRLS	BOYS
1	Mia	Elijah
2	Sophia	Noah
3	Olivia	Michael
4	Emma	Liam
5	Isabella	Josiah
6	Ava	Sebastian
7	Emily	Ethan
8	Sophia	Jacob
9	Abigail	Aiden
10	Amelia	Lucas

* Provisional data



Amelia and Sebastian make their top 10 debut on this year's list. Since the Department of Health began releasing this list in 2014:

- Mia and Sophia have been the top two names for newborn girls in New Mexico
- Noah has been first or second among the top names for newborn boys.
- Michael has increasingly risen in popularity from 10th place in 2014, fourth in 2015 to third this year.

Fresh juice bar opens inside Dwell Yoga Downtown

By **MIKE COOK**

For the Bulletin

Owner Kim Inman and juice barista Lisa Peña are making and serving a variety of fresh and healthy juices six days a week at the brand-new Dwell Fresh Juice, which opened Dec. 5 inside Dwell Yoga studio, 424 N. Main St., suite 500, in Downtown Las Cruces.

Special blends are made fresh each day for healthy juice enthusiasts in five different levels – beginning, intermediate, advanced, expert and mix your own. The juices get less sweet and more tart as you

go up, Peña said.

The juices include oranges, apples, carrots, cucumbers, mint, lemon, lime, kale, ginger, turmeric, celery, beets and even spinach, parsley cayenne and sweet potatoes.

The cold-pressed juices provide “low-sugar, high-density nutrients, potent enzymes, vitamins and phytonutrients that are directly absorbed into your bloodstream,” according to a Dwell Fresh Juice flyer.

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BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

A new and refreshing take on juicing is happening at Dwell Fresh Juice, which opened Dec. 5 inside Dwell Yoga studio, 424 N. Main St.

Udall, Heinrich welcome funding to combat opioid epidemic

By **JENNIFER TALHELM and WHITNEY POTTER**

For the Bulletin

On Dec. 7, U.S. senators Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich joined the Senate in voting 94-5 for a bill that includes critically needed new resources for New Mexico and other states struggling to treat and prevent the growing prescription opioid abuse epidemic. The funding was included in bipartisan health care legislation called the 21st Century Cures Act and now will be sent to the president's desk to be signed into law.

The bill sets aside \$1 billion for competitive grants to supplement ongoing efforts by states to combat the opioid crisis, giving preference to state applicants experiencing a

high prevalence of addiction. New Mexico, which ranks among the states with the highest rates of opioid-related deaths, would be considered a top candidate. In 2014, New Mexico had the second-highest rate of drug overdose deaths in the nation, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The grants program — which is expected to be funded for this year in a must-pass budget bill — finally provides much-needed resources that Udall and Heinrich have strongly supported. Both senators backed President Obama's request for \$1.1 billion to combat opioid and heroin addiction and pushed for the funding to be included in the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act

(CARA) when it passed earlier this year. However, Senate Republicans blocked that attempt. Udall and Heinrich also have fought for funding through other legislation and for resources to expand programs that improve screening and treatment of individuals suffering from substance abuse and opioid addiction.

The 21st Century Cures Act also includes money for the National Institutes of Health to fund important cancer research, significant mental health legislation which reauthorizes youth suicide prevention programs and strengthens the law requiring insurance companies to treat mental health care on par with medical benefits, and reforms to the Food and

Drug Administration to spur innovation for rare disease treatments.

“The resources for states struggling to address the opioid addiction crisis couldn't be more important to the health of New Mexico's families and communities. Particularly in our rural communities, families are suffering the devastating consequences of the prescription drug abuse and heroin epidemic. These communities have seen families torn apart and lives lost, and they are crying out for our help to overcome the scourge of opioid abuse,” Udall said. “We need to support efforts to prevent drug abuse before it starts, make reforms to our mental health treatment programs, and ensure

that anyone who wants help can get it — no matter where they live. The funds included in the Cures Act will be designated for states that are most in need, and I am working with Senator Heinrich to help New Mexico get its share of this vital support.”

“This bipartisan compromise is a step in the right direction to address the opioid epidemic in New Mexico, fix our broken mental health system, and develop lifesaving cures and treatments for diseases,” said Heinrich. “For years, New Mexico's communities have suffered through inadequate access to mental health treatment, and some of the highest rates of chronic disease and opioid addiction in the nation. We need substan-

tial resources and a comprehensive approach to combat the unique public health challenges we face. While not perfect, 21st Century Cures provides \$1 billion to combat the prescription opioid and heroin epidemic, mental health reforms, and \$4.8 billion in new funding to the National Institute of Health for medical research and the development of lifesaving cures. These resources are desperately needed in New Mexico and I will work to ensure that these federal funds reach our state.”

