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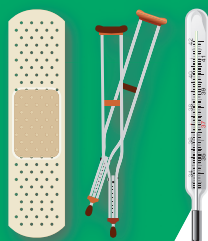
Garth takes over Las Cruces

Hands from the front rows reach out to Garth Brooks (left) as he jams with guitarist Bruce Bouton on the Telecaster during opening night, April 7, at the Pan American Center kicking off five shows in three days. See pages 53-56 for more photos, plus reviews and excerpts from a press conference with Brooks and his wife, country singer Trisha Yearwood, prior to the first show.

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Planning underway for 'Day of Prayer'

Doña Ana County will host a May 4 event on the north lawn of the Doña Ana County Government Center to celebrate the National Day of Prayer.

"The Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners has traditionally issued annual proclamations calling attention to the National Day of Prayer, and the county also has staged these events to allow local leaders of faith to participate" said Doña Ana County Manager Julia T. Brown, noting that the 2017 proclamation will be on the Commission's April 25 agenda.

Local faith leaders who wish to speak at the event may submit a letter of interest to the Doña Ana County Special Projects Office. The letter should specify the name and title of the proposed speaker, along with his or her local faith affiliation, as well as daytime contact information. The deadline to submit a letter is 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 25.

Letters can be mailed to the Doña Ana County Special Projects Office at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, N.M. 88007 or emailed to in-put@donaanacounty.org or faxed to (575) 525-5948.

"We hope to have a program that highlights the rich diversity of faiths we enjoy in Doña Ana County, as well as to show the warm and cooperative ways that we can work together despite any differences in our systems of belief," Brown said. "We will select the event speakers to ensure that diversity is reflected for those who attend this special event."



BUILDING A VOTING CULTURE

In their ongoing effort to build a voting culture in Doña Ana County, County Clerk Scott Krahling, left, and Election Advisory Council members register students at Mayfield High School. This is the second consecutive year of the high school voter registration initiative, the goal of which is to register every eligible senior to vote before graduation. The clerk's office is visiting all county high schools during the month of April to engage with students, parents and school staff about the importance of voting and to encourage voting in every election.

PHOTO: Rose Ann Vasquez

Property taxes due no later than May 10

The Doña Ana County Treasurer's office has mailed second-half property tax notices. County Treasurer Eric L. Rodriguez reminds property owners that they have until May 10 to pay their second-half property taxes before state-mandated interest and penalties begin to accumulate.

Rodriguez said he encourages taxpayers to mail payments or pay online to avoid waiting periods at the teller window.

"This year we are excited to announce our Go Green Initiative to implement electronic billing. Taxpayers will have the option to sign up for e-bills for the 2017 tax cycle" Rodriguez said, adding that instructions are included in the billing mailer. Instructions also are available online at www.donaanacounty.org/tax/.

Tax payments can be made a number of ways, such as: 1) Mailing payment to the Treasurer's Office using the self-addressed envelope provided with the tax notice; 2) Utilizing the indoor drop box adjacent to the Treasurer's Office teller windows, during business hours; 3) Online with a

credit/debit card at www.donaanacounty.org/tax/. There is a nominal fee for this service; 4) By phone at (877) 458-2425. There is a nominal fee for this service; or 5) In person at the Treasurer's Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, at 845 Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces.

Property owners whose taxes are handled by an escrow company will not receive a mailer. Instead, the escrow holder will receive the tax notification.

Rodriguez said property owners who have not paid their taxes in full and did not receive reminders should immediately contact the Doña Ana County Treasurer's Office at (575) 647-7433.

"We make every effort to notify all property owners of their tax obligations," Rodriguez said. "We have sent out more than 32,000 second-half reminders. If you have not paid your property taxes, please don't miss the May 10 deadline, because once penalty and interest are incurred, there are no provisions in the property tax code for my staff to remove them from your account."

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NMSU students wanted for project

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico State University College of Education is asking students or teams of students who will be returning to the university in fall 2017 to submit designs for the college's mural competition.

The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. If a team wins, members will divide the scholarship, NMSU Assistant Professor for Painting and Drawing Craig Cully said.

Designs are due via email by Friday, April 28.

The winning mural-sized painting "should visually express one or all of the College of Education's values: excellence, transparency, integrity, leadership, diversity and innovation," Cully said.

The college will provide a \$500 materials budget for

the creation of the final work, which will measure 6.5 feet tall by 10 feet wide. It will be completed as a painting on stretched canvas, and will be due Aug. 1.

The completed art will be the first mural-sized painting for permanent installation in O'Donnell Hall, room 301, Cully said.

Email submissions to

Cully at cullyc@nmsu.edu with the subject line "College of Ed Mural Submission." File specs: jpeg, 72 dpi, RGB, 6.5 tall by 10 inches wide. Contest will be juried by a panel of faculty and staff from the NMSU Department of Art and College of Education.

For information, call 520-425-2661 or email cullyc@nmsu.edu.




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DACC students bring home the gold

BULLETIN REPORT

Sixteen Doña Ana Community College (DACC) students competed against hundreds of students from other New Mexico community colleges at the SkillsUSA state championships held in Albuquerque. Seven were awarded as best in the state in various contests demonstrating proficiency in their major fields of study

Bringing home gold medals were: Alejandro Angel, automotive technology in job skill demonstration; Michael Zischkau, computer technology in computer maintenance; Noemi Rosales, computer technology in internetwork-

ing; Doug Bourdon, electronics technology in electronics technology; Arturo Lara, construction technology in plumbing; Fidel Garcia, computer technology in computer programming; and Arrowhead Early College High School student Aaron Rios in high school computer programming.

The gold medalists qualified to compete in national competition to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, in June, where more than 6,000 students are expected.

Second-place silver medals were awarded to Nancy Villalobos, building construction in customer service; Michael Zischkau, computer

technology in extemporaneous speaking; and Ramon Ramirez, computer technology in computer maintenance.

Bronze winners included Gabriel Loera III, construction technology in plumbing; Doug Bourdon, electronics technology in job interview, Frank Bonnevie, electronics technology in electronics, and Jon Wayne Krein in the heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration competition.

Other DACC participants representing the college included Claudia Aguero, Jeremy Laycock, Joni Lujan, and Jordan Martinez. Team coaches were DACC instructors Kevin Gall, Edward

Lopez, Wade Matthews, Gustavo Pina, John Carter, Tim Chappell, James Lamoureux, and Marco Garay.

Sandra Castillo, DACC Division Dean of Advanced Technologies and club sponsor, was proud of all DACC participants. "Our community college and county were well represented by our students who showed great enthusiasm, a positive attitude and provided an outstanding performance," she said.

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving students enrolled in career and technical education training programs in high schools and colleges. Their mission is to empower



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From left, front - Claudia Aguero, Noemi Rosales, Nancy Villalobos, Jordan Martinez; middle - Jeremy Laycock, Ramon Ramirez, Michael Zischkau; back - Frank Bonnevie, Doug Bourdon, Arturo Lara, Alejandro Angel, Gabriel Loera III, Aaron Rios, Jon Wayne Krein, Fidel Garcia.

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By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Public Schools, in partnership with Comcast Cable of Las Cruces, hopes to get more than 1,300 volunteers at Tombaugh Elementary School to beat the previous record of 1,300 participants during the 10th annual Comcast Cares Day event, LCPS Community Outreach Coordinator Brigitte Zigelhofer said.

The event will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 22, at Tombaugh Elementary, 226 Carver Road.

Community volunteers will join LCPS Physical Plant Department staff and Comcast, LCPS and Tombaugh

Elementary volunteers to clean, paint and beautify the school and school grounds.

Each participating volunteer will get a free T shirt. A pancake breakfast will be provided by IHOP and lunch by Texas Roadhouse.

Over nine years, the Comcast Foundation has awarded

more than \$150,000 to the LCPS Foundation and the schools participating in previous Comcast Cares Day events. Thousands of volunteers have contributed tens of thousands of hours to beautifying elementary and middle schools in one of the most successful Comcast Cares Day partnerships in the country.

The event will include a jumping house, Pokémon's Pikachu and Mega Charizard X, and live music.

Zigelhofer said volunteers are welcome for the entire four-hour project, or any portion of it. All tools will be provided.

Tombaugh Elementary opened in 1990. It was named in honor of Las Cruces Clyde W. Tombaugh, who discovered the planet Pluto in 1930.

For information, contact Zigelhofer at 575-527-6014 or bzigelho@lcps.net.

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A tale of two school systems

Budget issues leave leaders frustrated

In recent weeks, I have seen two normally upbeat and positive people – Greg Ewing and Garrey Carruthers – glum and even dispirited.

Carruthers, chancellor of New Mexico State University, and Ewing, the superintendent of Las Cruces Public Schools, are, essentially, the top two educators in Las Cruces. As administrators, they clearly have more responsibility than teaching students. Both, however, have spent considerable time teaching classrooms in their respective fields of higher education and K-12.

They both understand and focus on the heart of their missions: educating people and improving their opportunities.

Ewing and Carruthers are in different places in their careers and in their situations.

Ewing has been in Las Cruces less than six months, having started as LCPS superintendent in December after working in education for more than 25 years in Georgia.

A native New Mexican, Carruthers first arrived in Las Cruces in 1960 as an NMSU student. He earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees here, went to Iowa State for a doctorate, and returned to teach in 1968. He left Las Cruces again in the 1980s to do a few little things such as, oh, work for the White House, become governor of New Mexico and run a multimillion-dollar health plan company. Carruthers returned in 2003 as Dean of the NMSU College of Business, and continued to teach. He be-

came NMSU's 27th president in 2013.

Despite the differing routes of how they got here, Carruthers and Ewing both find themselves in a similar boat.

Their operations face financial uncertainty not of their doing. In fact, both NMSU and LCPS have worked aggressively the past three years to trim and streamline their budgets.

In the category of "no good deed goes unpunished," had the two organizations not been so fiscally aware and proactive, the cuts they are now facing may have been to so-called "fat," rather than the bone and cellular walls they now may be forced to cut.

Heretofore, NMSU has left job openings unfilled and found other ways to save money without eliminating people. Now, depending on how things go, Carruthers said, the university has one scenario where it would have lay off 179 people and another where it would lose 256. The 256 would represent a little more than 7 percent of the approximately 3,500 faculty and staff employees at the university.

LCPS is already in a position where many classrooms are not able to have sufficient paper and other basic materials for students to do their work.

Like many New Mexicans, both Ewing and Carruthers have found themselves scratching their heads as they've watched the actions of Gov. Susana Martinez regarding education and other budget issues from this year's legislative session.

Several observers have accused Martinez of, in essence, exacerbating the budget crisis by vetoing bipartisan efforts to address shortfalls and keep education funding in-

tact. Most aren't willing to publicly criticize Martinez, though even some Republicans have seemed perplexed by the governor's moves, particularly vetoes of budget-neutral bills with bipartisan support. Many critics have roundly attacked Martinez, saying, at the least, she's missing opportunities and, at worst, she's damaging the state.

At a press conference Tuesday, Martinez said she believed she and the legislature could solve some of the budget issues if they worked together. There was not much evidence this past session of much collaboration between the legislature, particularly Democrats, and the administration. With anger built up on both sides, it might take a minor miracle for collaboration in a special session.

It's easy for folks to question and criticize the governor when they have no real clue of the depth and the difficulties of her job.

There is one person, though, who faced exactly the financial woes regarding education that Martinez is facing. He faced it from the exact same seat Martinez holds as governor of New Mexico, because he was the 27th governor of the state – Carruthers himself.

He will, half-jokingly, tell you he had to give up his Republican card with his response to the crisis he faced in the late 1980s. So what did he do when higher education was in danger due to budget problems back then?

He raised taxes to fund higher education. Martinez won't be doing that. She calls it "the easy way out."

Easy or hard, here's hoping she has some way out, because right now, it's difficult to see one.



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fact check minimum wage arguments

To the editor:

Recently there have been columns in both local papers disparaging the Las Cruces minimum wage. It seems to me that if every business is paying the same rate then they should all be on an equal playing field. However, in 2011, The Center for Economic and Policy Research published a study of wage increases in Santa Fe, San Francisco and Washington, DC., that stated: "The city-wide minimum wages can raise the earnings of low-wage workers without discernible impact on their employment."

It further stated "Our estimated employment responses generally cluster near zero, and are more likely to be positive than negative." The center has published several follow-up studies confirming these conclusions.

Funny how this contradicts Dr. Yelowitz, who is associated with the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank, espousing limited government and free markets.

In a Sun-News article, Ms. Ray of The Main Street Bistro, cited the slow economy, competition, the conversion of Church and Water Streets, and the minimum wage increase (in that order) as reasons for closing. Sitel says the reason they closed was a business decision, and recently added 200 new jobs in Albuquerque where the minimum wage is 40 cents an hour lower. Probably not the reason they closed here.

The owners of Lorenzo's and Coas books both testified in opposition to the minimum wage before the city council, so they may cut jobs to prove they were right. Other, perhaps more successful, businesses such as Dions, is adding staff, and has just opened a second location in Las Cruces.

I believe that our most vulnerable should not have to work multiple jobs to feed their families, and that employers generally find better compensated employees to be more loyal, and more productive.

So, here's the other side of the story. Why not fact check these views for yourself?

*Bob Libby
Las Cruces*

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Teaching what it means to be an American

Talk show host Dennis Prager was asked: What’s the biggest danger to America? He said, “We have not passed on what it means to be an American to this generation.”



MICHAEL SWICKARD
In My Opinion

Our country was founded because British leaders acted oppressively. The English King and his Parliament changed the course of history for the entire world by planting the seeds of rebellion in a society strong enough to resist and wise enough to construct a lasting representative republic. There were no free countries when Americans revolted.

The King and his advisors were arrogant and ignorant, two traits that infest oppressive governments. A reasonable British government would not have inspired rebellion and I would be drinking tea while writing my columns instead of coffee.

Americans hold three American ideas: the presumptions of innocence, commerce and freedom. But these presumptions are under attack in our country and not taught in schools as often as they were when I was young. They are some of the reasons that America is the shining light of liberty. Or was.

As to innocence, we are supposed to assume those accused of a crime are innocent unless convicted in a court of law. The media has led an assault on that presumption. There really is no longer this presumption.

As to commerce, except where the government has made winners, our rich have gotten so by public free exchange where both parties walked away happy. Steve Jobs became rich by anticipating what we wanted, not because the government poured money into his pocket.

Our country became a great example

for all of the world because of our principle that a willing buyer and a willing seller, both happy with the outcome, are the cornerstones of our nation. Little by little over the last 100 hundred years the government has intruded and we no longer have free markets.

Finally, American freedom is the ability of citizens to not have to do what they do not want to do

so long as it does not harm someone else. However, our government lives to impose its will upon Americans. I pray we retain enough freedom to teach our children what freedom means along with the other two presumptions.

The great question for us geezers and geezerettes is how to teach something to the young people that isn’t prominently on display in our country. It is tough to do but must be done. It isn’t just restoring Civics to the public-school classrooms, we must change some of the narratives. One is that this country is basically unfair.

While the founding of this country involved men who kept slaves, we are long past that and we should not reject the good with the bad. The men who put their lives, their possessions and their sacred honor on the line so we could be free were magnificent

And the Constitution is unique to our nation even though it has been under assault for 100 years. We must teach these uniquely American ideas to our young people.

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You can help stamp out hunger

To the editor:

Saturday, May 13, marks the 25th anniversary of one of America's great days of giving — the National Association of Letter Carriers' Stamp out Hunger Food Drive.

Letter carriers walk through the community every day; often coming face to face with a sad reality for too many: hunger.

So each year on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers across the country collect non-perishable food donations from our customers. These donations go directly to local food pantries to provide food to people in Las Cruces who need our help.

Last year, we collected over 80 million pounds of food nationally, feeding an estimated 64 million people. Over the course of its 24-year history, the drive has collected well over one billion pounds of food, thanks to a postal service universal delivery network that spans the entire nation, including Puerto Rico, Guam and U.S. Virgin Islands.

The need for food donations is great. Currently, 49 million Americans — one in six — are unsure where their next meal is coming from. Sixteen million are children who feel hunger's impact on their overall health and ability to perform in school. And nearly five million seniors over age 60 are food insecure, with many who live on fixed incomes often too embarrassed to ask for help.

Our food drive's timing is crucial. Food banks and pantries often receive the majority of their donations during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons. By springtime, many pantries are depleted, entering the summer low on supplies at a time when many school breakfast and lunch programs are not available to children in need.

Participating in this year's Letter Carrier Stamp out Hunger Food Drive is simple. Just leave a non-perishable food donation in a bag by your mailbox on Saturday, May 13, and your letter carrier will do the rest.

With your help, letter carriers and the U.S. Postal Service have collected over 1.5 billion pounds of food in the United States over our first 24 years as a national food drive. Please help us in our fight to end hunger, as we celebrate our 25th anniversary year in America's great day of giving.

*James Espana, letter carrier
Las Cruces*

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Our New Mexico cattle may soon be smiling from ear tag to ear tag recognizing that with the potential shrinking access to world-wide cattle and beef markets, their life expectancy could see a significant increase.

Of course, the reciprocal to a smiling cow is a frowning rancher. Given the tough talk on trade agreements such as the North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA, a poorly negotiated or renegotiated trade agreement could deal a severe blow to the US cattle industry, and so goes the national cattle industry, so goes the New Mexico cattle industry.

During the month of February, both live cattle and feeder cattle futures

dropped significantly, driven mainly by the uncertainty of negotiations of future trade agreements. Drops in the cattle futures markets are leading indicators of the overall direction of cattle prices regardless of where cattle or beef producers are in the supply chain.

With America exporting approximately 20 percent of its agriculture products and maintaining a favorable agriculture product export/

import ratio with our major trading partners for over 50 years, it is essential that cattle and beef producers stay actively engaged in future trade negotiations to ensure that their voices and concerns are heard.

In New Mexico, the dairy and cattle ranching sectors account for a significant portion of agriculture sales comprising approximately 75 percent of overall receipts. While the majority of New Mexico beef cattle are shipped to other regional states for fattening and slaughter and not to foreign countries, per se, the ultimate destination of cattle and beef products directly impacts the

prices New Mexico cattle producers receive for their cattle products.

In the integrated, globalized economy that exists today, the belief that isolationism is good for the cattle industry is — simply put — flawed thinking. History shows us that protectionism inevitably has a negative impact on product and service producers. The ability to open additional cattle markets as opposed to closing existing cattle markets is essential for sales and price growth and the primary reason why cattle and beef producers must become vigorously involved and represented in upcom-

ing trade negotiations.

Our foreign competitors are anxiously waiting for America's move on trade policy, recognizing the shift in protectionist attitudes and evaluating their trade policies accordingly. I visited Australia two years ago and there is no doubt that they are seeking opportunities to expand their foreign cattle markets. A growing world population affords the opportunity to grow cattle and beef product markets and as these potential markets grow so does the opportunity to get greater involvement in a global economy. Let's keep our ranchers smiling and our cattle

nervous. For ranchers and economic developers with a vested interest, get keenly involved with proposed trade policies and ensure that your efforts make a positive difference. Current and future trade agreements need to be reviewed and modified regularly. Contact your federal, state, and local elected officials and ask them to work collectively with the executive branch to develop and execute trade agreements that are in the best interest of the cattle industry.

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Governor's veto hurts voters

New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez pocket vetoed The Local Election Act, House Bill 174, to consolidate local elections, which passed both chambers of the Legislature with significant bipartisan support.

This is the third year that a bill to consolidate local elections has been proposed at the state level and failed.

Low voter turnout is a real problem, especially in local elections, because the current election system is broken.



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Consolidating local elections is a real solution to increase voting because voters can get into the habit of voting every November. It makes sense, and it creates a solid pathway to

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Running out the clock on New Mexico's future

I firmly believe that the sun is rising and not setting on New Mexico. Our state has an abundance of beauty, a mild climate, and a wealth of recreational opportunities that make it attractive to retiring Baby Boomers and Millennials alike.

But to realize this new day of economic opportunity in our state, we must be willing to change the status quo. All New Mexicans agree that our state's sales tax system, the gross receipts tax (GRT), is broken. With its hundreds of special interest deductions, exemptions and credits, New Mexico's GRT is as



JASON HARPER
Representative
(R-Rio Rancho)

stable as a block of swiss cheese. If we are to grow as a state, it must be fixed.

Over the last 30 years, numerous task forces and blue ribbon panels have been convened to identify the best ways to modernize New Mexico's tax code. Last year, I chaired one of these efforts, an interim legislative commit-

tee called the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee. It was a bipartisan and bicameral effort with over 34 legislators participating in the committee's deliberations. The mission of the committee was simple: review the state's current tax structure, identify best practices from other states, and develop legislation to fix the deficiencies in our tax code.

The committee met for 11 days last year and spent close to 50 hours listening to stakeholder testimony and discussing legislative options, in addition to the thousands of hours of staff and legislator time spent researching and

analyzing scenarios. The outcome of the committee's work was assembled into a comprehensive tax reform package, House Bill 412.

HB 412 would have made New Mexico's sales tax system simple, uniform and fair. It would have broadened New Mexico's tax base by eliminating most special interest carve-outs, ensuring that every industry paid its fair share. Broadening the tax base would have enabled a lower overall tax rate, benefitting all New Mexicans, regardless of income.

These long-overdue reforms would have provided a more stable and reliable revenue

source for the state that could help us avoid future budget crises. More importantly, it would have made our taxation system more competitive with neighboring states, stimulated business growth, and created new jobs for New Mexicans.

HB 412 received more scrutiny than any other bill I can recall. The House Taxation and Revenue Committee held three meetings, totaling eight hours, to thoroughly vet the bill. Both the Senate Corporations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee reviewed the bill during a special four-hour meeting. Every detail was dis-

sected in full view of the public.

Despite all this review, as the clock ran out on the 2017 legislative session, legislators punted on a golden opportunity to change New Mexico's economic future. After thousands of hours of debate, study, research, testing and public testimony, it's laughable to claim that legislators did not have enough time to evaluate the tax reform measures included in HB 412. Legislators had all the information, but when it came time to act, they gave in to special interest lobbyists and blinked. Unfortunately,

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12 Cruces high schoolers recognized for computing accomplishments

FOR THE BULLETIN

As part of an effort to encourage more young women to choose careers in technology, the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) and New Mexico State University will recognize 12 high school women for their accomplishments and aspirations in computing and technology at the Hilton Garden Inn on Friday, April 21, at 6 p.m.

The young women are winners of the NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing, which recognizes high-school women for their computing-related achievements and interests.

“With technology jobs projected to grow faster than all other job sectors in the next decade, it’s imperative that we nurture the computing aspirations of women, who will make up half the professional workforce,” said Lucy Sanders, CEO and Co-founder of NCWIT. “This award allows us recognize and encourage talent that might otherwise be overlooked.”

The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing was created to encourage the computing aspirations of young women, introduce them to leadership opportunities in the field, and generate visibility for women’s participation in technology fields. Winners are acknowledged for their outstanding aptitude and interest in technology and computing, leadership ability, academic history, and plans for post-secondary education.

The 12 young women selected as winners of the NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing – Southern New Mexico were selected from more than 30 applications. The winners represent a broad diversity of socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds: 58 percent are Latina, 17 percent

Winners: 2017 NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing – Southern New Mexico

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 Gabriella Hernandez – Centennial High School
 Ashley Hoogenboom – Centennial High School
 Jillian Hughes – Centennial High School
 Emma Locklin – Centennial High School
 Jenna McClellan – Centennial High School
 Hiba Muhyi – Arrowhead Park Early College High School
 Mazey Ray – Ocate High School
 Adriana Sanchez – Las Cruces High School
 Mireya Sanchez-Maes – Mayfield High School
 Catalina Sanchez-Maes – Arrowhead Park Early College High School

are Caucasian, 8 percent are African American, 8 percent are Asian, and 8 percent are Native American/Alaska Native.

The National Center for Women & Information Technology is a non-profit coalition of over 450 prominent corporations, academic institutions, government agencies, and nonprofits working to improve U.S. innovation, competitiveness, and workforce sustainability by increasing women’s participation in IT. NCWIT’s work spans K-12 and higher education through industry and academic careers. Find out more at www.ncwit.org.

The Southern NM Affiliate Award is sponsored by New Mexico State University Department of Computer Science, the Young Women in Computing program, the Center for Smart Grid Technologies, and the Discover Science through Computational Thinking program.

Writing contest winners



COURTESY PHOTO

The GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces announces the winners of the GFWC New Mexico Writing Contest. Left to right, Writing Contest Chair Marguerita Herman and Club President Jean Frizzell presented the first place awards to club member Sara Armijo for poetry and Alma de Arte senior Brigitte Kearns for her short story. The second-place short story winner is Micah Glidewell, and third place was awarded to Olivia Star Kilpatrick. The prestigious contest provides high school students the opportunity to develop writing skills and win scholarship money. The first-place state winners will also compete in the GFWC National Writing Contest this summer.

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Bixby, Fenske announce bids for soil, water district board

BULLETIN REPORT

Kevin Bixby and Craig Fenske have announced their candidacies for the board of the Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District.



BIXBY



FENSKE

Both cite the unrealized potential of the district as a key reason they are seeking positions on the board.

