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Bataan Death March



Participants in the 75th anniversary of the Bataan Death March during World War II, held at White Sands Missile Range March 19, included survivors and Wounded Warriors who grasped the solemnity of the occasion. For more photos from this year's march, see pages 22 and 23.

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Student art show reception set for March 31

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

The official opening of the newest student show will be held Friday, March 31, from 3-4:30 p.m. Many student artists, their families and public-school faculty art teachers will be on hand. Refreshments will be served, and the public is encouraged to attend.

The student art shows have been a rotating fixture for Doña Ana County's main lobby since 2000, with thousands of works by local student artists displayed for the public during that time.

The student art exhibit complements the permanent art collection within the Doña Ana County Government Center, which includes 41 original oils and acrylics – mostly landscapes – donated in December of 2013 by Las Cruces artist

Joyce T. Macrorie, as well as a series of historical photographs in the upstairs rotunda, and a spectacular photograph of the Organ Mountains donated in 2007 by Las Cruces artist R. Frederick Silva. The piece, titled "Fall Splendor," hangs on a second floor east wall, adjacent to the main entrance to the administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners and the Office of the County Manager.

Also on display in the upstairs rotunda are works by students from the Hatch Public Schools, as well as a 10-piece mural by Las Cruces artist Meg G. Freyermuth, who made a long-term loan to the Doña Ana County



NEW DONATIONS

Internationally acclaimed Las Cruces artist George Mendoza has donated two original paintings to the Doña Ana County Government Center's Permanent Collection. Both are on display adjacent to the ground floor elevators. Mendoza will be on hand Friday, March 31, from 3-4:30 p.m., in conjunction with the reception for the Government Center's student art show reception. Mendoza has exhibited his work locally for decades, and he also shows in galleries across the United States and abroad.

Government Center's art collection. Titled, "Leap: It is Unchanging, Yet Trembles Sweetly," the impressionistic depiction of the Organ Mountains hangs on the west wall of the second-floor rotunda of the building. Below it is a plaque with information about the painting, its history and its dedication. Freyermuth coordinated the loan through the Doña Ana County Special Projects Office, which curates both the rotating student art shows and the building's permanent and semi-permanent collections.

On permanent display downstairs is an original oil painting by the late Las Cruces artist Alice Terry donat-

ed to the Doña Ana County Government Center in 2008 for permanent display. The painting, titled 'Heart of the Problem,' depicts a dry desert arroyo and represents the artist's respect for the power of arroyos and the damage they can inflict to property during the summer Monsoon Season inherent to southern New Mexico.

Las Cruces artist Virginia Maria Romero donated four signed prints to the Doña Ana County Government Center for permanent display. The pieces are on display on the second floor near the elevators. Romero is a 20+ year resident of Doña Ana County who has shown her work regionally, nationally and globally. The four pieces featured at the Doña Ana County Government Center are titled "Outcasts," "Migration," "Survival" and "Tonantzin."

On semi-permanent display in the main lobby is one of New Mexico's most famous painted ponies. *Caballo de Las Cruces* is covered with more than 2 million tiny, decorative, glass beads. *Caballo de Las Cruces* was designed by local artist Julienne Hadfield. The

beading process took more than 4,000 hours to complete by a dedicated group of more than 100 community volunteers. The pony was designed to honor Las Cruces and the surrounding area.

Also on semi-permanent display is "The Gift" by New Mexico artist David Linn. "The Gift" is on loan from the New Mexico Arts Council's Art in Public Places program. The painting is displayed downstairs near the central elevators.

The public is invited to tour the art exhibits both upstairs and downstairs at any time during normal county business hours.

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Phone scammers use phony sheriff's number

BULLETIN REPORT

Scammers who hope to profit off unsuspecting residents in Doña Ana County are now using phone numbers with recorded messages saying callers have reached the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department.

The number that is now circulating is 575-652-6292, which is not a legitimate number to any extension at the sheriff's department. A recording asks callers to leave a number, and are then contacted with instructions on how to clear up a warrant using a pre-paid check card.

The sheriff's department has never – nor will it ever – contact anyone by phone to clear up a warrant. Additionally, fines can only be paid through the magistrate or district court system – never through a prepaid check card to someone over the phone.

Investigators say several people have made reports this week after falling victim to the phone scam. Thieves historically have also preyed on victims using false

information regarding unpaid taxes.

The New Mexico Attorney General's office recently highlighted the top phone scams circulating throughout the state as part of Consumer Protection Week, which included fraudulent phone calls attempting to collect on a warrant or delinquent taxes.

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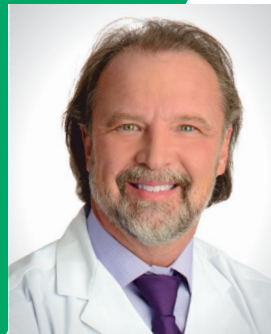
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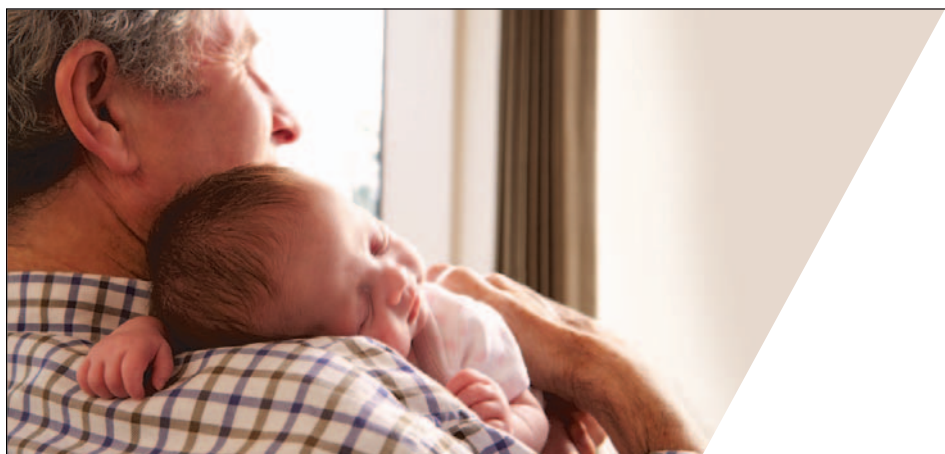
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Buffalo Roast feeds local nonprofit

By **MIKE COOK**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

Human Systems Research, Inc. (HSR), a nonprofit for anthropological research and preservation based in Las Cruces, held its annual Buffalo Roast fundraising dinner March 11 at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.

"It was a most successful fundraiser because it was a festive evening when friends and supporters from Albuquerque, Truth or Consequences, Silver City, Alamogordo, Las Cruces and El Paso joined us to celebrate HSR's 45th anniversary and shared a savory meal of roast buffalo with delicious side dishes and dessert," said HSR Executive Director Deborah Dennis, Ph.D.

Dennis said about 225 people paid to attend the dinner, and another 40 to 50 called in their regrets because of seasonal flu, pneumonia and allergies.

Entertainment was provided by actor VanAnn Moore, who portrayed three women from New Mexico's territorial period in her show called "The Amazing Women of the West."



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At Human Systems Research, Inc.'s annual Buffalo Roast dinner fundraiser were, left to right, HSR Assistant Director David T. Kirkpatrick, researcher Judy Berryman, Associate Director Karl Laumbach, performer VanAnn Moore, HSR Executive Director Deb Dennis and assistant Barbara Milligan.

The dinner raises funds for HSR's archaeological research projects, in particular the Canada Alamosa Project in southern Socorro County.

For more information on HSR, call 575-524-9456 or email info@humansystemsresearch.org. Visit <http://humansystemsresearch.org/>.

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Education programs lead NMSU graduate rankings

BULLETIN REPORT

New Mexico State University's College of Education graduate programs lead the university's programs on the new U.S. News & World Report's Best Graduate Schools list.

The College of Education graduate programs, tied for 101st this year, improved 45 spots from a year ago. Education graduate degrees are available in four specialties – De-

partment of Counseling and Educational Psychology, Department of Educational Leadership and Administration, Department of Special Education/Communication Disorders, and Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

Other NMSU graduate departments with programs ranked in the top 200 include: English, tied 108; Physics, tied 111; Art, tied 114; Math,

tied 115; Special Education and Communication Disorders, tied 120; Social Work, tied 123; Chemistry and Biochemistry, tied 131; Nursing (Doctor of Nursing Practice), tied 131 and (Master's) tied 166; College of Engineering, tied 139; Government, tied 168; Biology, tied 175; Psychology, tied 181.

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Capturing time in a bottle

Tinkering with the clock has ripple effects

Many of us spent last week in a groggy fog, trying to adjust brains, bodies, kids and dogs to the lost hour of time. Of course, we didn't really lose an hour, the hour still happened. Such is the strange mystery of Daylight Saving Time.

Last year around this time I wrote a column about New Mexico State Senator Cliff Pirtle, a farmer from Roswell. Pirtle, who sports the most impressive beard in the Legislature — and I would venture to say the entire state government — also has a nice jump shot on the basketball floor. At 31, I believe he's our youngest state senator.

I praised him for his common sense last year, for introducing a bill to keep New Mexico on daylight time year-round, thus avoiding the pesky semi-annual clock fiddling.

He introduced it again, Senate Bill 239, which passed 26-15 in the senate, and March 10 passed the House Business and Industry committee, which recommended it to pass. As of



RICHARD COLTHARP
From the Publisher

this writing, however, the House had not voted on it.

My 2016 column was partially tongue-in-cheek, but it prompted feedback I hadn't anticipated.

A key concern for some folks in Doña Ana County, and others

who do a lot of business and personal interaction in El Paso, is the potential problems the time difference creates. There is a similar concern with folks in Lordsburg and the western part of the state who deal with Arizona. Of course, those folks already know the issue, because Arizona quit doing daylight time many years ago.

An interesting aspect of Pirtle's bill would have us be permanently on Daylight Time.

That means instead of being

an hour ahead of Arizona half the year, we'd be an hour ahead year round. It means we would be the same time as El Paso half the year, but when they switch back to Mountain Standard, we would be an hour ahead of them. This would create the curious phenomenon of driving east to west across a state line and actually moving ahead an hour.

This eliminates one of my concerns, which was having to get up an hour earlier than need be to catch a flight out of El Paso. We'd actually get to sleep an extra hour half the year.

However, there are some businesses who constantly work with El Paso, and for whom a one-hour difference could be critical. There are other situations too. Many Las Cruces watch El Paso television stations. I'm not a huge TV guy, but many people build their schedules around the news or their favorite TV shows. This could be frustrating for some folks.

The time change could be beneficial for some things. For

example, if you were going to a 7 p.m. event in El Paso, for half the year you could actually leave Las Cruces at 7 p.m. and be at your event at 6:55 p.m. It's like you're driving a time machine! The downside is, after the event, you'd leave El Paso at 10 p.m., but instead of getting home at 11 p.m., you'd not be home until midnight.

It might also be harder to get yourself and the kids ready for the day in the winter, when it's still dark at 8 a.m.

Many think DST has something to do with agriculture, but it was created as an energy saving device. The U.S. first implemented it in World War I and again in World War II. The idea being, if the sun is out later, people will use lights less. When America finally formalized DST in 1973, during the energy crisis, Arizona begged off. Because of their oppressive heat, they didn't want another hour of daylight in the evening.

Regardless of your feelings about Daylight Saving Time, no doubt the debate will rage until the last person turns off the lights.

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Use state's permanent fund to invest in our schools

Every children's story has a victim, a villain and a hero. And so it is with the State of New Mexico and funding for early childhood education, our public schools, and universities. The victims are the children of the state who are crying out for someone to hear them and to provide a bright future through education and opportunities.

But who are the villains? And where are the heroes? Who will step up to be the hero the children of this state need?

Our state sits on a permanent fund of over \$16 billion while we continue to spiral down in an economic recession of our own making. We don't have to be in an economic crisis when we have \$16 billion invested in Wall Street, yet we refuse to sufficiently fund our



BILL SOULES
State Senator

schools or invest in our people. An economic downturn, like the one that occurred in 2008, can wipe out billions of dollars invested in Wall Street, but investments we make in

education and people can never be lost.

The Legislature is able to invest in New Mexico's future and to provide hope. Or it can remain fearful and hoard the resources of the state.

We can use the permanent fund to invest in our future. We can rescind the Richardson-era tax cuts gifted to the wealthiest top 1 percent, and instead use those funds to pay for early childhood education and our public schools. We can invest in our universities and community colleges to provide a better future for our state. We can create the conditions for more economic development in this state that moves us forward, allowing our state to grow and develop.

Every compelling story has a victim, a villain, and a hero. Who are going to be the heroes for New Mexico?

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An overdue New Mexico celebration

There is a celebration missing in New Mexico, and our tourist industry would love to have another festival where tourists come celebrate with us. Better, this celebration would be about a real New Mexico hero. Unfortunately, New Mexico does not currently celebrate this man.

Over the years, New Mexico has developed a large celebration involving famous western outlaw Billy the Kid. Me, I would rather celebrate lawmen than outlaws. So why not celebrate Sheriff Pat Garrett? There is so much misinformation about Billy the Kid and Pat Garrett, which is why Pat Garrett still is not celebrated.

No longer. A new book is out written by David G. Thomas: "Billy the Kid's grave: a history of the Wild West's most famous death marker." It's Volume 4 of



MICHAEL SWICKARD

In My Opinion

the Mesilla Valley History Series.

The author is the son of former New Mexico State University President Gerald Thomas. David Thomas is a careful historical researcher combining a background in history and competition chess.

There are many parts of the Billy the Kid story that I had wrong from traditional sources. David Thomas's book clears up several inaccuracies that I had embraced, including the actual location of Billy the

Kid's grave. Previous reports are now shown to be wrong. It took a researcher of David Thomas's ability to prove the location.

Garrett was a Sheriff of Lincoln County, then later of Doña Ana County. He is a New Mexico hero with plenty of blemishes. People are stuck in their ways of thinking from popular movies where Garrett is the villain and Billy the hero.

This is false. The real hero was lawman Pat Garrett while Billy the Kid was a criminal who murdered people including three New Mexico lawmen. The Billy folks always point out that Garrett was known to visit taverns. And was a rotten gambler.

While having human failings, Pat Garrett performed heroically when duty called. If

Pat Garrett was living today, he would provide plenty of stories for the tabloids about his drinking and gambling.

But when duty called, Garrett didn't shrink back. Like the stories about the police and fire personnel on Sept. 11, Garrett ran toward danger, not away from it.

We remember Garrett mostly because he is currently depicted as the villain in the Billy the Kid movies. However, Billy's character, by actual western standards, was that of a coward, cheat and horse-thief. The community in 1881 heaved a collective sigh of relief when Garrett finally got Billy the Kid in Ft. Sumner that July night, as David Thomas's book conclusively documents.

As we think of Garrett, let

us reflect on these facts: Garrett only used his guns to bring peace to New Mexico. Billy killed at least seven people in cold-blood. Garrett raised a family. His blind daughter, Elizabeth, was a nationally recognized opera singer. In 1915, she wrote New Mexico's official song, "O Fair New Mexico."

We should have Pat Garrett Days in Las Cruces — to make up for his foul murder and being treated even worse in death. I cannot right the wrong done to Garrett and subsequent generations of Garretts still in our community other than tell the truth about him.

Swickard's new novel, "Hideaway Hills," is available at Amazon.com. He may be reached at drswickard@comcast.net



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Session a Capitol experience

To the editor:

The 2017 legislative session has just finished, and as I worked during this 60-day session, it is an experience I wish more would pursue. Aside from connecting with old friends in Santa Fe and many new friends, my experience although not my first, was my best.

The Capitol is a place where legislation is started, reviewed, debated and then either completed by both houses or killed in the process. There are a lot of moving parts to the process and many people involved in getting it done. The members work hard to listen to their constituents whether they come in person, call or email.

In my personal view, there are way too many bills entered, making it impossible to get everything done, but maybe the reason for hundreds of bills in a short time is so that it doesn't all get done. But let's discuss how much can happen during

the session. For review, there are constitutional changes, new law, tax increases, budget cuts, new budgets and so much more. There are compromises, in a few cases, and there are so many more that become debates of no return. I am amazed at what is a priority, but then again, we all have a difference of opinion.

The staff works hard to accommodate all the needs of each member, constituent, visitor and the many more that walk through this amazing building. As the days were winding down to hours, key staff and members worked as many as 80 hours that final week. So, what got solved? That depends on what is of interest to you and your family or business or maybe how much you prefer not to know. In the words of my favorite singer, Barry White, "Never take anything for granted."

*Dolores Connor
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Students fear ICE

To the editor:

RE: "Take political fundraising out of immigration issues," Friday March 3, Michael Swickard's Opinion column:

Since the beginning of February ICE agents have arrested at least 600 immigrants in at least six states; since then the number has more than certain increased. The mass arrests and deportation that have swept across the country have us all shocked and in fear including here in our local community.

The fear is not only in those who are here illegally, but those who have relatives and children whose parents aren't citizens, for in an instant, their entire world can change. This fear has crossed over to high school students. In recent weeks, the protest of President Trump's immigration policies and a protest outside the courthouse are just two ways our community is trying to be heard.

With so much uncertainty and fear, who can people turn to for help? Who can be trusted? Individuals in our community have a right feel safe.

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If you're aged 40+, you answered “YES” to any of those questions, and you have suffered with low back pain for longer than 9 days now, then please pay special attention to what I'm about to tell you... It could help save your job, your independence, mobility, family and everything else you hold dear in your life.

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It's a shame that so many people think their only option is to “rest”, visit an expensive chiropractor every week or just as bad, mask their pain with pills and hope that it just goes away...

...Because as you may be experiencing, if you've suffered for longer than 9 days, something is wrong and there is a problem - and I want to help you by *simply showing you all of the different options that are currently available to you* - some of which are new, most are free, all are 100% natural and **at least one of them** you will have overlooked as many insurance companies won't tell you unless you ask for it!...

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My name is Dennis Prickett, a physical therapist who specializes in helping people aged 40+ to find quick, natural and long lasting relief from back pain.

And it's very often the case that success with finding long lasting relief from chronic lower back pain is a simple case of “*do this, but don't do that!*”... ..And that's why I have decided to make you aware of this new Special Report that has been privately published.

My reasons for writing this report are clear and simple: to help people in this area *make a better, more educated and more informed decision* about their health.

I want you to read this BEFORE you have the

-Report By Las Cruces Physical Therapist, Dennis Prickett

hassle of talking to your network or even begin to think about who to see, or where to go and how much it will cost - and to show you proof that many things can be done, some by you at home as soon as tonight, to put an end to back pain fast.

And, if you're already receiving care elsewhere, I wouldn't be surprised if there's something in my report that they aren't telling you or have skipped over, *but you really must know!*

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- The change you can make in the bedroom to get a **better nights sleep!** (Pg.7)
- A simple trick for easing back pain that costs you nothing - perfect if you just want to play **golf, cycle longer, or jog further!** (Pg.8)

More: Knowing what I reveal on page 4, could help you (or someone at home) move more freely, improve posture and even save you some money on chiropractic bills!

Ultimately, the report shows you the number one thing anyone aged 40+ can do to actually get to the bottom of back pain without needing a referral from a doctor.

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J. Paul Taylor Symposium addresses mental health

Anne Hubbell, a professor with New Mexico State University's Communication Studies department, presented 2017 Social Justice awards to Lorenzo Alba of Casa de Peregrinos food pantry and Satya Rao, a professor in NMSU's Public Health Services department. The awards were part of the opening ceremonies of this year's J Paul Taylor Symposium.

BULLETIN
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BULLETIN REPORT

The theme for the 13th annual J. Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium, held March 15 at New Mexico State University, centered on the "experience and treatment of mental illness," according to the program.

This year, Lorenzo Alba, executive director of Casa de Peregrinos, and Satyapriya Rao, professor in NMSU's Public Health Sciences Department, received the Las Cruces Community Social Justice Award and the NMSU Government Department Social Justice Award respectively.

Speakers included Dr. Thomas Thompson, a psychiatrist at La Clinica

de Familia, who gave a presentation titled "Social Justice and Mental Health Care Reform: Patient Comorbidity and the Need for Integrated Health Care Centers in Rural America."

One panel focused on mental health and law enforcement issues and featured Third Judicial District Attorney Mark D'Antonio, FBI Special Agent Ida D'Antonio, New Mexico State University Chief of Police Stephen Lopez, and LCPD Sergeant Robert Gutierrez.

Another panel focused on veterans and mental illness, specifically the difficulties faced by

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J Paul Taylor and Audrey Hardman-Hartley attend opening ceremonies of the 13th Annual J Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium Tuesday, March 14, at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts on the campus of New Mexico State University. This year's theme was "Voices of the Invisible Majority: Social Justice and Mental Health."

SYMPOSIUM

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veterans who are often prohibited from talking about their experiences because of confidentiality agreements with the military.

