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ABOVE: Members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine and Parish take part in the Tortugas Fiesta looking toward the sunset on top of Tortugas Mountain Monday night.

RIGHT: Las Cruces resident Ray Briones lights a candle at the shrine on top of Tortugas Mountain. The lighting of the candle signifies sacrifice and also peace for the coming year.





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## Doña Ana County 'Your Partner in Progress'

# Vasquez: 'Go see restored Rodey church'

During a recent visit to the unincorporated community of Rodey, District 5 Doña Ana County Commissioner John L. Vasquez discovered what he calls "a true miracle come true" in the center of the residential area.

Sisters Alice Marley and Celeste Zimmerman have renovated the historic St. Francis de Sales Church, and they offer free access to visitors.

"You just can't believe how beautiful it is," Vasquez said. "It has to be seen to be believed."

"The Rodey Church is the reason why we came to New Mexico from Iowa," Marley said. "We felt an instant draw to the church: its history, its beauty, its people and the welcoming of the community near Hatch. It's a truly spiritual place."

The sisters became aware of the property on the Internet, and within a short period of time, acquired the privilege of being the caretakers of what they call "this community's jewel."

### TIP A COP!

Nearly \$2,900 was raised for New Mexico Special Olympics during the Dec. 7 Tip-A-Cop event at Texas Roadhouse, where officers from the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department assisted the wait staff and collected tips for the cause.



"We've met the most incredible people who have come here to see their church," Zimmerman said. "Each person has their story that connects to the church. Their expressions range from curiosity to overwhelming emotions at seeing the place where they and their ancestors have been married, baptized and buried. We've had altar boys, custodians, church cleaners, bridesmaids and descendants of builders in the original 20 years of construction, honored to see the church in its near original condition."

Marley and Zimmerman make their residence in the rectory section of the St. Francis compound, but they welcome visitors to the church any time that they're on the premises.

Vasquez said he was in Rodey on Dec. 12 for the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which featured a procession from St. Francis de Sales Church to Our



Historic St. Francis de Sales Church in Rodey, N.M.

Lord of Mercy Church in Hatch, where Bishop Oscar Cantu of Las Cruces presided over Mass. Mariachis performed during the Mass, and the procession included Cabalgata horsemen and Matachines dancers.

"I was there to celebrate with my constituents," Vasquez said.

More information about the historic St. Francis de Sales Church can be found on its Facebook page @StFrancisDeSalesHatchNM.

## Seasonal checkpoints planned

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department has scheduled at least four checkpoints and saturation patrols during the month of December. These activities are part of an ongoing effort to reduce DWI-related crashes, injuries and deaths.

Checkpoints and patrols will be conducted throughout the holiday season at various undisclosed locations throughout Doña Ana County. Checkpoints are usually set up between 6 p.m. and 4 a.m. Deputies will be looking for all types of violations, with an emphasis on intoxicated drivers.

The Doña Ana County Health and Human Services Department offers county residents a low-cost taxi ride home through Project HOME (Helping Others Make it home Every time), which is available on Fridays, Saturdays and holidays from 5:30 p.m. to 3 a.m.

The project is a collaborative initiative with Las Cruces Shuttle and Taxi by which a person or group who has been drinking any amount of alcohol can call (575) 524-TAXI to be picked up for a discounted ride home.

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# Superintendent testifies on immigration laws

## BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces Public Schools (LCPS) Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing says uncertainty over the future of U.S. immigration laws continues to create anxiety among families living in border communities.

Ewing's comments came during a panel discussion before members of Congress in an "American Border Communities Forum: The State of Affairs under a Trump Administration," held Dec. 7 in Washington, D.C.

The panel was organized by the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC), chaired by Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham (D) of New Mexico's 1st Congressional District.

"I think it's important to

hear the issues that we are aware of but want more information about – what is occurring along the border and what's really happening to families," Lujan Grisham said. "There are long-standing impacts to children."

Ewing testified that more than 2,300 LCPS students did not show up for school one day last winter after reports of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids in Doña Ana County. Ewing also described the impact of Feb. 15, 2017, when ICE conducted a raid at a trailer park on the outskirts of Las Cruces.

Local and national media, including The New Yorker, reported "the raid came a few weeks after President Trump signed two executive orders, signaling his plans to

fulfill a campaign promise of cracking down on undocumented immigrants," wrote New Yorker staff writer Jonathan Blitzer.

On Feb. 16, 2017, the day after reports of increased ICE activity, Ewing said there were 2,366 students absent from LCPS, a 59.4 percent increase over the previous week. He said 919 of the students were elementary children dependent on their parents to get to school.

The following week, Ewing said, the number of absences had decreased by 27 percent, but there were still 1,732 students out of school. One month later, absences had decreased another 38 percent.

"What's most appalling



Greg Ewing, superintendent of Las Cruces Public Schools, with Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico, chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

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is that these students are American citizens and yet they are fearful about their future and the future of their parents,” Ewing said during the forum. “Every day our students are out of class, that’s a direct impact on their education. Worrying about their family members – or about their own immigration status – takes students off course from their focus on learning.”

Ewing also described a moment when a 15-year-old Arrowhead Park Early College High School student was crying at school because her father had to take sanctuary at a local church in fear of being deported. The student was protected under DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), but her parents were not. He also told committee members that LCPS students have been given reassurances “that our schools are safe, because they are sensitive locations. At school, no one will harm you.”

For long-distance student field trips from Las Cruces, Ewing explained that letters have been written to show border patrol agents at immigra-

tion enforcement checkpoints that the students are protected from any immigration action because they are on a school district-sponsored trip.

The CHS organized the panel to discuss “how the [Trump] administration’s ... immigration policies are negatively affecting students, families, and communities,” according to Rep. Grisham’s Congressional Hispanic Caucus Facebook page.

“I applaud Congresswoman Lujan Grisham for taking the initiative of addressing the issues that impact our families in Las Cruces,” Ewing said. “Regardless of their backgrounds or heritage, students are entitled to feel safe when they are getting a public education.”

Also testifying were Jesus Daniel Mendez Carbajal, a border DACA recipient and human rights organizer in San Diego; Rick Rynearson, a veteran who had been detained at a border checkpoint in Uvade, Texas; James Tomsheck, former assistant commissioner for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection; Dr. Kimberly Avila Edwards of the Texas Pediatric Society; Edgar Saldivar of the Texas ACLU; and Police Chief Manual Rodriguez of National City, California.



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# Dads can do it!

## Conscious Fathering Program helps young fathers-to-be

In case it's been a while since you were around a newborn baby, they do not come with instructions tattooed on them.

**RICHARD COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

Mothers have a long-term bonding experience with their babies called pregnancy. Many women grew up with younger siblings or cousins, and spent time baby-sitting. Typically, they have a huge attraction to babies and a comfort and familiarity.

Men often don't have those same experiences. For many fathers, the first time they ever held a baby, it was their own.

*"What if you pick it up by its ears?"*

*"No, that's cruel, you pick them up by their ankles. Like this. It's good for their lungs to hang upside down."*

*"You guys are idiots. You hold it like a football! (strikes Heisman Trophy pose.)"*

No, that's not an actual conversation I overheard among young fathers, but it wouldn't

surprise me if it were.

A program in southern New Mexico, the Conscious Fathering Program, is working to help young fathers learn the basics of taking care of a baby.

"Cases of child abuse and neglect in New Mexico are often from lack of knowledge, not necessarily aggressive behavior," said Josh Stoller, coordinator for the Conscious Fathering Program. "We teach dads how to pick up a baby and change diapers correctly. When dads are changing daughters' diapers they have a fear of messing up."

These lessons and more all come in a free, convenient three-hour class, and Stoller said the dads are eager and grateful students, absorbing vital information and then practicing it.

"These days, with everyone needing to work, we're all dual role caregivers," Stoller said. "It's not just a mom thing or a grandma thing. Dads can do it!"

Stoller is one of seven men currently teaching the classes, and they range in age from 30 to 58. While most of the students are younger, there are some grandfathers taking a refresher course, as family situations have put them in regular contact with their new grandbabies.

A key component of the Conscious Fathering Program is

teaching the fathers ways to care for themselves. We've all been on an airplane and seen the flight attendant give the oxygen mask demonstration. They carefully point out if you're with a baby or small child, put your oxygen mask first. That way you'll be better able to care for the child.

The situation is similar in parenting. The parent must first be in a good place before taking care of the child.

"We work with the fathers on self-care techniques," Stoller said. "We help them cope with stress and anxiety in the moment, and find healthy outlets, so when the baby's crying at 3 in the morning, Dad's not angry or upset."

One thing I quickly learned about those middle-of-the-night baby visits: Go to the bathroom first. If you go immediately to the baby, then realize you've got to go potty yourself, you have to put the baby down and the crying becomes twice as bad as before. So take those 15 extra seconds before going to the baby, then you can be relaxed while tending to your child. But those are the types of things no one tells you if you haven't had a class.

The Conscious Fathering Program is a collaboration between Aprendamos Intervention Team

and Turning Point of Las Cruces, and grew out of something Aprendamos CEO Abel Covarrubias had discovered in Seattle.

"Turning Point approached us about a fathering program," said Caroline Zamora, Aprendamos's public relations coordinator. "Abel has a passion for it, and he had seen the conscious fathering program in Seattle. We brought a trainer from Seattle who trained five dads to get the program started."

Aprendamos then applied for, and received, a four-year grant from the state's Children, Youth and Families Department to help launch and sustain the program. It is now up and running in Doña Ana and Luna counties, and planned to expand to other regional counties.

Stoller said all the dads who have come through the classes have been appreciative of the new knowledge. He's even had dads who thought they knew it all, come in, take the course and later apologize for their attitude because they learned so much.

After the one-time class, if dads feel they need additional training, Turning Point offers mentoring services for follow-up and practice.

Now that the classes are up

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### We want your letters

The Las Cruces Bulletin invites readers to submit letters, preferably by email to editor@lascrucesbulletin.com. They can be sent in by fax at 575-526-4621. Letters also can be mailed or dropped off at 1740 A Calle de Mercado, Las Cruces, 88005. Letters should not exceed 200 words and must include the writer's name, address and telephone number for verification. Anonymous letters will not be published. Letters may be edited for length or content.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## City moving forward

To the editor,

To my conservative friends. I want to let you know a couple of things. Contrary to what was stated in a recent letter, the unemployment rate in Las Cruces was 6.2 percent in October 2017, according to The Bureau of Labor Statistics. This is just slightly higher than the New Mexico rate of 6.1 percent.

So perhaps the minimum wage is not too adversely affecting the business climate here. The City of Las Cruces has a very well-thought-out plan for economic development, which does

include plans for a movie sound stage. This, many believe, will bring new jobs and an expanded film industry to our area. The Economic Development staff has done extensive research in expanding our downtown area with the input of both citizens and business. The Plan-4LasCruces is a document that is reviewed every two years, and can be changed. I understand that change is scary, and if you don't like it, attend a meeting, voice your concerns or vote for City Councilors who share your viewpoint. Don't just complain.

Please note that the new convention center

hotel is being built on land leased from NMSU, which will be getting an \$80,000/year minimum lease payment. The hotel is being developed by Total Management Systems of Albuquerque. It is being financed by the developer through private investors. This hotel will not only increase the viability of the convention center, bringing more business to Las Cruces, (but) it will be used to train students in the Hotel and Restaurant Management program.

While these programs may appear to be the city financing business, a little in-depth analysis will reveal that the city

is encouraging business growth, and by the way, is helping cut through the red tape with its new business concierge program, walking each new business through the registration/regulatory process.

So, hopefully in a few years we will see a more vital community. This seems to me to be well-thought-out community development. I hope you will agree.

*Bob Libby  
Las Cruces*

## Congress is the problem

To the editor:

This past September I took a government course on the U.S. Constitution at NMSU. My reason for taking this course was to understand why our

country has degenerated into a war between political parties. I saw campus violence at UC Berkeley stifling free speech at the very university where free speech on campus began. I saw families being torn apart because of differences in political views and ideologies.

I began studying the history of our republic; the motivations for the immigration to this continent, the colonist's reasons for breaking away from the constraints of England, the wisdom and courage of the founders in declaring their independence and the genius and forethought in writing the U.S. Constitution. But in studying the Constitution I became increasingly angry, because I realized how our govern-

ment is supposed to work, but does not.

According to the November 2017 Gallup Poll, Congress's approval rating is 13 percent, but has over a 90 percent reelection rate. Congress, the most powerful branch of government is the only branch that can make laws, declare wars; and impeach the president, the Supreme Court and all (lower) courts.

Law-making powers have been taken over by Bureaucracies.

Presidents have gone to war without the approval of Congress since Vietnam.

A Supreme Court Justice openly admitted that she follows International Law instead of U.S. Con-

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## Tax reform has benefits

To the editor:  
Ever wonder why Tax Day (April 15) is about as far away on the calendar as you can get from Election Day?

I'll bet it's no accident. Senators and Congressmen don't want us to pay our taxes and vote at the same time, because if we remember that every dollar they spend comes from our pockets, we'd vote them out.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act doesn't move Tax Day to November, but it will help New Mexico's hardworking taxpayers and their families in several ways:

It lowers taxes for working people. An average American family of four that earns \$59,000



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a year will save \$1,182. This alone should make the bill universally popular. Do you know anyone who begs to pay Uncle Sam more?

It's simpler. America's 75,000-page tax code is the biggest and

most complex in the world. So a lot of us need help to figure out what we owe. That adds insult to injury. Wait, I have to pay someone to help me figure out how much to pay the government?

It's fairer. Lobbyists pay millions of dollars every year to elected officials to win tax deductions for special interest groups. Hard-working taxpayers and small business owners can't afford lobbyists, so we pay full sticker price. That's not

fair. This bill eliminates many special interest deductions.

It creates jobs. When we cut business taxes, businesses hire more workers. This is especially true for mom-and-pop business owners, who pay their workers before they pay themselves.

In the coming days, you will hear many arguments how this tax bill is not perfect. No bill is. Government is a blunt instrument. But for hard-working New Mexico taxpayers and small business owners, this bill brings needed relief.

Please join me in telling New Mexico's Congressional Delegation to support the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Then watch how they vote, and on Election Day 2018, hold them accountable.

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stitutional Law. This is a blatant violation of her oath of office that she openly admits to. And yet she is not impeached.

The 9th Circuit Court of California has been overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court over 80 percent of the time. Why is the 9th Circuit not impeached?

The problem in all of these situations is Congress; their abdication of their responsibility and their lack of accountability. And yet we re-elect them.

Get educated and vote!

*Dave Gallus  
Las Cruces*

## No means no

To the editor:

The Supreme Court of the United States spoke decisively as to what constitutes sexual harassment in the case of Meritor vs. Vinson. In spite of all the publicity, all the training, and all the lawsuits that sexual harassment complaints have generated and all the money that both public and private employers have paid to resolve these complaints, some people still don't get it.

Sexual harassment in the workplace is demean-

ing, disrespectful and marginalizes employees who have been victims and also to those who work in proximity to these employees. Sexual harassment and sexual assault leave psychological scars on the victims, and in some cases cause them to be insecure in other employment venues after they leave the job. Some say this is a power issue where the harasser singles out someone who they think is more vulnerable either because of their timidity or because they are in a position over which the harasser has control. The person being harassed is afraid of losing their job or has been threatened. If the victim refuses, they are subject to all kinds of reprisal up to and including their termination. They feel powerless, and scared.

I was the victim of sexual harassment and know the repercussions of refusal. My supervisor made a visit to my home, propositioned me, and when I refused, called a staff meeting and told all my co-workers and staff that my work was unacceptable, that I had missed deadlines, and had many mistakes. All I could do is to listen to these scathing humiliating remarks and when I did report it, nothing

could be done, because there were no statutes or laws to prohibit it.

As the Director of Equal Employment Opportunity and as a mediator, investigator, counselor and instructor in Civil Rights Employment Law, I have seen and heard many cases on sexual assault and sexual harassment. It is expensive to the taxpayer in public sector organizations who end up paying the bill.

The harasser can also be sued and pay monetary damages, but that doesn't seem to dissuade them from this reprehensible behavior.

As an investigator, I also see a lackadaisical attitude of some employers who do not exercise strong leadership in the prevention of sexual harassment, and take the necessary steps to prevent it. While there is a prevention of sexual harassment statement published, it is not always updated and in some cases not posted. It could be transmitted to all employees on computer communications, but not always read. The training for supervisors and managers and employees is often done by viewing a video, with no follow-up discussions, and most of all the top dog of the organization does not personally get involved in

getting the message out eye to eye mano y mano to his/her supervisors. And this is the most important step of all.

The executive or head of an organization must have a personal heart-to-heart talk with his/her top managers and be very plain as to the consequences of their actions or their failure to take action. Those managers and supervisors must then communicate this personally, in no uncertain terms, to their subordinate supervisors who must communicate that to their employees personally and forcefully that any sexual harassment behavior will be severely punished up to and including termination.

This applies to everyone in the workplace. We have paid out big bucks in our city, county and state funds to settle these cases that could have been used to improve education, take care of indigents, and pay down the debt.

What is being done now to eliminate sexual harassment isn't working. To the women and men being sexually harassed and assaulted you must speak up, you must say no or stop, you must report it immediately to those who are tasked to accept and take action

on these complaints. You must speak up and tell us what you experienced and how it impacted your lives, your family and your coworkers. This is a plague that must be terminated and only decisive actions on the part of executives, managers, supervisors and employees can stop it at all levels once and for all.

*Frances F. Williams  
Las Cruces*

*Editor's note: Ms. Williams was the director of the Equal Employment Directorate for the U. S. Army at White Sands Missile Range, served on the Commission on the Status of Women for New Mexico, a United Nations Delegate to the International Women's Year in Mexico City and Beijing, China. She is the president of Professional Excellence, an employment civil rights consulting firm.*

## Soup kitchen thankful

To the editor:

On behalf of El Caldito Soup Kitchen, we wish to thank the many individuals and groups who gener-

ously volunteered to make this year's Thanksgiving Dinner a delightful success. From the donated turkeys, pies, and assorted recipe items down to the excellent team of turkey carvers from Farley's, it was a beautiful joining of many hands and hearts to create, serve, and clean up from a grand gesture of Thanksgiving-Las Cruces Style.

From guests who were unable to prepare their own Thanksgiving meal, to folks who simply wanted to sit down with their community to share in a day of giving thanks--the reasons why people streamed into our doors were many. But the results were the same. Fellowship, laughter among friends new and old, and the joining of diverse groups carrying on the age-old tradition of breaking bread together. Las Cruces, once again you came together to make a difference in the lives of many people. Thank you, one and all.

*Warmest wishes  
Teresa Phillips of the  
Board of Directors of El  
Caldito*

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and going, Stoller said one of the challenges is finding the dads-to-be who can benefit. The local hospitals make some referrals, and Aprendamos and Turning Point have some connections, but there are likely many young men who are great candidates for the program, but just don't know about it.

Those interested in the program, or who know of a good candidate for the class, should contact Josh Stoller at 575-526-6682 or

jstoller@aitkids.com.

Also, anyone interested in teaching a class should reach out. There is a particular need for bilingual instructors.

Stoller, a young father himself, knows the classes work.

He's seen many students come in, and fumble with the training dolls, not sure what to do.

But by the end of the class, they are cuddling and holding the doll fondly.

"They quickly realize this is not a doll," Stoller said. "It's a child. It's a commitment. It's life."

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Professor Fred Huff shares a laugh with students.



DACC student Isaac Duran shows a Camino Real student how to code.

# Day of Technology

One hundred and seventy-four students from Camino Real Middle School attended Doña Ana Community College (DACC) East Mesa Campus in early December during the "Day of Technology."

Sessions conducted by DACC faculty and student

club members included:

- How to keep home computer's safe
- How to write computer code
- How to keep computers up and running
- How to solve problems in computer coding with Google coding and games
- How to design build-

ings in computer-aided drafting and modeling

Faculty led the workshops, sponsored by the Computer and Information Technologies department and assisted by 20 DACC students. The middle schoolers were rewarded with completion certificates.

## "Last Night My Shoulder Pain Got So Bad... I Couldn't Even Sleep!" - Are You Suffering From Shoulder Pain And Want To Know How To Find Real And Lasting Relief That Goes Beyond Just Taking Pills?



Las Cruces (NM) - By Physical Therapist, Dennis L Prickett

If you or a loved one suffer from chronic shoulder pain – so bad you struggle to do simple things like lift your arm to reach for something, or sleep at night without pain, then reading this report

may be the most important thing you do this year. It may unlock the agonizing mystery of your shoulder pain and show you a way to get back to the life you deserve...

- A life where you can sleep at night without tossing and turning, hoping to find one position where your shoulder pain stops
- A life where you can reach for things and pull your shirt over your head without shoulder pain getting in the way
- A life where you can wake up in the morning and not suffer from headaches or migraines because your shoulder pain has affected your head and neck
- A life where you can plan family time with your kids or grandkids, without worrying that your shoulder pain will strike! ...Basically, a life without the curse of chronic or severe shoulder pain! Finally, Dennis Prickett, a physical therapist from Las Cruces who has already helped 100's of people over the last two decades with his recovery advice – has recently released a new 10 page "Shoulder Pain Consumer Awareness" report that reveals the best kept secret in Las Cruces ... How to actually get to the bottom of shoulder pain without talking to your insurance, a chiropractor, or needing a referral from your doctor.

Shoulder Pain "Truths" Finally Exposed! This report exposes how weekly (and costly) visits to a chiropractor are NOT always needed, how pain medications and muscle relaxers might be cheaper (for your insurance!) and easy for a doctor to prescribe, but may not necessarily be right for you in the long run... have you seen the list of crippling side effects these days?

This **100% FREE** report, entitled: "7 Natural Ways To Stop Annoying, Daily, Irritating Shoulder Pain... From Disturbing Sleep, And Getting In The Way Of Everyday Life" (Value \$28!), reveals the leading remedy for shoulder pain that is often overlooked by many medical providers and also shows how you can get to the bottom of shoulder pain quickly and naturally, for FREE!

More: The report also exposes what most doctors fail to recommend to people aged 40+ when treating shoulder pain, and reveals for the first time to the residents of Las Cruces, new advancements that will ease shoulder pain more quickly than ever as well as improve posture, all at the same time. Here's What You'll Learn Inside This New Report:

- The 8 urgent coping strategies every shoulder pain sufferer must never forget when shoulder pain strikes!
  - The vital warning signs that it's not just "another headache" or "a bit of shoulder stiffness."
  - The 3 things you can do if you're hoping to avoid shoulder surgery – worth requesting just for this!
  - 1, 2 or 3? Just how many pillows should you sleep with? And what about your mattress... It's covered on page 5.
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Backpacks in the bed of Jeff Dray's pickup, awaiting delivery to veterans in need.

## Backpacks add touch of home for vets

### BULLETIN REPORT

Members of the Veteran's Democratic Council of Doña Ana County traveled to a Las Cruces apartment complex on Saturday, Dec. 9, to deliver backpacks filled with supplies to 50 veterans.

"The 2017 Backpacks for Vets was a success,"

said VDCDAC President Jeff Dray.

The backpacks, which included everything from ponchos and scarves to flashlights and dental hygiene kits, were delivered to Las Cruces veterans who have struggled with homelessness.

Dray thanked individuals and organizations who made donations for

the backpacks and/or assisted with the project, including Municipal Judge II Joy Goldbaum, W & D Indorf, Veronica Archuleta and Mint Salon, Dr. R. Brandon Mabry DDS, Bea Jenkins and L & B Creations, Leah Tooke, Daniel Dav-enport, Sasha Lujan, Chris Sautter and Mesilla Valley Community

of Hope Executive Director Nicole Martinez.

For the second year in a row, the Green Chile Paddy Wagon food truck and owners Patrick Payne and Janet Beatty-Payne were on hand for the event.

For more information, contact Dray at 575-805-7012 or jeff.drays1@gmail.com.



Veteran's Democratic Council of Doña Ana County President Jeff Dray and volunteers.



Among those helping to deliver the backpacks are Marisol Lujan, left, in gray, and Nalani Lujan, in pink.

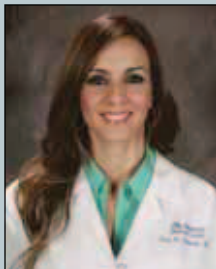


Veteran's Democratic Council of Doña Ana County President Jeff Dray, left, with Green Chile Paddy Wagon owners Patrick Payne and Janet Beatty-Payne.