“All over the country soil and Water districts are deeply engaged in conservation, environmental protection and stewardship of our soil, water and natural resources,” Bixby said. “Unfortunately, our local district has been primarily engaged in fighting conservation efforts: opposing the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National monument, opposing wildlife recovery in the Southwest, and op-

posing regional planning for sustainable development.”

Fenske sees the election as an opportunity to reorient the district’s focus toward its true mission and goals.

“Soil and water districts are designed to work closely with federal and state agencies and local landowners in addressing storm water runoff, preserving natural landscapes and promoting a variety of conservation practices,” he said. “With the right leadership, the district can be a real contributor to building a sustainable future for our people.”

Bixby is the founder and director of the Southwest Environmental Center, where he has worked with organizations to restore habitats and promote environmental awareness.

Fenske is a retired agricultural extension agent. He also coordinated the Keep Las Cruces Beautiful program for the city.

The Soil and Water Conservation Board election will be held on Tuesday, May 2. Las Cruces area polling places are at the Doña Ana County Government Center, Good Samaritan Village, and the Sage Café Community Center.

Senator, representative speak at Temple Beth El



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

State Rep. Joanne Ferrary and State Sen. Bill Soules, D-Doña, spoke to about 50 people at Temple Beth El on April 6 to express their disappointment regarding some of the bills vetoed by Republican Gov. Susana Martinez. April 7 was Martinez’s last day to act on bills passed during the 60-day session that ended in March.

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Storytellers of Las Cruces: Storytellers of Las Cruces is hosted throughout April at both COAS Bookstore locations. Children who attend will receive a coupon worth \$2 off on a book.

Downtown location, 317 N. Main St.

- April 15, Douglas Jackson
- April 22, Louise O'Donnell
- April 29, Sarah Addison and Sharlene Wittern

Solano location, 1101 S. Solano Dr.

- April 15, Judith Ames
- April 22, Jean Gilbert
- April 29, Gloria Hacker

Railroad museum: Open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tuesday-Friday; 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday. Located at 351 N. Mesilla St.

• Coloring Club for adults will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday, April 14. Countless people are discovering that coloring is a fun way to recapture one of the joys of childhood. Bring your own book and colored pencils, or use our materials. We have a wide variety of pages ready to be colored, from simple pictures to intricate designs.

• The 10th annual Train Day event will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, April 29. The Railrunner will be back in Las Cruces for the first time in seven years. Come by to see it and model trains from the Dona Ana Modular Railroad Club, historic Harvey Girl and train staff re-enactors from El Paso, live steam demonstrations, and educational material to challenge your train trivia skills. Students from the New Mexico State University class

“Time Traveling to 1912” will present skits between 10am and 12pm. Two local country music bands will also be performing, Daisy Blue at 11 a.m., and Vince Alten at 12:30 p.m.

Admission to the Railroad Museum is free! For additional information, visit the website at: museums.las-cruces.org or call 575-647-4480.

La Mancha BioBlitz: 8 a.m., Saturday, April 15, at SWEC's La Mancha Wetland along the Rio Grande near Mesilla. With help from Youth Conservation Corps members and a few experts, identify every critter that calls La Mancha home. For more information call 575-522-5552.

Earth Day Week: Doña Ana county will host a week full of events. April 17-21, at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings starting at 5:30 p.m. will feature Las Cruces Chats (LC2), in which local subject matter experts speak about pressing environmental issues. From 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, April 21, vendors will be set up at the Government Center, and the day will begin with the planting of a tree to commemorate Earth Day. All events are free to the public. Info: Irene Holguin, 575-525-8846.

Photo shoot: The 7 p.m., April 18, meeting of the Doña Ana Photography Club will feature a photo shoot on the Downtown Mall, presented by Erik Winter. Free and open to the public. Info: www.daphotoclub.org, 575-522-1691.

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Free computer classes:

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library offering computer classes throughout April. Held 2-4 p.m. in the computer training lab of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The class on Tuesday, April 18, will feature an introduction to the internet. The class on Tuesday, April 25, will teach file management. Info: 575-528-4005 or library.reference@lascruces.org

Camp Cody: Beginning at 6:45 p.m., Thursday, April 20, at the auditorium at Good Samaritan, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, local author and historian Jim Eckles will give a talk on Camp Cody. The presentation is free and open to the public.

The talk is based on his latest book, "Deming, New Mexico's Camp Cody: A World War Training Camp." Eckles will run a 15-minute slide show of World War One posters that he found at the Library of Congress. On April 29, Eckles will be at Coas Bookstore at 317 North Main St., Las Cruces, from 10 a.m. to noon for a book signing for the Camp Cody book. He says he will be happy to answer questions about the camp at that time. For more information, call Jim at 575-521-8771 or email 19jeckles50@gmail.com.

Earth Day Hike & Celebration: 8:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 22. Join the Nuestra Tierra Conservation Project for a hike to Kilbourne Hole to celebrate Earth Day in the Organ Mountains

Desert Peaks National Monument. This free event takes hikers to the remnants of an ancient volcanic explosion in a desert basin between the Portillo Mountains and the Rio Grande. Kilbourne Hole features many brilliant rocks and objects blown out from the volcano. Water and snacks provided. Bilingual. Info: gabe@nmwildlife.org, or 484-639-4534.

Walk for MS: The Las Cruces Walk for MS will be April 22 beginning at Young Park, 1905 Nevada Ave. Site opens at 8 a.m. and walk begins at 9 a.m. Hundreds of people are expected for the local walk, which is expected to raise \$32,000. Nationally, the walk raises \$50 million.

Saturday, April 22, 9 am Southwest Environmental Center

Photography boot camp: 9 a.m., Saturday, April 22, at the Southwest Environmental Center. This is the fourth class in the 5-part photography boot camp series put on by the Doña Ana Photography Club. This class will be on image editing and taught by Erik Winter, DAPC president; other members from the club will also be on hand to help. The boot camp series is open to the community and anyone can attend for \$5 per class. Photography club members may attend for free; individuals can join the photography club for \$15 (annual membership) and attend all of the workshops at no cost. Fees for non-members will be collected at the class. Register online at www.daphotoclub.org.

For more information, please email Rob Peinert: education@daphotoclub.org

Vehicle auction: The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will auction off more than 30 vehicles to the highest bidder on Saturday, April 22. All vehicles were seized in recent infractions following a DWI conviction. New Mexico law allows for the forfeiture of vehicles driven by people whose licenses have been revoked for driving under the influence. The auction begins at 10 a.m. at 2821B Las Vegas Court and is open to the public. All bidders must pre-register and winners are required to pay in cash. For a complete list of cars and trucks that will be auctioned, visit www.cfdauction.com.

Cemetery Cleanup: 8 a.m. – noon, Saturday, April 22, will be a cleanup project of the historic Doña Ana Cemetery, which includes graves of veterans going back to the Civil War. The Cemetery is near the Doña Ana exit of Interstate 25, off El Camino Real Rd. in the village of Doña Ana. Info: 915-834-2184.

Shred-Fest: 10 a.m.-noon, on Saturday, April 29, at the 571 Walton Blvd. WalMart parking lot, AARP will be hosting "Operation: Stop Scams," a Shred-Fest event. Bring up to 50lbs of material to shred at no cost. Join in the fight to stop fraud!

Food drive: Saturday, May 13, put your non-perishable donations in a bag by your mailbox. We'll deliver it to a local food bank.



- PUBLIC HEARING -

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The City of Las Cruces will hold a public hearing for the Parks & Recreation proposed 2017-2018 Fees and Charges/Facility Use Policy. Residents are invited to give input on proposed changes which include fee adjustments for the programs and facilities. The hearing will be held prior to the regular Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting.

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City council to review noise ordinance

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

After presentations at its Monday, April 10, work session by Las Cruces Police Department (LCPD) Codes Enforcement Section Chief James Chavez and Game and Game II owner Marci Dickerson, the Las Cruces City Council informally agreed to review the city's noise ordinance.

City Manager Stuart Ed said city staff can have a revised ordinance drafted and ready for review by the council at its May 1 regular meeting.

The council's noise-ordinance discussion

was prompted by noise complaints received by LCPD about the Game II sports bar and restaurant, which Dickerson opened at 4131 Northrise Drive on the East Mesa Sept. 14.

The ordinance prohibits noise that "annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others," Chavez said, along with "unusual noise or vibration (that) is audible by any person or police officer at a distance of 30 or more feet from the source."

Dickerson said the ordinance is too broad and relies on "subjective opinions" about what

constitutes excessive noise, which gives "incredible limiting power to a few people."

The ordinance also provides no clear guidance to police officers, she said. "We've given them no real tool" to enforce it.

Dickerson said she has studied the ordinance and has hired experts to do the same. She recommended that the council revise the ordinance to create a "commercial noise permit," which Dickerson said would be renewed annually and would mandate that the Game II, for example, spell out the specific dates and times it would be play-

ing live music and at what decibel level.

"We need to be allowed to operate our business in the manner in which it should be operated," Dickerson said, noting that she has already installed a \$10,000 fence and a patio cover to reduce noise at Game II.

Mayor Ken Miya-gishima said one of his major concerns about the current noise ordinance is its provision allowing the chief of police to grant a temporary permit allowing noncompliance with certain noise restrictions. The issue, Miya-gishima said, is that a single complaint can

nullify the temporary permit.

The city needs to "clean up the whole permitting process," Councillor Ceil Levatino said. "I think we have to adjust this thing ... so businesses know what the rules are. And sooner rather than later," she said.

"All aspects of this need to be looked at," Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith said.

In 2016, LCPD received 151,402 calls for service, Chavez said. That included 260 noise-disturbance calls, amounting to 0.17 percent of the call volume. Complaints about noise have steadily declined from 339 calls in 2012, when the city began tracking the calls, to 314 in 2013, 296 in 2014 and 275 in 2015.


In 2015, the city issued 68 noise permits, compared to 33 in 2016, Chavez said. The permits were issued for events including birthday parties, graduations and even protests, and allow noise levels to temporarily exceed levels set in city code.

Chavez recommended that the council keep the noise ordinance in place and continue public education about noise issues. The best way to resolve the issues, he said, is for businesses to be made aware of any noise issues they may create for their residential neighbors, and for residents to be understanding as new development is going on.

Both sides of the issue need to "be considerate and tolerant at the same time," Chavez said. "Everybody has to do their part."

Dickerson said the Game II is the "newest and largest restaurant on the East Mesa." It cost \$2.6 million to build, she said, and employs more than 80 people. The restaurant is located "1,006 feet from the nearest house," she said. Dickerson said the Game II plays live, outdoor music from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights.

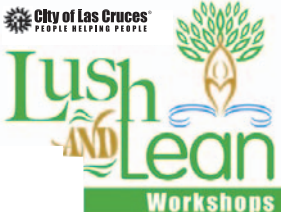
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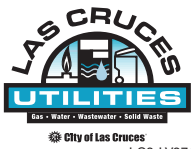
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MAY 18	BUGS IN YOUR LANDSCAPE? WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S WHAT Bugs - those that are beneficial and the ones that are problematic. Learn about pesticides and Best Pest Management Practices.	Dr. Carol Sutherland, <i>NMSU Extension Entomologist and NM Department of Agriculture State Entomologist</i>
MAY 25	PRUNING WORKSHOP Teach homeowners how to correctly prune trees and shrubs in the landscape. Workshop will be held at the Lush and Lean garden located across from Branigan Library.	Les Finley, <i>Certified Arborist - Former Arborist for the City of Las Cruces</i>

* May 25th Workshop to be held at the Lush and Lean Garden located on Spruce and N. Campo Street across from Branigan Library, north of the Police Department.

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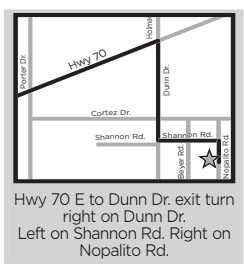
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City asked to consider children's museum

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Staff from Ngage New Mexico and the Coalition for Early Childhood Education in Doña Ana County received a mixed reaction from the Las Cruces City Council to their request for help in opening a children's museum and learning hub in the city.

"We want to have a children's museum," Ngage Executive Director Frank Lopez told the council at its Monday, April 10, work session.

"We can't do this alone," said Amanda Gibson-Smith, who works in the New Mexico State University College of Education as director of the county Head Start program. Head Start is part of the coalition.

Lopez, Gibson-Smith and others said opening a children's museum is an appropriate step to improve early childhood education in the county.

Ngage Program Coordinator Michael Radtke said coalition members have visited seven children's museums in neighboring states and Juarez, Mexico, and want to work with the city in finding a building to house a children's museum in Las Cruces, along with funding for the museum and other early childhood education initiatives.

"If the community is not engaged" in the education of children ages zero to 5, it is "losing a window of opportunity to build brains," Lopez said. Early brain development is essential to "build the workforce, the economy and the quality of life we all want," he said.

The effort has to include finding ways to better engage parents as their

children's first teachers, Lopez said, and a children's museum and learning hub would help to do that.

City staff should "explore spaces in the city to see if something fits," Councillor Gill Sorg said.

There is "no structure in place for this to happen," Councillor Jack Eakman said. "Shouldn't there be a more formalized structure?" Eakman also asked for numbers indicating "how much parent education took place from visiting a children's museum."

"I do see the children's museum as a piece of the puzzle," Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith said. There may be space in the downtown area for a museum, or at the Las Cruces Public Schools Challenger Center at Loretto Towne Centre, Smith said.

"Your goals are good goals," Councillor Ceil Levatino said. "I do support a children's museum – it's an important community resource – but I wouldn't tie the museum to achieving those goals." A better way to provide early childhood development to parents would be through pre-natal care providers, she said.

"I'm very supportive of early childhood education," Miyagishima said. "My mom was my first teacher." But the community might be better served if the coalition "focused first" on the 3,100 children who aren't being reached by the county Head Start program, the mayor said. Gibson-Smith had earlier said the program reaches about 900 children out of about 4,000 who need its services.

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- By Physical Therapist Dennis Prickett

Las Cruces (NM) - Did you know that some people suffer from headaches so frequently that they consider them to be a regular part of life? That's why things like aspirin and other headache pills are such big sellers.

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Many times, the recurring headaches may be the result of a dysfunction with the shoulder, jaw or neck... and it is usually possible that an expert in recognizing such problems, can create permanent relief from headaches for someone like you!

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My name is Dennis Prickett from Las Cruces, and through this report I want to show you things that you can do at home, starting tonight, to make a significant and lasting difference to your pain.

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This Free Report is entitled: **"How To Get To The Root Cause Of Neck Pain (And Migraine Headaches)... Without Relying On Pills To Get Relief"...** and here's a sample of what's inside:

- The 7 **urgent coping strategies** every headache sufferer must never forget when tension strikes!!
- The 3 things you can do if **you're hoping to avoid repeat episodes** - that'll cost you nothing.
- 1, 2 or 3? Just how many **pillows** should you sleep with? And what about your mattress... It's covered in here on page 5.
- The new, and most **successful treatment** for tension headaches that doesn't involve any drugs, seeing a chiropractor or talking to a doctor.
- The **one simple exercise** you can do in your kitchen, starting tonight, that is proven to



ease down the intensity of migraines and neck pain.

• And, even **what to do right now...** if you suffer from any neck or shoulder pain that can so often be the root cause of your "headaches".

There Is Hope For A Life Without Regular Headaches!

What's more, I'm also going to share with you how you can accurately and confidently find out what's really causing your "headaches", taking less than 20 minutes to determine the root cause and with no cost incurred - **this'll give you immediate peace of mind** knowing that what you're suffering from isn't anything more serious or sinister - and **permanent relief is possible.**

If you're currently seeing a doctor, are thinking about it, taking "pills", find yourself often **having to hide away in the dark** when the "headaches" get so bad just to find relief... OR, you just don't want to face the hassle of talking to your insurance, but still want to get some **real help**, then you need this Free Report which reveals everything you need to know about how to actually get to the bottom of your recurring headaches, and before your next one strikes!

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- Dennis L Prickett, Atrium PT

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Writer, teacher, mentor Abbott to read at NMSU

BULLETIN REPORT

La Sociad para las Artes, the outreach organization for the New Mexico State University English department, has a unique event planned for its upcoming fiction reading.

Short story writer and NMSU graduate Lee K. Abbott will be a featured presenter 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, at NMSU's Health & Social Service Auditorium.

He will join authors Claire Vaye Watkins, a student of Abbott's, and Joseph Scapellato, another NMSU graduate.

Abbott is perhaps the

most published and most famous NMSU graduate. After leaving Las Cruces, he taught for 25 years at Ohio State University. Recently, however, he returned to NMSU and is teaching part time.

Abbott, a Las Cruces native, has written several collections of stories, many of which have appeared in periodicals such as Atlantic Monthly, Harper's, the New York Times Book Review and Best American Short Stories. He has won two fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Watkins, a Californian, did her undergraduate

work at the University of Nevada-Reno, before moving to Ohio State, studying under Abbott and becoming a Presidential Fellow en route to her MFA. Watkins' stories and essays have been published in the New Republic, the New York Times, the Paris Review, Granta and more. She currently teaches at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe.

Originally from Chicago, Scapellato, is an assistant professor in creative at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania. He received his MFA in fiction at NMSU and has penned a book of stories titled Big Lonesome. He's been published in PANK, Unsaid and other literary magazines, and his stories have been printed in anthologies such as Harper Perennial's Forty Stories.

The three writers will also present a conversational clinic called "Craft Talk," at 3 p.m. Friday, April 21, in the Emerson Room of the second floor of Clara Belle Williams Hall at NMSU. This event is also free.

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Students and staff from the 2016 Youth Leadership Summer Camp gather in a spirit of teamwork.

Registration for Youth Leadership camp coming up

Registration for the Las Cruces Police Department's third annual Youth Leadership Summer Camp will be held April 24, 25 and 26.

The free camp includes three 2-week sessions. Parents or guardians can register their youth, ages 12-15 and in at least the 6th Grade, for only one of the three sessions. The camp is

limited to 50 students per session.

- Session 1: May 30 through June 9.
- Session 2: June 19-30.
- Session 3: July 10-21.

The Youth Leadership Summer Camp runs daily from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is a collaborative effort with the Stan Fulton Endowed Chair in Education at

New Mexico State University. Much of the camp is held at Lynn Middle School but campers will visit New Mexico State University.

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

similar to the Character Counts module.

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

Parents or guardians must register students in person at

the Las Cruces Police Department, at 217 E. Picacho Ave., between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on April 24, 25 and 26. No phone or email registrations will be accepted. Parents or guardians should bring proof of the student's age, school and grade entering the upcoming school year and the student's T-shirt size.

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Team spaces available for bowling fun

Team spaces are still available in the annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake. The spring tradition takes place on April 30 at 10 Pin Alley, with two bowling sessions – 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The annual event is a staple for Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies around the country, and has been a Las Cruces tradition since 1989.

This year's theme is Wild West, with prizes for teams who have the best costumes and team spirit, in addition to prizes for the individual who raises the most money for Big Brothers Big Sis-

ters. Teams of five bowlers get together to raise a team total of \$500 (or \$100 per individual bowler) and then have two hours of bowling fun, including T-shirt, shoes, food and the chance to win prizes.

Questions can be directed to Regional Director Dawn Starostka at 575-449-2728 or Dawn.Starostka@BBBSMountainRegion.org.

LCPD accepting applications to academy

The Las Cruces Police Department is accepting applications for its 47th training academy tentatively scheduled for Nov. 27, 2017.

Applications for the training academy need to be received by the City of Las

Cruces no later than June 11. LCPD will offer physical training practice courses for prospective applicants. The tests are not mandatory but do help applicants self-evaluate their fitness level prior to the actual Physical Training Test that will be held in June. The practice courses are tentatively planned for April 29 and June 3. The location and time of the practice courses will be announced soon.

The Las Cruces Police Department's academy provides more than 1,000 hours of law enforcement education and training. The bulk of the academy – around 75 percent of it – is classroom instruction while the remaining 25 per-

cent is field training in and around Las Cruces.

Applicants are required to be U.S. citizens, at least 19 years old when the academy begins, and have at least a high school diploma and no felony convictions. Additional requirements can be seen on the Las Cruces Police Department's website. For more information on the Las Cruces Police Department academy call 575-541-2766.

Downtown organizations merge

The office of Downtown Las Cruces Partnership (DLCP) and the planners

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41 Career Flavors

Discover your favorite flavor at DACC!

FLAVOR OF THE WEEK: Automotive Technology

Already recognized by American Honda Motor Co. for performing in the top 1 percent of all its service technicians, Wade Matthews won the company's internal competition to be named the number-one Honda technician in the United States in 1999. He also attained ASE Master Technician status.



Wade A. Matthews
Assistant Professor
Automotive Technology

Matthews began his career working for Tuneup Masters in California at age 17. Within several months, he had earned numerous certifications and was promoted to a management position. He subsequently worked in the service departments of Mazda, Infiniti, Rolls Royce, and Honda dealerships, and also managed his own repair facility.

Matthews became a full-time DACC instructor in 2011, after having taught several years at the high school and college levels. His ability to help students succeed took a big jump when he was elected state chair of SkillsUSA, an organization that aims to "...ensure America has a skilled workforce...[by helping]...each student excel." Matthews has found that success in SkillsUSA is a strong predictor of future success in a student's career.

"The students who are willing to go beyond themselves are the ones who will succeed," he said. Matthews is always eager to take those who are willing and able as far as they want to go.



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Capital Improvements Advisory Committee Member Sought

The City of Las Cruces is currently accepting applications for an opening on the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee that serves in accordance with the Las Cruces Development Impact Fee Ordinance.

Interested applicants must be representatives of the real estate, development, or building industries; including businesses that finance, underwrite, or lend money for real estate, development, or building purposes; and cannot be an employee or official of the City, County, or other governmental entity.

Committee members advise and assist the City in adopting land use assumptions, which includes a description of the service area and projection of changes, and land uses, densities, intensities, and population in the service area over at least a five-year period.

They review the capital improvements plan that identifies capital improvements or facility expansion, for which impact fees may be assessed, file written comments, and monitor and evaluate implementation of the capital improvements plan.

The committee also files annual reports with respect to the progress of the capital improvements plan and report to the City through the City Manager any perceived inequities in implementing the plan or imposing impact fees. It also advises the City of the need to update or revise the land use assumptions, capital improvements plan, impact fees, and advises the City regarding growth management strategies.

Applications can be picked up at the City Clerk's office inside City Hall at 700 N. Main St., or accessed online at: <http://www.las-cruces.org/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-commissions-and-committees>.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (575) 541-2115. The TTY number is (575) 541-2182. www.las-cruces.org



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of Project Mainstreet Committee (PMsT) announce a merger with the creation of a new division of DLCP called DLCP Events.

DLCP Events will begin work on such events as Salsa Fest, Zombie Walk and Las Cruces Chile Drop.

DLCP has worked for years to advance the downtown economic development profile for downtown stakeholders. For the past three years, Project Mainstreet Committee has created a roster of community events designed to promote activity on the street and in the plaza, encouraging quality of life elements for the community. The merger creates a more unified vision for downtown development and vibrancy.

Behind the merger are Janet Beatty-Payne, owner of the Green Chile Paddy Wagon and president of LCCT, and Russ Smith (Film Las Cruces and owner of Happy Dog Foods). "Little happens for the community unless the community gets involved," Smith said. "It's not a one-way street but a collaborative benefit for all who engage with the mission to improve quality of life."

For more information about sponsorship packages, contact DLCP at 575-525-1955.

City accepting lottery registrations

The City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department will be accepting lottery registration applications for both sessions of the Summer Recreation Programs beginning Monday, April 17, through Saturday, April 29, at the following locations:

- Parks and Recreation Administrative Office - 1501 E. Hadley Ave.
- Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center - 304 Bell St.
- Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center - 1401 E. Hadley Ave.
- Meerscheidt Recreation Center - 1600 E Hadley Ave.

Registration for the Summer Recreation Program is determined by lottery selection only. Participants selected for a site will be notified on May 9 by email or text message and postings of the winning lottery numbers will be available at the sites listed and at www.las-cruces.org/summer-recreation.

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 575-541-2550.

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increased voter participation. I will continue to work for voters until we get this done.

If signed into law, the Local Election Act would have consolidated local elections into one non-partisan election to be held in November during odd-numbered years sepa-

rate from partisan elections, which are held during even-numbered years. Consolidating local elections would have multiple benefits, including reducing voter confusion by eliminating multiple elections happening year-round; saving money for local entities by maximizing resources for better elections; increasing the integrity of elections by unifying them under one set of rules; and making it easier to edu-

cate the public about elections.

Democracy and elections are not successful if only a few people vote. We need to build a voting culture where everyone votes in every election, and consolidating local elections was a giant step in the right direction.

Scott Krahl is Doña Ana County Clerk. He may be reached at 575-647-7421.

Education survey available

As a way to help determine Las Cruces Public Schools' strengths and weaknesses, and to help identify potential improvement areas, the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) would like parents and community residents to complete a confidential, 10-question quality of education survey, through Friday, April 21. The survey is available online, in English and Spanish, at: <http://goesurvey.ped.state.nm.us/>

The annual survey is mandated by state law to allow parents the opportunity to provide anonymous feedback on their child's education.