Bobbi Marsh, director of military programs at Peak Mental Hospital in Santa Teresa, and Dr. Harry Silsby, a psychiatrist at the hospital, said speaking to a psychologist or psychiatrist was important for veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

The program's penultimate presentation was a scene from a theater



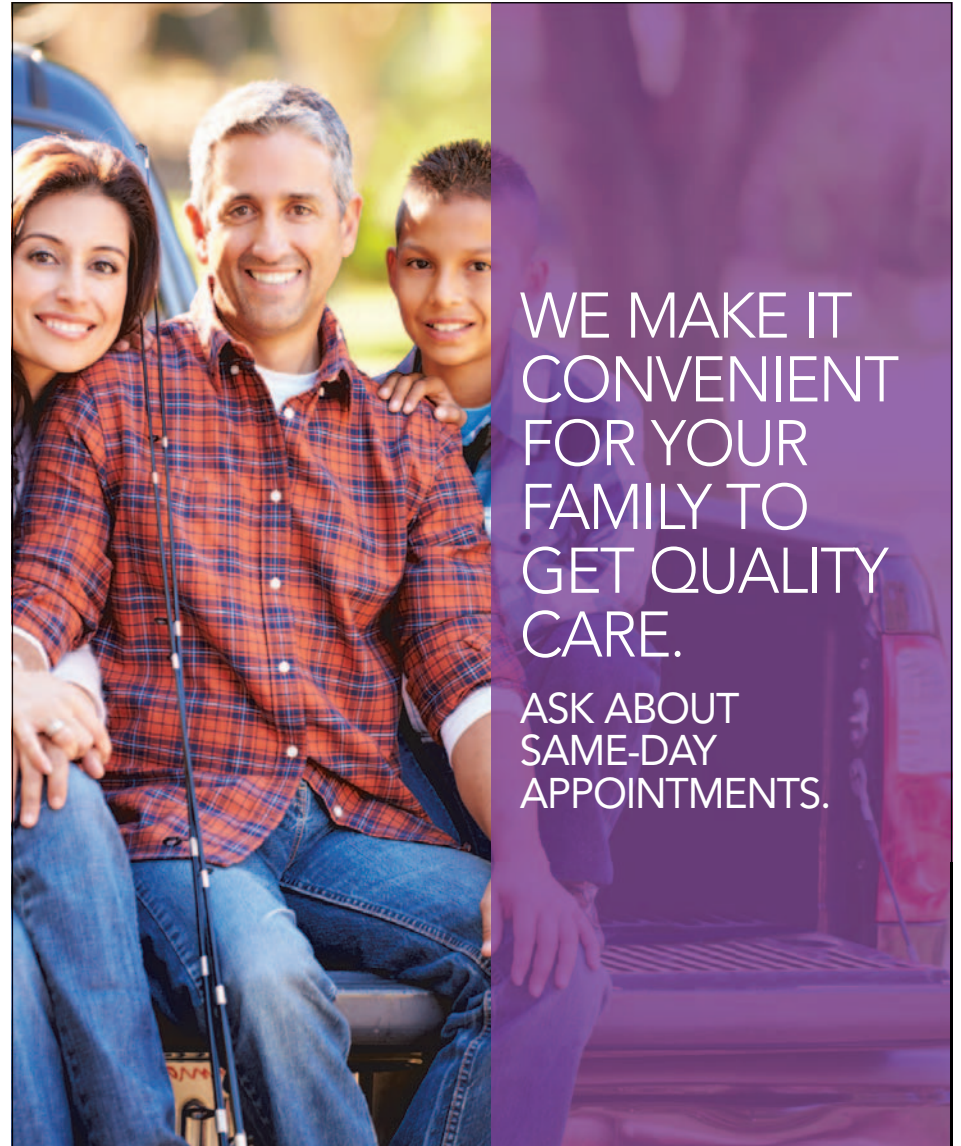
Anne Hubbell congratulates Lorenzo Alba on his Las Cruces Community Social Justice Award at the J Paul Taylor Symposium.

production on mental health, titled "The Invisible Becomes Visible,"

and was followed by a discussion with Dario Silva, program director for NMSU's Employee Assistance Program, and Beth Pollack, associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The final presentation was a film called "Labeled," a 30-minute documentary interviewing people with mental illness.

The symposium is named after former Democratic state legislator J. Paul Taylor, an NMSU graduate. The symposium itself started from an idea Taylor had that would apply the scholarship at NMSU to problems in the larger communities.



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Conversations with Democrats: 2 p.m., Saturday, March 25, at Hilton Garden Inn 2550 S. Don Roser Drive. Discussion title is "What Is the Good News/Bad News Coming Out Of The 2017 Legislative Session?" Senators Jeff Steinborn and Bill Soules, Representatives Bill McCamley, Nathan Small, Rudy Martinez and Angelica Rubio will present. Senators Mary Kay Papen and Joseph Cervantes may attend. Call Connie at 575-521-0096 if you plan on attending.

Museum of Nature & Science: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 25 - Artrageous - Plantable Paper.

Kids fishing clinic: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at NMSU Alumni Pond, (Duck Pond) west of Pan American Center, sponsored by the NM Department of Game & Fish and the Mesilla Valley Flyfishers. Open to all children, especially for ages 6-11 with little or no fishing experience. Topics will include registration, casting, fly tying, knots, fishing rules & regulations, bait, lures, tackle, fish prints, fish ID, and aquatic insects. Free. Children 12 or older must have a New Mexico Fishing License. Free lunch available at noon. Participants should bring fishing gear, sunscreen or jacket as needed. An adult must accompany children attending the event. Prior registration not required.

Branigan Computer Classes: Introduction to the Internet - 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, March 28. A class for those who want to learn how to go online and move around the internet with ease. Students will learn how to access websites, how to navigate, what web addresses are, basic searching skills, and internet safety. Info: 575-528-4005 or library.reference@las-cruces.org.

Spring Break Camps: Through Friday, March 24, Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 W. Bell St. The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will begin registration for the 2017 Spring Break Camp at the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office, 1501 E. Hadley Ave., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. Attendees may also participate on a daily drop-in basis. This camp is for youth, kindergarten through 5th grade. Proof of grade may be required. Cost: \$90 per child or \$20 per child on a daily drop-in basis. Additional cost may be associated with field trips. Info: 575-541-2550.

Splash Pad re-opens: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. through Sunday, March 26. The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will reopen the Metro Verde Splash Pad Park, 7125 Metro Park St. for Spring Break week. The splash pad will remain open thereafter 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekends only. The splash pad will re-open for the summer in May 2017. Info: 575-541-2782.

Southwest Environmental Center: Geological Treasures of Providence Cone, 8:30 a.m., March 25, part of the center's Back by Noon series. Angel Peña of the Conservation Lands Foundation will guide an outing to Providence Cone on Las Cruces' west mesa, aka Rattlesnake Peak. We'll see evidence of megafauna from more than 10,000 years ago, petroglyphs left by first Americans and some fascinating geology. We'll circumnavigate the peak on a 2-mile walk on mostly sandy soil. Intrepid hikers may wish to scale the lower slopes of the cone. High clearance vehicles with four wheel drive may be necessary depending on road conditions. Rating: Moderate. Advance reservations required. Space is limited. Info: 575-522-5552. Visit www.wildmesquite.org to see the full Back by Noon schedule.

Breast Cancer Support Group: Meets every fourth

Saturday of the month, 10 a.m., March 25, speaker Cherie Hayostek, medical director of Radiation Oncology at Memorial Medical Center, on the role of radiation therapy in the treatment of breast cancer, 2450 S. Telshor, West Side Annex Building. Free, no pre-registration. Info: 575-524 4373.

The Sports Medicine Club at Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine: Hosts a friendly 5k run around the campus of New Mexico State University, 9 a.m., Saturday, March 25. Proceeds benefit Mesilla Valley Community of Hope. This event is open to the entire community. Info: www.BCOM5k.weebly.com

Spring Turkey Hunting Seminar: Hosted by the Wild Turkey Sportsmen Association, NM Wild Turkey Federation and the Mesilla Valley Longbeards, 6:30 p.m., March 29, at the NM Department of Game and Fish Office, 2715 Northrise Drive. Free. Refreshments and door prizes.

"Managing our Water, Using Brackish Groundwater": Learn about novel water treatment processes, 5:30 p.m., March 30, at the Science Cafe, 411 N. Main St. Randy Shaw, manager of the Brackish Groundwater National Desalination Research Facility in Alamogordo, will describe the research currently underway. Free. Info: 575-522-3120.

Flapjack Fundraiser: 8-10 a.m., Saturday, March 25, at Applebee's, 2501 E. Lohman Ave. A benefit for the Las Cruces Scottish Rite Children's Learning Center for Dyslexia. All proceeds benefit the learning center. Cost: \$5 per person. Info: 575-523-7171 or 575-291-4599.

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AARP: Senior Circle, 1-5 p.m., 3948 E. Lohman behind Walgreen's, March 30, April 3, May 8, May 22, June 5, June 19. Call 575-522-0502 to reserve a space.



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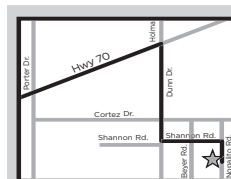
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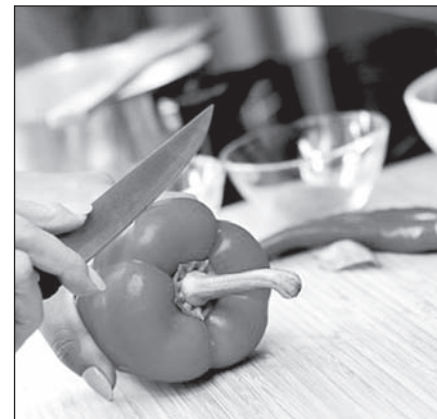
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Construction projects nearing completion at city schools

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

The \$82 million renovation project that began at Las Cruces High School in June 2013 is about a year away from completion, Las Cruces Public Schools Director of Construction Gloria Martinez says.

Construction projects are ongoing at other LCPS schools, as well.

Current work at Las Cruces High, 1755 El Paseo Road, includes a new cafeteria, where workers are finishing the interior, LCPS Project Technician Martin Vasquez said. Roof work and interior framing are also underway in the new auxiliary gymnasium. Painting of the new field house is nearing completion, and exterior framing and duct-work installation are underway in the classroom wings.

Recent work also includes remodeling of the school's gymnasium, classrooms, vocational building and music building. Still to come is construction of tennis and basketball courts.

Phase I of the project included building



Renovation of Las Cruces High School, the city's oldest high school, is expected to be completed in 2018.

BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK



The front office and main entrance are being relocated at Jornada Elementary School.

new classrooms across El Paseo Road from the school, with a foot-bridge connector, and a new administration area and media center. The school's new 12,500-square-foot library opened in August 2015, and the new Robert L. Gaines Theatre was dedicated in May 2016.

Funding for the renovation came from construction bonds passed by Las Cruces voters and from the New Mexico Public Schools Capital Outlay Council. Rem Alley and Associates is the architect; construction work is by Wooten/Sundt.

LCHS is the city's oldest high school, built in

1925 as Las Cruces Union High. The current building was constructed in 1955. All construction is expected to be completed in February 2018, Martinez said in a report to the LCPS Board of Education.

Other LCPS construction projects include:

- Construction of a 12,500-square-foot multipurpose room at Hermosa Heights Elementary School, 1655 E. Amador Ave. The \$3.5 million project will include a stage, bleachers, basketball hoops and a new kitchen, Vasquez said. Demolition of the old kitchen has been completed, and construction workers have leveled the ground and completed foundation work.

- Extensive remodeling at Jornada Elementary School, 3400 Elks Drive, where the front office and the main entrance are being relocated. Built in 1969, Jornada Elementary is the last LCPS school to have its administration offices moved to the front of the building, which provides added security. The \$800,000 bond project includes converting the current administration area into a classroom.

- New security fencing erected at Lynn Middle School, 950 S. Walnut St., and Camino Real Middle School, 2961 N. Roadrunner Parkway, at a cost of \$600,000.

- Re-roofing projects at Sierra Middle School, 1700 Spruce Ave.; Desert Hills Elementary School, 280 N. Roadrunner Parkway; and Alma d'arte Charter High School, 402

W. Court Ave., to repair hail damage.

- A \$2 million renovation project at Mayfield High School, 1955 N. Valley Drive. Now in the design phase, it will include an expansion and remodeling of the MHS kitchen, upgrading existing restrooms and adding new ones and upgrading the parking lot.

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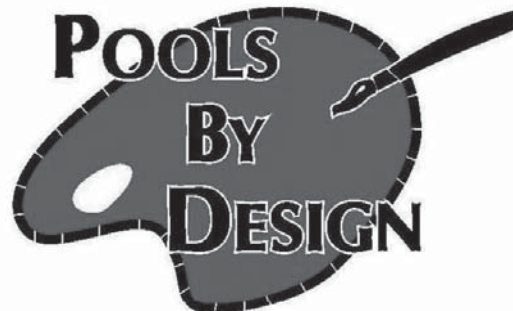
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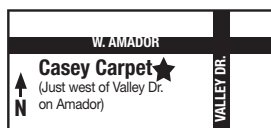
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Investigators seek witnesses after crash

BULLETIN REPORT

Traffic investigators with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department are hoping to speak with anyone who might have witnessed a March 9 crash that sent a Santa Teresa woman to an El Paso hospital with potentially life-threatening injuries.

Berenice Reyes, 24, was a passenger on her husband's 2007 black Harley Davidson motorcycle at about 9 a.m. when, according to one witness, a truck traveling westbound on Sunlit Valley Drive pulled in

front of the southbound motorcycle on Country Club Road in Santa Teresa.

The truck was described as a late-'90s model Ford or GMC.

Crash investigators say it appeared the motorcyclist tried to stop in an effort to avoid the truck, but lost control. Both riders, neither of which was wearing a helmet, were thrown from the motorcycle.

Anyone with information on the crash is asked to call the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department at 575-525-1911.

School bus driver sentenced for sexual contact with student

BULLETIN REPORT

A former school bus driver has been sentenced to 18 months in prison for criminal sexual contact with a minor, District Attorney Mark D'Antonio announced.

At the time of the offense, in October 2015, Darien Pete, 28, was an employee of STS-NM, the private school bus company contracted to provide transportation services for Las Cruces Public Schools. The victim was a 15-year-old student on his bus route.

In December 2016, Pete pleaded no con-

test to two charges of Fourth Degree Criminal Sexual Penetration with no plea agreement. Each charge carries a maximum sentence of 18 months. District Judge Fernando Macias leveled the prison sentence, with an additional 18-month suspended sentence. Pete must register as a sex offender upon release.

"I'm very pleased that this defendant who preyed on a 15-year-old girl was held accountable in this case, and that he received a significant punishment for his actions, which were egregious," D'Antonio said.

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Rep. Pearce hears anger from his constituents

By **MARTY RACINE**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Twice this month demonstrators held a “mock town hall” at U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce’s Telshor Boulevard headquarters to protest his absence from Las Cruces during the Congressional recess.

On Saturday, March 18, Pearce hosted a “Mach”

town hall at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum that moved at warp speed well beyond the allotted two-hour scheduling.

Questions to the representative from the standing-room-only, mostly angry, audience were rapid-fire, including a challenge to file articles of impeachment for the

alleged sins of his party’s president (a distraction from serious issues, and it won’t happen, anyway, Pearce responded).

This was not the type of reception Pearce, a Hobbs native, encountered at previous town halls in Ruidoso and Hobbs. He kept his composure throughout, raising his voice only in response to a man questioning his source of information on a topic.

Pearce’s response to other issues:

- Immigration (he’s working across the aisle to reform the process and is sympathetic to immigrants’ families but not to illegal immigrants who have committed a crime);
- The border wall (ineffective in rural expanses);
- Public education (funnel money to individual districts in order to bypass Washington and Santa Fe, which inevitably take their cut);
- Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (favors a smaller footprint, arguing that federal ownership of lands reduces the tax base);



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MARTY RACINE

Spectators raise their hands to ask questions of Rep. Steve Pearce at the Las Cruces town hall March 18.

- The Affordable Care Act (not viable, replace it);
- Planned Parenthood (taxpayer money should instead go to local, more accessible women’s health clinics throughout

the state);

- The nation’s debt (under Obama it doubled to \$20 trillion);
- Trump (doesn’t agree with everything he’s said or done, but give him a chance);
- Obama (didn’t agree with anything he did).

The boisterous, even unruly, crowd — several people were evicted — attended not so much to listen as to be heard. Constituents shouted over their representative, out of turn, while disagreements and verbal sparring broke out in back of the room. Uniformed officers cast a wary eye on the pro-

ceedings.

Chants of “Shame! Shame!” erupted, and toward the end it was left to an elderly woman in a walker, Donna O’Daniel of Las Cruces, to really rile the room. “We know that billionaire George Soros ... and organizations such as People for the American Way, Planned Parenthood, MoveOn.org and others have funded the protesters and rioters against the Trump Administration...” she began, before calling for their prosecution.

Another chant, “Where’s my check?” drowned her out.



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By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Crosstown of Las Cruces is sponsoring a public service event called Gather to Serve, beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 31, Crosstown Ministries Projects Coordinator Taylene Jacko said.

The event is open to the public, including individuals, groups and organizations, she said. Participants can belong to any church or to no church at all.

Participants are asked to gather in the parking lot at Morning Star United Methodist Church, 2941 Morningstar Drive. They will be divided into groups of 10, mixing denominations, church goers and non-church goers.

"We really want the community to be introduced to each other," Jacko said.

Each person in each group is asked to donate \$5. "Each team is welcome to match the donation amount, but not to exceed \$100," she said.

"The teams will be challenged to go into the community to do a good deed, such as paying for groceries or going to a laundromat and paying for services." More examples of good deeds will be given at the event, she added.

Participants will be invited back to Morning Star at 9 a.m. on Satur-

day, April 1, for coffee and donuts to discuss the prior evening.

A second event will be held May 31, and will be called "May I Serve," Jacko said. "At this time, teams will accomplish projects that will take two to three hours. We will meet at the downtown plaza, where teams will be paired up and given projects."

A third event will be held the weekend of Sept. 10, she said, "when larger projects will be completed."

The events are a collaboration between Morning Star and CrossTown staff. The goal is to establish "a mindset of serving in the community (and) relationships among community members," Jacko said, adding that Doña Ana County is "the most poverty-stricken county in New Mexico. We want to figure out a way that we ourselves can help it."

Jacko said CrossTown is a nonprofit organization that brings

together people from different local churches to learn about community needs and assets and how to bring them together.

"The need of one place may be the asset of another," she said. For example, CrossTown discovered that the Doña Ana County Detention Center needed Bibles. Jacko went to Coas Bookstore and learned that they had a large number of Bibles they couldn't sell because of torn covers and other minor damage. CrossTown put covers on the Bibles and took them to the detention center. "So," Jacko said, "that need to get rid of those books was actually an asset for the detention center."

For more information, contact Jacko at 575-914-0074 or taylene@crosstownlc.com. Visit crosstownnews.com/ and find them on Facebook at CrossTown, Inc.

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Melendres Street was once home to POW, CCC camps

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Many Las Cruces old-timers remember when Coas Bookstore was located across from Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) back in the 1980s. It would take a genuine old-timer to remember when the building, 535 S. Melendres St., was occupied by the United States Army and the EBID property was a WWII prisoner of war camp.

The federal government broke ground on the site in December 1937 and constructed a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp headquarters. It continued in that capacity into the early 1940s, providing training, education and housing to young men who were pouring concrete for Las Cruces streets, fighting forest fires, helping to build nearby Apache Dam and doing other jobs as the government sought to create employment.

The U.S. Department of War (it became the Department of Defense in 1949) closed the CCC camp in 1942 and turned the building into the U.S. Army's administrative headquarters for a German and Italian prisoner of war camp, said Deborah Dennis, executive director of Human Systems Research, Inc. (HSR), an educational and scientific nonprofit that has occupied the building for nearly two decades.

The camp – replete with barbed wire, guard towers and searchlights – housed about 60 prisoners, who sustained agriculture in the Mesilla Valley during the war, Dennis said. They harvested chile, cotton and pecans as native young men were off fighting in the war.

The German POWs had been among Field Marshal Irwin Rommel's troops in Africa, Dennis said. They were shipped to the desert in keeping with the War Department's rather interesting interpretation of the Geneva Conventions, which mandated that prisoners be in an area to which they were already acclimated.

The German and Italian POWs didn't get along, Dennis said. The Army created a second POW camp where Young Park is now located, to house the Italian prisoners, while the



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A broad view of the CCC camp.



The school house of the Human Systems Research office when it was a CCC camp in 1938. This building is now HSR headquarters.

Germans remained at the Melendres Street site.

After the war the Department of Defense sold the property to private owners in 1952. The building served as the Southwest Mental Health Counseling Center before Coas Bookstore owner Pat Beckett bought it in 1985. Beckett sold the property to HSR in 1998. HSR



The barracks of the HSR office, 535 S. Melendres St., when it was a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp.

staff moved into the building in February 1999 and redid much of the interior (including the office of U.S. Army Capt. Clark Williams, the former POW camp commander). Beckett bought the property back from HSR during the 2009 economic downturn and HSR has rented it since then.

In the building attic space beneath

its pine ceiling, HSR staff discovered newspapers from 1939 and 1940, along with CCC camp workbooks and educational and proficiency certificate books with the names of many CCC camp attendees from throughout the United States.

The building, which is on the state register of historic places and is seeking similar federal status, is the last CCC schoolhouse and the last POW administration office left standing in New Mexico, Dennis said.

HSR is in the process of raising money to re-plaster the outside of the building.

For information, call 575-524-9456, email info@humansystemsresearch.org or visit humansystemsresearch.org.

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IN THE NEWS

Parents' Night Out

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department is offering a monthly Parents' Night Out throughout 2017. The program gives parents the opportunity to enjoy an evening out on the town feeling confident that their little ones are safe and having a great time. Youth, K-8th grade, will enjoy games, music, and themed activities. Participants will be placed in appropriate age groups. The cost is \$10 per participant per night.

Parents' Night Out is offered at the Frank O'Brien Papen Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., on the third Friday of the month from 6 – 11 p.m. Program dates are April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15.

Space is limited and is first-come-first-served. Participants must pre-register at the center. For more information, call 575-541-2455.


PREP accepting applications

The New Mexico State University Engineering New Mexico Resource Network is accepting applications for the 2017 PREP Middle and High School Academies. PREP is a summer residential camp that provides diverse, high-achieving middle and high school students the chance to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers.

PREP Middle School Academy will be held June 4-15 and is open to grades 6 through 8. This is a two-week residential summer program that provides students with real-world experiences in engineering innovation through inquiry and hands-on learning. Students will be immersed in engineering activities, live in the campus dorms, attend a variety of social and leadership activities and participate in a field trip.

PREP High School Academy will be held June 18-30 and is open to students in grades 9 through 12. This program is a two-week residential summer program that exposes students to the engineering design process, applied use of engineering software, advanced manufacturing using 3-D printers, and the ability to implement their engineering skills with real-world

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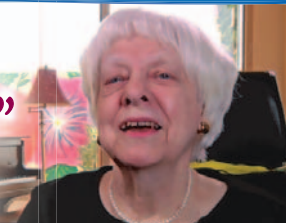
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Julie Koenig has been named Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Julie has been with the bank since May 2001. She began her banking career in February 1978 in Clovis, NM. For twenty years she has lived in Las Cruces and assisted in the opening of First New Mexico Bank, Las Cruces in 2001 as well as the branch bank in Anthony, NM in 2008. Koenig has two associate degrees from Clovis Community College and is a graduate of the New Mexico School of Banking and the Colorado Graduate School of Banking. She has worked in all areas of banking and currently oversees the operations of First New Mexico Bank, Las Cruces. Julie is married to Dan Koenig and has 2 children and 3 grandchildren.



Chuck Widger has been promoted to Senior Vice President. Chuck has 32 years of commercial banking experience and has previously worked in banking with credit cards, loan review and mortgage lending and the last 25 years in commercial lending, specializing in SBA and construction loans. Chuck is a graduate of New Mexico Military Institute and New Mexico State University with a Bachelor of Science degree and the Western States School of Banking. He has been involved with many community groups to include the Las Cruces Sunrise Lions Club, the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico and New Mexico State University President's Associates. Chuck is married to Debbie Widger.