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Potato sack races make a comeback.

## Students move to support school

### BULLETIN REPORT

Students at J Paul Taylor Academy took to the outdoors Wednesday morning, Nov. 29, to raise money for their school's irrigation system and landscaping. The students collected pledges from friends and family toward their activities for a Move-a-thon and worked hard to support their school.

Throughout the morning, classes moved through a variety of

movement stations hosting various activities such as: yoga, tennis drills, ninjitsu instruction, agility drills potato sack races and more. The J Paul Taylor Academy Foundation offered to match up to \$10,000 of every dollar raised by the Move-a-thon event.

Local businesses are taking an active role in the event. Downtown Desert Yoga, Crown Wealth Investments, Enchanted Sun Realty, Teighlor An-

derson Ninjitsu, Mitch Joyce Tennis, Pretty Nice Creations, realtor Kathy Faubion, Blue Dragon Dojo, Agave Real Estate Group, Betty Nietubyc with Zumba, and N2 Publishing will instruct students at the various stations and Beck's Coffee all took on movement stations.

For information on JPTA school's playground project, contact [jptaoundation@jpaultayloracademy.org](mailto:jptaoundation@jpaultayloracademy.org).



A J Paul Taylor Academy student balances a cup on her head as she also balances on a 2x4 board.



A Zumba instructor gets children moving.



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# Aggie football hopes to make a statement

By ANGEL MENDEZ  
For the Bulletin

After 57 years and a dose of déjà vu, the New Mexico State University Aggies will take on a familiar opponent in their first bowl game appearance since 1960.

A decades-old rematch against Utah State at the Nova Home Loans Arizona Bowl in Tucson Dec. 29 takes us back almost to the day: On Dec. 31, 1960, NMSU beat Utah State, 20-13, in the Sun Bowl.

Since then, Aggie football carried on with only nine winning seasons. Regardless, loyal Aggie fans remained, cheering and hoping for the day when the program would reemerge

in victory. That day is now.

Finding the right coaches and the right student-athletes happens in part because of our fans," said Mario Moccia, NMSU director of athletics.

"When we recruit and hire, one major factor in selecting NMSU is that our seats are filled with passionate supporters. Through it all, our fans remained loyal, helping us bring in the right group of students and coaches who did nothing but focus on making history for this school and its fans."

NMSU Head Football Coach Doug Martin plans to leverage this national platform to bring young eyes



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, NMSU senior running back Larry Rose III, Football Head Coach Doug Martin and senior quarterback Tyler Rogers join forces to bring in support for the Football Success Fund aimed at recruiting top talent and meeting team needs to continue NMSU Aggie Football success.

and talent toward the program and keep it successful for years to come.

"When we have a spotlight this big, not only is there positive pressure to win for our fans and our team, but also for prospective recruits who will join us and continue our success," Martin said.

"Our players, especially our great group of seniors, will soon ven-

ture off into impressive careers, and we are actively working on finding equally incredible student-athletes."

That's why NMSU senior quarterback Tyler Rogers alongside senior running back Larry Rose III joined up with Martin to start a crowdfunding campaign focused on raising money for the Football Success Fund that supports recruiting new talent and

meeting team equipment and travel needs.

"Once an Aggie, always an Aggie," Rogers said. "When we graduate, Larry and I want to make sure our team can still make fans in the future as proud as they are now. Contributing any amount helps our team find future Aggies to take our place and carry on this tradition and this program beyond our time in Aggie Memorial Stadium."

The Make a Statement crowdfunding campaign operates online at [www.makeastatement.nmsu.edu/bowlbound](http://www.makeastatement.nmsu.edu/bowlbound).

Once supporters make a contribution, they receive regular, behind-the-scenes updates through this platform on the progress of the campaign and preparation for the bowl game from the players, coaches and other NM

State athletics staff.

Rogers, Rose and Martin hope to raise \$15,000 to support the fund.

"We made history – fans included," Martin said. "Now, we need to continue this momentum so that history becomes tradition, talented student-athletes make New Mexico State home and fans stay proud for years to come."

Fans can order tickets to the Arizona Bowl, set for Friday, Dec. 29, at the Pan American Center ticket office or by calling 575-646-1420.

Alumni and friends are invited to attend pre-game celebrations the evening of Thursday, Dec. 28, and an Aggie Tailgate the morning of Dec. 29, both in Tucson. More information on these events are at [advancing.nmsu.edu/alumni-main](http://advancing.nmsu.edu/alumni-main).

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Sheila Gonzalez, Escrow Officer at Dona Ana Title Company. DATC has been part of the LCHBA for more than 20 years. I became a member in 2017 when I became part of the Board of Directors. I love that I get to meet so many professionals in our community and how involved LCHBA is within the community.

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Cruces City Manager Stuart Ed, center, with Ed's wife, Beverly, and Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima at the city hall reception welcoming Ed to Las Cruces in November 2016.

## Ed has productive first year as city manager

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Stuart Ed has had a busy first year as Las Cruces city manager.

Since starting the job Nov. 7, 2016, Ed has reorganized city government, implemented performance-based management, moved the city closer to a one-stop shop for business permitting and licensing, increased transparency, expanded community outreach and helped bring national recognition to Las Cruces as one of the best-run cities in the country.

"There are a lot of things we've done this year that I'm very, very excited about," said Ed, 53, who earns \$180,557 per year to oversee 1,360 full-time city employees and an annual budget of almost \$375 million.

"I'm really proud of our expanded outreach to involve the community and try to give government back to the community,"

Ed said. "We're changing our philosophy."

The city's first Neighborhood Leadership Academy is part of that outreach, as 35 people selected by application complete a 12-week course interacting with city staff and seeing city operations "on a close, intimate basis," Ed said.

Every city department, he said, is now focused on "P.E.A.K." performance: Perform mission, Evaluate measures, Assess outcomes, Keep climbing.

"What I'm looking for is constant improvement," Ed told the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's Nov. 30 Pulse of the City lunch. "That's what high-performing organizations do."

Transforming the city to a performance-based model means "customer focus in everything we do," he said.

Setting "measurable, quantifiable" goals for each department and listing performance indicators on

the city website is part of Ed's emphasis on greater transparency.

When he became city manager, Las Cruces was ranked fourth in the state for transparency, given 68 out of a possible 100 points by the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government. Under Ed, the city has increased its score to 90 – tops in the state. There's even a transparency link on the city website.

City government is undergoing a "substantial paradigm change," Ed said, from "telling customers what we do for them to asking what they need from us and what they expect from us."

Reorganizing the city's "very disjointed" economic development functions into a single new department was one of Ed's first big moves as city manager. That will help the city create jobs, improve down-

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town and increase connections with the business and education communities, he said.

Within the new Economic Development Department, Ed created the position of business concierge to “assist new and existing businesses” with licensing, permitting and other issues.

He also created a new Quality of Life Department and hired former Las Cruces general contractor Larry Nichols as the city’s new community development director.

Ed said he is often asked, “Why can’t Las Cruces be as responsive to the business community as El Paso,” where Nichols was director of planning and inspections, guiding that city’s transformation “into

a business-friendly community.”

“So we hired the gentleman who affected that change,” Ed said.

“We are going to be taking care of business in partnership with the business community, not in opposition.”

Las Cruces has the largest job growth in the state, Ed said, and recently overtook Albuquerque as the largest worldwide exporter of New Mexico goods.

“The Borderplex is really beginning to thrive, and we’re benefitting from that,” he said. “We need to capitalize on the recent gains of our region and be more prepared to take advantage of that growth.”

Ed is also focusing on beautification. Rights of way, especially those welcoming visitors into Las Cruces along interstates 10 and 25 need to be spruced up, he said, to create a more

appealing quality of place for people who “work, live and play in and visit Las Cruces.”

Earlier this year, Las Cruces was recognized by WalletHub, a personal finance website, as the best-run city in New Mexico and the sixth-best in the nation.

Ed credits his predecessor, Robert Garza, as “a very successful city manager” who left a “tremendous legacy of leadership.” “I feel like one of the luckiest people around to have what I consider my dream job,” Ed said.

Ed is a native of Bradley, Illinois. He graduated from the University of Arizona with a BA in political science and from New Mexico State University with a master’s in public administration.

In between, Ed spent nearly nine years in the U.S. Army, and is a graduate of the Army’s airborne,

ranger and air assault schools.

He moved to El Paso in 1993, and began his career with El Paso city government in 1995 as a grant technician, advancing to grants planner, senior grants

planner, assistant director of public transportation, director of administrative services for the El Paso Police Department and city general services director.

He became president and chief executive officer

of Goodwill Industries of El Paso in 2014, opening the first job center in Las Cruces.

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## What others say about Stuart Ed

“Stuart, who is an Aggie, is acting very much like one. Always available, very helpful, comes up with great ideas to better connect the city and NMSU, and is just one very bright dude! I do enjoy working with him on a myriad of joint projects.”

*NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers*

Stuart and I both come from military families and so we share that bond and value system. Coincidentally, his father, Col. Robert Ed, took command of the Missile and Electronic Warfare organization from my husband, Col. Warren Pollard, when he retired from White Sands. I have been so pleased to see him carry on the legacy of City Manager Robert Garza, as pertains to downtown revitalization and particularly the Amador Hotel.

*Community activist Heather Pollard*

Stuart is doing a fantastic job, he is a quick learner and great mentor to many on his staff. I appreciate the several positive changes he has implemented during his first year. We are very fortunate to have found an excellent city manager to run our city!

*Mayor Ken Miyagishima*



**Stuart Ed**

Ed is “very, very different” from former City Manager Robert Garza, who worked his way up through the ranks at the City of Las Cruces; Ed is brand-new to the city. “Ed shares all the wealth of experience and information he comes with,” including expanding and creating the city departments of Economic Development and Quality of Life. “Those things are really, really important.”

*Former Las Cruces City Councillor Olga Pedroza*

Stuart Ed impressed me when we interviewed him last year. His combination of local experiences here and various positions in the public and private sectors in the region gave me reason to believe he could take the reins of our top executive position, even though he hadn’t held that position in his previous municipal roles. His positive approaches to working with people and problem-solving also held much promise, but I was under no illusion that he would be able to get up

to full steam without a learning curve.


So, while the handling of such questions as the management of the Rio Grande Theatre and the potential imposition of the cost of living increase in the minimum wage, earlier than intended, in 2018, have stirred concerns, I continue to see the promise I saw last year.

The councilors now serve on several policy review committees and now report back to the rest of the council on the other boards and committees on which we serve. Through these and other processes, I believe we are gaining greater awareness of the history of, and complications with, some of the issues as topics move toward votes. We are more actively involved.

*City Councilor Greg Smith*

Mr. Ed has changed the way the city does business in a fundamental way, using performance measures to guide the city’s departments to goals they strive to reach. I am pleased that Mr. Ed has adopted the performance-based customer focused goals. We are looking forward to having an even better government service as the years go along.

*Mayor Pro-Tem Gill Sorg*




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# City in second year of strategic plan

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The City of Las Cruces 2017-22 strategic plan is a “radical change” for city government, City Manager Stuart Ed said Thursday, Nov. 30, during the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce’s Pulse of the City lunch.

The plan, adopted by the city council last July, identifies 20 initiatives to achieve community priorities over the next five years. In contrast to previous plans that were much longer, this one fits entirely into a single eight-by-10-inch brochure.

The plan is “aggressive and succinct,” Ed said. It’s “results driven and bounded by time.”

## Here are the highlights: In 2017:

#1: The Las Cruces community will experience greater engagement with their city government, evidenced by:

- City council work sessions held in locations and districts across the city (September meeting was held at the new aquatic center; November was held at the East Mesa Public Safety complex.);

- Council members will work with the community to explore, discover, and discern the policy direction in key areas: housing, economic development, education, health, utilities, public safety, transportation, capital improvement programs, communication and quality of life;

- Establishment of a citizen’s academy. The city’s first Neighborhood Leadership Academy began in September and continues



through mid-December, providing 35 residents selected through an application process “first-hand information about city services and programs through comprehensive presentations from city department leaders and on-site field trips,” according to <http://www.lascruces.org/nla>.

#2: Working with the university and other partners, downtown patrons will have access to restaurants, taverns, music and art. (Dec. 31)

## In 2018:

#3: The city will offer internships, apprenticeships and mentor programs to the community. (Jan. 1)

#4: The community will have city-approved results-oriented plans for sidewalks, parks, median landscaping and facilities. (July 1)

#5: Information and referral services for families with young children will be integrated into all appropriate city services. (July 1)

#6: Las Cruces city government will be managing for results for customers as evidenced by department business plans; performance contracting, reports and employee alignment; and performance-based budgets. (July 1)

#7: City-led sponsored events will be held downtown. (End of 2018)

#8: Las Cruces businesses will be able to access all permitting and licensing services in an efficient, effective, customer-service focused one-stop shop. (Dec. 31)

## In 2019:

#9: The relationship between the business community and the city will be strengthened as evidenced by more small businesses locating downtown and in the West Mesa Industrial Park; jointly sponsored events and educational programs; percentage of high school and university graduates staying locally; increased local contracting for city services and products; and workforce education and development.

#10: Working with our partners, the community will have access to engaging public transportation connecting downtown, the university and the convention center.

#11: Viewing internet access as a utility, by 2019, fiber optic broadband access will be available to businesses in the West Mesa Industrial Park.

#12: Working with the schools, the community will experience greater access to services and facilities by way of the city and Las Cruces Public Schools’ shared services.

## In 2020:

#13: Wi-fi will be available in the downtown, plaza and Mesquite neighborhood.

## In 2021:

#14: City employees will

experience safe working conditions and city vehicles and equipment will be maintained in a cost effective, centralized service center. (Dec. 31)

## In 2022:

#15: The community will experience a cost-effective, municipal court facility that better ensures public safety and provides customer-focused access to court services.

#16: Through public-private partnerships, 200 additional downtown living

spaces will be available.

#17: Las Cruces will have daily, regional commercial flights.

#18: The Las Cruces airport terminal will be renovated to accommodate 20,000 enplanements per year.

#19: Commuter rail service between Las Cruces and El Paso will be included in the 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plans for El Paso and Mesilla Valley metropolitan planning organizations.

#20: Early childhood

education for Las Cruces families will be enhanced with access to interactive children’s museum facility.

View the strategic plan at the city’s mission, in both English and Spanish, at <http://www.lascruces.org/departments/public-information-office/hot-topics/strategic-plan-and-mission>.

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# City council to review franchise agreements

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces City Council will schedule a work session to review expired franchise agreements that cover use of city infrastructure for the delivery of cable, phone and other services.

Council members made the informal decision after nearly 90 minutes of discussion at its Dec. 11 work session.

Most of the discussion centered on the city's franchise agreement with Comcast Cable, which was signed in 1999 and expired in 2011. Since then, the city has operated with Comcast on a month-to-month arrangement.

City Attorney Jennifer Vega-Brown said federal law requires a franchise agree-

ment. She said city staff have drafted a new agreement that would maintain the franchise fee the city charges Comcast at 5 percent and would protect the city from liability.

The agreement, she said, cannot favor one potential provider over another.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima said all stakeholders should be invited to the upcoming work session, as the council reviews all its franchise agreements.

"It's important that we be transparent and open," the mayor said.

With policy direction from the council, staff can "address weaknesses" in the expired agreement, City Manager Stuart Ed said, and "bring it up to date."

The city earns millions of dollars from its franchise

agreement with Comcast, and needs to "forward think this process" as it negotiates an updated agreement, said Robert Duchon, vice president of River Oaks Communications Corp., which is advising the city on the Comcast agreement.

"The industry has changed in 18 years," Duchon said.

The 1999 agreement, he said, is 20 pages long. The new draft agreement, sent to Comcast for review in October, is 60 pages long.

An agreement must comply with federal regulations, he said, but can also include provisions added by the city "to meet customer expectations."

The new agreement should emphasize consumer protection and customer service, Councilor Gabe Vasquez said. Comcast, he said, has a

poor consumer rating and is known to "nickel and dime customers."

The city should look at what "other communities our size" have included in their cable franchise agreements to ensure "maximum value to the customer," Vasquez said.

Matt Favre, president of Western New Mexico Communications (WNMC), said his company, based in Silver City, provides fiber optics service to customers in southern New Mexico and wants to expand into Las Cruces.

Alternative providers like WNMC can keep costs down, provide customers with more choices and create local jobs, he said.

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**John Moscato of Sierra Norte Development Inc. of Las Cruces talks to the Las Cruces City Council about Mesa Verde Volunteer Development District infrastructure projects during the council's Dec. 11 work session. Left to right on the dais are Councilors Gabe Vasquez and Yvonne Flores, Mayor Pro-Tem Gill Sorg and Mayor Ken Miyagishima.**



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# Alliance demands federal release of Mexican journalist, son

BY MICHAEL SCANLON

For the Bulletin

A vocal and passionate group of Las Cruces residents – known informally as La Alianza, or The Alliance – gathered in front of a church on Tuesday, Dec. 12, to denounce federal immigration policy and demand the return of their friends, displaced Mexican journalist Emilio Gutierrez and his son, Oscar.

The Gutierrezes were detained Dec. 7 by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, ICE, officers, nine years after they first arrived in the U.S. seeking asylum. Emilio Gutierrez's life had been threatened in Mexico after he wrote articles exposing corruption in the Mexican army.

They have been living in Las Cruces since they were released from ICE custody months after their arrival at the border. Emilio Gutierrez spent seven months in custody, and teenager Oscar Gutierrez was detained for two months, despite having entered the U.S. legally as asylum-seekers and not being suspected of any wrongdoing.

Their asylum request has been variously denied and appealed and currently is under further appeal.

"We want Emilio and Oscar released and home now – now," shouted Jane Asche, who has known Gutierrez for eight years and called the arrest "unwarranted and unjust."

The father and son were arrested when they reported to the El Paso



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE SCANLON

**Elisa Sanchez of La Alianza, or Friends of Emilio Gutierrez, speaks at a news conference Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Las Cruces. The group demanded the immediate release of former Mexican journalist Emilio Gutierrez and his son, Oscar, who have been in federal custody since Dec. 7.**

ICE office for what they thought would be a routine check-in. They were taken to the border for immediate return to Mexico, even though their lawyer had filed for an emergency stay of deportation. The order came in about 10 minutes after the pair was detained – just

in time to prevent them from being taken across the border.

Instead of being released, they were inexplicably shuffled between detention centers in Sierra Blanca, Texas; Otero County, N.M., and El Paso.

"ICE is completely out

of control," said Elisa Sanchez, another friend of Gutierrez. "They have power that has been corrupted. They're playing mind games with two innocent people."

ICE officials in El Paso did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Among those speaking at the event – a news conference-turned rally – were Las Cruces City Councilors Gill Sorg and Gabriel Vasquez, who has close family ties to Mexico.

"We are living at a time today when the value of human rights is being desecrated," Vasquez said. "What has happened to Emilio and his family is a travesty. I want to assure Emilio that the people of Las Cruces support him."

Peter Ossoria, who described himself as a friend of Emilio and Oscar, read a statement from Linda Rivas, ex-

ecutive director of Las Americas Immigrant and Advocacy Center and one of the attorneys representing the Gutierrezes.

"Mr. Gutierrez and his son have complied with ICE from their entry to date," Rivas wrote. "Both men have zero criminal record. Emilio's detention is indicative of new ICE policies of full enforcement with zero regard for

human lives.

"This country needs to protect asylum-seekers like Mr. Gutierrez – not treat them like criminals. Journalists like Mr. Gutierrez represent the cornerstone of democracy – a free and independent press," Rivas wrote.

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**Friends of Emilio Gutierrez, informally known as La Alianza, gather for a news conference and show of support for Gutierrez and his son, Oscar, who has been in federal custody since Dec. 7.**



## DISTRICT 5 RESIDENT MEETING Mayor Pro Tem Gill Sorg



Mayor Pro Tem Gill Sorg will host a meeting for residents of District 5. The topics for discussion: The city's strategic plan, parks, traffic, community policing, the North Roadrunner Parkway extension project and street maintenance.

**Tuesday  
December 19, 6 p.m.  
East Mesa Doña Ana  
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Auditorium  
2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.**

*The auditorium is best accessed from the south side of the building.*

For more information, call (575) 541-2192  
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# Mayor celebrates a decade in office

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Ken Miyagishima began his 11th year as mayor of Las Cruces in November.

Along with his six years as a city councilor and eight years on the Doña Ana County Commission, Miyagishima, 54, has nearly a quarter century of elected public service – more than two thirds of his adult life.

One of five children, Miyagishima's father was retired military. The family lived in a small house in Las Cruces and Ken got reduced-priced lunches at Conlee Elementary School. He wore hand-me-downs from his older brothers or clothes made by his mother, who also cut his hair.

Miyagishima remembers really wanting a pair of NBA All Stars. "Those were the shoes to have," he said.

But it was more than his family could afford.

"I didn't grow up with much," he said. "But the house was clean and I



**LAS CRUCES  
MAYOR KEN  
MIYAGISHIMA**

had my mom and dad. I was really fortunate." Miyagishima is a Democrat, but his interest in politics began in the 1972 re-election campaign of Republican Richard Nixon.

Then a 9-year-old, Miyagishima supported Nixon because of the president's pledge to end the Vietnam War. Miyagishima's older brother, Jim, was serving in the U.S. Army in Vietnam at the time.

The younger Miyagishima began his "first foray" into politics, knocking on doors for Nixon "so Jim doesn't get hurt," he said.

The future mayor began considering a run for public office himself while he was as a student at Lynn Junior High.

Two classmates pledged their support for a future gubernatorial campaign, and Miyagishima kept a

list of goals in his wallet that included repaying their support.

In 1988, at age 25, Miyagishima saw a classmate get within about 120 votes of an incumbent county commissioner who was running for re-election.

"When I saw how close he got," Miyagishima said, "that gave me the courage to run."

The next year, Miyagishima filed against then-state Rep. Leonard Lee Rawson, a Republican, for the district 37 New Mexico House of Representatives seat.

With a budget of only \$1,000 for the campaign (Miyagishima had to hold a fundraiser to pay it back), he fell short of Rawson by only a few hundred votes.

Miyagishima worked on Ruben Smith's successful campaign for mayor in 1991. (Smith served more than 11 years as the only person in Las Cruces history to serve longer than Miyagishima as the city's publicly elected mayor.)

At age 29, with a degree



PHOTO COURTESY MAYOR KEN MIYAGISHIMA

**Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima, second from right, at his last meeting as a member of the Doña Ana County Commission in December 2000. With Miyagishima are, left to right, former county commissioner and city councilor Miguel Silva, former county commissioner and current state Sen. Joseph Cervantes, former county commissioner Carlos Garza and former county commissioner Gilbert Apodaca.**

in real estate from New Mexico State University and a successful insurance business, Miyagishima was elected to the county commission in 1992. He won 60 percent of the vote against two opponents in the Democratic primary and ran unopposed in the general election.

Miyagishima became commission chair in 1995. Commissioner Tony Schaefer had been elected chair, Miyagishima re-members, but then-New Mexico Attorney General nixed the vote because it was done by secret ballot. Miyagishima was elected in an open re-vote.

Barred from seeking a third consecutive term on the commission in 2000,

Miyagishima won the city council District 6 seat in 1991, succeeding John Halton.

Miyagishima made his first run for mayor in 2003, losing to incumbent Bill Mattiace. He ran without opposition in 2005 for a second term on the city council and made his second bid for mayor in 2007, winning a rematch with Mattiace by about 80 votes.

"I was ready," Miyagishima said of that second mayoral campaign.

Miyagishima credits about 150 volunteers with helping him get elected, along with the support of the Progressive Voters Alliance. He called alliance member Don Kurtz "a genius."

Taking office in November 2007, Miyagishima said "the first three months were a whirlwind."

Attending council meetings and other public functions, answering phone calls and emails and running his own business, caused the new mayor to think, "I can't keep this pace up."

Things finally slowed down a little, and about six months after the election, Miyagishima said, it finally "sunk in: 'I'm the mayor.' It was a weird feeling."

He was re-elected mayor in 2011, winning more than 60 percent of the vote against two oppo-

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nents. He got more than half the vote during his second re-election in 2015.