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Free Alzheimer's caregiver workshops set for January



Seven-week 'Savvy Caregiver' course options available

A free, seven-week education course offered by the Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter will have session options in both the afternoon and evening to accommodate more participants.

"The Savvy Caregiver Program" is an ongoing course presented by the Alzheimer's Association, NM Chapter. The morning session option will be held once a week from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning each Tuesday, from Jan. 10 through Feb. 21. On the same day of the week (Tuesdays), an afternoon session option will be available from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Both will be held at the Alzheimer's Association Office, 125 N. Main Street, Ste 103.

To register or for more information, contact: Steven Montaño at 575-647-3868 or stmontano@alz.org.

Alzheimer's 'Basics' presentation Jan. 26

Families facing Alzheimer's disease, and wishing to learn more about it, will have access to a free presentation by the Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter.

"The Basics of Alzheimer's Disease" is a free presentation designed as an introduction for non-professional or family caregivers who are seeking a basic knowledge of Alzheimer's disease and an overview of support resources available in their area to better understand how to care for a loved-one or care-recipient.

The presentation is from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26 at the Alzheimer's Association Office, 125 N. Main St., Ste 103. The class is open to all citizens of Las Cruces and surrounding communities.

To register or for more information please contact Steven Montaño at 575-647-3868 or stmontano@alz.org

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The Alzheimer's Association, NM Chapter, in collaboration with the Southern Area Health Education Center (SoAHEC), will host a free caregiver workshop for Spanish-speaking families facing Alzheimer's disease and dementia in the Las Cruces area, according to a press release from the association.

"Cuidando con Respeto" is a free course presented in Spanish for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. It provides the same helpful information as the "Savvy Caregiver Program," but is designed for Spanish-speaking families and caregivers. The workshop will provide a basic understanding of the necessary skills and attitudes to manage the needs and challenges of an individual with Alzheimer's disease.

According to the press release, the program "is more than just a Spanish-language Savvy Caregiver. It is a complete cultural translation of the Savvy program, with a sensitivity to the values and customs of Spanish-speaking families in New Mexico."

"The number of Americans living with Alzheimer's disease is growing – and growing fast," it said. "Today, 5.4 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, including an estimated 200,000 under the age of 65. It is the 6th leading cause of death in the US, and nearly two-thirds of those with Alzheimer's disease – 3.3 million –

are women. Nearly one in every three seniors who dies each year has Alzheimer's or another dementia."

"Currently, there is no cure for Alzheimer's. The growing Alzheimer's crisis is helping to bankrupt Medicare," said Alzheimer's Association New Mexico Chapter representative Chris Chaffin. "In 2016, the direct costs to American society of caring for those with Alzheimer's will total an estimated \$236 billion, with just under half of the costs borne by Medicare. This cost is projected to increase to \$1.1 trillion (in today's dollars) by 2050."

"Alzheimer's takes a devastating toll – not just on those with the disease, but on entire families," Chaffin said. "In our own state, 37,000 New Mexicans are suffering from Alzheimer's. They are cared for by 106,000 unpaid caregivers, many of whom are members of their own families."

The program is comprised of evidence-based training which aims to teach caregivers practical techniques for interacting with loved ones with Alzheimer's disease, and for understanding and managing their behavior.

"It also imparts tools for long-term planning and for reducing stresses common to Alzheimer's caregivers."

The course explains the signs, impacts and pathology of Alzheimer's disease, Chaffin said in the press release.

"Someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's every 66 seconds," Chaffin said. "In 2050, someone in the United States will develop the disease every 33 seconds. By that same year, up to 16 million will have the disease."

"Cuidando con Respeto" is presented as a four-hour workshop that meets on two separate days, for a total of eight hours. The sessions will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10 and Wednesday, Jan. 11 at the Southern Area Health Education Center, 4003 Geothermal Drive.

Class size is limited and they do fill up quickly, Chaffin said. Participants may be reimbursed for the cost of having others tend to their loved one while they attend the classes.

To register or for more information, contact Lori at 575-646-4887 or Ana Luisa at 575-646-3061. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

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New Mexico State University freshman Gia Pack takes a shot during a recent game. Pack was named WAC Player of the Week.