Monica McDonald has been promoted to Vice President with current responsibilities in information technology and compliance. Monica was one of the first employees hired when the bank opened in 2001 and has been promoted several times in her First New Mexico Bank career. Monica holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in business computer systems from New Mexico State University. She successfully completed the Certified Community Bank Compliance Officer program, sponsored by the Independent Community Bankers of America. As an integral part of managing regulatory compliance, Monica has played a key role in the development of technology for the bank. Monica is married to Richard McDonald and has 3 children.

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Bataan Death March

The Bataan Memorial Death March is a challenging 26.2-mile trek through desert terrain of the White Sands Missile Range. On March 19, about 7,000 people participated in the 75th anniversary event, honoring heroic service members who defended the Philippine Islands during World War II, sacrificing their freedom, health, and, in many cases, their lives. Eight survivors attended this year. Many marchers carried food items in their packs that were then donated to hunger-relief organizations.



ABOVE: More than 7,000 marchers from around the world participated in the march.

RIGHT: Harold A. Bergbower, one of eight survivors, greets runners at the course finish.

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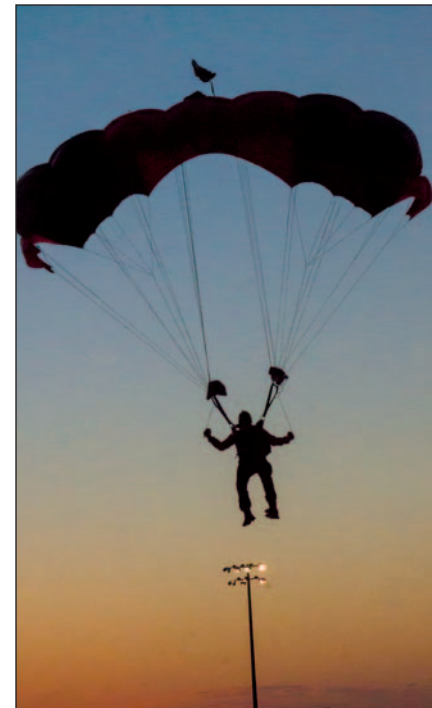
Two soldiers check their feet for blisters at mile marker 10.



ABOVE: Survivor Oscar Leonard recalls his time in the POW camp.

LEFT: A member of the Black Brigade jumps during the opening ceremony.

BELOW: A heavy pack participant finishes the course.



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A volunteer hands water to a heavy pack runner.



Shelby Griffin and Jan Melton of Roswell get sun screen from Commander Skip Payne at the medical and hydration station, mile marker 10.

Ben Skardon says he survived Bataan by taking small sips of a can of Spaghetti O's at night to keep his sugar level up. He had to hide the can from the enemy.



This group of soldiers is still enjoying their march as they hit the 10-mile marker.

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projects. Students will live in the campus dorms, participate in a variety of social and leadership activities and participate in field trips within the local area.

There is no charge but space is limited. Applications are available online at <https://enr.nmsu.edu/nmprep/>. Interested students must apply by 5 p.m. on March 28.

For more information, contact Program Manager Tracey O'Neil at 575-646-7852 or email enr-nm@nmsu.edu.

New street lighting system tested

A new wireless street lighting control system is undergoing

testing through April on East Hadley Avenue from North Hermosa Street to North Walnut Street.; Spruce Avenue/West Picacho Avenue from North Walnut Street to North Valley Drive; and North Valley Drive from West Picacho Avenue to Hoagland Road.

All street lightings in the testing areas will be on continuously.

Volunteer Fair slated

The 6th Annual Volunteer Network Center Volunteer Fair will bring together more than 50 non-profit organizations to a single location for potential volunteers to find a cause that fits them. The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the new Las Cruces Civic Plaza in conjunction with the Las Cruces Farmers and

Crafts Market. The event is free to the public and free to participating non-profit organizations.

"To ease another's heartache is to forget one's own," said Abraham Lincoln. Las Cruces has a long history of giving back and supporting non-profit work in the community. In addition to more than 50 organizations present to talk about their activities and volunteer needs, there will be new attractions such as vehicles from the Las Cruces Fire and Police Departments and a bike rodeo organized by Las Cruces Codes Enforcement. Last year, more than 500 people attended.

For more information, contact Ryan Steinmetz at rsteinmetz@las-cruces.org or 575-528-3035

OBITUARIES



CLIFFORD TILDEN WRIGHT

Clifford Tilden Wright died Friday, March 10, 2017 at the age of 54 in Edmond, OK, where he resides with his wife of 35 years, Anita Louise Wright. Cliff was born June 17, 1962 in Grants, NM to Glenn and Ann Wright. He graduated from Mayfield High School in 1980 and one year later married his high school sweetheart, Anita Elmore, on October 16, 1981. Cliff graduated from NMSU in 1985 with a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering. His most recent employment was at Northrup-Grumman in Oklahoma as a Procurement Analyst. As a young man, he enjoyed motocross with his brother and loved building and flying RC airplanes. He also enjoyed bowling and the whole family bowled regularly on leagues for many years. He was fascinated by all things planes and trains, and spent twenty years babying his old 1964 Ford pick-up truck. He loved listening to a variety of music, was a hobby photographer, and loved doting on his grandchildren. He and Anita are involved in their church, New Cov-

enant UMC, where they teach Financial Peace University. He was preceded in death by his father, Glenn Ray Wright. Cliff is survived by his mother, Ann Carolyn and her husband Chuck Colwell, his wife Anita Louise Wright, his brother Glenn Ray Wright, Jr., daughter Kathryn Andrews, son-in-law Chris Andrews, son David Wright, and by his three grandchildren Adalaide, Frieda, and Joseph Andrews, and by many other family and friends. Clifford regularly gave blood and platelets to the Oklahoma Blood Institute and the family would like you to consider giving blood or monetary gifts to the blood institute at OBI.org or your local blood bank in lieu of flowers.

JOSE CRUZ

JOSE CRUZ, age 70, of Las Cruces passed away Sunday, March 19, 2017 in El Paso Texas. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.



RAMON CRUZ

Ramon Cruz, 78, of Las Cruces, NM passed away March 16, 2017. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.



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**FRANK "PANCHO" RICHARD CASTILLO**

FRANK "PANCHO" RICHARD CASTILLO, age 62 of Las Cruces passed away Monday, March 13, 2017 at his home with his loving wife, Terrie at his side. "Pancho", as he was fondly known to family and friends, was born July 12, 1954 in Santa Rita to Alberto and Erlinda Muñoz Castillo. Pancho was an avid Dallas Cowboy fan and a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Those left to mourn his passing include his loving wife of forty-two years, Terrie Giron Castillo of the family home; three sons, Joshua Frank Castillo, Jeremy Richard Castillo (Yesenia) and Justin Javier Castillo (Amy) all of Las Cruces; one brother, Raymond Castillo (Joann) of California; and four sisters, Ida Delgado of Mexico and Mary

Chavez, Lita Castillo and Linda Lujan (Danny) all also of Las Cruces. Other survivors include his four grandchildren who were Pancho's pride and joy, Peyton, Jordyn, Uriyah and Londyn, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends, as well as three sisters-in-law, Edna Gibbs (Les), Sylvanna Aleman and Estella White (David). Pancho was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Albert Castillo.

At his request cremation has taken place. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will begin at 9:30 AM Friday, March 24, 2017 at Baca's Funeral Chapel, 300 E. Boutz Road with a Memorial Service to follow immediately thereafter. Inurnment of cremains will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5140 W. Picacho Avenue where he will be laid to rest.

The Castillo Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care". For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelascruces.com

**MARY LOU SALAS**

MARY LOU SALAS, age 90, passed away Monday, March 20, 2017 at La Posada-Mesilla Valley Hospice. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

**LORETO MUÑOZ ZAVALA**

Our dear beloved mother, grandmother, aunt and friend, LORETO MUÑOZ ZAVALA, age 95 of Anthony, passed away Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born April 25, 1921 Silao, Guanajuato, Mexico to Cesario and Bonifacia Tovar Muñoz. Loreto was a homemaker, who enjoyed spending time with her family. She was a member of the League of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at St. Anthony Catholic Church, where she also volunteered her help at the annual fiestas.

Those left to mourn her passing include three sons, Juan Zavala, Sr. (Cuca) of Anthony, Hilario Zavala and Antonio Zavala, Jr. (Elia) all of Las Cruces; three daughters, Ernestina Z. Morales (Victor), Victoria Dominguez and Rosa M. Zavala all of Anthony. Other survivors include twenty-five grandchildren, fifty-two great-grandchildren, and twelve great-great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Loreto was preceded in death by her husband, Jose Antonio Zavala in 1971, a son, Guadalupe "Lupe" Zavala, four grandsons, one

granddaughter, three brothers and two sisters.

Visitation for Mrs. Zavala took place on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 224 Lincoln Street in Anthony where the Prayer Vigil followed. The Mass of Christian Burial will take place immediately thereafter with the Reverend Rafael Castillo officiating. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow at the Anthony Catholic Cemetery where she will be laid to rest alongside her husband and son.

Serving as casket bearers will be Juan, Hilario, Antonio Jr, David, Saul and Jose Manuel Zavala, Cassandra Y. Martinez and Ivory A. Mendoza.

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**LARRY H. KEDING**

LARRY J. KEDING, 40, lifelong resident of Las Cruces passed away Saturday, March 18, 2017 at La Posada - Mesilla Valley Hospice, surrounded by his loving family. He was born November 21, 1976 to Richard Sr. and Audrey Graves Keding. A plumber by trade, Larry was always willing to help anyone in need.

Those left to mourn his passing include his parents; son, Jeremy Keding; two daughters, Katrina Keding, and Alexis Keding; his twin brother, Richard Keding, Jr; two sisters, Samantha Keding and Audrey Ann Keding; his grandmother, Jewel Graves, and his loving grandson, Keanen Keding all of Las Cruces. Other survivors include numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Larry was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Oliver Graves, his paternal grandparents, Carl and Helen Keding, as well as aunts and uncles.

Cremation will take place and a Memorial Service will be scheduled at a later date.

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**ANTHONY LOUIS GOMEZ**

ANTHONY LOUIS GOMEZ, age 57, Las Cruces passed away Saturday, March 18, 2017. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.





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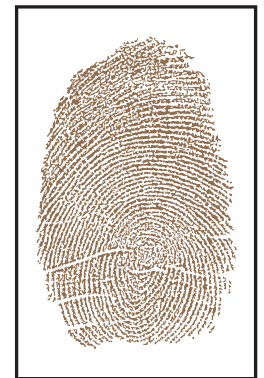


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Landmark hotel has new ownership

By ALTA LeCOMPTE

Las Cruces Bulletin

A landmark Mesilla hotel soon will begin its next incarnation under the ownership of Jerean Camunez and Tom Hutchinson.

Previously known as Meson de Mesilla and then as Hotel Mesilla, it will now be called Hacienda de Mesilla.

The Hutchinsons recently purchased the 14-room hotel and its restaurant at 1891 Avenida de Mesilla from Cali Szczawinski of Albuquerque.

“The opportunity presented itself and it was a good time for us,” Hutchinson said of the acquisition. “We always saw a lot of potential in it. I remember the days when it was the go-to place for a dining experi-

ence in Mesilla.”

He said the hotel will open shortly. For now, hotel guests will be served breakfast weekdays at Hacienda and weekends at La Posta de Mesilla restaurant. Hacienda’s restaurant will debut in April.

“The synergy between La Posta and Hacienda de Mesilla is important, and we hope to drive that,” Hutchinson said.

La Posta attracts many visitors from El Paso and Juarez, and Hacienda will offer them an option to stay in Mesilla and continue their guest experience, he said.

Branching out from La Posta

Tom and Jerean Hutchinson have owned La Posta, a colorful restaurant featuring Mexi-

can food and décor, for 20 years. It is housed in a 19th century adobe compound at 2410 Calle de San Albino. Katy Griggs Camunez, Jerean’s great aunt, opened La Posta there in 1939.

The Hutchinsons have expanded its footprint several times.

“We will bring the culture and our way of doing business over from La Posta (to Hacienda),” Tom Hutchinson said.

He said the menu will be a little higher end than La Posta, with more seafood choices and “a couple nice steaks” in addition to traditional Mexican cuisine.

“I think there’s an appetite for the kind of food and service we’re going to offer. When you look at the price point and quality of service, the area may be a little under served.”

Hutchinson said casual, elegant and fun are the words that come to mind when he thinks about Hacienda.

“The food is the fun,” he said.

In charge of the “fun” will be general manager Chris Hutchinson, Tom and Jerean’s son.

Chris Hutchinson cut his restaurant chops at Pappadeux Seafood Kitchen in Dallas and Albuquerque. He started in the business as a floor manager and worked his way up to the kitchen, where he learned procedures, scheduling and



Chris and Tom Hutchinson stand at the entry to the family’s new acquisition, Hacienda de Mesilla.

other details. During his tenure in Albuquerque, he became the general manager’s right-hand man, he said.

Change is a constant

Hacienda de Mesilla has gone through numerous transformations, most recently in spring 2016 when Szczawinski re-branded it as Hotel Mesilla and NM Grille & Bar, featuring New Mexican comfort food.

Szczawinski and her husband, Gerard, bought Meson de Mesilla in 2006. They created a new pool-side outdoor event center on the property, which

also includes guest rooms and casitas.

Meson de Mesilla originally opened as a bed & breakfast in the 1980s, with no restaurant or bar. “Cali put more emphasis on the food and beverage aspect,” he said.

The new owners are buying a parcel to the south of Hacienda de Mesilla, which will increase the property to two acres.

“We will double the size of the footprint, creating much more parking space,” Tom Hutchinson said. The current lot in front of the building accommodates 17 cars, while the restaurant and

bar seat 100.

“It’s a little short of capacity,” he said.

Added space will also create an opportunity to enhance the landscaping and make the entrance “much more inviting.”

Hutchinson said plans call for eliminating interior walls that separate the entry from the bar area and restaurant, creating a more spacious feel. Walls also may come down in the hotel, creating several larger guest rooms.

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A tree-lined walkway leads to the hotel and restaurant at 1891 Avenida de Mesilla.

Las Cruces looks to the Motor City

By ALTA LeCOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

In 1960, Detroit boasted the highest per capita income in the country. Half a decade later, the city had the highest poverty rate in the U.S., with 70,000 vacant or abandoned buildings.

Now, the Motor City is enjoying a renaissance.

Downtown Detroit Partnership CEO Eric Larson bases his strategy on research, but the organization's success in bringing businesses and residents back into the city's core is not all about color bars on a dashboard.

Mostly, Larson recently told a Las Cruces audience in city council chambers, it's about partnerships among private, public and philanthropic organizations.

"We have been blessed by philanthropies," Larson said. "Philanthropy is very important in the beginning."

Foundations established by corporations that thrived in the heyday of the Motor City helped jump start Detroit's downtown redevelopment, which is a work in progress.

"Foundations allowed us to do studies, hire people and build programs that are replicable," he said. "They want to be sure what they invest in is replicable. They fund some opportunity

costs and some capital costs."

Detroit is blessed to have the \$4 billion Kresge Foundation located in the city," he said.

In addition to partnerships, Larson said Detroit's redevelopment is based on a geographical strategy, with coordination among participating organizations, the focused use of resources and an emphasis on creating a safe, clean and inviting environment.

The Downtown Detroit Partnership began its work by repurposing old buildings in the heart of the city.

"We had architecturally sound structures, many built for office use that have been repurposed, mostly adapted for residential use," Larson said. "We need to get more large corporations' employees living downtown."

As investment and activity increase, services are increased, he added. Workers are being retrained. Private investment is funding parks. Condos are being built atop parking garages and the city is building its first micro loft for lower-income people to live downtown.

The Business Improvement Zone is a special assessment district established in 2014. It provides cleaning, safety and landscaping services to keep downtown Detroit viable.

"We went through the state for approval of a self-imposed tax ... that creates a baseline of services that can augment city and county services," Larson said. "Everybody was participating, everybody starts to have a common interest in the way things are working. We try to have everybody have skin in the game."

Sharing information

Visits by other Detroit partners are planned as information sharing evolves. The sharing began when Orlando Padilla, president and CEO of Padilla Networks, visited Detroit. When he returned, the New Mexico State engineering graduate and former General Motors executive invited NMSU's Kevin Boberg, developer Bob Pofahl, County Commissioner Billy Garrett and Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance CEO Davin Lopez to meet the leaders of Detroit's downtown re-development efforts.

Padilla says that, regardless of a city's size, redevelopment is all about the fundamentals.

Although Las Cruces is smaller than Detroit and lacks a base of corporate foundations, the city has opportunities to engage with national foundations, he says, adding that the Michigan-based W. J. Kellogg Founda-



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY ALTA LeCOMPTE

Speaker Eric Larson, CEO of the Downtown Detroit Partnership, and Bob Pofahl of Las Cruces Community Partners LLC, listen as Councilor Gill Sorg introduces Larson to attendees at his March 14 presentation in City Hall.

tion supports educational and community initiatives in New Mexico, including at NMSU.

Padilla also introduced Las Cruces leaders to Arabella Martinez, board vice chair of the Raza Development Fund of Phoenix, which invests in Latino communities.

"She was very impressed and talked to (Raza) President Tommy Espinoza," Padilla said, adding that Espinoza will be coming to Las Cruces to speak.

"I've seen a tremendous amount of spirit, an amazing amount of opportunity," Larson said of downtown Las Cruces.

"The core of downtown Las Cruces has incredible opportunities if the right level of focus and resources are directed toward it."

The investment, he said, is

about more than dollars; it's about people, community, history and legacy.

He praised the city's upcoming conversion from one-way to two-way traffic and the city's consideration of infrastructure to support a more active and mobile lifestyle.

Downtown Detroit also emphasizes mobility, enhanced by narrowing streets to create safe spaces for cyclists and walkers.

"Frankly, I think downtown mobility is one of the easiest things you can do," Larson said, adding that Las Cruces is fortunate to have a rich legacy and historical city center.

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Thursday, March 30

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Grow Smart: Funding & Educational Resources for Small Business" workshop. Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Info./registration: Victor Zamora at victorz@donaanacounty.org or 575-386-4348.

Thursday, April 13

9 to 11 a.m. Free workshop on starting a business. The Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave. Info/registration: www.nmsbdc.org/lascruces or 575-527-7676.

Wednesday, April 19

5:30-7:30 p.m. Cheers to 7 Years Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce annual meeting, Grapevine Plaza/Picacho Peak Brewery, 3900 W. Picacho Ave. Info: 323-1575.

Thursday, April 20 and Friday, April 21

8 a.m. to noon. Small Business Development Center workshop, Color Accounting. The Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave. Info and registration: www.nmsbdc.org/lascruces or 575-527-7676.

Reform of Obamacare has its problems

President Trump famously declared health care to be “unbelievably” complex and detailed. Just knowing how to code various diseases for purposes of insurance reimbursement is a whole profession in its self.

Obamacare has been effective. There have been gains in coverage. Indeed, the ranks of the uninsured have declined by about half, down from 20.3 percent in 2012 to 10.6 percent in 2015. That is in line with expectations at the time that Obamacare was adopted in 2010, so by this measure Obamacare is a success.

The decline in the uninsured can be mainly attributed to Medicaid expansion. Under Obamacare, states can expand Medicare coverage and the federal gov-



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ernment picks up most of the cost. Thirty-five states, including New Mexico, have chosen to do so. And these states have seen dramatic declines in the uninsured. More than 50 percent of the decline in uninsured can be attributed to Medicaid expansion.

Despite the success of the Medicaid expansion, the Republican House plan would dramatically reduce Medicaid. Currently, Medicaid is an entitlement provided to individuals, with federal funding guaranteed.

The GOP House plan — so-called Ryan Care, after House Speaker Paul Ryan — would convert it into a block to the states.

The House GOP plan seeks to solve a perceived problem, which is uncontrolled entitlement in general and Medicaid in particular. Under Obama Care, the federal government funding of Medicaid is open-ended, depending on how many people are enrolled and how much care they receive. States are required to match a percentage of federal funding, but that percentage is relatively small.

Currently, spending

on Medicaid depends on the number of enrolled individuals and the amount spent on their care. The rising cost of health care coupled with Obama Care expansion has dramatically increased the cost of Medicaid.

The ultimate goal of the GOP House plan is to convert Medicaid from an entitlement to a block grant to the states, thereby limiting the cost to the federal government. The House Plan does this only slowly. Generous federal funding would be maintained but only for people enrolled by 2020 and who never let their coverage lapse for more

than one month.

It is this last provision—the requirement for continued enrollment to maintain eligibility—that is most concerning. Many Medicaid recipients are addicts or suffer from mental illness. It is especially important for these groups to receive ongoing care if they are to have chance at recovery. But this is exactly the population, who suffer frequent relapses, that is most likely to temporarily drop coverage, thus, most likely to lose Medicaid coverage under the GOP plan.

The GOP reforms seem a rather cold-

hearted way to cut Medicaid costs. Perhaps focusing more on reducing the costs, say, by reducing the compensation of overpaid physicians or the profits of pharmaceutical companies would be kinder. After all, these privileged groups receive large subsidies via Medicaid payments.

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Investment in dual credit courses pays dividends

By TRACEY BRYAN

Want to help young people finish high school? Enroll in college and accumulate credit hours quicker? Finish high school with a certification that helps them start their careers at higher than minimum wage? Earn college degrees faster and with less debt?

Then you should be a fan of dual-credit courses. And those who want to invest our state's educational resources where they are proven to work should be, too.

A new summary from the What Works Clearinghouse of the Institute of Education Sciences confirms that this powerful tool that connects high school students to college course work is worth the investment.

According to the What Works Clearinghouse Intervention Report, dual credit or early college programs "were found to have positive effects on students' degree attainment (college), college access and enrollment, college credit accumulation, completing high school, and general academic achievement (high school)."



Students who took dual credit were:

- 25 percent more likely to obtain college degrees
- 15 percent more likely to enroll in college
- 14 percent more likely to accumulate college credit
- 7 percent more likely to complete high school
- 7 percent more likely to perform well in their high school academics

It's no surprise that New Mexico's high school graduation rate has increased to an all-time high, as more students are taking advantage of the opportunity to take dual-credit courses and earn college credit debt-free.

About 20,000 students took more than 48,000 dual credit courses in the past school year, according to the Dual Credit Annual Report AY 2015-2016. Eighty-three percent of those students made a "C" grade or higher, with the majority making "A" grades in college.

Almost 3,000 more students took classes over the previous school year, but there was an increase in courses taken of 10,000, so students are gaining confidence and taking on more college-level work while in high school.

