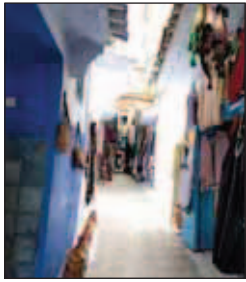
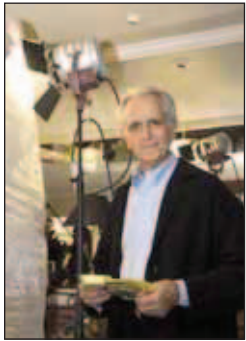


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## SEMI-TOUGH

Las Cruces High School quarterback Payton Ball (5) eludes Rio Rancho defensive back Jaylen McKinley in the state quarterfinal matchup Nov. 17 at Field of Dreams. The Bulldawgs' 28-10 victory sends them to the Class 6A semifinals at Field of Dreams Friday, Nov. 24, against top-ranked Manzano, which took care of Clovis, 45-7. The winner will play for the state championship.

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# Doña Ana County 'Your Partner in Progress'



## 'Colonias Initiative' meetings set throughout county

A series of public meetings has been scheduled to educate the public on how to help improve conditions within Doña Ana County's colonias.

Topics for discussion include a historical perspective on the Doña Ana County Colonias Initiative, an overview of the entire project, the schedule of upcoming meetings and public discussion on the next steps to engage and lobby legislators for state funding.

The first meeting was held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Vado/del Cerro Community Resource Center.

Upcoming meetings will be facilitated at the Hatch Community Resource Center on Monday, Nov. 27; at the Delores Wright Community Resource Center in Chaparral on Wednesday, Nov. 29; and at the Butterfield Community Resource Center east of Las Cruces

on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Each meeting begins at 6 p.m. and is scheduled to last about an hour. At least one county commissioner will be in attendance, along with staff.

Translation and interpretation services will be available. For additional information, contact Liz Reed in the Doña Ana County Community and Constituent Services Office at (575) 525-5959.

## Soledad Canyon Road project is sole topic of Nov. 28 meeting

Doña Ana County will cohost a public meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 5:30 p.m. at the Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum east of Las Cruces to discuss the upcoming Soledad Canyon Road improvement project.

In addition to county staff, representatives of the Federal Highway Administration and the federal Bureau of Land Management will be on hand.

Improvements are slated for Soledad Canyon Road between Dripping Springs Road and the BLM's Soledad Canyon Day Use Area entrance. The project will improve access to federal lands and existing residences, while better accommodating bicyclists and pedestrians along the corridor.

Proposed improvements include resurfacing of the roadway, widening of the road to include bicycle lanes, drainage improvements, and construction of a multi-use path.

The meeting will focus on the design, scope and timelines of the project, and public input will be solicited.



Doña Ana County's offices are closed Nov. 23-24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday, reopening Monday, Nov. 27.



### STUDENT ART SHOW

Student artists descended on the Doña Ana County Government Center on Monday, Nov. 13, for the reception of the new student art show, which will be on display through next March. At left, Amaree Garcia of the J. Paul Taylor Academy stands next to her portion of a placard depicting social-justice role models identified by the students of her school.

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# City might step up handicapped parking enforcement

## BULLETIN REPORT

The City of Las Cruces is likely to see a pilot program in the near future to step up enforcement of handicapped parking regulations.

Police Chief Jaime Montoya and Chief Codes Enforcement Officer James Chavez made a presentation to the Las Cruces City Council at its Nov. 13 work session about handicapped parking at the request of Mayor Ken Miyagishima.

The mayor said he sees or hears about violations of handicapped parking regulations “every day.” And, because the handicapped are a “vulnerable population,” the issue needs “more focus.”

“I get a lot of complaints on ADA compliance,” Councilor Jack

Eakman said.

The violations, Eakman said, are taking rights away from the handicapped. It’s important that the city “not lose sight of this very important right that people have.”

City Manager Stuart Ed said city staff will “look at an expanded program” for handicapped parking enforcement in the city’s upcoming budget cycle.

That expansion may include adding a Codes Enforcement Section parking unit, Montoya said, similar to that of other regional cities. Another option is to create several part-time public safety aides to assist with ADA and fire-lane violations.

Codes Enforcement dealt with nearly 3,000 parking issues from Jan. 1 through Sept. 30, 2017, Chavez said, with his

department’s 14 street officers handling more than 1,550 parking violations during the period, along with 633 traffic/sidewalk obstructions, 214 cases of display of motor vehicle for sale (not on seller’s home or work property), 174 unhitched trailers, 150 handicapped parking issues and 90 issues involving RV parking.

Chavez said LCPD conducted several ADA parking violation impact projects during the reporting period involving looking for violations at Mesilla Valley Mall and in major retailers’ parking lots.

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# NMSU program battles pre-Thanksgiving 'Blackout Wednesday'

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

In some parts of the United States, more binge-drinking deaths are reported on Blackout Wednesday – the day before Thanksgiving – than even near Christmas or on New Year's Day.

"The season to be merry starts Wednesday night, Thanksgiving Eve – or as some in the bar industry and law enforcement circles call it, 'Black Wednesday,'" according to Mothers Against Drunk Driving's Facebook page. "Blackout Wednesday has emerged as one of the biggest alcohol drinking nights of the year, second only to New Year's Eve."

*"We just want to give them ideas and provide them with information that can help keep them safe."*

**Juan Carlos Padilla**  
NMSU PHS graduate student

To raise awareness about Blackout Wednesdays and the dangers in general of binge drinking, the New Mexico State University Department of Public Health Sciences (PHS) Aggies Winning Choices (AWC) program conducted a "tabling event" in front of the NMSU Activity Center for several hours

on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

The event included mugs, glasses and even shot glasses that participating students could fill with liquid to better understand the actual size of mixed drinks and beers and how quickly a drinker can become intoxicated.

"We just want to give them ideas and provide them with information that can help keep them safe," said NMSU PHS graduate student Juan Carlos Padilla. "We're just trying to keep our NMSU community safe."

Binge drinking "occurs after several alcohol drinks are finished in a short period of time and is followed by cognitive and physical problems," according to AWC. It "typically hap-

pens when men have five drinks in one sitting or when women have four drinks in one sitting."

According to AWC, about 2,000 college students die from alcohol-related injuries every year, about 700,000 students are assaulted annually by another student who has been drinking and about 100,000 students are victims each year of sexual assault or date rape by a student who has been drinking.

AWC's advice to students to avoid the

dangers of binge drinking: stay hydrated by drinking water between drinks of alcohol to space alcohol intake; have a plan to get home safely, including a designated driver; remember to eat before drinking and to continue eating while drinking; have cash on hand and a charged cell phone.

A popular myth about binge drinking, that cold showers, fresh air or hot coffee help sober a person up is not true, according to AWC. "Only time will remove alcohol from the system.

It takes the body approximately one hour to eliminate the alcohol in one drink," according to AWC's website.

Another myth is that "everyone reacts to alcohol in the same way." In fact, AWC said, many factors affect a person's reaction to alcohol: body weight, metabolism, gender, body chemistry, and many others."

For more information, visit [www.winningchoices.org](http://www.winningchoices.org).

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New Mexico State University students who are part of the NMSU Department of Public Health Sciences (PHS) Aggies Winning Choices (AWC) program conduct a "tabling event" in front of the NMSU Activity Center on Wednesday, Nov. 15, to help educate students about the dangers of binge drinking. Along with AWC volunteers and other NMSU students participating in the event.





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ARRL representative Robert Truitt KE50FK (left), presents a plaque to Sven Breden N5SHB, president of MVRC, on the club's selection as "Club of the Year."

ARRL representative Robert Truitt KE50FK, left, presents a plaque to David Hassall WA5DJJ, for "Outstanding Ham of the Year."



## Radio club garners two state awards

### BULLETIN REPORT

The Mesilla Valley Radio Club (MVRC) is the local branch of the national American Radio Relay League (ARRL). There are 21 clubs in the New Mexico Section, comprised of members licensed by the federal government as Amateur Radio Operators (called Hams).

At a recent club meeting, two state awards were presented by an ARRL representative. The first was to the club as "New Mexico Section Club of the Year" in recognition of outstanding contributions to amateur

radio. The most important recent contribution was organizing and presenting a large education exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center. The exhibit included lectures, equipment exhibits, and the opportunity for visitors to actually operate an amateur radio station.

The second award was to Dave Hassall WA5DJJ for his selection as "Ham of the Year." Hassall is an active club member, particularly using some of the more advanced low power communication methods. He is also well-known as a source of information, help and radio parts for builders.



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# NMSU hoopsters out-battle UNM

## Weir in Lobo's clothing unwelcome sight for Aggie fans

**A**t first you thought the New Mexico State University student's homemade shirt said something else.



**RICHARD COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

Lobos."

The Aggie students were out in full force Friday, Nov. 17, when the rival University of New Mexico Lobos returned to the Pan American Center.

Always up for the Lobos, there was an extra edge in the student section this evening. The game also marked the return of the former Aggie men's basketball coach who spurned NMSU to take the job 200 miles north on Interstate 25, as coach of UNM.

"Luck Paul Weir! Luck Paul Weir!" is not what many students were chanting, and they were not wishing him good luck. Their chant, however, did rhyme with "Luck Paul Weir!"

After the game, new Aggie coach Chris Jans said he and his staff did not mention Weir once during practices leading up to the UNM game.

"Now, I don't know what they talked about when we coaches

weren't around," Jans said, speaking of his players, many of whom were recruited by and played for Weir.

And why would Jans talk about Weir?

Much more relevant was discussing the Lobos' frenetic fast break and feared full-court press. Those discussions were evidently fruitful, as the Aggies broke the press with deft passing and ball-handling, and neutralized the fast break by grabbing 25 offensive rebounds. Amazingly, NMSU out-rebounded UNM 50-25, a vital key to the Aggies' 75-56 victory.

After the game, Weir said the fans' chants and taunts didn't bother him. He team, though, was clearly bothered by the rebounding margin.

"They completely dominated us on the offensive glass, which prevented us from getting the break going," Weir said.

For all the talk before, during and after the game about Weir, it's still the players who have to execute the game on the floor.

And from the opening tip, the action on the floor had Aggie fans nervous. The Lobos came out red hot, hitting shots from all over the court, and the Aggies were ice cold, missing everything.

Midway through the first half, with the Lobos in command, Jans' substitutions put an Aggie lineup on the floor with two Las Cruces kids. Senior Joe Garza, a 5-9 Las Cruces High School graduate, and 6-7 redshirt freshman Johnny McCants, from Oñate

High School, brought an extra energy to the floor.

In a three-minute-plus stretch from 12:45 to 9:36 in the half, the Aggies turned it around. Two baskets came on alley-oop dunks from guard A.J. Harris to McCants. Those plays were sandwiched with a French twist: two baskets by Aggie Sidy N'Dir, a junior from Dijon, France.

N'Dir hit the Aggies' first – and only – three-pointer of the first half, and then put the Aggies in the lead 17-16 with a dunk at the 9:36 mark.

Those three dunks re-focused the fans' energy from the sidelines to the court, bringing a noise and energy I hadn't felt in the Pan Am Center for a long time.

Not since Feb. 23, 2013, to be exact. On that evening, New Mexico State University narrowly beat its other mortal enemy, the UTEP Miners.

The Aggies were intense and aggressive throughout the Lobo game, fighting for loose balls and coming up with almost every contested rebound and wayward pass.

"Be the first one to the floor," said Aggie Zach Lofton, who led all scorers in the game with 28. "That's what Coach (Jans) is always telling us, and that's what we did."

Lofton's inside-outside play kept the fans going, but still they would periodically stray back to Weir-taunting. During one second-half timeout, they started chanting, "He's a sell-

out!" That's a reference to the big pay increase Weir got by taking the Lobo job. There seemed to be a lot of integrity in the chant, despite the fact – and I'm only guessing here – every Aggie fan in the arena would also leave Las Cruces for a \$300,000 pay raise to work in Albuquerque.