Pack snares WAC honor; Ags thump WNMU

BULLETIN REPORT

New Mexico State women's basketball freshman Gia Pack was named the College Sports Madness WAC Player of the Week after leading the women's basketball team to a resounding win against Western New Mexico, 85-28, on New Year's Eve. The guard put up a career-high 22 points, including four of seven from three-point range, to go along with three steals and two rebounds.

This is the first College Sports Madness WAC Player of the Week honor of Pack's career and the third time an Aggie player has been recognized this season (Brooke Salas, Tamara William).

The game against WNMU saw the Phoenix native play sound

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Aggies sweep away Miners



BULLETIN PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE

New Mexico State University forward Jemerrio Jones seals the Aggies' victory against rival UTEP with a dunk, Friday, Dec. 30 at the Pan American Center.

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico State men's basketball team extended its win-streak to 11 and claimed the Battle of I-10 against visiting Texas-El Paso 79-70 on Friday, Dec. 30, for its first sweep of the Miners in back-to-back seasons since the 1998-00 seasons.

NM State moved to 13-2 after beating UTEP; the Aggies played Missouri-Kansas City Thursday, Jan. 5, but the game did not end as of press time. NMSU plays at Chicago State, Saturday, Jan. 7 and then returns home to play Grand Canyon at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 12.

With the victory against UTEP, NM State moved its home win-streak to 19, tying the win-streak set from 2005-07 under Reggie Theus' watch. The win marked just the fifth time the Aggies have swept UTEP in back-to-back seasons in the last 50 years.

"When you play UTEP, you have to prepare for a lot of different defenses," Aggie coach Paul Weir said. "Not necessarily knowing which one you are going to see. It just took a little bit

of time to get into a rhythm against the one we did."

Sluggish shooting from the Aggies coupled with turnovers saw the visiting Miners (2-10) open with a 10-0 run. However, a 20-0 run by NM State midway through the first half saw it take a 22-16 lead before heading into the locker room with a 38-30 advantage.

Despite the Miners making 13 field goals to the Aggies' 12, a 7-4 edge in 3-point field goals allowed NM State to take the lead at the start of the second half.

Every time UTEP made a run in the second half, the Aggies responded with a run of their own or a 3-pointer to take the wind out of the Miners' sails.

Matt Wilms gave the Miners an early push with three-straight buckets to open the second frame, but an 11-0 run started and ended by Ian Baker extended the Aggie lead to 49-36 with 15:10 left to play.

An 8-0 run by the Miners then ensued, but was halted by Jemerrio Jones. He then followed with an assist to Chuha to make it 53-44 at

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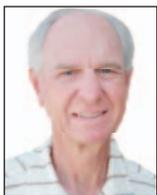
Support your local golf club

IN 2001, the State of Michigan proudly boasted a total of 970 golf courses, which was the fifth most in the nation. Today there are 773 courses. Nationwide, the golf course supply has simply outpaced demand, partly due to the recession-prone economy and partly due to America's changing recreational habits.

I have been writing about the precipitous decline in the numbers of golfers and the closing of golf courses for a couple of months. We don't need once-flourishing fairways on decommissioned golf course properties to be turned into "agrihoods" or to be repurposed for walkabout "placemaking" parks. We need to make golf great again. It's now time for us avid golfers to take some positive action to help recreational golf start moving in the right direction. Today it's about how to support your own golf club.

First, you should play some of the club's own tournaments and fun competitions, which may have the added benefit of getting to play with and getting introduced to some of the members you didn't know before. I'd like to encourage golfers in our town to invite guests to play your favorite course.

All courses have some form of coupon or discount for guests who may be future members. Don't forget about enjoying



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the dining and beverage service; it doesn't have to be connected with a round of golf, either. After a round of golf, do not immediately scamper off the premises to meet for beverages and food elsewhere. Stay for a while. Support your club.

Mentioning your club to friends and newcomers to our town can go a long way to enhancing reputation and membership at your club, whether it be private or semi-private. Book a lesson from your pro. Also, it is important to become part of the club's men's or women's golf associations, since these groups usually arrange the tournaments and need input from members. Consider getting on the club's advisory board. If your club doesn't have a member advisory board which is empowered with some influence on operations, then something's wrong. Management has to get on board if things are to get better. (There are no "equity" golf clubs in our city. An equity club means that the members are in control of the op-

erations, policies and the decisions.)