Being the mayor, he said, is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that he has treasured from the first day, mostly because of all the people he has met and been able to help.

"It's been a fantastic journey," Miyagishima said. "I'm extremely fortunate the public has allowed me to continue to serve in this capacity. I've never taken it for granted."

The mayor gets about 100 texts a day. "I can handle that," he said. He also returns phone calls and answers emails every day.

Asked if he will run for a fourth mayoral term in 2019, Miyagishima responded, "If you love what you're doing, it's heaven, and I love what I'm doing."

There has also been speculation that Miyagishima might seek statewide office or the U.S. House seat for New Mexico's 2nd Congressional district.

"I'm happy where I'm at," he said.

Miyagishima has a 24-year-old daughter and is raising three adopted sons with his wife, Rosie.

In 10 years, Miyagishima has presided over thousands of hours of city council meetings and listened to thousands of people debate and discuss countless issues.

Every person is "entitled to their opinion" on any issue, he said. "In their own way, they're passionate about that issue. That's what America is all about."

Differences of opinion is "the spice of life," Miyagishima said.

And, while he may not support a constituent's opinion, he will listen to it and often learn something.

"I think we're all better for it," he said.

For more information, visit [www.las-cruces.org/departments/city-council/mayor](http://www.las-cruces.org/departments/city-council/mayor) and [www.facebook.com/ken.miyagishima](http://www.facebook.com/ken.miyagishima).

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BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Mayor Ken Miyagishima with third graders at Monte Vista Elementary School during his nationally recognized stay-in-school initiative and fitness and nutrition challenge.

## Mayor cites accomplishments

Miyagishima said a "change in how we deal with development" is one of his most important accomplishments as mayor.

"We're not trying to slow growth," he said. "We just want it to be planned."

Getting a new city hall built, followed shortly by a new city aquatic center and convention center "was huge," Miyagishima said.

The city benefits from a strong management team, he said, especially the city manager and finance director.

Las Cruces has been "very fortunate" to have Robert Garza and now Stuart Ed as its last two city managers, Miyagishima said. Garza served for six years, retiring in May 2015. Ed was hired as the new city manager by the mayor

and council in early November 2016.

Going forward, Miyagishima said his goals are to make the city self-sufficient, and "to always make sure we have the money to operate at the high level that we do," he said.

He also wants to expand opportunities "to bring in the necessary infrastructure and business that increases the per capita income of our residents."

Beginning a community schools program in partnership with Las Cruces Public Schools has also been a significant accomplishment for the mayor.

The basic needs of every child should be met, he said. "No child goes to bed hungry."

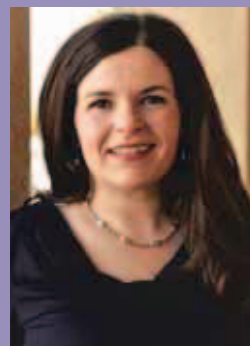
The mayor plans to continue his nation-

ally recognized stay-in-school initiative and fitness and nutrition challenge he started with Las Cruces third graders shortly after becoming mayor. He's presented the program to about 20,000 students in Las Cruces, Mesilla and the Village of Doña Ana during his tenure, and some of those children have been recognized in the Mayor's Top Teens program.

Miyagishima also wants to continue helping Las Cruces military veterans who have been homeless or nearly homeless to get "back on their feet."

Providing additional housing opportunities for them could bring manufacturing jobs to Las Cruces, he said, and could even provide jobs for retired veterans.

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Las Cruces Fire Department Deputy Chief Steve Mims, left, received the Gadsden Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution's (SAR) 2017 fire safety commendation from SAR President David Curtiss at the SAR's annual recognition ceremony.



Las Cruces EMT Jacob Jaramillo, left, received the 2017 EMS commendation from SAR President David Curtiss.

## Local first responders recognized

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Three Las Cruces first responders were recognized for community service by the Gadsden Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) during a Dec. 9 awards ceremony in Las Cruces.

The 2017 awards were presented based on nominations received in Doña Ana County, Alamogordo and Lincoln County.

- Fire safety commendation: Las Cruces Fire Department Deputy Chief and Fairacres Volunteer Fire Department Chief Steve Mims;

- Law enforcement commendation: Doña Ana County Sheriff's



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Doña Ana County Sheriff's Deputy Diego Herrera, left, received the 2017 law enforcement commendation from SAR President David Curtiss.

Deputy Diego Herrera;  
• EMS commendation:  
Las Cruces American

Medical Response EMT/  
paramedic Jacob Jaramillo;

- Heroism medal: Mickeyla Wyckoff, an Alamogordo lifeguard.

The awards were presented by SAR Gadsden Chapter President David R. Curtiss, CMSgt, USAF (Ret.) of Las Cruces.

SAR, created by an act of Congress in 1906, is the largest male lineage organization in the United States, according to [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org), and consists of 500 local chapters, several international societies and more than 34,000 members.

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## IN THE NEWS

### Church-Water two-way conversion

Las Cruces motorists are advised that Main Street near downtown Las Cruces will be closed to through traffic for about five weeks. The closure, which began Dec. 12, will be from Lohman to Amador, and a detour will be in place. Northbound traffic will be detoured east onto Lohman, north onto Campo, west onto Amador and back onto Main Street.

Southbound traffic will be detoured west onto Amador, south onto Alameda, east onto Lohman and back onto Main Street.

Business and residential access will be maintained, but the road closure will affect Road-RUNNER Transit Route

1. Motorists wanting to avoid possible delays should seek an alternative route.

The project is on budget and on time. Zone 1 is still projected to be complete by Jan. 31, 2018, so that the Amador Project can open in spring of 2018.

The City has been communicating with stakeholders – working with merchants, residents, the Farmer's Market, and other affected parties, and has been holding regular open houses. The next open house is 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. The public is encouraged to attend and ask questions.

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# Electric moment

Vista Middle School Middle School students in the Mathematics-Engineering-Science Achievement (MESA) program show off the trophies and check they won for earning second place in the annual New Mexico Electric Car Challenge, in Albuquerque Nov. 18. The annual competition tasks student groups to design, build, race a battery-operated model car and then present the rationale for their design to a panel of judges from Sandia National Laboratories and Los Alamos National Laboratory. Approximately 60 teams participated in the statewide competition. This is the sixth consecutive year that students from Vista Middle have placed in the top two in the competition.

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### Red Kettle theft

Police are investigating a Friday, Dec. 8, theft of one of The Salvation Army's signature Red Kettles, containing an unknown amount of cash, in Las Cruces.

"The important thing is that no one was hurt, and for that, we are grateful," said Lt. Michael Evans of The Salvation Army Las Cruces Corps Community Center.

This comes at a crucial time of year for the organization. Red Kettle collections comprise approximately 25 percent of donations to The Salvation Army in New Mexico for the entire year. Contributions to Red Kettles fund a range of life-transforming social service programs, including spiritual wor-

ship and fellowship, food for the hungry, relief for disaster survivors, adult rehabilitation, rent and utility assistance, and opportunities for underprivileged children.

Eighty-two cents of every dollar donated to The Salvation Army are used to support these services.

Red Kettle bell ringers will be collecting donations for The Salvation Army's Fight for Good through Dec. 23.

For more information about The Salvation Army's services, or to volunteer, visit LasCruces.SalvationArmy.org or call 575-524-4713.

The Red Kettle was introduced in 1891 as a means to provide a free holiday dinner to the poor. Today, donations help The Salvation Army support 25 million Americans annually.

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- INSTRUCTIONS:**
- Make icing by mixing 2 cups powdered sugar with 3 to 4 tablespoons milk. Whip until it is the consistency of toothpaste.
  - Using a gentle sawing motion, carefully cut the corners of two graham crackers with a bread knife.
  - Next, carefully cut a full size graham cracker in half.
  - Put icing in zipper plastic bag. Snip a tiny hole in a bottom corner of the bag.
  - Squeeze a line of icing from bag along edge of graham cracker wall.
  - Attach graham cracker wall as shown.
  - Keep attaching walls and roof panels with icing.
  - Frost roof and sprinkle with coconut flakes.
  - Use icing and pretzel sticks to make a fence for your house.



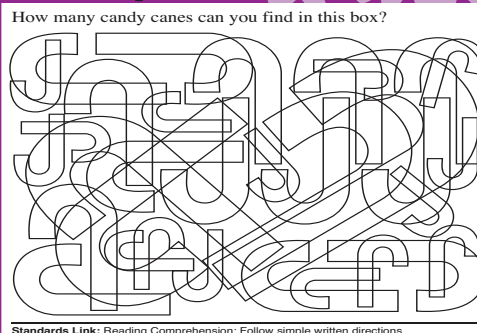
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### Fill in The Blanks!

Ask a friend to come up with three nouns (person, place or thing) and three verbs (action words like swim and walk). Use them to fill in the blanks in this story. Read it aloud to share some holiday humor!

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NOUN 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOUN 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
VERB 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
VERB 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
VERB 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Ricky Reindeer wanted to get a special gift for his friend Sadie Squirrel. He walked deep into the forest, and was surprised to find a shiny, new \_\_\_\_\_ in the snow.  
NOUN 1  
He picked it up and started to \_\_\_\_\_ back home. He wrapped the gift in \_\_\_\_\_ and put a nice big \_\_\_\_\_ on top.  
NOUN 2  
NOUN 3  
Sadie was thrilled with the gift. She was so happy, she began to \_\_\_\_\_ around in the snow. Ricky was happy, too. So he began to \_\_\_\_\_ merrily while jumping for joy.  
VERB 1  
VERB 2  
VERB 3

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

**Winter Clues**  
Look through the newspaper for ten or more clues that it is winter in your town. Write a paragraph describing the winter holidays in your town. Incorporate words that you found in the newspaper.  
Standards Link: Writing Applications: Use descriptive language that clarifies and enhances ideas.

### Write On!

**I built my house of ...**  
Finish this sentence and then write five details about your home.

**Chilly Challenge**  
Edith Elf wanted to measure the snowfall at the North Pole for one week. She started on Sunday, and stopped the next Saturday. It snowed every day that week. Each day the amount of snow in her bucket doubled. On Saturday, the bucket was full.  
On what day of the week was Edith's bucket half full?  
ANSWER: It snowed twice as much each day as the day before, so that means that on Friday, Edith's bucket was half full. It doubled that night and was full on Saturday.

## COMING UP

**Bird count:** Saturday, Dec. 16. Birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts in Las Cruces can take part in the National Audubon Society's 118th Annual Christmas Count. This is the 43rd year of counting birds in the Mesilla Valley. Data compiled in 15-mile-diameter Las Cruces count circle will record every individual bird and bird species seen in a specified area, contributing to a vast citizen science network of 73,000 volunteer bird counters in more than 2,500 locations across the Western Hemisphere. Info and to signup: Wayne Teers, 575-528-8696 or way1mike@yahoo.com.

**Desert cardinal:** 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Education Center, 2001 E. Lohman, Suite 130. Presentation all about Pyrrhuloxia, the Desert Cardinal. Fun and amazing facts about a favorite local cardinal. Presented by Dr. Jodie Jawor of

avian behavior and biology, researcher with NMSU and program director at the National Science Foundation. Seating is limited. Cost: Free. Info and RSVP: 575-523-5489 or email wbulcnature@gmail.com.

**Pet photos:** 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 16-17 and Saturday, Dec. 23, Petco, 3050 East Lohman Ave., Bldg. D. Pet photos with Santa Claus are \$9.95 each with all proceeds going to ACTION Programs for Animals, or APA. Also, 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 16, 800 W. Picacho Ave., APA will have a rummage sale and savers dive. Donations may be dropped off at APA 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. through Dec. 16. Info: 575-644-0505 or email mail@apalascruces.org.

**Grand Menorah Lighting:** 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, Mesilla Plaza. 8th annual Grand Menorah Lighting and Live Concert featur-

ing American-Israeli singer-songwriter Oneg Shemesh, indie folk/rock musician with a fresh, innovative sound and engaging, interactive style. The evening includes lighting of southern New Mexico's tallest Menorah at 9 feet tall. The entire community is invited to enjoy this musical evening with warm latkes (traditional potato pancakes), jelly donuts, hot cocoa, chocolate gelt, and Chanukah crafts for the kids. Chanukah, or Hanukkah, The Festival of Lights, the Jewish holiday, continues through Wednesday, Dec. 20. Cost: Free. Info: 575-524-1330, www.JewishLC.com.

**Roundtable discussions:** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, Unitarian Universalist Church Library, 2000 S. Solano. "Community Schools as a movement of Transformation and Resistance." The community school movement developed to resist the top-down bureaucratization of schooling and to advance a grassroots vision for education. This presentation will review the background and history of community schooling, and will discuss the local community school movement that is growing in Las Cruces. The presenter will be David Greenberg, district coordinator for Community Schools with LCPS. Roundtable discussions with the objective of learning more about all sides of issues and learning more about one another.

**Author to speak:** 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, Branigan Library, 200 E.

Picacho Ave. Dr. Victor Shamas will be in Las Cruces to speak about his fourth book, "Deep Creativity: Inside the Creative Mystery," which took him 30 years to complete. The presentation will mark the start of Dr. Shamas' Southwest book tour. Shamas also will speak at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17, and at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 Main Street.

**Pickleball watch:** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, at The Game Sports Bar, 2605 S. Espina. CBS Sports Channel will televise the National Pickleball Championships. See how the pros play pickleball.

**Metaphysical music:** 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N Main St. An uplifting shared metaphysical and musical program with Wellspring. Participation by all three Unity of Las Cruces churches. There will be no regular Sunday morning celebration service.

**Grief support:** 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4 at Morning Star United Methodist Church, 2941 Morning Star Drive. A weekly GriefShare Support Group, a 13-week program designed to help people rebuild their lives after the death of a loved one. The program includes a workbook and videos to guide the discussion. Cost is \$25. Info and registration: Jackie Maxon at 915-525-2575 or Jan Spealman at 575-496-4419.

**Girls' conference:** Satur-

day, Jan. 20, Doña Ana Community College East Mesa Campus, 2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd. Registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 15. Soroptimist International of Las Cruces will sponsor a DREAM IT, BE IT Conference for high school girls featuring professional role models, career education and the resources to achieve their dreams. Girls learn about setting and achieving goals, overcoming obstacles to success and managing stress. Participants will get tips on personal finance and professional etiquette that will help in their choices of careers and will be eligible to receive a \$500 scholarship toward education or professional training after high school. Cost: Free. Info: www.silc.nm.org or email at silacruces@soroptimist.net.

## ONGOING

**Aquatic Center:** Through April 29, 2018, the following hours will be in effect at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. 6 a.m. 8:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Saturday; Closed Sundays. Info: 575-541-2782.

**Big Daddy's Flea Market:** 7 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 5580 Bataan Memorial East, Hwy. 70 East. Info: 575-382-9404.

**Blankets needed:** The Gospel Rescue Mission has a critical need for blankets. They may be donated at either the Gospel Rescue Mission Clothing Room, 1416 S. Solano Ave., or at the mission, 1050 W. Amador Ave.

Hours are 9-11 a.m. Monday and Friday and 9-11 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. Wednesday. Info: 575-642-9619.

**Bridge games and lessons:** 12:30-3:45 p.m. Monday-Friday, Belton Bridge Center, 1214 Madrid Ave. Bridge games open to all players for \$6. If you need a partner, call Dave Allen, 635-6486, Monday and Thursday; Linda Spengler, 621-0997, Tuesday and Friday; and Barbara Houseknecht, 523-5757, Wednesday. Tuesday morning bridge education for free, 10 a.m., call Dixie Binning, 575-267-1918. The club offers two games that are limited to players with fewer than 50 master points at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday and a mini-game from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, call 786-338-5970. Club info: 575-524-3031.

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

**Farmers and crafts market:** 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays, Plaza de Las Cruces.

**La Frontera store:** La Frontera, a seller of fair-trade items made by women from the border area and Mexico, is located at Nopalito's Galeria, 326 S. Mesquite St., in Las Cruces and will be open every Saturday through Dec. 30. Proceeds from sales go to



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the women who produce the products, which include oil cloth aprons and tote bags, guerilla prayer flags, clothing and house-

hold items. Info: lafron-terafairtrade@gmail.com.

**Las Colcheras Quilt**

**Guild:** 6:30 p.m., the third Monday at the American Legion Post 10 Hall, 1185 Madrid Ave. Guests welcome. The guild offers

quilt lessons, community service opportunities, sew-ins, an active outreach program and a biennial quilt show. Info: lascolcherasq@aol.com or 575-521-0521.

**Las Cruces Civitan Club:**

Meets noon the second Tuesday and 6 p.m. fourth Tuesday, Los Compas Restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive. Info: 575-649-0165.

**LC Young Pros:** Third Tuesday, Las Cruces

Young Professionals, Beck's Coffee House, 130 N. Mesquite St. Grab some coffee with fellow young professionals for a quick presentation about business or organization. Info and RSVP: [www.facebook.com/lascrucesyp](http://www.facebook.com/lascrucesyp).

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**Order of the Purple Heart:** 6 p.m., first Monday, American Legion #10, hall 1185. Mesilla Valley #2004 Military Order of the Purple Heart meets. Info: 575-496-1312 or 575-644-1045.

**Model Railroad Club:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. third Saturday, Southern New Mexico Fair Grounds, White Quonset Hut. Info: Mike Fifer, 575-526-8834

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS

**Christmas party:** 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, Mesilla Park Community Church, 1040 El Paseo Road. Free admission. Free hot chocolate and popcorn. Watch a Christmas movie and take a photo with Santa Claus. Info: 575-524-7658, by email at [info@getrealchurch.org](mailto:info@getrealchurch.org), or by visiting [www.getrealchurch.org](http://www.getrealchurch.org)

**Voz Vaqueros:** The Singing Men of Las Cruces, established 46 years ago in 1971, presents its 40th series of Christmas Concerts at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, Trinity Lutheran Church, 2900 Elks Drive; 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, Good Samaritan Society Auditorium, 3025 Terrace Drive. Free.

**The Nutcracker:** 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 15-16, ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. Las Cruces School of Music & Dance will present the popular holiday ballet featuring Maitlyn Warner in her first solo performance as Clara, and Mariah Jackson as the Sugar Plum Fairy in her final performance at the school. In conjunction with Borderlands Ballet, the school will present its original dance production of "The Cracked Nut," featuring jazz, tap and hip hop performances, at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17. Cost: \$20. Tickets: [www.tututix.com](http://www.tututix.com)

[com/client/lascruces-school](http://com/client/lascruces-school) or at the door. Info: 575-525-5670 or email [newmexicodanceandmusic@gmail.com](mailto:newmexicodanceandmusic@gmail.com).

**Mariachi Merry Christmas:**

2-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, Palacio Bar, 2600 Avenida de Mesilla. Featuring performances by Alyssa Adriana Bustillos, Salvador Hernandez, Orlando-Antonio Jimenez, Mariachi Aguilas, Greg Rocha and deejay Rob-E. \$20 cover includes "Christmas" enchilada plate. All proceeds benefit the Las Cruces International Mariachi Conference.

**Winterfest 2017:** Food Truck Fiesta, DLCP Events, Leave It Local, Las Cruces, and Bravo Mic host Winterfest on Plaza de Las Cruces, 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20. Enjoy live entertainment, food trucks, vendors for last-minute shopping with special prices for kids, canned food drive, free photo with Santa in exchange for canned goods/gloves/socks/flashlight donations. Proceeds benefit Mesilla Valley Community of Hope.

**Hospice holidays:** Through Dec. 21. The Emporium antique store benefiting Mesilla Valley Hospice asks the community for antique or collectible Christmas tree ornaments to deco-

rate its holiday tree. The store offers \$5 off any purchase of over \$10 for donating an ornament. Bring donations to The Emporium, 106 Water St., Wednesdays-Saturdays. Info: 575-525-1235.


**Campfire Christmas cookies:**

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 23, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. The museum will teach the age-old art of making cookies using a vintage pizzelle iron from the 1800s using traditional

cookie cutters with all the fixins and decorations ready. Regular Museum admission is required to participate in this special program, \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, and \$3 for children 5-17.

**Christmas Eve in Mesilla:**

Enjoy some hot chocolate and a stroll on the historic Mesilla plaza aglow on Christmas Eve with luminarias, carolers and all the magic of the holiday season. Info: Town of Mesilla, 575-524-3262



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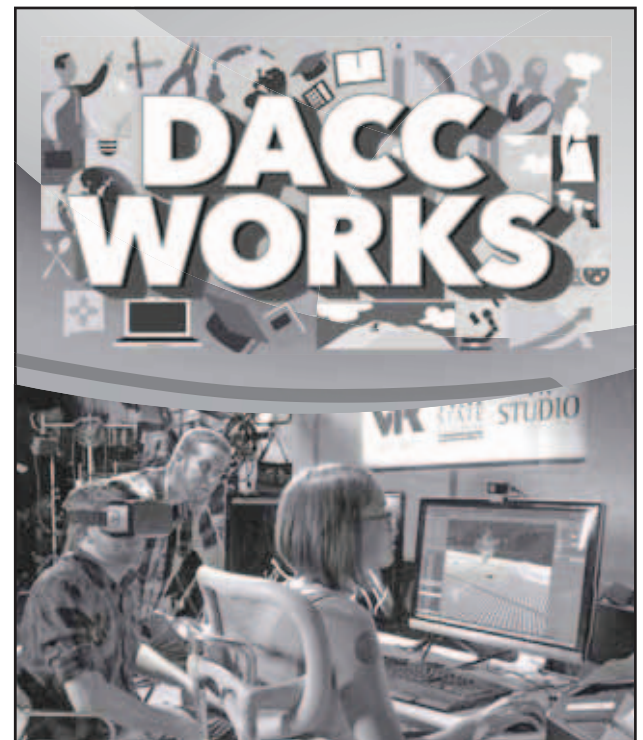
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# Model plane enthusiasts soar at Old Foothills Landfill



Model airplane pilots at the first regional fly-in hosted by MVMAC in 2016 at the City's model airplane park located at the OFL.

By **CASSIE MCCLURE AND SUZANNE MICHAELS**

For the Bulletin

With the stunning backdrop of the Organ Mountains, the City of Las Cruces' Old Foothills Landfill (OFL) at 555 S. Sonoma Ranch Blvd. is a hub of activity not only for year-'round green waste recycling and clean-fill acceptance, but also for citizens who utilize two onsite recreational venues – a model airplane park and a small archery range.

The 150-acre landfill is home to the “nicest model airplane park anywhere in the region” said Jerry DeLong, former president of the Mesilla Valley Model Airplane

Club (MVMAC), providing the perfect open space for flying in a stunning setting. Now, in addition to the large paved parking lot, bleachers for observers, and shade structures, the newly-repaved runways (each measuring 600-by-100 feet) make it even better.

The model airplane park is possible thanks to two city departments and MVMAC. Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) operates the landfill, Parks & Recreation oversees maintenance and upkeep of the two recreational venues, and MVMAC manages day-to-day activities at the model airplane park.

As of the third week of November, the airfield has refreshed pavement ready for more radio-controlled high-flying adventures. With a capable pilot on the ground, the planes perform aerial tricks high in the sky creating smoke trails, doing aerobatics and loop-de-loops, flying upside down, and performing touch-and-go landings on the runway.

Robin Lawrence, interim solid waste administrator, explains, “The three-day process to repave the runways carries out the City’s mission to improve quality of life for residents. It was straightforward, quick, and necessary to preserve the full potential of the model airplane park.”

“The repaving job was absolutely outstand-

ing,” said Al Siegwart, incoming president of MVMAC. He explained that it’s not only a boon for club members, but expands tourism for Las Cruces through the hobby.

“The improvements to the park help us better host regional fly-in competitions for model airplane pilots coming from as far as Colorado, Texas, and Arizona,” he said. “We’re very, very proud to be able use this air field.”

Anyone interested in learning more about this radio control hobby is encouraged to contact MVMAC at 908-319-3684 or <http://www.mvmac.org>.

The club offers a wealth of information and some free training for people who want to learn to fly. Training planes are provided by the club with a qualified club instructor, so residents don’t have to spend money just to learn the basics of flight.

Flying is restricted to regular open hours for the landfill, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.

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NMSU graduates line up outside the Pan American Center for the start of Fall Commencement.