For more information, contact Jo Galván, 575-527-5811; jgalvan@lcpes.net

March for Science to be held

Las Cruces is organizing "March for Science" in support of science, research and science education, to be held April 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., beginning with a rally in the Downtown Plaza at the Pavilion Main Stage. The public is then invited to participate in fun and informative activities and listen to various guest speakers at the March for Science tent.

March for Science's primary mission is to "raise awareness of the importance of the sciences and scientific inquiry in our schools and our society and set the stage for some serious dialog in this country regarding the search for reason, truth, inquiry, and the scientific method."

Additional information can be found at: <https://www.marchforscience.com/>. Or call Hiranya Roy-chowdhury at 575-642 2921.

Sorg to seek re-election

City Councilor Gill Sorg will seek re-election to his third and last term on the Las Cruces City Council, District 5.

"I am excited to announce my run for re-election," Sorg said. "In my previous elections, the voters of District 5 made it clear that they wanted an end to the 'develop at all costs' philosophy that had burdened our district with unfinished subdivisions, incomplete roads and flooding. I have spent the past seven years working to repair that damage, and rebuild our infrastructure."

Sorg lauded the city's ability to withstand "one of the worst recessions in memory ... with remarkable skill, cutting millions of dollars in expenditures while maintaining a high level of service during population growth. Even with limited resources, we have ... made Las Cruces one of the best cities of its size in the nation. The rest of nation is figuring out what we already knew, that Las Cruces is a great place to live and work."

The Election will be Nov. 7

Voter drive underway

The Doña Ana County Clerk's office is sending staff to high-school classrooms throughout Doña Ana County during the month of April to register new voters. This is the second consecutive year of the outreach and registration initiative.

Students, teachers and parents are welcome to take advantage of the opportunity to register to vote or update registrations with new addresses.

For more information, call the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office at 575-647-7421.

City seeks park grant

Las Cruces has the opportunity to win a \$20,000 grant to help develop a new park or improve an existing park. This Earth Month, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) are collaborating with The Walt Disney Company to revitalize parks across the U.S. for a third year. The city that receives the most nominations will receive a \$20,000 grant. Vote for Las Cruces online at NRPA.org/BeInspired through April 30.

"The City of Las Cruces has more than 100 parks covering more than 700 acres," said City Manager Stuart C. Ed. "We work extremely hard to improve them and expand our green space so families across the community have safe, enjoyable places to experience the outdoors."

"Parks play a significant role in Las Cruces," said Parks & Recreation Director Sonya Delgado. "They are wonderful venues for community events, birthday parties, weddings and other occasions. Given our desert environment, parks are literally an oasis in Las Cruces."

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Church Street downtown as it appears today, looking north from near the intersection with Griggs Avenue.

Conversion of Church, Water streets to begin in May

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The redevelopment of downtown Las Cruces will take another huge step when the conversion of Church and Water streets from one-way to two-way traffic begins in late spring, City of Las Cruces Downtown Coordinator Andy Hume said.

Hume said the \$10 million project is currently out to bid, with a contract likely to be awarded in April and construction expected to begin in May.

Following last September's opening of the Plaza de Las Cruces and the ongoing renovation of the Amador Hotel property, the conversion project is part of downtown redevelopment plans the city has been working on for nearly a quarter-century.

The street conversion will be conducted in "small, targeted phases," Hume said, "to minimize disruption to businesses, customers and the Farmers and Crafts Market," and will have "minimal impact to parking downtown." So, downtown visitors should "keep doing

all the things you come downtown to do," Hume said.

The city has already begun a "marketing and advertising campaign" to keep all stakeholders "well informed on every step of the process," he said.

Frequent project updates will also be uploaded on the city's website, www.lascruces.org, included in city newsletters and emails and provided to local media. The city, Hume said, will use "every avenue possible to make sure people understand the conversion project is going on."

You can also follow the project on the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership website, downtownlascruces.org. Under "our community" at the top of the page, click on "Church-Water Conversion Information."

About three-quarters of a mile to one mile of the streets, between Lohman Avenue and Picacho Avenue, will be reconfigured, Hume said. The project also will include resurfacing and utility upgrades for parts of both streets, as well as for Griggs, Bowman and Las Cruces avenues.

The conversion will be "one of the largest public works projects in city history," Hume said, involving virtually every department of city government. It will take about 18 months to complete.

The first phase of the project will be the extension of Water Street to Lohman Avenue. The conversion will continue south from there.

All intersections along the conversion route will be upgraded to make them ADA compliant. Sidewalks will be widened, and trees and other landscaping, along with "street furniture" such as benches and trash cans, will be added. Lighting will also be improved, Hume said.

The project will keep parallel parking along the conversion route and will add back-in angle parking, he said. That may take a "period of adjustment" for drivers, but it will have "a lot of benefits," including making it easier to see oncoming traffic as drivers pull out of parking spaces and the safer opening of car doors toward the sidewalk instead of the street.

When completed, the conversion

of Church and Water will make both streets safer and "more consistent with how we drive," Hume said.

Accessibility to downtown will also be improved by the conversion, he said. Currently, "if you miss a destination or parking on Church and Water, you loop back around."

Narrower travel lanes on both streets will be part of the conversion, Hume said, and that will help to calm traffic, emphasizing flow over speed. It will also be "beneficial from a walkable, bikeable perspective," he said.

The city's comprehensive plan makes the conversion a "very high priority," Hume said. Residents and visitors will "feel safe and comfortable walking anywhere they want in the downtown area."

Downtown history

Way-finding signs recently created and placed in 11 locations downtown by staff from the City of Las Cruces' Parks and Recreation Department and

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the Facilities Management section of the Public Works Department not only show residents and visitors where they are and where they can go, the signs also “explain what Las Cruces used to look like,” Hume said. “We don’t want to forget our past. We want to make sure it’s well integrated into our future.”

Church Street – so named because of its proximity to St. Genevieve’s Catholic Church – and Water Street – running along the site of a major acequia – were both part of the original plan for Las Cruces, Hume said, which was laid out in a grid system in the mid-19th century.

In the late 1960s, the nationwide revitalization program that became known as urban renewal converted Church and Water into an “encircled grid” that has come to be known as “The Race Track,” Hume said.

Instead of revitalizing the area, it created a situation “where people drive through downtown, but there’s no reason to come to downtown,” he said.

The result has been a few mainstay businesses like Coas Bookstore, ABC Printing, Insta-Copy, White’s Music Box and Branigan Cultural Center that have done well downtown, some newcomers and “a buildup of churches (whose) footprint is very large” and contributes to the “discontinuity between vibrant retail and people activity,” Hume said.

A 1994 Regional Urban Design Assistance Team Study, chaired by then-



Water Street downtown as it appears today, looking north from just north of the Amador Hotel.

Las Cruces Mayor Ruben Smith was the first document to point out the “importance of good connectivity and good access to business” in the downtown area, Hume said. Although the plan was never formally adopted by the Las Cruces City Council, it “laid the groundwork” for the conversion of Church and Water that was first endorsed in the city’s 2004 Downtown Revitalization Plan.

The city created a Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) in 2009 “to generate revenue within the downtown area and to use those revenues within that area for public improvement projects,” according to city documents. It is funded through existing gross receipts tax revenues, with additional funding from the New Mexico Legislature.

The 2004 plan and its

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2016 update, along with a 2013 downtown charrette and a host of other public meetings, have meant that “the general public and stakeholders have had seats at the table” in

downtown development, Hume said. That “huge level of buy-in and support” has been “a huge factor in making the plan a success.”

For 40 years, Hume said, downtown Las Cruces “was on life support.” The “downtown slide took time, and it took time for us to come out of it. It took us 25 years, but we did it. We got it done.”

“Now we have a downtown that’s very eclectic,” Hume said, and it includes museums, theatres and restaurants. “We have fundamentally changed how downtown functions.”

Throughout the plan-

ning process, people have expressed concern about the Church and Water conversion project, Hume said, “but they’re not against it.” Downtown revitalization is bi-partisan and has support in the public and private sectors and among for-profit businesses and nonprofits, he said.

“It’s a really exciting time to be involved with downtown,” Hume said. “There’s going to be a little dust for the next 18 months, but it’s going to be OK.”

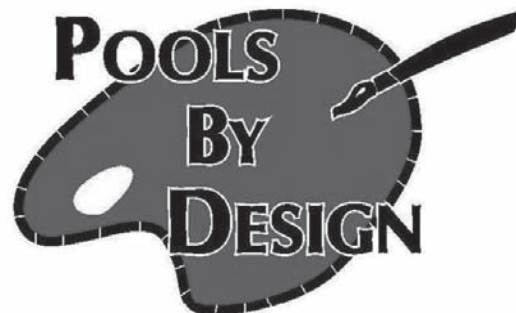
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La Semilla Farm has spring seed blessing, planting

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Staff, students and community members came together on Saturday morning, April 8, for La Semilla Community Farm's annual spring seed blessing and planting at La Semilla Community Farm in Anthony, New Mexico.

Cruz Camargo, a Manso descendant and part of the Manso Nation and Tiro Manso Tiwa Tribe in Las Cruces, conducted the blessing ceremony, which included seeds and plants brought by visitors, volunteers and staff. He also blessed everyone at the ceremony, using an eagle feather.

"Mother Earth, we thank you," he said as part of the blessing, which also included facing each of the four directions, looking into the sky and kneeling on the ground. The seeds being planted "feed us and they give us medicine," he said. "God bless us all."

Camargo's grandfather was born in Berino, New Mexico, and his great grandfather farmed in Chamberino, New Mexico, by the river, Farm Director Cristina Dominguez-Eshelman said. "His great grandfather is buried in Berino and 'so he is a part of this land.'

During the blessing, local musician and artist Rebecca Muñoz played the guitar and sang two songs, "La Caña" and "La Guaca-

maya," from the Veracruzana musical tradition of Son Jarocho," Dominguez-Eshelman said.

"This is the second year we have combined our spring plant-out with the blessing. The first two years we held the blessing separately, but last year we held them together."

The blessing "offers the community a chance to celebrate and learn about seasonality, receiving hands-on instruction for planting and observing and tasting what is in season in our region," she said. "The event was made possible with support from Doña Ana County, the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service/USDA Organic Transition Project 2015 and NIFI (National Immigrant Farming Initiative)."

The 14-acre Le Semilla farm is located at 101 E. Joy Drive. The nonprofit La Semilla Food Center was incorporated in May 2010. The first planting was done at the farm in June 2013, Dominguez-Eshelman said.

The farm hosts volunteer workdays every Wednesday morning from 7:30 to 11 a.m.

For more information, contact Dominguez-Eshelman at 575-882-2393 or cristina@lasemillafoodcenter.org. Visit www.lasemillafoodcenter.org.

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Cruz Camargo, a Manso descendant and part of the Manso Nation and Tiro Manso Tiwa Tribe in Las Cruces, conducted the blessing ceremony on Saturday, April 8, at La Semilla Community Farm. At far left is local musician and artist Rebecca Muñoz, who played the guitar and sang during the blessing.



ABOVE: La Semilla's spring seed blessing and planting event included an art station, where children and adults could make paper sunflowers.

LEFT: Staff, students and community members planted seeds and plants on Saturday, April 8, during La Semilla's annual spring seed blessing and planting at La Semilla Community Farm in Anthony, New Mexico.

Spaceport relay: Racing through history



Closing in on Spaceport America a runner on the second to last leg of the 180-mile relay race keeps pace on the Upham Road. The race, which commemorated southern NM history, occurred April 8-9.



LEFT: Tim Roche with the “Dirty Dozen” running team still has energy to jump as he competes in the Spaceport America 180-mile relay race from El Paso to Spaceport America.

BELOW: The “Pace Cadets” relay team, one of two Virgin Galactic teams, crosses the finish line at Spaceport America.

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A young member of the “Galactic Pace Cadets” relay team shows off her (mother’s) completion medal to a documentarian. The team is one of two Virgin Galactic teams competing in the 180-mile race.



Teammates join the last runner on a 12-person team to cross the finish line together at Spaceport America April 9 after completing the last leg, which includes the length of the 2 ½ mile spaceway (runway).



Traffic stops are a whole different world from inside the patrol car

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Most of us can attest that there really is no other experience like being pulled over by a police officer: Your guts tighten, your hands sweat as you take out your wallet and fumble in the glove compartment for your registration.

It's equally surreal watching someone else get pulled over from the front seat of a police vehicle.

The most recent opportunity was with Las Cruces Police Sgt. Roberto Gutierrez during his nearly five-hour DWI saturation patrol on Friday night, April 7.

We visited several of his "fishing holes," where he likes to set up a speed gun and watch traffic. That led to a brief pursuit and traffic stop of a motorcyclist who made an illegal U-turn and didn't have a motorcycle endorsement on his license.

Later, Gutierrez gave a warning to an 18-year-old who didn't make a complete stop at a stop sign, issued a speeding ticket and gave out a citation for driving in the wrong lane. And, most astonishing, he could tell that one driver wasn't wearing a seat belt. That stop led to multiple citations, including driving with an expired license.

Gutierrez didn't stop anyone for DWI April 7, but he did offer drunk-driving "clues and cues" that patrol officers look for.

Some of the signs are



LEFT: Las Cruces Police Department Sgt. Roberto Gutierrez writing out citations for moving violations during a DWI saturation patrol on Friday, April 7.

RIGHT: Las Cruces Police Department Sgt. Roberto Gutierrez using a radar laser to check traffic speed on Locust Street.



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obvious, like speeding, weaving inside their own lane of traffic, making wide right-hand turns and forgetting to turn their lights on. Other DWI warning signs are more subtle, like driving well below the speed limit or failure to maintain a constant speed.

Gutierrez, who is a police instructor for DWI and standard field-sobriety testing, said more than one-third of car crashes are alcohol related. Most are fender

benders, and there are a few fatalities. And, due to increased education and awareness about the dangers and costs of driving drunk and more local bars calling taxis for intoxicated patrons, the number of DWIs has dropped, he said.

But drunk driving remains a serious issue in Las Cruces, as the saturation patrols attest.

LCPD gets state and federal grants to pay for the patrols, during which five to eight ad-

ditional officers are assigned to a specific area of the city to watch for drunk drivers. They're even on a different police radio channel from other officers on regular patrol. The grants also help pay for DWI checkpoints, Gutierrez said.

Some of the things learned during the ride-along: The average person will drive drunk about 80 times before he or she gets stopped for DWI; the most dangerous drunk drivers are

it, no one would pass. Some slowed down, even if they were already under the limit. One young man rolled his window down at an intersection to thank the sergeant for his service.

Another driver got away. He squealed his tires at an intersection (an "exhibition driving" violation), but traffic, a U-turn and a red light prevented Gutierrez from catching up to him.

"We do everything safely," Gutierrez said. What he and other police officers expect from anyone they encounter while on duty is "what's reasonable. All we ask for is compliance," he said.

The freakiest part for an officer is approaching a vehicle he had stopped. Only twice has anyone pulled a gun on him in that situation, Gutierrez said. But it's on his mind every time he gets out. It makes one think about the possibility of life-threatening danger these officers face every minute they're working.

Plus, the drivers he stopped often pulled over in heavy traffic, so vehicles were whizzing past as Gutierrez wrote the ticket.

Gutierrez is a native Las Crucean and graduate of Las Cruces High School. "I always wanted to be a police officer," he said. "I have a lot of family members that are police officers." He joined LCPD in 2004 and has been a sergeant for the past six years.

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Gender, age not factors for Cruces' only female firefighter

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces native Frances Gallegos signed on with the Las Cruces Fire Department at the end of March 2016 and began active duty last July 10 as the department's only female firefighter.

"In the beginning, everybody kind of held on to that – the only female fireman," Gallegos said. "I don't see it like that."

And, she said, "age and gender were not a factor as far as the training." Being the only female at the academy, "didn't hold any value to me," Gallegos said, remembering that the oldest trainee, a 46-year-old man, was called "Father Time" by the other firefighters.

As a firefighter and EMT stationed at Las Cruces Fire Station #6 on Roadrunner Parkway, Gallegos said she feels "no exclusion" because she is the only female firefighter at the station or in the 150-member department.

Sometimes during visits to Las Cruces elementary schools, students are surprised to see a woman in a firefighter's uniform. But then, "all of a sudden, it's the coolest thing in the world," Gallegos said. And, it shows each little girl that "she can be whatever she wants to be."

Gallegos worked for a local ambulance service before joining LCFD, but her major interest in the department is fighting fires. "The fire aspect is



what I love most," Gallegos said.

Being a good firefighter means learning and performing all the aspects of the service, including putting out fires, driving a fire truck and working as an EMT/paramedic, she said.

Once she can perform all those duties with confidence, Gallegos said she will "consider moving up," including applying for lieutenant, battalion chief and, one day, maybe even fire chief.

A graduate of Las Cruces High School, Gallegos is part of a family that is "so big and so close knit," she said. She's the first firefighter in her family, and her family is "very proud," Gallegos said.

"My mom is my number one fan in this world," she said, and calls her "Frankie." "I don't worry about you that you can't do it," Gallegos said her mother told her about being a firefighter. "You're going to be the one going in when everyone else is going out. You don't have fear, so I have to have fear for you."

"When I go to work, it's the exact same thing," she said. She and

her fellow firefighters "learn from each other" and have great camaraderie.

Gallegos said she was inspired to be a firefighter in part because her father, who is retired from the City of Las Cruces, suffered from polio from the age of four.

"If I'm physically able, why not spend a career doing things" that demand physical fitness? she said.

Gallegos said she also enjoys being able to help people as a firefighter and EMT.

"I love being able to walk in, in my uniform, (and help) kids or adults in their worst time; to be that superhero," she said. "You have all the power to make their day better."

Gallegos also appreciates that being a firefighter means constantly learning new things about fighting fires and providing emergency services.

It's important to "go with the flow," she said. "Don't just hold onto something just because it's something you learned. Learn new stuff."

"We're getting the best training out there," she said. "They love making



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Las Cruces Fire Department firefighter Frances Gallegos.

us better."

Senior LCFD members are people Gallegos looks up to, she said. "Each one – I want to be like that." There is "something about them that you're inspired to be

like. They're all your big brothers that you want to grow up to be."

Department chiefs are "all my brothers on line," Gallegos said. But they also hold high expectations for her and all

her fellow firefighters.

"I want to live up to that expectation, not fall short."

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NMSU American Indians throw week-long event

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

American Indian Week at New Mexico State University, April 3-8, offered a week of events and participation. From Monday's opening ceremony to Saturday's arts and crafts fair and performances, the full days offered students and visitors at NMSU a panoply of experiences.

The week included a discussion on "Modern Native American Issues," movie night, dance performances, Indian tacos, story tellers and an arts and crafts fair. On Thursday, the 2017 Miss Native American NMSU Pageant was held. Stephanie Muise from Haverhill, Massachusetts, earned the title. Currently an NMSU graduate student in wildlife science and



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Rylee DeGroat, left, and Venisha Sam serve Indian tacos Wednesday during American Indian Week at NMSU. DeGroat and Sam are two of the contestants in the 2017 Miss Native American NMSU pageant.

fisheries, Muise is of the Mi'kmaq tribe.

Other contestants were Vanisha Sam, from Coyote Canyon, who is studying animal science and equine management; Osie L. Etsitty, from Bluewater, study-

ing rangeland resources; Desiree Lapahie, from Naschitti, studying biology; and Rylee DeGroat from Thoreau, studying nursing and chemical engineering. All four are from the Navajo Nation in New Mexico.



ABOVE: The "clown" figure who dances with Apache Crown Dancers, sometimes known as Mountain Spirit Dancers, represents power, leadership and trickster roles as he dances, off-key, with the spirits.

RIGHT: Dena Yepa of Jemez Pueblo, paints bowls as she talks to customers during the American Indian Week Arts & Crafts Fair, April 7 at NMSU.



Hoop dancers, representing the four directions, and a young warrior dancer perform a warrior healing dance during NMSU's American Indian Week.



Artisans participating in American Indian Week Arts & Crafts Fair, April 7 at NMSU spread out through the Corbett Center Student Union first floor showing their wares.



W. RON CAMUÑEZ

Life-long community and political leader W. Ron Camuñez died at age 62. Ron was a member of a pioneer family of the Mesilla Valley whose legacy extends for over six generations.

Ron was born to Barney and Alice (Garcia) Camuñez on August 8, 1954 in Las Cruces, New Mexico. He graduated from Las Cruces High School and attended New Mexico State University. He owned several businesses in the area and most recently owned W. R. Camuñez & Associates a management/safety and political consulting firm.

He served as President of the Las Cruces Noon Lions Club in 1985-86. In 1983, he was elected the State Chairman of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly of New Mexico and was also a charter member of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly in Washington, D.C. He served on the Executive and Central Committees for the Republican Party of New Mexico and was Secretary of the Republican Party of Dona Ana County and member of the County Central Committee. He was the past President of the Republican Club of Dona Ana County in 1983. He ran

for Probate Judge in 1980 and was a candidate for County Commissioner District 3. In 1981, he was honored by the Governor Bruce King for his outstanding business and community leadership and was awarded the rank of Colonel, Aide-Camp in the United States Army in the State of New Mexico.

He was a past member of the Masonic Lodges in Anthony, NM and Aztec Lodge in Las Cruces. He was a charter member of Dona Ana Daylight Lodge in 1976 located in Mesilla Park, NM. He served in various officer positions in the fraternity. He was also a 32-degree Scottish Rite Mason and member of Ballut Abyad Shrine Temple.

In 1973, the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay recognized Ron for his service to the organization when he was awarded "The Chevalier Degree." That year the award was also presented to Walter Cronkite and former President Gerald R. Ford. He was a life member of the Order of DeMolay and served as Master Councilor for the Las Cruces Chapter Order of DeMolay and served as an officer in the state organization. He was the past Illustrious Knight Commander of the New Mexico Knighthood Priory and received various awards and honors for his contributions to DeMolay.

He was involved in political civic, educational and religious organizations throughout his lifetime. He served as the Secretary for years of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for the City of

Las Cruces/Dona Ana County and was as volunteer with the Office of Emergency Management. He was a past Director of Emergency Services for the American Red Cross Chapter of Southern New Mexico. He was an ordained Elder in the Seventh-day Adventist Church and was devoted to his faith. He was active in local politics for most of his adult life. He was a commissioner of the original Home Rule Charter Commission in 1985, which led to the current system of city government. In 1986 he was selected for inclusion in "Outstanding Young Men of America" and "Who's Who in America" for his service to his community, state and nation.

He was a member of the board of directors for the Las Cruces Senior Citizen Corporation at Munson Senior Center.

Ron ran several campaigns for governor candidates and was actively involved in the elections of Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush; Senators Pete Domenici and former astronaut and U.S. Senator Harrison (Jack) Schmidt, Congressmen Joe Skeen and Steve Pearce and other state and local candidates.

He is survived by mother Alice Montoya of Las Cruces, NM and sisters Delilah Chavez and husband Tommy of Colorado Springs; Desiree Diaz and husband Richard from Phoenix, AZ. He leaves behind 3 nephews, 1 niece and 2 great nephews, 2 great nieces. He was preceded in death by his father, Barney A. Camuñez.

A funeral service for Ron Camuñez will be held

on Wednesday at Getz Funeral Home at 11:00am. A graveside service will be held at Hillcrest immediately following the funeral service.

Arrangements are with Getz Funeral Home 1410 E. Bowman Ave., Las Cruces NM 88001. Please visit www.GetzCares.com to sign the local online guest book.



ESTHER M. GALLEGOS

ESTHER M. GALLEGOS, age 94, lifelong resident of Mesilla left her dwelling place on earth and entered eternal life to be with her heavenly Father on Thursday, April 6, 2016 surrounded by her loving family. Esther, matriarch of the Gallegos family was born October 5, 1922 to Daniel and Katey Montoya, she was a home-

maker and a communicant at the Basilica de San Albino where she was a catechist and a member of the church choir for over thirty years.

Those left to mourn her passing include her daughter, Patricia Molina; son, George M. Gallegos; two sisters, Elizabeth Brislawn and Consuelo Lucero; ten grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; four great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, George V. Gallegos; two sons, Daniel and Thomas Gallegos; two sisters, Mary Montoya and Emma Borunda and a brother, Edward Montoya.

Visitation took place on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road where the Recitation of the Rosary followed. Family and Friends joined together to celebrate the Funeral Mass on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 in the Basilica de San Albino, 2070 Calle de Santiago. Cremation will follow and private Inurnment of Remains will take place at a later date.

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C.R." RICK" MEROLLA

C.R. "RICK" MEROLLA passed away peacefully in Las Cruces on April 3, 2017. Arrangements entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces 88005 - 575-527-2222.



NEIL A. CURTIS

MSgt. Ret'd., Neil A. Curtis went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, April 5, 2017. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222.



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FRANK M. LOCKE

FRANK M. LOCKE, age 83, of Las Cruces passed from this life on Saturday, April 8, 2017.

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HAZEL FIELDER

Hazel Fielder, age 75 of Las Cruces, died at her home in Las Cruces on April 2, 2017. Baca's Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.