In two of Doña Ana County's three districts, students taking dual-credit courses graduated at much higher rates than the district-wide rate, and just slightly lower in the third:

- 95.5 percent vs. 74.5% in Las Cruces
- 86.8 percent vs. 64.7% in Hatch
- 80.1 percent vs. 80.7% in Gadsden

Among groups taking dual-credit courses, the largest demographic was among Hispanic students (40 percent). Among genders, more girls take courses than boys (11,000 vs. 9,000).

No matter how you add this up, dual credit is a great investment in the

future of not just our young people, but their ability to connect what they learn with what they will one day earn in higher-skilled, higher-paying jobs and businesses of their own.

The only thing about dual credit that doesn't add up is that we, as a state, have failed to adequately fund our community colleges and universities for the courses they offer. It's time for us to find a sustainable answer that works for students, schools and the higher education partners.

We at The Bridge intend to meet the challenge head-on over the next year. As always, we will bring a business voice to our education partners, working together to identify a best practice or funding model that expands access to this amazing tool for student success.

We have come too far to turn back now.

To learn more or get involved, visit www.thebridgeofsnm.org.

Tracey Bryan is the president/CEO of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico. She can be reached at 575-644-6453 or 575-541-7325.



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NOTICE is hereby given that on February 27, 2017, Dennis Lucero for Pecans de Lucero & the Enrique M. & Enequina F. Lucero Trust, 1501 Alfredo Garcia Ct. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107, filed application numbered LRG-14154-POD2, OSE File Nos. LRG-14154-1, LRG-14154-1A, & LRG-14154-2, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-14154-POD2 to a depth of 75 feet with a 16-inch casing, in a location within the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 21S,

Range 1W (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X: 1,438,578.9 ft. & Y: 538320.3 ft. (NMSP Central NAD83), on land owned by the applicants, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-15433-POD1, located on land owned by the applicants and within the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of said Section 13 (NMPM) and more specifically described at the intersection of X: 1,438,533 ft. & Y: 538,324 ft. (NMSP Central NAD83), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for

the irrigation of 27.72 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of said Section 13 as described in Subfile Order No. LRR 28-002-0002 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. The site of proposed well LRG-14154-POD2 will be located southeast of Radium Springs, NM and may be found approximately 300 feet southeast of the intersection of Doña Ana Rd. and Sunken Train Pl. Well LRG-15433-POD1 will be properly plugged.

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: 03/24, 03/31, 04/07, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 6, 2017, Mary Alice Garay, PO Box 302, Arrey, NM 87933, filed application numbered LRG-10200-POD5, OSE File No. LRG-10200-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-10200-POD5 to a depth of 100 feet with a 16-inch casing, in a location within the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 18S, Range 4W (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X: 1,323,483.7 & Y: 645,946.7 (NMSP Central NAD83), on land owned by Ms. Garay, which will supplement existing well LRG-10200, located on property owned by Steve & Manuela Bouvet within the SE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 18S, Range 4W

(NMPM) and more specifically near the intersection of X: 1,322,921 & Y: 645,486, 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 13.49 acres of land, owned by Ms. Garay, located within the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of said Section 5, as described in Subfile Order No. LRR 28-004-0029-A of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24. The site of proposed well LRG-10200-POD5 will be located south of Derry, NM and may be found approximately 0.44 miles north of the intersection of Loma Parda Rd. and Walnut Grove Rd.

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: 03/17, 03/24, 03/31, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 6, 2017, Ricardo C. Holguin, 520 Holguin Rd, Vado, NM 88072 and Julia Holguin Ernst, 6232 La Posta, El Paso, TX 79912 filed application numbered LRG-14188-POD2, OSE File No's. LRG-14188-1 and LRG-1246-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-14188-POD1 located at X = 1,512,100.7 Y =

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Dates 3/24/2017

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409,703.5 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by Ricardo C. and Esther Holguin and drilling replacement well LRG-14188-POD2 located at approximately X = 1,512,100 Y = 409,684 on land owned by Ricardo C. and Esther Holguin for the continued diversion of an amount of water determined by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBID for irrigation of 8.55 acres of land owned by Ricardo C. and Esther Holguin located within part of the NW¹/₄ of Section 20, Township 25S, Range 03E, NMPM, as described by Subfile No.s.: LRS-28-010-0045 and LRS-28-010-0046 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey and 9.92 acres of land owned by Julia Holguin Ernst located within part of the SW¹/₄ of said Section 20, as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-010-0084 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Replacement well LRG-14188-POD2 will be located north of Vado, NM at approximately 168 feet south southeast of the intersection of Myers Rd and the Three Saints Main Canal. Existing well LRG-14188-POD1 will be properly plugged.

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

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Dates: 03/10, 03/17, 03/24, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 1, 2017, Michael Biad on behalf of Biad Farms, LLC, PO Box 66, Mesilla, NM 88046 filed application numbered LRG-4672-POD6, OSE File No. LRG-4672-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-4672-S located at X = 1,329,783.25 Y = 632,913.25 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant and drilling replacement well LRG-4672-POD6 to a depth of 100 feet with 18-inch casing located at approximately X = 1,329,813.20 Y = 632,860.91 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant to be used with existing wells LRG-4672-S and LRG-4672-S-2 for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBID for the irrigation of 209.40 acres of land owned by the applicant located within part of the NW¹/₄, NE¹/₄, and SE¹/₄ of Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 04 West, NMPM, as described by Subfile Order No.: LRR-28-005-0013 (A) of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. Proposed replacement well LRG-4672-POD6 will be located approximately 174 feet south southeast of the intersection of HWY 187 and County Road E057 in Garfield, NM. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill and use replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. Existing well LRG-4672-S shall be properly plugged.

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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: 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 2017

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

D-307-CV-201700489
JUDGE Manuel I Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF OTAVIO VEGA.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Otavio Vega, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen (14) years, has filed a Petition for Name Change in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Otavio Vega to Jesus B. Vega, Jr. and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I Arrieta, District Judge on the 3rd day of April 2017, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., at the

Doña Ana County Court-house, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ J. Marcos Perales-Pina
J. Marcos Perales-Pina
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 8650
Las Cruces, NM 88006
(575) 523-0144 Tel.
(575) 523-0177 Fax

Dates: 03/17, 03/24, 2017

PUBLIC AUCTION DEALERS TOWING 22200 STERN DRIVE ANTHONY, NM

06/1/2017 10:00 AM

1997 FORD RANGER VIN# 1FTCR14A1VPB27785
ABANDONED
AMOUNT OWED - \$6,000

2003 CHEVROLET IMPALA VIN# 2G1WH5K039128252
ABANDONED -
AMOUNT OWED - \$5,500

2009 TRAILMOBILE VAN TRLR - VIN# 1PT01JAH6Y6004344
ABANDONED - AMOUNT OWED - \$20,500

2004 FORD FOCUS VIN# 3FAFP31NX5R100332
ABANDONED
AMOUNT OWED - \$5,000

2013 NISSAN VERSA VIN# 3N1CN7AP8DL845404
ABANDONED
AMOUNT OWED - \$10,200

Dates: 03/24, 03/31, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-611
Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Laura Jane Koontz FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that Laura Jane Koontz, a resident of the City of Mesilla Park, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the District Court, Doña Ana

County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from **Laura Jane Koontz to Laura Jane Duncan**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the **6th day of April 2017, at the hour of 9:00 a.m.**, at the Doña Ana County Court-house 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Laura J Koontz
Laura J Koontz
107 Secluded Lane
Mesilla Park, NM 88047
623.606.3405

Dates: 03/17, 03/24, 2017

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

No. D-307-SA-2016-00041
Judge Beyer

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JOSHUA ANTHONY VELASQUEZ ESTEVAN CHAVEZ, PETITIONER.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: Israel Velasquez

A Petition for Adoption has been filed in the above-captioned and numbered cause in the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88005. The minor child who is subject of said petition is Joshua Anthony Velasquez, born September 10, 2007 in Las Cruces, New Mexico to Rebecca Chavez.

If you intend to contest the adoption shall respond to the Petition within twenty-one (21) days from the date of service. **FAILURE TO RESPOND SHALL BE TREATED AS A DEFAULT AND YOUR CONSENT TO THE ADOPTION SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED.**

Claude Bowman
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: ELSA GOMEZ
DEPUTY

Dates: 03/24, 03/31, 04/07, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-02765

ONE SOURCE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

v.

RUBEN CASTRO, Defendant.

NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION PENDING

TO: RUBEN CASTRO

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff One Source Federal Credit Union (OSFCU) has filed a Complaint for Fraud and Breach of Contract in the above entitled and numbered cause in the office of the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico.

You are further notified that, unless you enter your appearance or plead herein, judgment may be rendered in said cause against you by default.

The Plaintiff's attorney is HOLT MYNATT MARTINEZ P.C. (Bradley A. Springer and Alan J. Dahl), P.O. Box 2699, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004. A copy of the Complaint may be requested by calling Alan J. Dahl at (575) 524-8812. If you file an Answer or any other pleading in this case, you must provide a copy to Plaintiff's attorney at the above address.

Dates: 03/17, 3/24, 03/31, 2017

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

Probate No. 16-0245

THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANIEL SOSA, JR., Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RITA O. SOSA has been appointed personal representative for the estate of the above named decedent. All persons having

claims against the ESTATE OF DANIEL SOSA, JR. are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or their claim will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the above named personal representative, Rita O. Sosa, Post Office Box 1267, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004, the attorney for the personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated: March 7, 2017

/ss/ Daniel Sosa, III
Daniel Sosa, III
Attorney for
Personal Representative
SOSA LAW FIRM
Post Office Box 12293
Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87195
Telephone: (575) 526-6864

Dates: 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-01729

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

vs.

STEVEN L. FORBES AND BARBARA L. FORBES, HUSBAND AND WIFE; MARK L. PRUIT AND JANE DOE PRUIT, HUSBAND AND WIFE; KIMBERLY K. PRUIT AND JOHN DOE PRUIT, WIFE AND HUSBAND; STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT; CAPITAL ONE BANK (U.S.A.), N.A.; OCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **April 19, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all

the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4245 Fireweed Dr, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 21, MESA MANOR SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON DECEMBER 1, 2005, IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 431-432 OF PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on March 17, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$291,478.70 and the same bears interest at 4.75% per annum from November 12, 2016, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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

Dates: 03/24, 03/31, 04/07,
04/14, 2017

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

No. 17-0042
Judge Diana A. Bustamante

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF:
MANUEL ALVILLAR,
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 three months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 5767 Sanderling Dr., Santa Teresa, New Mexico 88008 or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED this 2nd day of March, 2017.

/s/ Thomas Alvillar
TOMAS ALVILLAR
Personal Representative
5767 Sanderling Dr.
Santa Teresa,
New Mexico 88008

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

Dates: 03/10, 03/17, 03/24,
2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-02342

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

vs.

**RAMONA CHAVARRIA
and TERESA C. EVARO,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **March 29, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2145 Colean Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 21 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 5A OF LOMA HEIGHTS PLAT NO. 3, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID LOMA HEIGHTS PLAT NO. 3, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 19, 1960 IN PLAT BOOK 8, FOLIO 52.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 21, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$101,427.10 and the same bears interest at 4.2500% per annum from January 18, 2017, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled

at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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

Dates: 03/03, 03/10, 03/17,
03/24, 2015

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

No. 0-307-CV-2017-00030
**Honorable
James T. Martin**

**B&H MECHANICAL,
INC., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**WRIGHT & DALBIN
ARCHITECTS, INC.,
FREDERIC DALBIN,
individually, CPME,
LLC, and MIGUEL
ANTONIO TERAN,
individually,
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF SUIT**

**THE STATE OF NEW
MEXICO TO: CPME,
LLC and MIGUEL AN-**

TONIO TERAN, Defendants in the above styled and numbered cause of action.

You and each of you, are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff, B&H Mechanical, Inc. has filed a civil action against each of you in the above-entitled Court and cause. The general object thereof is for breach of contract, unjust enrichment, negligence, violation of Unfair Practices Act, and violation of prompt payment act.

The name of the Plaintiffs attorney is: Daniel D. James, CARRILLO LAW FIRM, P.C., P.O. Box 457, 1001 East Lohman, Las Cruces, NM 88004, (575) 647-3200.

Defendants, CPME, LLC and Miguel Antonio Teran are hereby notified that unless you, and each of you, file an answer or responsive pleading with this Court within thirty (30) 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 you or each of you by default.

**CARRILLO LAW FIRM,
P.C.**

Dates: 3/24, 3/31, 4/07, 2017

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-02106

**WELLS FARGO BANK,
NA, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**PEDRO ROBLES AKA
PEDRO S. ROBLES, JR.;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
PEDRO ROBLES AKA
PEDRO S. ROBLES, JR.;
BERNADETTE CANO;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
BERNADETTE CANO;
NEW MEXICO TAXA-
TION AND REVENUE
DEPARTMENT, MOTOR
VEHICLE DIVISION;
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 9577 Corona, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE EAST OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO IN THE NE 1/4SW1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 3 EAST, N.M.P.M. OF THE USGLO SURVEYS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A 1/2" IRON ROD SET ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF A 25 FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT KNOWN AS CORONA ROAD FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT, WHENCE THE W1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 3 EAST, N.M.P.M. OF THE USGLO SURVEY E Y S B E A R S N.59°03'57"W., A DISTANCE OF 2615.67 FEET; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LEAVING THE SOUTH SIDE OF CORONA ROAD N.0°53'36"W., 342.90 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH IRON ROD SET FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE S.89°32'43"E. 127.07 FEET TO 1/2 INCH IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE S.00°53'36"E., A DISTANCE OF 342.90 FEET TO 1/2 INCH IRON ROD FOUND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SAID CORONA ROAD FOR THE SOUTH EAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF SAID ROAD N.89°32'43"W. 127.07 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.00 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO A 25 FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT PARALLEL AND IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THIS TRACT. ALSO SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESERVATIONS OF RECORD.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Wells Fargo Bank, NA, 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 sale is to begin at **10:45 am on May 4, 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 February 17, 2017, in the total amount of \$101,190.62, with interest at the rate of 6.50% per annum from October 31, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-02174

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

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

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Robert E. De Kinder Jr. and The Unknown Spouse of Robert E. De Kinder Jr,

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 2921 Valle Vista, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOT 27 AND THE WEST 4 FEET OF LOT 26, IMPERIAL TERRACE, A TOWNHOUSE SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON SEPTEMBER 07, 1973, IN BOOK 11 PAGE(S) 66 OF PLAT RECORDS.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
WEINSTEIN &
RILEY, P.S.

By: /s/ Elizabeth V.
Friedenstein

Elizabeth V. Friedenstein
5801 Osuna Road NE,
Suite A-103
Albuquerque, NM 87109
505-348-3200
ElizabethF@w-legal.com
Attorney for Plaintiff

Dates: 03/10, 03/17, 03/24,
2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-02494

**IDAHO HOUSING AND
FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,**

vs.

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

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant Diana F. Boyd,

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1707 Defiance Ave, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 382, Block 11 of SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION PHASE III, located in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on Plat thereof recorded on March 28, 1979 in Plat Book 12, at Page(s) 246-248 as Plat No. 970, records of Doña Ana County.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
WEINSTEIN &
RILEY, P.S.

By: /s/ Elizabeth V.

Legal Notices

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thF@w-legal.com
y for Plaintiff

3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 2017

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. HILL; THE UN-
KNOWN SPOUSE OF
HILL; CHAR-
BANK; OCCU-
PIERS OF THE PROP-
ERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled having appointed me designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5261 Cochise Las Cruces, NM and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 11 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 3 OF LA JOLLA SUBDIVISION UNIT 2 PHASE 1, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID MESA LA JOLLA SUBDIVISION UNIT 2 PHASE 1, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON OCTOBER 19 IN PLAT BOOK 103-136-140,

The sale is to begin at 12:00 pm on April 6, 2017, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Court, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay the balance of the sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment on January 19,

through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-02867

LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

JACENTA GARCIA; CRISOFORO GARCIA;

DEPARTMENT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Jacenta Garcia and Crisoforo Garcia:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff LSF9 Master Participation Trust has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 181 Manzana Ave., Sunland Park, NM 88063. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 1, BLOCK 6, SUNLAND PARK SUBDIVISION - PLAT NO. 1, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 5, 1976, IN BOOK 12 PAGES 71-73 OF PLAT RECORDS.

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

McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

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

Dates: 03/17, 03/24, 03/31,
2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-00817

LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSE J. RAMIREZ, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS

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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 5632 Century Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 1 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 4 OF MESA VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID MESA VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 6, 1976 IN PLAT BOOK 12, FOLIO 39-40.

The sale is to begin at 12:00 pm on April 20, 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 February 7, 2017, in the total amount of \$232,033.94, with interest at the rate of 2.500% per annum from June 30, 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. LSF9 Master Participation Trust, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE 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 3660 Arcilla Pl, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

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

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-01977

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

vs.

MANUELA M. MARQUEZ, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MANUELA M. MARQUEZ, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MANUELA M. MARQUEZ; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3660 Arcilla Pl, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

SECTION 1 T24S, R1E, OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, BEING A PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 12-20A AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS TO WIT: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY AN IRON ROD, WHENCE AN IRON ROD MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 12-20A BEARS THE FOLLOWING TWO COURSES AND DISTANCES: N. 33°55'W. 651.32 FEET AND N. 60°46'50" E. 550.70 FEET; AND THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 1, T24S, R1E, BEARS N. 49°20'08" E. 738.74 FEET; THENCE FROM THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.959 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS.

The sale is to begin at 10:45am on May 4, 2017, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment in Rem granted on February 20, 2017, in the total amount of \$200,427.30, with interest at the rate of 5.06% per annum from July 31, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the

The Friday, March 24, 2017

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

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

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-02567

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL NEW MEXICO, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

BENJAMIN MADRID; JACOB KURIAN; Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendant, Benjamin Madrid:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Wells Fargo Financial New Mexico, Inc. 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 9486 Dragonfly Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88012. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally

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

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
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Dates: 03/17, 03/24, 03/31,
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB-201700005 JUDGE JAMES T. MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARITA RAMOS JERMONE DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

To: ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARITA RAMOS JERMONE, DECEASED OR IN MATTERS BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREIN-AFTER MENTIONED HEARING

Hearing on Petition for Formal Probate and Appointment of Personal Representative filed by the undersigned petitioner will be held at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, in Las Cruces, New Mexico on April 11th, 2017 at 10:30am before the Honorable Judge James T. Martin, District Judge. You are hereby notified that at the hearing

ay, March 24, 2017

Personal Representation of the Petitioner is on the Court in the captioned cause and available for your review.

It is to NMSA, 1978-01 (2014), notice of hearing and place of hearing. Petition is hereby published by publication, each week, for three consecutive weeks.

Our hand and seals Court. Dated: March 17

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

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MATTER OF STATE OF DORE J. FITZ,
ad.

OFFICE OF HEARING PUBLICATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

UNKNOWN HEIRS THEODORE J. FITZ, DECEASED, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS WHO HAVE CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DORE J. SCHMITZ, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED HEREIN AND MENTIONED ABOVE.

on the petition filed petitioner or personal representative, which petitions the court for an action of intestacy and partition of heirship, held at The Third District Court located 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on May 23, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

by publication, once each week, for three consecutive weeks.

Witness our hands and the seal of this Court.

DATED: March 13, 2017.

/s/ _____
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: /s/ _____
Deputy

Prepared by:

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

/s/ _____
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Attorney for
Personal Representative

Dates: 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-00508

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

GEORGE W. JOHNSON, if living, if Deceased, THE ESTATE OF GEORGE W. JOHNSON, Deceased; CARMEN JOHNSON, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARMEN JOHNSON, (true name unknown); NITA MARSHALL; GEORGIA JOHNSON; RAMON NEVAREZ; GUIELLERMO NEVAREZ; ESEQUIEL VASQUEZ; GARY LEE JOHNSON; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF GEORGE W. JOHNSON, Deceased, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) George W. Johnson, if living, if Deceased, The Estate of George W. Johnson, Deceased, Carmen Johnson, Ramon Nevarez, Guiellermo Nevarez and the Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of George W. Johnson, Deceased is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled

McRae Avenue, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lot 110 in Block 19 of Sunrise Terrace Addition Phase IV, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on May 28, 1980 and recorded in Book 13 at Pages 47-49, Plat Records.

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

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

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:

Little, Bradley & Nesbitt, P.A.
1700 Louisiana Blvd NE,
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March 9, 2017

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

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 9th day of March, 2017.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

/s/Joe M. Martinez
Deputy - Joe M Martinez

Dates: 03/17, 03/24, 03/31, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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

vs.

JERALD W. THOMAS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JERALD W. THOMAS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4997 Spur Ridge Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE EAST OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, LOCATED IN SECTIONS 14 AND 23, T.23S., R.3E., N.M.P.M OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF A 50.00 FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT, KNOWN AS SPUR RIDGE, FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT: WHENCE THE 1/4 CORNER COMMON TO SECTIONS 14 AND 23, T.23S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS, BEARS N.67°55'44"W., 511.18 FEET;

THENCE, FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LEAVING THE EASTERLY LINE OF SPUR RIDGE, N.51°19' 10"E., A DISTANCE OF 391.24 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S.37°16'03"E., A DISTANCE OF 431.60 FEET TO A NAIL SET ON THE CENTERLINE OF SAID 50.00 FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT, KNOWN AS SPUR RIDGE, FOR THE

CENTERLINE OF SPUR RIDGE THE FOLLOWING THREE COURSES AND DISTANCES: N.59°59'03"W., A DISTANCE OF 108.36 FEET TO A NAIL SET FOR AN ANGLE POINT OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S.66°24'55"W., A DISTANCE OF 230.49 FEET TO A NAIL SET FOR AN ANGLE POINT OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N.79°23'36"W., A DISTANCE OF 181.97 FEET TO A NAIL SET ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID 50.00 FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT, KNOWN AS SPUR RIDGE, FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE, LEAVING THE CENTERLINE OF SPUR RIDGE, AND ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF S P U R R I D G E , N.38°40'50"W., A DISTANCE OF 132.55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ENCLOSING 2.500 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

The sale is to begin at **12:00pm on April 20, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment in Rem granted on February 1, 2017, in the total amount of \$371,709.60, with interest at the rate of 4.9900% per annum from January 31, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Nationstar Mortgage Llc D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property

land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any

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

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

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

Case No.
D-307-CV-2016-00161
Judge James T. Martin

COMPASS BANK, an Alabama Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

SUN WEST ESTATES, LTD., BOWEN INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTORS, INC., and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA acting through the SECRETARY OF TREASURY and the INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on **Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.** at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant Sun West Estates, Ltd. in and to the following-

Lot 7, Block 1, Hacienda San Miguel Unit II, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, NM

Lot 8, Block 3, Hacienda San Miguel Unit II, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, NM

Lot 13, Block 4, Hacienda San Miguel Unit II, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, NM

Lot 4, Block 5, Hacienda San Miguel Unit II, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, NM

Lot 5, Block 5, Hacienda San Miguel Unit II, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, NM

Lot 6, Block 5, Hacienda San Miguel Unit II, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, NM

Lot 7, Block 5, Hacienda San Miguel Unit II, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, NM

Lot 8, Block 5, Hacienda San Miguel Unit II, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, NM

Lot 9, Block 5, Hacienda San Miguel Unit II, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, NM

The sale will be made pursuant to the Judgment entered on September 30, 2016, in the above-titled and numbered cause, a suit to foreclose a mortgage lien held by Plaintiff by which Plaintiff has a security interest on the above-described real estate in the sum of \$239,670.16 as of September 30, 2016, plus interest at the statutory rate of 8.75% per annum from the date of Judgment to the date of sale (\$11,087.85), together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee (estimated at approximately \$250.00 plus gross receipts tax). The proceeds from the judicial sale will be applied first to the payment of the costs and expenses of the sale, then to the payment of the Judgment in favor of Plaintiff. Any excess funds shall be deposited with the Clerk of the Court to be applied as may be determined by the Court. Plaintiff has the right to submit its Judgment by way of bid verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its Judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservation, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due including unpaid utility bills. 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 a 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, any homeowners' association or condominium dues, assessments, declarations, rules requirements and restrictions, if any, any requirements imposed by city or county ordinance or by state law affecting the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any. No representation is made as to the validity of the rights of ingress and egress. Transfer of title to the highest bidder shall be without warranty or representation of any kind. Notice is further given that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to a one month right of redemption. ALL PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on February 24, 2017.