# Fall Commencement

More than 1,000 students graduated from New Mexico State University in the Fall Commencement ceremony Saturday, Dec. 9. Two posthumous degrees were awarded – in philosophy to Cathilia Flores and in business administration to Daniel Lewis Canfield. His brother, Jon Thomas Canfield, an NMSU student who will also be graduating this semester, walked on his behalf. Sharon A. Jones, former chief of staff for NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, was recognized for her contributions to the university with an honorary professional degree in management. Jones worked for Carruthers from 2006 until her retirement in July. An additional 387 summer graduates were invited to the ceremony as well.



From left: Bachelor of Arts and Science degree recipients Regan Cadena, Marly Casarez, Joshua Castillo and Alma Chavez.



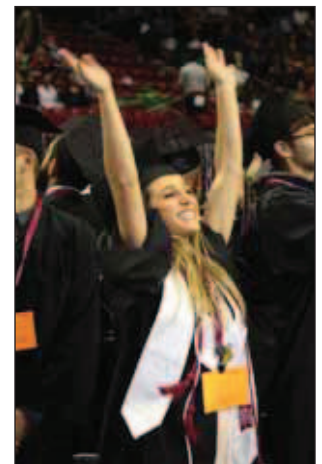
The top of Melissa Barraza's cap reads "Thank you mom and dad, I did it!" with her friend Cristal Corrales who both received degrees in journalism.



Binod Ghimire received a master's degree in agriculture handed to him by NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers.



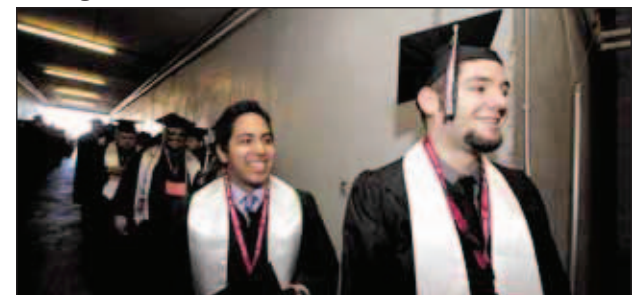
Melissa Adame and Samantha Apodaca wait outside the Pan American Center before receiving their bachelors of Arts and Science degrees.



Industrial engineering graduate Mariel Haddad raises her arms to her family in the crowd.



NMSU graduates enter the Pan American Center.



Luigi Finston and Taylor Paz wait to enter the Pan American Center to receive their Bachelor of Arts and Science degree.

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File Construction LLC. An EEO Employer, requests quotes from DBE / MBE / WBE Subcontractors and Suppliers for the Dona Ana MDWCA Via Norte Water System Improvements, bidding on December 21, 2017 2:00 PM. Please send your quotes to Jaime Cruz at jcruz@fconst.com Quotes will be received no later than 12/20/17 at 12:00 PM. Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents may be reviewed at major plan rooms or by contacting Christina Martinez at File Construction cmartinez@fconst.com - 505.554.1780.

Date: 12/15, 2017

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

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

Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 2017

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

No. 17-0288

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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

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

DATED: December 1, 2017

JANE NADINE BOOR  
5843 Agave Lane  
Las Cruces, New Mexico

88012

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

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 17, 2017 Maria Melendez-Jacome & Juan Jose Moar & Deborah G. & James A. Michael, 7361 Brays Landing Drive, El Paso, TX 79911 & 2265 Avalon Drive Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-14534-1 in to LRG-17017, OSE File Nos.: LRG-14534-1 & LRG-17017 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Point of Diversion, Change Purpose of Use, & Change Place of Use of Underground Water within the Lower Rio Grande Water Basin in Doña Ana County by changing the purpose of use of 2.0 acre-feet of underground water diverted from well LRG-14534-POD3 located within the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of projected Section 1, Township 23S, Range 1E NMPM, & more specifically located at or near the intersection of X=1,473,840 ft. & Y=484,398 ft. NMSP Central NAD83 currently used for mobile home purposed located within the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of said Section 1 (NMPM), to be instead used for commercial purposes, more specifically greenhouse and aquaculture uses on land owned by Maria Melendez-Jacome & Juan Jose Moar & located within the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of projected Section 4, Township 25S, Range 2E & the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of projected Section 9, Township 25S, Range 2E (NMPM) to be diverted from existing well LRG-16951-POD1 located within the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of said projected section 9 & more specifically located at or near the intersection of 32°9'21.9"N & 106°44'24.4"W (WGS84) located on land owned by Maria Melendez-Jacome & Juan Jose Moar. The place of use will change from mobile home use on the above mentioned property owned by Deborah G & James A. Micheal to land owned by Maria Melendez-Jacome & Juan Jose Moar as described above. Well LRG-1651-POD1 is located

approximately 446 feet southeast of the intersection of County Rd B41 & County Rd B10 west of San Miguel, NM. Existing well LRG-14534-POD3 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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

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

No. 17-0275

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARILYN L. STEFFEL, a/k/a MARILYN LOUISE STEFFEL, DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that PATRICIA ANN CHERF 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: November 8, 2017.

PATRICIA ANN CHERF  
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Dates: 12/08, 12/15, 12/22, 2017

J29 Enterprises, LLC is interested in receiving quotes from WBE and MBE firms for the construction of Dona Ana MDWCA Via Norte Water System Improvement Project. Subcontractors or suppliers may quote the following: Surveying, Materials, Testing, SWPPP, Rip Rap, Aggregate Base Concrete, Asphalt, Traffic Control, Painting. Minority firms must submit EPA forms provided in the bid documents with or prior to submission of the quote. All quotes and forms must be submitted prior to bid day, December 21, 2017. All subcontractors must be in compliance with and will follow NM Public Works Minimum Wage Act. If interested please call J29 Enterprises, LLC at 575-524-2226, fax 866-761-4996, email rcorona@j29enterprises.com.

Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 25, 2017, Moongate Water Company, Inc. 9301 Bataan Memorial West, Las Cruces, NM 88012, filed application numbered LRG-451 POD2 with the State Engineer for permit to Change Point of Diversion, OSE File NOS: LRG-451 & LRG-453, within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana county by discontinuing the use of well LRG-370-S-3 located within

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the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 9, Township 22 South, Range 3 East, NMPM and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 24' 36.17"N, 106° 38' 45.09"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and drilling replacement well LRG-451 POD2 to a depth of 1,100 feet for 16-inch casing, to be located within the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 9, Township 22 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 24' 35.53"N, 106° 38' 43.53"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion and consumptive use of 700 acre-feet per annum, for municipal, industrial, commercial, domestic, livestock, and irrigation purposes within the previously permitted Moongate Water Company, Inc. service area described as follows:

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Township  
22 South  
22 South  
21 South

Range  
3 East  
3 East  
3 East

The site for proposed well LRG-451 POD2 is located within Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address of 9301 Bataan Memorial West. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill proposed well LRG-451 POD2 within 100 feet of existing well LRG-370-S-3 pursuant to NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. Well LRG-370-S-3 will be retained for monitoring purposes.

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

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Dates: 12/1, 12/08, 12/15, 2017

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt the Following Ordinance(s) at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on January 2, 2018:

**(1) Council Bill No. 18-012; Ordinance No. 2836:** An Ordinance Amending Section 13-102-Definitions in the Affordable Housing General Oversight of the Las Cruces Municipal Code, 1997, as Amended (LCMC).

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 12th day of December, 2017.

Linda Lewis, CMC  
City Clerk

Date: 12/15/2017

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt the Following Ordinance(s) at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on January 16, 2018:

**(1) Council Bill No. 18-013; Ordinance No. 2837:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of the City

of Las Cruces, New Mexico ("City") Subordinate Lien Joint Utility Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2018 in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$22,500,000.00 to Expand and Improve the City's Joint Utility System; Delegating Authority to the City Manager to Execute and Deliver a Bond Purchase Agreement for the Sale of the Bonds to the Underwriter; Amending Master Ordinance No. 1593.

**(2) Council Bill No. 18-014; Ordinance No. 2838:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Escrow Agreement and a Loan Agreement in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$3,200,000.00 to Acquire, Install, and Equip Energy Conservation Measures Throughout the City of Las Cruces with Such Loan Agreement to be Secured by a Lien on the Guaranteed Energy Cost Savings Pursuant to the Public Facility Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Act.

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 12th day of December, 2017.

Linda Lewis, CMC  
City Clerk

Date: 12/15/2017

South Main Self Storage  
1910 S. Main / 150 W. Farney  
Las Cruces, NM 88005

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

Geico  
Attn: Region IV Claims  
P.O. Box 509119  
San Diego CA 92150-9914

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #H07 at South Main Self Storage will be sold at LIVE AUCTION or be disposed of to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$983.00. The contents of the unit consist of:

"As Is" Untitled (Title Not Guaranteed)  
2012 Harley Davidson XL883N Motorcycle  
VIN#  
1HD4LE217CC442125

DATE OF AUCTION: January 23, 2018

AUCTION STARTING AT:  
1:00 p.m.

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

LEASING SERVICES,  
INC.  
Carol Peña  
(575)525-0808

Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 2017

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

CV-2017-03323  
JUDGE MARTIN

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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

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

(seal)

Submitted by:

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

Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-3688  
JAMES T. MARTIN

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

NAME

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

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

(Seal)

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

Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-3848  
JAMES T. MARTIN

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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

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

Mexico.

(seal)

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

Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 2017

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

No.  
D-307-CV-2016-01080

WELLS FARGO BANK,  
NA, Plaintiff,

v.

FRANK T. RAMOS JR.;  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF  
FRANK T. RAMOS JR.;  
LILIA A. RAMOS AKA  
LILIA A. AYALA; UN-  
KNOWN SPOUSE OF LILIA  
A. RAMOS AKA LILIA  
A. AYALA; SPRINGCASTLE  
CREDIT FUNDING  
TRUST, THROUGH ITS  
TRUSTEE WILMINGTON  
TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION;  
BENEFICIAL FINANCIAL I INC.  
DBA BENEFICIAL NEW  
MEXICO INC., 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 1217 Locust Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows: LOT 1, BLOCK M, DALE BELLAMAH ADDITION, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 3, 1952, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 7 AT PAGE 21 OF THE PLAT RECORDS. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal

description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 AM on January 18, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment In Rem granted on November 7, 2017 in the total amount of \$41,904.11 with interest at the rate of 8.375% per annum from July 6, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Robert Doyle  
c/o Legal Process Network  
P.O. Box 51526  
Albuquerque, NM 87181  
INM-16-706210-JUD  
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## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

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

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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME (ADULT)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Shirley Carolyn Webb aka Shirley Carolyn Sanders, Resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Shirley Carolyn Webb aka Shirley Carolyn Sanders to Carolyn S. Webb. This Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the 5th day of January, 2018, at the hour of 10:15 a.m. at the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces, NM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-02436

WELLS FARGO BANK,  
N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

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

NOTICE OF

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## FORECLOSURE SALE

### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 2491 Tuscan Hills Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows: LOT 8 IN BLOCK F OF SEDONA HILLS SUBDIVISION 4 AT SONOMA RANCH EAST, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SEDONA HILLS SUBDIVISION 4 AT SONOMA RANCH EAST, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JANUARY 10, 2005 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 102-103. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 AM on February 1, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment granted on November 17, 2017 in the total amount of \$216,130.14 with interest at the rate of 4.875% per annum from October 6, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

### NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the

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

### NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-02044

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

vs.

**CLARA FAITH LESTER;  
DORIS ELLEN LESTER,  
if living, if deceased, THE  
ESTATE OF DORIS ELLEN  
LESTER, Deceased;  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
DEWISEES AND LEGATEES  
OF DORIS ELLEN  
LESTER, Deceased,  
Defendants.**

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 3, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter descri-

bed real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2110 Enzie Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: LOT 9 IN BLOCK U OF STULL COLLEGE HEIGHTS BLOCK W AND PART OF BLOCKS T, U, & V, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 14, 1962 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 8 AT PAGE 80, PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 13, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$45,422.48 and the same bears interest at 6.250% per annum from September 27, 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: 11/24, 12/01, 12/08, 12/15, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-01142

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

v.

**CARLOS R. SEDA, LUCINDA M. LACELLE; 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 1040 Calle Del Encanto, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 15 IN BLOCK NUMBERED E OF CASA LINDA ACRES, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID CASA LINDA ACRES, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON 02/03/1958 IN PLAT BOOK 8, FOLIO 9. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 AM on January 18, 2018, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency

of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment granted on November 6, 2017 in the total amount of \$106,279.39 with interest at the rate of 3.500% per annum from September 8, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00717

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

v.

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

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1325 Evelyn Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows: LOT NUMBERED 20 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 20 OF UNIT NO. 7 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID UNIT NO. 7 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 2, 1971 IN PLAT BOOK 10 FOLIO 84-85 If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 AM on February 1, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Summary and Default Judgment In Rem granted on November 22, 2017 in the total amount of \$158,417.51 with interest at the rate of 6.875% per annum from July 24, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master,

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-01165

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

v.

**JESS GARCIA; MARSHA GARCIA; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; 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 3352 Westridge Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 1, BLOCK 3, NORTH-RIDGE SUBDIVISION PHASE IIA, 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 MARCH 15, 1984, IN BOOK 13 PAGE(S) 238-240 OF PLAT RECORDS. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 AM on January 4, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment granted on October 11, 2017, in the total amount of \$116,212.38, with interest at the rate of 6.125% per annum from July 7, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-00126  
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MORRIS DOUGLAS NEWTON, JR., Deceased.**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed the 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 undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: November, 16 2017  
/s/ Elsie MacMullen Newton  
Elsie MacMullen Newton  
Personal Representative  
of the Estate of Morris Douglas Newton, Jr., Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:  
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.  
PO Box 366  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366

(575) 524-0833  
holmespa@zianet.com

/s/ Joseph M. Holmes  
Joseph M. Holmes  
Attorney for the Personal Representative

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

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

Case No.  
D-307-CV-2015-01884

LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

ERNESTO ARZOLA JR., IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ERNESTO ARZOLA JR., DECEASED; SARA ARZOLA AND JOHN DOE ARZOLA, WIFE AND HUSBAND; 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 1275 Fountain Loop, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 17, BLOCK J, OF LEGENDS WEST SUBDIVISION PHASE II, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON MAY 19, 2005 IN PLAT BOOK 21, AT PAGES 208 AND 209 AS PLAT NO. 4152, RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45am on January 4, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of

America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on October 24, 2017, in the total amount of \$129,329.41, with interest at the rate of 4.8750% per annum from September 30, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-02233

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,

## Plaintiff,

v.

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

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5254 Nana Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-02580

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

vs.

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

## NOTICE OF SALE

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

ty to be sold is located at 3548 Mission Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

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

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 17, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$317,540.78 and the same bears interest at 4.990% per annum from September 1, 2017, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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

Electronically filed  
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody  
Pamela Carmody, Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
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Dates: 12/01, 12/08, 12/15, 12/22, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-00660

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

v.

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

**Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SUIT

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

## GREETINGS:

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

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

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

**WEINSTEIN & RILEY, P.S.**

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

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

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

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

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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

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

Dated this 30 day of November, 2017.

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

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

By/s/ Dana M. Kyle  
Dana M. Kyle  
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Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2277  
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Attorney for Personal Representative

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

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

NO. D-307-CV-2016-02174

**BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,**

v.

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

**NOTICE OF SALE**

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

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

The address of the real property is 2921 Valle Vista, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the proper-

ty being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 1, 2017 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$98,886.15 plus interest from August 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.750% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

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

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affix-

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

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

Margaret Lake  
Special Master  
Pro Legal Services, LLC  
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Albuquerque, NM 87123  
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Dates: 12/08, 12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 2017

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

NO. D-307-CV-2017-00720

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

v.

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

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

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

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

LOT NUMBERED 10 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 3 OF SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION PHASE V-A, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO,

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

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

**WEINSTEIN & RILEY, P.S.**

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

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

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-02131

**MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SONYA TONKS, JOHN TONKS; Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO** to Defendants, Sonya Tonks and John Tonks:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff MidFirst Bank 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 3217 Dyer Street, Las Cruces, NM 88011. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 11 IN BLOCK 8C OF MAJESTIC HILLS SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME

IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 784 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 13, 1973, AS PLAT NO. 784 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 11 AT PAGES 55-61, PLAT RECORDS.

and is also described as: LOT 11, BLOCK 8C, MAJESTIC HILLS SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT 784 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 13, 1973 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 11, PAGES 55 -61 OF THE PLAT RECORDS

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

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

McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

By:/s/ Alexandra Noel Lopez  
Karen Weaver  
Alexandra Noel Lopez  
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-02121

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

vs.

**SAL A. BETANCOURT;**

**PRECILLA BETAN-COURT; CITIBANK, N.A.; ALLIED BURGLAR & FIRE ALARMS, INC.; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

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

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

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 29, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$296,550.13 and the same bears interest at 6.875% per annum from October 17, 2017, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be 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, 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  
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Dates: 12/08, 12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 2017

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

NO. D-307-CV-2016-01908

**BOKF, N.A.,**

**Plaintiff,**

v.

**THE ESTATE OF MIGUEL G. SILVA, DARIO SILVA, CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF MIGUEL G. SILVA, AND MARIA SILVA S U T T O N , C O - P E R S O N A L R E P R E S E N T A T I V E O F T H E E S T A T E O F M I G U E L G . S I L V A, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

The address of the real property is 628 E Organ Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 15, 2017 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of

\$103,722.86 plus interest from June 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-02562

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

vs.

**UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF WAYNE A. BAILLIE, DECEASED; TINA M. BAILLIE; ALLISON BAILLIE; REBECCA BAILLIE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,**  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF PENDECY OF ACTION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO** to Defendants, **UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF WAYNE A. BAILLIE, DECEASED:** You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 1226 Lewis Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 12 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 2 OF SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION, PHASE II, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION, PHASE II, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 29, 1978 PLAT BOOK 12,

FOLIO 170-172.

The Property is also described as follows:  
ALL OF LOT NUMBERED TWELVE (12), IN BLOCK NUMBERED TWO (2), OF SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION, PHASE II, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 29, 1978.

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

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

**MCCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP**

By: /s/ William Townley  
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-02559

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

vs.

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

**NOTICE OF PENDECY OF ACTION**

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

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

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

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or 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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(505) 248-2400 FAX: 254-4722

December 5, 2017

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

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

(seal)

**CLAUDE BOWMAN DAVID S. BORUNDA CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT**

By /s/ E. Balizan  
Deputy Elizabeth Balizan

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

The Doña Ana SWCD board of supervisors met in regular session on **November 11, 2017, at 9:00 AM** and resolved that:

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

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

To obtain a copy of the full text of this resolution, visit [www.daswcd.org](http://www.daswcd.org) or call 522-8775, x 116.

/s/ Jerry Schickedanz, Chairman

Date: 12/15/2017

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

No. 17-0287  
Judge Diana A. Bustamante

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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that JOHN P. MORGAN has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to personal representative at the address listed

below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

**DATED** this 30th day of November, 2017

**KEITHLY & ENGLISH, LLC**

/s/ Shane A. English  
SHANE A. ENGLISH  
Attorney for John P. Morgan,  
Personal Representative  
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kne1329@aol.com

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-03318

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# LEGAL NOTICES

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## ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT, Plaintiff,

vs.

**THE ESTATE OF ISABELLE A. GREEN, Deceased; ROBYN KAHLE; LYNNE KLOSS; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF ISABELLE A. GREEN, Deceased; and Unknown Successor Trustee of the Isabelle A. Green Revocable Trust UTA dated March 13, 2002, Defendant(s).**

## NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

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

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

Beginning at the southeast corner of this tract, whence the southeast corner of Lot 10, Block 7, Unit No. 2, Dale J. Bellamah's Glendale Gardens bears N. 87 deg., 12'E., a distance of 20.00 feet; thence S. 87 deg., 12'W., 111.61 feet to the southwest corner of this tract; thence N. 14 deg., 46'E., 124.20 feet to a point on a curve on the south line of Aspen Avenue; thence around the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 180.03 feet, an arc length of

55.20 feet, through a central angle of 17 deg., 34' to a point of tangency; thence N. 87 deg., 12'E., 19.79 feet to the northeast corner of this tract; thence S. 2 deg., 48'E., 110.01 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.242 acres of land more or less.

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

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:  
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December 4, 2017

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

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

David S. Borunda  
CLAUDE BOWMAN  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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

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

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

No. 17-0260  
Probate Judge  
Diana A. Bustamante

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD R. NEW, 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 or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Doña Ana County Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.  
Dated: October 31, 2017

/s/ Jason New  
Jason New, Personal Representative  
of the Estate of Donald R. New, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:  
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/s/ Joseph M. Holmes  
Joseph M. Holmes  
Attorney for the Estate

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

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

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

## JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

**SAMANTHA J. HOOPER AND JOHN DOE HOOPER, WIFE AND HUSBAND; ABC CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND HANE DOES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; OCCUPANT'S 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 5041 Starlite Court, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 26 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 29 OF LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, PHASE VI-A, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, PHASE VI-A, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 2, 1996 IN PLAT BOOK 18, FOLIO 412-413. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45am on January 18, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment granted on September 22, 2015, in the total amount of \$84,365.30, with interest at the rate of 5.375% per annum from July 31, 2015 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

**JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property,

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

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

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

By: Robert Doyle  
c/o Legal Process Network  
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## THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that ORALIA SEPULVEDA NOL has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, NM 88001, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New

Mexico 88005.

Dated: November 8, 2017

ORALIA SEPULVEDA NOL  
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Dates: 12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 2017

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

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF**

**VIRGINIA R. SEPULVEDA, a/k/a VIRGINIA ROSALES SEPULVEDA, a/k/a VIRGINIA SEPULVEDA DECEASED**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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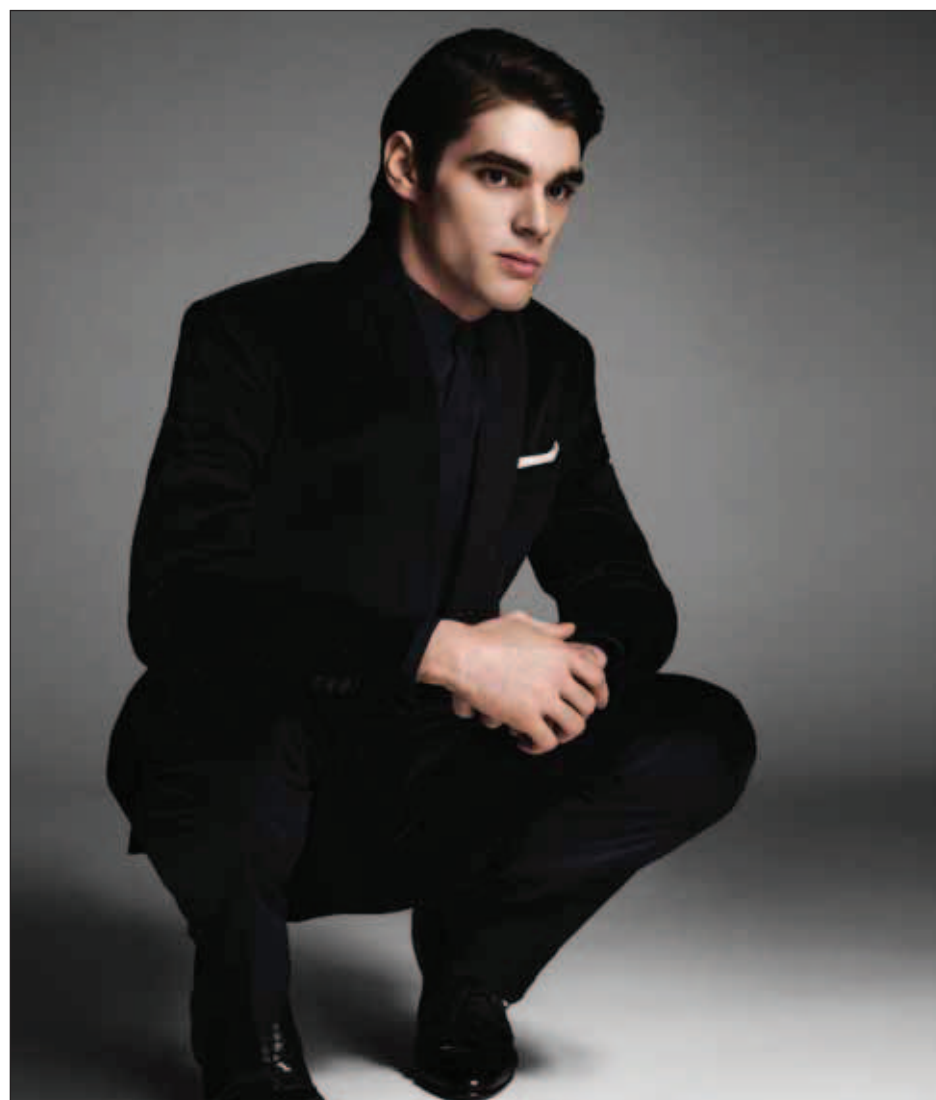
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Cybill Shepherd



RJ Mitte

## Celebrities scheduled for 2018 film festival

### BULLETIN REPORT

The 2018 Las Cruces International Film Festival (LCIFF) will screen outstanding films and welcome major celebrities, including television and movie actors Cybill Shepherd and Pam Grier and actor, producer and model, RJ Mitte.