MARK CHRISTOPHER SANCHEZ

MARK CHRISTOPHER SANCHEZ, age 47, of Las

Cruces passed away Sunday, April 9, 2017. Cremation will take place and services will be held at a later date in Alamogordo. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.



MATILDA V. CHAVEZ

MATILDA V. CHAVEZ, age 87, of Las Cruces died Friday, April 7, 2017 at Good Samaritan Society of Las Cruces. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Home of Las Cruces.



STELLA M. KALLENBACH

Stella M. Kallenbach, 81, of Las Cruces, NM

passed away on April 7, 2017. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.



DAVID L. REYNOLDS

David L. Reynolds, 62, of Mesilla Park NM, passed away on April 7, 2017. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.



CONNIE COLLEEN HARDING

Connie Colleen Harding, 66, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on April 7, 2017. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.



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Garcia leads Sunspot Solar transition

Honeks ride into sunset, sort of

By RICHARD COLTHARP
Las Cruces Bulletin

More than a thousand people have had solar panels installed on their roofs by Sunspot Solar Energy in the past eight years.

Directly involved in each installation was Manny Garcia, one of the company's owners. Garcia, a Las Cruces native, either installed or inspected – often both – every one of the panels.

Many in the community are familiar with the other owners, Mellow and Janet Honek, who worked in sales, but Garcia was more in the background, or at least up on roofs.

“Janet and I have been the face of the company, but Manny is the hands,” Mellow said.

That is changing now, as Garcia steps forward to operate the company, which will re-organize its structure.

The Honeks are retiring, while maintaining their part of the company's ownership. Mellow will stay on for at least three more years as a consultant to the company he and his wife helped found in March 2009.

As part of the re-organization, Sunspot will move its offices from an Alameda location to its warehouse. Sunspot will also expand its operation to include full-service electrician capabilities.

“In no way is Sunspot Solar closing,” said Mellow Honek. “We’ll continue doing the same level of quality



GARCIA



Mellow and Janet Honek, who helped found Sunspot Solar Energy in 2009, are semi-retiring while retaining company ownership. Mellow will remain as a consultant as the couple travels the country in their RV, accompanied by their dogs Ruby and Baylee.

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installations we've always done. We're adding some new services, primarily electrical. And we'll keep our promises regarding service warranties.

“We'll be a much smaller company, but able to deliver the same quality. In addition, our prices for solar will be dramatically below the general market, because our overhead's way down.”

You won't see and hear the Honeks' regular marketing anymore, but “we're still aggressively selling solar panels,” Mellow said.

While Garcia will oversee Sunspot's re-tooling, the Honeks will be tooling around the U.S.A in their RV.

“We've always loved to travel, but were always limited by our business,” Mellow said. “But we loved our business too.”

In 2012, after considering purchasing a vacation home in Ruidoso, the Hon-

eks reconsidered: “Why not buy a vacation home we can move around?”

That year they bought a 24-foot RV, and realized it was also a great way to travel with their two dogs, Ruby, an Australian shepherd, and Baylee, a golden retriever.

At the end of 2015, they made the full commitment, selling their house and upgrading to a 35-foot RV, in which they have lived full time since.

One of the couple's passions is community service, often expressed through their work and membership in Rotary International. Because of the RV and the global scope of Rotary, that will continue.

“Janet and I are both Rotarians and we plan to experience different towns and cities and never miss a Rotary meeting,” Mellow said. “We'll try to find out which Rotary Clubs are en-

gaged in community service projects and time it so we can be there to help with their projects.”

They'll also time their travels to coincide with better weather, being up north in the summers and down south in the winter. They'll visit lots of state and national parks, which offer great recreation for humans and canines alike. At one point, they plan to follow the fall foliage along the East Coast. They've built in return visits to Las Cruces, as well as visits to minor league baseball parks and D-League NBA games. A lot of thought has gone into the schedule, which has them reaching Alaska in the summer of 2019.

In the meantime, Garcia will spend summers and winters in Las Cruces, installing and servicing solar panels, and providing electrical services.

New fracking technologies change U.S. economy

Thanks to new fracking technologies, U.S. tight oil production has surged. The consequence has been the conversion of the United States from the world's largest energy importer into a country that imports very little oil, indeed, even sometimes is a net energy exporter.

The tight oil boom was made possible by new techniques that allowed extraction of oil from impermeable rock formations. By 2014, tight oil was about half of U.S. oil production. Even with the decline in prices, production has remained resilient.



CHRIS ERICKSON
State of the Economy

The change in the fundamentals of the American energy market brought on by the tight oil revolution has important macroeconomic implications. Since 2008, when fracking started coming online big time, oil prices have fallen by 67 percent. Historically, such a sharp drop in oil prices would have been expected to act as a stimulus on the U.S. economy. But such hasn't happened, a fact made clear by the continued sluggish recovery.

A recent study by a University of Michigan economist, Lutz Kilian, sheds some light on what

is going on. He found that the net impact of the recent decline in global oil prices on GDP growth was essentially zero. Sure, falling oil prices enable consumers to spend more, and non-oil-related investment increases, but a decline in oil-related investment almost completely offset this.

In the past, oil-related investment wasn't as important because we weren't producing as much oil, so a drop in oil prices would have stimulated the U.S. economy.

The decline in oil investment has to happen somewhere, and where it happens is in oil-exporting states, which bear the cost of declining oil prices.

Thus, the donnybrook we see in Santa Fe.

New Mexico, an energy exporting state, is more affected by declining oil production. Meanwhile, consumers are spending less on oil and more on locally produced goods, which is good news for an energy importing state like Massachusetts or Oregon.

Tight oil production has also had an effect on the global price of oil of approximately \$10 per barrel, which is about \$50 a barrel right now but would have been \$60 without fracking.

Oil prices depend on factors other than fracking. Fluctuations in global demand over the business cycle will swamp any price effect from fracking over the short run. But the pre-

dition is that, all else constant, prices are \$10 less than one would have thought prior to the innovation of fracking. And this price decline is likely to increase as fracking costs continue to fall. It certainly isn't going to reverse.

This has important implications for state finances. Both severance taxes and royalty payments are a percentage of revenue generated from oil production within the state border. If prices are \$10 lower thanks to fracking, then revenue will be permanently smaller and state revenue collections will be that much less than has been average.

To make up for lower revenue from oil produc-

tion, the state has the choice of either cutting government services that are already operating on a shoestring, or increasing taxes.

I am afraid that the latter choice is the lesser of evils. Cutting the school year or laying off teachers is counterproductive given the state of New Mexico's educational system.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at New Mexico State University. He has argued for increased K-12 spending for 30 years. The opinions expressed may not be shared by the regents or administration of NMSU. Erickson can be reached at chrerick@nmsu.edu.

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W.K. Kellogg Foundation invests in Doña Ana's workforce development

BULLETIN REPORT

As Doña Ana County celebrates some of the highest high school graduation rates in the state, The Bridge of Southern New Mexico and a set of committed community partners have been working since September to develop a comprehensive workforce development plan for the county.

The plan seeks to align existing and identify new resources while providing clear pathways for those graduates and others into higher-skilled, higher-paying career fields. Success in this effort will help create a higher-skilled, multi-layered workforce, with a clear focus on STEM proficiency that will boost the economic potential of many



county residents and improve the county's economy for the long term.

Now being funded by a two-year, \$140,000 planning grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, The Bridge and the partners who comprise the Workforce Talent Collaborative will seek to complete and launch the plan

over the next two years.

Leveraging the unique public-private partnerships represented on the board of The Bridge and relationships with mission-aligned entities across the region, the organization has taken the lead in facilitating a series of stakeholder meetings to build the region's first comprehensive workforce development plan aligned to the high-demand, higher-paying industry targets in our region: healthcare digital media, advance manufacturing, transportation, energy, aerospace, defense and agriculture.

The absence of a comprehensive plan lies at the heart of the disconnection of resources and programs that currently exists, but could

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be quickly connected to close gaps and improve the 7.4 percent unemployment rate. On-ramps into careers for Opportunity Youth (those 16 to 24 years old who are neither in school nor employed) and low-skilled workers will dramatically improve conditions for families who face barriers to employment.

Some of the prime beneficiaries of this work will be young families. There is an undeniable relationship between a child's experience of growing up in poverty and their own likelihood to live in poverty when they grow up.

By building clear pathways into education and employment for young families, this effort actually supports two generations simultaneously. When the earning capacity of parents grows, children benefit from a host of positive health, educational, and economic outcomes.

"Our county is uniquely positioned to achieve dramatic improvement in building a skilled and ready workforce," said Wanda Mattiace, Board Chair of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico. "The development of this plan provides specific strategic direction for the workforce development and economic development entities and educational institutions that we are fortunate to have in our county — all guided by business voice and including workplace learning experiences that will close the long-standing soft skills gap among younger workers."

To learn more, visit the bridgeofsnm.org, click on the "How We Do It" tab.

Geisel: NM winning some 'street fights'

By ALTA LECOMPTÉ
Las Cruces Bulletin

Ten years ago, when Keter Plastics started looking into opening a facility in the West, New Mexico wasn't even on the company's radar, the state's cabinet secretary for economic development Matt Geisel told a Las Cruces audience April 4.

"Fast forward to 2016 — they decided to move forward. New Mexico percolated up, so on a trip to Arizona they decided to stop in New Mexico," Geisel said. "We got on their list as a distant third."

It came down to a "street fight" — and New Mexico got the nod, Geisel said.

The company is investing \$36 million, renovating an old Solo plant and creating 175 jobs in Belen.

That wouldn't have happened eight, nine or

10 years ago, Geisel said.

The state has scored a number of wins in the past three years, closing deals with high-profile companies like CN Wire in Santa Teresa, he said.



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"We beat out Texas and California for CN Wire."

Incentives matter

Geisel spoke at the April 4 Business in the Borderplex Forum presented by the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance. He said the state's closing fund, the Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) fund, is now in its fourth year of dedicated funding.

"LEDA put us in a position to get up on top of the mountain and shout, 'Look at

New Mexico,'" he said.

Without its LEDA and JTIP — the Job Training Incentive Program — the state would be at a significant disadvantage with 25 states and a potential disadvantage with 10 more in competing for high-profile companies, Geisel said.

Contrary to widespread opinion, he said, the money also supports the expansion of New Mexico companies.

"Sixty to 70 percent of the projects are New Mexico home-grown companies," he said.

Geisel said that, in 2016, LEDA supported 23 companies looking to locate or expand in New Mexico. Of projects currently in the pipeline, half are in rural areas.

JTIP assisted 60 companies in 2016, he said.

Commenting on the prospect for LEDA and JTIP to be funded at or above current levels in FY18, Geisel said: "Overall I'm pretty happy how it all came together."

Programs stress accountability

Geisel said during the early stages of a company's site selection process, incentives don't matter.

"At the point where there are two or three states left, it comes down to real estate and incentives," he said. "At that point incentives matter in how you break a tie."

A high level of accountability charac-

terizes New Mexico's incentives programs, he said.

LEDA projects, for example, are subject to an economic impact forecast, public hearings, annual performance reviews and two expenditure reviews before funds are disbursed. Collateral is held and payouts reimbursing documented expenses are made at milestones, Geisel said.

JTIP has increased its wage requirement so the program will "create jobs we deserve and want in our communities," he said.

It also has added an internship program to help "keep New Mexico

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Seeing Downtown through a new lens

They say that having a baby changes everything, and they weren't kidding! Our son, Thomas, was born six weeks ago and it is as if the minute he was born a new lens was installed on my corneas – let's call it the "Baby Vision" lens.

With this new Baby Vision every aspect of life is first filtered through my brain with the simple question "how does this affect the baby?" This is especially true pushing Thomas in the stroller from our home in the Mesquite Historic District to the office on Water Street. Narrow or uneven sidewalks? Speeding traffic? Cigarette smokers? Drivers who refuse to stop for pedestrians at crosswalks? Thomas and I experience many of these issues every day and, yes, they affect us both.

Baby Vision has made me even more thrilled about the upcoming Church and Water Conversion project beginning soon. I look forward to calmer traffic and the eventual widening and beautification of our sidewalks. To truly create a family-



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friendly and pedestrian/biker friendly urban center, this project has to happen.

Sure, at the moment I may be in the minority of Downtown dwellers and pedestrian commuters, but we don't always want that to be the case. These changes to our commuting experience will make a significant

difference in our quality of life and, we hope, inspire others to reside downtown and bike and walk more often. As for smokers and discourteous drivers? Not sure what I can do about that aside from giving my newly minted "mom glare."

Fortunately, Baby Vision has also highlighted some of the wonderful assets our downtown already has to offer residents. My husband and I are able to pop our kiddo in the stroller and do laps around Klein Park when he is fussy. We take evening strolls as a family down to the Plaza (we can't wait until the splash pad is up and running in May!) and then up and down Main Street.

We can pop over to a Baby Yoga class at Dwell Yoga on Thursdays

at lunch. As our child grows we will be able to enjoy activities at the Museum of Nature and Science and we can attend story time at Coas Books. There will be plenty of family-friendly live entertainment at our local theatres and any number of special events – all without getting in the car.

In fact, I don't think I've visited a gas station since before Thomas was born. We feel extremely fortunate to live where we do, and I would highly recommend any area family to consider the downtown lifestyle because it's great now and it is only going to get better.

On a final note this month, I want to congratulate Mike and Veronica Beckett for Coas Books' recognition by Real Simple Magazine as The Best Bookstore in New Mexico! Next time you need a good read, stop into Coas and congratulate these longtime champions of downtown for the well-deserved acknowledgement.

Arianna Parsons is the executive director of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership and co-owner of Beck's Coffee.

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kids in New Mexico."

The program requires annual performance audits and other accountability measures.

Diversification and incrementalism

Geisel said the goal of economic development in New Mexico is to broaden and deepen the base of the state's economy.

"We drive diversification and incrementalism," he said.

The economic development department aims to accelerate the momentum of business retention, expansion and recruitment, and job creation.

Both monumentalism and incrementalism are needed, Geisel said.

"We have the tools in our toolbox to succeed in both."

New Mexico has a retooled tax policy, market proximity, transportation infrastructure, research and technology, customized workforce training, land and buildings, and high-quality labor availability.

The New Mexico operations of companies with multiple locations — such as HP — consistently rank New Mexico at the top among their locations, Geisel said.

"We are now competitive with California, Illinois and New York."

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No. 17-0068

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA JOAN REDSHAW DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JANET REDSHAW PROCHNOW has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims

within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: March 22, 2017.

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

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

No. 17-0071

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HARLAN EARL HALVORSON DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

DATED: March 23, 2017.

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Dates: 04/07, 04/14, 04/21, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 14, 2017, Susan and Ward Champion, 8305 Westside Road, Anthony, NM 88021, filed application numbered LRG-11902, OSE File No. LRG-06481-1, 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 using existing well LRG-11902 located in the SE¹/₄ of Section 15, Township 27S, Range3E NMSP and more specifically located near the intersection of X = 1,522,401.3 ft. & Y = 346,521.8 ft., NMSP, Central NAD83, on land owned by the applicants, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-6481, located on land owned by the applicants located within the SW¹/₄ of Section 15, Township 27S, Range3E, NMSP and more specifically described at the intersection of X = 1,522,428.4 ft. and X = 346,519.88 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 1.9 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the SW¹/₄ of Section 15 as described in part by Subfile Order No.: LRS-28-018-8004 Right A of the Third Judicial District Court, Dorm Ana County, State of New Mexico. Existing well LRG-11902 is located southwest of Anthony, NM and may be found approximately 1,435 feet southwest of the intersection of Vinton Road and Westside Road, Anthony, NM.

NE¹/₄ of said projected Section 02 (NMPM) & more specifically described where X = 1,499,491.8 ft., Y = 425,636.7 ft., NMSP Central NAD83 intersect on land owned by the applicant, which will supplement existing well LRG-832, located on property owned by the applicant located within the NW¹/₄ NE¹/₄ of projected Section 02, Township 25S, Range 02E (NMPM) & more specifically located at or near where X = 1,499,491.8 ft., Y = 425,636.7 ft., NMSP Central NAD83 intersect on land owned by the applicant, which will supplement existing well LRG-832, located on property owned by the applicant located within the NW¹/₄ NE¹/₄ of projected Section 02 (NMPM) & more specifically described where X = 1,499,487 ft. & Y = 425,683.7 ft. NMSP Central NAD83 intersect 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 66.28 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the NW¹/₂ of said projected Section 02 as described in Subfile No. : LRS-28-005-0133 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin

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

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Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24. The site of proposed well LRG-832-POD3 will be located northwest of Mesquite, NM & may be found approximately 2,295 feet southeast of the intersection of Ashtray Rd & Smokey 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, & include the writer's complete name, phone number & 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; &/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 & 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 & 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: 03/31, 04/07, 04/14, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 28, 2017, 77 Investments, LLC (c/o: Robert B. Salvo), HC 62 Box 624, Datil, NM 87821 filed application numbered LRG-16035-POD1, OSE File No.: LRG-16035-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-16035-POD1 to a depth of 200 feet with a 18-inch casing, in a location within the NE¹/₄ of projected Section 02, Township 23S,

Range 2E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where X = 1,468,986.2 ft. & Y = 489,323.7 ft. NMSA, Central NAD83 on land owned by the applicants, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-20-S, located on land owned by Steven & Anna M. Lyles located within the SE¹/₄ of projected Section 35, Township 22S, Range 1E (NMPM) and more specifically described where X = 1,468,222 ft. & 489,720 ft. NMSA, 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 12.13 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ of projected Section 35, Township 22S, Range 1E (NMPM) as described in Subfile Order No.: LRN-28-008-0318 Right 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 72-12-23. The site of proposed well LRG-16035-POD1 will be located west of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 1,273 feet southwest of the intersection of Engler Rd and Doc Bar St, Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-20-S will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the

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

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the transfer of owner and location of Liquor License No. 4008 with package sales to Murphy Oil USA, Inc. d/b/a Murphy Express #8536, to be located at 1290 South Valley Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for **Monday, May 15, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.**, in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the transfer.

Witness my hand and seal this 10 day of April 2017.

/s/Linda Lewis, CMC, City Clerk

Dates: 04/14, 04/21, 2017

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the transfer of ownership and change of location of Liquor License No. 2535 with on premises consumption only to Starry Storm, LLC d/b/a Time Square, to be located at 4051 Northrise, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for **Monday, May 15, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.**, in the City Council

Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the transfer.

Witness my hand and seal this 10 day of April 2017.

/s/Linda Lewis, CMC, City Clerk

Dates: 04/14, 04/21, 2017

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt the Following Ordinance(s) at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on May 1, 2017:

(1) Council Bill No. 17-023 Ordinance No. 2809: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a \$5,115,000.00 Loan Agreement for Street Improvement Projects with Such Loan Agreement to be Secured by a Lien on the First Quarter Percent Increment of Municipal Gross Receipts Tax and the Hold Harmless Distributions Associated with the First Quarter Percent Increment of Municipal Gross Receipts Tax.

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

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 11th day of April, 2017.

Linda Lewis, CMC City Clerk

Notice of Non-discriminatory Policy As To Students

Mission Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national

and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Date: 04/14, 2017

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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

**To be held at:
HOLIDAY SELF STORAGE
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Las Cruces, NM, 88005
575-525-9056**

**On Saturday,
April 22, 2017
BEGINNING AT 10 A.M.
Registration Begins @
9:30am**
\$25.00 cleaning deposit per each unit purchased

THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS #50, A43, C01, C04, C05, C09, C16, D46, D54, E15, E66, L2728
Tenant addresses are 'last known'

**Unit # 50
David Aguilar**
4206 Hoffman Dr
Las Cruces NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Vacuum cleaner, clothes, misc. items.

**Unit # D46
Michael Padilla**
1622 Neleigh Dr.
Las Cruces NM 88007
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Couch, dinette set, vacuum,

Unit # A43

Sonie Y. Ordunez
3550 Emilia Ave.
Las Cruces NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Washer/dryer, vacuum, Ice chest, dining chairs, and misc. items.

**Unit # C01
William L. Clayton**
1155 Montana #
Las Cruces NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Weight bench, igloo, shelf, weed eaters.

**Unit # C04
Sherman D. Gaytan**
602 Weinrich
Las Cruces NM 88007
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Food warmer, plastic bins, misc. items.

**Unit #C05
Luis B. Benavidez**
2751 E. Idaho #B-32
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Washer/Dryer, air compressor, Charcoal grill, landscape tools, misc. items.

**Unit # C09
Cindy R. Wood**
1505 S. Espina #2
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Tables, chairs, dresser, plastic bins, misc. items.

**Unit # C16
Maria O. Avalos**
465 Keathley
Las Cruces NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Vacuum cleaner, clothes, misc. items.

**Unit # D46
Michael Padilla**
1622 Neleigh Dr.
Las Cruces NM 88007
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Couch, dinette set, vacuum,

armoire.

**Unit #D54
Jonathan C. Martinez**
4849 Dunn Dr
Las Cruces, NM 88011
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Acoustic guitar, microwave, office desk, misc. items.

**Unit #E15
Joel U Lester**
1155 Montana #7
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Dining table, small shelf, misc. items.

**Unit #E66
Jennifer F. Becerra**
4691 Nopalitos
Las Cruces, NM 88011
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Big screen TV, microwave, kids toys, misc. items.

**Unit #L27-28
Steven I Montoya**
999 S. Telshor #101
Las Cruces, NM 88011
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Plastic bins and bags.

CASH SALES ONLY
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A \$25 cleaning deposit will be required per unit purchased
And you must bring your own broom and lock.

Dates: 04/14, 04/21, 2017

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

D-307-CV-2017-00848 JUDGE ARRIETA

IN THE MATTER OF

THE PETITION OF MARIA LOZANO.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maria Lozano, 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 she seeks to change her name from **Maria Lozano** to **Mariana Lozano**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge on the **2nd day of May 2017, at the hour of 2:30 pm**, at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

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

Dates: 04/14, 04/21, 2017

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

D-307-CV-2017-937 JUDGE ARRIETA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MARIA LOURDES

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PORRAS.**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maria Lourdes Porras, 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 she seeks to change her name from **Maria Lourdes Porras Aranda**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the 9th day of May 2017, at the hour of 9:00 am, at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

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

Dates: 04/14, 04/21, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-00681
Mary W. Rosner

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Stephanie Sepulveda FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Stephanie Sepulveda**, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from **Stephanie Sepulveda Cooke**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Mary W. Rosner, District Judge, on the **17 day of April 2017, at the hour of 1:30 p.m.**, at the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las

Cruces, New Mexico.

(Seal)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Stephanie Sepulveda
Stephanie Sepulveda
5024 Moon shadow Place
Las Cruces, NM 88011
(575) 522-1531

Dates: 04/07, 04/14, 2017

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

No. PB 2017-33
Judge Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ESTHER V. LUCERO, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **CLAUDIA GONZALEZ** has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.

/s/ M Reeves Evins
Melissa J. Reeves-Evins
200 W. Las Cruces Ave.,
Ste. A
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-522-5009
522-5031 FAX
Attorney for Personal Representative

Dates: 04/07, 04/14, 04/21, 2017

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

No. PB 2017- 31
Judge Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALBERT SCHALL MERRITT, Deceased.

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **SYLVIA K. MERRITT** has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.

M Reeves-Evins
Melissa J. Reeves-Evins
NM State Bar No. 7629
200 W. Las Cruces Ave.,
Ste. A
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-522-5009
522-5031 FAX
Attorney for Personal Representative

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

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

D-307-PB-2016-00124 Judge James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL SETTANNI, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Karen Duprey has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for the personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 201 W. Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Respectfully submitted:

CARRILLO LAW FIRM, P.C.

Daniel D. James
P.O. Box 457
Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88004
(575) 647-3200
(575) 647-1463
Attorneys for Personal Representative

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

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-00025
Judge James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIVIAN Z. OTERO, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **RITA GUARDERRAMA**, formerly known as **RITA LEACH** has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of **VIVIAN Z. OTERO**, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representatives in care of the Attorney for the Personal Representative, Lauren D. Serrano of SCOTTHULSE PC, 201 North Church Street, Suite 201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, P h o n e : (575) 522-0765, Fax: (575) 522-0006, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, located at the Third Judicial District Court, located at 201 West Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2017.

SCOTTHULSE PC
201 North Church Street,
Suite 201
Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88001
(575) 522-0765
(575) 522-0006 Facsimile

By: /s/ Lauren D. Serrano
LAUREN D. SERRANO
Attorneys for Personal Representative

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-02074

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

vs.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

Lot 1, Block 3, DEL NORTE COUNTRY ESTATES UNIT III, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on June 30, 1992, in Book 17 Page(s) 198-199 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on April 3, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes

interest and costs, is \$189,059.21 and the same bears interest at 6.700% per annum from February 20, 2015, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

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

Dates: 04/14, 04/21, 04/28, 05/05, 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.; OCCUPANTS 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.