Friday night's energy came despite a smaller crowd for Aggies-Lobos, 6,839. November games seldom draw well, and local sports fans' allegiances were divided as the LCHS Bulldawgs were playing, and winning, a state quarterfinal football game across town at the Field of Dreams at the exact same time.

The 10-1 Bulldawgs will get to play their semifinal game at home also, facing top-seeded, 11-0 Manzano High School 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, at the Field of Dreams. The Aggies will get their home shot at UTEP 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Pan Am.

How dedicated a local sports fan are you?

Here's your chance to prove it.

You can go to the Bulldawgs' game Friday night.

Then, the next day, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, you can go to Aggie Memorial Stadium to watch the NMSU football team continue its quest for a bowl game. Then, at 7 p.m., cheer the Aggie basketball team against the Miners.

Little known fact: Cheering loudly for your teams is a good way to work off extra turkey, green bean casserole and pumpkin pie.

### We want your letters

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Appreciation from a veteran**

To the editor:

While I always read the Las Cruces Bulletin, this issue (Nov. 10) particularly caught my attention, probably because I'm a vet who would be happy to do my 25 years all over again if they would let me.

First, thanks to Richard Coltharp, the publisher, for his excellent opinion piece, "War's horrors, big and small."

Second, thanks to Michael Swickard for his piece, "Military jets are the sounds of freedom." I wish it had been published on a page facing Sen. Morales' not-in-my-backyard piece, "Residents should have input on F-16 plans."

The senator clearly identifies himself as a politician with the phrase, "thousands of thundering jets year-round over our region." He's done a great job of making a mountain out of a molehill. We might ask the senator to count the number of times he even hears a military jet flying over his area of interest. I suspect the total number will be far less.

I don't need to stay on my soapbox any longer. I'd just encourage your readers to enjoy Mr. Swickard's account after you've read Sen. Morales' whining.

Please keep up the good work. By the way, the politically correct term is Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and MA-

*Editor's note: Michael Swickard's column does not appear in this issue.*

RINES."

*Tom Warren, retired  
fighter pilot  
Las Cruces*

**Don't Blame Trump**

To the editor:

Preside Trump – whether you love him or hate him – we have to admit he's changed something. From the tweets, to the one-liners, he's changed the way we view politics. His election admittedly divided this country. When we went to the voting booth we were voting our heart and soul and depending on what side of the aisle you were on, you were empowered or crushed.

Now that the dust seems to have settled we still see the surge of anger over the president's course of action. Progressives seem ready more than ever to stick it to Republican leadership at every turn, whether that's on a Soil and Water Conservation Board Election, the mayoral Race in Albuquerque, and now our city council race.

We have seen a violent reaction post-Trump, a surge of people preaching "equality," "tolerance," and "fairness," when after much observation I do not see them walking their walk. I see eggs being thrown at our congressman's office, I see women being told they support misogyny because they

don't wear pink hats and march, I see Americans exercising their 2nd Amendment rights being labeled as dangerous. This is not equality, tolerance, or fairness – this is bullying – plain and simple.

This ideology, "if you aren't with us then you're against us" is a dangerous mindset.

Las Cruces, we are better than this!

Just because the presidential election is over does not mean we cease to pay attention. We must pay attention, now more than ever. Pay attention to these extreme groups on both sides trying to turn out their base. Pay attention to what your values are – and what you really want our future to look like.

On the one hand, we are looking at higher taxes, less accountability and businesses leaving our community for friendlier climates like Texas. On the other – we have hope of creating more opportunity, protecting our oldest industry, agriculture, and facilitating a life where our children want to stay in our community and raise their families here.

We need to stop blaming Trump for everything and start taking responsibility.

*Linda Dowless  
Las Cruces*

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# School district concerned over history guidelines

## BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico Public Education Department's (PED) proposed changes to the social studies End of Course (EOC) assessment blueprint drew a variety of concerns from LCPS officials and board members at the Board of Education meeting Tuesday, Nov. 14. The assessment is a state-mandated U.S. history test for students in grades nine through 12.

"The blueprint shows teachers what standards will be tested on the end of course exam," said Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Wendi Miller-Tomlinson. "It's reasonable to assume

that by omitting these topics on the EOC assessment, teachers will not be covering them as extensively as the content the students will be tested on."

Miller-Tomlinson explained that since the end of course exam has a direct impact on student test scores, graduation requirements and teacher evaluations, teachers may not be able to adequately cover the omitted topics, many of which carry immense historical importance. Some of the items omitted from the blueprint include questions about historical figures Rosa Parks and Malcolm X, the 1945 atomic bomb attacks on Japan, the process of how a bill becomes law

and the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court ruling.

"These strike-outs are ridiculous, because once you cross something off a teacher's list, it's out the door. These topics are simply too important to be overlooked, said Board President Maria Flores. "In my opinion, these omissions are a futile exercise by the PED."

Miller-Tomlinson also expressed her concerns about the blueprint development process mentioning that the PED's annual blueprint redevelopment process remains unclear.

Superintendent Greg Ewing said he will work with his staff to draft a letter to the PED outlining the concerns over the proposed changes.

## 2018 bond election

If the next school bond election is passed, the school tax rate will not go up. That assurance comes from the district's bond counsel, who presented a Resolution to the School Board calling for a Feb. 6, 2018 election. The board approved the resolution and approved the list of \$50 million in capital outlay projects that will be funded if voters approve the measure. Paul Cassidy of RBC said the tax rate would remain level for taxpayers (see story, page 12).

LCPS Community Outreach Liaison Brigitte Zigelhofer mentioned that the LCPS Capital Outlay Advisory Committee's first meeting will take place at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 30, in the LCPS Administration Building Board Room. She also invited anyone interested in joining the committee to contact her directly at 575-527-6014 or bzigelho@lcps.net.

## CSEC Report

President of the Classified School Employees Council-Las Cruces (CSEC) Irma Valdespino announced that bargaining negotiations have been underway with the district since June 2017. She said both sides have worked hard trying to reach an agreement.

However, Valdespino said that during the Nov. 15 bargaining session, the management team "gave their last-best offer." She said the offer forced the

CSEC team to declare an impasse, which stops further negotiations. She announced that "CSEC-LC in good conscience cannot accept the district's last-best offer." She explained that the district's offer regarding salaries did not include step increases and did not cover the increase of health care costs for its members.

Comments from the district's team could not be discussed publicly because there was no agenda item permitting management to do so.

## Recognitions

Superintendent Ewing recognized Josiah Barrera, a 5th grader at

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# Utility group seeks customer input on rate reviews

By **CASSIE MCCLURE AND  
SUZANNE MICHAELS**

For the Bulletin

When bills go up, it's nice to have a say on how much they will increase, and to know and trust those who investigate the process. To give citizens that voice and trust, the mayor and city council established a five-member volunteer Ad hoc committee – the Utility Customer Advisory Group (UCAG): Eugene Suttmiller (chair), Shirley Clark (vice chair), William Daly, Frank D. Gómez, and Robert Snyder.

UCAG seeks input on utility rate reviews for everyday uses: water, wastewater, gas and solid waste service. While they invite curious and concerned customers to their public meetings (3 p.m., second Wednesday of every month, Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) offices at 680 N. Motel Blvd), they know that communication outreach shouldn't be one sided. Most recently UCAG committee members engaged the public at the 2018 Business Showcase sponsored by the Las Cruces Greater Chamber of Commerce at the Mesilla Valley Mall.

The showcase gave committee members a chance to grab a second with utility customers.

"We are liaisons for

**UCAG committee member Frank D. Gómez restocks the table with goodie bags to offer to customers who pause for a few minutes to hear about the LCU water rate review.**



everyone in the city who uses utilities," UCAG Vice-Chair Shirley Clark said. "It's our job to advocate for their needs, but we want to know what they find important."

UCAG committee members are sensitive to different perspectives at the decision table, considering the long-ranging implications of rate hikes for different types of customers such as those on fixed-incomes and those who might be using water for their businesses.

"Our job is to make sure that it's equitable and that it's transparent in its process," Committee President Eugene Suttmiller said. "We scrutinize that the rates serve the people and in the long run, the system – because improvements and repairs are always needed, and it's fundamental to the mission of the utilities that it does not accrue debt."

The last LCU water rate review was almost 10 years ago. Now that the UCAG is seated, a consultant, Stantec Consulting Service, Inc., has been hired to guide the review and keep the UCAG committee in lock step with their findings.

Handing out a thick packet of the City's Consumer Confidence Reports, with different sections meticulous detailed, Gómez

smiles,

"We're honored to be public servants and to help spread the awareness that customer voices matter."

Customers who cannot attend the UCAG in person, at either the public meetings or at events around town, can review all documents associated with the rate review process at [www.las-cruces.org/UCAG](http://www.las-cruces.org/UCAG) and can reach the board at the email: [ucag@las-cruces.org](mailto:ucag@las-cruces.org).

*You can reach Las Cruces Utilities at 528-3500 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Las Cruces Utilities provides gas, water, wastewater and solid waste services to approximately 100,000 Las Cruces residents and businesses.*



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**UCAG Vice-Chair Shirley Clark visits with a customer at the 2018 Business Showcase at Mesilla Valley Mall about the water rate review underway now at LCU.**

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Highland Elementary School who used the Heimlich maneuver to save a fellow 5th grader, Max Miller, from choking. Barrera has never received any formal training to learn the Heimlich maneuver and instead saw it performed on an episode of "Chicago Med."

Ewing also recognized Rio Grande Preparatory Institute teacher Kelsey Armijo for being named the 2017 New Mexico Graduation Reality and Dual-Role Skills (GRADS) New Teacher of the Year. The GRADS program provides support for current and expecting teen parents in high schools. Kelsey was recognized for her work mentoring her students, working

with her school's support staff, and creation of a website to help support her students.

### Budget Updates

Superintendent Ewing again mentioned a formal notice has been sent to the PED about the distribution of additional SEG revenue which equates to nearly \$700,000 in funding for the district.

At the Nov. 7 work session, the Board of Education approved a letter requesting that the PED Secretary-Designate Christopher Ruszkowski allocate funding appropriated by the Legislature to increase the unit value by \$16 per student under the State Equalization Guarantee. Earlier this year, the Legislature appropriated \$10 million in funding to the PED to offset any deficiencies that would result from

the PED increasing the unit value.

Interim Chief Financial Officer Ed Ellison announced that the district's training and experience multiplier increased by .003 percent. Equating to roughly a \$475,000 increase in funding for the 2018-19 school year.

### Student Meal Donation

The Board of Education approved a \$13,000 donation by Organ Mountain Outfitters to be used for unpaid reduced-price meal charges. In total, the local apparel company has donated more than \$20,000 to help offset the cost of unpaid LCPS meal charges.

### Announcements

Superintendent Ewing announced that he and Board President Maria

Flores will travel to Washington, D.C., on Nov. 29 to address how elevated immigration enforcement efforts have negatively affected student attendance and behavior.

"We were invited by the policy director from congressional Hispanic caucus to speak about our district's experiences," Ewing said. "I will eagerly discuss what our students endure, every day, under the current policies."

Flores added, "We certainly intend to be bold with our statements."

### Recent Board Member Activity

Board President Maria Flores

- Participated in a celebration at University Hills Elementary School for the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge

- Participated in a meeting with the New Mexico State University regents

- Attended the Mayfield High School Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica Induction Ceremony

- Spoke with Sen. Martin Heinrich to update him about Las Cruces Public Schools

- Participated in a panel hosted by Wise Latina International

Board Vice President Ed Frank

- Participated in Jornada Elementary School's Inaugural Red Ribbon Parade

- Attended an LCPS Restorative Justice Task Force Meeting

Board Secretary Ray Jaramillo

- Participated in Jornada Elementary School's Inaugural Red Ribbon Parade

- Attended the South-

ern New Mexico Kids Count conference

- Attended an LCPS Restorative Justice Task Force Meeting

- Served as Keynote speaker at the mayor's Top Teens Award Ceremony

- Attended a New Mexico State University Regents meeting

Board Member Maury Castro

- Attended an Anthony Chamber of Commerce luncheon

Board Member Terrie Dallman

- Attended Booker T. Washington Elementary School's first annual Halloween Parade

- Visited Valley View Elementary school

- Attended the Southern New Mexico Kids Count conference

- Attended a New Mexico State University symposium



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# Wellness Fund supports community initiatives

By APRIL ANAYA

Improving maternal and child health and wellness outcomes in southern New Mexico is one of the core tenets of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM.)