Further, give your staff a friendly word of praise as often as you can. Sure, you have some complaints with some operations and practices. Put those aside I'm urging, and perhaps take them up when times are better. Sincere compliments go a long way for maintaining morale and help make workers, including the pro shop, restaurant, maintenance, starters, marshals, cart girls, cart/range/bag boys, and so on, feel their efforts are appreciated. They will often make the extra efforts to make you, the member, have a more enjoyable experience.

"Please" and "Thank you" are also important, just like when you were a kid. And did I mention tipping suitably?

During the past 50 years (especially the last 30 years) many golf courses were built as part of a housing development – sometimes known as a "golfing community." But granted, not all of the homeowners were golfers

"In the 1980's and 1990's people prized owning a home on or very close to a championship golf course, but that has since changed dramatically," said one real estate developer who wished to remain anonymous. "There are homes and lots on very high-end country clubs in some locations in the U.S. that were bought for \$500,000 to over \$2 million and now are hard to

dump for a mere fraction of that."

One lesson certainly is that nothing in the real estate market is completely guaranteed. If you own property that is part of a golfing community, get involved in your homeowners association (HOA). In the case of Picacho Hills (and environs) I learned recently that there are no less than 33 HOA's and one more-or-less overarching group, the Picacho Hills Property Owners Association. Supporting your club, even if you aren't a golfer, could mean everything for property values.

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the under 12 media timeout.

UTEP cut the NM State lead to seven twice with less than four minutes to play, but it just didn't have enough firepower to take the lead as the Aggies hung on for the win.

Baker wrapped up with a game-high 24 points behind 6-of-10 shooting from downtown. Jones finished with 17 points and 11 boards on the night for his fifth double-double of the season, tying Eli Chuha for the team lead. Huggins chipped

in with 15 points while Chuha added 13 points and seven boards.

POSTGAME NOTES: Weir became the first coach since Ken Hayes (1975-76) to sweep the Miners in his first season at the helm...this year's squad became just the fourth team in school history to go undefeated in the month of December (7-0)...NM State is now 10-0 at home...Friday was just the fourth time this season NM State has made 10 or more shots from downtown...Baker's six 3-pointers tied his career-high from 2015, coincidentally also set against UTEP.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Valeria Valtierra is a 17-year-old junior at Las Cruces High School. She plays guard and post on the Lady BullDawgs basketball team. This season Valtierra has had 10.2 points, 5.1 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game. She is a team captain and is an extremely hard worker both on and off the basketball court. Valtierra is well-liked by her teammates and her classmates. She is a dedicated student, with a 3.6 GPA, and takes honors and AP classes and plans on attending college to major in engineering. Outside of the classroom and off the court, Valtierra enjoys playing guitar and spending time with family and friends.



Markus Collins is a 16-year-old junior at Las Cruces High School. He plays shooting and point guard on the BullDawgs basketball team. Collins is averaging 12 points a game and is a natural leader with a great work ethic. His school spirit is evident on and off the court. Collins is a dedicated student, with a 3.6 GPA and when out of the classroom and off the court, enjoys getting good grades, spending time with family, studying the Bible and having a relationship with God.

LAS CRUCES HIGH SCHOOL

Burying the Miners



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE

New Mexico State University's Eli Chuha collides with UTEP's Jake Flaggert while diving for a loose ball in the first half of the I-10 rivalry, Friday, Dec. 30., at home in the Pan American Center. The Aggies won 79-70 to sweep their season series with the Miners. NMSU plays at Chicago State Saturday, Jan. 7, and then returns home for a contest with Grand Canyon on Thursday, Jan. 12.

NMSU Head Coach Paul Weir gives instruction during a timeout against the Miners.



NMSU's Jemerrio Jones drives past UTEP's Kevin Jones for a layup.

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basketball as she did not turn the ball over and her three steals

helped the team lead in forced turnovers at the end of the game (24-9). The great offensive and defensive night saw Pack lead the team in

scoring as she played 21 minutes on the night.

The commanding victory for NM State saw them hold the Mustangs to 28 points

which was a series low, besting the previous 32 points allowed in a win for the Aggies in 1974-75. The win brought the team to 8-6 on the year.

The game against WNMU wrapped up non-conference play for NM State as they will now turn their attention to their Western

Athletic Conference opponents. The Aggies take on Chicago State at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 7 at home in the Pan American Center.