By /s/ Samantha R. Barncastle
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RESPECTFULLY
SUBMITTED,

SCOTT HULSE P.C.

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NEW MEXICO
IN THE
PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

No. 17-0054

**IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
SUSAN E. CARNAGAN****NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **MARIE L. CARNAGAN** has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever ban-ed. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Room 1-200, Las Cruces, New, Mexico 88007.

DATED: March 8, 2017.

MARIE L. CARNAGAN
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Dates: 3/24, 3/31, 4/07, 2017

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

No. 17-0053

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
HOWARD VINCENT
CARNAGAN****NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **MARIE L. CARNAGAN** has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal repre-

sentative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Room 1-200, Las Cruces, New, Mexico 88007.

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Dates: 03/24, 03/31, 04/07, 2017

**THE STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-01656**BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

PEDRO HERRERA; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PEDRO HERRERA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; ALBERT ORDUNEZ; CON-SECO FINANCE SERVICE CORP., Defendants.

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

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LOT 1B OF KISSIAH PARRIGAN SUBDIVISION REPLAT NO. 4, LOCATED IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JUNE 27, 1995 AND RECORDED IN

BOOK 18 AT PAGES 283, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:00 pm on April 20, 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 February 13, 2017, in the total amount of \$61,861.50, with interest at the rate of 5.00% per annum from January 2, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
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Dates: 03/17, 03/24, 03/31, 2017

**THE STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-01704**NATIONSTAR MORT-
GAGE LLC D/B/A
CHAMPION MORT-
GAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

HENRY ICKSTADT, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF HENRY ICKSTADT, DECEASED; RENATE K. ICKSTADT AND JOHN DOE ICKSTADT, WIFE AND HUSBAND; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants,

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4320 Bogart Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

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The sale is to begin at **12:00pm on April 20, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency

of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment in Rem granted on February 2, 2017, in the total amount of \$330,162.50, with interest at the rate 5.5600% of per annum from July 31, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be

sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the

land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINA-

TION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-00020
Judge Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIANA M. HERNANDEZ, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING

Petitioner Lydia Hernandez, through her attorney, ScottHulse, P.C. (Joshua

Dwyer), gives the following notice to any persons who may have an interest in this matter:

The hearing on the Petition for Formal Probate of Copy of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative will be held at **11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 13, 2017**, in the Third Judicial District Court, Courtroom 7, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Joshua Dwyer

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Dates: 03/10, 03/17, 03/24, 2017



NOTICE is hereby given that on January 20, 2017, Dona Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association, PO Box 866, Dona Ana, NM 88032, filed application numbered LRG-80, LRG-1905, LRG-4250-B, and LRG-15880-1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Combine and Commingle Underground Water Rights and Enlarge Service Area within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Dona Ana County by combining water rights as recorded and on file with the State Engineer in

Files LRG-80, LRG-1905, LRG-4250-B, and LRG-15880-1 for the combined diversion of 8,569.755 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater from the following wells, located on land owned by the applicant, described as follows:

Well	Location
LRG-80-S	X = 1,433,473 Y = 542,044 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet
LRG-80-S-2	X = 1,433,295 Y = 541,730 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet
LRG-80-S-3	X = 1,433,293 Y = 542,054 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet
LRG-80-S-4	X = 1,433,293 Y = 541,245 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet
LRG-80 POD7	X = 1,433,380 Y = 542,195 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet
LRG-1905	X = 1,471,343 Y = 493,403 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet
LRG-1905-S	X = 1,466,113 Y = 506,280 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet
LRG-1905-S-2	X = 1,469,851 Y = 491,904 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet
LRG-1905-S-4	X = 1,467,696 Y = 499,287 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet
LRG-1905-S-5	X = 1,463,659 Y = 503,133 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet
LRG-1905 POD10	X = 1,474,923 Y = 496,644 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet
LRG-4250-S	X = 1,450,400 Y = 476,262 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet
LRG-4250-S-2	X = 1,450,842 Y = 476,251 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FM'S 3002 Feet
LRG-4250 POD7	X = 1,452,213 Y = 476,935 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet
LRG- 15880 POD1	X = 1,459,639 Y = 473,017 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet
LRG-15880 POD2	X = 1,460,701 Y = 473,423 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet
LRG-15880 POD3	X = 1,460,700 Y = 473,430 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet

The applicant seeks to exercise the aforementioned 8,569.755 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for community type use including domestic, irrigation, municipal, industrial, commercial and related purposes within the proposed service area, owned by Dona Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association and individual customer members, described as follows:

Subdivision	Section	Township	Range
Part	3 — 4	22 South	1 East
All	5 — 6	22 South	1 East
All	8 — 9	22 South	1 East
Part	10 — 11	22 South	1 East
Part	14	22 South	1 East
All	15 — 17	22 South	1 East
All	20 — 22	22 South	1 East
Part	23 — 25	22 South	1 East
All	26 — 28	22 South	1 East
All	33 — 35	22 South	1 East
Part	36	22 South	1 East
Part	30	22 South	2 East
Part	1	23 South	1 East
All	2 — 8	23 South	1 East
All	10	23 South	1 East
Part	11	23 South	1 East
All	15	23 South	1 East
Part	17 — 18	23 South	1 East
Part	22	23 South	1 East
Part	10	21 South	1 West
All	11 — 14	21 South	1 West
Part	15	21 South	1 West
Part	1	23 South	1 West
Part	12 — 13	23 South	1 West

Wells LRG-80-S, LRG-80-S-2, LRG-80-S-3, LRG-80-S-4, and LRG-80 POD7 are generally located in Radium Springs, NM. Wells LRG-4250-S, LRG-4250-S-2, and LRG-4250 POD7 are located within the Picacho Hills Subdivision. Wells LRG-15880 POD1, LRG-15880 POD2, and LRG-15880 POD3 are located within the Fairview Estates Mobile Home Subdivision. Wells LRG-1905, LRG-1905-S, LRG-1905-S-2, LRG-1905-S-4, LRG- 1905-S-5, and LRG-1905 POD10 are generally located north of 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: 03/10, 03/17, 03/24, 2017

City council approves street construction loan application

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

At its Monday, March 20, regular meeting, the Las Cruces City Council unanimously approved resolutions authorizing city staff to apply for a \$5 million loan from the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) to pay for street projects, and to purchase a 2016 ambulance for the Las Cruces Fire Department (LCFD) for \$163,523.

The council also heard from supporters of the Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC), who said they want DAAC continue as manager of the city-owned Rio Grande Theatre (RGT).

The NMFA money will pay for reconstruction of south Main Street from Ave-

nida de Mesilla to Boutz Road, a number of median landscape projects and the extension of Roadrunner Parkway from U.S. Highway 70 north to Settlers Pass Road, according to city documents. Borrowing the funds “is part of the regular bond cycling schedule for street projects.”

An NMFA loan is more cost effective than bonds because of the current interest rate, city Treasurer Karen Byrum told the council. She said the resolution it passed approves the city’s loan application. A future resolution will set the interest rate and provide other information about the loan, Byrum said.

LCFD Deputy Chief Steve Mims said the new ambulance, a 2016 Osage Type III Super Warrior, will be purchased from Phoenix Group Emergency Vehicles of

Waxahachie, Texas with money from a state fire marshal fire protection grant and a state fire protection fund account.

It will replace an ambulance donated to LCFD by American Medical Response (which operates an ambulance service in Las Cruces) when LCFD began a pilot program using the ambulance “staffed by LCFD firefighters during the hours of peak demand for emergency services,” according to LCFD’s 2013-14 annual report.

That older ambulance, which has 270,000 miles on it, will continue to be used as a backup to the two newer units that will be in service as part of the program, Mims said. The new ambulance will be housed at LCFD Station #8 at the East Mesa Public Safety Complex, which is expected to open in the next few weeks.

During public input at the meeting, a number of speakers, including professional musician and singer Christine Sanders and artists Wayne Huber and Jack LeSage, voiced their support for DAAC to continue to manage RGT.

DAAC quit claimed RGT to the city in 2000 so state funds could be used for the theatre’s renovation.

DAAC is in the third year a five-year management agreement with the city. The agreement is renewable every year, with the third year expiring June 30.

At a December council work session, City Manager Stuart Ed raised the possibility of replacing DAAC as RGT manager with the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau.

At the March 20 meeting, Ed said he was “appreciative of feedback and information from the community” about DAAC. “We’re not looking – and I’m not looking – to either interrupt or damage arts in Las Cruces,” Ed said. Rather, the city’s goal in deciding who will manage RGT is “to keep everything vibrant and alive for the community.”

There is an investment of \$2 million in federal, state and local money in RGT, he said, and the city has a duty to make sure the money is “properly administrated.”

Ed said the city has received an updated RGT audit report from DAAC, and has submitted a number of questions to DAAC about the audit for additional clarification.

Ed said his final recommendation to the council as to who should manage RGT “will certainly support the arts.” Whatever the decision, he said, DAAC “will not be thrown out on the street.” The arts council currently is housed on the theatre’s second floor.

DAAC Executive Director Kathleen Albers said DAAC will hold two public forums about the RGT from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 24, and Thursday, March 30, at the theatre, 211 N. Main St. downtown.

“We are providing this opportunity to gather feedback on current programming and suggestions for future operations and programming going forward,” Albers said at the city council meeting.

“We are so pleased and humbled by the overwhelming support and good will from the community over the past several months,” she said.

ROCKIN' FOR A CAUSE

Concert
proceeds
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Heavy metal bands unite to benefit cerebral palsy

By **MARTY RACINE**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Three of the toughest bands in the Borderlands will slip out of character Saturday, March 25, when they rock for a kinder, gentler cause: cerebral palsy.

El Paso's Brother Strange and Las Cruces' Flat Blak and Cordova will lay down some heavy riffs at Q-Time, 1201 E. Amador, from 7 to 11 p.m. It's a 21-and-over event and the cover is \$5 (higher donations accepted). All proceeds benefit cerebral palsy patients.



The benefit is special for Flat Blak drummer Rob Allen, whose friend lost a daughter to CP several years ago. "This is a child who never spoke a word," he said. "This was severe cerebral palsy. So I have a soft spot in my heart for that."

Allen has a buddy in the Elks Lodge, which partners with the Cerebral Palsy Foundation. "So I approached him and said, 'Let's do this gig, have everybody play for free.' They jumped right onboard. They make sure all the money goes to the



PHOTOS COURTESY CORDOVA

Cordova guitarist Scott Guthrie

proper place, (like) buying wheelchairs for these kids, whatever we can do to help."

Not to mention, Allen notes, the show might kick-start a summer concert season at Q-Time, a

large outdoor patio venue dormant for years.

Others in the community are pitching in, coordinating sound and lighting, staging and security. "It's going to be a great rock 'n' roll show," Allen said.

Brother Strange are (first name only) Steve, vocals; David, guitar; Strange, bass; and Mario, drums. They formed about five years ago, channeling such iconic heavy metalists as Black Sabbath, AC/DC, Deep Purple and, of course, Led Zeppelin.

Cordova is a five-piece formed in 2014. Oliver Charity (vocals), Scott Guthrie and Erik Kurtz (guitars), Jason Reed (bass) and Davis Edmonds (drums) released a debut CD, "Staring at Fire," in 2015. Radio personality Lyndsey K (Bravo Mic Communications) calls Cordova "one of the most original acts I've ever had the pleasure of seeing and hearing. They are equally awe inspiring live and recorded."



PHOTOS COURTESY FLAT BLAK

Flat Blak of Las Cruces is a fixture on the region's club circuit.

Flat Blak is a power trio of Les Skaggs, bass; Travis Manning, guitar; and Allen. They met Brother Strange on the El Paso circuit, and a Borderland brotherhood of hard-rockers took shape. "We've done a few shows with them," Allen says. "Good people."

Las Cruces natives Skaggs and Allen go back a long way, forming the band Cold Sweat in 5th grade with a guy from California who knew a few chords. After high school they moved to Dallas in the band C.S. Truckin, landing opening slots for such touring acts as Ritchie Blackmore's Rainbow.

"We knew people in Dallas," Allen explains of Big D. "It was a little less scary than L.A., where we probably should have gone."

After the band broke up, Allen scuttled around Texas until returning to Cruces in 1993.

"I moved back for the Mexican food," he says,

not so facetiously.

Named for the color Manning favored for his motorcycle, Flat Blak is not a "classic rock" band, Allen cautions. But they do tributes, or "mashes" of Zeppelin, the Stones, et al. They won 2nd place in The Fox 92.3 FM's Battle on the Border in El Paso in 2013 and have opened for the likes of Sammy Hagar.

They do write, however, and are compiling an album of originals in Manning's home studio that could be out by summer.

It's another chapter in Allen's career that seemed pre-ordained when he began pounding kits at age 7, on the sly, since his mother preferred he try piano, instead.

So he banged away at friends' homes. "My mother would have had a cow," Allen says. "For all she knew I was out riding my bike somewhere."

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CALL TO ARTISTS

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Artist in residence: The Friends of Organ Mountains Desert Peaks and Bureau of Land Management encourage artists to apply for the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument Artist in Residence Program to take place May 1-31, 2017. Entries for the 2017 Spring Residency must be received via email on or before Feb. 28. Info: organmountains-desertpeaks.org/artist-in-residence/ or contact Ben Gabriel, 575-323-1423 or email info@organmntfriends.org.

Rokoko Art Gallery: Rokoko Art Gallery invites all "fools, freaks and fanatics" to submit for an art opening Saturday, April 1 titled "April Foolishness." Anything goes. \$15 entry fee. Entries due Saturday, March 25, 1785 Avenida de Mercado. Info: 575-522-5553.

Branigan Cultural Center: Seeks proposals for exhibits with themes of cultural and historical significance relating to the Southwest to be presented in 2018. Submissions will be accepted from artists (solo and group), formal and informal scholars, and cultural heritage organizations. To apply, complete the form at

www.surveymonkey.com/r/LCMS2017. Proposals must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, April 7. Applications must include a brief (1-4 paragraph(s)) narrative, should include artist(s) statement or group's mission, five to 10 jpg images of proposed work (or those of similar style and quality), and linear and/or square footage needs. Exhibits will run for a 6 to 12-week period. Incomplete or late proposals will not be accepted. Info: las-cruces.org/museums, 575-541-2154. The Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St.

Student PSAs: Las Cruces and Doña Ana County area

middle and high school students urged to participate in the 2017 CLC-TV Student Video Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest. The annual contest draws on local students to produce a 30-second PSA for the opportunity to win a prize (a GoPro HERO camera.) This year's theme is "Breaking Stereotypes." Students are asked to submit their video entries, following specific guidelines, by Friday, April 7 to qualify. Full contest rules/guidelines are provided at CLCTV.com. Info: Adrian Guzman at 575-541-2026.

Ceramics exhibition: The Las Cruces Museum of Art

and the Potters' Guild of Las Cruces seek submissions for From the Ground Up XXVIII Regional Juried Ceramics Exhibition 2017. Submissions are open to ceramic artists living and working in states in the Rocky Mountain Time Zone region of the US: NM, TX, AZ, UT, CO, WY, ID and MT. The exhibition runs Aug. 4-Oct. 21, 2017. Awards include cash prizes. This year's juror is Steven Hill. The deadline for submissions is April 21. Full prospectus and submission form available at www.pottersguildlc.com and www.las-cruces.org/museums. Info: Exhibitions curator Joy Miller at jmiller@las-cruces.org.



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The sacred, beautiful language of the birds

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

“The Conference of the Birds” is an allegory, a metaphor, a mystical journey and a really entertaining way to spend an evening.

The play, which continues for seven more performances at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. downtown, is based on a 12th century poem by Farīd ud-Dīn, who was born and died in Nishapur, Iran.

Director Karen Caroe chose 10 talented actors to tell this remarkable story, written by Peter Brook and Jean-Claude Carriere. Each of her players gives an inspired performance, individually and in the ensemble, bringing life to more than 30 parts, including many different birds and the characters they meet on their journey: princess, king, beggar, thief, slave,

saint, astrologer and even a grave digger.

Micah Glidewell sings beautifully as the nightingale, and provides the perfect guitar music (which she composed) as the birds make their way across the desert and the seven valleys – quest, love, knowledge, detachment, unity, wonder and, finally, poverty and annihilation – and discover the true meaning of their journey and their lives.

The poet chose birds to communicate his beautiful and deeply spiritual message because, in Sufism and many other religions and cultures, the language of birds is sacred.

But this is also a fun show, with a bit of audience participation.

Tiffany Tyson’s choreography, the music provided by Micah and other actors, Autumn Gieb’s fantastic costumes



PHOTO BY PETER HERMAN, BLACK BOX THEATRE

The cast of “The Conference of the Birds,” which continues for the next two weekends at Black Box Theatre downtown.

and Peter Herman’s lighting design all added depth and a certain magic to the show. Tyson also was an inspired hoopoe, the leader of the birds.

Caroe and her actors and crew clearly understand that this tale is about much more than a flock of pretty birds. It is a poem and a play with a powerful message sustained across nine centuries and reawakened in a small theatre with a handful of cubes for props, a talented cast and crew and a wise director.

I was particularly struck by perhaps the oldest member of the cast, Mark Hammersmith, as the walking bird, the flute player and the astrologer; among other characters he created; and the youngest, Owen Glidewell, who played the hermit and the heron. I was in “On Golden Pond” with Owen more than a year ago, and thought he was good then. At 14, he is amazing. I can’t wait to see what he does next.

Mark Kitanga (the donkey in Las Cruces Community Theatre’s production of “Shrek”) was a wise and graceful falcon in his first show at the Black Box. Joseluis Solorzano, whom I acted with in “The Explorers Club,” was again terrific in this show as a musician and actor. I so loved his phoenix.

Veronica Bissell can add a wonderful sparrow and a memorable duck to her many acting credits at New Mexico State University, along with Belle in Scaffolding Theatre Company’s recent “Beauty and the Beast.” Sarah Glidewell played six parts along with her work in the ensemble, and I especially enjoyed her double bird and partridge.

Elli Hernandez was a grand exotic bird and parrot and, like Heather Hosford, helped to empower the ensemble. Hosford, who also has a number of NMSU theatre credits, was also a memorable dove.

Remaining performances of “The Conference of the Birds” are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, March 24 and 25 and March 31 and April 1; at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays, March 26 and April 2; and at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 30.

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

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DAAC letter to supporters

Editor's note: Doña Ana Arts Council Executive Director Kathleen Albers is asking supporters to attend a March 27 work session of Las Cruces City Council to speak on behalf of the DAAC's managing of the Rio Grande Theatre. This is her letter, partly edited.

Dear supporters of the Doña Ana Arts Council and the Rio Grande Theatre,

First and foremost, the staff and board of DAAC thank you for your concern, time and effort regarding the question of "who manages the RGT?" Indeed, this has been a trying time for all of us who love and cherish the Rio Grande Theatre, and want the best for Las

Cruces.

Your confidence in DAAC is greatly appreciated and has buoyed our spirits.

The re-issued audit with the audited supplement report on the RGT was sent to city staff ahead of the stated deadline of March 6.

DAAC will request to be included on the agenda for the March 27 city council work session. If you have the time and desire, your support at this work session will be very much appreciated. You may simply attend, or if you want to make a comment to the council at this time, the floor is typically opened for short comments and testimonials by the public at the very end.

Our focus will be on the contributions that DAAC has made to preserve and enhance the RGT building toward supporting a diversity of programs for the enrichment of the arts and the public. Our theme will be positive, and we ask that you keep this theme in mind should you wish to speak or send an email.

The Doña Ana Arts Council is telling its "story."

Feel free to tell your "story." What are the positive experience(s) you've had with RGT (and) DAAC? Testimonials with details of your experience(s) are compelling messages.

Best wishes and thank you, again.

Kathleen Albers

HAPPENING NOW

Harvey Girls Clothing mini-exhibit: March 1-April 1, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. The museum will celebrate some of the important contributions women have made to the development of the railroad. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Cost: Free.

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Quick Draw brings crowd to opening night of Arts Fair

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

It's not only a Quick Draw, it's a big draw.

Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) volunteers Cindy and Pat Breedlove decided to add a quick draw event – local artists together in the same room drawing their unique versions of a single tableau – to attract more visitors to the opening night of DAAC's seventh annual Arts Fair.

It worked.

Hundreds of visitors attended March 17 as 25 local artists competed for cash prizes in the Quick Draw competition. Each had 90 minutes to finish drawing or painting his or her vision of two young women dressed as flamenco dancers.

Quick Draw winners were Luis Navarro, first place (\$150 prize money); Francesca Ortega, second (\$50); and Lorenzo Zepeda, people's choice (\$100).

After the Quick Draw ended, the artwork was auctioned, with proceeds divided between the artists and DAAC.

“Quick Draw was added this year as a fun way to engage local artists and also raise funds for DAAC's educational programs,” said DAAC Executive Director Kathleen Albers. “We also wanted to draw the public into the artist's world – it was fascinating to see the different interpretations of the same subject matter, and to watch the creative process unfold.”