The Wellness Fund, established in 2016, was created to support nonprofit organizations and the programs they implement to make our community a better place. The objectives of the Wellness Fund are to demonstrate improvement in maternal, infant and child well-being, support healthy environments where mothers, infants and children live, work and play, and demonstrate improved wellness outcomes for mothers, infants and children.

The fund is made possible due to the generosity of individual donors who have created endowments at the CFSNM. Over 79 endowments exist, with the earnings supporting organizations in southern New Mexico.

Recently, 12 nonprofit organizations were awarded \$111,000 through the CFSNM Wellness Fund grant, made available to organizations providing services in Doña Ana, Hidalgo, Otero, Sierra, Grant, Lincoln and Luna counties. This year's grant recipients are Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern New Mexico, Cancer Aid Resource and Education (CARE), Casa de Peregrin-



nos, Children's Reading Alliance, Dyslexia Institute of Southern New Mexico, Health Action New Mexico, Imagination Library, Kaleidoscope Creates, Mesilla Valley CASA, New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, New Mexico State University College of Health and Social Services and St. Luke's Healthcare Clinic.

The grant will support programs such as training to prepare parents of preschool aged children for school success, aid and support for cancer patients, and summer food programs for children, to name a few.

"Funding our nonprofit community is an honor," said Terra Winter, CFSNM Executive Director.

"The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico's board members and volunteers are committed to the use of donor dollars to impact the lives of those who live in our region. It is a joy to watch programming succeed."

CFSNM Grants and Scholarships Committee Chair Abel Covarrubias said, "The Wellness Fund will change what our community will look like in 10 years. It is supporting the important work of the nonprofits who

are planting seeds of affirmation, hope and compassion through their work with children and families of southern New Mexico."

Committee member Dr. Bruce San Filippo added that, "in serving in on the evaluation committee, I have discovered that there already exists a large number of altruistic people who have dedicated themselves, through their organization's activities, to continuously improving the environment for children and parents in our region."

Other members of the Wellness Fund grant committee include Pam



PHOTO COURTESY CFSNM

2018 Wellness Grant recipients gather at CFSNM offices.

Lilibridge and Terra Winter.

To learn more about the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico and the Wellness Fund, contact Terra Winter at 575-521-4794 or [terra@cfsnm.org](mailto:terra@cfsnm.org)

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# School district promotes February bond election

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Public Schools will hold a \$50 million school bond election on Feb. 6, 2018 to pay for construction and renovation, safety, new classrooms, athletic facilities, playground equipment, furniture and other projects at elementary, middle and high schools throughout the Las Cruces school district.

If approved, the election will not increase the current school tax rate, said LCPS Community Outreach Liaison Brigitte Zigelhofer. There is no mill levy election in 2018 and no school board seats are up for election.

Although requests for funding from schools and district programs totaled more than \$250 million, a Las Cruces Public Schools capital outlay advisory committee se-

## IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** Blue Ribbon Bond Committee meeting, chaired by Ben Woods,

**WHEN:** 4:30 p.m., Nov. 30

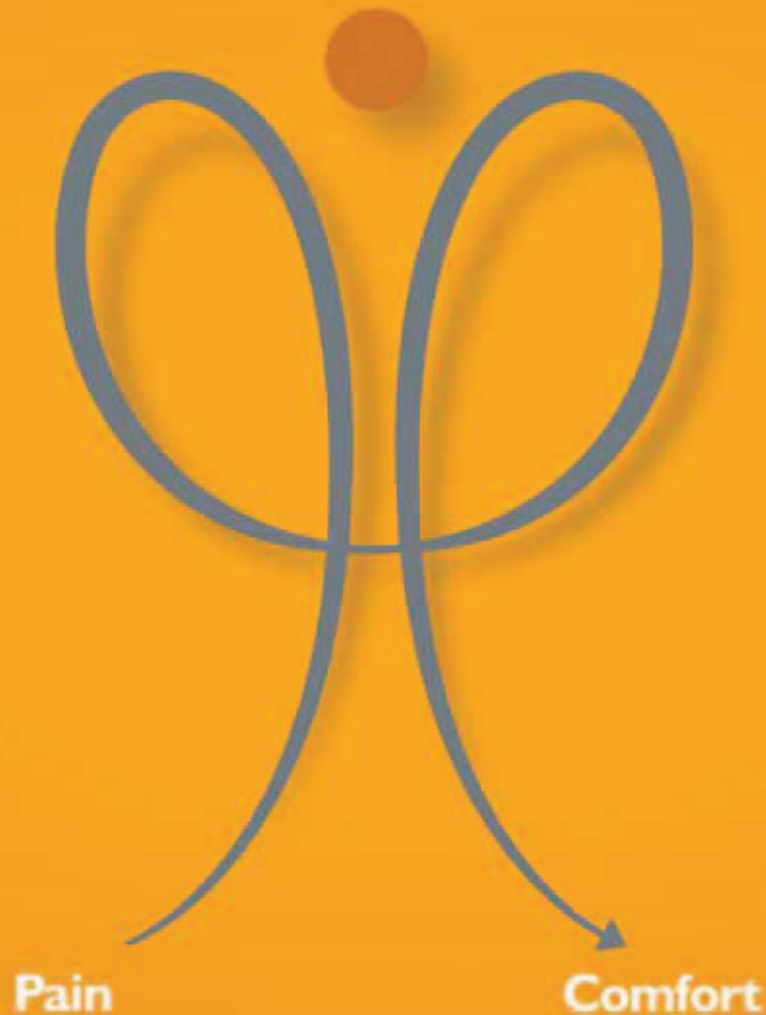
**WHERE:** LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main St.

**DETAILS:** Volunteers welcome to join committee

lected critical projects totaling \$50 million so as to not result in a tax rate increase, said Zigelhofer, who co-chaired the committee with LCPS Deputy Superintendent for Operations and Leadership Gabe Jacquez.

The last LCPS bond issue, \$65 million, was in 2014. It passed with 79 percent of the vote. That year's mill levy was supported by about 71 percent of voters. No bond issue has ever been defeated since LCPS was

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Las Cruces Public Schools' 2018 bond will include \$2 million for a new heating and cooling system for Lynn Middle School, 950 S. Walnut St.





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Las Cruces Public School's 2018 bond issue will include about \$2.2 million to expand and remodel MacArthur Elementary School's front office and entrance to enhance school security. The school's nursing area will also be remodeled. MacArthur Elementary, 655 N. Fourth St., was built in 1953.

## BOND

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created Jan. 1, 1954.

"This community has always supported its schools, and promises on how past bond funds would be spent have been kept," LCPS Superintendent Greg Ewing said. "It's important to protect the taxpayers' previous investments and it's equally important to provide students and staff with safe, clean and updated schools."

The bond will include two projects that, if passed, will receive nearly two-thirds of their funding from the New Mexico Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC).

Desert Hills Elementary School, 280 N. Roadrunner Parkway, and MacArthur Elementary School, 655 N. Fourth St., are among the PSCOC's top 100 school construction projects in the state and, therefore, eligible for the state match, Jacquez said.

Desert Hills is earmarked for construction of a new multipurpose room and kitchen and

remodeling of the existing multipurpose room into classrooms, while MacArthur's front office and entrance will be expanded and remodeled to enhance security and to include a nursing area.

LCPS's share of those two projects would be \$2 million for Desert Hills Elementary and \$2.2 million for MacArthur Elementary, Jacquez said.

Other projects will help alleviate overcrowding issues, including Fairacres Elementary, 4501 W. Picacho Ave., and Hillrise Elementary, 1400 S. Curnutt St.

The bond includes \$7 million to pay for a new Fairacres Elementary classroom wing, a new multipurpose room and kitchen and to renovate the existing cafeteria into additional classrooms. There is \$6 million for classrooms and a new multipurpose room for Hillrise Elementary.

Jacquez said the bond also includes funds to create security-card access at eight elementary schools, enhancing safety for students and staff.

Also earmarked is funding for safety lighting in the Mayfield High School parking lot (\$150,000), and security fencing at Picacho (\$140,000) and Vista middle schools (\$50,000).

Major damage to Columbia Elementary, 4555 Elks Drive, due to years of problems with the school's construction, will be rectified. If the bond passes, \$4 million will fix structural cracks and dilapidation of walls and floors throughout the building.

Zigelhofer and Jacquez said they are putting together a citizen blue-ribbon bond committee and would welcome volunteers.

The committee chairman will be longtime Las Cruces community leader Ben Woods, retired from New Mexico State University and now with MountainView Regional Medical Center.

In addition to helping educate the community about bond projects, the committee will raise private funds to support passage of the bond, Zigelhofer said.

Additional projects in



If the Las Cruces Public Schools \$50 million bond issue passes on Feb. 6, 2018, \$7 million will be spent on a new classroom wing, a new multipurpose room and a new kitchen at Fairacres Elementary School, 4501 W. Picacho Ave. The funds will also be used to renovate the school's existing cafeteria into additional classrooms. Fairacres Elementary was built in 1974.

the 2018 LCPS bond:

- Completing projects funded by the 2014 school bond: \$2 million for a new heating and cooling system for Lynn Middle School; \$185,000 to complete the replacement of Oñate High School's intercom system;
- \$200,000 to fund ADA compliance projects throughout the district;
- \$100,000 for new girls' gym lockers at Picacho Middle School; \$280,000 for new gym bleachers at Oñate High School; \$120,000 for lighting at a Field of Dreams baseball complex; \$55,000 for a new basketball court at Camino Real Middle School;
- \$1.5 million for school district solar projects; \$2 million to update LCPS' critical data, phone and network infrastructure district-wide; \$85,000 for LCPS TV equipment to support broadcasting and student hands-on learning;
- \$500,000 for new playground equipment at Booker T. Washington, Central, Hermosa Heights and Sonoma elementary schools;

\$363,000 for playground shade structures at Booker T. Washington, Jornada, Loma Heights, Mesilla, Mesilla Park, Tombaugh and Sunrise elementary schools; \$48,000 for swing sets at Mesilla Park and Loma Heights Elementaries, with each school receiving two sets;

- Almost \$5 million for project contingency and property acquisition, including covering unforeseen expenses as projects are completed;
- \$1.3 million for a new roof for Valley View Elementary;
- \$2.6 million for new student and staff furniture at Mayfield High School and \$350,000 to replace library furniture, including book-

shelves, tables and chairs at Sierra Middle School;

- \$11 million for Phase One of a new physical plant/operations complex that would move existing facilities on Hernandez Street to LCPS' annex on Las Vegas Court. Moving LCPS' physical plant, warehouse and Nutrition Services Department facilities to the annex will address safety issues and provide additional storage, Zigelhofer and Jacquez said.

For a complete list of bond election items, go to [www.lcps.k12.nm.us](http://www.lcps.k12.nm.us).

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# After eight years of service, Pedroza reflects on council tenure

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Former Las Cruces City Councilor Olga Pedroza says the council's Dec. 1, 2014, decision to increase the city's minimum wage was one of her proudest moments during eight years of service on the council.

Pedroza stepped down Nov. 20 after deciding not to run for re-election in District 3.

"It took a long time," Pedroza said about the minimum wage vote, "but we did it. That was very positive."

What followed "was really negative," she said, as she and fellow councilors Nathan Small (now a Doña Ana County state representative) and Gill Sorg were the subjects of a recall effort.

"An awful lot of people came to our assistance," Pedroza said.

Volunteers opposing the recall "went to the homes of petition signers, (who) were being told lies," Pedroza said.

The recall failed and, "it turned into something very positive," she said.

A native of San Luis, Mexico (near Mexico City), Pedroza moved to Chicago with her family — her parents were both teachers — at age 3.