Shepherd starred in the late-1980 television series “Moon-

lighting” opposite Bruce Willis and in her own situation comedy, “Cybill” in the late 1990s. Her film credits include “The Last Picture Show,” “The Heartbreak Kid” and “Taxi Driver.”

Shepherd made her Broadway debut in 2012 in the revival of Gore Vidal’s “The Best Man.” She has recorded 11 albums and, in 2000, published her memoirs: “Cybill Disobedience: How I

Survived Beauty Pageants, Elvis, Sex, Bruce Willis, Lies, Marriage, Motherhood, Hollywood, and the Irrepressible Urge to Say What I Think.”

Grier’s acting career covers almost 50 years and includes Golden Globe and Emmy award nominations. She is perhaps best known for her starring role

### Film festival poster release party is Jan. 26

The Las Cruces International Film Festival will host its annual poster release party beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 26, 2018 at the Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road, festival Executive Director Ross Marks said.

“We will reveal Mike

Groves’ 2018 collectible poster and sell VIP tickets (to the festival) at a discounted rate at that time,” Marks said.

“People should take advantage of the discounted passes and get a beautiful signed, collectible Mike Groves film festival poster.

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Pam Grier



ABOVE: RJ Mitte, right, as Walter "Flynn" White Jr. on the AMC series "Breaking Bad," with series co-star Bryan Cranston.  
RIGHT: "Rose" poster.



## FILM

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in Quentin Tarantino's 1997 film "Jackie Brown."

Mitte is best known for her performance as Walter "Flynn" White Jr., the son of a high school science teacher turned drug dealer (played by Bryan Cranston) on the 2008-13 AMC television series "Breaking Bad," which was filmed in Albuquerque.

Mitte, 25, will attend the film festival as a celebrity presenter and will be inducted into the New Mexico Film and Television Hall of Fame, according to an LCIFF news release.

Mitte was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at age 3, and wore leg braces for much of his childhood. He serves as a celebrity ambassador for United Cerebral Palsy.

Shepherd and Grier (along with James Brolin), star in "Rose," the film selected as LCIFF's opening-night screening, which begins at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at Allen Theatres Cineport 10 at Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd., according to a film festival news release.

Shepherd and Grier will attend the screening and the question-and-answer session that follows. There will also be an after-party with Shepherd and Grier for VIP Ticket holders, the news release said.

Shepherd will also receive LCIFF's Outstanding Achievement in Entertainment Award on Thursday night, March 8.

"Rose" was filmed on location in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico and was written and directed by Las Cruces' Rod McCall.

It follows Rose (Shepherd), a recently disabled and widowed ex-cop who discovers that she may have a life-threatening illness, according to the LCIFF release.

"On her journey, Rose discovers more than just the simple beauty of New Mexico when she meets -- and falls in love with -- Max (Brolin), an old cowboy who comes to a crossroads of his own."

"She decides to go on a solo road trip in a motorized wheelchair through the Land of Enchantment

in an effort to reconcile with her estranged son and make her peace with life," the news release said.

"We are excited to have 'Rose' as our opening night film because it was shot locally by my dear friend, local filmmaker Rod McCall," LCIFF Executive Director Ross Marks said.

"One of the main objectives of the film festival is to grow the entertainment industry in southern New Mexico," Marks said. "There is no better way to do that than to showcase the films made here, like 'Rose.' The fact that 'Rose' is a fabulous film with a terrific cast makes it all the more sweet.

"We are excited to host 'Rose,' director Rod McCall, producer Greg Clonts, Cybill Shepherd, Pam Grier and all the folks that helped make the film possible," he said. "It will be a great opening night of what promises to be the best Las Cruces International Film Festival yet."

"The cast of "Rose" also includes a number of local actors, including Mark Vasconcellos, Cassandra Rochelle Fetters, Melissa Chambers and David Edwards.

During the festival, LCIFF will present awards for short film, short subject documentary, student film, feature films (including grand jury prize, audience choice award, best screenplay, best cinematography, best director and feature documentary (including grand jury prize, audience choice award and best documentary).

VIP tickets for the film festival are \$150. All film and workshop access passes are \$75. A \$20 daily screening pass provides access to the opening night film and all day on Thursday, March 8. Single tickets, if still available, can be purchased for \$8 at Cineport 10 on March 7.

For all other ticket prices and packages, visit [LasCrucesFilmFest.com](http://LasCrucesFilmFest.com).

Tickets can also be purchased at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. downtown, and at Eventbrite.

"My advice is for film fans to get their tickets to the film festival soon as we expect that many of the events, like opening night will sell out quickly," Marks said.



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

“Art in the Detail: 20th Century Masters of Photography,” is on display at the Las Cruces Museum of Art through Jan. 20.

# Where art is in the detail

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

In clear black and white, taking joy in production and composition, 20th century master photographers took chances with their work. In a time of debate as to whether photography could even be considered art, these men and women, who were clearly artists, worked their magic.

Some of that magic can today be found at the Las Cruces Museum of Art in the exhibition “Art in the Detail: 20th Century Masters of Photography.”

Works by masters like Aaron Siskind, Barbara Morgan, Imogen Cunningham and Wynn Bullock beg to be viewed in this exhibit of essential art history.

Siskind (1903-1991) began making documentary photographs and turned to creating abstractions combined with “straight” photography. With these images, “Chicago 15,” “Providence” and “San Francisco 25,” he captures details in

these cities while creating images that could actually represent anywhere.

Morgan (1900-1992) is identified most commonly with the modern dance movement. An art student at the University of California, she learned to work in multiple mediums, but after meeting Edward Weston she concentrated on photography’s potential for artistic expression.

Morgan’s image of dancer Martha Graham, “Letter to the World,” has become an icon for modern dance. Here, she catches the dancer’s torso in an everyday but elegant way, without the aid of dance.

Another Morgan image, “Funkia leaf,” captures a simple leaf in folds of light and darkness.

“Letters in a Window” and “Man in Smoke” by Ralph Gibson (1939) are from his book “Sonnambulist.” These detail pieces are typical of Gibson’s feel for mystery.

Native New Mexican Arthur Lazar (1940 is



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“Whelks” by Olivia Parker

lauded for his landscapes. From his “New Mexico Portfolio,” the photographer is represented by “Lava Formation.”

Bullock’s (1902-1975) “Half an Apple” shows off the amazing detail, texture and emotion in the simplicity of an apple cut in half. This deceptively simple image is a signature note in this exhibit.

“Art in the Detail: 20th Century Masters of Pho-

tography” is a Syracuse University Art Galleries Traveling Exhibition and remains at the Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St., through Jan. 20. The museum is open from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays. For information, call 575-541-2137.

*Elva K. Österreich may be reached at [elva@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:elva@lascrucesbulletin.com).*



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**FRI DECEMBER 15 3:30 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Native Voices Children's Program

**SAT DECEMBER 16 1:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Sound Sessions: Intermediate Guitar for Teens

**SAT DECEMBER 16 • 2-5:00 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
LCAMD performance

**MON DECEMBER 18 6:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Reading/Book Signing Victor Shamas Deep Creativity

**MON DECEMBER 18-JAN 31, 2018** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
**THEATRE CLOSED TO PUBLIC FOR REPAIR**

**TUE DECEMBER 19 10:30 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Read to Me: Story Time for Ages 3 and up

**TUE DECEMBER 19 6:30 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Branigan Book Club: The Dust That Falls From Dreams

**TUE+THU DECEMBER 19+21 4:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Teen Game Night

**WED+THU DECEMBER 20+21 10:00 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Toddler Time: Story Time for ages 1-3

**WED DECEMBER 20 11:00 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Mother Goose Time: Activities for Infants

## ONGOING EVENTS:

- Downtown Art RAMBLE - 1st Friday of the Month 5-7pm
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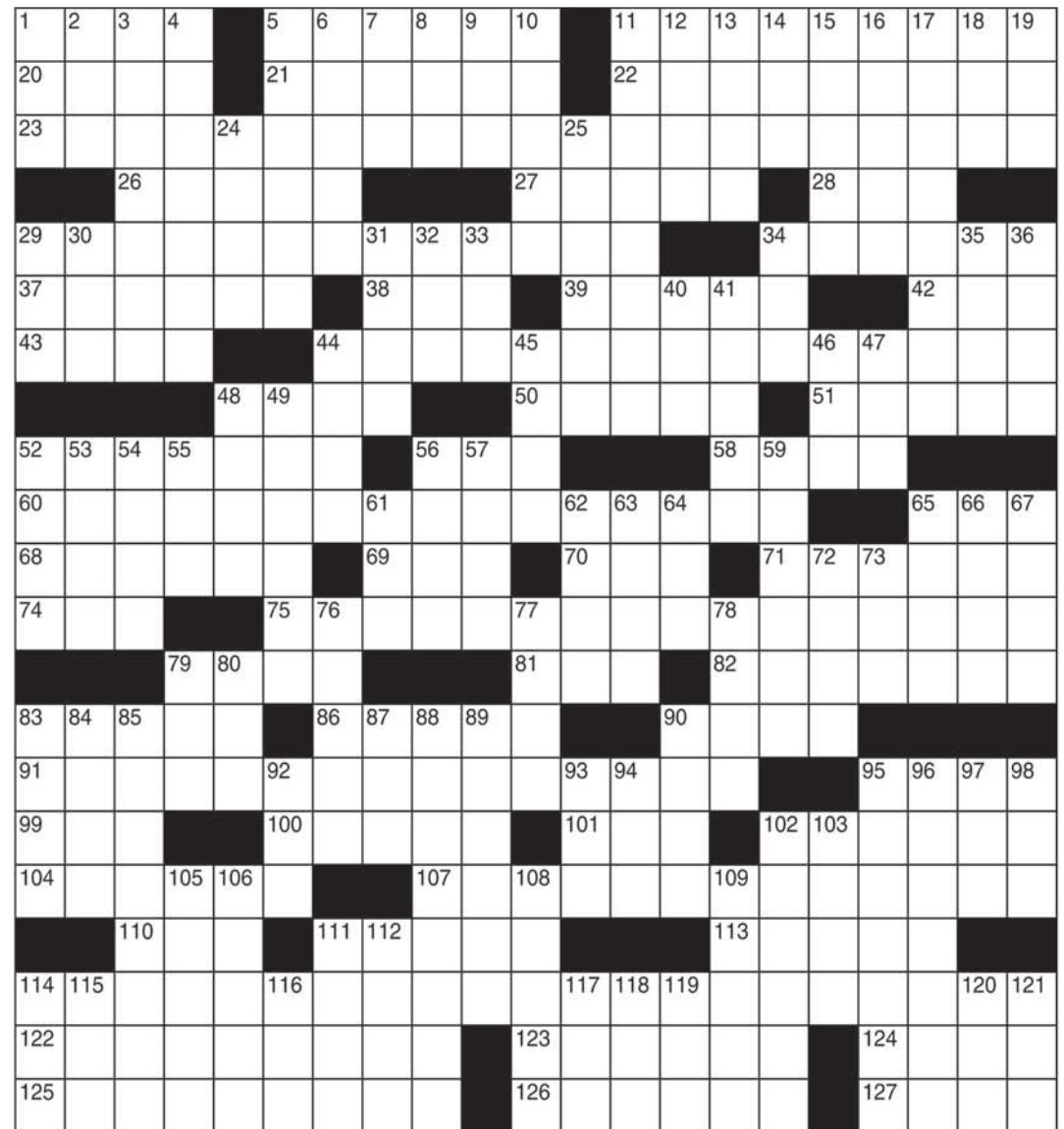
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 54 Italian wine area  
 55 Luge surface  
 56 Arial, e.g.  
 57 Large elliptical fish  
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 61 Flying British mil. branch  
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 63 Stir  
 64 Curly's bud  
 65 Ferrari who founded Ferrari  
 66 Riverbed deposit  
 67 "Keep it in"  
 72 Secluded valley  
 73 Arm of Israel  
 76 "Don't worry"



77 -- dixit (unproven assertion)  
 78 Cat cry  
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 85 Of the region just north of the Antarctic Circle

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 88 Catastrophe  
 89 Antarctic penguin  
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 96 Takes for ransom

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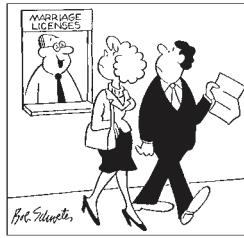
# PUZZLES

## WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

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

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## SCRAMBLERS



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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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**LATER**

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**WRITHE**

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**LAYER**

Mix  
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**TODAY'S WORD**

## CRYPTOQUIP

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

Clue: A equals T

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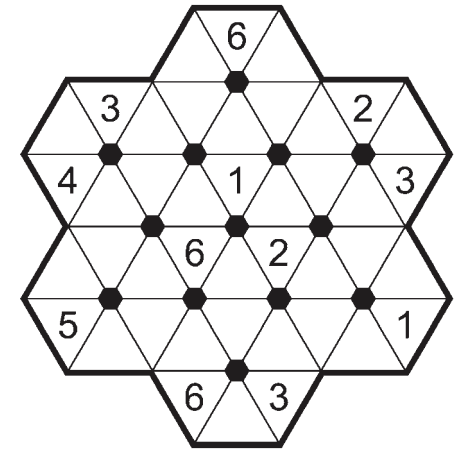
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## SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

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



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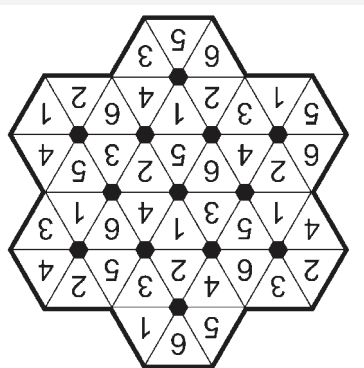
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### CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Word  
1. Alert; 2. Withheld; 3. Relay; 4. Mingle

### SCRAMBLERS



### SNOWFLAKES

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### WEEKLY SUDOKU

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### SUPER CROSSWORD

# Local film flows past distribution challenges

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces-El Paso feature film “RIVER” is in the flow.

The 100-minute film is about to become available on amazon.com, Hulu, Google Play, iTunes and PPV/VOD cable, and will be sold at the Cannes film market in 2018 to buyers worldwide.

And, depending on sales, the film may become available on DVD in stores like Walmart, Target and Best Buy, said Las Cruces filmmaker/actor/instructor Mark Vasconcellos.

Vasconcellos collaborated on the film with El Paso actor/writer Andrew Gomez and then-New Mexico State University/Doña Ana Community College film student Matthew Valdivinos.

“The hardest thing about independent filmmaking is not actually getting one’s movie made,” Vasconcellos said, “but actually getting the world to see your movie.”

To make sure that happened, Vasconcellos spent six months researching distribution options for the film “with a legit Hollywood film distribution company,” he said.

“Distribution can be very tricky for the filmmaker in several ways,” Vasconcellos said. “The entertainment industry is one of the most cut-throat industries in the world. A filmmaker has to be very cautious before signing any contract with any distribution company to make sure they will see a return on their hard work.

“After a few offers from distribution companies in Los Angeles, we decided to hold off and keep doing our homework. For many distribution companies, it is a numbers game. Some distributors sign on as many films as they can into their catalog, demand an exclusive distribution deal for five to 10 years, and make the filmmaker responsible for any and all promotional fees incurred over the life of the contract.



PHOTOS COURTESY MARK VASCONCELLOS

## The cast and crew of the feature film “RIVER.”

That alone can add up to \$25,000-\$65,000 and thus destroy a filmmaker’s profit margin.”

“RIVER” began as a crime drama web series in 2013, when Vasconcellos, Gomez and Valdivinos produced three 14-minute episodes using local talent and crew and on a tiny budget. The series’ YouTube page “started to draw notice,” Vasconcellos said.

A Paramount executive in Los Angeles saw an episode and suggested to Vasconcellos that the series be turned into a feature film.

As a result, Gomez expanded RIVER’s storyline “into a finished feature film script with a micro-budget,” Vasconcellos said.

Again using local tal-

ent and crew, “the camera rolled throughout the summer of 2015,” he said.

In 2016, the new footage was pieced together with the webisodes, music, sound effects and special effects to produce the film. It premiered at the 2017 Las Cruces Film Festiva.

After months of research, Vasconcellos found a company that would take 20 percent of market sales and hold “RIVER” in distribution for only three years.

“That’s a pretty good deal,” he said.

“RIVER” is currently on its first digital platform and can be seen for free on Amazon Prime with a subscription or \$3 on regular Amazon.

Local support of “RIVER” is crucial, he

said. Watching the film on digital platforms and leaving positive reviews and star ratings helps it remain active and climb the preferred play list, Vasconcellos said, and that “ultimately exposes the film to millions of people across the world.”

“If an independent feature film does well in distribution,” he said, “that allows the filmmakers to go to investors and have leverage to garner big investment in future film projects leading to the hiring of local talent and crew.

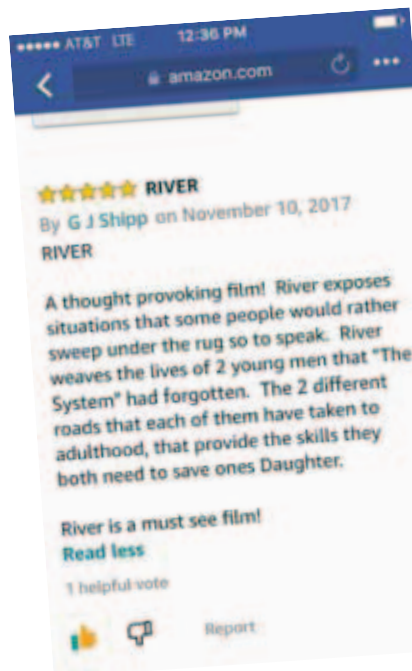
“RIVER’ (R) was a passion project on a huge scale,” Vasconcellos said. “The scope of the movie is large. It isn’t a film with a handful of actors trapped in a warehouse or haunted house trying

to survive.”

The film has about 60 speaking roles and more than 30 locations in the area which “tell a story about a detective dealing with the disappearance of his daughter and the lengths he will go to in order to get her home safely,” he said. “Countless weekends were spent planning and shooting, and an entire year of post-production was needed to weave the visuals and audio together to make an interesting, fun and entertaining movie which seems to be doing well on Amazon so far.”

For more information, contact Vasconcellos at 575-915-2772.

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A review of “RIVER” on amazon.com.



# 'The Florida Project': Shiftless lives in the shadow of Disney

By **JEFF BERG**  
For The Bulletin

This could be one of the most honest but saddest films ever made. I'm sure it could be based on a million true stories that occur each day and is an extraordinary glimpse of poverty, family or lack thereof and personal accountability,

"The Florida Project" methodically shares how life on the margins of society can affect a smart but very impressionable young girl of six years.

It shows us a world that all know exists but opt to ignore either by choice or disbelief.

Sean Baker directs. He made "Tangerine," shooting on an iPhone, using nonprofessional actors, and received accolades for that work, which I've not yet seen.

Brooklynn Kimberley Prince plays Moonee, a likable hellion of 6, who lives in a rundown motel with her mother, sharing a single room. The motel is managed by the gruff but honest and considerate manager, Bobby, played by veteran actor Willem Dafoe. Moonee's mother, Halley, is Bria Vinaite, who offers a pitch-perfect performance. Baker cast her for the part after seeing her, amazingly, on Instagram.

The film takes place in a cheesy part of commercial Orlando, not far from Disney World, where Moonee's and Halley's "home" is surrounded by other low budget inns and businesses hoping to capital-

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ize on Disney.

Baker shot this film in 35 mm, a dying art, which helps give the location a vividness that brings the grit of these people's lives up close.

Moonee can be infuriating, but after all, she has no role model other than her totally immature and scamming mother. She and her friends run around, set fire to an abandoned condo complex, adopt a new kid into their trickeries (Jancey) and get into other minor scrapes, often antagonizing Bobby, who does not try to parent but does, at times, try to supervise. He is trying to keep the place at least a bit respectable, and a scene where he confronts an older creepy man on the property makes this film more than worth the price of admission.

Halley, on the other hand, has the smarts to scam via various methods, such as buying bottles of perfume at a beauty supply house and selling them to tourists in parking lots, to raise the money she needs for rent and cigarettes. She often relies on a friend and neighbor who is a server at a nearby Waffle House to pass food to Moonee out the back door.

"The Florida Project"



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The motel manager (Willem Dafoe) does have a soft spot for the little hellion (Brooklynn Kimberley Prince) in his midst.

is not a mocking view of the motel's residents, but rather one that shows the day-to-day realities of fairly ignorant people who live that way by choice.

Things stay "routine" until Halley takes some photos of herself in a bikini, posting them somewhere, which leads to a bout with prostitution. It is not long before Family Services hears of this and comes calling, deeming Halley as unfit.

Dafoe shines as the manager, who keeps a constant eye on his immature tenants while still answering to a boss who also keeps an eye on things from afar. He does try to help these folks, but not to the point of rescue.

Moonee is not adorable, so don't expect to see kids as genteel mischief-makers. She is feral and will certainly end up like Halley –

shiftless and pandering, leaning to the edge of the law.

Jeff Berg has been reviewing movies for the Bulletin since 2002. He

lives in Santa Fe and may be reached at ned-ludd76@hotmail.com.

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# Victor Whitmill: applying the tools of realism

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Victor Whitmill got interested in art at a very early age, drawing the monsters and aliens in saw in science-fiction and horror movies.

"It's not my thing now," he said, but "it certainly played a role."

His work today is probably best described as surrealist, Whitmill said, but some people describe his paintings and drawings as magical realism.

"I don't want to challenge what you see," he said.

"I want to paint from an emotional standpoint," Whitmill said. "I use the tool of realism to draw the viewer in."

A piece of art may not "make a lot of sense, at

least not on the surface," he said, but that's "a more entertaining state to be in. I enjoy being in that state of mind and I like to put people in that state of mind."

Whitmill's preferred medium is oil.

"I depart from it from time to time, but I always find myself coming back to it," he said.

He also does pencil drawings, which he said "almost capture something that gets lost occasionally in painting."

Whitmill complements his traditional media with digital paintings, which he likes due to the fact there is no such thing as a reproduction. Every digital painting is an original, he said, "because it never existed in a 3D world until it was printed."



PHOTO COURTESY VICTOR WHITMILL

**Las Cruces artist Victor Whitmill.**

Whitmill said he has painted mostly on panels in the past, but is exploring working with floating or exposed edges that expose a piece as "a literal work of art rather than just a picture."

A native of Vallejo, California, Whitmill moved to Las Cruces two years ago.

He took art in high school in San Francisco and was class artist during his graduating year, and took "a couple of community college classes" in art, but has no "proper art-school training," Whitmill said.

"A journey that some-

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Victor Whitmill's The Cellist.



## WHITMILL

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body's on reflects in your artwork," he said. "It's a reflection of who you are."

Whitmill's Blu Ant gallery and studio – where he hangs his own work and the works of at least one other featured artist – is part of the M. Phillips Gallery at 221 N. Main St. downtown. The entrance is through the west side “back” door.

“I wanted a little piece of downtown,” Whitmill said. “I really did fall for this space.”

If downtown development “goes the direction I expect,” Whitmill said, it will be difficult to get a space like his on Main Street.

The gallery is jointly owned by Whitmill and his wife, Corrine, whom he said has “a huge part in putting this together and supporting me.”