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 THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-01850

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

BILLIE D. MITCHELL, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF BILLIE D. MITCHELL, Deceased, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BILLIE D. MITCHELL, (true name unknown); THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVICES AND LEGATEES OF BILLIE D. MITCHELL, Deceased, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **May 3, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main

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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 1925 Gladys Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

THE SOUTH 63.13 FEET OF LOT 5 AND THE NORTH 7.83 FEET OF LOT 6, BLOCK 12, COLLEGE PARK REPLAT NO. 2, A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 594 THEREOF, FILED OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1963, RECORDED IN BOOK 1, PAGE 66, 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 27, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$68,508.39 and the same bears interest at 5.5500% per annum from February 10, 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 valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affix-

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

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

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

Dates: 04/07, 04/14, 04/21, 04/28, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02059

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSHUA PADILLA, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSHUA PADILLA, (true name unknown); YOVANNA TORRES, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF YOVANNA TORRES, (true name unknown); NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; JON W. DAVIDSON, individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Karin H. Davidson, Deceased and as Trustee of the Davidson Trust Dated September 21, 2001; BIG BEND HOSPITAL CORPORATION d/b/a Big Bend Regional Medical Center, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 26, 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 4714 Diamante Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 129 in Block numbered C of Los Enamorados, Estates Final Plat-Replat No. 2, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Los Enamorados Estates Final Plat-Replat No. 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on July 27, 2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 722-727.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on March 20, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$159,904.28 and the same bears interest at 4.2500% per annum from January 2, 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: 03/31, 04/07, 04/14, 04/21, 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 SOLE AND SEPARATE 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 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 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 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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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

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

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

UNION, Plaintiff,

v.

JORGE L. PEREZ, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

LOT 22, BLOCK 12, VILLA VALENCIA SUBDIVISION PHASE II, CITY OF SUNLAND PARK, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY, ON MAY 17, 2013, IN BOOK 23, PAGE (S) 453 THROUGH 456, PLAT RECORDS.

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

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Default Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure, entered on March 31, 2017, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which, among other things, was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage against all secured real property by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$160,558.40, on which post-judgment interest shall run at 6.625% per annum until satisfied in full, which the Special Master calculates to be a per diem of \$29.142449 from March 25, 2017 for 48 days to the date of the Special Master's sale (the "Sale"), for total post-judgment interest of \$1,398.84, together with attorney fees incurred and costs of sale to the date of sale, and a reasonable Special Master's fee. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit their

bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash at the sale.

Bidders, to the extent that they do not have a judgment permitted to be bid in lieu of cash, must bid cash at the sale. The successful bidder will be given until the close of the second business day following the determination of the winning bidder to supply to the Special Master cash, certified check, or cashier's check in the amount of the bid. Failure to do so will void that bid, and the Special Master shall either accept the next highest bid, or the Special Master may, in her sole discretion, telephone each bidder who attended the sale, using the telephone number each bidder submits at the sale, and communicate a new date and time for a subsequent sale, without republication of any further notice. Responsibility for reception of notice of any subsequent sale is on the bidder submitting the telephone number.

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

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

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02501

LENOX FINANCIAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

HOUSHANG SOLHJOO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 3, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 3175 Posada Court Unit B, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

UNIT#B:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO A PART OF LOT 42, BLOCK 10, PLACITA DE LA POSADA REPLAT OF PART OF

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TRACT A AND PART OF TRACT 2, BLOCK 10, MAJESTIC HILLS SUBDIVISION NO. TWO, PLAT FILED OCTOBER 30, 1978 IN PLAT RECORD 12, PAGES 223-224, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 42, BLOCK 10, PLACITA DE LA POSADA REPLAT OF PART OF TRACT A AND PART OF TRACT B, BLOCK 10, MAJESTIC HILLS SUBDIVISION NO. TWO PLAT FILED OCTOBER 30, 1978, IN PLAT RECORD 12, PAGES 223-224, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE PARTIALLY ALONG A ROCK WALL S.20 DEG.01'45"W., 171.46 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF POSADA COURT FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE ALONG POSADA COURT AROUND THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 50.10 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 57 DEG. 24'3" AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS N.51 DEG.24'15" W., 48.03 FEET TO A POINT FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE LEAVING POSADA COURT N.19 DEG. 10'55"E., 114.02 FEET TO A POINT FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE N.68 DEG.18"E., 63.30 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on March 29, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$84,333.74 and the same bears interest at 4.750% per annum from February 1,

2017, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements 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.

Electronically filed
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela Carmody,
Special Master
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Dates: 04/07, 04/14, 04/21,
04/28, 2017

**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:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO FOR THE MOST PART IN 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 S. 63°42'30"W. 195.32 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER; THENCE N. 33°55' W. 216.0 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER; THENCE N. 63°42'30" E. 195.32 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER; THENCE S. 33°55'E. 216.0 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.959 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS.

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,
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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 purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

Case No. D-307-DM 2017-2

**Christopher Allen
Wheatley, Petitioner,**
v.

**Michelle Renee Martinez,
Respondent.**

NOTICE OF SUIT

**TO Michelle Renee
Martinez, Respondent:**

Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you.

The subject of this lawsuit is: Michelle Renee Martinez

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

/s/Christopher Allen
Wheatley
999 S/ Telshor Blvd. #1004
Las Cruces, NM 88011
(575) 914-4482

WITNESS the Honorable Darren M. Kugler, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico⁹ and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 21st day of February 2017.

(Seal)

**NORMAN E. OSBORNE
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT
BY: Lisa Jenkins
DEPUTY**

Date: 03/31, 04/07, 04/14,
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**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

NO. D-307-CV-2016-02494

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

v.

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

NOTICE OF 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.
Friedenstein
Elizabeth V. Friedenstein
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Attorney for Plaintiff

Dates: 04/07, 04/14, 04/21,
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**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-00392

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

vs.

DANIEL R. LOPEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DANIEL R. LOPEZ AKA DANIEL RAYE LOPEZ SR.; 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 Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1555 Wofford Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING PART OF LOTS 49 & 50, BLOCK B, AMENDED PLAT OF EL ENCANTO ESTATES, FILED NOVEMBER 8, 1949, IN BOOK 1, PAGE 31, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT A CROSS FOUND ON THE NORTH LINE OF WOFFORD DRIVE FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED BEING IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 42, BLOCK B, AMENDED PLAT OF EL ENCANTO ESTATES, FILED NOVEMBER 8, 1949, IN BOOK 1, PAGE 31, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND LEAVING THE NORTH LINE OF WOFFORD DRIVE, N.30°51'27"W., 203.97 FEET TO A PAINTED CROSS SET FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE N.58°42'07"E., 58.10 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE S.36°49'55"E., 176.84 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND ON THE NORTH LINE OF WOFFORD DRIVE FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT AND POINT OF CURVATURE; THENCE AROUND THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 289.48 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 81.93 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 16°12'56" AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS

S.38°41'06"W., 81.65 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.293 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on May 18, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on March 3, 2017, in the total amount of \$141,899.14, with interest at the rate of 5.00% per annum from November 15, 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, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-02462

LENOX FINANCIAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

HOUSHANG SOLHJOO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

UNIT #A:

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

BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 42,

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

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

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on March 31, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$84,333.74 and the same bears interest at 4.750% per annum from February 1, 2017, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER

GIVEN that the real property and improvements 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: 04/14, 04/21, 04/28,
05/05, 2017

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

D-307-PB-2017-00010
Judge Manuel Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIOLA G. SCHMITZ, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF VIOLA G. SCHMITZ, DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF VIOLA G. SCHMITZ, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

Hearing on the petition filed by the petitioner or personal representative, which peti-

tion asks the court for an adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship, will be held at The Third Judicial District Court located at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on May 2, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.

Pursuant to 45-1-401 NMSA 1978, notice of the time and place of hearing on said petition is hereby given you by publication, once each week, for three consecutive weeks.

Witness my hand and the seal of this Court.

DATED: March 27, 2017.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

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

Prepared by:
The Law Offices of
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/s/ Dana M. Kyle
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Attorney for Personal
Representative

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

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

D-307-PB-2017-00011
Judge James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THEODORE J. SCHMITZ, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THEODORE J. SCHMITZ, DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF THEODORE J. SCHMITZ, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED

HEARING.

Hearing on the petition filed by the petitioner or personal representative, which petition asks the court for an adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship, will be held at The Third Judicial District Court located at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on May 23, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

Pursuant to 45 1 401 NMSA 1978, notice of the time and place of hearing on said petition is hereby given you 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:
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Dana M. Kyle, P.A.

/s/ _____
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Attorney for
Personal Representative

Dates: 03/31, 04/07, 04/14,
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02240

CITIFINANCIAL SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF JOSE H. GARCIA, Deceased; THE ESTATE OF LUPE GARCIA aka MARIA GUADALUPE GARCIA, Deceased; JOE MICHAEL GARCIA, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of LUPE GARCIA aka MARIA GUADALUPE GARCIA, Deceased, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOE MICHAEL GARCIA (true

name unknown); PENTOLA, LLC; NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS; TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO; and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (IRS), Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) The Estate of Jose H. Garcia, Deceased, is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 6010 Garcia Drive, which is identified on the mortgage as 6010 Doña Ana Road, in the City of Doña Ana, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

LOT 3, BLOCK 16, VAL VERDE HOMESITES PLAT #4, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON OCTOBER 16, 1972, RECORDED IN BOOK 11, PAGE (S) 19, OF PLAT RECORDS.

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

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

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:

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1700 Louisiana Blvd NE,
Suite 300
Albuquerque, NM 87110
(505) 248-2400
FAX: 254-4722

March 28, 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 29th day of March, 2017.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

By /s/ Wendy Cousler
Deputy - W. Cousler

Dates: 04/07, 04/14, 04/21,
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO DOÑA ANA COUNTY THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB-2017-00017
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUDITH ELIANE TAYLOR, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the District Court of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 201 W. Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

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

NO. 16-000-1

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
Glenn A. Bowen,
DECEASED.**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd, Las Cruces, N.M. 88005.

Dated: 1-13, 16.

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

No. 17-0064

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
BRUCE GERARD CALL,
a/k/a BRUCE G. CALL,
DECEASED**

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CREDITORS**

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

DATED: March 21, 2017.

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-00110

**NATIONSTAR MORT-
GAGE LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JAMES HILL; THE UN-
KNOWN SPOUSE OF
JAMES HILL; CHAR-
TER BANK; OCCU-
PANTS OF THE PROP-
ERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLO-
SURE 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 5261 Cochise Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 11 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 3 OF MESA 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 18, 1989 IN PLAT BOOK 16, FOLIO 136-140,

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 January 19, 2017, in the total amount of \$134,715.47, with interest at the rate of 4.000% per annum from May 6, 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, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-01026

**NATIONSTAR MORT-
GAGE LLC D/B/A
CHAMPION MORT-
GAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVEISEES AND LEGA-
TES OF DAVID T.
RAMIREZ, DECEASED;
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA BY AND
THROUGH THE SECRE-
TARY OF HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOP-
MENT; OCCUPANTS OF
THE PROPERTY,
Defendants,**

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

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

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE WEST OF MESILLA, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN SECTION 33, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIPE FOUND FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER

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

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on May 18, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment in rem granted on March 7, 2017, in the total amount of \$184,307.92, with interest at the rate of 5.0600% per annum from December 31, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

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

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**THE STATE OF
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COUNTY OF
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THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-01522

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION AS IN-
DENTURE TRUSTEE
FOR CSMC TRUST
2014-CIMI MORTGAGE-
BACKED NOTES, SER-
IES 2014-CIMI, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**BARBARA MORGAN;
BRUCE D. SNYDER;
PATRICIA E. SNYDER;
OCCUPANTS OF THE
PROPERTY; Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXI-
CO** to Defendants Bruce D. Snyder and Patricia E. Snyder.

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff U.S. Bank National Association As Indenture Trustee For Csmc Trust 2014-Cim1 Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2014-Cim1 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 650 Hummingbird, Las Cruces, NM 88007. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

**LOT 3, BLOCK A,
COUNTRY ACRE
PHASE 1, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA,
STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 1510 ON 10/07/1986 IN BOOK PAGE(S) 277-278 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.

**M c C A R T H Y &
HOLTHUS, LLP**

By: /s/ Umair Malik
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**THE STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

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

**DITECH FINANCIAL
LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DON J. HALDEMAN;
PENNY S. HALDEMAN;
OCCUPANTS OF THE
PROPERTY, Defendants,**

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3464 Wesley Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

**LOT 13, BLOCK A, SUN-
SET HILLS SUBDIVISION
PLAT NO. 1B, IN THE
CITY OF LAS CRUCES,
DOÑA ANA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO, AS
SHOWN AND DESIGNA-
TED ON THE PLAT
THEREOF, FILED IN THE
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY
CLERK OF SAID COUNTY
ON AUGUST 23, 1978,
IN BOOK 12 PAGES 213
OF PLAT RECORDS.**

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on May 18, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment granted on March 14, 2017, in the total amount of \$144,401.20, with interest at the rate of 3.50% per annum from January 14, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

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

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-01704

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE 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,

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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:

TRACT 1: A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO IN SECTION 34, T.22S, R.1E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS AS PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-94A3 AND PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-87C, ALSO AS PART OF LOT 2 AND PART OF LOT 3, HALE CENTER SUBDIVISION. PLAT FILED OCTOBER 16, 1972 IN PLAT RECORD 11 AT PAGE 20, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD SET ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE LEASBURG DRAIN FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT, THENCE A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 3, OF HALE CENTER SUBDIVISION, IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-94A3 BEARS S. 3°16'00"W., A DISTANCE OF 111.58 FEET; THENCE FROM THE PLACE OF BEGINNING LEAVING SAID DRAIN PARTIALLY ALONG A ROCK WALL S.80° 04'18"W., 353.56 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET ON THE EAST SIDE OF BOGART LANE FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF SAID LANE AROUND THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 82.35 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 94°21'40" AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS N. OF 47°17'34"W., 73.35 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE LEAVING BOGART LANE PARTIALLY ALONG A WIRE FENCE N. 64°32'40"E., 457.12 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ABOVEMENTIONED DRAIN FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE LEAVING SAID FENCE ALONG S A I D D R A I N

S.3°16'00"W., 185.57 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 1.0718 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO A 10 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT PARALLEL AND IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF THIS TRACT, AND A 10 FOOT UTILITY EASEMENT BEING 5 FEET ON EACH SIDE OF THE LOT LINE COMMON TO LOTS 2 AND 3 OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED HALE CENTER SUBDIVISION. ALSO SUBJECT TO AN ACCESS EASEMENT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT; BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD SET ON THE EAST SIDE OF BOGART LANE FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS EASEMENT S, IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT; THENCE FROM THE PLACE OF BEGINNING ALONG SAID LANE AROUND THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 23.08 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 26°25'42" AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS N. 13°19'38"W., 22.88 FEET TO THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF THIS EASEMENT; THENCE S. 28°52'13"E., 24.14 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS EASEMENT; THENCE S. 80°04'18"W., 6.48 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

TRACT 2: A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO IN SECTION 34, T.22S, R.1E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS AS PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-94A3 AND PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-87C, ALSO AS PART OF LOT 3, HALE CENTER SUBDIVISION. PLAT FILED OCTOBER 16, 1972 IN F LAT RECORD 11, PAGE 20, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT

FOUND ON THE WEST SIDE OF LEASBURG DRAIN FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT, IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-94A3; THENCE FROM THE PLACE OF BEGINNING LEAVING SAID DRAIN S. 60°05'30"W., 156.38 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE N. 30°08'45"E., 102.65 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE S. 59°33'43"W., 116.50 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE S. 61°56'30"W., 25.12 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND ON THE EAST SIDE OF BOGART LANE FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF SAID LANE AROUND THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 32.91 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 37°42'33" AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS N.18°44'33"E., 32.32 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE LEAVING SAID LANE N. 80°04'18"E., 353.56 FEET, PARTIALLY ALONG A ROCK WALL, TO AN IRON ROD SET ON THE WEST SIDE OF SAID DRAIN FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG SAID DRAIN S. 3°16'00"W., 111.58 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.8451 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO A 10 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT PARALLEL AND IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE SOUTHERLY AND EASTERLY BOUNDARIES OF THIS TRACT. ALSO SUBJECT TO AN ACCESS EASEMENT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT; BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD FOUND ON THE EAST SIDE OF BOGART LANE FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS EASEMENT, IDENTICAL

TO A CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT; THENCE FROM THE PLACE OF BEGINNING ALONG SAID LANE AROUND THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 32.91 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 37°42'33" AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS N. 18° 44'33"E., 32.32 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS EASEMENT, IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT; THENCE LEAVING SAID LANE N. 80°04'18"E., 6.48 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS EASEMENT; THENCE S. 28°52'13"E., 20.11 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS EASEMENT; THENCE S. 61°56'30"W., 30.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING

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

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-00018

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
WINSTON ALFRED
JOHNSON II, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice if this Notice is given by publication as provided in Subsection A of Section 45-3-801 NMSA 1978, or within sixty (60) days after the mailing or delivery of this Notice for creditors who are given actual notice as provided by Subsection B of Section 45-3-801 NMSA 1978, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 320 Osuna Road NE, Unit G-4, Albuquerque, New

Mexico 87107, or filed with the Doña Ana County District Court.

DATED: March 20, 2017.

/s/ Vivian Ann May Johnson
VIVIAN ANN MAY

JOHNSON, Personal Representative of the Estate of Winston Alfred Johnson, II, Deceased
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4th annual Red, White & Blues Festival beckons sunshine

La Viña Spring Festival attracts El Paso talent

By **MARTY RACINE**

Las Cruces Bulletin

It must be springtime if area wineries are opening their patios to live music and, perhaps, a taste of the grape. On Saturday, April 22, both St. Clair and La Viña wineries swing into their annual music festivals, with Borderland bands bringing the beat.

St. Clair, 1720 Avenida de Mesilla, hosts the Red, White & Blues Festival sponsored by the Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society. Normally held in August, the affair was moved this year to avoid the inevitable afternoon monsoon.

La Viña's Spring Wine Festival in La Union runs Saturday and Sunday, April 23. Three bands perform each day, with about 20 wines available for tasting and purchase.

At St. Clair, beloved Las Cruces blues guitarist CW Ayon carries on from 4 to 6 p.m. We know Ayon for his one-man-band take on Mississippi Hill Country blues, but this time he's bringing a trio, with Felipe Calavera on bass and Chris Smith on vocals and guitar.

Most Mississippi blues is associated with the Delta that runs alongside the Mississippi River up to Memphis. The Hill Country framing the eastern Delta birthed a hypnotic sound of one- and two-chord vamps punctuated by growling riffs and stinging licks.

The Muddy Hands Blues Band, from 6 to 8 p.m., formed in Las Cruces in 2011 but has been on hiatus. They're reuniting with Ben Altamirano on harp/vocals; Bill Godby, lead guitar; John Hyndman, bass; Bill Haeker, drums; and Kenny Arroyos, keyboards. Backing them is a horn section of Dwight Goetz and Josh Carter, plus vocalist Pam Rossi. Expect some hard-hitting Chicago and Memphis blues, laced with a few Texas shuffles.

Closing it down is the Todd Tijerina Trio from Albuquerque, 8 to 10 p.m., with Tijerina on lead guitar, Dave Heidt on bass/vocals and Mo Roberts on drums. Tijerina plays with an intensity that blurs the lines of blues, jazz, soul and funk. Originally from Chicago, he has



Twisted Hams

worked with Chi-Town bluesman Byther Smith and is a former winner of the city's Rory's Blues Talent Competition (1999). The honor helped fund his 2000 release, "The Lowdown."

Since then The Todd Tijerina Band has released five more albums: "Welcome Home" (2004), "Now" (2006), "Walk This Road" (2009), "Meant To Be" (2010) and "Shine On" (2014). His "Nothin' Like the Blues" won Blues Song of the Year at the 2011 New Mexico Music Awards.

The Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society is a nonprofit (501c3) organization promoting the appreciation of jazz and blues as art forms and creating opportunities for established and aspiring musicians. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. the third Sunday of the month at First Christian Church, across from Las Cruces High School

All proceeds from the festival go to the Society's scholarship fund for NMSU music students. Tickets are \$15 in advance with online sales at mvjazzblues.net or at St. Clair Winery & Bistro; Hubbard's Music-N-More, 108 Wyatt Drive; and Whites Music Box, 200 S. Main St.



Todd Tijerina

Tickets at the door are \$20.

There is also a raffle. Hubbard's has donated a Fender DG-8S Dreadnought Acoustic Guitar Pack (guitar, gig bag, instructional material, strings, strap, tuner and picks valued at \$200). St. Clair is donating a wine basket worth \$200, and there are CD's from the performing bands. Tickets are \$5 or three for \$10 with advance sales at Hubbard's.

Down Highway 28 at La Viña, Twisted Hams get salty at noon, Saturday. "We take our not-so-serious music seriously," says this El Paso quintet of their "original classic rock" that borders punk, ska, jazz and rockabilly. They have recorded two albums.

At 2:15 p.m., Frank Zona & Urban Edge deliver smooth, contemporary jazz and R&B from El Paso led by saxophonist Zona. Their latest CD is "Over the Edge," offering eight original compositions.

Slick Reynolds – "New Mexico rebel soul" – from El Paso, plays at 4:30.

On Sunday, fiery guitarist Pat "Guitar Slim" Chase crunches the blues beginning at noon. The lefty grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area, moved to Seattle and now calls New Mexico home. He'll be followed at 2:15 p.m. by the Patterson Trio and, at 4:30 p.m., by Las Cruces' 24/7 Blues Band, a longtime fixture on the scene.

Adult admission each day is \$20 and includes a souvenir glass and a choice of nine tastes or a full glass of wine. Admission for ages 11-20 is \$10, and guests under 11 are admitted free.

New Mexico a 'hotspot' for film production

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico Film Office has announced that the Hollywood Reporter has named New Mexico as one of the "8 Hotspots" for shooting in the U.S. or Canada.

The industry magazine cites factors such as tax incentives, infrastructure, longevity, and \$397 million of direct spending in Fiscal Year 2016.

"This is gratifying and encouraging news on the New Mexico film front," said Las Cruces City Manager Stuart C. Ed. "Here in Las Cruces, we are increasing our efforts to capitalize on that momentum to bring more productions to our area."

The city has a Memorandum of Understanding with Film Las Cruces, a local nonprofit organization that promotes Las Cruces as a prime film location. The organization is currently working with film production teams in developing the film industry regionally. Film Las Cruces states it is eager to help identify locations, secure equipment, hotel accommodations, and assist with other resources.

"The city is also actively working to purchase property for a sound stage through primarily state-appropriated funding. A sound stage has long been sought in Las Cruces and, once established, is anticipated to further stimulate local film production," Ed said.

DACC student artists present the Artful Earth



The Doña Ana Community College student art exhibit, "The Artful Earth," is on display through April 28 in the Cottonwood Gallery inside Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. The artists are in the Art, Creative Media Technology and Digital Graphics Technology programs at DACC, which trains specialists to design printed materials and web sites, produce videos and films and participate in game design. Options for students in this major include a two-year associate of science and a certificate program. Pictured is "The Red Door" by DACC student artist Corvus Lloyd. Cottonwood Gallery is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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SAT APRIL 15 • 10:00 A.M.	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Kid's art project Wild and Crazy Snakes FREE	
SUN APRIL 16 • ALL DAY	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Library Closed for Easter	
TUE APRIL 18 • 10:30 A.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Read to Me (Storytime for ages 3 and up)	
TUE APRIL 18 • 2:00 P.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Computer Class: Intro to the Internet	
TUE+THU APRIL 18+20 4:00 P.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Teen Game Night	
WED+THU APRIL 18+19 10:00 A.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Toddler Time (Storytime for ages 1-3)	
WED APRIL 19 • 10:00 A.M.	MUNSON CENTER
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WED APRIL 19 • 11:00 A.M.	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
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FRI MAY 12 • 7:00 P.M.	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Santa Fe Opera presents " <i>Avastar</i> " FREE	
SAT MAY 13 • 4:00 P.M.	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Academy of Music and Dance Spring Recital	
SUN MAY 14 • 3:00 P.M.	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Mesilla Valley Chorale presents <i>Dreamin'</i>	
SAT MAY 21 • 7:00 P.M.	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Borderland Ballet presents <i>Café Noir</i>	

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

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Coming up on stage and back stage in April

I love theatre.

I love being in shows, watching shows and writing about shows. I am calling this new, monthly Bulletin column "Theatre 101" because I want to provide all the basic information about plays, musicals and special events – locally produced, live performances – in Las Cruces, Mesilla and other local environs.

I will do my best to let you know what's coming up at Las Cruces Community Theatre, Black Box Theatre, Rio Grande Theatre, the ASNMSU Center for the Arts at New Mexico State University, Boba Café and Cabaret, Doña Ana Community College (they have a wonderful theatre program), local high schools and other venues.

Here's what I know about that's coming up in April, and a bit in May.

• ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. The Tony-winning musical "Urinetown" opens with a special Thursday-afternoon preview performance on April 27. This show has a cast of nearly 20, and almost all of them are NMSU theatre and music students. Make reservations at 575-646-1420 and visit



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Theatre 101

www.nmsutheatre.com/201617_urinetown.php.

• Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Downtown:

1) "Mind over Matter, Music over Mind, with Rhonda Taylor" is a band and live performance beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15. Tickets are \$10.