Adopting English as a second language, Pedroza attended Catholic school and graduated from Mundelein College in 1963 with a BA in sociology and minors in elementary education and theology.

She later earned a masters' degree in education from the Uni-



PEDROZA

versity of New Mexico. Pedroza went on to become a school teacher, a community organizer and a lawyer in private practice. She was attorney for the New Mexico Child Support Enforcement Division.

"I thought I had retired twice," Pedroza said, before her decision to run for city council in 2009.

Pedroza said she will continue to advocate for groups and individuals who might not otherwise have a voice, and will still make referrals, give advice and "help people."

She also will continue as her service as a member of the board of directors of Disability Rights New Mexico, a private, nonprofit whose mission is to "protect, promote and expand the rights of persons with disabilities," according to <http://www.drnm.org/>.

In addition to Chicago, Pedroza has lived in Denver and Albuquerque and then bought land near Chacon in Mora County in northern New Mexico.

After a divorce, Pedroza said she needed to "put some distance between us," so she moved to Las Cruces in 1990 and went to work for Southern New Mexico Legal Services, which became New Mexico Legal Aid.

"I worked there for more than 14 years, most



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

Las Cruces City Councilor Olga Pedroza, left, with the other members of the council at an October 2017 council meeting.

of that time as the managing attorney for the Farmworker Unit (Centro Legal Campesino) and as the managing attorney for the Las Cruces unit," Pedroza said in her biography on [www.las-cruces.org](http://www.las-cruces.org).

She retired in 2004, returned to work in 2005, retired again in 2007 and moved back to Mexico.

After watching a video by news commentator and author Van Jones, Pedroza said in her city biography that she "thought about all the young people who right

now face an employment market that is stacked against them. I could see the possibilities. City council could be a place to start."

She defeated incumbent Dolores Archuleta that year to win the District 3 seat and defeated challenger Bev Courtney in her 2013 re-election campaign.

Pedroza announced earlier this year that she would not run for a third four-year term on the council.

"Enough is enough," she said in October. "I

just turned 75."

Pedroza has six grandchildren, all living in Las Cruces.

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# Heat up winter with these spicy and delicious treats

'Tis the season to get into the holiday spirit! By now many of you have already decorated your homes to celebrate this festive season. I have! In the evening I switch on twinkling lights, burn pine-scented candles, and listen to traditional holiday music. But there's a drawback.



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turn especially chilly, I keep ingredients on hand for a spicy hot

I hanker for hot and spicy nibbles. Knowing my weakness, I prepare in advance by stocking a batch of homemade in the fridge or freezer. And when evenings

and sweet cocktail, the famed Sriracha chocolate martini. A delicious holiday spirit to sip after indulging in (or with!) hot holiday bites.

## Cranberry-Cayenne Brie Bites (Yield: 24 bites)

1 tube crescent dough  
Cooking spray, for pan  
Flour, for rolling out dough  
1(8 ounce) wheel Brie  
1 cup whole berry cranberry sauce  
¼-½ teaspoon cayenne pepper  
½ cup chopped pecans  
6 sprigs of rosemary, cut into 1" pieces.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F and grease a mini muffin tin with cooking spray. On a lightly floured surface, roll out crescent dough, and pinch seams together.

Cut into 24 squares. Place squares into muffin tin slots. Cut Brie into tiny pieces and place inside the crescent dough. Top with a spoonful of cranberry sauce, some chopped pecans, and one tiny sprig of rosemary.

Bake until the crescent is golden, about 15 minutes. Serve warm. Store leftovers in an airtight container and refrigerate. Re-warm briefly in the microwave and enjoy!

## Bacon-Wrapped Potato Bites with Sassy Dipping Sauce (Yield: About 3-dozen bites)

1 pound small or medium red potatoes  
2 ½ teaspoons kosher salt, divided  
1 ½ teaspoons minced fresh rosemary  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
Freshly ground black pepper  
1 pound thick-cut bacon

Arrange a rack in the middle of the oven and heat to 400 degrees F. Wash and dry the potatoes. Chop potatoes into 1-inch pieces, keeping the chunks roughly the same size although they may not be the exact shape. Put the potatoes in a medium pot, cover with cold water, and bring to a boil. Season the water with 2 teaspoons of salt. Once the water begins to boil, cook the potatoes until just fork tender, 3 to 4 minutes...don't overcook! Overcooked potatoes will fall apart during the next steps.

Drain the potatoes and put them in a large bowl. Add the rosemary, olive oil, remaining salt, and a few grinds of pepper, and toss until the potatoes are evenly coated.

Cut the strips of bacon

into thirds. Wrap each potato bite in a piece of bacon, securing it with a toothpick. Put the potatoes on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper or aluminum foil spaced an inch or two apart. You may need to cook the potatoes in two batches.

Cook the potatoes for 15 minutes and then flip each piece. Cook for another 15 to 20 minutes, until the bacon is cooked through and as crisp as you like it.

Mix the sour cream and hot sauce in a small bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Serve in a festive bowl alongside the dip. Warning: These are addictive but then, when is anything with bacon NOT.

## Dipping Sauce

8 ounces sour cream  
1 to 3 teaspoons hot sauce

In a small bowl, whisk together the sour cream and hot sauce. Chill, if desired, before serving with bacon wraps. (Adapted from [thekitchn.com](http://thekitchn.com))

## Super Spicy BBQ Scoops (Yield: About 48 scoops)

1 pound lean ground beef

1 bottle favorite BBQ sauce  
Salt and pepper  
1 bag Tostitos Scoops  
1 jar of pickled red onions, roughly chopped  
2 jalapeños, stemmed and seeded (leave seeds in for more heat) or for super heat, substitute 2 serrano peppers

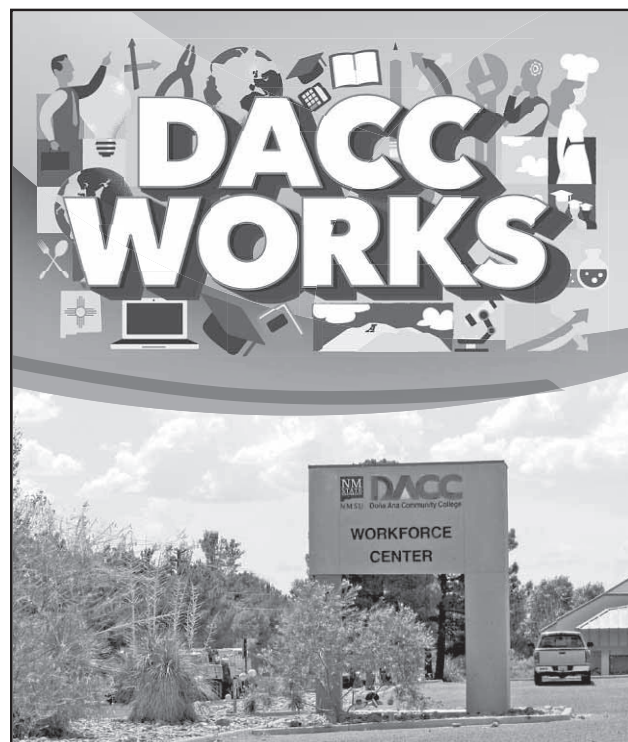
In a medium pan, cook ground beef until it's no longer pink and is fully cooked. Season with salt and pepper and then add ½ to ¾ jar of your favorite BBQ sauce and heat thoroughly. Beef should be fully coated in sauce.

Put chips on a serving platter. Add a small scoop of beef to fill each chip scoop. Top with pickled red onions and diced jalapeño. Serve warm or room temperature.

## Sriracha Chocolate Chile Martini (Yield: 1 serving)

2 ounces pepper vodka (preferably UV Sriracha)  
2 ounces chocolate liquor  
Garnish: Red Chile Pepper

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# Oh Christmas tree, where are you?

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

Christmas tree cutting permits are now available for southern New Mexico including the Gila and Lincoln national forests. There is no obligation to cut them, either. If you find a nice little tree in a designated area, it can be dug up and potted for Christmas and beyond.

Families can obtain their permit and pick out the family Christmas tree during the Thanksgiving holiday along with any visiting family or friends and avoid the after-Thanksgiving rush.

Permits sell for \$5 each in the Gila and \$10 each in the Lincoln (for any species) with a limit of one permit per household; or free permits are available for the aromatic piñon trees. Any tree species up to 10' high may be cut.

A Christmas tree tag, an information sheet on cutting regulations, and maps of designated cutting sites are included with the permits. Forest offices accept debit/credit cards, checks and cash, exact change only.

All fourth graders are eligible for a free Christmas tree permit through the Every Kid in a Park initiative. In support of this initiative, the U.S. Forest Service is making available free permits to every interested fourth grader with a fourth grade pass or paper voucher. For additional information about the initiative and how to obtain a pass, visit [www.everykidinapark.gov](http://www.everykidinapark.gov). To be eligible for a free Christmas tree permit from all



The national forest is home to many evergreens, including Ponderosa, piñon and spruce.

fourth graders must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and present their fourth grade pass or paper voucher.

Tree harvesters should check with local ranger districts for road and weather conditions prior to entering the forest. Forest users are asked to respect forest and private lands, dispose of litter in trashcans or "pack it out," and close all forest gates after passing through them.

Forest Service offices are open Monday through Friday (except on holidays). Contact the local ranger district offices for further information on Christmas tree cutting.

For information on the Gila National Forest, visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/gila> or join the conversation on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/GilaNForest/](http://www.facebook.com/GilaNForest/) or follow on Twitter @GilaNForest.

For information on the Lincoln National Forest, call 575-434-7200, or visit [www.fs.usda.gov/lincoln](http://www.fs.usda.gov/lincoln). Follow on Twitter at [colnUSForest.](http://twitter.com/Lin-</a></p>
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Individuals may purchase up to four permits for four separate households. The last day to purchase a permit is Dec. 22, while offices are open and permits are available.

With a permit, a tree may be cut from most areas within the Lincoln National Forest, except from a "wilderness" or designated "closed" area. When purchasing



your permit and filling out the application, you will be asked to identify the area where you plan to harvest your tree. To learn more about the types of trees in the area, view our guide, "Common Tree Types" to help you with your choice. The guide is also available on our website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/lincoln>.

The Forest Service asks everyone to "please be

good stewards and make sure that your Christmas tree is harvested only from U.S. Forest Service lands, as shown on the map that accompanies the permit."

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Chefchaouen, Morocco, left, taken in July 2017. Chefchaouen (“Look to the Peaks”) was established at the foot of the Rif Mountains as a Berber tribal base in 1471. Carpenter: “The town welcomed Jewish refugees in the 1490s, and there is a wonderful Jewish quarter, where most of the images were captured. The town itself was closed to Christians - on pain of death - until the Spanish occupation in 1920.”

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# A fresh start in a beautiful, exotic land

By **AMY CARPENTER**

For the Bulletin

*Editor’s note: Amy Carpenter, 70, retired in 2016 as an English and journalism teacher at Mayfield High School, and with more than 20 years as a public school teacher, sold her long-time Las*

*Cruces home and joined the Peace Corps. Carpenter accepted a position as a youth asset builder in community development for at least two years in a small village in Morocco more than 5,500 miles from home. Carpenter is no stranger to travel. She journeyed to Thailand,*

*Laos and Malaysia on a teaching assignment for two years beginning in 1998. The following is a personal account of her travel to Morocco.*

Standing on the tarmac at the Casablanca airport in late September of last year with 100 other

nervous Peace Corps volunteers, I checked out the signs of panic in my fellow travelers. All brilliant, all full of energy, mischief, and hungry for new experiences and adventure – and almost all at least 40 years younger than I. “What have I done to my nice, safe life, filled with loving friends and family? What could I have been thinking? Where’s the exit?” And nearly a year later, I don’t have pat answers for those same questions. The highs have been higher, and the lows unimaginably lower than I could possibly have predicted, and I still can’t answer the biggest question of all: “Am I strong enough – resourceful enough – to make it through the entire 18-month commitment?”