The gallery is open during the downtown Las Cruces Farmers and Crafts Market – 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturdays, and from 5-9 p.m. on Fridays and during the First Friday monthly downtown Arts Ramble.

For more information, contact Whitmill at 575-322-4983. Visit blu-ant.com and find him on Facebook at Blu Ant Studio & Gallery.

Author's note: I visited Victor Whitmill's studio for the first time on Nov. 10. I found his art incredible – original, compelling and hauntingly beautiful. I also loved his gallery space and his studio. He work is, for me, one more example of the genius that populates the art community in Las Cruces and surrounding area.

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Many of artist Victor Whitmill's pieces are untitled.



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# Local author wins gold in international contest

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces author Yosef “Yossi” Lapid has won two gold awards in the 2017 Readers’ Favorite International Book Award contest.

Lapid, who retired in 2014 as a New Mexico State University professor of international relations, won in the pre-school and children’s illustration categories for his 2017 book, “The Amazing Snowman Duel.”



**JOSEF LAPID**

The book is the fifth in Lapid’s self-published Snowman Paul series.

Lapid, 70, and his family (wife, Susan, and three adult children, including NMSU Creative Media Institute for Film and Digital Art’s award-winning Assistant Professor Ilana Lapid) have lived in Las Cruces for nearly 30 years, but he grew up in Transylvania, Romania.

Snowman Paul, the main character in

his books, came to life in the Carpathian Mountains, inspired by the transformative power of first snowfalls.

“Lapid writes children’s books to remind us of the importance of childhood as an indispensable launchpad into a happy adulthood and to encourage children to pursue big dreams and believe that they will eventually happen,” according to his biography at <https://readersfavorite.com/2017-award-contest-winners.htm>.

“The Amazing Snowman Duel” and Lapid’s other Snowman Paul books were illustrated by Joanna Pasek, a contemporary watercolor artist from Ryczow, Poland, whom Lapid found through an internet search.

In 2016, the series won the silver medal in the Moonbeam Children’s Books Awards competition in the best picture books series category. That



**Las Cruces author Josef Lapid won two 2017 Readers’ Favorite International Book Award contest gold awards for his children’s book “The Amazing Snowman Duel,” which is the fifth book in his Snowman Paul series.**

award, Lapid said, gave him “the confidence to enter into a new identity and feel good about it.” Lapid said there were more than 1,000 entrants in 42 categories in this competition. (Visit [www.moonbeamawards.com](http://www.moonbeamawards.com).)

“The Amazing Snowman Duel blends action and atmosphere as the tension mounts before Snowman Paul’s bout with Snowman Nick,” said Jack Magnus in his review of Lapid’s book for Readers’ Favorite. “Challenges are something all children run into at some point or other, either in the schoolyard or during playtime, and Lapid’s Snowman Paul’s response to Nick defuses the situation beautifully. The author and illustrator, Joanna Pasek, have created an exciting,

action-packed story that works so very well. Pasek’s watercolors are masterful. She imparts depth, atmosphere, and a sense of wonder in each winter-themed panel. You can feel the frosty air, sense the weak sun as it tries to warm the snowy hillsides, and watch as the day passes and the shadows lengthen into the nighttime setting for the duel. Prepare to spend some time with this book; the story addresses an issue that really matters to kids, and each picture is a delight to peruse and immersed yourself in.”

The Snowman Paul books are available on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and from Lapid’s website, [www.snowmanpaul.com](http://www.snowmanpaul.com), where you can even send an email to Snowman Paul.

For more information, visit <https://readersfavorite.com/2017-award-contest-winners.htm> and <https://readersfavorite.com/rfreviews/search?search=Snowman+Paul>.

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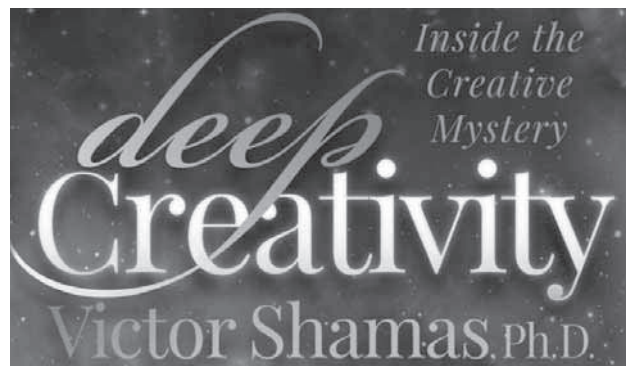
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## Inside the mystery of creativity

### BULLETIN REPORT

What is creativity? Where does it come from? How does it work?

University of Arizona psychologist Victor Shamas has devoted three decades to understanding the creative process and is on a book tour that brings him to Las Cruces for three presentations: 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, and 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec 18, at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 Main St.; and 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, at the Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

Dr. Shamas' fourth book, "Deep Creativity: Inside the Creative Mystery" (Morgan James Publishing), won't be published until March 2018, but he is visiting communities in the Southwest with a strong interest in the topic.

"From what I have seen, Las Cruces seems to attract artists, free spirits, and independent thinkers," he says. "The people I have met from there have the kind of open mind and open heart that it takes to really benefit from these ideas."

Deep Creativity integrates art, psychology, philosophy and mysticism to offer a view of both the creative process and the human condition.

The creative experience is portrayed as a bold adventure filled with passion, turmoil, inspiration, sacrifice, sheer joy, self-transcendence, and unconditional love.

Why did it take 30 years?

"Like most researchers, I was looking for creativity in all the wrong places," Dr. Shamas says. "Creativity is not just thinking outside the box but living outside it."

In Deep Creativity, he links his personal experiences with the reflections of eminent artists throughout history to show how the creative process breaks through the limitations of the rational mind.

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- Dec. 14: Dance to live music, ballroom, Latino, swing and salsa by Ruben's Sextet Plus One.

- Dec. 21: Traditional Christmas Dance complemented by deserts and treats. Ballroom, Latino, swing, country and salsa music by Luigi's Rhythms.

- Dec. 28: Pre-New Year's Eve dance and celebration complemented by finger foods. Dance to the music of Steppin' Up, a popular band.

**LCCT's 'Annie':** Dec. 15-16, Las Cruces Community Theater, 313 N. Main St. Performances will be 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Dec. 17. Info and reservations: 575-523-1200 or lcctnm.org.

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Cost: Free.

**Solstice Art Circle:** 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, Quesenberry Farmhouse Studio/Gallery. Bonnie Mandoe and a small group will celebrate the shortest day of the year and the turning from dark to the light. This turning will be marked by art-making, either guided or freestyle. All materials are provided and there is

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Dec. 30: Smokin' Blue, folk

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

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

**Adult coloring:** 10 a.m.–noon Friday Dec. 22, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Coloring Club for Adults will meet. It's a chance for adults to socialize with other adults while expressing themselves creatively. Participants bring their own supplies or use the museum's coloring pages and colored pencils. Info: 575-647-4480, [museums.lascruces.org](http://museums.lascruces.org).

**Social justice:** The exhibit, Trotando Pasos Ajenos, which continues until Jan. 6 Branigan Cultural Center, 501 North Main Street. The exhibit focuses on social justice with 11 interactive educational installments designed to appeal to a wide audience that focus on regional issues of justice inequality as they pertain to identity, environment, history, immigration, law, and faith. The exhibit was created by Dulcinea Lara and Nicholas Natividad, professors at New Mexico State University's Department of Criminal Justice who focus on issues of social

justice in crime and law. The cultural center is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Info: 575-541-2154 or [museums.lascruces.org](http://museums.lascruces.org).

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

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

Please send your art event announcements to editor@[lascrucesbulletin.com](http://lascrucesbulletin.com) by Thursday at least one week prior to the desired publication date.

## ONGOING

**Art classes:** Beginning adult classes are 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Intermediate and advanced drawing and painting classes are 1-3:30 p.m. Thursdays. Fee is \$60 for four classes. High

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

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

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

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

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



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## GALLERIES & OPENINGS

### Annetta Hoover exhibit

Opening reception for visual artist Annetta Hoover is 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, The Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) Arts & Cultural Center's gallery, 1740 Avenida de Mercado, Suite D, in the Bulletin Plaza.

Hoover has had a diverse and comprehensive career of more than 25 years, including studies at Breckia College of Kentucky and at the University of Tennessee. She completed additional studies in Munich, Germany, and has traveled extensively through the U.S., England, and Europe. Info: 575-523-6403, email [admin@daarts.org](mailto:admin@daarts.org) or [www.daarts.org](http://www.daarts.org).

### Beyond the Familiar

Rosemary McLoughlin shares her love of Ireland and its rich culture with a show that continues through Jan. 6 at the the Glen Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday at 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. McLoughlin was born in Brooklyn and moved to New Mexico in 1973. She taught art at NMSU until 1990 when she became education director at NMSU Art Gallery. In 1998 she retired to become a full-time professional artist. Her show's paintings depict colorful tales of rich and colorful voyages by Saint Brendan, a 6th century saint visited by an angel who told him he must go forth and build monasteries. Info: 575-541-0658.

### Gourd show

Masks, Maidens and More, a show and sale featuring the work of gourd artists Joanna Bradley, Sylvia Henderson, Karen Phillips, and Kathe Stark will continue 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Jan. 26 at Tombaugh Gallery inside the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. The exhibit features functional, spiritual and whimsical objects. Info: Lurene John, 503-490-4908.

### Las Hermanas finale

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

### Lifetime of Art

An exhibit featuring the works of Las Cruces artist Connie Garcia (1950-2017) will continue through April 1, 2018. Garcia began creating her artwork in the 1970s, starting with batik art, which she sold at art shows throughout the U.S. She expressed her creativity through tile, foil, drawing, contemporary painting, cards, and more. Admission to the reception is free, and there will be refreshments.

### Makeshift art

MakeShift, an exhibit

put together by partner and artist duo Ramon and Christian Cardenas, who together form the artist collaborative Lxs Dos, continues at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. through March 10, 2018. The exhibit comes from the artists' need to create and express themselves using materials and resource available to them. The work is ethnographic in nature, describing the socio-cultural relations of the United States/ Mexico border region and its people. Branigan Cultural Center is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Info: 575-541-2154, museums.las-cruces.org.

### New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau 100 Years Strong

Exhibit on display through Sept. 16, 2018, at the NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The Farm & Livestock Bureau has been the voice of agriculture in New Mexico. The group has worked with elected and appointed officials to coordinate beneficial outcomes for New

Mexico's food producers. Soil conservation, better irrigation methods, and improved crop production were issues on the minds of the 300 farmers and ranchers in the Mesilla Valley who first gathered in 1917.

### Orchard art

Las Cruces artist Frank Peacock's "Selections from the Orchard Series" paintings and drawings inspired by the pecan orchards of the Mesilla Valley, will be on exhibit through Jan. 25 at Mas Art Frame and Art Supplies, 126 S. Main St. downtown.

### Pamela Needham

Photography of Pamela Needham, sharing her love of nature and interesting subjects, is on display at Mas Art Frame and Art Supplies, 126 S. Main St. Info: 575-526-9113.

### Revel in the Mystery of the Night

The Gallery at Big Picture presents award-winning photographer and Las Cruces native Wayne Suggs with landscape photography exhibit "Revel in the Mystery of the Night." Wayne has photo-

graphed landscapes for more than 40 years but when he turned to the "dark side" and transposed his daytime composition eye to the night, he revealed the sky, clear, bright and pristine.

The exhibit will continue until Dec. 31. The gallery is at 2001 E. Lohman Ave. Suite 109, next to the UPS store in the Arroyo plaza. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday; 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday. Closed Sunday. Info: 575-647-0508.

### Student art

More than 100 pieces of original student artwork from the Las Cruces and Gadsden Public Schools have been installed in the first-floor corridors of the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd. in Las Cruces.

It will continue through mid-March. The exhibit includes paintings, etchings, photographs and drawings. The artists range in age from elementary students to high-schoolers.

### Transitions

Las Cruces artist Jeri

Desrochers is featured at Unsettled Gallery, 905 N. Mesquite St. "Transitions," explores changes in life and art after the experience of a threatening illness and benefits CARE Las Cruces, a local support system for those battling cancer. Info: 575-647-8053.

### Trotando Pasos Ajenos

The art and cultural exhibit runs through Jan. 6, 2018, at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 North Main St.

The exhibit features 12 interactive educational installments designed to appeal to a wide audience that focus on regional issues of justice inequality as they pertain to identity, environment, history, immigration, law, and faith. The exhibit was curated by Dr. Dulcinea Lara, Dr. Nicholas Natividad professors at NMSU's department of Criminal justice who specialize on issues of social justice in crime and law.

The exhibit designer is artist and filmmaker Daniel Aguilar. Open 10-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday. Info: 575-541-2154 or [museums.las-cruces.org](http://museums.las-cruces.org).



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No one will be admitted after the film has begun. LC1-LV45419

# 'Tarrant County': a small place with nowhere to go

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The title may come from Texas, but filmmaker Ross Marks' current movie project is all Las Cruces.

"Tarrant County" playwright/screenwriter Neal Adelman is from Las Cruces, and so are all the actors in the short film, along with Marks' co-producer, Constance Hasapoulos, production designer Tiffany Figueroa, director of photography Mitch Fowler and editor Sherwin Lau.

The film's crew are all graduates of or students in New Mexico State University's Creative Media Institute for Film and Digital Arts (CMI). Marks, Fowler and Lau



The deputy sheriff's uniform patch for Tarrant County in the film of the same name.

are CMI assistant professors.

And, it was a Las Cruces location – the old county jail on Amador Avenue – that inspired Marks to make the film.

The movie is based on Adelman's one-act play, "Tarrant County Jail," which premiered in March 2011 at Black Box Theatre in Las Cruces and was directed by CMI



Actors Jack Lutz, left, and Mark Katanga with director Ross Marks filming a scene for "Tarrant County" at the old Doña Ana County jail.

Department Head Amy Lanassa.

Marks had just learned about the old jail's availability as a

movie location when he saw the play, and said he knew the jail "would be a perfect place to adapt as a short film."

Marks said he is "naturally attracted to stage plays (like Adelman's) as source material" because they tend to make

more character- and behavior-driven films, which he prefers.

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## 'The Heart Outright' available on Amazon

"The Heart Outright," written by and starring Las Cruces' Tony-winning playwright Mark Medoff, is now available for sale or rent on amazon.com.

The 92-minute feature film was directed by Ross Marks and also stars Brad Makarowski, Jessica Medoff and Josh Rowan. It was directed by Ross

Marks and shot on location in Las Cruces and Mesilla in 2016.



"The Heart Outright," filmed in 2016 in Las Cruces and Mesilla, is now available for sale or rent on amazon.com.

Broadway in New York City and won

"The Heart Outright" stage play upon which the film is based is part of Medoff's "Hero" trilogy.

"When You Comin' Back, Red Rider," which Medoff wrote in 1973, introduces the character of Red Rider. The play was performed off-



FACEBOOK PHOTO

Director Ross Marks with the poster for "The Heart Outright."

a 1974 Obie Award for distinguished play. The script, adapted by Medoff, was made into a 1979 film. Red Ryder continues in "The Heart Outright" and the trilogy's final play, "Stumps."

For more information, visit the heartoutright.com.



## TARRANT

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The 40-minute movie tells the story of Henry, a wealthy recent college graduate and a “preppy, cocky” frat boy who is arrested on an undisclosed charge and placed in a small holding cell with Earl (Mark Katanga), a dangerous felon, and Dunbar (Jack Lutz), a “very nasty murderer,” Marks said.

“How will Henry survive and interact with these two people he would never in a million years be having a conversation with in an eight-by-eight space with nowhere to go?” Marks poses.

The film answers that question, he said, as it explores the interaction among the three main characters and shows that “we as human beings can find a connection with the unlikeliest of people through the very notion that they’re also human.”

“The need to interact,” Marks said, is greater than any “flaws, bias, race, creed or background.”

But, Henry “doesn’t survive intact,” Marks said. “It’s ultimately a cautionary tale.”



Filming a scene for “Tarrant County” are actors Jack Lutz, left, and Mark Katanga.

The final scene of the movie was shot in a Las Cruces courtroom, as Henry appears before a judge (played by real-life Third Judicial District Court Judge – and soon to be Doña Ana County manager – Fernando Macias) in an orange jump suit and handcuffs.

The camera follows Henry to the bench and a closeup reveals the severe beating he received in jail.

The scene provided “terrific stuff,” Marks said, and as the director, his reaction was “yeah!”

But, the actor who plays Henry is also Marks’ 23-year-old son, Kagan.

“As a father,” the elder Marks said, “it was scary and hard to watch.”

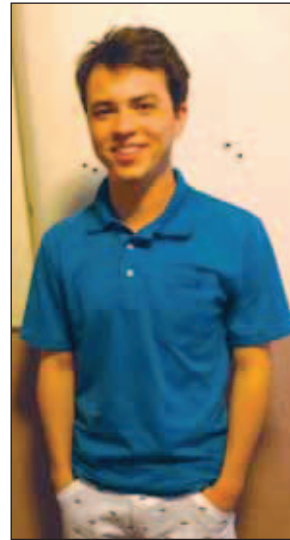
It’s the second time Marks has directed his

son in a film. 20 years ago, at age 3, Kagan was in “The Twilight of the Golds,” which Marks directed for Showtime.

“He doesn’t like acting, Marks said about Kagan, “but he’s sure good at it,”

A graduate of Bennington College in Vermont, Kagan is teaching animation at CMI.

Making the movie was fun “once we got roll-



Kagan Marks, 23, plays Henry, the lead character in “Tarrant County.”

ing,” Kagan said. But, between scenes, “the waiting around is hard to do.”

Filming on location in a real jail cell where “you can see actual drops of blood on the

concrete and actual graffiti on the walls,” Marks said, “seeps into the camera” and adds reality to the finished film.

Tim Sedillo’s makeup and Luis Navarro’s tattoo art were also important, he said.

Marks said he worked with Adelman for 30-40 hours to adapt the play script for the screen and another 50-60 hours on pre-production, including planning shots and scenes. He said the film will include about 65 hours of filming over several days; and post production, including editing the raw footage down to less than an hour, will take many more hours over about three months.

Marks is hoping for a mid-March 2018 release date.

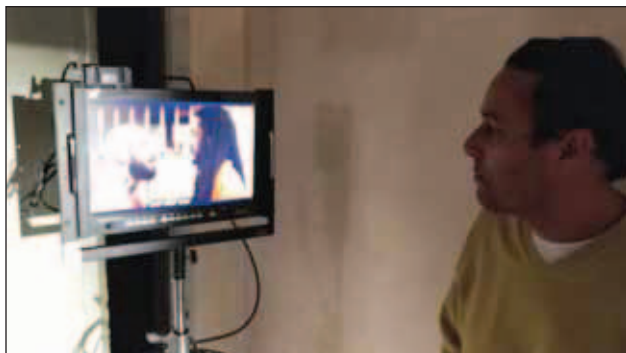
As a father, a teacher and a filmmaker, Marks

said making “Tarrant County” has been “very rewarding.”

Marks is a graduate of NMSU and the American Film Institute and made his first short film in 1990. Since then, he’s made a dozen other short films, four feature films, dozens of music videos and dozens of commercials.

Marks is also in talks with a production company about using the film as a pilot for a television series. If that’s successful, episodes could be shot in the jail’s eight-foot by eight-foot holding cell, using flashbacks and interactions with cell mates to tell a new inmate’s story each week.

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Director Ross Marks looks as raw footage of “Tarrant County” during filming at the old Doña Ana County jail.

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tive dinner and worship  
for all ages will open the  
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pm, a service for this Sab-  
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Church, 1400 6th St. Com-  
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575-650-3915.

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Wednesday; 9-10 a.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday,  
yoga
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tues-  
day, Tao healing and  
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- 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, spirit  
dance
- 7-8 p.m. Thursday,  
Single Parents Support  
Group
- 1:30-3 p.m. first Friday  
and 5-7 p.m. third Friday  
of the month, shamanic  
drumming and medita-  
tion
- 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Saturday, A Course in  
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**Fusion Youth Fellowship:** 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday at 2941 Morningstar Drive. Info: 575-521-3770.

**Genesis Bible Study:** 6:30 p.m. first three Thursdays

of the month, Revival Fire Bookstore, 2645 Missouri Ave., Suite 5. Book of Genesis Bible study. Info: Bev, 575-642-1003.

**Grandma's "Soular" Power:** 2-4 p.m. the first and third Thursday, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Support group for interested grandparents serving as community advocates, mentors. Voice concerns and share words of wisdom without judgment. Info: Lola Lestrack, 575-382-5678 or Shirley Daniels 575-915-8284, email tphippis@zianet.com.

**Holy Family Mass:** Holy Family American National Catholic Church, an inclusive Vatican II Catholic church, 702 Parker Road, 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and 10:30 a.m. Sundays. Fr. Jim Lehman and Fr.

Louie Amezaga lead the services.

**MMC Mass:** Noon Wednesday, Memorial Medical Center chapel, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. Holy mass. Info: 575-636-3274.

**Men's prayer breakfast:** 7-9 a.m. Tuesday, 106 S. Miranda St., in the Fellowship Hall. Info: 575-524-3691.

**Men's Fellowship:** Noon, Tuesday, IHOP, 2900 Del Rey Blvd. Christian Men's Fellowship. Open discussion. All men welcome. Info: 575-621-2350.

**Men's prayer meeting:** 7 a.m. Saturday, 1605 S. Valley Drive, led by Manny Howie. Info: 575-523-1113.

**Non-denominational service:** 5:45 p.m. Sunday,

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**Prayer groups:** 9 a.m. Saturday, 20-30-minute centering prayer. 4-5 p.m. Saturday, women's prayer, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave.

**Science of Mind talk:** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Join to discuss the articles of Science of Mind Magazine with like-minded people. Bring a lunch. Info: 575-523-4847.

**Sunday Mass:** 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Southeast corner of First Christian Church,

1809 El Paseo Road. St. John's Catholic Church of Antioch mass. Open to all. Info: 575-621-0255 or www.stjohnscatholicchurchofantioch.org.

**Sunday School:** 9-10 a.m. every Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road. For children ages 4 through fifth grade; includes "Parable Quest," as children hear the parable stories of Jesus and participate in games, crafts, snacks and songs. Info: 575-526-5559 or vbs@fpc.lc.

**Trinity Lutheran:** 9 a.m. Sunday, worship with Holy Communion. 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sunday School for children and youth, 2900 Elks Drive. Info: 575-523-4232 or www.trinitylutheranlc.org.

**Unity events:** Tuesday Book Study, 10 a.m.-noon weekly; Thursday meditation, 11-11:30 a.m. weekly; Sunday worship, 10:30-11:30 a.m., a joyous service designed to help you raise your consciousness and acceptance of the truth of your being, and affirmation that God is good all the time. 125 Wyatt Drive. Info: www.unityoflascruceres.org or 575-523-5592.

**Wellspring Religious Science Center:** The "Early Birds" discussion group, 9:30 a.m. Sunday followed by service at 11 a.m., 140 Taylor Road. The "Course in Miracles" group meets every Saturday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and uses Cronkrite's plain language translation of the text. Materials are provided. Info: wellspringnow.com

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The recently renovated Nestor Armijo House, 150 E. Lohman Ave., is the new home of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce. It was celebrated with a gala, ribbon cutting ceremony and open house on Dec. 8-9.

## Chamber celebrates new home in an old house

Chamber members and residents gathered Friday morning, Dec. 8, for a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony, officially opening the historic Nestor Armijo House as the new home of the Greater Las Cruces

Chamber of Commerce, 150 E. Lohman Ave.

Chamber members and residents listened as proclamations were presented by the Greater Chamber and its Conquistadores, as well as the Las Cruces Green

Chamber of Commerce and the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Friday's ribbon cutting followed the Annual Heritage Foundation Gala Thursday evening, Dec. 7, which included dinner, a tour and live

and silent auctions. It featured special recognition of the completion of the Armijo House renovations. More than 200 attended, including many members of the Armijo family.

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Pictured are GLCCC Chair-Elect Denten Park, left, Chamber President/CEO Debbi Moore, Chamber Chair Rick Jackson, Bud Colligan, the great-great-grandson of Nestor Armijo, Chamber Past-Chair Ben Woods and Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagashima.



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Great-great grandson of Nestor Armijo, Bud Colligan, talks with Sophia Cisar Thursday night at the Armijo House during the Annual Heritage Foundation Gala.