2) "The Meatball Chronicles," a one-woman show written by and starring Debrianna Mansini, will be performed at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 23. Tickets are \$12 to \$15. For reservations and additional information, contact 575-523-1223 or nstcbbt@no-strings.org. Visit no-strings.org/ and find them on Facebook.

3) You can try out for "Baggage," a comedy by Sam Bobrink," at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, and Monday, May 1 at BBT rehearsal hall, 717 A N. Mesquite St. The play is directed by Nikka Ziemer. The cast includes two women in their 30s and two men in their 30s and 40s.

• Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. Downtown, is dark in April, but director Larry Chandler and an amazing cast are rehearsing "You Can't Take It with You," which will open Friday, May 5, and continue for nine performances through May 27. Visit www.lcctnm.org, and make your reservations early.

• Mayfield High School, 1955 N. Valley Drive, presents "The Insanity of Mary Girard" by Lanie Robertson, at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, at the Mayfield Theatre. Tickets are \$5 and \$7. May-

field's Acting Showcase will be Tuesday, May 9. Call 575-527-9415 and find them on Facebook.

• Boba Café and Cabaret, 1900 S. Espina St., presents "Bundle of Broadway," including 15 performers and 15 songs that were part of last month's "Broadway Today" at NMSU. It will be performed at 6 p.m. (dinner show, \$27.50) and again at 8 p.m. (cocktail show, \$12.50) Saturday, April 15. If you missed "Broadway Today," do not miss "Bundle of Broadway," because director/producer Megan McQueen has done it again. Wear two pair of socks – at least one will be knocked off.

• Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. downtown, has "International Day of Dance" coming up at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 29, and a Studio A440 music recital at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6. Call 575-523-6403 and visit daarts.org.

• Theatre Dojo presents "An Illiad," by Lisa Peterson and Denis O'Hare, at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at the Hillsboro Community Center, 316 Elenore St. in Hillsboro. Tickets are \$5. It stars Algernon D'Ammassa and Randy Granger. It's a great show. Call 575-895-3300. Visit www.theatre-dojos.org.

Please send me information about your theatre performances for future stories and columns!

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Bundle of Broadway



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NMSU music and theatre students will be featured in "Bundle of Broadway" April 15 at Boba Café and Cabaret, 1900 S. Espina St. "New Mexico State University's musical theatre students will perform 15 numbers from 15 different musicals, new and old alike," said NMSU Theatre Arts Assistant Professor Megan McQueen, who produced and directed "Bundle of Broadway." McQueen will host the evening, accompanied by pianist Mark Klett. See Mike Cook's "Theatre 101" column for show times and prices. Reservations are recommended, call 575-647-5900.



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April 14-20

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Vintage Wines music: April live music, 2461 Calle Principal, 575-523-9463, <http://nmvintagewines.com>

- April 14: 8-10 p.m., Bailar, Latin Music
- April 15: 8-10 p.m., Tax recovery night with Christopher Smith-Escarcega, guitar
- April 16: 3-5 p.m., Megan Davenport, Country/blues/pop originals

Pinhole Photography Workshop: 2 p.m., Saturday, April 15, Museum of Nature and Science, 200 E. Picacho. Pinhole cameras are very basic, lens-free cameras that use a small pinhole to project an inverted image at the back of the camera. Larger pinholes allow for brighter images but reduce the focus sharpness of the images. The workshop is free, but supplies are limited. Participants must be aged 12 or older. Visit the museum or call 575.541.2137 to register.

Doña Ana Photography Club: Photo shoot on the Downtown Mall, with lights and a model, presented by Erik Winter, 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 18. Bring your camera and tripod. Plus, the monthly photo theme, "Landscapes," will be shown. SW Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Free, public invited. Info: www.daphotoclub.org

NM 420 Education, Music and Arts Festival: 4:20-10 p.m., April 20-21, Young Park, 1905 Nevada Ave. Tickets available at <https://nm->

420musicfest.ticketbud.com/new-mexico-s-1st-annual-420-music-and-arts-festival.

Photography Bootcamp: Fourth class in a five-part series by the Doña Ana Photography Club. Cass is on image editing, taught by Erik Winter, DAPC president; other members from the club will also be on hand to help. 9 a.m. Saturday, April 22, SW Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Open to the community, \$5 per class, free to club members. Register online at www.daphotoclub.org. Info: Rob Peinert: education@daphotoclub.org

Fashion show: City of Las Cruces hosts fifth annual Reuse & Recycle Fashion Show in honor of Earth Day noon-1 p.m., Saturday, April 22, on Plaza de Las Cruces Downtown. The show will present outfits made from reused and recycled materials. Info: 575-528-4723

UkeFest Workshops: May 19-21, brings ukulele instructor/performers to the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum for a weekend of ukulele workshops, concert, jam session, and more. Absolute beginners to advanced. Includes workshop for kids. The event is hosted by the Las Cruces Ukes, a non-profit community group of ukulele enthusiasts. Festival details and discounted early-bird registration (available through April 19) at www.lascrucesukefest.com.

Vans Warped Tour: NMSU Intramural Field at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 1. Over 80+ acts. More info at www.vanswarpedtour.com. Tickets at <http://www.vanswarpedtour.com/dates/>

las-cruces/. The first 500 tickets will be discounted and will include a digital download of the 2017 Vans Warped Tour Compilation.

Model Railroad Club: Southern New Mexico N Scalpers meet monthly meeting on the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 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 Ukes: 5:15-6:15 p.m. Thursdays beginner group; 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays performance group at Good Samaritan Society — Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Cost: no charge and loaner ukuleles available. Info: www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com or 575-405-7133.

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.

CALL TO ARTISTS

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. The exhibition runs Aug. 4-Oct. 21. 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.

Starlight Theatre Co. Auditions: Youth ages 10-17 are invited to audition for the musical comedy "The Gondoliers" by Gilbert and Sullivan. Auditions are Friday and Saturday April 28 & 29. Rehearsals/performance June 12-July 22. Especially needed: young men between the ages of 15-17 for singing roles. All auditioners should be able to sing on pitch. See starlightonstage.org for more information or 575-521-7400.

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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

Doug DuBois: On view through April 15, University Art Gallery, New Mexico State University, 1390 E. University Ave. Info: 575-646-2545; uag.nmsu.edu or artgry@nmsu.edu.

Animal Animas continues: The Tombaugh

Gallery's current exhibit, featuring artwork by southern New Mexico artists Dinah Swan and Claudia Dennee, continues through April 21. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday at the Tombaugh Gallery located inside the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano. Info: 575-449-4180.



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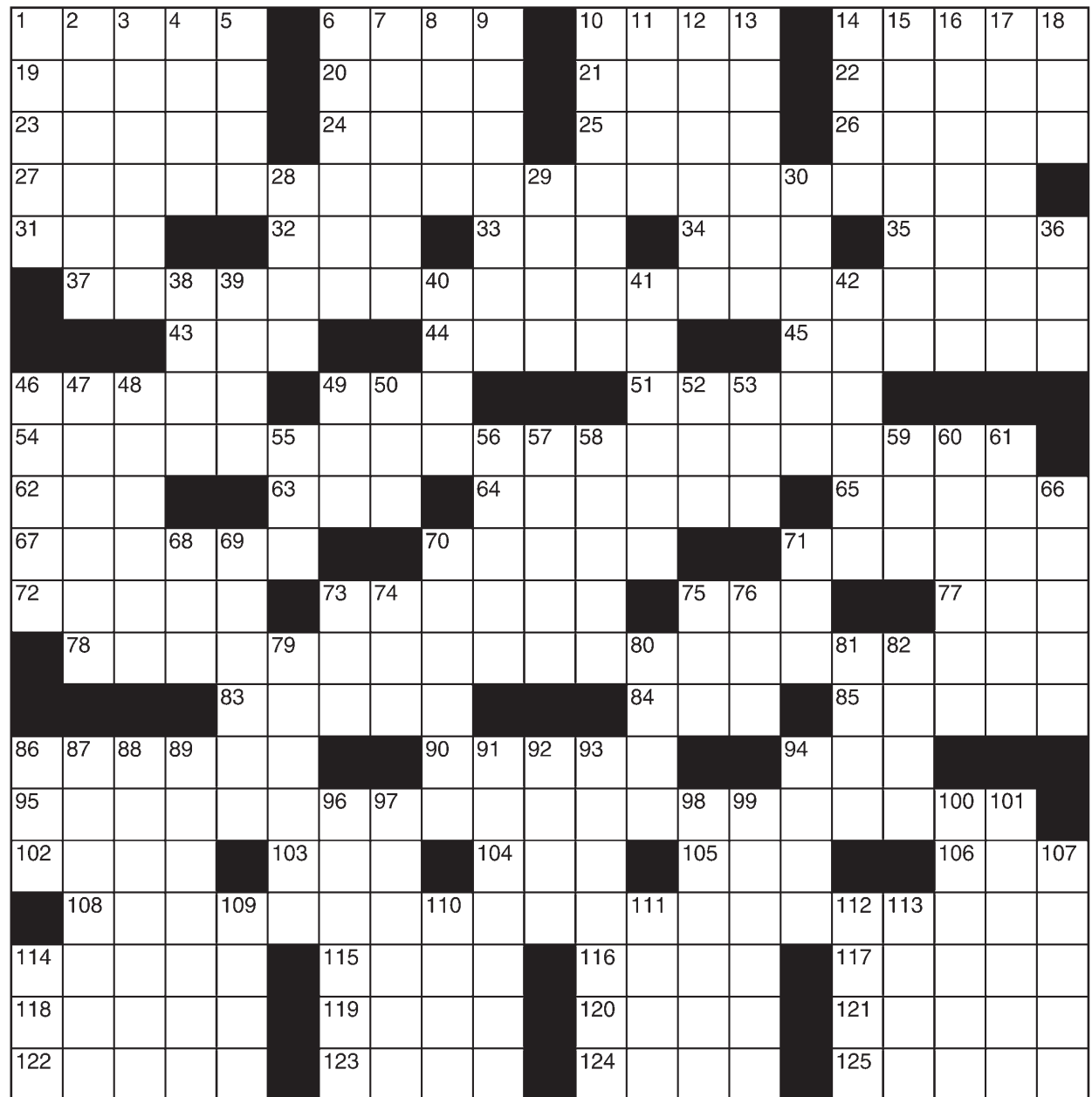
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'The Salesman': The victim as a secondary figure

By **JEFF BERG**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Based on a play and feeling like a play, "The Salesman" has some good points if you aren't expecting a lot of fast pacing.

Director Asghar Farhadi, whose earlier and more interesting work includes "A Separation" (2011), opens this picture with a bit of cast panic, as the residents of a Tehran apartment building find that their building is near collapse. It rather reveals the soon-to-be cracks in the relationship between husband and wife, Emad and Rana. As they flee the building with their neighbors, few posses-

sions in hand, it becomes obvious that the damaged building might be a metaphor for their flawed relationship.

With nowhere to really live, Emad and Rana, who are involved in a local stage production of Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* with a community theater group, happen to mention their problem to a fellow group member.

He promptly offers them a new place to live, failing to mention several issues that loom, due to the previous tenant who has left behind most of her belongings and had, shall we say, frequent gentleman callers.

One night while Emad is late from a rehearsal,



The relationship between "Emad" and "Rana" was showing cracks before they had to flee their apartment.

a man enters the apartment and attacks Rana.

The attack is done offscreen and mostly alluded to as one of a sexual nature, possibly because of Iranian censors and Farhadi's good taste in not forcing viewers to watch still another grizzly assault on screen.

Rana immediately withdraws from life, refusing to go to the police due to her fear of public humiliation. But Emad is just the opposite. He is determined to track down the assailant, who is part moron, as he has left his cellphone and keys behind. It doesn't take long for Emad to figure out which truck is the attacker's and he moves it to a place where he thinks the attacker will not be able to retrieve it. As Emad harangues, rightfully so, his pig-headed landlord, more and more clues come forth, enlightening Emad, but causing him to not take

Emad is the focus, but Rana's story, at least to me, becomes far more interesting.

Emad misunderstands the trauma that his wife faces, thinking that revenge and arrest are the solutions, while ignoring her most basic needs, often speaking to her in harsh tones.

It is thought-provoking and a strong look how crime victims are often overlooked as the 'perp' becomes the focus of the crime.

The ending dips into melodrama, but Emad's quest does not go unrewarded. Rana is purposely, I feel, secondary in the film, but that helps add to the intellectual and emotional impact of the picture.

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GRADE: B

Starts April 14 at the Fountain Theatre in Muh-sill-uh. 'The Salesman' won the Oscar for Best Foreign Language film this year. It is in Persian and English.

the traumatized Rana's needs into consideration. It is here that the film becomes a blend of masculinity, a revenge/thriller, and a look at victim's trauma.

Fahadi masters putting these threads together to keep the picture interesting and taut, but at times it does drag a little (it could use some editing) and a few hard to fathom plot twists don't offer much. The way these threads are handled are as disparate as the elements of the picture itself.

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Brooks and Yearwood approach each other on "In Another's Eyes."



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A large screen relayed the stage to the farthest reaches of the Pan Am Center.

Love, as in family

The First Couple in country music leaves the Pan Am ecstatic



The man knows how to work a crowd.

The love between audience and performer is a cloudy arrangement. As fans, we really can't see into our idol's heart, or into their thoughts, so we offer a worship that clarifies the compact: "You are the star, we are the stargazers, now show us the sky for a night."

The love that embraced the Pan American Center over five concerts in three days transcended that. The Borderland showered Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood with a roar of affection that, even after a 21-year absence, was based on a simple knowing: You are family.

That means the audience, too, is the star, and the man of the hour gladly relinquished the reins to his verses as thousands of voices chimed in harmony and carried his songs to the rafters, especially in Sunday's final performance, when a weary man and his weary band needed a shot of adrenalin.



MARTY RACINE

The Chromatic Scale

I have seen thousands of concerts in my years, all the top faces in the biz, and I can say that perhaps only Bruce Springsteen forms a similar level of emotional bonding. It's something intuitive, a shared set of values.

You could feel this coming since the day the shows were announced, but it really resonated Friday afternoon, prior to the first show, when Brooks and Yearwood held a press conference in the Pan Am Annex. He was Every Man, she Every Woman. Jeans and tennis shoes, guys you might meet in line at the market.

The mayor presented the key

to the city. "Mi casa es su casa," he said, and presented a box of authentic Hatch chiles. The real thing.

Barbara Hubbard, affectionately known as Mother Hubbard, who took a flyer on Brooks when he was starting out and she was regularly booking the Pan Am as a major concert venue, brought a proclamation from the governor and then spoke bluntly. "God bless you, thanks so much for coming," she told the First Couple of country music.

The NMSU Board of Regents sent its greetings. There was a photo op, and for world travelers this was beginning to feel like

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Excerpts from press conference at Pan American Center Annex

Q: What's it like to sell out five shows in Las Cruces when you only did two shows last time?

A: Brooks: We couldn't believe it. We got the phone call that they were adding another show, and then another phone call. So they're showing up, and now it's our job. And if I do my job right I'm going to work you like a rented mule. I'm going to be working everybody in this building. You're going to want to get out by the time we're through. It's going to be so much fun, because once you start hearing them sing it turns from a concert into a party.

Q: How do you find the energy to put on five shows in three days?

A: Yearwood: For me it's a lot of caffeine. No, as they say, if you love what you do you never work a day in your life. It's the truth. If you go to bed tired at night, it's a good tired. And there's an energy that comes from the crowd, no matter what is going on. I have toured for 25 years, and I have never been on a tour like this, and I was wondering how I was going to do that. But you're filled up every time you walk out on the stage.

Brooks: In Philly a couple of days ago we did our 300th show on this tour. The band and the crew are exhausted. But it's funny, once the lights go down and the crowd goes up, we're like 5-year-old kids again. It's a beautiful thing.

Q: What are you expecting as you come here?

A: Brooks: I don't know. We didn't expect this, didn't expect people to turn up like this.

Yearwood: You go out there and you know you're going to do a certain group of songs, but that's the only thing that's really the same. And even those songs are different every night because of what happens in



The First Couple received a gift of Hatch chiles at their press conference.

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the crowd. It doesn't feel like a show that we're performing for you, it feels like it's an experience. Things happen every night, because we see the audience. When we're waving, we really see you. Things happen that are one-on-one, even in that crowd of people.

Brooks: Like she says, you have a skeleton of songs that you'd better get done. The rest of the night is up. What's cool is that you go, 'Oh, we're going *there* tonight, are we.' And you can see the whole band shift. Three or four cities ago I sent the set list out five minutes before show time. I had the first song on it, and the rest was blank. You talk about some puckering going on. You shake it up and keep these guys on their toes, but we've been touring together for so long, they kind of know by your body lan-

guage where the show is going.

Q: Do you feel a certain amount of responsibility toward your fans (regarding your songs)?

A: Yearwood: I feel an emotional connection because, in country music, my goodness, I feel we are accessible, and especially with social media now, you can have a conversation about what (songs) mean to (people).

Brooks: Talk about what you mean to people, there's a responsibility to that. I think it starts before you ever do this. You try to remember how you were raised by your parents. You're always representing God with every step you take. And there's gonna be more times than not that you're going to do a poor job of that. So you're always representing your team,

your colors. She's representing me, and I'm representing her, so hopefully if do that well you take care of the people that... the responsibility is there.

Q: What song do you enjoy performing the most?

A: Brooks: For me, it's "Calling Baton Rouge." Sorry, I know it's not the most popular one, but where it's placed in the show, what it does for the show, it takes it to a whole new level, and it's just pandemonium from there out. That's my favorite, and my favorite ballad will always be "The Dance." And then there's a song off "Man Against Machine" called "Mom," which tears me up, because I'm a mama's boy.

Yearwood: I've sung "She's in Love with the Boy" I don't know how many times now, and it never gets old. And we

have a really cool thing that we do during that song, a big audience participation thing, and that's always fun.

Brooks: For me, "Walkaway Joe" is my favorite Trisha Yearwood thing. Or she'll do "Bus to St. Cloud," and I just fall in love all over again.

Q: What's it like touring with your spouse?

A: Brooks: We came back from Lubbock, same routine, you get home, and there's one car. Get to drive home at one or two in the morning, hold hands, get there and we'll unpack the car in the morning, let's just get to sleep. And then there was something that happened this week that wasn't cool. On Tuesday I had to jump on a plane and go to Seattle. I had Amazon meetings. So I could fly home (to Oklahoma) last night, spend eight hours together at home and then come here, or we could just meet here. We decided to do that. Last night wasn't fun (without her). (When) you've got your best buddy you can just talk. You can say things because you're comfortable.

Yearwood: First of all, I got rid of the second car at the airport, so we'll ride home together. When Garth retired (in 2000) and went home to raise his girls and I moved to Oklahoma (2005), I didn't retire, but I cut my touring dates way down. But for the first time in my life it was really bittersweet for me because I'd pack my bags to go on the road, going to do really what I was born to do, and what I love doing, but I was leaving behind the person I wanted to be with. Now, when we're packing our bags to go on the road, we're going together, and it makes it a joy, because you're doing what you were born to do, with the person you think you were born to be with.

Welcome to Garth's World

By **RICHARD COLTHARP**
Las Cruces Bulletin

For the better part of five days, Las Cruces was Garth Brooks' world, and we were just living in it.

Everywhere you looked, you saw his impact, most obviously in traffic and road closures.

Everywhere you went, people were talking about Brooks and his wife, Trisha Yearwood.

"Are you going to see Garth Brooks?"

"Which show?"

"Oh, man, we saw him last night! It was incredible!"

It felt as if social media in Las Cruces were temporarily renamed FaceBrooks, as it was flooded with photos of Garth, Trisha and fans.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima presented them with a key to the city and, more important, some Hatch green chile.

Brooks coordinated and attended a Saturday camp for some young local athletes.

Hotels were packed. Restaurants were flooded. After the evening shows, long lines queued outside Whiskey Dick's and Boots and Bourbon, for folks who needed to exert their overflowing concert energy on a dance floor.

The concert energy was through the roof of the Pan American Center. It was a toss-up as to who had more energy:

Brooks or the audience.

Another person with boundless energy is Barbara Hubbard, identified by Brooks and hundreds of other performers as "Mother Hubbard." Hubbard was the original Pan Am events director in 1968 and over the years has developed real family ties with artists. Onstage, Brooks credited his return appearance in Las Cruces to Hubbard. Las Cruces should, in turn, credit Hubbard for the economic shot in the arm the concerts provided.

And while Hubbard got him here, he made it clear he was glad he came, and he shouldn't have waited 20 years between Las Cruces visits.

"Five seconds after coming on this stage, I knew I was doing this for me and for you," Brooks told the opening-night audience.

This was my third time to see Brooks, but the first time I had to pay.

I first saw Brooks in 1984 at Willie's Saloon in Stillwater, Oklahoma, where we both were students at Oklahoma State University. There were about six other customers that evening as Brooks, just him and his guitar, sang songs by James Taylor and Dan Fogelberg and a few of his originals. The music was definitely not country. It's certain Brooks made well less than \$75 that night, the price of one ticket for his



BULLETIN PHOTO BY TABATHA ROSSMAN

The light of the Pan Am bathed the singer in colors.

current tour.

In September 1989, I saw what may have been Brooks' last free performance. His debut album had come out a few months earlier, and by the time he hit the Sebastian County Fair in Fort Smith, Arkansas, it was rocking the country charts. Brooks rocked that rodeo arena and folks were climbing the rafters. The fair staff was not prepared to handle the size and excitement of that audience. They probably also regretted not charging for tickets.

The energy Brooks had that night as a 27-year-old was no more than he – amazingly – had here last weekend as a 55-year-old.

Brooks also retains the same amiability, the


same humility and the same generosity he had half a lifetime ago. His pleasure and surprise at the Las Cruces crowds, and the way they engaged in the concert, was genuine.

No way to predict when Brooks will do his next tour. No way to predict if Las Cruces will make the schedule. If I were to predict, though, he'll never forget the love that was shown to him and Trisha and their band this weekend.

As I write this, it's about 14 hours after the last concert ended. I bet if you were to walk by the Pan Am Center right now, you could still hear the echoes of the music and the cheers.

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The stage set was simple except for the drum riser affectionately referred to as “the cage.”

GARTH BROOKS

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home. “The reason we’re here is because we’ve been here before,” Brooks told the press corps. “And that’s the best reason to go anywhere.

“We came back because you guys sing. You guys are loud, you stay up way too late, that’s right down our alley. We’re here because of Mom (Hubbard). She employed us when nobody wanted us, so we’ve come back when, hopefully, things are going good for us, and we can share that with her and enjoy that.”

Yearwood, who wasn’t in the picture the last time Brooks played here, in 1996, was making her first Las Cruces concert appearance. “I feel like

I’ve been family with Mother Hubbard before I ever met her because of him,” she added, nodding to her husband. “She has treated me like she’s known me forever. I want to thank her for making me part of the family. I’m excited, I’m really excited to play here tonight.”

The town had already rolled out the red carpet. “The banners that got strung across the street (Triviz), the kids wearing the T-shirts with the ‘g’ and the ‘t-y’ on them, are very sweet,” Brooks said. “You roll into town seeing that...” pausing, as tears welled up ... “you don’t feel like a team that’s away. You feel like you’re playing a home game. That’s the greatest feeling you can give a traveler.”

Right then you knew that when evening fell this thing

was going to explode.

The home crowd opening night was combusive. It was also sophisticated, with a graciousness so reflective of the Borderland. Crowds can be brutal on opening acts, but these two openers, Mitch Rosell and Karyn Rochelle, each performed four songs, then basked in a glow they deserved but likely weren’t expecting.

Garth came on at 8:27, rocked and serenaded the house for close to an hour, then yielded to Yearwood on the 1997 duet, “In Another’s Eyes.” She took it from there for about 20 minutes before he returned. So, he opened for her, and then she opened for him. Perfect.

Sure, there was some concert shtick: Garth pitting sections of the crowd against each other on the applause-o-meter, back

and forth, with one side booing the other; Garth and Trisha smooching on the “kiss cam” during her hit, “She’s in Love with the Boy.”

But his command was exquisite, just brilliant. Brooks can sense a crowd’s temperature like a bloodhound, and if he hams it up while cranking the thermostat, it’s so genuinely heartfelt and he’s so dang likeable and everybody’s smiling and having such a wonderful time and swept up in the moment that there is no trace of artifice.