Among hundreds of local and regional artists participating in the Arts Fair, booth winners were:

- Best of Show, Lisa Carlson Jewelry
- Fabric, Weaving and Leather, Elizabeth Jenkins
- Jewelry, Tamara St. Jean
- Mixed Media, N.J. Searcy;
- Painting and Drawing, James Tsoodle
- Porcelain, Pottery and Glass, Karen Bell
- Printmaking and Photography, Ken Smith
- Woodworking, Metal and Sculpture, Greg Gowe



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ABOVE: First-place winner in the Quick Draw competition, Luis Navarro

LEFT, INSET: Jack LeSage



Second-place Quick Draw winner Francesca Ortega, an NMSU art student



Las Cruces artist Bob Diven

EVENTS CALENDAR

Las Cruces Museums Spring Break camps: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., March 20-24. The museums invite first- through fifth-grade students to join a treasure hunt adventure across the Las Cruces museums. Follow the clues to reveal the museums' hidden treasure chest, and learn what it means to be a treasure hunter. Sixth- through eighth-graders can become forensic scientists with the second camp. Participants will go on an adventure to solve a mystery at the museums. Camp registration is \$25 per child. Register at the Museum of Nature & Science, 411 North Main St. by March 18.

Spring Studio Programs art classes: March 22-April 29, The Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Six-week programs. Register at the Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N Main St. Students must register in person 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Registrations are due one week before classes start. Info: museums.las-cruces.org or 575-541-2137.

Daisy Blue: 8-10 p.m., Friday, March 24, NM Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Popular local musician who specializes in a fusion of Western and blues.

WWII Pioneers: March 25-28, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. The final mini exhibit to celebrate some contributions women made to the development of the railroad. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Cost: Free.

Natural Shapes: 8-10 p.m., Saturday, March 25, NM Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Thoughtful singers/songwriters that draw a fun-loving crowd.

Tom Foster Morris & Friends: 3-5 p.m., Sunday, March 26, NM Vintage Wines,

2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Country artist who writes from the heart and engages the crowd with soulful melodies.

The Cajon Brothers: 8-10 p.m. Friday, March 31, NM Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Rocking originals mixing blues, jazz, and acoustic rock fusion.

Brewhaha Kegs and Comedy Tour: March 31 and April 1, Picacho Peak Brewing Co., 3900 W. Picacho Ave. Stand-up comics from El Paso, Las Cruces and Albuquerque perform. Info: visit their Facebook page at The Brewhaha Kegs and Comedy Tour.

The DAMN Union: 8-10 p.m. Saturday, April 1, NM Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Singers/songwriters/guitars/strings and more.

Garth Brooks shows: 7 p.m. Friday, April 7; 3 p.m. Saturday, April 8; 7 p.m. Saturday, April 8; 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9; 7 p.m. Sunday, April 9, NMSU Pan American Center, 1810 E. University Ave. The 2016 CMA Entertainer of the Year, Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood perform the only New Mexico appearances for the tour. The country legend marks his first Las Cruces visit in 21 years. Cost: \$74.98, including fees. Tickets only available at www.ticketmaster.com/garthbrooks, via Ticketmaster Express at 1-866-448-7849 or 1-800-745-3000. No sales will be available at the Pan Am Center Ticket Office or any other Ticketmaster outlets. No venue presales are available for this event.

The NM 420 Education, Music and Arts Festival: April 20 and 21, 2017 at Young Park 1905 Nevada Ave. from 4:20 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Tickets available at https://nm420musicfest.ticketbud.com/new-mexico-s-1st-annual-420-music-and-arts-festival.

Railroad Club: Monthly meeting and model railroad running

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day on the on third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. located at the Southern New Mexico Fair Grounds. Layout is located in the White Quonset Hut. Enter from the far west gate. For more information, please contact Mike Fifer, 575-526-8834

Project in Motion: Spring class schedule for Project in Motion, 430 N. Compress. Punch cards available at \$70 for eight classes; \$35 for four classes. Single class drop-in \$15.

- 5-6 p.m. Mondays-intermediate kids
 - 6-7 p.m. Mondays-beginning adults and teens
 - 7-8 p.m. Mondays- intermediate adult and teen.
 - 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays-beginning kids; 6:30-8 p.m.- Ring Jam
- Info: 575-208-4413 or www.projectinmotion.com.

Brown Bag lecture: Noon on the second Tuesday of the month at Las Cruces' Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Free lunch time lecture. Info: http://las-cruces.org/museums or call 575-647-4480.

Art classes: For high school students, at My Place Jewell Studio, 132 B Wyatt Drive. Payments of \$45 are due every four weeks. Students may begin any time. Home-school art classes offered for students between ages of 7 and 12, noon-12:50 p.m. every Wednesday. Price is \$25 for four classes. Instructor 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.

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

Las Cruces Ukles: 5:15-6:15 p.m. Thursdays beginner

group; 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays performance group at Good Samaritan Society — Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Cost: no charge and loaner ukuleles available. Info: www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com or 575-405-7133.

Classical guitar lessons: Hunter Beck received his master's degree in classical guitar from Arizona State University. He specializes in classical but is available to teach theory, history and technique for all styles of guitar. Info: 575-522-5181.


Mas Art classes: Pencil and Pastels class taught by Wayne Carl Huber, open to adults and high-school students. Subject matter will comprise of still life and landscape. Basic assignments for beginning drawing will also be included. Classes held at Mas Art Frame and Art Supplies, 126 S. Main St. Enrollment limited. Info: Wayne Carl Huber, 575-647-5684 or wch1966@msn.com.

Art classes: For adults and teens 17 and older, Raven Art Studio, 300 N. Main St. All classes are \$25 per session. Info: Rick Rotante, 909-233-0425.

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Quilt Guild: Meetings held at 1:30 p.m. third Monday of the month, American Legion Post 10 Hall, 1185 Madrid Ave. Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meetings consist of brief business announcements, a program, show and tell and door prizes. Info: Linnea Egbert at 575-521-0521, linneaajce@aol.com or visit www.lcqq.org.



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Documentary highlights racism accurately

'It is certain, in any case, that ignorance, allied with power, is the most ferocious enemy justice can have.'

James A. Baldwin

By **JEFF BERG**
Las Cruces Bulletin

I had only heard of writer James Baldwin prior to seeing this outstanding documentary, "I Am Not Your Negro," directed by Raul Peck. Peck, a native Haitian, has made a couple of other films, but this is his first "big" release.

If you are a credit watcher, you may note that an opening credit offers "written by James Baldwin." When Mr. Skeptic (me), saw that, I thought for sure I was in for another poor, poor pitiful me

documentary, outlining the travesties presented to African Americans since their "arrival" here in the land of the free, home of the brave.

Au contraire, it is a most accurate and deserved credit, since almost every line of the narration as presented by Samuel L. Jackson is from one of Baldwin's writings or letters. This is probably the most honest and forthright presentation of how life in America must have been or is for African-Americans. Using a multitude of archival film clips, Baldwin convincingly and honestly offers the portrayal of how racism undercuts so many things, often nearly unnoticed.

It becomes the best movie I have ever seen about the Civil Rights era.

GRADE: A+

First run in southern New Mexico will be at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla, starting tonight, March 24. Do not pass on this amazing film.

Peck doesn't use the usual talking-head sequences; rather, the film becomes a sort of autobiography of the man and the book he was writing before being taken by cancer in 1987. The book was to be a profile of three very different leaders for civil rights. Baldwin knew all three men: Martin Luther King, Malcolm X and Medgar

Evers, apparently hoping to make it a piece that would lead to the telling of his own story.

The film opens with the succinct letter that Baldwin wrote to his agent, pitching the project. The film unfolds essay style, occasionally hopping back and forth to share different views or stories of each man.

And unlike the documentary that did win the Oscar this year (this work was a finalist and should have won), "O.J.: Made in America," "I Am Not Your Negro" does not rely on race or skin color to show why racism will never die in this country. Rather, it is just the facts, ma'am.

Whereas the O.J. work is amazing and enthralling (and if you watch closely,

you will also see the main reason that Trump won the presidential election last year) this piece focuses on the real thing.

The use of clips from old movies showing black and white interaction, good and bad, adds a lot of nuance to the picture as well.

As noted in another review from "The Guardian," by Jordan Hoffman, "This might be the only movie about race relations I've ever seen that adequately explains – with sympathy – the root causes of a complacent white American mindset."

And that, too, is a fact.

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

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Tale as old as time still sensational

By **ADAM PALOMINO**
For the Bulletin

GRADE: B+

We're all familiar with the setup of "Beauty and the Beast." A snobby prince is punished for his arrogant nature, transformed into a beastly creature. In order to break this curse the shallow prince must learn to love someone wholeheartedly and earn their love in return. Meanwhile, a beautiful bookworm feels ostracized by the villagers of the "provincial" town she lives in. Their paths ultimately converge and the rest is cinematic history. And, for the most part, this 2017 version is a beat-for-beat retelling of

parts charming, amusing, and menacing — who will win over audiences.

Unlike previous live-action remakes of Disney classics that dropped their musical numbers, "Beauty and the Beast" embraces classic songs by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman, along with new ones by Menken and Tim Rice. The performances are small-scale, like part of a theater production than a big-budget Disney movie.

Despite the familiarity, "Beauty and the Beast" is a sensational film and it's definitely worth your time.

the original.

What truly sets this film apart are the magnificent performances by its talented cast. Emma Watson's Belle is a modern woman, an intellect yearning for more than what village life has to offer. Playing Belle's dad, Maurice, is Academy Award winner Kevin Kline, who's given an expanded role, making Maurice more than just a crazy, old inventor. But it is Dan Stevens' beast — equal

Branigan Cultural Center hosts Archeology Day

BULLETIN REPORT

Archaeology is the science that helps us learn about past cultures and their way of life based on the things they left behind. Branigan Cultural Center will host the 2017 Archaeology Day from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 25.

Practice tree-ring dating, make your own pinch pot, and learn about hieroglyph code breakers. Archaeology Day provides the museum visitor a chance to discover their inner Indiana Jones.

Archaeologists from

New Mexico State University, New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, Blackwater Draw Museum, and the Bureau of Land Management will be available to provide information and answer questions.

Admission to the Branigan Cultural Center is free. The museum is located at 501 North Main St. and is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. For additional information, visit the website at museums.las-cruces.org or call 575-541-2154.

Last Chance to View Museum of Art exhibition

BULLETIN REPORT

A closing-day guided tour of ReTooled: Highlights from the Hechinger Collection will be offered on Saturday, March 25, at 11 a.m.

Featuring over 40 works by 28 artists and curated by Jared Packard-Winkler, ReTooled celebrates the prevalence of tools with art that transforms utilitarian objects into fanciful works that speak of humor and beauty.

Over the course of 30 years, hardware chain owner John Hechinger amassed a collection of over 300 works of 20th century art. His was a quest to assemble a preeminent art collection unifying the theme of tools rested on the notion that everyday instruments could be objects of beauty and reverence.

Artists represented in the exhibition include Red Grooms, Jacob Lawrence, Berenice Abbott, Jim Dine, and Las Cruces artist Stephen Hansen, among others.

ReTooled was organized by International Arts & Artists, Washington, D.C., from Tools as Art: The Hechinger Collection, a gift of John and June Hechinger to International Arts & Artists.

Admission to the Museum of Art is free. The museum is located at 491 N Main Street and is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For additional information on the exhibition and related programming, visit the website at museums.las-cruces.org or call 575-541-2137.

Laughs are on the way to Mesilla, Las Cruces

By MIKE COOK

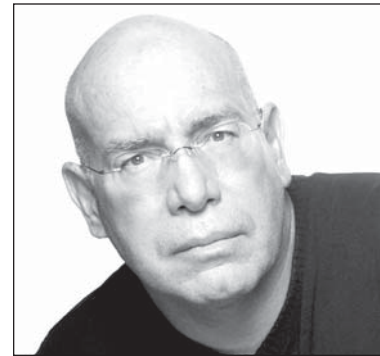
Las Cruces Bulletin

Albuquerque comedians Goldie Garcia and Eddie Tafoya will perform live, stand-up comedy in Las Cruces and Mesilla beginning at 7 p.m. on both Thursday, March 30 and Friday, March 31, Las Cruces promoter Stan Blitz said.

The March 30 comedy show will be performed at the Fountain Theater, 2469 Calle De Guadalupe, on the historic plaza in Mesilla. Tickets for that show are \$10.

The March 31 show will be performed at The Venue Event Center, 5585 S. Main St. in Mesilla Park, Blitz said. Tickets for the March 31 show are \$15.

Garcia, often called “the first lady of comedy in New Mexico,” has opened for comedians Paul



TAFUYA

Rodriguez and Rob Schneider and for the musical group The Platters. She is a New Mexico native and a Harvard graduate, Blitz said. Visit her Facebook page at Goldie Garcia.

Tafoya, an Albuquerque native, is an English professor at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Visit him on Facebook at Eddie Tafoya.



GARCIA

For more information, contact Blitz at saprinting06@gmail.com.

To make reservations for the March 30 show at the Fountain Theatre, call 575-524-3524. To make reservations for the March 31 show at The Venue, call 575-523-7778.

You can reach Mike Cook at goodguymwc@q.com.

Pippin auditions to be held at LCCT

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

If you want to audition for the Las Cruces production of the Tony-award winning musical “Pippin,” mark your calendars for Sunday and Monday, April 8 and 9, and plan to be at Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT), 313 N. Main St. downtown.

Sunday, April 8, will be a vocal audition and will begin at 3 p.m., said LCCT President Janet Beatty-Payne. Auditioners are asked to prepare a song preferably from a Broadway show and to bring sheet music to the audition. An accompanist will be provided, she said.

Monday, April 9, will be a



dance audition and also will be held at 3 p.m. “Please come in comfortable clothes that you can move in,” Beatty-Payne said.

Callbacks will be held after the dance audition is completed.

All roles are open except for the role of Berthe, which has been pre-cast, Beatty-Payne said. Actors of all ages are welcome to audition “to perform in the show’s ensemble and play major

and minor roles,” she said.

The first meeting of the cast will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 17.

The Las Cruces production will be directed by Nora Thomas-Medina. She most recently directed the musical “A New Brain” at Black Box Theatre, and starred in “Out of Sterno” at the Black Box in January.

“Pippin” was written Stephen Schwartz and Roger Hirsom. It premiered on Broadway on Oct. 23, 1972, running for almost 2,000 performances.

For more information, call 575-642-9305 or email: noraqthomas@gmail.com. Visit the LCCT website at www.lcctnm.org and find them on Facebook.

PUZZLES

DEGREE DROP

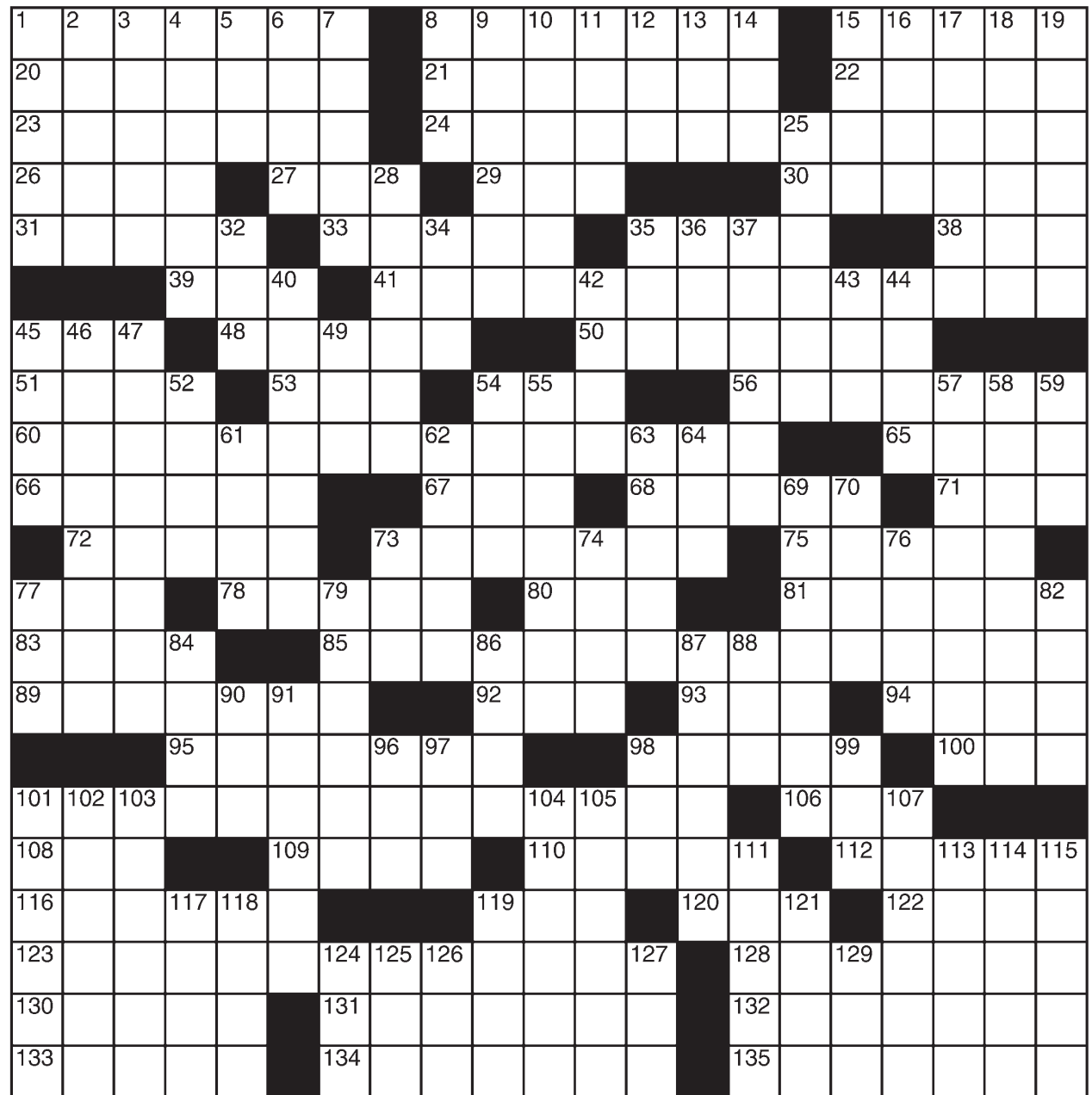
ACROSS

1 Arrange in steps
 8 Nova -- (Halifax native)
 15 Suspect's excuse
 20 Sailor lurer
 21 Texas city near El Paso
 22 Tyke's hauler
 23 Totally dumb
 24 With 41- and 60-Across, question whose answer is hidden in this puzzle
 26 Primatologist Fossey
 27 Mister
 29 Ending for Nepal
 30 Dangerous African fly
 31 Baseball exec Bud
 33 Kind of navel
 35 Gallivant
 38 Drinking site
 39 -- Paulo
 41 See 24-Across
 45 Tanning lotion spec
 48 Kind of navel
 50 Drooling hounds
 51 -- Stanley Gardner
 53 Grassland
 54 Former Saturn SUV
 56 Roloids, e.g.
 60 See 24-Across
 65 Gossipy Barrett
 66 Low opera voices
 67 Debt slip
 68 Trompe -- (visual illusion)
 71 The Andes, e.g.: Abbr.
 72 Flamboyant flamenco entertainer
 73 Armada ship
 75 Heat's city
 77 Resistance unit
 78 Not active
 80 Oerter and Unser
 81 Lung-related prefix
 83 First step of progress
 85 With 101- and 123-Across, how to find the hidden answer
 89 Singer Flack
 92 Camping gear retailer
 93 OR figures
 94 Statistician Silver
 95 "The Barber of Seville" composer
 98 Desert plants
 100 The, to Henri

101 See 85-Across
 106 Turn -- dime
 108 Romania's basic currency unit
 109 Makes mad
 110 Spanish hero of yore
 112 Fur king John Jacob --
 116 Job follows it
 119 With 127-Down, China's -- -tung
 120 -- -tac-toe
 122 "You bet, amigo!"
 123 See 85-Across
 128 Detectives
 130 Hollywood's Eastwood
 131 -- Obispo, California
 132 National dish of Korea
 133 Boundary bushes
 134 University life
 135 Response to news you already knew about

DOWN

1 Iris relatives, for short
 2 TV's O'Donnell
 3 Popular font
 4 Comics "menace"
 5 Ring legend
 6 Wallet bills
 7 Kiddie-song letters
 8 180 degrees from NNE
 9 Joint beneficiary
 10 Singer Ric of the Cars
 11 Carry along
 12 Roth --
 13 Upper limb
 14 -- -TURN
 15 Dazzles
 16 Pathetic
 17 "It's enough to live on"
 18 Potted tree
 19 Buries
 25 Actor Seagal
 28 Indonesia's basic currency unit
 32 Moo goo -- pan
 34 -- kwon do
 35 Sharp rival
 36 "Fifth qtrs."
 37 Look on one's face
 40 Sole male offspring
 42 Cain and --
 43 Sitcom cousin



44 Old emperor
 45 Vojvodina native
 46 Direct a sermon at
 47 Seemingly spontaneous public assembly
 49 Snare
 52 "Frozen" heroine
 54 Cello's ancestor
 55 Howl in grief
 57 Public
 58 Private
 59 The, to Hans
 61 Actress Petty
 62 Cow catcher

63 "You win"
 64 Sine qua --
 69 Paint applied thickly
 70 Ding-a --
 73 U. senior's test
 74 K-12
 76 Time on end
 77 Paddle's kin
 79 Slate clearer
 82 Bullring cries
 84 Road's shoulder
 86 Wet blanket
 87 "Curses!"
 88 Kin of Ltd.

90 Get rancid
 91 Jeans go-with
 96 Social finish?
 97 Denials
 98 Ozone-depleting compound, for short
 99 -- bad way
 101 1985 Chevy Chase film
 102 Fix, as a shoe part
 103 Beat at eBay
 104 Federation
 105 God, in the Hebrew Bible
 107 In itself
 111 Spine parts

113 Church gift
 114 Actor Milo
 115 Step part
 117 -- Kong
 118 Kin of -trix
 119 Temperate
 121 Ad award
 124 She-bear, in Spanish
 125 Apple buy
 126 Viroid stuff
 127 See 119-Across
 129 British record co.

PUZZLES

WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

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

		3		4			5	
	6		9			1		
1						7		6
		8			5	4		
	1			7				8
2			4					3
9			8					2
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SCRAMBLERS



"Let's hope the _____ lessons pay off."

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!