After three months

tucked into community-based training (CBT) in the tiny hamlet of Oued BeHt, midway between the coastal capitol of Rabat, and the bustling city of Meknes to the east, I found myself still stuttering through the simplest sentences, struggling to separate the sounds of the Arabic-based Darija language, and too shy to open my mouth around anyone other than my host family. Though the Moroccan people are by nature warm, welcoming, and intensely social, the fact that I have had such difficulty with their language has been the single most isolating and distinguishing feature of my stay here. I grow impatient with myself, angry that at 70 years old I find it much more difficult to master the language than

I might have when I was 20.

In early December, following CBT, we were formally sworn into the Peace Corps, and immediately left our training sites to find our permanent communities. Now, in early August, with the temperature over 110 degrees, many of the 30,000 inhabitants of Tahala – built on a series of hills and tucked into a fold of the encircling Rif and Middle Atlas mountains – have wisely headed out of town to Tangier in the far north on the Mediterranean, Chefchaouen in the hills or Atlantic coastal cities like Agadir, to the south of Rabat.

I escape when I can, study when it’s not too hot to think, and yearn for the beginning of the

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school year, when I can again work at the Lycée (high school) and the Dar Chebab (youth center) with my delightful students.

Raging insomnia alternates with hours of stupefied inactivity, when, stunned by the crushing heat, I find the sheets hot, plates and utensils warm to the touch and the tap water warm enough to bathe in. The fan isn't cutting it; and knowing that the winter, when it comes, will lock us into our unheated homes in a close approximation of a meat locker is small consolation. Dreams of the fresh breezes blowing down the canyons of Aguirre Springs are welcome comfort in nights



CNSS building in Marrakech, Morocco

filled with desperate longing to see familiar faces and hear my grandsons wrangling over the last pork chop.

Morocco is one of the most stunningly beautiful countries I've ever had the good fortune to live in, and I've taken

thousands of photos, trying to capture the patchwork of farmland: a multi-hued quilt of endlessly rolling hills stitched together with oceans of olive trees and squares of wheat fields. This is an agrarian economy whose wealth depends largely on the abundance of olives, dates, wheat and every imaginable seasonal fruit and vegetable you might ever hope to find in the ever-present souqs: outdoor markets.

Donkeys bray down alleys, sheep and goats are directed to grazing or foraging areas all over town and children practice their soccer skills as soon as the sun begins to sink in the west. Women's lives revolve around



On a hike in the hills outside Qued Beht.

the demands of family and kitchen, and I'm constantly amazed by the resilient good cheer these sturdy anchors seem to find in endless supply, as they sit on their front steps until well after midnight and gossip, laugh and scold their children.

With at least one coffee café on every block, the men find ample time to surround themselves with friends and congeniality, usually late into the evenings. Families are strong, and though hard-

pressed to thrive in these difficult economic times, are durable and form the traditional bonds that hold the social fabric together.

Faces of Moroccan children, sounds of drumming and tribal wedding songs, smells of couscous and lovely tajines, crowded stalls at Fes medinas, mosaic walls of ancient schools set into 800-year-old

inner cities – all these and much more, will fill my heart and memories for years. And just perhaps, I'll find the strength and starch to stay until December 2018. Until then, I'll just say, "Hasta pronto, dear friends. Take good care!"

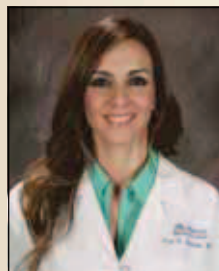
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## “Last Night My Neck Pain Got So Bad... I Couldn’t Even Turn My Head!”

Are You Suffering From Neck Pain And Want To Know How To Find Real And Lasting Relief That Goes Beyond Just Taking Pills?...

- By Physical Therapist Dennis Prickett

**Las Cruces (NM)** - if you or a loved one suffer from chronic neck pain – so bad you struggle to do simple things like turn your head to look over your shoulder, 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 neck 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 neck pain stops.

- A life where you can **read a book before bed...** or newspaper on a morning... without the fear of more neck pain.

- A life where you can wake up in the morning and **not suffer from headaches or migraines...**

- A life where you can plan family time with your kids or grandkids, without **worrying over if your neck pain will strike!**

**...Basically, A Life Without The Curse Of Chronic Or Severe Neck 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 12 page “Neck Pain Consumer Awareness” report that reveals the best kept secret in New Mexico ... How to actually **get to the bottom of Neck Pain (And Migraine Headaches)** without talking to your insurance, a chiropractor, or needing a referral from your doctor.

### Neck 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: “**How To Get To The Root Cause Of Neck Pain (And Migraine Headaches)...** Without Relying On Pills To Get Relief” (Value \$28!), reveals the leading remedy for neck pain that is often overlooked by 95% of even good family doctors, and also shows how you can get to the bottom of neck pain quickly and naturally, for FREE, without even needing a referral from your doctor!...

**More:** The report also exposes what most doctors fail to recommend to people aged 40+ when treating neck pain, and reveals for the first time to the residents of Las Cruces, new advancements that will ease neck pain more quickly than ever as well as improve posture, all at the same time. I'd say they're perfect if



you're aged 40+ and worried about losing your confident, healthy posture at the hands of chronic neck pain.

#### Here's What You'll

##### Learn Inside This New Report:

- The 7 urgent coping strategies **every neck pain sufferer must never** forget when neck pain strikes!
- The vital warning signs that it's not just “another headache” or “a bit of neck stiffness”...
- The 3 things you can do if you're hoping to avoid neck 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 in here on page 5.
- The most successful treatment for chronic neck, (and even nerve pain), **that doesn't involve any drugs**, seeing a chiropractor or talking to a doctor.
- The simple exercise you can do in your kitchen, starting tonight, that'll make a significant difference to neck pain before you wake up tomorrow.
- How you can **find out what's REALLY causing your neck pain**, in under thirty minutes, with no cost incurred.
- And, even what to do right **now...** if you suffer from any motion limiting neck pain.

If you're currently seeing a doctor, thinking about it, or just don't want to face the hassle of talking to your insurance, but still want to get some real help, then you need this free report which reveals everything you need to know about how to actually get to the bottom of your neck pain **without needing a referral from a doctor!**

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## COMING UP

**Hospice holidays:** The Emporium antique store benefiting Mesilla Valley Hospice asks the community for antique or collectible Christmas tree ornaments through Dec. 21 to decorate 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., Wednesday-Saturday. Info: 575-525-1235.

**Discovery afternoon:** 1-3 p.m., Nov. 29, The Amazing Honey Bee, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Students will learn about the honey bee and why they are so important. Students will identify different parts of a bee's anatomy, learn about pollination and the life cycle of the bee. Open to children ages 5-10. \$3 per child/parent. Space is limited. Reservations: LuAnn Kilday, 575-522-4100.

**Back by Noon:** Trek to Aztec Cave, Franklin Mountains, part of a series of guided history outings for nature lovers will be Saturday Dec. 2. Hikes showcase some of the unique natural features of the Las Cruces/El Paso area. Informative, family friendly, and not too strenuous, most of the trips will have hikers back to their cars by noon. Bring sturdy shoes, water, sunscreen and a hat. Info: 575-522-5552 or [ashley@wildmesquite.org](mailto:ashley@wildmesquite.org).

**Otero Mesa Field Tours:** Saturday morning, Dec. 2, join Southwest Environmental Center for a free educational outing

exploring the largest region of Chihuahuan Desert grassland. Free. Transportation and lunch provided. RSVP: [peter@wildmesquite.org](mailto:peter@wildmesquite.org) or 575-522-5552.

**Media sale:** Friends of the Library will hold a media sale at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Roadrunner Room upstairs. Items for sale will include movies, music and some books. Info: [libraryfriendslc.org](http://libraryfriendslc.org).

**Kids Night Out:** Las Cruces Junior Jazzercise is hosting the Winter Wonderland Party, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at the Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center, 3217 El Camino Real, for boys and girls ages 4-12. Parents enjoy a night out while kids enjoy dance parties, relay and fitness games, arts and crafts, a light snack, and end-of-evening performance for families at pick up. Cost is \$20/child if you register by Dec. 8. Price then goes to \$25. Siblings are half price. Info: Amy Richards, 941-705-0800, [lascruces-juniorjazzercise@yahoo.com](mailto:lascruces-juniorjazzercise@yahoo.com) or visit on Facebook at Junior Jazzercise Las Cruces.

## ONGOING

**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.

**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, including Black Friday, Nov. 24. Proceeds from sales go to the women who produce the products, which include oil cloth aprons and tote bags, guerilla prayer flags, clothing and household items. Info: [lafrontera-fairtrade@gmail.com](mailto:lafrontera-fairtrade@gmail.com).

**Old Mesilla's Mercado:** 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Fridays and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sundays on the historic plaza in Mesilla. Find hand-crafted jewelry, original artwork and locally grown produce.

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

**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.

**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.

**Southwest Battle of the Bulls 3:** Undefined Bully Kennelz judged/sanctioned dog show for bully breeds: Pit bulls, American Bullies, English Bulldogs, and French Bulldogs, Dec. 2, Grape-



## COMING UP

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vine Plaza, 3900 W Pica-cho Ave. Doors open at 8 a.m., show starts at noon. Family friendly with free face painting and special guest appearance by Santa Claus. Info: Pamela Ray, 575-650-1125.

**Bridge games and lessons:**

Belton Bridge Center, 1214 Madrid Ave., has bridge games 12:30-3:45 p.m. Monday-Friday 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.

**Order of the Purple Heart:**

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

**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.

**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

**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: lascolcherasqg@aol.com or 575-521-0521.

**Toastmaster Club:**

7-8 a.m. every Tuesday, Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center Solutions, 2345 Nevada Ave. If you are interested in improving your public speaking and leadership skills, attend a meeting to learn how this organization can benefit you. Info: clobato@nmsu.edu, or visit [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).

**Toastmasters Club:**

Meets 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village community center, Kiva Room, 3100 Buena Vida Circle. Info: 575-642-0032, email [lasruccestoastmasters@gmail.com](mailto:lasruccestoastmasters@gmail.com) or visit Toastmasters International website [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).

**Shriners:**

Las Cruces Shriners meet the second Monday, 1150 W. Brown. All Shriners are invited. Info: 575-526-8396.

## DACC presents Inter-Professional Day job fair

The Doña Ana Community College (DACC) Health Sciences Department will hold their second annual Inter-Professional Day and Employment Fair Monday, Nov. 27, in the Health Building on the Espina Campus.

Students from various allied health programs will give their end-of-semester presentations including case studies highlighting their specialties.

Sonography Program Director Darla Mathew and an event coordinator, hopes students understand the bigger picture and what is required in the workplace. "The whole day is about getting our students working collaboratively so when they do go to the workplace they understand how important networking is to help patients." Mathew said. "Their presentations are a capstone of their learning for the past semester and illustrate their knowledge and expertise.

"For any potential students who might be interested in attending DACC in Allied Health the presentations will inform on what goes into being a successful



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**DACC Sonography students train for the profession.**

student."

The employment fair is free. Recruiters are encouraged to sit in on student presentations.

Students will be available during breaks to speak about employment opportunities.

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# State of children's well-being called 'dire'

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

"We should see early childhood education as economic development," state Rep. Nathan Small, D-Doña Ana, said at the Nov. 10 Southern New Mexico Kids Count conference.

The day-long conference was sponsored by Ngage New Mexico and focused on child wellbeing, including early childhood care and education, in the southern part of the state.

New Mexico needs a "responsible, fair revenue system to fund priorities," Small said.

Small was part of a panel discussion of local elected officials about policy solutions for child

wellbeing given the political climate.

"The situation is dire," Las Cruces City Councilor Kasandra Gandara said. "We have lots of families in poverty, food insecure and homeless or near homeless."

Gandara, a licensed social worker, called for an early-education caucus to decide southern New Mexico priorities.

A "culture of acceptance" about children's conditions has been created, Doña Ana County Commissioner Billy Garrett said, adding that there is reluctance "to talk about some of the big changes that are needed."