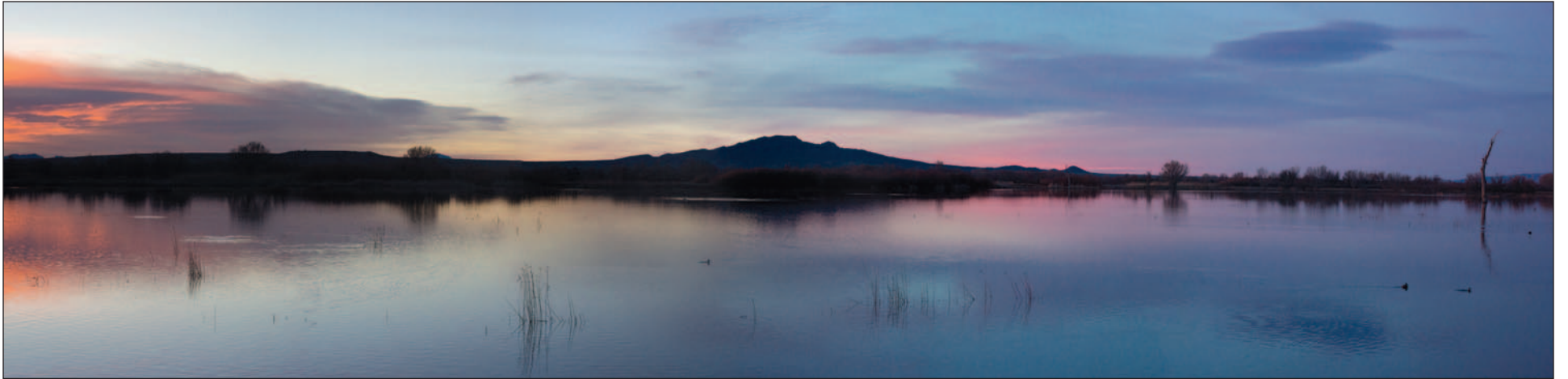
At points in the show, even the music receded and yielded to the clarity of this relationship, and a concert modulated into a revival meeting or family reunion.

But when the music needed to be here, as on Sunday night’s closer when a band had to call it up from deep down one final

time, this crackerjack outfit, a seamless blend of Yearwood’s and Brooks’ mates from way back, met the challenge.

The individual musicians freely roamed the circular stage, prancing in the spotlight as if the stars’ egos had no problem with that, while dealing glistening, ear-catching honky-tonk and power pop on staples such as “The Beaches of Cheyenne,” “Calling Baton Rouge,” “The Thunder Rolls,” “Two Piña Coladas,” “The Dance,” and, of course, “Friends in Low Places.”

The encore was largely a solo act, just a country boy and his acoustic Takamine guitar with the dreadnought-shaped sound hole, singing for his supper and saying goodbye until next time, with Mom looking on approvingly.



Dawn, Bosque del Apache, by John Gustinis

New Mexico's colors on display at Rio Grande

BULLETIN REPORT

The charming, whimsical and colorful show, "My New Mexico," is on display through April at the El Paso Electric Gallery in the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

"My New Mexico" features an assort-

ment of artists who have interpreted New Mexico as only they can.

The lively paintings of Margaret Bernstein are accompanied by the poetry of Rick Bernstein; Rebecca Courtney has described the clouds and skies in acrylic paintings; John Gustinis displays serene photography; Joan Jensen, author and

fabric artist, has created charming fabric snakes to delight all ages; and Abby Osborne uses fabric art quilts to interpret the colors and patterns of the Land of Enchantment.

The public is also invited to make a Wild and Crazy Snake on April 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Rio Grande Theatre.



Lunch, by Joan Jensen




Looking east at Elephant Butte, by Margaret Bernstein



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UU talks: Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive, hosts a series of talks in April. Info: 575-522-7281, www.uuchurchlc.org

- April 9: "A Look at the Inner Workings of Racism," by Dr. Chuck Campbell, with his visiting daughter-in-law Linda Seabrooks Campbell

- April 16: Social psychologist Jonathan Haidt tackles the term "microaggression" coined by Prof. Chester M. Pierce in 1970 to describe certain interactions between individuals where an often innocent action by one is taken as an insult by the other.

- April 23: Alicia Trujillo, the Program Committee Chair of the Southern New Mexico Money Smart Week program, will present a session on frauds, scams and how to avoid them.

Cuba Caravan: Rev. Thomas Smith from Pastors for Peace will speak at 7 p.m., Friday, April 21, at Holy Cross Retreat Center, 600 Holy Cross Road. For 25 years, Pastors for Peace has been taking U.S. citizens and aid to Cuba as a conscious act of civil disobedience. Smith will discuss the current state of US-Cuba relations. Free and open to the public.

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Marriage enrichment: Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral is hosting a Marriage Enrichment program to be held at 7-9:15 p.m., on Friday, April 21 and 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday, April 22. It is a Catholic-based program where married couples come together for the purpose of making happier marriages thus helping build stronger families and a healthier society. A donation of \$30 per couple will include all snacks & meals during the weekend. Info: Nancy Rivera 575-527-2808, dannyboy1010@mindspring.com

Cowboys for Christ: Non-denominational outreach organization seeks volunteers to coordinate Christian fellowship between individuals and groups to assist those in need. Info and requests: benzo@live.com.

Wellspring Religious Science Center: The "Early Birds" discussion group starts at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday followed by the service at 11 a.m.

Mission Lutheran Church: Learn more about being Lutheran in "Discover the Faith" class for adults. It meets at 10 a.m. Saturday at in Luther Hall, 2752 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Sunday worship begins with coffee and fellowship at 9 a.m., followed by Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 a.m. Sundays. Preschool through 5th grade offered at its accredited day school, 575-532-5489. For general info: 575-522-0465.

Campus Mass: 12:10 p.m. Tuesdays, 2615 S. Solano Drive. Newman Catholic students and St. Albert the Great Newman Center weekly Mass. Info: Mona Chip at

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Divorce support group: 1-2:30 p.m. Sundays through April 30, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. A support group for those working through or facing divorce. Childcare available on request. Info: 575-522-7119.

Men's prayer meeting: 7 a.m. Saturdays, 1605 S. Valley Drive. Saturday morning prayer meeting led by Manny Howie. Info: 575-523-1113.

Worship service: 10 a.m. every Sunday at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 2540 El Paseo Road, worship services followed by a light meal before Bible classes for all ages. Info: www.crossofchristlc.net, on the Facebook page or by calling 915-740-7714 or 575-649-5458.

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MMC Mass: Holy Mass held noon Wednesdays in the chapel of Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. Info: 575-636-3274.

Men's Fellowship: Christian Men's Fellowship, noon Tuesdays, IHOP, 2900 Del Rey Blvd. Open discussion. All men welcome. Info: 575-621-2350.

Shamanic Drumming: First Friday of the month from 1:30-3pm and the 3rd Friday of the month from 5-7pm. Next session is March 21. David M. Boje, Ph.D. (facilitator) Cell 575-936-9578; email david@davidboje.com. What to bring: pillow & blanket or mat to lie on, eye mask or scarf for meditating. Drum or rattle to use in drumming circle. Please bring a pen and notebook to record your intentions and journeys.

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Leaders in the agriculture and food industries have joined forces to develop a Resilience in New Mexico Agriculture strategic plan to help maintain a resilient food and agriculture system in New Mexico. The W.K. Kellogg Foundation and Thornburg Foundation have contributed grant dollars to New Mexico First and New Mexico State University's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to fund the multi-phased study.

COURTESY PHOTO



Ag, food leaders team up to develop long-term strategies

By JANE MOORMAN

For the Bulletin

Agriculture in New Mexico faces unprecedented challenges to the health of the industry.

An aging population of farmers and ranchers, increasing pressure on water and other natural resources, rising costs for land, energy, equipment and other production needs, unsustainable farmers' and ranchers' incomes, and complex regulations are some of the challenges the Resilience in New Mexico Agriculture project is contemplating.

New Mexico State University's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, the New Mexico Department of Agriculture and New Mexico First have joined forces to develop a strategic plan to help maintain a resilient New Mexico food and agricultural system.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation funded \$100,000 and the Thornburg Foundation, including contributions from the McCune Charitable Foundation, the New Mexico Department of Ag-

riculture, and the Santa Fe Community Foundation, provided a total of \$125,000 to NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service and New Mexico First to fund the multi-phased study.

"The Thornburg Foundation has recognized that the threats facing the economic, social and environmental resilience of agriculture in our state are large, complex and immediate," said Micaela Fischer, Thornburg Foundation policy officer for food and agriculture. "They are also likely too far-reaching for any group, business or government agency to handle independently."

Many of these threats, such as uncertain water and natural resource availability and low producer income, are not unique to New Mexico, and other states have bolstered their agricultural sector through common plans of action.

"We have entered the second phase of the study," said project coordinator Michael Patrick, NMSU Extension economic development specialist. "We are creating a strategic plan for New Mexico to develop a more resilient agricultural system."

After a regional listening session during the first phase of the project in 2015, NMSU and New Mexico First have compiled key facts and data on the state's agricultural industry.

"Because New Mexico is so diverse in terms of its geography, culture and different agriculture practices, we really needed to listen to folks involved in agriculture across the state to really identify what are the real challenges that resonate with the different industries within agriculture and food production," said Jon Boren, NMSU College of ACES associate dean and CES director. Boren expressed his thanks to the greater New Mexico agricultural community for all the help that was provided during this process.

Boren said a 35- to 40-member task force working on the strategic plan.

"The task force membership includes a wide array of different elements of the agriculture and food industries," said Heather Balas, New Mexico First's president and executive director. "They are working together to develop a platform of recommendations for both public sector and private sector

leaders to strengthen agriculture to be sure we have a vibrant industry into the future."

The task force is focusing on four areas: agriculture economic viability, next generation of farmers and ranchers, supply chain expansion and land and water issues.

NMSU and New Mexico First will provide a detailed action plan that gives enough guidance for others to take action. The plan will also provide steps by which the high-level recommendations can be achieved.

A legislative memorial requesting endorsement and support for the Resilience in New Mexico Agriculture Task Force, sponsored by Rep. George Dodge Jr., D-District 63 – Curry, DeBaca, Guadalupe, Roosevelt and San Miguel counties, was approved by both houses during the 2017 legislative session.

House Memorial 27 is requesting a progress report of the strategic plan goals to the legislative finance committee and appropriate interim committees studying economic development, and water and natural resources issues by Oct. 1.

The Toast

It gives me great pleasure to stand here today
To heap limelight on one in our midst
Who has mastered the art of vulgar display
Yet, when asked to desist it...he didst



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There are those among us who are
more qualified

To enouch in a language precise
The discrepant reasons of why you
abide

With us always, like typhus or
lice

Why I have been chosen, I cannot
explain

I've no keen repartee to impart
But I'm honored, so, though my words may seem
plain

Be assured that they come from the heart

You mare ridin', mouth breathin', egg suckin'
skunk

Yer the kind who drowns kittens for fun
You hat stealin', hole peepin', pencil neck punk
Yer the blister on everyone's bun

You dog kickin', mule whippin', carp eatin' crud
Yer a bagful of grizzly bear bait
You never sweat, no workin', blank shootin' dud
Yer the reason for bicarbonate

You scrofulous, wool slippin', miscreant scum
Yer the grease off a Hell's Angels' comb
You bilgewater, bog drinkin', boot lickin' bum
Yer a bucket of thundering foam

To sum up yer good points could be quite a chore
There's so many that it's hard to say
You're either au jus off a dog kennel floor
Or the nit in a wino's toupee

Regardless, we love ya. I don't like to boast
But our standards are really quite high
And though you seem lacking, I'll offer a toast
'Cause the truth is, yer our kinda guy!

2017 Earth Day Week packed with events

By **SUZANNE MICHAELS**
For the Bulletin

Hold onto your hats!
This year the city, county,
New Mexico State Uni-
versity (NMSU) and
nonprofit groups have
planned an entire week,
Monday, April 17, to Sat-
urday, April 22, of events
promoting environmental
awareness and sharing
Earth-friendly informa-
tion.

Keep Doña Ana County
Beautiful (KDACB) intro-
duces "Las Cruces Chats"
If you are familiar with
Ted Talks, you already
get the idea for Las Cru-
ces Chats.

"It's about sharing
more information with
our community and car-
ing for our planet," said
Irene Holguin, KDACB
Coordinator. "We've cre-
ated Las Cruces Chats
and other activities dur-
ing this Earth Day Week
to let residents know how
they can positively affect
our environment."

Below is the week's
schedule; all events to
be held at the Doña Ana
County Government Cen-
ter, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Re-

freshments will be served
at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday
through Thursday.



Tuesday, April 18

• 6 p.m., "Easy tips to be
green in Las Cruces," by
Dr. Joni Newcomer, NMSU
Sustainability Manager

"I want to make it
easier for everyone to
take care of our planet!"
newcomer said. "We are
all connected; it's impor-
tant to share information
about aspects of sustain-
ability that residents
may not typically think
about."

• 6:30 p.m., "What is as-
pirational recycling?" by

Tarkeysha Burton, South
Central Solid Waste Au-
thority

• 7 p.m., "Can your food
choices save the planet?"
by Marianne McLaugh-
lin, Natural Grocers

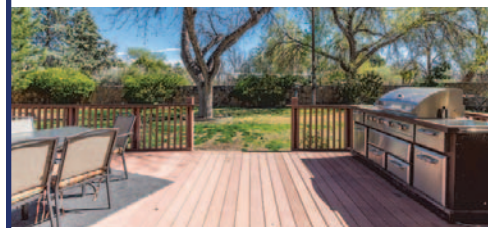
Wednesday, April 19

• 6 p.m., "Climate

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New NMSU scholarship helps veterans transition to civilian life

By **CASSIE McCLURE**
For the Bulletin

A basic military tenet is to leave no one behind. Now, a group of Raytheon employees has come together and established a new scholarship at New Mexico State University to make sure that the final educational mission for student veterans comes to fruition.

The RAYVETS Degree Completion Current Use Scholarship at NMSU helps student veterans who have exhausted their GI Bill benefits if their bachelor's or graduate degree is at risk due to their inability to fund their remaining classes.

"What the RAYVETS scholarship means to our student veterans is the ability to complete their educational dreams," said Hector Sanchez, director of Military and Veterans Programs at NMSU. "It bridges the financial gap to allow veterans that have no means to pay for their remaining education a way to complete their academic degrees and transition to civilian life."

Leading the charge is

Colby Richardson, a facilities manager who founded and organizes the RAYVETS group at the White Sands Raytheon Company location.

Richardson has spent 12 years in the Army, and during seven years of active duty, he deployed three times to Iraq. Currently an officer in the Army Reserve, Richardson founded RAYVETS/White Sands in 2015. His goal for the group was to support an initiative for local veterans that has an immediate and direct impact. He reached out to NMSU and found that there were student veterans transitioning into civilian life who were at risk of not achieving their degrees because their educational benefits were depleted.

"If we don't help these student veterans in their final year or final semester, they may have to take out student loans, and many are already maxed out on those," Richardson said. "Many of them are already working full-time and have families.

"This is a dire need for these veterans, and by donating to RAYVETS,



NMSU PHOTO BY AMANDA BRADFORD

April Montoya, a nursing student and Air Force veteran, is one of the first recipients of the RAYVETS Degree Completion Current Use Scholarship at New Mexico State University.

you're directly impacting someone you might see at the supermarket tomorrow," he continued.

This new scholarship has already made a significant difference in the lives

of recipients. April Montoya, an Air Force veteran and Air Force wife, explained that her RAYVETS scholarship will help ease her stress in her final year of nursing school.

"It brought tears to my eyes, because help with tuition means I have money to buy gas to get to clinicals, or to buy uniforms or medical scissors," Montoya said. "It has a domino effect, so that I don't have to take money from my family – and with two teens and an 8-year-old, life is already pricey."

Montoya, a full-time student, had debated stepping out of school and working to raise the tuition for her last year. Thanks to the RAYVETS scholarship, she can push straight through

to completion.

"Not one penny will go to waste and not one penny is unappreciated," Montoya said.

Montoya aims to be a certified diabetes educator, working here in Las Cruces to prevent and combat the disease.

What makes the RAYVETS scholarship even more special to Montoya is knowing that veterans just like her are contributing to her success.

Our nation's military members risk their lives, sometimes paying the ultimate price. For many, a gift toward their education is a way to repay them for their service – and even help their families. For more information on how you can help NMSU

student veterans who are close to finishing their degrees but have run out of educational benefits, please contact the NMSU Foundation at 575-646-1613 or visit <https://advancing.nmsu.edu/givenow> and search "RAYVETS."

To apply for the scholarship – and all NMSU scholarships – through the Scholar Dollar\$ program, visit <https://scholarships.nmsu.edu>. For more information about NMSU Military and Veterans Programs, visit <https://mvp.nmsu.edu>.

Cassie McClure is a Senior Development Officer at New Mexico State University and may be reached at 575-646-1935 or cmclure@nmsu.edu.

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Transform Easter leftovers into great dishes



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Chile Knights

Easter dinners often feature a hefty ham as the main entrée. Leftovers are a sure bet. Rather than freezing (and perhaps forgetting) the salty morsels in the fridge, concoct dishes that can be eaten the same day or frozen for later use.

The Ultimate Fork and Knife Sandwich (Serves 4)

These sandwiches may take a bit of time to prepare but the outcome is well worth every bite. Key is the gooey-good green chile cream sauce.

For the green chile cream sauce:

1 tablespoon butter
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tablespoon flour
2 hot green chiles, peeled, roasted, seeded, and chopped
¾ cup milk (2 percent is okay)
Salt
Pepper
¼ cup grated Monterey Jack cheese

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Over medium-low heat melt the butter and add the garlic. Stir until butter begins to bubble. Stir in flour and cook for 1-2 minutes.

Stream in milk and whisk until smooth. Add the chiles and bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer for 3 to 4 minutes, until thickened. Add Monterey Jack and whisk until melted. Remove from heat and add salt and pepper to taste.

Lightly toast bread slices directly on the oven racks for about 2 minutes. (Do not allow to brown)

For the sandwiches

6-8 slices of bread (consider sourdough or sweet bread)
Deli sliced ham
3-4 slices of favorite cheese

¼ cup chopped roasted green chiles
¼ cup grated Monterey Jack cheese

Place a rack over a baking sheet.

To build the sandwiches, lay half the slices of bread on the rack and top each with sliced ham.

Spoon cream sauce over the ham. Top with sliced cheese, remaining chiles, and the other slices of bread.

Spoon the remaining cream sauce over the tops of the sandwich, cover with the remaining grated cheese.

Bake in the oven for 5 minutes and then switch the broiler on for 1-2 minutes, until cheese is bubbly and browning. Serve with a knife and fork

Ham and Pepper Cornbread (Serves 8)

This recipe serves 8 but its addictive qualities just might reduce it to 4!

1 cup masa harina (used to make corn tortillas)
1 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoon granulated sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 1/2 cups fresh corn kernels (from corn cobs) Save \$
1 cup milk
3 eggs
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
8 oz ham, diced
1 (4 ounce) can green chile peppers, finely chopped
4 tablespoons butter

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

In a large bowl, mix the 2 flours with the sugar, baking powder, salt, and baking soda.

Blend the fresh corn with the milk, eggs, and vegetable oil in a blender or food processor. Pour the liquids into the container with the dry ingredients. Stir with a wooden spoon until all the flour has been incorporated. Fold in the ham and green chile peppers.

Put the 2 tablespoons of butter in a round, 9-inch baking pan

and bake for about 5 minutes or until the butter has melted completely. Carefully remove the pan from the oven and pour the cornbread batter over the melted butter. It's important not to mix the batter with the melted butter. Bake for 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center of the bread comes out clean. Remove from oven. Spread remaining butter over the top of the bread. Serve and enjoy!

Jalapeno and Ham Quiche (Serves 6)

1 (9 inch) unbaked deep dish pie crust
1 ½ cups diced cooked ham
4-5 small to medium size fresh jalapenos, stemmed, seeded and diced
2 cups grated Mexican cheese blend
1 (5-ounce) can evaporated milk
½ cup milk
3 eggs, beaten
¼ teaspoon garlic powder
Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Spread ham and jalapenos into bottom of unbaked pie crust. Spread grated cheese evenly over top. Combine milks and eggs to a small bowl. Whisk together well. Stir in salt, pepper and garlic powder. Pour over cheese and ham. Bake for 50 minutes. Cover crust edges with foil if they brown too quickly before the quiche has cooked completely. Remove from oven and allow to sit for 10-12 minutes before slicing. Serve with dollops of sour cream and/or Greek yogurt. Sprinkle with diced green onion and serve.



DOWNTOWN CHURCH-WATER Two-way Conversion Open House

There is a lot of progress going on in Downtown Las Cruces. The City of Las Cruces is investing in the conversion of Church and Water Streets back to two-way traffic. The city is holding a public open house for those interested in learning more about the Downtown project. We welcome you to join us on

TUESDAY, APRIL 18
5:30-7 p.m.
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411 N. Main St.

We will share information and have staff available for questions and comments. We hope you will join us as your schedule allows so we can tell you what is new and exciting about our Downtown!

For more information contact: Andy Hume Las Cruces Downtown Coordinator, 575/528-3048 or email ahume@las-cruces.org. The TTY number is 541-2182. People needing special accommodations should contact the city 48 hours in advance at 575/528-3048/v or 575/541-2182/TTY.



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Change,” with Dr. Dave Dubois, New Mexico Climatologist

• 6:45 p.m., “What you need to know about solar energy,” by SunPower by Positive Energy Solar
SunPower by Positive Energy Solar

Thursday, April 20

• 6 p.m., “Think Local First,” with Carrie Hamblen, President/CEO of Green Chamber of Commerce

• 6:45 p.m., “Food Waste,” with Clair Campos and Spenser Lopez, Mountain View Co-op

Friday, April 21, Earth Day Week Festival

• 8 a.m., tree planting
• 9 a.m.-2 p.m.: Vendors offer Earth-friendly information and goodies,



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The Recycle Fashion Show will be part of the Earth Day Fair events from noon to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 22 at the Plaza de Las Cruces.

including a door prize of an energy-efficient dishwasher donated by Mesilla Valley Transportation

Saturday, April 22, Earth Day Fair

• 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Plaza de Las Cruces on Main Street, City’s first Zero Waste event

“Expect lots of entertainment, dancing and drumming, food vendors, and the fabulously popular Reuse and Recycle Fashion Show. This is the birthday celebration for the planet!” said City of

Las Cruces Sustainability Officer Lisa LaRocque.

“There will be 30 or more booths – look for green businesses, eco arts and food! Food vendors will all be using compostable plates and dishes. There will be special stations with recycling, glass and compost bins for people to put their discards into a recycled purpose. Food scraps will go to NMSU farms with specially



NMSU Sustainability Manager Dr. Joni Newcomer will be a speaker at the first “Las Cruces Chats” on Tuesday, April 18, at DAC Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

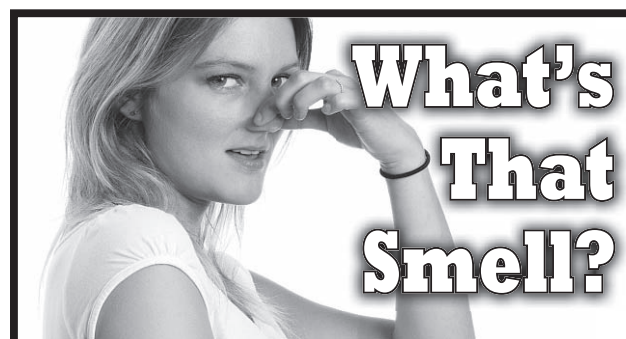
designed composters to turn waste food into soil within one year.”

An NMSU group is marching from the campus to the Earth Day Fair in a “March for Science,” bringing speakers for workshops around the downtown area, with plenty of kid-friendly events and opportunities.

The year Earth Day Week is a huge collaboration of multiple entities in and around Las Cru-

ces who are committed to reducing our human impact on the planet, and creating a sustainable future for all of us.

Green Connections is submitted by the South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA) managing recyclables, trash, and fighting illegal dumping throughout the City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County. Reach the SCSWA at 575-528-3500 or visit www.SCSWA.net.



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Spring ritual supports state's conservation

By **CLIFF SCHLEUSNER**
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Spring is the most wonderful time of the year in New Mexico. The woods are alive with sights and sounds, none greater than the courtship display of wild turkeys. New Mexico is graced with three of the six subspecies of the wily bird — Rio Grande, Merriam's, Gould's — from Raton to Rodeo. More than 14,000 hunters will go afield before the turkey hunting season is over in May to try and fool a strutting tom into shotgun or bow range.

There was a time that wild turkey faced extirpation from unregulated market-commodity harvest and ruined habitats. The woods were hushed in April.

The tide turned 80 years ago with the passage of the Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937, commonly called the Pittman-Robertson Act named for the authors of the federal legislation.

The Wildlife Restoration Act was supported by organized sportsmen and women, state fish and game agencies and industry to tax firearms and ammunition with the protected proceeds going specifically to wildlife conservation.

The state agencies have for 80 years been assured of a reliable steady stream of funding based on license sales and

purchase of hunting gear. It's no coincidence that the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish began trapping and relocating wild turkey two years into the new law, in 1939, to ensure the expanding population was comprised of genetically robust animals.

In 1940, the agency bought a reach of the Rio Cebolla in the Jemez Mountains for waterfowl conservation, today's Fenton Lake State Park. That was followed on by the purchase of an eight-mile reach of the Cimarron River and adjacent uplands, and many other wildlife management areas across the state including large tracts of short-grass prairie, prime lesser prairie-chicken habitats. The law funded scientific wildlife research, habitat management and restocking of wildlife. The agency was the first in the country to capture and relocate pronghorn at a time when the population was an anemic 2,400 animals. All this was facilitated by a tax on sporting arms.

In 1950, the Sport Fish Restoration Act was added to the mix to do for fish what the former law did for wildlife. In eight decades time, \$19 billion has been returned to the states for conservation. This year, \$21.5 million is available to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish for conservation work, paid for by hunters and anglers.