Skill _____

Fiend _____

TUBER _____

Grudge _____

TYPES _____

Notify _____

ALIGNS _____

TODAY'S WORD

CRYPTOQUIP

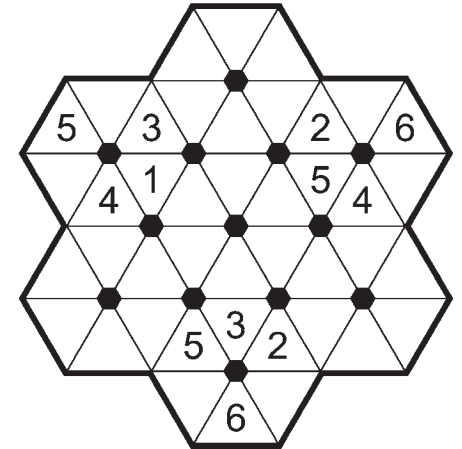
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: X equals L

ALHB N WSCZ'F JNXX ANCBF
 RULHCF RO SGGSBHBU ZNBIHC,
 JRVXZ ULNU WH ULRVILU RO NF
 N OXSHC NXNCG?

SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

PUZZLE ANSWERS

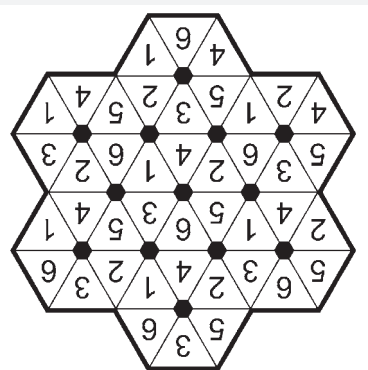
When a bird's call warns others of imminent danger, could that be thought of as a fier alarm?

CRYPTOQUIP

BALLET

Today's Word
 3. Spite; 4. Signal
 1. Talent; 2. Brute;

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

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7	3	8	6	2	5	4	1	9
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8	2	3	1	4	6	9	5	7

WEEKLY SUDOKU

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Activities at Wellspring Religious Science Center: The "Early Birds" discussion group starts at 9:30 each Sunday followed by the service at 11:00. Upcoming spiritual messages will be: On March 26 there will be a "Credo" service given by Flo Daugherty, Edwin Hofmann-Smith, and Robert Yee. The "Course in Miracles" group meets every Saturday from 3 to 4:30.

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7 p.m. on Friday, March 24, at 3220 Jupiter Road. This is an opportunity to learn what the world's faith traditions have in common. Guests are invited to share their own ideas on this topic. Entertainment provided by folk-blues musician Darrell Elmer Rodgers. Info: 575-556-9650, localspiritualassembly@yahoo.com or visit www.bahai.org. Special request: Guests are asked to refrain from wearing fragrance.

Tuning Fork Sound Therapy Group Session on March 25, from 1-2pm facilitated by Lorena Ruley, \$10 donation. At the Center for Spiritual Living in the Heart of Las Cruces.

Dinner and a movie: Attend dinner and a movie at 5 p.m. March 25 at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 2540 El Paseo Road. The film will be "Risen," the Easter story as seen through the eyes of a Roman soldier who finds much more than he expected as he investigates the theft of the body of an executed "criminal." Worship Services are held at 10 a.m. Sundays, followed by a light meal and Bible classes for all ages. Info: Visit www.crossofchristlc.net, on Facebook or by calling 915-740-7714 or 575-649-5458.

The St. Paul's United Methodist Church will hold its Spring Enchilada Supper on Friday, March 31, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall at 225 West Griggs, Las Cruces, 88005.

Holy Cross Retreat Center's new stained glass windows



COURTESY PHOTOS

Jeff Smith of Architectural Stained Glass, Inc., of Fort Davis, Texas, and his wife, Pam, work on installation of stained glass windows at the chapel at Holy Cross Retreat Center in Las Cruces.



New stained glass windows adorn the chapel at Holy Cross Retreat Center in Las Cruces. The windows were installed in early March, and later blessed in a special service at the chapel March 12.

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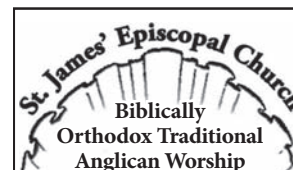
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Veterans Memorial Wall chair finds long-lost relative

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

When Las Cruces Veterans Memorial Wall committee chair (and former Las Cruces city councilor) Dolores Archuleta got a recent inquiry about adding a former Mesilla resident to the wall's Civil War panel, she was intrigued by his name and home town.

Felipe Lechuga lived in Mesilla in 1858 and enlisted in the New Mexico Cavalry Volunteers in Tularosa in 1864. Archuleta's mother, Adela Lechuga Carbajal, was also from Tularosa.

Archuleta began exchanging emails with Felipe's great-granddaughter, Patricia Free-



LEFT: Las Cruces Veterans Memorial Wall committee chair and former Las Cruces city councilor Dolores Archuleta (standing, second from right, in red) with new and old family members as they review military service documents of their ancestor, Felipe Lechuga.

BELOW: Felipe Lechuga's completed enlistment form for the New Mexico Cavalry Volunteers in 1864.

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man, of Palm Springs, California, who had inquired about adding his name to the wall.

She told Freeman that her mother's parents were Eusebio Luchuga and Serafina Lopez Lechuga, and that her mother had four sisters and one brother by the name of Felipe Lechuga. "Are we related?" Archuleta asked Freeman.

"OMG! – What an amazing response," Freeman answered. "From my calculations, we are second cousins! Felipe Lechuga, Civil War veteran, would be your great-grandfather as well."

A search of state records – aided by Freeman's documentation – also confirmed that Fe-

lipe Lechuga is eligible to be added to the veterans' wall, Archuleta said.

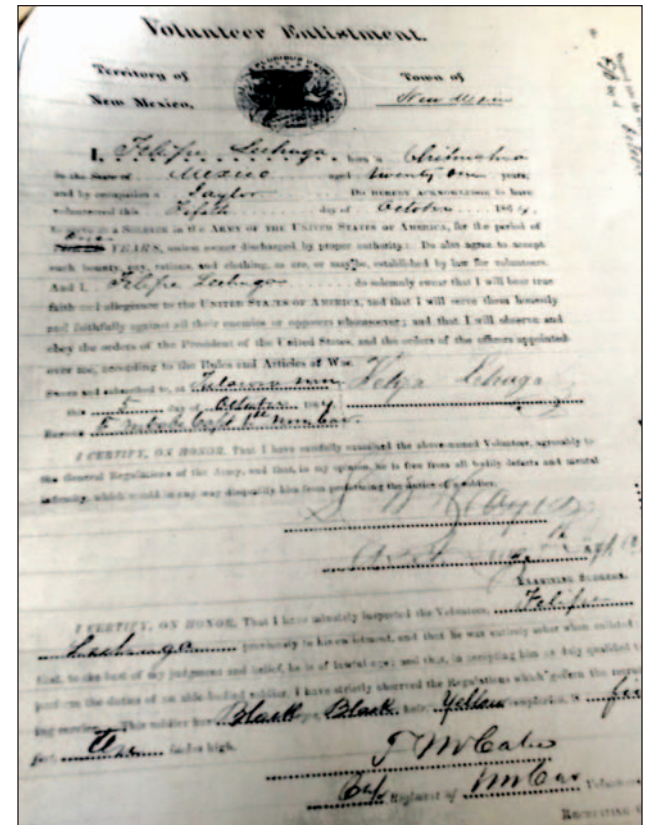
After the email exchange began March 1, family members from Las Cruces, Alamogordo and Palm Springs met Tuesday, March 14, at Archuleta's home. Freeman and her husband, Eric, also visited Fort Sumner, New Mexico, where Felipe Lechuga was stationed at one point during his military career. They also plan to "go into Dog Canyon in the Sacramento Mountains to 'walk in his footsteps,' so-to-speak," Archuleta said.

In the 1st New Mexico Cavalry Volunteers, Felipe Lechuga served in Company L under Capt. Francis McCabe and Col. Christopher "Kit"

Carson, Archuleta said. A native of Chihuahua, Mexico, he became a U.S. citizen. Lechuga, listing his occupation as tailor, enlisted as a private at the age of 21 and was honorably discharged on Nov. 4, 1865 in Santa Fe. Lechuga applied for a military pension on Dec. 4, 1914. He died in Chamberino, New Mexico in 1917 and is buried in an unmarked grave at the Concordia Cemetery in El Paso, Archuleta said.

"We're all still having a hard time wrapping our heads around this bit of important history that we knew nothing about," she said.

Mike Cook can be contacted at goodguymwc@gmail.com.



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I look forward to coming to you monthly with thoughts on issues our building industry faces, the many great things happening in our building community, and to spread some good cheer from the desk of the Executive Officer here at your Las Cruces Home Builders Association.

Nicole Black is the executive officer of the Las Cruces Home Builders Association, 2825 N. Main St. She can be reached at the LCHBA offices, 526-6126 or nicole@lchba.com.

For cowboys, anything that can go wrong just might

“By gosh, that’s a new twist,” thought Terry as he tightened his collar against the biting wind and stared at the heifer. She was trying to calve standing up! He eased up on her and dropped a loop over the horns.

She stood atop a swell on the high plains of eastern New Mexico. Terry reached her and tied 100 foot of polyethylene water skiing rope around her horns, as well. A safety line so he could at least get within 100 feet of her if she decided to take off in the 300 acre pasture.

“Got any O.B. chains?” asked Terry. “Nope, but we could make a slip knot in that poly rope,” suggested Dad, owner of the ranch and resident wise-man.

Terry soon had the yellow plastic

clothes line attached to the calf’s leg. The remainder of the poly rope lay coiled ominously behind these two obstetrical wizards. It snarled and gaped like a rhino trap. “Lemme grab some gloves outta the pickup,” were Terry’s last vertical words.



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He started toward the truck but stopped when he heard the sound of thundering hooves. He glanced back over his shoulder to see the heifer sprinting towards the Colorado border! He felt something move underfoot and looked down to discover his boot dead center in the discarded coils. A microsecond of his life flashed before his eyes just as the nest of yellow

plastic snakes tightened around his ankle and jerked him off his feet!

Down the other side of the swell they sailed, Terry tobogganing like a 200-lb ham tied to a runaway buffalo! Dirt pounded up his pant legs as he scooted and skittered along trying to avoid straddling the brush and yucca that lay like land mines in the obstacle course!

Dad, ever the quick thinker, ran to the pickup and took up the chase! He had a plan. He raced alongside the dynamic duo and, at just the right moment, swerved between the heifer and Terry!

Folks. Pause here a moment and consider the possibilities. The pickup tire could have stopped on the rope. That, in fact, was the plan. But a cowboy’s fate works in mysterious ways and

Murphey was waiting in the wings.

Dad did slam on the brakes but the rope flipped over the hood and slid down behind the black iron grill guard. Terry, too, came to a stop when his foot wedged between the headlight and the grill guard. His boot came off and the heifer trotted on no worse for the wear.

As Terry stood at an angle emptying twenty pounds of New Mexico soil out of his boxer shorts, he pointed out the flaws in Dad’s plan.

“Well,” said Dad, “Heifers that good are hard to come by and you’re just my...well, heifers that good are hard to come by.”

Baxter Black is a cowboy poet, former large animal veterinarian and entertainer of the agricultural masses. Learn more at www.baxterblack.com.

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Israel Calsoyas will be leading the free Thursday, March 30th Lush and Lean Workshop presentation at 5:30 p.m. at the Branigan Library speaking about water-wise vegetable gardening.

LUSH AND LEAN

Water-wise vegetable gardening tips offered

Editor's note: This is the sixth installment in an 11-part series about living water consciously in the Southwest.

By SUZANNE MICHAELS

Dreaming about planting your veggie garden? Before you start shopping for plants this year be sure to attend the free Lush and Lean Workshop sponsored by Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) on Thursday, March 30. Why not spend a little time learning how to maximize your garden space, keep your water bills low, and choose plants that offer your best chance of success.

Israel Calsoyas, NMSU Ph.D. student, is working on her doctorate in vegetable physiology. She will be leading the workshop and urges attendees to set up their gardens in a way that work better in drought areas.

"If you go into the garden project with the intention of saving water, choosing cultivars that thrive in our climate, and setting up your garden the right way," said Calsoyas, "you will have a beautiful, productive garden and use less water."

"Irrigation is half the battle," she said.

She will demonstrate how to set up a simple garden irrigation system using

a garden hose. Calsoyas will discuss the plant growth cycle, and says there are times you can restrict water use and not negatively impact the plant or the vegetables it is producing.

"In many gardens we overwater without knowing it".

Calsoyas will address topics about the most popular plants grown here – tomatoes, green chile, melons, squash, and other vegetables – she also plans to answer questions such as: Is it better to plant seeds or transplant seedlings?

All Lush and Lean workshops are free and open to the public; they are held Thursday evenings at the Branigan Library (200 E. Picacho) in the Roadrunner Room from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. See the complete list of speakers and Lush and Lean dates at www.las-cruces.org/WaterConservation or www.facebook.com/cityoflascruc (you don't need a Facebook account to view this page).

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NMSU Ph.D. student, Israel Calsoyas, works in a greenhouse at the Fabian Garcia Science Center where the best tomatoes and chile for our climate are being developed.

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Weeds everywhere? They're probably from Europe

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Talk about a British invasion!

The tall, leafy green weeds with the tiny yellow flowers that seem to be everywhere in Las are visitors from Europe called London Rocket, said New Mexico State University Doña Ana County Cooperative Extension Service agent for horticulture and agronomy.

London Rocket (Latin name: *Sisymbrium irio*), along with other weeds like Bristly Hawksbeard (*Crepis setosa*) and Prickly Lettuce (*Lactuca serriola*) are all originally from Europe, Anderson said, and have (alas) "naturalized here in New Mexico."

"They all like cool weather and we have many more this year due to the rains," he said.

The good news is, they will begin to die back as the weather warms up. "They do poorly in the heat," Anderson said.

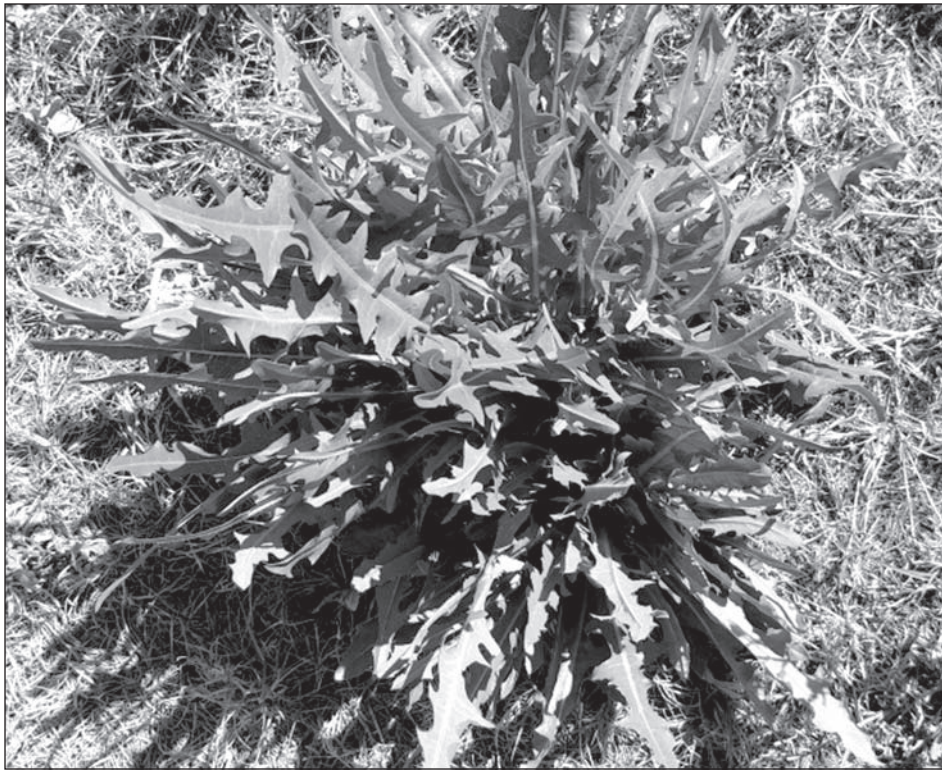
The bad news is, the sharpshooter (a form of leaf hopper) insects the weeds are host to "move

over to tomato and chile" as the weeds die back, he said. "While they may not like these plants ... a single bite can infest the plant with curly top virus. The weeds will return again in the fall. They generally start sprouting in October, sometimes sooner. The best way to get rid of the weeds is in October when they first come up."

Pulling the weeds up by hand or hoeing them or using chemical control (Roundup, pre-emergent herbicides) is the best way to eradicate them, Anderson said.

"Once the plants start to mature, chemical weed killers are of little effect and hand pulling is necessary, plus you have allowed the plant to make a whole new batch of seeds for the next year, which will lie dormant until the conditions are right. If you do nothing but mow them to the ground, you can manage their height until the heat gets them, but, they will return with the next cool season."

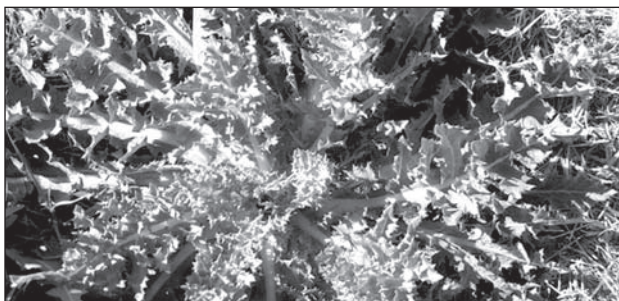
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LEFT: Bristly Hawksbeard (*Crepis setosa*) is another common weed.

BELOW LEFT: Prickly Lettuce (*Lactuca serriola*) also is widespread.

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London Rocket (*Sisymbrium irio*) is widespread because of the heavy rains and cool weather. It will die back as the temperature rises.

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Boston students come to help LC pets

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Students from the University of Massachusetts – Boston spent their spring break, March 12-16, helping Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary make Las Cruces a better place for pets.

The students, who ranged in majors, not just veterinary or animal-science programs, participated in a dog-wash fundraiser, which helped raise \$600 for the sanctuary, helped in a pet-adoption event, socialized with the sanctuary's about 40 dogs, and helped Pet Care Express and Tractor Supply microchip, vaccinate and license animals.

“(For the microchipping event) the students cleaned up after the dogs, held the dogs when they were getting the shots, prepared the needles, the paperwork,” said Tricia

Quillen, volunteer coordinator at SHAS. “Several of the students are bilingual, which was helpful because we had several patients who didn’t speak any English at all.”

In between community service events, the students also toured NMSU’s animal-science department, led by NMSU’s Eric Scholljegerdes, associate professor.

Mel Galindo, Juliette Jaramillo and Arousa Zama and came to Las Cruces on “alternative spring breaks” with Beacon Voyages for Service, “part of a national movement to engage students in...social justice (services) by participating in week-long trips both domestically and internationally,” says UMass’ website.

Students from UMass also went to Tijuana, Mexico, on a borders and immigration-services



Arousa Zama, left, and Juliette Jaramillo, right, stand with their dogs.

PHOTO BY BILLY HUNTSMAN

trip, to Washington, D.C., on a hunger and

homelessness trip, to Los Angeles on a renewable energy trip, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on a gender identities trip, to Chicago on an education and poverty trip, to Detroit on an economic inequalities trip.

“We are a student-led organization,” said Galindo. “We’re also a student-funded organization: We do all of our own fundraising.”

Galindo said the students from UMass funded every aspect of their trips. For the 13 who came to Las Cruces to perform animal-

welfare services, the cost was \$1,300 a person.

“We did a lot of crowdfunding,” said Zama. “We asked our families for donations and then we, as a group, made T-shirts and sold them.”

“We also had excellent sales,” Galindo said. “We applied for grants through the school, we asked our chancellor for money.”

Quillen said the students paid for their entire trip.

The idea to come to Las Cruces came from the trip’s leader, who is passionate about helping

animals, looking for an organization that needed volunteer services. Upon finding SHAS, the board of SHAS planned the week’s schedule.

“This has been a very emotional trip,” Galindo said. “A lot of us have animals back home. I miss my dogs and cats so much.”

All three said they were impressed by how passionately Las Cruces seem to care about their animals and animal health overall.

“We really don’t see a lot of that in Boston,” Zama said.

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11 state schools, including Arrowhead, take part in anti-tobacco campaign

BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces' Arrowhead Park Early College High School and Anthony' Gadsden High School held anti-tobacco events on campus March 15, along with nine other high schools and middle schools throughout the state.

The events were part of the 24/7 Campaign put on by the state Department of Health's Evolvment program, a youth-led group that advocates for "truly tobacco-free campuses."

"Truly tobacco-free" includes any product containing tobacco or nicotine — e-cigarettes, cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, hookah, candies, anything like that," said Nicky Besser, 24/7 campaign co-manager.



COURTESY PHOTO

Students participating in the 24/7 campaign sign a banner vowing not to use tobacco and what they hoped to accomplish with their lives.

Schools are places where kids learn, inside and outside the classroom, and it's important for New Mexico schools to send the right message about tobacco use, said a press release from the NMDOH.

"The prevention of use, possession and distribution of all tobacco

products by all persons anywhere on school property and at off-site school-sponsored events, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is essential to a healthy school environment," the press release said.

Currently, 16 schools throughout the state are eligible for Evolve-

ment funding and training, with the end goal of making every school throughout the state truly tobacco free, Besser said.

Evolvment helps school districts update their tobacco policies and helps schools enforce those policies by providing training and resources, Besser said.

"Tobacco use is not part of a bright and healthy future," said Besser.

"24/7 campaign resources make it easier to communicate and enforce our tobacco-free policy," said Charlotte Stalker, 15, of Arrowhead Park. "This is a simple, cost-free and effective way to ensure that our schools are a tobacco-free environment, 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

City sponsors 50-plus walking program

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department offers a program to build stamina and maintain cardio vascular health in 16 weeks.

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If you are already an active walker, this is a great way to meet new people, walk and socialize. Participants walk at their own pace for a set time. Distance will be tracked every day to monitor individual improvement. All participants will meet at Frank O'Brien Papen Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., and every fourth week will be an optional "Field Trip Walk" at another location.

The walks are from 8:30-9:30 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, from April 3 through July 28.

Registration is ongoing, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center.

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LCPS health and nutrition specialist wins state award

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Public Schools Health and Nutrition Specialist Barbara Berger has been awarded the 2017 Food and Farm to Schools School Food Service of the Year award.

Berger and the other winners of the second annual awards were announced at the state capital in Santa Fe on Feb. 20 by the New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council.

The awards are divided into six categories and recognize “outstanding programs and partners in New Mexico which foster initiatives around our local food economy,” according to Farm to School

news release.