Garret said he is encouraged because "we continue to talk," but also sobered because

"we're not in a position to launch strong, aggressive, radical change."

Small said he has "a sense of real concern about where we are" locally, statewide, even globally. "The levels of inequality are dangerous."

A "sense of community" should be the tone of discussions about child wellbeing, Small said. "We're all in this together."

"We need to find ways to look at what's best for kids," state Rep. Doreen Gallegos, D-Doña Ana, said.

Gallegos said about \$2.1 billion, or about 40 percent of the state's general fund, is spent on public education.

"How do we spend that money?" she asked. "We

need to invest where it counts."

Part of her role as majority whip in the state House of Representatives, Gallegos said, is to make sure proposed laws, including those dealing with children, are "fully vetted and benefit the community. Good policy is really important."

Education is the best way to deal with poverty, which is the major issue, Las Cruces City Councilor Gill Sorg said.

"Stay engaged," he told conference attendees. "Advocacy is so important."

During a question-and-answer session at the end of the panel discussion, Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education member Ray Jaramillo said 3 percent of the state budget is spent on early childhood education.

"It's not a priority," Jaramillo said. "We have to take care of that first."

Jaramillo is director of the Alpha School child-care center in Las Cruces.

Others attending the



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Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education member Ray Jaramillo, far left, asks a question during a panel discussion about policy solutions for child wellbeing during Ngage New Mexico's Nov. 9 Southern New Mexico Kids Count Conference. From left are Ngage New Mexico Assistant Executive Director and panel moderator Lori Martinez, Las Cruces City Councilor Kasandra Gandara, Doña Ana County Commissioner Billy Garrett, Las Cruces City Councilor Gill Sorg and State Reps. Nathan Small and Doreen Gallegos, both D-Doña Ana.

panel discussion included State Sen. Bill Soules and state Reps. Joanne Ferrary and Rudy Martinez, all D-Doña Ana. Speakers included New Mexico Voices for Children board member and former state representative Nate Cote, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities Senior Vice President Nick Johnson, New

Mexico Voices for Children Kids Count Director Amber Wallin and NMSU Center for Community Analysis Data Analyst Erica Surova.

For more information, call 575-521-1957 or email [info@ngagenm.org](mailto:info@ngagenm.org). Visit [www.ngagenm.org](http://www.ngagenm.org).

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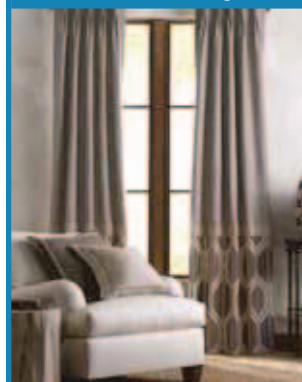
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## IN THE NEWS

### County offices close

Most Doña Ana County offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23-24, to allow employees to observe the Thanksgiving holiday. This includes administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department.

Emergency services and law enforcement in the field will not be affected by the closures, and both saturation patrols and anti-DWI checkpoints will be deployed at undisclosed locations and times throughout the holiday season.

### Meetings scheduled on colonias

A series of public meetings has been scheduled to educate the public on how to help improve conditions within Doña

Ana County's colonias. Each meeting will be hosted by District 4 Commission Chairwoman Isabella Solis and District 2 Commissioner Ramon Gonzalez.

Topics include a historical perspective on the county's Colonias Initiative, an overview of the project, upcoming meetings and on steps to engage and lobby legislators for state funding.

Meetings are 6-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, Hatch Community Center, 837 West Hall St.; Wednesday, Nov. 29, Delores Wright Community Resource Center, 400 East Lisa Drive in Chaparral; and Wednesday, Dec. 6, Butterfield Community Resource Center, 9350 Berry Patch Lane.

Translation and interpretation services will be

available. For additional information, contact Liz Reed in the Doña Ana County Community and Constituent Services Office at 575-525-5959.

### Application period opens

The Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the South Central Solid Waste Authority, announces the open application period for the 2018 Sustainable Business Recognition Program.

The Sustainable Business Recognition Program, launched on Nov. 15, is open to all local businesses to self-report their efforts to recycle, reuse, conserve resources and keep money in the local economy. The purpose of the program is to learn how businesses are

implementing policies, programs, and initiatives that help them operate in a manner that is good for the environment and profits, while supporting other local businesses.

"Last year, 14 businesses completed the application process, varying in size from a sole proprietor to multiple employees, representing several different types of businesses," says Carrie Hamblen, CEO/president of the Las Cruces Green Chamber. "Upon reviewing their applications, (we) were incredibly impressed with the various ways our local businesses are implementing green practices."

Businesses are asked to report on how much they recycle or compost, what recycled materials they purchase, the use of any "green" or renew-

able products, energy and water conservation efforts, if there are visible "green" policies or teams in the workplace, and what products they purchase from other local businesses.

The Sustainable Business Recognition Program is the kickoff to upcoming "Go Green to Make Green" workshops, with a schedule to be finalized by January.

Businesses wishing to apply for the Sustainable Business Recognition Program can go to [localascruces.com/programs](http://localascruces.com/programs).

### Soledad Canyon Road Project

A public meeting on the Soledad Canyon Road project will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs

Road.

It's hosted by the Federal Highway Administration Central Federal Lands and Highway Division and Doña Ana County

According to a news release, the project would provide improvements to Soledad Canyon Road between Dripping Springs Road and the BLM Soledad Canyon Day Use Area Entrance. The project will improve access to federal lands and existing residences and better accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians along the corridor.

Proposed improvements include resurfacing of the roadway, widening the road to include bicycle lanes, drainage improvements and construction of a multi-use path.



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## FROM THE NMSU ARCHIVES



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### The Casad Home

Children of Thomas and Sarah Casad, along with family friends, stand in front of the Casad home in Mesilla around the year 1884. Mrs. Casad stands on the porch along with Jacoba Garcia, a long-time employee of the family and grandmother of one of New Mexico's premier agriculturalists, Fabian Garcia. The Casads arrived in Mesilla in December 1874 and built this large adobe home, or perhaps added a second story to an existing home. Thomas Casad established the largest orchards in the Mesilla Valley, introduced many new fruit varieties, established vineyards, cultivated alfalfa, raised sheep and goats, started a flour mill, and became editor and owner of the Mesilla Valley Independent newspaper, along with partner Albert J. Fountain. In addition to these enterprises, Casad became one of the largest landowners in the valley when he purchased half interest in the 20,000-acre Brazito Land Grant south of Las Cruces. Thomas Casad died in 1885, but his widow Sarah and many of the Casad children remained in the area operating farms and orchards, and some descendants still reside here. The Casad family home, which was located on Calle del Arroyo, just a few blocks west of the Mesilla plaza, no longer stands. New Mexico State University Library Archives and Special Collections, image RG88-124-1.

*Editor's note: NMSU Library Archives and Special Collections currently has an exhibit in its Mandell Gallery, 4th floor of Branson Library, 1305 Frenger St. on the NMSU campus, on the Casad family, "Enduring Legacy: Thomas and Sarah Casad in the Mesilla Valley."*

### Fiesta queen

Mesilla has long been a town of fiestas. In this photograph from the 1953 Frontier Fiesta, Charlotte Reyes, of Alamogordo, is crowned Fiesta Queen by George Beach (to her right) and master of ceremonies Cruz Alvarez. Fiesta princesses were Ysela Sanchez, of Anthony (left), and Lily Estrada, of Mesilla. The child pages were Ramon Lopez Jr. and Yolanda Tellez, both of Mesilla. The color guard consisted of members of Las Cruces Post 3242 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Frontier Fiesta, an annual celebration held over the Fourth of July weekend for many years, recognized both U.S. Independence Day as well as the 1854 Gadsden Purchase, which ceded a strip of land along the U.S./Mexico border, including Mesilla, to the United States. This photograph was made by Jim Flanagan, a deputy for the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, who was also an avid and prolific photographer. His collection of about 10,000 original photographic negatives made during the 1950s, housed in the NMSU Library Archives and Special Collections, depict community events and police investigations. Also included are historical images that he collected. Jim Flanagan photographs, image number 02593332.







COURTESY PHOTOS

New Mexico State University's National Career Track program was recognized by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's publication, *Fresh from the Field*. The Southwest NRCT met in Albuquerque in February for a conference on workforce diversity.

## NMSU career track program nationally recognized

By XIMENA TAPIA

For the Bulletin

As a first-generation college student at New Mexico State University, Alexa Martinez was lost when it came to picking a major. She started off as an engineering major, but later found her way to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology. Through the department in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Martinez had the opportunity to be in the Southwest Natural Resource Career Track program, where she found her new home.

"They gave me that extra support and that sense of family. I didn't feel alone,"

Martinez said.

She graduated in May 2016 and now works as a wildlife biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Princeton, Oregon. She gives credit to the NRCT for helping her get that job.

The Southwest NRCT is a collaboration among Hispanic Serving Institutions in the southwest United States. It includes NMSU, New Mexico Highlands University, Northern New Mexico College and Sul Ross State University in Texas. It is such a successful program that it caught the U.S. Department of Agriculture's eye.

The impacts made by



The Natural Resource Career Track program at New Mexico State University opens up many job opportunities for underrepresented students. Principal investigator for the program, Martha Desmond, third from right, is pictured with some NRCT students and some recent graduates during an on-site hiring event at the annual meeting of the Society of American Foresters in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Recent New Mexico State University graduate, **Alexa Martinez**, was in the Natural Resource Career Track Program. The experience she gained helped her get a job as a wildlife biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

## NMSU

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NMSU's NRCT program received recognition in the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's publication, "Fresh from the Field." "Fresh from the Field" is a weekly newsletter highlighting impacts made by grantees funded by the NIFA. Their Oct. 12 edition focused on NIFA's Hispanic Serving Institutions and their research impacts, and it featured NMSU's NRCT program.

The program helps underrepresented students find internships and hosts trainings and workshops. It also sends students to conferences around the country and helps them get involved in research mentorships, where they get to work with a faculty member or graduate student.

Martha Desmond, principal investigator for the

NRCT and Regents professor in the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology, said, "The overall goal is to diversify the workforce. We're looking for students who are serious about their academics and their careers, who are really motivated and want to get the most they can out of their education."

"It's really nice to see diversity in this field. I am the only Hispanic female at my workplace," Martinez said. "I wouldn't have the position I have now without NRCT. I don't know where I'd be without them."

This year, the program has 68 students, 32 of them from NMSU. They will be doing their annual recruitment at the end of November.

*Ximena Tapia may be reached at 575-646-6233, xtapia@nmsu.edu.*

# Slam Dunk



BULLETIN PHOTO BY RICHARD COLTHARP

This dunk by Sidy N'Dir put New Mexico State University ahead 17-16 in the first half of the Aggies' victory over the University of New Mexico Lobos Friday, Nov. 17. The dunk capped a comeback for the Aggies, who trailed 11-3 early in the game. After N'Dir's dunk, NMSU would only trail once more en route to their 75-56 win. After the win over UNM and their former coach, Paul Weir, the Aggies are 2-1 pending a game against Colorado State Thursday, Nov. 23.



# LEGAL NOTICES

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## Legal Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 23, 2017, Ramon M. Mendez and Valerie Ann Mendez, 2001 W Washington, Anthony, NM 88021 filed application numbered LRG-16897-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-16897-1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling supplemental well LRG-16897-POD2 to a depth of 200 ft. with 2-inch casing to be located at approximately X= 1,519,309 Y= 363,250 ft. NMSPL

Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by Ramon M. Mendez to be used supplemental to existing well LRG-16897-POD1 located at X= 1,519,219 Y= 363,443.8 ft. on land owned by Ramon M. Mendez for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic one-household purposes as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-017-0007 (B) of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Proposed replacement well LRG-16897-POD2 will be located at the physical address of 2001 W Washington St. Anthony, NM.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing

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

Dates: 11/17, 11/24, 12/01, 2017

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the issuance of a Restaurant Beer and Wine Liquor License with on premises consumption only and patio service, to Dragonfly GCE, LLC d/b/a Dragonfly, 139 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held at a special meeting of the City Council scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the Director of the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the issuance of the license.