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Cliff Schleusner, chief of the USFWS Southwest Region Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program, holds a Merriam's turkey while his dad Cliff Sr. looks on in the Gila National Forest.

When you buy that new turkey gun, arrows or a new bow, a box of shotgun shells or fishing tackle you should know that you are making an investment in conservation's cycle of success. As much as 11 percent of your

purchase will be divvied to the state fish and game agencies and returned to you in the form of science-based wildlife and fisheries conservation; you'll help pay the salary of a game warden; you will buy fuel for aircraft that carries wildlife biologists who conduct aerial big game or waterfowl surveys to inform future decisions. Your money will feed Rio Grande cutthroat trout destined to be restored to a high mountain stream.

In New Mexico, more than 200,000 people annually buy hunting and fishing licenses. This supports over 7,900 jobs contributing more than \$800,000,000 in spending and labor while putting another \$106,500,000 back into the public coffers as income and sales tax revenue.

But the greatest dividends have immeasurable value: the splendor of watching the first light of day awaken the woods; the sound of a talking tom turkey fills the air from the ridge above me while I sit next to those who I love the most.

Cliff Schleusner is the Chief of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Southwest Region's Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program. He oversees the program in Arizona, Oklahoma, and Texas and in New Mexico where he lives. Visit www.fws.gov/southwest

HEALTH BRIEFS

Local rehab hospital recognized

For 11 consecutive years, Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico has been ranked in the top 10 percent of inpatient rehabilitation facilities nationwide for providing care that is patient-centered, effective, efficient and timely. The hospital was ranked from among 781 inpatient rehabilitation facilities nationwide by the Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation (UDSMR). Rehabilitation Hospital

of Southern New Mexico provides specialized rehabilitative services to patients who are recovering from disabilities caused by injuries, illnesses, or chronic medical conditions. This includes strokes, brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, and amputations, along with illnesses such as ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease. For information, visit RHSNM.ernesthealth.com.

DACC proposed program honored

A new DACC certificate program currently working its way through curricu-

lum approval process has been awarded as one of the most innovative community college health certificate programs in the nation.

The League for Innovation in the Community College honored the Doña Ana Community College (DACC) Community Health Worker Certificate planning template with the prestigious Riegleman Award for Excellence in Public Health and Health Navigation Education in community colleges.

The 16-credit program prepares individuals to provide necessary health information in their local communities.

The certificate improves the work force through the Community Health Workers Act which recognizes the experience and contributions of Community Health Workers for their longtime commitment to border and tribal regions of New Mexico. The certificate is oriented to either employment or progress to the Associate of Public Health.

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When you mark your first and sixth birthdays at the same time there are lots of reasons to celebrate. For starters, the Children's Reading Alliance became an independent 501 (c)3 one year ago. This reality was the dream of a grassroots citizen initiative just six years ago. We started with a vision and the slogan "Read with a Child Every Day." In the beginning, we were warned that the life expectancy of a new nonprofit like ours was four years.

In our first six years, we have brought children's books to thousands of families. From the original six members, our base has grown to include a cadre of more than 50 volunteers and more than 20 educational organizations and local business partners.

Our vision has grown into five vibrant programs.

- First Teacher/Primer Maestro serves families of children between the ages of 3 and 5 by empowering parents with information and materials that



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will help prepare their children to succeed in school.

- Book Buddies/ Books for You distributes children's literature and provides story-time opportunities

during the summer when struggling readers are most vulnerable to suffer "Summer Slide", a loss of academic gains made during the school year.

- Reading Buddies are volunteers who mentor struggling beginning readers with regularly scheduled one-on-one reading sessions at school.

- Dolly Parton Imagination Library mails books every month to the homes of children from birth until 5 years old.

- Babies and Books partners with maternity caregivers to educate new moms that it is never too early to start a read-aloud habit with your baby.

We celebrate our successes as we face an enormous challenge. Las Cruces Public Schools has asked us to provide 8,800 books to children attending K3+ classes (summer school) this summer. In the past, we have employed resources from the US Congress through their Innovations in Literacy grants. This year, that option is not available to us and we face a \$30,000 shortfall in our summer book programs.

There are many reasons why a summer reading program must exist and thrive.

Reading skill losses during the summer are cumulative, creating a wider gap between more

and less proficient readers. By the time a struggling reader reaches middle school, summer reading loss accounts for a two-year lag in achievement. Children who don't read on grade level by third grade are less likely to graduate from high school.

Summer Slide is responsible for as much as 85 percent of the reading gap between lower income students and their middle-income peers. Teachers typically spend 4 to 6 weeks re-teaching material children have forgotten over the summer.

Reading during the summer is the change agent. Regardless of ethnicity, socioeconomic level, or previous achievement, children who read four or more books over the summer do better on reading comprehension tests in the fall than their peers who read one or no books during the summer.

Data shows that reading as a leisure activity is the best predictor of

comprehension, vocabulary and reading speed.

Together we can make this happen. Already, El Paso Electric and the Las Cruces Bulletin have come forward. Today, I am appealing to you to join our alliance, become a contributing member, and a champion of kids in your neighborhood.

This is your Invitation to a virtual birthday party. A celebration with eyes on the future, a lick and a prayer for the day when our children don't rank last in childhood well-being or achievement; a time when businesses locate here because of our well-educated workforce. Join us in giving the gift of books that children actually read. Books that children select for themselves are loved and become the core of a child's home library. Our goal is to distribute 8,800 books this summer.

The average retail price for a new children's book is \$7. Because CRA is a non-

profit, our cost for good quality children's literature is \$5 or less. A \$20 donation buys at least four books. Every \$100 donated will purchase a minimum of 25 books.

Join our Alliance for children's literacy today with the gift of reading for a child near you. Go to our website childrensreadingalliance.org to contribute online or mail a check to Children's Reading Alliance, 3880 Foothills Road, Suite A, Las Cruces 88011. To find out how your organization/business can become a proud supporter, please call us at 575-522-3713. All money raised will be spent on books and delivered by volunteers.

Rorie Measure is the president of Children's Reading Alliance, a grassroots citizen-led initiative to encourage family literacy throughout Doña Ana County. Rorie is a reader, writer, teacher, reading specialist and literacy trainer. She can be reached at rmeasure@gmail.com.

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HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Health fair: NM Office of Border Health and New Mexico Women, Infants and Children (WIC) hosts the 4th Annual Spring Into Good Health event, 1-4 p.m. Friday, April 7, at Las Cruces Central Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive. Community health and resources fair. Free, open to the public. Info: Gilbert Padilla, 575-528-5111.

CPR training: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, April 21. DACC Workforce Center, room 121, 2345 E. Nevada. Learn when CPR is needed, how to give CPR to an adult, child, and infant, and how to use an AED. CPR con-

sists of pushing on the chest (compressions) and giving breaths. First Aid is the immediate care that you give someone with an illness or injury before someone with more advanced training arrives and takes over. A two-year certification from the American Heart Association will be awarded for the course. \$50 fee. For questions or more information, contact us at 575-527-7776 or ctp@nmsu.edu.

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.

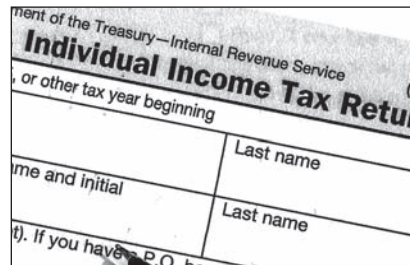
As Tax Day approaches, get a Social Security statement online

By RAY VIGIL

Special to the Bulletin

Social Security is with you through life's journey, putting you in control of your finances and future, and getting a replacement Social Security Benefit Statement is easier than ever before. Now you can instantly print or save a replacement statement any time you want.

The Benefit Statement, also known as the SSA-1099 or the SSA-1042S, is a tax form Social Security mails each year in January to people who receive Social Security benefits. It shows the total amount of benefits you received from Social Security in the previous year so you know how much Social Security income to report to the IRS on



your tax return.

An SSA-1042S is for a noncitizen who lives outside the United States and received or repaid Social Security benefits last year.

If you currently live in the United States and you need a replacement form SSA-1099 or SSA-1042S, simply go online and get an instant, printable replacement form with a my Social Security account at www.socialsecurity.gov.

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If you already have a my Social Security account, you can access your online account to view and print your SSA-1099 or SSA-1042S. If you don't have a my Social Security account, creating a secure account is very easy to do and usually takes less than 15 minutes.

Keep in mind, your Social Security benefits may be taxable. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/taxes.html if you have other substantial income.

Securing today and tomorrow doesn't have to be difficult, and Social Security continues to improve our customer service with easy-to-use online features. Find out more about what you can do online at www.socialsecurity.gov.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Advance directive planning: Presentation on navigating advance directive decisions will be held from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at the Hallmark Building at Village at Northrise, 2882 N. Roadrunner Pkwy. The presenter is Ambercare Community Liaison Julie Stanton, BCH. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP/Info: Debra Beltran, 575-556-8574

Senior Circle events: All events held at MountainView Regional Medical Center's Senior Circle, 3948 E. Lohman Ave. Info: www.senior-circle.com

- 12-1 p.m., April 25, Gastroesophageal reflux talk

- 12-1 p.m., April 28, Health care for baby boomers talk

Community workshop: 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, AARP and the Community Development Office of Las Cruces will be hosting a workshop on Age Friendly and Livable Communities at City Hall, Room 2007 B&C, 700 N. Main St. AARP will have National and State representatives to discuss the 8 Domains of Age Friendly and Livable Communities. Both the City and County will present their plans for Livable Communities.

Shred-Fest: 10 a.m.-noon, on Saturday, April 29, at the 571 Walton Blvd. WalMart parking lot, AARP will be hosting "Operation: Stop Scams," a Shred-Fest event. Bring up to 50lbs of material to shred at no cost.

'Blast from the Past': 2-3 p.m. Fridays, MountainView Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Take a walk down memory lane with discussions about the movies, music, television and stars of the 1950s and 60s. Info: 575-522-0503.

How to stay young in retirement

By ANN VANDERSLICE

Special to the Bulletin

For many people retirement planning remains fixated on finances, so when the big day arrives they're not quite ready to segue into life's new chapter.

After you've planned for the money, there is still anxiety about retirement. You don't know what it's like to not work and so there is that emotional part of retirement you need to manage. Sometimes people aren't ready in any way, shape or form.

A few tips to hang onto a youthful exuberance while aging gracefully in retirement include:

- Be a lifelong learner. An effort to learn about new things keeps brains young. Read something you wouldn't normally read. Sit in on a lecture that a college opens to the public.

- See the world – or at least some of it. There is no doubt plenty you haven't seen — some places close by and others far away. Traveling and enjoying new experiences is a great way to keep you feeling young and enthusiastic about life. You might be able to find bargains, and because you're retired you can travel any time you want, which allows you to go in the off season when prices are lower.

- Remember your doctor's advice. Activities such as enrolling in a college class can help keep you mentally young, but you want your body to cooperate, too. Exercise, eat a healthy diet, get the appropriate

amount of sleep.

Ann Vanderslice is president and CEO of Retirement Planning Strategies, which helps federal employees navigate retirement. Learn more at www.annvanderslice.com.

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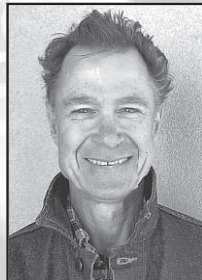
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ANSWER: Smiles – because there's a "mile" between the first and last letters.



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Philanthropy: giving of time, talent or treasure
Knowing how to spend, invest and save your money carefully also includes donating your time and treasure to make your community a better place. This is called philanthropy.

Kids Collecting Clothing Saves Lives

CALIFORNIA – For some families, Sundays are spent collecting, washing and packing clothes; clothes that can save lives.

They do this because of two young sisters in San Ramon, California.

Naveli and Nitya Garg came up with an idea of how to help people facing dire poverty around the world.

When she was six years old, Naveli asked her mom, "Santa gives us so much, what does he want in return?"

Her mom replied, "He wants you to help the poor."

Naveli and her sister started a club called **Charity Dresses** to collect clothing and give it to

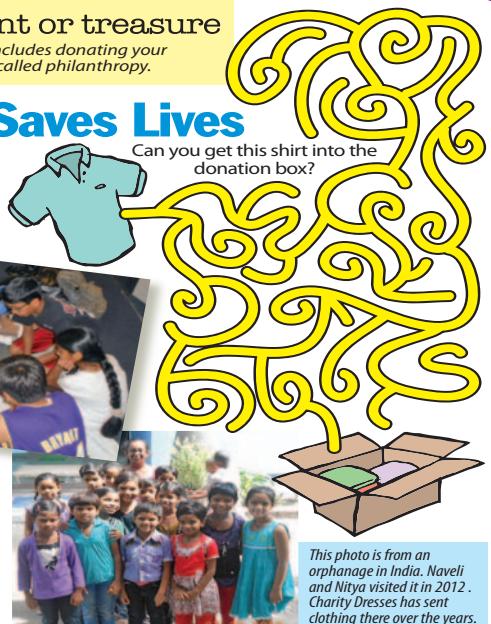
poor people around the world.

"I have seen some of the poor people in India. It is a miserable state, sometimes with no clothes. They are freezing cold," explains Naveli Garg.

It takes a lot of friends to make Charity Dress work.

More Kids, More Clubs, More Help

Since the Garg sisters started their first Charity Dresses club, another eight clubs have been started. If you would like to start a club in your community, learn how at www.charitydress.com



This photo is from an orphanage in India. Naveli and Nitya visited it in 2012. Charity Dresses has sent clothing there over the years.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Missing Vowels

The vowels are missing from this famous quote about kindness. Can you replace them all?

A = ☺ E = ☆ I = ⚙ O = ♥ U = ☾

"H _ m _ n _ k _ n _ d _ n _ s _ s _ h _ s _ n _ v _ r _ w _ k _ n _ d
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t _ o _ b _ e _ c _ o _ m _ e _ t _ o _ b _ e _ t _ t _ e _ r _ ."

—Franklin D. Roosevelt
32nd President of the United States

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

COMMUNITY
TREASURE
DONATING
CHARITY
INVEST
TALENT
SISTER
BETTER
STATES
RHODE
TIME
SOLE
HELP
CLUB
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Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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

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

Extra! Extra! Solution Finder

Look through your newspaper and identify a problem being reported. Does the article also report on how people are working to solve the problem? Make a T Chart to show a community problem on the left and a solution on the right. An example:

PROBLEM	SOLUTIONS
Church needs a new roof	bake sale pasta dinner and dance Saturday carnival



Nicholas Lowinger

The Joy of Shoes

RHODE ISLAND – When Nicolas Lowinger was five years old, he got a new pair of light-up sneakers. Boy, was he happy!

Then his mom took him to volunteer at a local homeless shelter and he saw children with shoes that were falling apart. Some kids didn't have shoes at all.

When he was twelve, Nicholas started a non-profit called **Gotta Have Sole**. His organization collects shoes and money to buy shoes.

So far, he has donated more than 56,300 shoes to kids!



Photos courtesy Gotta Have Sole Foundation



Sneaker Search

Match each pair of shoes. Can you find the single shoe that has no match?

There are now 15 Gotta Have Sole clubs in seven states. To learn more go to www.gottahavesole.org

Kid Scoop SCOOP THE NEWS GAME

Read an article on this page. Then answer the questions below!

Who is this article about?

What is this article about?

When did this happen?

Where did it happen?

Why did they do it?

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Kids Can Make a Difference!

Look through the newspaper and identify a problem in your community. With your friends, brainstorm ways you could help solve this problem. Create a plan and see what you can do!

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

Write On!

Receive or Give?

Some say it is better to give than receive. Do you agree? Why or why not?

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NMSU men's basketball coach accepts UNM post

BULLETIN REPORT

Tuesday morning, April 11, the home page of the University of New Mexico athletics department had a giant graphic announcing: "Join us in welcoming Paul Weir, head coach, New Mexico men's basketball."

Someone even found a photo of Weir wearing a Lobo red tie to accompany the graphic.

UNM hired Weir after he had just finished a successful first season as head coach at New Mexico State University, leading the Aggies to the Western Athletic Conference championship, an NCAA tournament appearance and a team-record 28 victories. Weir previously served as associate head coach at NMSU under Marvin Menzies and had been with the Aggies since 2007.

Weir, a Canadian, is largely credited for recruiting several outstanding players from Canada to NMSU.

Many of the details of the hiring were unavailable at press time, but portions of a UNM press release follow:

Vice President for UNM Athletics Paul Krebs has announced Paul Weir has been named as the new head men's basketball coach at UNM.

The hire is pending human resources approval and associated paperwork.

"I'm very excited to name Paul Weir as our 21st head men's basketball coach," said Krebs. "In conducting this search, his was a name that was on our radar from the beginning. I was able to see many of their games this season, and Paul is a bright young mind in the game. His teams play with tremendous passion and energy. They are tenacious defensively and on the glass and his student-athletes have been great citizens and representatives. I have no doubt that those qualities will translate to our program and will resonate with our fan base.

"The fact that Paul has been in New Mexico for the past 11 years gives him an incredible knowledge of our state and the significance of Lobo Basketball throughout our state. We welcome his lovely wife Alma, a New Mexico native, and his son,



BULLETIN PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE

Paul Weir, shown here coaching the New Mexico State University Aggies during the 2016-17 season, has been hired as the new men's basketball coach at the University of New Mexico.

Theodore, to the Lobo Family."

Weir becomes the first basketball coach to serve as the head man for both of New Mexico's Division I institutions. Named as the head coach of the Aggies in April 2016, Weir led New Mexico State to unprecedented success in his lone season. The Aggies went 28-6 overall and 11-3 in the Western Athletic Conference. The Aggies defeated Cal State Bakersfield to win the WAC Tournament championship and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

The Aggies under Weir earned a 14-seed and took on Baylor in the opening round. The Aggies gave Baylor fits, leading at the half 40-38 before the Bears pulled away in the second half. Under Weir, NMSU featured an exciting defense that limited foes to just .294 from the three-point line, fifth-best nationally. The Aggies also ranked in the top

35 nationally in rebound margin (19th), scoring margin (19th), free throws (21st), rebounds per game (25th), offensive rebounds per game (27th) and free throw attempts (28th). NMSU also ranked fifth nationally in block percentage.

Weir's 28 wins in 2016-17 were the most in Division I for first-year head coaches. Among those 28 wins was a school-record 20-game winning streak.

Weir came to NM State in 2007 after two seasons as the director of basketball operations at Iowa, where he served under former Lobo head coach Steve Alford. In 2005-06, his first season at Iowa City, the Hawkeyes won 25 games on their way to a Big Ten Tournament Championship.

He got his start in collegiate basketball as an assistant for Mike McConathy at Northwestern State (La.) in 2004-05. The Demons went 21-12 and won the South-

land Conference regular-season title.

Weir served as the head coach at Don Bosco Catholic High School in Toronto, Canada, posting a 41-32 record before entering the collegiate ranks.

Weir was an outstanding player as well, gaining regional and city all-star honors as a point guard and team captain at Iona Catholic Secondary School before going on to play at York University (Toronto) in 1998-99, where he was the starting point guard for the Lions as a freshman.

Weir earned his bachelor's degree from York in 2004 and his master's degree in health and human performance from Northwestern State in 2005. He added a second master's degree in sports psychology from Iowa in 2010 and a third master's degree in business administration from New Mexico State in 2012.

The New Mexico State University men's tennis team bonded for another successful season on the court.

PHOTO COURTESY NMSU



NMSU tennis claims third-straight title

BULLETIN REPORT

Less than a year since joining the New Mexico State men's tennis program, newcomer Sergi Espias earned his keep Sunday, April 9, with a 7-5, 6-0 victory at No. 4 singles over UT Rio Grande Valley, clinching the Aggies' third-straight Western Athletic Conference regular-season title.

The win gave NM State its second undefeated run in conference play in three years (5-0). The Aggies are now 14-5 overall as they wrap up the regular-season with a pair of non-conference matches before they play host to the WAC Championship (April 28-30).

Stijn de Haan and Mauri Benitez picked up a 6-3 victory on court No. 2 to open up doubles play before the ever-so consistent duo of Christofer Goncalves and Luis Flores defeated UTRGV's (5-20, 2-3 WAC) top doubles pair 6-3. The Vaqueros' team

of Koby Jansen and Clement Sarradin were able to take court No. 3, 6-4, but it was too little, too late.

De Haan gave the Aggies a 2-0 lead in singles action when he ousted Sarradin 6-3, 6-2 on court No. 3. Enrique Asmar made it match-point in favor of the good guys soon with a 7-6, 6-1 victory at the No. 5 singles slot over UTRGV's Mateo Schmit 7-6, 6-1, which set up Espias' match-clinching victory.

Goncalves then claimed his sixth-straight singles victory at the top singles slot, followed by Benitez's win on court No. 6. Flores secured the 7-0 sweep of UT Rio Grande Valley at No. 2 singles with a tough 1-6, 6-2, 7-6 win.

New Mexico State returns home after a grueling 18-match road stretch. The Aggies men and women host UT Permian Basin at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 16, to end the regular-season.

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Playing with matches on the links

The game of golf began as a contest between two players, each trying to best the other,



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while bracing themselves against the stiff breezes sweeping over the Scottish links.

Match

play, as opposed to “medal” (or “stroke”) play, is essentially very simple. Two players (or even pairs of players) compete hole-by-hole, and the golfer or pair that wins the most holes wins the match. Scoring is recorded (and spoken) in terms of whoever is “up” or “down,” by however many holes; dead even is “all square.” Tie holes are referred as being “halved.”

If you and I are playing a match, and you have won two holes and have lost one hole, and tied the rest, you are “one up.” What’s not so simple are the rules and format of match play, along with the strategy and subtleties therein. For match play, novices listen up: The Ryder Cup, President’s Cup, Solheim Cup, Walker Cup, Curtis Cup and the World Golf Match Play Championship are all contested in match play format, in contrast to the weekly PGA and LPGA style of tournaments, which are total strokes.

The Rules of Golf (USGA and R&A) include a few important variations and contingencies for match play. One is that a stroke or hole may be conceded to your opponent at any time, and once spoken a concession may not be retracted or withdrawn. Very short putts are the strokes mostly conceded. Another rule, sometimes strictly adhered to, is that the player who is the farthest from the hole, or “away,” plays first.

Formal match play tournaments are not a matter of “ready golf”; play is in order of who is away until the balls are holed. If you were to play out of order your opponent could make you hit over. In stroke play if you play the wrong ball, you incur a two-stroke penalty, but in match play it’s loss of hole.

Too many clubs in the bag? Loss of hole

– up to two holes maximum. Slow play that is deemed excessive? Loss of hole. Let’s say I mistakenly play my tee shot from the wrong tee or too far outside the tee marker. If you’re my opponent you may require me to immediately re-play the shot – canceling the first strike with no penalty – or you may elect to let the original shot stand. If I had hit my tee shot into trouble you’re wise to let it be. By the same token you would be wise not to assume I will lose the hole just because I’m in trouble.

With the competition of individual match play golf being more personal and intimate than stroke play, there are some things to keep in mind if you want to increase your chances of winning. Yes, it’s still playing the best golf you know how, but there are some signifi-

cant differences in how you should approach match versus stroke play. Former PGA of America president Rick Martino views it this way: “Stroke play is essentially conservative in nature ... (so) a large number can effectively shoot a good player out of a 72-hole tournament. However, match play allows players to take far more risks. If a gamble fails, all you’ve lost is one hole – a temporary setback that you can usually recover from.”

My paramount match play tip is that you play your own game, even when you have a partner. Don’t get caught

up in watching your opponent’s play and wondering if you can top him. And if you’re playing in a “net” format, always know where your and your opponent’s strokes fall on the scorecard. Over the years I have found that the emotional ups and downs in a one-on-one match can be far greater than just going out and trying to shoot a score. Each hole is a mini-battle, with a possible win or a loss, so we must keep our nerves and emotions in check.

Danger isn’t always lurking in a match. Always act with the belief that the other guy will

make an unexpected trouble shot and hole the improbable putt! In other words, don’t be surprised. Sometimes you can watch more miracles than they’ve seen at Lourdes.

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership who works with PGA professionals and young golfers to enhance their performance. He partners with coach Herb Wimberly as the principal instructors at Performance Golf Schools. Contact Blanchard at docblanchard71@gmail.com.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Jessa Gegax is a 16-year-old junior at Centennial High School. She is a middle distance runner and hurdler for the Lady Hawk track and cross country teams. She is a 2017 state qualifier in the 400-meter run and 300-meter hurdles. Last year, she finished third at state in the 400 meters and the medley relay, as well as second in the 4x400-meter relay. She works to be a mentor to younger teammates and hopes to run at the collegiate level after high school. She has a 4.09 GPA and is involved with Rotary Interact Club and volunteers in the community.

Ruben Gonzalez is an 18-year-old senior at Centennial High School. He is the team captain of the Hawks track and cross country teams, and runs middle distance and distance, and is currently ranked No. 5 in the state for the 800-meter run. He is easygoing and affable and carries a 3.7 GPA. His outside interests include politics, hiking, longboarding and concerts.

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