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From left: Armijo family members Mary Marshall, Ann Gallagher, Sophia Gallagher, Charles Gallagher and Kai Gallagher.



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From left to right, GLCCC Chair-Elect Denten Park, Chamber President/CEO Debbi Moore, Chamber Chair Rick Jackson, Bud Colligan, the great-great-grandson of Nestor Armijo, Chamber Past-Chair Ben Woods and Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagashima hold the proclamations presented during the ribbon cutting ceremony.



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Leean Kravitz shakes the hand of John Paul Taylor with Christian Gallagher and John Paul's son Pat Taylor inside the Armijo House.

# Four reasons why economists are wrong about asset prices

The behavior of asset prices is a critical issue for individual investors. Movements in stock, bond, and real estate markets can have life-alternating consequences for savers.

The price of an asset should reflect the underlying fundamental value, and changes in asset prices should arise from changes in fundamentals. For example, the price of Facebook stock should be the expected value present value of future dividends. If Zuckerman announces a new initiative that will increase future profits, that should be quickly incorporated into Facebook's stock price. If the price rises, that's a signal to



**CHRIS ERICKSON**

State of the Economy

Zuckerman that he has made the right decision and should forge ahead; if the price falls, perhaps Zuckerman should revise his plans.

That is the way it is supposed to work, but does it actually work that way? A new review by two World Bank economists Stijn Claessens and M. Ayhan Koses, which looks at hundreds of different studies, finds that the answer is "no."

Claessens' and Kose's paper is massive with

more than 30 pages of references, but they organize their findings into several smaller bite-size bits that are more easily understood.

First, asset prices are too volatile that would be suggested by the volatility of the underlying fundamentals. For example, people overreact to financial news, causing the financial news to have an exaggerated effect on U.S. stock and bond prices.

Second, investment and consumption respond differently to changes in asset prices than would be predicted. A rise in stock prices, for example, should trigger business expansion. But this doesn't happen. At the same time, households overreact to

changes in asset price, especially home prices, by increasing their consumption by more than would be expected.

Third, asset prices are of limited value in predicting economic activity. Because asset prices should reflect the underlying fundamentals, a rise in, say, stock prices should foreshadow a rise in economic activity, but this doesn't always happen.

Finally, asset prices tend to have a co-movement greater than would be expected from their fundamentals. Of course, businesses operating in the soda industry, say Coke and Pepsi, share fundamentals. The general upward trend in cola consumption has benefited both, for example.

So the basic conclusion is that economists' standard model of asset markets doesn't always apply. Of course, professional economists who work in this area have known this for a long time. And we economists have developed a number of alternative theories.

Many of these alternative gives special prominence to access to finance capital. Why don't businesses expand more rapidly when their stock price rises? Because they can't find a bank to lend to them. Why do household consume more than predicted when housing prices rise? Because now they have an asset that can serve as collateral.

What are the implications of all this for indi-

vidual investors? That markets are too volatile and that stock prices are highly correlated makes the recommendation that investors should diversify even more important. That stock prices don't reflect fundamentals makes stock picking more difficult, reinforcing the recommendation that small investors should buy and hold, and not try either prick stocks or time markets.

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Guests enjoy the newly renovated historic Armijo House Thursday night.

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Sophia Cisar hugs Luz Gallagher with Linnea Cisar, left.



Bud Colligan, great-great grandson, talks with Christian Gallagher, another member of the Armijo family in attendance at Thursday's gala.

# The good ol' days: living without electricity

So far I have shared with you about the “pleasures” of living without plumbing, modern lighting/heating/cooling, and cooking with a wood-fueled stove. The latter could be included under this next topic of living without electricity.

I think I was about 8 years old when rural electrification became a reality. Things certainly got brighter, warmer, and cooking became much more reliable. I also told you about how the laundry was done.

The day after “wash day,” there was a pile of clothes to be ironed. It was



**RUTH MOORER**

Not For Sissies

not a simple thing like today with most of clothes having synthetic fabric which can be ironed easily or do not need ironing at all. Most clothes and bedding were cotton. Wrinkles did not

come out while the clothes were drying. To do ironing one needed two or three irons which were heated

on top of the wood stove.

One used a hot pad to hold the iron. While ironing a shirt for instance, the other two irons were being heated on the stove to be used on the next piece. Needless to say, it was a hot job, to be appreciated mostly in the winter when it helped to keep the “iron-er” much warmer.

Electricity made possible countless new inventions and labor-saving devices. Until we were able to get them, we did not know that we needed them! (There is a life lesson in that statement. One very wise man once said that he could measure his wealth by what he did not need).

We got our first radio about 1939. Before that we went across the street to listen to our neighbor’s new radio. Before vacuums, we used brooms and shook out and beat upon the small rugs outside the house.

Before going further, I must tell you about the ice box. The only way to keep food cool was by every few days receiving from the iceman the delivery of a large block of ice which fit into the wooden ice chest. Milk, butter, cheese, eggs and other items were put in there hoping that they could be eaten before spoiling. A great treat was to make ice cream

with our ice cream freezer. It could require a large block of ice which was chipped into small chunks, a quantity of large grain salt, all the rich ingredients of the potential ice cream, and much “elbow grease” to turn the handle. My brother and I took turns sitting on top of the freezer (a throw rug underneath) to hold it steady while my father, and later my brother, would turn the handle. When the ice cream was finished being made and the dasher was removed, we got to lick the dasher and have some of the first delicious bites. Later, the electric freezers were produced, but they

did not hold the charm or excitement of the hand-turned kind.

I don’t need to tell you of all the conveniences which soon followed the advent of electricity as a source of power. But try to imagine what it would be like without television, all the communication devices, microwave, etc. On the other hand, think about much simpler life would be!

*Ruth Justice Moorer is a resident of Las Cruces having moved here in 1996 with her husband, Charles. She has been a public school science teacher and a United Methodist pastor.*

## Numerous ways Social Security helps you, your family

By **RAY VIGIL**  
For The Bulletin

Next payday, when you see a portion of your wages go toward FICA taxes, rest easier knowing that your investment in Social Security brings a lifetime of protections for you and your family.

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ous source of income later in life. If you’ve earned enough credits, you can start receiving your full retirement benefits at age 66 or 67 – depending on when you were born. You may choose to claim these benefits as early as age 62 at a permanently reduced rate, but waiting until after your full retirement age increases your benefit amount by up to 8 percent per year to age 70. Plan for your retirement at: [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire).

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Child benefits support your minor children while you’re receiving Social Security retirement benefits or disability benefits. This financial support also is available to adult children who become disabled before age 22. Grandchildren and stepchildren may qualify in certain situations. See: [www.socialsecurity.gov/people/kids](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/people/kids).

Spousal benefits supplement a couple’s income if one of the two never worked or had low lifetime earnings. In some cases, this benefit is also available to divorced spouses. See: [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/applying6.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/applying6.html).

Survivor benefits ease the financial burden on your loved ones after you die by providing monthly payments to eligible widows, widowers, children,

and dependent parents. It’s likely the survivor benefits you have under Social Security carry greater value than your individual life-insurance policy. Read more about survivor benefits at: [www.socialsecurity.gov/survivors](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/survivors).

You must meet specific eligibility requirements to receive any type of Social Security benefits.

Currently, Social Security provides benefits to more than 61 million American workers and their families. And we’ll be there for you and your family through life’s journey.

*Ray Vigil is a Social Security public affairs specialist based in El Paso, Texas. For more information, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).*

## SENIOR CALENDAR

**AARP:** General meeting of the Las Cruces chapter, every third Wednesday at Senior Circle, 3948 E Lohman behind Walgreen’s.

**ALR events:** Academy for Learning in Retirement hosts programs in December. Each event will be 10:30 a.m.-noon at Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Coffee begins at 10 a.m. \$4 per day for members, \$5 for non-members, \$5 to become a member. December’s programs focus on “Why We Still Need Walt Whitman: The Powers and Limits of Poetry in a Moment

of Moral Crisis and Political Divisiveness.” Info/RSVP: [dacc.nmsu.edu/alr](mailto:dacc.nmsu.edu/alr), 575-522-1938, [nmsu.alr@gmail.com](mailto:nmsu.alr@gmail.com).

**Alzheimer’s group:** 10-11 a.m., second Thursday of every month, 1155 S. Telshor Blvd., Suite 202. Early Stages Alzheimer’s Support Group meets. Attend with a friend or family member.

**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.

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# A kitten's Christmas, Part 2

*Editor's note: In Part 1 (Bulletin, Dec. 8), our two kitties wander off in search of Christmas lights. Chased by a dog, they wind up lost, far from home.*

By EILEEN WHITACRE

Meanwhile, Sally returned home after a successful hunt. "Erma! Timmy!" she called, dinner is ready. But, the kittens were nowhere in sight. Where could those two little rascals be?

As Sally searched the park she began to panic. "Meow! Meow!" she called, looking under cars and dumpsters. As Sally searched under trailers and in the tall weeds, she suddenly smelled the scent of her children. Being an expert hunter, Sally was soon on her way to tracking down her family.

When Sally reached the road she slowed down, looking left then right before crossing. Sally moved as quickly as she could, calling as she went. "Meow Meow Timmy, Erma where are you?" With the cold wind blowing, Sally at times would lose the children's scent. She was forced to stop and wait for the wind to calm down before picking up the trail again. Always calling, hoping her babies would hear her cries.

Growing tired and cold, the kittens stopped and huddled together. Just then Erma shouted "look over there!" There in the distance was a big, bright Christmas tree on the side of the East Mesa. Each year the tree shines bright, wishing the citizens of Doña Ana County and Las Cruces a Merry Christmas.

"Maybe there is help there," said Erma with a hopeful voice.

## The Cat's Meow Holiday wish list

\$9 buys one bucket of litter  
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Thanks for your support.

"Yes," agreed Timmy, "let's go there."

Walking through rocks and past cactus, brother and sister called for Mom as they continued their search for help. Suddenly Erma shouted Stop! "Did you hear that?" she asked Timmy, "I thought I heard Mom's meow ... There it is again!"

Both kittens shouted meow as loud as they could. "We're here, Mom, over here!"

Sally heard her children's call for help and dashed as fast her mother cat legs would go. "Thank goodness I have found you," cried Sally, "I've been so worried."

"Can you take us home?" pleaded Timmy and Erma, "please take us home, please!"

"I know a short cut that will get us home faster," replied Mom. "It will take us past the single-wide trailer house where the old human cat lady lives. Maybe she will shelter us for the night. She might even feed us some yummy Feisty Feast."

"What is Feisty Feast," asked the kittens?

"It's one of the best din-

ners a cat could ever get. Felines across the world ask for Feisty Feast for Christmas dinner. Let's hope Cat Lady will give us a bowl."

The little family lined up in single file and made their way across the desert. Off in the distance shone a dim light. It was the beacon of hope to Cat Lady's residence. Climbing the sun bleached wooden steps to Cat Lady's front door, Sally called out in her best cry for help... meow... meow. As the door opened the living room light flooded on the little family in a warm comforting glow.

"Meow, meow, please help us!" cried Sally.

"Oh my, what have we here?" Cat Lady said, "Do come in and get warm. All of you must be cold, hungry and maybe even lost."

Cat Lady's heart was filled with Christmas love and compassion. She went to a small closet and got a bed large enough for the entire family. Then she opened several cans of Feisty Feast.

"Dig in kitties. I know you'll love this dinner. I have never met a cat that doesn't like it."

Sally and her family stayed a week with Cat Lady. After going to the veterinarian and receiving a checkup, vaccinations, spaying and neutering, Cat Lady drove Sally and her family to The Cat's Meow Adoption Center located at 2211 N. Mesquite St. Because of Cat lady's kindness Sally and her children found happy, loving homes filled with Feisty Feast. No more cold, hungry days living underneath the trailer park dumpster for the little family.

The Cat's Meow Adoption Center and volunteers wish a happy holiday to Las Cruces and the greater community.

## PET OF THE WEEK

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### Winter hours, location and contact information

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### Off-site adoption events

- Farmers & Crafts Market: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday, downtown (dog adoptions: far north end of the market on the Downtown Mall; cat adoptions: Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.)
- PetCo: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday, 3050 E. Lohman Ave., Bldg. D.
- Ashley's Home Furniture: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, 3299 Del Rey Blvd.
- Barkin' Brunch at Cracker Barrel: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, 1490 Hickory Drive



### Additional services offered

- Microchip: \$20, available daily, no appointment necessary.
- Pet licenses: City and county licenses available daily (City and county: altered \$7; unaltered \$50).
- Low-cost spay/neuter program: dogs are \$35, cats are \$25; by appointment only.

### Donation requests

ASCMV needs human volun-

teers, along with dog crates, blankets (without filling, no sleeping bags), towels, collars and leashes. Donations can be dropped off during normal business hours or left at the door.

### Volunteers

If you love animals and would like to make a difference, contact the volunteer coordinator or stop by to learn about volunteer opportunities.

## Rummage sale and Saver's Drive

ACTION Program for Animals (APA) will conduct activities for its spay/neuter and adoption programs from 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 16. Items needed for Saver's Drive: bedding, clothing, towels, linens; items to donate for rummage sale: furniture, appliances, sporting goods, clothing, towels, linens, etc.

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# Three NMSU Extension agents study ways to reach under-served population

By JANE MOORMAN

For the Bulletin

Since the beginning of the land-grant university Cooperative Extension Service in 1914, rural, urban and suburban citizens have received research-based information to improve their lives. For example, Extension agents have helped farmers and ranchers achieve greater success, improved the health and wellness of families, and prepared youth to become future leaders.

New Mexico State University's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences administers the state's Cooperative Extension Service in every county and continues to strive for excellence in serving its communities.

Society has changed since the early days of Extension to include a growing number of minorities and urban communities. Nationally, Extension is adapting to reach these new and often underserved audiences. New Mexico, as a multicultural state, provides many opportunities for NMSU's CES to reach diverse audiences.

Three CES agents, Karim Martinez, Laura Bittner and Marcella Talamante, see the importance of providing Extension information



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**New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service county agents Marcella Talamante, Laura Bittner and Karim Martinez are doctoral students researching ways to help deliver Extension programs to the under-served populations of their counties.**

to diverse audiences and have embarked on an educational path of self-improvement to better equip themselves to meet the needs of today's changing society.

"My studies in the Educational Leadership and Administration Ph.D. program have definitely created greater awareness of the importance of reaching under-served populations, which is for whom Extension was originally established," said Bittner, program director of NMSU's Valencia County CES. "I am more mindful of challenges under-served populations may en-

counter accessing and participating in CES programming."

The College of Education graduate students recognize the importance of social justice, equity and cultural competence in their profession.

"This program has given me a new perspective on things I'm already doing," said Talamante, program director for Rio Arriba County CES. "Social justice means fairness to all members of your community. We have focused on equality when providing our programming, but now we need to think in terms of equity, to ensure that our

programs are not only accessible, but that we communicate our offerings in ways necessary to reach everyone."

As the program director of Dona Ana County CES, Martinez works to deliver programs in culturally appropriate ways.

"Living in a border community and being bilingual has allowed me to bring Extension resources to audiences who may not have had access to this information in the past," Martinez said. "As Spanish-speaking populations increase nationally, some CES agents may find it challenging

to reach this audience, especially if they have limited experience with Latino cultures, or are not bilingual."

Martinez is interviewing bilingual CES professionals nationally to learn from their experiences reaching Spanish-speaking audiences.

"I want to provide the Extension Service with strategies to improve outreach efforts to this audience, which can mean adapting programs in culturally appropriate ways," she said.

Bittner has learned that developing cultural competence is not just understanding societal

traditions, but also recognizing that each individual has personal and family traditions, or ways of knowing and doing things.

"People living in the same neighborhood, of same ethnicity, religion, age, or economic group have different ways of doing things," Bittner said. "When providing educational programs, we must be aware these differences exist so we remain inclusive and communicate clearly and effectively."

Bittner's dissertation will specifically look at how Extension agents perceive their own cultural competence, barriers for developing cultural competence, and methods Extension agents use to reach and serve culturally diverse audiences.

"Cultural competence within CES is a growing topic across the United States," Bittner said of the concept being addressed in the education, health and medical fields. "Nationally, CES is working to improve cultural competency of Extension agents. New Mexico CES is well positioned to serve as the model for reaching a growing, ethnically and culturally diverse population because New Mexico has such rich cultural diversity."



# The Dog and the Rabbit

**H**ave you ever been embarrassed by yer good dog? Me either! I've got a good dog. An Australian shepherd with one blue eye and I believe he loves me. I believe I love him. He'll go with me anywhere.

When I say, "You wanna go?" He don't ask, "Where you goin'?" Goin' to the game store?" No, he don't care, he just wants to go.

And did you ever notice that it don't matter whether you been gone five minutes or five days, yer dog is so glad to see ya. Can you think of a single human being that is that glad to see ya. Yer fixin' to leave, walk out to the pickup and forget somethin' so you run back inside. Yer dog licks yer hand. Your spouse says, "I thought you left!"

I've got a neighbor. A good neighbor. And when you live on the outskirts, a good neighbor is someone who lives just the right distance away. Close enough to circle the wagons but far enough away to allow that privacy people like us seem to value, ("I believe those are Kansas plates, mother," he said sighting through his binoculars).

Anyway, she gets home 'bout a quarter after five every day. Goes through the house and comes out the back door wearin' her coveralls. In her backyard she has a long line of rabbit hutches and she spends, what is to me, an inordinate amount of time messin' with them rabbits...talkin' to 'em...



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On the Edge  
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singin' 'em little rabbit songs.

Now I'm sittin' out on the back porch one afternoon in my porch swing. It's about 2:30. I'm done workin'. I've already thought up somethin'. I look

out in the driveway and there's my good dog and he has got a...and you know how you can tell it ain't a jackrabbit? They aren't black and white, they don't have them big floppy ears, and he has got this rabbit between his teeth and he's thrashin' him like a shark with a ham hock! There's dirt and leaves and brush and gravel flyin' all over. I jumped up and grabbed that rabbit! "Go git in the pickup you \*#@^...!" That rabbit looked bad. Looked like he caught on fire and somebody put him out with the weedeater!

I ran in the house and run the tub full of warm water. Tested it with my elbow. Then I got some of my wife's good shampoo. She gets it at the Holiday Inn, it ain't that big a deal. I sudsed him up twice then moused him with my daughter's mousse. Made him sticky. You could thwack him on the tile, peel him off like Velcro. Then I run upstairs to the laundry and put him in the dryer. When he came out he was fluffy, looked

like an electrocuted porcupine!

I carried him to my neighbor's house. Sure enuf, the last hutch on the end was cocked open and it was empty. I took that rabbit and folded him...into a rabbit position. Put a smile on his lips. All three of 'em. Gave him a camel filter and leaned him up against the wire.

I went back to the house and commenced to rockin'. 'Bout a quarter after five I saw my neighbor drive up, she got out, went through the house and came out the back wearin' her covies. She started down that long line of rabbit hutches. Talkin' to 'em. Singin' 'em little rabbit songs. "Here comes Peter Cottontail, hoppin' down the bunny trail..." All of sudden I heard her scream!

I ran over there, bein' the good neighbor that I was, "What's wrong? What's wrong?"

"My rabbit," she cried. I looked in the cage and the poor little duffer had fell over. One ear broke off. It didn't look good.

I stroked him gently and said, "Ma'am, I b'lieve he is dead." I was a veterinarian, I could tell.

"Yes," she said, "But what bothers me is I buried him three days ago!"

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## Top 5 New Year's Resolutions for your home

Creating a few personal New Year's resolutions is one way give yourself a little extra motivation to make some positive changes in your life. The same can also be true for your home. So as we begin the New Year, take a moment for a little bit of homeowner reflection.

There is a good chance your home has a few areas that could be improved, especially if it's more than 10 years old. So when you start to make your list, don't be surprised to find that you and your home have some strikingly similar resolutions.

### Lose Weight

One of the toughest resolutions for a person to stick to is losing weight. But for a home, it's one of the easiest. Homes typically become more cluttered after the holidays, often because of the many new purchases that are taking up space. Don't procrastinate until "spring



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Building Las Cruces

cleaning" time to throw away, re-sell or donate home goods that you no longer need.

### Be More Organized

As you work your way through de-cluttering your home, it's a great opportunity to get reorganized. For example, your home office has perhaps become a wasteland of papers, books or random gadgets. If you re-organized those items – or removed them altogether – you might feel more productive while working.

### Take Up a New Hobby

DIY projects can give you a great sense of personal accomplishment. But there are certain projects that are good for the novice, and others that are best left to the professionals. Replacing light fixtures, painting walls and switching out hardware are a few examples of DIY projects that

almost anyone can do. But before you pick up a sledgehammer and start knocking down walls, taking up floors or removing cabinets, consult with a remodeler who can provide some professional guidance.

### Eat Better and Drink Less

It's easy to over-indulge during the holidays. Likewise, your home might be feeling gluttonous as it over-consumes on electricity and water. There are countless new products, some of which can be installed fairly easily, to improve your home's energy efficiency. From low-flow water fixtures, smart-home thermostats and motion-sensing automated lights, to Energy Star appliances and new double-pane windows, the options are endless. Ask a building professional which features are best suited for your home and your needs.

### Get Out of Debt

After the holidays,

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# Snacks for Santa and other last-minute goodies

The countdown begins! We have only nine more days until Santa's sleigh lands. His satchel will be packed to the brim and ready for deliveries. But will you be as prepared? Last-minute shopping spells stress and cheek by jowl mall crowds and slow Internet connections.

The solution? Consider preparing homemade sweets and treats. Package the goodies in a variety of holiday containers, boxes, or jars. Simply add a bow (and perhaps an ornament) and they're ready for gifting. Not only cost effective, the sassy hot recipes I share here are a snap to prepare. So easy, in fact, I suggest making an extra batch or two. I promise they'll come in handy for unexpected guests (or elves.)

## Holiday Dark Chocolate Bark with Pepitas (Yield: Depends on size of pieces)

6 ounces dark chocolate  
3 ounces semi-sweet choco-



**SUNNY CONLEY**

Chile Knights

late  
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper  
¼ teaspoon sea salt  
2 tablespoons unsalted pepitas

Prepare a 9"x13" baking pan by lining with parchment paper. I taped mine in, however a parchment-lined baking sheet will also work. Coarsely chop the chocolate.

Melt the chocolate in a double boiler, stirring frequently until completely smooth. Stir in the cinnamon and cayenne until completely incorporated.

## Spread chocolate out on parchment paper, using a spatula.

Sprinkle with sea salt and pepitas. Allow to harden for 1-2 hours (in refrigerator preferably). Using the back of a large spoon, break into pieces and store in a sealed container in the refrigerator.

## Rudolph's Hot and Spicy Chocolate Cookies (Yield: 18-20 cookies)

1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour  
½ teaspoon baking soda  
¼ teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon ground cayenne pepper  
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
¼ cup Dutch processed cocoa, plus 2 tablespoons  
½ cup unsalted butter, at room temperature  
½ cup granulated sugar  
½ cup light brown sugar  
1 large egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 cup chopped store-bought chili dark chocolate, I prefer Lindt EXCELLENCE (if using Lindt, purchase 2 (3-ounce) bars

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, salt, cocoa, cayenne pepper, and cinnamon.

Set aside.

With a mixer, cream butter and sugars together until smooth. Add in egg and vanilla and

mix until combined.

Gradually add flour mixture and beat until just combined. Stir in the chili chocolate chunks.

Scoop the dough into rounded tablespoons and place on prepared baking sheet, about 2 inches apart.

Bake cookies for 8-10 minutes, or until cookies are set, but still soft in the center. Don't over bake. Remove from oven and let sit on baking sheet for 3 minutes.

Move to a cooling rack and cool completely. Store cookies in an airtight container. Best used within four days.

## Santa's Favorite "Down the Chimney" Snack

¼ cup butter or margarine  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 ¼ teaspoons seasoned salt  
2 to 3 teaspoons red pepper sauce  
3 cups Corn Chex™ cereal  
3 cups Rice Chex™ cereal  
3 cups Wheat Chex™ cereal  
1 cup mixed nuts  
1 cup pretzels  
1 cup bite-size cheese crackers

Heat oven to 250 degrees F. In ungreased large roasting pan, melt butter in oven. Stir in Worcestershire sauce, seasoned salt, and pepper sauce.