Witness my hand and seal this 13 day of November 2017.

/s/Linda Lewis, CMC, City Clerk

Dates: 11/17, 11/24, 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 December 18, 2017:

(1) Council Bill No. 18-010; Ordinance 2834: An Ordinance to Adopt a New Subdivision VIII, Sections 2-531 Through 2-535 "Parking Authority" to the Las Cruces Municipal Code (LCMC), 1997, as Amended.

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 17th day of November, 2017.

Linda Lewis, CMC  
City Clerk

Date: 11/24/2017

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-01787

## FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

EVA P. PEREZ, JESUS N. PEREZ; 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 1015 Poplar Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 2, BLOCK C, WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, 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 AS PLAT NO. 463 ON,

## BIDDING.

By: Robert Doyle  
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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE WAIVER

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the waiver of the church/school distance restriction for the issuance of a Restaurant Beer and Wine Liquor License with on premises consumption only and patio service, to Dragonfly GCE, LLC d/b/a Dragonfly, 139 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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Witness my hand and seal this 13 day of November 2017.

/s/ Linda Lewis, CMC, City Clerk

Dates: 11/17, 11/24, 2017

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

No. 17-0249

## IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JESUS PRIMERO, DECEASED

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARIA DE JESUS MELCHOR 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.

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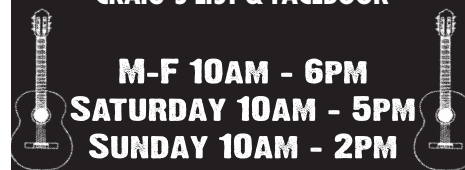


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Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88001., or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005

DATED: October 13, 2017

MARIA DE JESUS MEL-CHOR  
661 Skydale Drive  
El Paso, TX 79912

Prepared by:  
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Dates: 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 2017

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-00101  
Judge James T. Martin

## IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LORENZO B. PEREA, a/k/a LORENZO PEREA DECEASED

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that EDUARDO PEREA 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 Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005

DATED: October 13, 2017

EDUARDO PEREA  
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Dates: 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 2017

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

CASE NO CV-2017-3684

## IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF CASSIDY KENNA SCHAAF FOR CHANGE OF NAME

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 40-8-1 through Sec. 40-8-3 NMSA 1978, the Petitioner: Cassidy Kenna Schaff will apply to the Honorable Manual Arrieta, District Judge of the Third Judicial District at the Third Judicial District Courthouse in LAS CRUCES, New Mexico at 4:00 p.m. on the 14th day of December, 2017 for an **ORDER FOR CHANGE OF NAME** from Cassidy Kenna Schaff to Cassidy Kenna Gasser.

Submitted by Petitioner Pro Se:  
/s/ Cassidy Kenna Schaff  
Cassidy Kenna Schaff

Dates: 11/24, 12/1, 2017

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

CASE NO CV-2017-3686

## IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF BETHANY ANN SCHAAF FOR CHANGE OF NAME

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 40-8-1 through Sec. 40-8-3 NMSA 1978, the Petitioner: Bethany Ann Schaff will apply to the Honorable Manual Arrieta, District Judge of the Third

Judicial District at the Third Judicial District Courthouse in LAS CRUCES, New Mexico at 4:00 p.m. on the 14th day of December, 2017 for an **ORDER FOR CHANGE OF NAME** from Bethany Ann Schaff to Bethany Ann Gasser.

Submitted by Petitioner Pro Se:  
/s/ Bethany Ann Schaff  
Bethany Ann Schaff

Dates: 11/24, 12/1, 2017

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

CASE NO CV-2017-3683

## IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ALEXANDER JAMES SCHAAF FOR CHANGE OF NAME

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 40-8-1 through Sec. 40-8-3 NMSA 1978, the Petitioner: Alexander James Schaff will apply to the Honorable Manual Arrieta, District Judge of the Third Judicial District at the Third Judicial District Courthouse in LAS CRUCES, New Mexico at 4:00 p.m. on the 14th day of December, 2017 for an **ORDER FOR CHANGE OF NAME** from Alexander James Schaff to Alexander James Gasser.

Submitted by Petitioner Pro Se:  
/s/ Alexander James Schaff  
Alexander James Schaff

Dates: 11/24, 12/1, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-3430

Judge: Manuel I. Arrieta

## IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF FLORENCE PAULINE CANTRELL WELDON FOR CHANGE OF NAME

## PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

## NOTICE IS HEREBY

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Katherine Tessier  
Katherine Tessier  
455 Ithaca Ct. Apt. 607  
Las Cruces, NM 88011  
3771 Agate St. Las Cruces, NM 88012  
575-636-3109

Dates: 11/24, 12/1, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-3680  
Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF  
Richard Emmett McGill  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Richard Emmett McGill a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen year, 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 Richard Emmett McGill to Richard Emmett Hardy, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel Arrieta, District Judge, on the 14th day of December 2017, at the hour of 3:00 p.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Florence Pauline Cantrell Weldon  
Florence Pauline Cantrell Weldon  
3305 Neptune Dr.  
Las Cruces, NM 88012  
915-525-1232

Dates: 11/17, 11/24, 2017

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

NO: CV-2017-2866

## IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF KATHERINE CHERIE TESSIER FOR CHANGE OF NAME

## AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Katherine Cherie Tessier, 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 she seeks to change her name from Katherine Cherie Tessier to Katherine Cherie Tessier, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel Arrieta, District Judge, on the 14th day of December 2017, at the hour of 3:00 p.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Dates: 11/24, 12/01, 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; UNKNOWN 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

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

DM-2017-1185  
Judge Perea

## OLNEY LOCKETT, Petitioner

v.

## SANDRA GILES LOCKETT, Respondent

## NOTICE OF SUIT

TO SANDRA GILES LOCKETT:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County by OLNEY LOCKETT requesting a Dissolution of Marriage. You must file a response within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgement by default will be entered against you and the

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 COURT

DM-2017-1185  
Judge Perea

## OLNEY LOCKETT, Petitioner

v.

## SANDRA GILES LOCKETT, Respondent

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relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

GRACE B. DURAN, Attorney at Law, 230 S. Alameda Blvd., Bldg. 2, Las Cruces, N.M. 88005 (575) 541-0329 is the attorney for the Petitioner.

WITNESS the Honorable Conrad F. Perea 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 1 day of November 2017.

(seal)

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: /s/ Lindsey K. Brown  
Deputy-Lindsey K. Brown

Dates: 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 2017

## 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, 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 MARCH 15, 1984, IN BOOK 13 PAGE(S) 238-240 OF PLAT RECORDS. If there is a conflict between the legal descrip-



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tion 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 Mortgagor, 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**

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

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-02044

WELLS FARGO BANK,  
NA,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

CLARA FAITH LESTER;  
DORIS ELLEN LESTER,  
if living, if deceased, THE  
ESTATE OF DORIS EL-

LEN LESTER, Deceased;  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
DEVISEES 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 described 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  
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Dates: 11/24, 12/01, 12/08,  
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**STATE OF  
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THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-02116

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,**

vs.

REGINA A. MOSSBURG;  
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF  
REGINA A. MOSSBURG;  
NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE  
FINANCE AUTHORITY;  
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 7526 Sierra Bella Place, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 56 OF  
SIERRA NORTE HEIGHTS

SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SIERRA NORTE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 5, 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 142-144. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 11:30 am on December 12, 2017, 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 September 29, 2017, in the total amount of \$139,828.30, with interest at the rate of 3.875% per annum from October 12, 2017 until 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. U.S. 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.

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-02060

**OCWEN LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

NOEL FRANCO; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.; 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 1909 Darlene Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 25, BLOCK 4, UNIT NO. 2 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 646 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 23, 1965, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 9, PAGES 61-62, 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 November 30, 2017**, 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 September 27, 2017, in the total amount of \$114,422.80, with interest at the rate of 5.5000% per annum from August 31, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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**STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
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THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2016-02494

IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

v.



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

## NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 12, 2017 at 11:30 AM, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 382, Block 11 of SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION PHASE III, located in the City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on Plat thereof recorded on March 28, 1979 in Plat Book 12, at Page(s) 246-248 as Plat No. 970, records of Dona Ana County.

The address of the real property is 1707 Defiance Ave., 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 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 \$111,643.44 plus interest from July 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 3.250% 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.

Margaret Lake  
Special Master  
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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: 11/17, 11/24, 12/01, 2017

**STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
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THIRD JUDICIAL  
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Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-01913

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,**

vs.

At the date and time stated

**PERLA R. SAENZ; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PERLA R. SAENZ; CITY OF LAS CRUCES; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY; Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF  
FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 2913 Onate Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 156, LEGENDS WEST SUBDIVISION, PHASE IV, 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 20, 2005, IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 344-346 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 December 14, 2017**, 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 September 29, 2017, in the total amount of \$113,479.87, with interest at the rate of 3.75% per annum from September 07, 2017 until 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. U.S. 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.

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**STATE OF  
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DISTRICT**

Case No. :  
D-307-CV-2016-02644

**DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-8, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ROSALIE VALDEZ, JERRY VALDEZ; BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC. D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO.; BOB G. SELBY; 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 305 Tortugas Dr., Mesilla Park, NM 88047, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT A, TOWN OF SAN JUAN (TORTUGAS) REPLAT NO. 4, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 2633, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 3, 1995, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 18, PAGE 209, 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 December 14, 2017, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on September 29, 2017, in the total amount of \$92,445.23, with interest at the rate of 3.25% per annum from July, 31 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Trustee For Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-8, 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**

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-2014-00445

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

vs.

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

**NOTICE OF  
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 620 Engler Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

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



SOUTHEAST CORNER OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-112B1; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF ENGLER ROAD, THE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES: S.62°42'06"W., 373.50 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET; THENCE S.63°11'15"W., 117.87 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET; THENCE S.62°06'48"W., 113.56 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET; THENCE S.62°41'06"W., 288.87 FEET TO A NAIL FOUND FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE LEAVING THE NORTH LINE OF ENGLER ROAD, N.24°21'54"W., 410.09 FEET TO A NAIL FOUND FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT THENCE N.59°14'30"E., 649.59 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE S.32°12'00"E., 183.33 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE N.58°51'00"E., 224.70 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND ON THE WEST LINE OF DOÑA ANA ROAD FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF DOÑA ANA ROAD, S.24°07'00"E., 281.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 7.967 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **11:30 AM on December 12, 2017**, 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 Judgment granted on October 10, 2017, in the total amount of \$447,711.71, with interest at the rate of 7.8750% per annum from February 17, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all

patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. HSBC Bank USA, National Association As Trustee For Nomura Asset Acceptance Corporation, Alternative Loan Trust, Series 2006-Wf1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, 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**

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-01107

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

vs.

**ESTHER M. EMOND, KEVIN T. EMOND, DECEASED; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ESTHER M. EMOND; 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 1635 Ebony Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 6 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 2 OF EBONY AVENUE REPLAT NO. 1, A TOWNHOUSE SUBDIVISION, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID EBONY AVENUE REPLAT NO. 1, A TOWNHOUSE SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 7, 1984 IN PLAT BOOK 13, FOLIO 253.

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 December 14, 2017**, 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 2, 2017, in the total amount of \$103,387.43, with interest at the rate of 6.5000% per annum from July 31, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. U.S. Bank National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Trustee For The RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT, 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**

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-01516

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

**JACOB H. SIMS AKA JACOB HARRY SIMS AKA JAKE SIMS; CITIZENS BANK OF LAS CRUCES, 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 955 South Melendres Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT 2, U.S.R.S. TRACT 9A-79C, REPLAT NO. 1, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 2474, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON DECEMBER 28, 1993, AND

RECORDED IN BOOK 17, PAGE 389, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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 11, 2017, in the total amount of \$97,169.81, with interest at the rate of 6.75% per annum from September 1, 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 Mortgagor, 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. BOKF, 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**

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-01091

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

vs.