Berger was the only Las Cruces winner. Other recipients were teacher of the year: South Valley Preparatory School Principal and teacher Charlotte Alderete-Trujillo; organization of the year: La Plazita Institute and farmers’ market of the year: Downtown Growers’ Market, all in Albuquerque; farmer of the year: Dale Toya of Jemez Pueblo; and Double Up Food Bucks outlet of the year: Aztec Farmers’ Market in Aztec.

Berger has been the health and nutrition specialist for LCPS since 2004. She has a BA in dietetics from State University College in Oneonta, New York, and a masters in health nutrition from the

University of Tennessee, Knoxville. A registered dietitian, Berger did her internship at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. Her first job after graduation was on the Zuni Indian Reservation in Gallup.

“Farm to School is a nationwide movement that encourages the connection between local food producers and schools by getting more fresh local produce into school settings and by providing educational opportunities such as school gardens, cooking lessons and farm field trips,” according to the news release.

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Senior Games: 5K/10K run Saturday April 1, pickleball Monday April 3. Senior Games are for age 50 and over. For information call 649-3167.

Senior Games: Tennis will be held April 7 and 8. Track, race walking and archery will be April 8. Senior Games are open for persons age 50 and over. For information please call 649-3167.

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Cancer support group at UUMC: 6:30-8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Cancer Care is a support group for those dealing with cancer, (patients, survivors, caregivers, family and friends). Info: Betty Harris at 575-524-3994 or the church office at 575-522-8220.

Alzheimer’s and dementia support group: 11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Uno Pizzeria & Grill, 2102 Telshor Court. Arbors of Del Rey Assisted Living Community support meeting offers information and interventions. Info: 575-382-5200.

Parkinson’s Support: 10 a.m. third Tuesday of each month at the Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Parkinson’s Support Group of Southern New Mexico (PDGSGNM). Info: Sarah Stegall at 575-496-2550, Jon Roberts at 702-217-0450 or visit pdsgsnm.org.

Breastfeeding support: 10-11:30 a.m. every Friday, Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex, Piñon A meeting room. Mama’s Milk Club Breastfeeding Support Group. Refreshments

provided. Cost: free. Info: 575-521-5393.

Diabetes support : 10-11:15 a.m. the third Thursday of each month in the meeting room of Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave. Diabetes Educational Support Group meetings provide open discussion and teaching regarding diabetes and a question-and-answer period. Info: 575-522-0289.

Overeaters Anonymous: 9:30 a.m. Saturdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. and noon Wednesdays in the library of St. James Episcopal Church, 1102 St. James Ave. Overeaters Anonymous (OA) is a fellowship of those individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from a compulsive relationship with food. Info: www.oa.org, Barbara at 575-405-0128 or Wayne at 575-647-5684.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous: 7 p.m. Mondays, Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor (behind the T Mobile building). SCA is a 12-step fellowship of men and women who share experience, strength and hope to solve common problems and help each other recover from sexual compulsion. Info: www.sca-recovery.org or 575-526-9535.

MS support group: 4:30-6 p.m. the first Thursday of each month, Social Center Creative Arts Room at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Multiple sclerosis support/education group. Info/RSVP: 575-373-5130 or lascrucessmsself-help@gmail.com.

Tai Chi class: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday, Frank O’Brien Papen Center, 304 W. Bell St. Sponsored by Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Dept. Info: 575-541-2455.

Zen Buddhist meditation: 6 p.m. Thursdays, 1605 S. Main St. Walk-ins welcome. Info: 575-541-5660.

Jazzercise Lite: 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

at the Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center, 3217 El Camino Real. Info: Dianne Sage, 575-650-9721; jazzercise.com.

Zumba class: 10-11 a.m. Saturdays presented by the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department, Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Info: 575-541-2782.

Zumba classes: 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Mountain View Senior Circle, 3948 Lohman Ave., Suite 1. Info: 575-522-0503.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous: 7 p.m. Mondays at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor (behind the T Mobile building). Info: www.sca-recovery.org or 575-526-9535.

Birth, death certificates: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday - Friday, Vital Records Office at the Las Cruces Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive. Closed noon to 1 p.m. Info: 575-528-5046.

Flu vaccines: To find out about flu vaccination clinics throughout the state, call the Immunization Hotline toll free at 866-681-5872 or visit <http://flushot.healthmap.org>.

Immunization services: For children up to 18, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at the New Mexico Department of Health’s Las Cruces Central Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive provides immunization services for children (0-18 years of age) on Monday mornings, Wednesdays and Fridays. Info: 575-528-5006.

Needle disposal/syringe exchange: 8:30 a.m.-4:40 p.m. every weekday, Las Cruces Public Health office, 1170 N. Solano Drive. Info: 575-528-5090.

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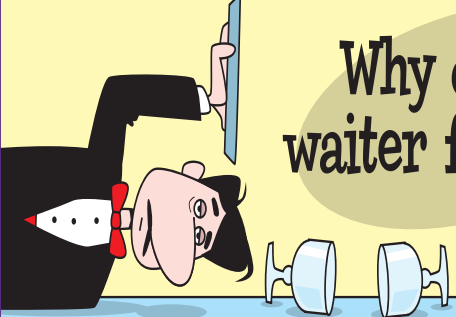
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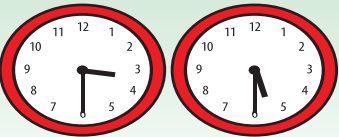
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Fritter Gets Close to His Goal!

Fritter has been saving towards a summer visit to Six Wags Amusement Park. He needs a total of \$100.00. By saving and working hard, he now has \$86.00! Will Fritter finally reach his big goal by earning money puppy-sitting?

Fritter got a job watching his neighbor's new puppy. It's not always easy watching a playful pup, but Fritter earns \$2.00 per hour.

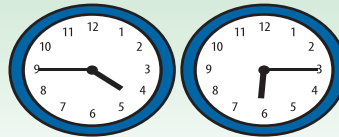
The clocks show Fritter's starting and stopping time from Monday afternoon.



How long did he work?
_____ hour(s) and _____ minutes

How much did he earn?
\$ _____

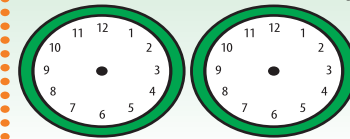
The clocks show Fritter's starting and stopping time from Thursday afternoon.



How long did he work?
_____ hour(s) and _____ minutes

How much did he earn?
\$ _____

On Saturday, Fritter started work at 9:15 a.m. He worked two and a half hours. Draw the hands on these clocks to show his starting and stopping time.


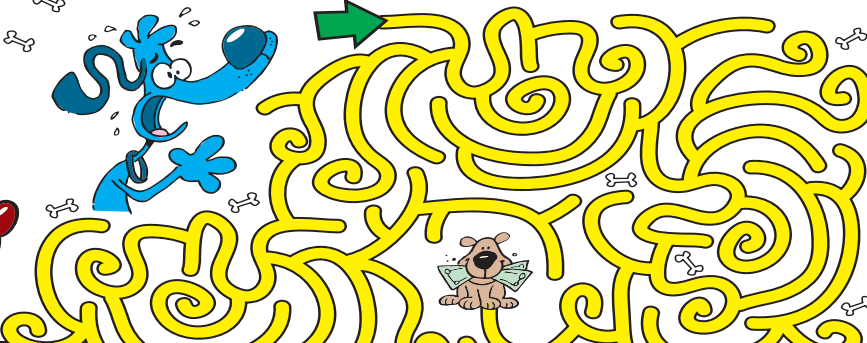



How much did he earn?
\$ _____

How much did Fritter earn this week? \$ _____

How much longer does he need to work to reach his goal of \$100.00? _____ hrs

Whoops! This pup thinks Fritter's money is a chew toy. Help Fritter catch him before his money gets munched!

Can you find the puppy that is different from all the others?

Family Talk
Talk with your parents about some of the jobs they had when they were young.


Extra! Extra!
It Adds Up!
Can you find five numbers in the newspaper that add up to exactly 100?
Can you find 10 numbers that add up to exactly 100?
Can you find 15 numbers that add up to exactly 100?
Standards Link: Number Sense: Add sums up to 100.

How many chew bones can you find on this page?


Kid Scoop Puzzler

Who Bought What?

Charlotte and Olivia each brought \$2.00 to their school's spring carnival for snacks. Each of them bought one snack. Count their change to see who bought which snack.



Olivia's change: _____
Charlotte's change: _____



Olivia bought: _____
Charlotte bought: _____

Double Double Word Search

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

A	M	E	R	N	E	R	N	E	R	N
A	F	T	E	R	N	E	R	N	E	R
N	E	I	G	H	E	R	N	E	R	N
Q	U	A	R	T	E	R	N	E	R	N
C	L	O	C	K	S					
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T	O	T	A	L						
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C	A	T	C	H						
G	O	A	L							
W	A	G	S							
C	H	E	W							
D	I	M	E							
E	A	R	N							

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Success Story

Find an article from the newspaper about a person you believe has achieved success. Write a list of things you think that person had to do to reach this moment of success.

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

Write On!

The Money Tree

Imagine you found a money tree. What would it look like? How would you take care of it? What would you do with the money?

Kid Scoop Together: Money in the Newspaper!

Look through the newspaper to find each of the following. Be sure to write down the page number where you found each one. Then write a sentence describing what you found.

- 1. A way to make money:**
WHAT: _____
PAGE #: _____
SENTENCE: _____
- 2. An ad placed by someone to sell something:**
WHAT: _____
PAGE #: _____
SENTENCE: _____
- 3. An ad placed by someone looking for work:**
WHAT: _____
PAGE #: _____
SENTENCE: _____
- 4. A news story that mentions money:**
WHAT: _____
PAGE #: _____
SENTENCE: _____



Moriah Mack, playing her final game for NMSU, drives on Stanford in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

PHOTO COURTESY NMSU

Historic seasons end in NCAA tournament

BULLETIN REPORT

Like the rest of America, the New Mexico State University men's and women's basketball teams are home, watching the NCAA Tournament on TV. Both teams bowed out in the first round with tough losses, the men to Baylor, 91-73, and the women to Stanford, 72-64.

Both Aggie teams led at halftime.

The men, making the school's 20th appearance in the Big Dance, ended the season at 28-6, a record that included a 20-game winning streak and a Western Athletic Conference title for the fifth time in six years.

Ian Baker and Braxton Huggins each scored 19 points against Baylor, and afterward, Huggins emphasized the positive. "The season is very special, not

only because the wins, (but) because of all the hard work we put in. The first day of practice at White Sands I'll never forget, throwing up like so many times. I never thought it would end. And we made it here just because of all that hard work."

Baker was already feeling nostalgic after four years in the NMSU program. "I'm going to have to take some time and sit back and think about everything that happened. In a million years I would have never thought I would have ended up at New Mexico State but it was the place for me."

First-year head coach Paul Weir reflected on the journey they took as a team. "When we went into the season, we had this plan, this idea of where we were going to go, and I don't know if any

of us really knew it was going to work, but we just all got in the boat together and decided to give this thing a run.

"And this team, I just told them after the game, has taught me a lot about emotion and energy and togetherness and those values that maybe some people think is lost. It's not lost. It's real, and I learned that it's real from these guys.

"We beat a lot of teams this year that ... were flat out better than us. We were trying to do it against one more team ... and what we showed for 20 minutes is a team that just plays really hard and together, and to bottle that was a lot of fun for me. I think it was really fun for them, and it made it a really great year."

The women finished 24-7, including a three-peat in the WAC and 17

straight wins going into the NAAs. Sophomore Brooke Salas tied her career high against Stanford with 26 points.

"I think that when we play our game we can compete with anyone," Salas said after the game. "We do not ever go into a game ... going to lose or going for a moral victory. So this is definitely a missed opportunity."

Coach Mark Trakh was simply proud of his squad. "The effort that they put forth ... against a great team, I think what these kids did was they made their school proud, their community proud and their city proud and they can go back to Las Cruces with their heads held high. They came in and played Stanford toe-to-toe for 40 minutes, I couldn't tell you how much I love these young women."

Track and field



PHOTO COURTESY KELLY SALAS

Mayfield senior Ryan Cox clears 5' 10" for a sixth-place finish in boys' varsity high jump at the March 18 Rolla Buck Track and Field Invite in Alamogordo. Oñate sophomore Megan Hurst battled Chapin sophomore Skylar Goodman to win the girls' varsity 1600 meters with a personal best time of 5:28.33

Local athletes excel

Softball

Sierra Gonzales has been an offensive standout for the Luna Community College. The Oñate High School grad batted .381 with a team-high 24 hits in 18 games. The freshman had one home run, 13 RBI and seven stolen bases in as many attempts. She had a hitting streak that reached 14 games in February. Batting leadoff against Otero Junior College, Gonzales was 3-for-3, including two doubles, and drove in three runs. She also stole a base. As a pitcher, Gonzales was 2-4 with a 7.91 earned run average in a team-high 10 appearances.

Luna freshman infielder Cierra LaSanta hit .237 with one RBI in 18 games. She played for Centennial High.

Monica Lara batted .313 in 17 games for Clarendon College. Lara, who competed for the Knights, had two RBI and five stolen bases without being caught.

Women's golf

Quincy University senior Katherine Rath-



BARBARA BOXLEITNER

Keeping Up

geber shot a 175 (86-89) at the Hilton Head Lakes Invitational. The Oñate alumna was fifth among the Hawks.

Baseball

Pio Sanchez Jr. hit .333 with three RBI in 16 games for University of the Southwest. The Las Cruces High product has been starting at second base and had a .940 fielding percentage in 50 chances.

Redshirt freshman infielder Jose Valesco hit .385 with five RBIs in eight games for New Mexico Military Institute. He played for Oñate.

Bellevue University junior outfielder Brandon Salmon batted .300 with nine RBI in 18 games. The former Bulldawg had a team-high four stolen bases in as many tries.

Men's golf

Isaac Merry was the low scorer for New Mexico State University at the National Invitational Tournament. The junior out of Oñate shot a 214 (71-69-74) to tie for 18th. He had 14 birdies and one eagle.

Former Bulldawg Davis Chung carded a 237 (83-78-76) for New Mexico State at the Arizona Intercollegiate. He was fourth among Aggie entries.

Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at bboxleitner@outlook.com.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Rebekah Fetherlin is an 18-year-old senior at Mesilla Valley Christian School. She is pitcher on the Lady Blazer softball team, with a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 9-2. Fetherlin is batting .500 for the year. She is always positive with her teammates and leads by example. Fetherlin is a dedicated student, with a 3.6 GPA and plans on attending New Mexico State University in the fall of 2017. Outside of school and softball, she enjoys her family, friends and church.



Adam Takeshita is an 18-year-old senior at Mesilla Valley Christian School. He plays on both the Son Blazer tennis and footballs teams - as running back, safety and wide receiver. In tennis, Takeshita is 17-2 in doubles, 5-0 in singles and placed third in the state championship - doubles and runner-up. He is very coachable, with mental and physical tenacity and is a hard-working team leader. Takeshita is valedictorian, with a 4.0 GPA and the recent recipient of New Mexico State University's prestigious President Associates Excellence Scholarship. In his spare time, he enjoys snowboarding, longboarding and rock climbing.

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Getting older, but still getting better

I recently stumbled on a great quote by the late fitness guru Jack Lalanne (1914-2011). He said, “I didn’t start playing golf until I was 50 (and I didn’t get down to a 4 handicap until I was 80.”

It started me thinking, yet again, about golf and aging. Golfers in their 20s or 30s may not realize it, but golf is one of those rare endeavors where we can get better as we get older. Most other sports aren’t like that. A friend who has played years of tennis shared with me that he has started playing a lot of golf lately because “losing a step or two eliminates playing against the younger guys.” Not so with golf. As older men and women golfers, we may not hit it as long as the kids, but there’s more to the game than bombing drives a mile.

In my case I’ve been playing (at) golf for over 60 years. I played my first nine holes when I was 11 with my grandfather at the Lyndhurst, Ohio, municipal golf course (since turned into condos). My grandpa was an accomplished player and truly believed that his idol, Ben Hogan, held the “secret” of the golf swing, and that it was up to us pedestrians to figure it out.

As a Navy officer in the late 1960s I played golf with a dear friend who was a shipmate aboard my destroyer. We stowed our golf clubs aboard ship on two Western Pacific cruises, but only hit balls to sea off the fantail while anchored in



CHARLIE BLANCHARD

Golf Director

the Gulf of Tonkin. Stateside it was a wonderful day on the golf course when we broke 90.

Then, in the 1970s as a corporate suit, I was a member at the beautiful Birmingham (Michigan) Country Club, site of the 1953 PGA Championship. In those days I was a nervous 14 handicap, striving unsuccessfully to get better. When I moved to Las Cruces

in 1988 I started playing more golf again, which served as an antidote to work, studying and teaching.

In 1993 I began working with the Aggie men’s golf team as their psychologist, and instantly realized I had to ratchet up my game to avoid embarrassment. Herb Wimberly helped me immensely, as my skills and confidence grew. I managed to go from a mid-handicap golfer to an aging (not geezer) player who occasionally shoots my age and manages a couple of subpar rounds every year. My USGA index is under seven. If I can do it so can you. Here are some tips on how to do it.

Work out: Exercise physiologists explain that you can build muscle, get stronger and become more flexible even into your 90s. Try to become disciplined about strength and cardio workouts, like

running and walking. Watch your diet and weight.

Get an attitude: Don’t accept that you’re going to lose talent as you get older. Become a student of the game, and work on new shots and appropriate swing changes. Refuse to be intimidated by the long-hitting flat-bellies. And become a deadly putter.

Compete: Sure, we want to have fun, and not be so darned obsessive about things as our hair turns white, but playing for something is usually more fun.

Use technology: What a revolution equipment has made in the game. Clubs, balls, computers, digital photography, range finders, launch monitors. Less is

left to chance. Take advantage of it.

Take lessons: You’ll be amazed what your PGA pro can do for you. Older golfers can learn new tricks, so don’t resist radical change. Work with your teacher to set challenging goals and measure your progress – just like a personal trainer at the gym.

Practice: Big surprise. Have a plan and some discipline with your preparation. Pay attention to your short game – chipping, putting, bunkers – and the mental game. Maybe you can’t hit it as far these days, but you can develop better touch. As my friend Toby Keith sang, “I’m not as good as I once was, but I’m as good once as I ever was.”

Registration begins for adult sand volleyball

BULLETIN REPORT

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will offer registration for the 2017 Spring Adult Sand Volleyball League from 12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday, March 27, through Friday, March 31, and from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

Spots are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participants must be 18 or older. Fee is

\$250 per team, with 50 percent of the fee due up front with the balance due on or before the manager’s meeting April 19.

The league will offer a Co-Rec Division (teams must have an equal number of males and females on the court at all times) and a Women’s Division. Recreational and competitive play will be offered. A minimum of eight teams per division are needed, with rosters set at a minimum of six and a maximum of 10 players per team.

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Fans Aggie up for NCAAs

Aggie fans gathered at the Game Sports Bar & Grill for basketball, beverages and brunch Friday, March 17, to watch New Mexico State University play Baylor in the NCAA basketball tournament. Though it was the day for the wearing of the green, most fans sported their crimson. Their faith paid off, at least for the first half. The Aggies and Bears battled closely for the first 20 minutes, and Braxton Huggins hit a three-pointer with two seconds left to give NMSU a 40-38 halftime lead. Baylor came back, however, and won the game 91-73. The Aggies finished the season 28-6, the most wins in team history.

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Lenny and Jennifer Banegas get ready for the game at the Game with former Las Cruces High School and NMSU basketball player Gordo Castillo.



Doña Ana Community College instructors Jeff Barnet and Steve Luddington take their lunch break to watch Aggie basketball.

NMSU basketball: A farewell to historic seasons

Mark Trakh, coach of the New Mexico State University women's basketball team, scoffed at the notion. I had met him for a pre-season interview and asked whether these Aggies, two-time defending champions of the Western Athletic Conference, were good enough to be ranked in the Top 25 nationally.

He brushed it off, stating the goal is to be a quality mid-major, citing a lack of resources compared to top-flight programs around the country, as if he's off the radar in little old Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Well, the Aggies, in fact, were probably



MARTY RACINE

Aggie Action

the 25th best team in the land, maybe better than that. They took No. 6 Stanford to the wire in their first-round matchup in the NCAA tournament. They led by six at halftime, before the Cardinal's size wore them down.

After a slow 7-6 start, the Aggies won 17 straight games and captured the imagination of a city and the attention of their

conference. They went undefeated in the WAC and won a third consecutive title. They scrambled on defense and turned the ball over for instant points. They hustled all over the place. They were a

joy to watch.

On the men's side, I talked with first-year head coach Paul Weir before the season. He was just getting acclimated to calling the shots, realizing this is now his team.

He probably had no idea his squad was capable of winning 20 straight, just shy of the school record. No doubt he figured a WAC title was plausible, but with teams like defending champ CSU-Bakersfield, which would break the winning streak, well, that's why you play the games.

The men played beautiful, team-oriented, basketball. They had size and quickness. Early on, you realized this is a well-coached team. The Aggies were a second-half club, a testament to their conditioning, mental toughness and half-time adjustments. You came to expect second-half runs to break the opponent's spirit.

We easily forget that Weir lost starting guard Sidy N'Dir, one of his top scorers, to a foot injury nine games into the season. We overlook the fact that only one senior, Ian Baker, was on the 16-man pre-season roster. We forget that the Aggies lost their star player, Pascal Siakam, to the pros. We took for granted that the head coach was new at this.

N'Dir's injury afforded playing time for freshman Jermaine Haley and junior Jemerrio Jones, who became my favorite player. Jones, who was good enough to start, came off the bench with kind of

a laid-back body language, but he was always in position to make plays. He was just *there*. It looked effortless. He shot lights-out but I especially loved his opportunistic rebounding (for a 6-5 guy) and his deft passing. He has great court vision, and he'll improve.

I loved watching Braxton Huggins shoot, Eli Chuha banging inside and Baker orchestrating the floor, so cool and deadly from outside, and deciding, about halfway into the season, that it was time to lead.

I also liked Weir's demeanor on the bench. Unlike so many histrionic college coaches who pace and gesticulate as if they're having a stroke, Weir played a steady hand, crouching and watching, crouching and watching, seeing things we don't. Oh, and at 28-6 his career record is among the winningest, percentage-wise, in the NCAA.

His counterpart, Trakh, did a masterful job of righting his Aggies after that start. The program will miss Moriah Mack, Tamera William and Brianna Freeman, but Brooke Salas, Jasmine Cooper, Gia Pack, Zaire Williams and Tyesha Taylor hopefully return. Keep an eye on Salas.

One word for both teams: winners. On the court and in the community. I had a blast at the Pan Am seeing your dedication and discipline pay off. You have grown up over the winter. Let's do this again.

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