Gradually stir in remaining ingredients until evenly coated. Bake uncovered 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Spread on paper towels to cool, about 15 minutes. Store in airtight container.

## Stocking Stuffer Cookies (Yield: about 2 ½ dozen cookies)

1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
½-1 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
¾ cup packed brown sugar  
1 cup (6 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips  
½ cup dried cranberries  
½ cup chopped walnuts  
½ cup quick-cooking oats

In a small bowl, combine flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and cayenne pepper. In a 1-quart glass container, layer flour mixture, brown

sugar, ½ cup chocolate chips, cranberries, walnuts, oats and remaining chips.

Cover and store in a cool, dry place up to 6 months. Yield: 1 batch (about 4 cups total).

Add following directions to gift card:  
2/3 cup butter, softened  
1 egg  
¾ teaspoon vanilla extract

To prepare cookies: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a large bowl, beat butter, egg, and vanilla until blended. Add cookie mix and mix well.

Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls 2 inches apart onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake 10-15 minutes or until golden brown. Remove to wire racks. Yield: 2 ½ dozen.

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a top priority for many is getting out of debt, or simply better managing their finances. The first step is usually to identify where there might be wasteful spending, and then try to minimize or eliminate those occasions. For your home, you might have several improvements in mind, but doing them all at once would be a chal-

lenge logistically and financially. When working with your contractor, you can prioritize your wants and needs and then develop a plan to address them over time. A remodeler can also help you determine which of those improvements will provide the best return on your investment when it comes to saving on energy costs and enhancing your home's value.

Your home is a reflection of you, so it's no surprise that you may have

very similar New Year's resolutions. Some of them are much easier to accomplish than others, but the payoff will come in many forms—most importantly, improved comfort for you and your family.

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# Region's first TEVAR aneurysm surgery performed

## BULLETIN REPORT

Cardiovascular surgeon Dr. Charles Dow successfully completed a Thoracic EndoVascular Aortic Repair (TEVAR) procedure on a patient at Memorial Medical Center on Nov. 30.

This is the first TEVAR procedure to be done in the history of southern New Mexico.

TEVAR is a new minimally-invasive procedure to repair the aorta, the major blood vessel in the body.

The aorta exits the heart and carries blood to all the organs and the rest of the body. After leaving the heart, the

aorta branches to the arms and the brain before running down the back of the chest (thorax) into the abdomen.

To repair an aneurysm of the aorta using the TEVAR procedure, doctors place a device through a small incision in the groin, known as a stent graft.

This device is made of a fabric-covered metal mesh which is fully opened under X-ray. The device repairs the diseased aorta and helps to keep it open and allow blood to flow properly to the rest of the body.

The alternative to TEVAR is what doctors refer to as

“open repair,” which requires a large incision through the breastbone or side of the chest. That procedure is much more invasive compared to the small groin incision made with TEVAR.

Dr. Dow practices with New Mexico Cardiovascular Associates and expressed gratitude to all of the members of his heart team, anesthesia, cardiac critical care nurses, and the rest of the Memorial Hospital staff who helped make this procedure successful.

Previously, patients have had to travel out of town for this specialized procedure.



COURTESY PHOTO

Cardiovascular surgeon Dr. Charles Dow displays the stent and film outside of the Memorial operating room demonstrating the first TEVAR procedure ever done in southern New Mexico for minimally invasive treatment of an aneurysm.

## HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

**Kids' night out:** 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center, 3217 El Camino Real. Las Cruces Junior Jazzercise will hold a kids' night out Winter Wonderland Party for boys and girls age 4-12. Cost: \$20 per child if registered by Dec. 8 of \$25 after that. Siblings are half price. Info: Amy Richards: 941-705-0800, las-crucesjuniorjazzercise@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Junior Jazzercise Las Cruces.

**Diabetes classes:** 1-4 p.m. Jan. 9-11, Families and Youth Inc., 1320 S. Solano. Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach will hold a series of three diabetes classes in English and Spanish by Diabetes educator T.J. Jasso, RN, BS. Info: (575) 522-0289 or email: snmdo@snmdo.org.

## ONGOING

**Adult Dance Fitness:** 8:30-10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Dance your way to fitness. Ballet, 8-9 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. Professional instructor. Class size limited. \$20-\$45 a month. Tryout free. Info: 575-405-4124.

**Alzheimer's and dementia support group:** 11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Uno Pizzeria & Grill, 2102 Telshor Court. Arbors of Del Rey Assisted Living Community support meeting offers information and interventions. Info: 575-382-5200.

**Ambercare Hospice Volunteer Program:** Ambercare seeks individuals interested in volunteers to offer comfort and support to patients and their families. Hospice volun-

teers read, take walks, listen or provide companionship. Training provided. Info: 575-556-8409, ext. 12418, or jlopez@ambercare.com.

**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-1 p.m. Info: 575-528-5046.

**Bone Boosters:** 11:30 a.m. first Thursday. Sponsored by National Osteoporosis Foundation/New Mexico Affiliate. Info: 575-522-5106 or 575-522-0503 to RSVP.

**Breast cancer support group:** Meets 10-11:30 a.m. fourth Saturday each month, Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., west side annex building. Free, no pre-registration, open to all.

**Breastfeeding support group:** 10-11:30 a.m. every Friday, Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex, Piñon A meeting room. Mama's Milk Club Breastfeeding Support Group. Refreshments provided. Cost: free. Info: 575-521-5393.

**Cancer support group:** 6:30-8 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday, University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Cancer Care is a support group for those dealing with cancer, (patients, survivors, caregivers, family and friends). Info: Betty Harris, 575-524-3994 or the church office, 575-522-8220.

**Co-Dependents Anonymous:** 7 p.m. Mondays, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri, Room 107. A 12-step program

to let go of unhealthy rescuing behavior. Info: www.coda.org or Wayne at 575-647-5684.

**Diabetes support group:** 10-11:15 a.m. third Thursday in the meeting room of Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave. Diabetes Educational Support Group meetings provide open discussion and teaching regarding diabetes and a question-and-answer period. Info: 575-522-0289.

**Flu vaccines:** Immunization Hotline, toll free 866-681-5872, or visit flushot.healthmap.org.

**Immunization services:** For children up to 18, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at the New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive. Info: 575-528-5006.

**Jazzercise Lite:** 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center, 3217 El Camino Real. Info: Dianne Sage, 575-650-9721; jazzercise.com.

**MS support group:** 4:30-6 p.m. first Thursday, Social Center Creative Arts Room at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Multiple sclerosis support/education group. Info/RSVP: Andres Selgado, 915-433-2588

**Near Death Experience Group:** International Association for Near Death Studies, support group for those who have had an NDE. Experiencers, family and friends welcome, third Monday, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Infor: Jane at 928-897-0933 or LasCrucesIands@gmail.com



From left: Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine students Aries Callado, Harika Sandhu and Alex Nguyen represented the dermatology club.



Las Cruces resident Lee Andrews, left, gets a health screening with the assistance of medical students Tammy Nguyen and Kayla Iveyr.



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Medical student Michael Davis gets his blood glucose tested by fellow student Ismail Khan.

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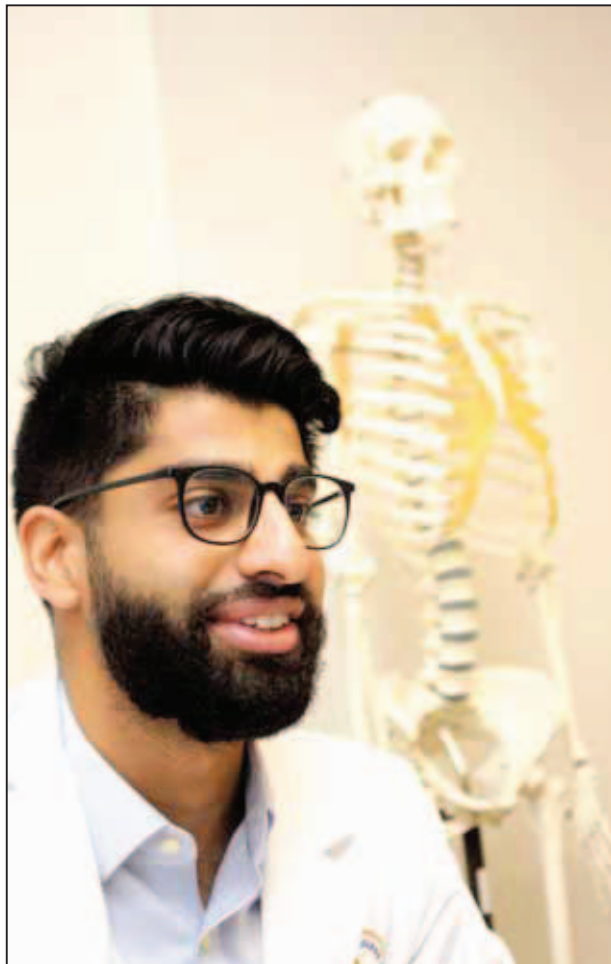
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Medical student Ismail Khan consults a patient.



Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine students gather before going to their stations.

## BCOM health fair

The Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine hosted a health fair Saturday, Dec. 2, by the school's Student Osteopathic Surgical Association. The event included general health screenings for the public, of all ages, plus an opportunity for students to garner experience in the field.

# Holiday shoppers get ready to hit the books

There are two kinds of holiday shoppers. The first is your get-it-done, no-nonsense type. You know who you are. You make sure that everyone gets their very specific wish list to you before Thanksgiving so you can sit down once at the computer and get the shopping done and forget it.

This person needs no help from me and can stop reading now.

Everyone else fits on a more romantic spectrum, the kinds of shoppers who internalize the spirit of the season by getting in touch with their inner hunter-gatherer. Even with a list, this shopper still enjoys foraging for something special, that just-right present for each member of the family. You know you fit into this category if, after you shop, you carefully gift wrap and then enjoy the happy anticipation of a gleeful surprised reaction from the recipient.

I'm writing for this type of shopper today.

Las Cruces can enjoy a great variety of shopping choices when it comes to books. By choosing even one of our local bookstores, you can find something special for every person on your list.

Bowlin's Mesilla Book Center is an old-fashioned, full-service family-owned store stuffed to the rafters with a lovingly curated, wide ranging selection of books. Housed in Mesilla's historic (circa 1856) mercantile building right on the plaza, this cozy shop specializes in Southwest



**RORIE MEASURE**

The Reading Solution

Americana, New Mexico gifts and a glorious roomful of beautiful children's titles from all over the world. If you are there when it's not too busy, you might just get a peek at the horse buggy

out in back.

COAS Books is so well stocked it has become a nationally renowned purveyor of used books filling two locations. The sprawling flagship store is located downtown on Main Street. Their second location is 1101 S. Solano. No matter the size of your budget, both sites offer bargains spanning every topic you are likely to think of.

In addition, COAS features new books by local authors. For a bibliophile, this place is like finding Ali Baba's cave. Wear comfortable clothes because you just might find yourself sitting on the floor for a while.

Casa Camino Real Bookstore and Art gallery, owned by local author Denise Chavez, is located in the historic Mesquite District at 314 S. Tornillo Street. There you will find Southwestern, regional, borderland, Native-American, Chicano & Chicana, Latino & Latina, multi-

cultural world literature with books in many languages, first-edition and out-of-print books for adults and children, vintage vinyl records and Mexican folk art.

Cinco Puntos Press in downtown El Paso provides a unique opportunity to shop at an actual publishing company. Lee and John Byrd specialize in producing books by up and coming bi-lingual authors.

Their colorfully decorated building is located at 701 Texas Avenue. Books for children, teens, mystery lovers and a history of El Paso/Juarez titled "Ringside Seat to the Revolution" are available in English and Spanish.

Even if you are super busy and need to get the shopping done quickly you can still enjoy actually touching the gifts you give. When on a tight schedule, two Barnes and Noble Booksellers are conveniently located for lunch-hour shopping. Both offer the latest books, games, magazines and gifts. A large eclectic selection can be found in Mesilla Valley Mall on Telshor Boulevard.

The NMSU location, at the corner of University Avenue and Jordan, adds Aggie themed items to their inventory.

So far this column has been about the book shopping experience itself. But I know very well that not all of us enjoy the hubbub of the holidays. For some, shopping season is just another stressful part of a stressful year.

Turning to books in troubling times can be helpful. If you and your family are finding the holidays a wee bit stressful this year, perhaps a specially chosen children's book can offer a positive perspective.

"Because Amelia Smiled," by David Ezra Stein (Candlewick): One smile has international consequences in a book that celebrates the power of love and hope.

"The Lion and the Mouse," by Jerry Pinkney (Little, Brown): Setting Aesop's beloved fable in the African Serengeti, Pinkney's illustrations and nearly wordless text give this classic a powerful new twist. This book won the 2010 Caldecott Medal.

"The Storyteller's Candle," by Lucia Gonzalez, illustrated by Lulu Delacre (Lee & Low): A Puerto Rican family newly arrived in the United States finds refuge at their nearby public library, where the children's room was presided over by Pura Belpré, the first Puerto Rican librarian in New York's public library system.

"If You Plant a Seed," by Kadir Nelson (Balzer+Bray): A food fight breaks out when a rabbit and a mouse refuse to share the bounty of their vegetable harvest with a flock of birds. Things look grave until the mouse realizes that sharing just might be a

better solution.


"The Peace Book," by Todd Parr (Little, Brown): In his cheerful style, Parr defines the meaning of peace for very young children, from "offering a hug to a friend" to "keeping the streets clean" to the concluding message that "peace is being who you are."

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## It's getting chilly...

During winter weather make sure to clean off your meter with a broom or your hands. Do not use a shovel to clear away ice or snow, and please refrain from kicking or striking your meter to remove ice as this can pose a safety hazard. Inspect vents to make sure they are clear of ice and that air flows freely. Zia Natural Gas Company is committed to providing you with the most cost effective, reliable, and safe heating options to keep you warm and cozy all winter. Naturally that is smarter energy!


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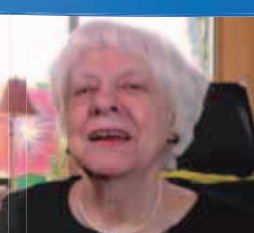
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# Interstate champions

In the Battle of I-10 and the Battle of I-25, NMSU has dominated almost every lane



The New Mexico State University Aggies celebrate a heart-stopper at the buzzer over the University of New Mexico Lobos in Albuquerque.

## Men have no fear of the Weir

### BULLETIN REPORT

An emphatic Chris Jans ran toward New Mexico State's bench after shaking hands with University of New Mexico coach Paul Weir following the Aggies' 65-62 win at Dreamstyle Arena in Albuquerque Dec. 9 and pumped both fists in the air yelling, "How 'bout that win, Aggie fans!"

The win gave NM State its first sweep of both UNM and the University of Texas-El Paso since the 2002-03 season and the first Aggie victory in Albuquerque since 2013.

Jans, who succeeded Weir last spring, also became the only first-year head coach to sweep all four games against their interstate rivals in the same season.

After the home-and-home sweep of UTEP Nov. 25 and Nov. 30, NMSU has won seven consecutive games over the Miners.

All this, on the heels of NMSU's football victories in the fall over UNM in Albuquerque and UTEP in Las Cruces.

Newcomer Zach Lofton led all scorers against UNM with 22 points

and six rebounds, while Jemerrio Jones and red-shirt freshman Johnny McCants chipped in with eight points and 10 rebounds, respectively. AJ Harris added 12 points, four boards and three assists.

New Mexico State is 7-2 on the season pending its final contest in the Pan American Center for the 2017 calendar year Dec. 12 versus Eastern New Mexico. The Aggies play for national recognition Saturday, Dec. 16, against the University of Illinois in Chicago's United Center.



NMSU guard Dominique Mills struggles for possession of the ball.

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## Women come up big against UTEP

### BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico State women's basketball team raised its record to 3-5 with its 76-68 victory over UTEP at the Pan American Center Dec. 10. Brooke Salas led the way with a career-high 29 points, including 27 in the second half.

The win follows rivalry losses to the University of New Mexico Nov. 18 and Dec. 2.

"Tonight was a great team effort," first-year head Coach Brooke Atkinson said after the

UTEP win. "UTEP was a bigger team but this win was about us and trusting ourselves, which is how we approach every game. These young women did a great job and followed the game plan to a T."

Early in the game NM State got going offensively with an 11-2 run, but the Miners took a 34-33 lead at the half with a 9-2 run.

The Aggies opened the second half on a 14-3 tear to put them up 47-37. They were 10-for-19 (52.6 percent) from the field in

the third quarter and led the Miners 58-47 heading to the fourth.

The final 10 minutes opened with Salas knocking down three-straight triples to expand the Aggies lead to 67-52. The Miners never got closer than eight after that.

New Mexico State traveled to Tucson Thursday, Dec. 14, to play the Arizona Wildcats before a three-game swing to Southern California. The Ags' next home game is Friday, Dec. 29, against UC Santa Barbara.

# Simple gifts: last-minute ideas for that special golfer

It's coming down to the wire in terms of getting a golf gift for important persons on your Christmas list. Here are some ideas.

The first is a gym membership. No matter the golfer's age there is a premium placed on strength and flexibility to enhance playing ability. There is no substitute for gym workouts (even if you have home equipment) to gain and maintain strength. A monthly gym membership will cost less than the golfer's monthly consumption of burritos or burgers.

Similarly, there is no substitute for golf lessons from a PGA teaching professional. Over the years I have noticed countless cases wherein



**CHARLIE BLANCHARD**  
Golf Doctor

an inept fellow attempts to instruct his equally inept spouse, and I shudder. Don't do that! Get her (and yourself) six golf lessons. Check with the PGA pro at your local golf course and set the dates. Lessons are totally affordable. Don't take instruction from your fellow players; they want you to play worse.

Let's leave game improvement for a moment. I know a lot of golfers who have lost single clubs from their set, and they don't know what to do except repeat-

edly call the pro shop to see if the club has been turned in. Get in touch with the Clubfinders golf shop in Dallas ([www.clubfinders.com](http://www.clubfinders.com), 972-633-1033) and provide exact specs on the lost club. For example: a Titleist AP1 714 6-iron, right handed, with Kura Kage graphite regular shaft, standard loft, lie, grip and length. Chances are they'll have it.

You can find golf attire at our local pro shops and stores, but if you're bent on giving a special gift, buy a pair of Gold Toe golf shoes. The "gold toe" originated when shoes were modified with a metal toe guard for the late Payne Stewart in the late-1990s because he dragged his toe during his swing. And Stewart was a natty

dresser. The up-to-date shoes are made in the USA of full-grain leather with a stacked leather and rubber sole, with superb craftsmanship and priced on either side of \$200. Check [www.goldtoegolfshoes.com](http://www.goldtoegolfshoes.com) or call 1-732-671-1874. I own three pair and I love them.

Is playing golf in Ireland or Scotland on anyone's bucket list? I managed to check that item off my list 18 months ago with a trip to Ireland packaged by Hidden Links Golf. They did everything at reasonable rates and the trip went without a hitch. A golf trip to the British Isles is not cheap but it is a once-in-lifetime event. If you go I have three pieces of advice: (1) fly first class; (2) stick to one

region of Ireland or Scotland; (3) do not rent and drive a car – get a driver. Go to [www.hiddenlinks-golf.com](http://www.hiddenlinks-golf.com) or phone 1-678-444-4267.

If the avid golfer in your life doesn't have a yardage range finder, buy one. There are line-of-sight laser (scope) range finders, and there are satellite signal GPS range finders in handheld or convenient wristwatch versions. The best laser units are Bushnell, Callaway, Nikon and Leupold, and run anywhere from \$160 to \$400. The best GPS units are Skycaddie, Bushnell, Garmin, ISSO Swami and Golf Buddy. Almost all come equipped with over 30,000 domestic golf courses pre-loaded. They range in price from less than \$50 for a small wrist

unit to \$500 for a sophisticated hand-held unit. Do your research before buying, but for stress-free golf a range finder is a must.

My last suggestion is a Picnic Time Ace Executive Compact Putter set for the golfer who travels and needs putting practice on the road. This is a four-piece putter with detachable screw-in shaft and a wooden practice cup contained in a handsome walnut-finished case for about \$40 at Amazon. It's not easy being addicted to golf.

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## A senior moment

The El Paso/Las Cruces Old Timers Golf Group played their monthly tournament at Ascarate Golf Club on Monday, Dec. 4. The first-place team, seated left to right, was Roy Jones, Vista Hills; Bill O'Neal, Vista Hills; Sam Martinez, Lone Star; and Ted Novack, Picacho Hills. In second place, standing left to right, were Booker Munn, Vista Hills; David Martinez, Red Hawk; and Jim Sprouse, Vista Hills. The El Paso/Las Cruces Old Timers Golf Group has 170 members in the two-county area. The group rotates play on a monthly basis on 14 private and public golf courses. Men over 55 can obtain membership information from their golf pro shop.

COURTESY PHOTO

# Mesilla Valley Christian School off to good start



PHOTO COURTESY LORI CONN

Mesilla Valley Christian School's Josh Castillo tips off against Tino Luna of Hot Springs High School Dec. 5 in the varsity season opener for both schools. The SonBlazers won 67-42, then went 2-1 at the Sandia Prep Tournament in Albuquerque, beating Valencia 58-50 and Sandia Prep 60-49, before losing 86-68 to Española Valley. The SonBlazers are 3-1 on the year.

## Box Score for MVCS vs. Hot Springs

Player	FGM-A	2PM-A	3PM-A	FTM-A	Reb Off	Reb Def	Reb	AST	ST	TO	BS	PF	FPF	EFF	PTS
Noah Coyle	3-5	3-5	0-0	3-4	3	4	7	3	2	4	0	2	3	14	9
Hunter Conn	6-17	4-10	2-7	8-10	4	5	9	8	5	2	4	2	6	33	22
Michael Mayfield	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	-2	0
Adrian Estrada	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-1	0
Michael Johnson	5-9	4-7	1-2	0-3	1	0	1	4	6	1	0	2	2	14	11
Josh Castillo	4-9	4-9	0-0	2-4	1	3	4	2	1	1	2	4	2	11	10
Nolan Nunley	6-8	5-5	1-3	0-4	1	5	6	1	1	0	0	2	2	15	13
Nate Lepinski	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Braden Dwyer	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25-54</b>	<b>21-40</b>	<b>4-14</b>	<b>13-25</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>67</b>
	46.3%	52.5%	28.6%	52%											

## Score by quarters:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Boys Varsity	13	20	16	18
Hot Springs High School	7	5	14	16

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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**Jaylynn Benitez** is an 18-year-old senior at Centennial High School. She is varsity team captain on the Hawks wrestling team at 120 pounds. This season, Benitez is undefeated 7-0 with 10 pins. Last season she placed fourth at District, qualifying her for state in the boys division. Benitez is the first girl to wrestle for Centennial, finish a complete season, make it to and place at district and be captain of her team. She is the first female from Las Cruces to make it to the State Wrestling Championships, in the boys division. Benitez is a brave, outgoing young lady, generous and dedicated, hard-working and driven. She has a passion for creativity and adventure. Benitez is a dedicated student, with a 3.20 GPA. She has been training in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu since the age of two, is a Gracie Barra blue belt and the Southern New Mexico State Fair Queen.



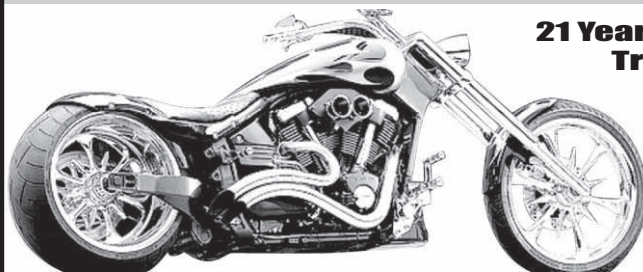
**Adrian Armendariz, Jr.** is a 17-year-old senior at Centennial High School. He is captain on the Hawks wrestling team at 106 pounds. This season, Armendariz's record is 6-0; he is a three-time state qualifier and placed second in district in 2016. He pushes his team past their limits when knowing they can do better. Armendariz is a dedicated student, with a 3.0 GPA. Outside of school and wrestling, he enjoys magic, card tricks and video games. This past September, Armendariz enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in the field of Intelligence.

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