**MARK A. SMITH; 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 163 S Sunshine Lane, Mesquite, NM 88048, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE SOUTH OF MESQUITE, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 3 EAST, N.M.P.M., COMPRISING THAT PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 19-6A2 BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, BEING A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID U.S.R.S. TRACT 19-6A2, WHICH IS THE APPROXIMATE CENTER LINE OF A TRAVELLED ROAD KNOWN AS EAST SIDE ROAD AND DESIGNATED AS DOÑA ANA COUNTY ROAD B-030, WHENCE THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT 19-6A2 BEARS N. 89°55'00"W., 908.00 FEET DISTANT, FROM WHENCE THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 7, T25S, R3E,

BEARS S.79°44'58"E., 3533.76 FEET FARTHER; THENCE FROM SAID BEGINNING SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED AND LEAVING SAID CENTER LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD B-030 AND RUNNING: N.0°04'58"W., 245.50 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE S.88°45'00"E., 218.23 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE S.2°15'00"E., 241.25 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, BEING A POINT ON SAID SOUTH LINE OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 19-6A2 AND COMMON CENTER LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD B - 030; THENCE N.89°55'00"W., 228.00 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF TRACT 19-6A2 AND COMMON CENTER LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD B-030 TO THE SOUTHWEST AND BEGINNING CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 1.2457 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO A 10 FOOT WIDE RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT ALONG THAT PART OF THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT WITH THE BEARING OF N.89°55'00"W., FOR 228.00 FEET, AS SAID EASEMENT IS DESCRIBED IN MISCELLANEOUS BOOK 41, PAGES 392 AND 393 FILED OCTOBER 9, 1959 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK 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 10:45 am on December 14, 2017, 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 5, 2017, in the total amount of \$228,227.96, with interest at the rate of 5.50% per annum from September 1, 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. Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), A Corporation Organized And Existing Under The Laws Of The United States Of America, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

Case No.:  
D-307-DM-2017-1286  
Judge: Conrad F. Perea

Frances and Salvador Rosas, Petitioner,

v.

Rafael Torrez, Respondent.

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you.

The subject of this lawsuit is: Kinship/Guardianship



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

Petitioner's Name: Frances and Salvador Rosas  
Mailing Address: 313 Quintana Rd.  
City/State/Zip: Chaparral, NM 88081  
Telephone# 915-383-3597

WITNESS the Honorable Conrad F. Perea, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 9th day of November, 2017.

(seal)

David S. Borunda  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY: /s/ M. Elena Hayes  
DEPUTY

Dates: 11/24, 12/01, 12/08, 2017

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

NO. D-307-CV-2016-01715

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,

Plaintiff,  
v.

RIKOLE L. GETZ,

Defendant.

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 12, 2017 at 11:30 AM, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: LOT 11, BLOCK H, OF DEL PRADO SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3 AT SONOMA RANCH EAST, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DONA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON MAY 19, 2008 IN PLAT BOOK 22 AT PAGES (S) 491-492

AS PLAT NO. 4733, RECORDS OF DONA ANA COUNTY,

The address of the real property is 4342 Canterra Arc, 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 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 August 24, 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 \$262,498.30 plus interest from January 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.250% 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 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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Margaret Lake  
Special Master  
Pro Legal Services, LLC  
201 Eubank Blvd. NE, Suite A1  
Albuquerque, NM 87123  
(505)715-3711

Dates: 11/17, 11/24, 12/01, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2011-02899

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR SASCO MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-WF1, Plaintiff,

v.

LUPE P. RAYGOZA AND LUIS S. RAYGOZA, WIFE AND HUSBAND; COLUMBIA CREDIT SERVICES, INC.; NM DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND REVENUE; ABC CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND JANE DOES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED, 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 645 East Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88001-0000, and more particularly described as follows: A tract of land situated in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, BEING Tract 3 also

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being part of Block 104, of the Elmendorf-Barrows Map of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and being more particularly described as follows to wit: Beginning at 1/2" iron rod found on the West line of Manzanita Street for the Northeast corner of the tract herein described; identical to the Northeast corner of Tract 3, Block 104, of the Elmendorf-Barrows Map of the City of Las Cruces;

Thence from the point of beginning and along the West line of Manzanita Street, S.16°00'00"E., 173.00 feet to a shiner set on the North line of Picacho Avenue for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the North line of Picacho Avenue, S.78°47'00"W., 50.40 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the North line of Picacho Avenue, N.15°57'00"W., 167.79 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Northwest corner of this tract;

Thence N 72°51 '00"E., 50.01 feet to 196 acre of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record. 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 November 30, 2017**, 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 Stipulated & Default Judgment granted on July 11, 2012, in the total amount of \$48,836.29, with interest at the rate of 7.125% per annum from June 25, 2012 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. U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Sasco Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-WF1, 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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-01494

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

vs.

**ARTURO MARQUEZ, ROSA ELMA MARQUEZ; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, 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 1233 Big Bend Loop, Anthony, NM 88021, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 8 & LOT 9, DOS

LAGOS SUBDIVISION PHASE III, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 3735 ON 3/20/2003 IN BOOK 20 PAGE(S) 291-92 OF PLAT RECORDS.

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

No. 17-0264

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **BARBARA A. RUCKMAN** 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 2nd day of November, 2017.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **DONALD R. NEW, Deceased.**

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Dated: October 31, 2017

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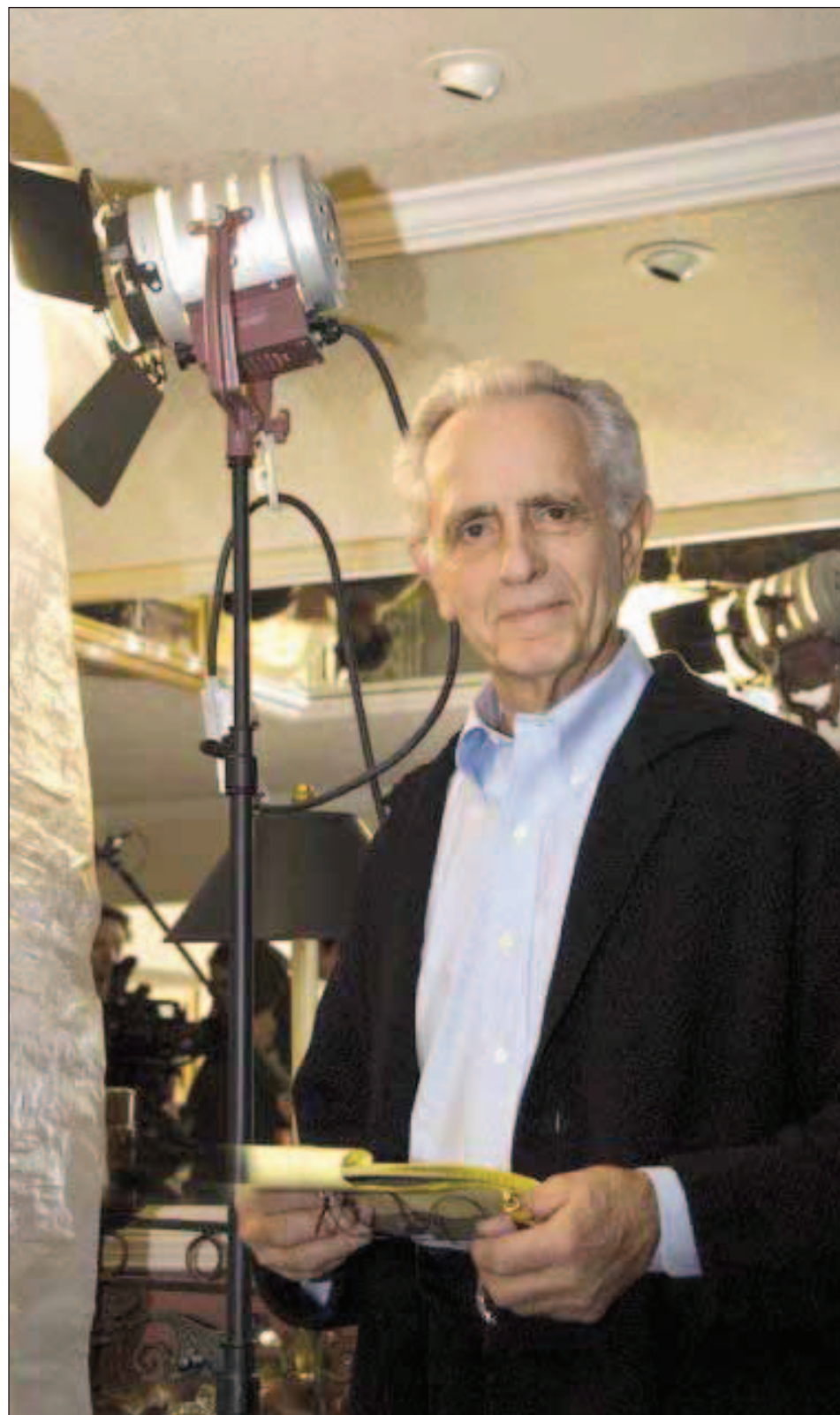
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PHOTOS COURTESY MARK MEDOFF

Las Cruces' Tony-winning and Oscar-nominated playwright Mark Medoff.

## Cruces playwright has a curtain call on Broadway

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Mark Medoff is going back to Broadway.

The Las Cruces playwright's "Children of a Lesser God," which won the 1980 Tony for best play, returns to Broadway next spring. Tickets are now on sale.

"It's humbling," said Medoff, 77.

"You can never predict the future of any artistic enterprise," he said. "You just do the best you can at the time. The real joy of theatre is the work."

In addition to best play, "Children of a Lesser God" (CLG) won Tonys for best actor (John Rubenstein) and best actress (the late Phyllis Frelich). Opening March 30, 1980, it ran for 887 performances on Broadway, and has been produced in theatres

across the country and around the world.

Marlee Matlin won a best actress Oscar for the 1986 film version of the play, and Medoff was nominated for best adapted screenplay.

Discussions about reviving the play began in 2014 with Producer Hal Luftig, whom Medoff credits with believing so fiercely in the project that "he was going to make it happen no matter how rigorous the journey."

Medoff started talking to Tony-winning director Kenny Leon about 18 months ago, during Leon's five-day visit to Medoff's Las Cruces home.

Medoff said his impulse was to rewrite the 40-year-old play to update it for the revival. But, after lengthy conversations with Leon, he decided to make only "two additions

for clarification."

"It has lasted this long because of what it is," Leon said. "So let's reimagine what it is."

### The beginning

Medoff wrote CLG in 1978-79 in his first year as head of the Theatre Arts Department at New Mexico State University.

After a workshop production at NMSU, it moved to the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles that fall.

While casting the West Coast production, Medoff worked in a "little room at the back of the rehearsal space ... cut five characters out and rewrote the whole play," he said, "under the guidance and prodding of the late director and benefactor of the living American writer,

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Actors John Rubenstein and the late Phyllis Frelich both won 1980 Tony awards for their performances in Mark Medoff's "Children of a Lesser God."



## BROADWAY

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Gordon Davidson.”

The result was a better-developed and groundbreaking female character who would help to define Medoff as a playwright.

“From that point on, I’ve written a great deal for women,” Medoff said, including four more plays for Frelich, who died in April 2014, just a few hours before the birth of Medoff’s granddaughter, Hope Elizabeth Harrison. Hope suffers with Trisomy 18 (T18), a rare chromosomal abnormality; and, like Frelich, she was born deaf.

Both Hope and Frelich – and the character of Sarah Norman that Frelich portrayed in CLG – feature prominently in the play’s sequel, which Medoff is now writing.

Tentatively titled “Quality of Mercy,” it tells what happened to Norman, and the male lead character in CLG, James Leeds, with Hope as the catalyst for what transpires. Medoff has had preliminary chats with Marlee Matlin about her possible involvement.

“This little girl, Hope, this little miracle – it didn’t surprise me that she and Sarah Norman Leeds started beating on the door of my imagination hand in hand, demanding I let them in and pay attention to what they had to say,” Medoff said.

When then-presidential candidate Donald Trump ridiculed a disabled reporter in 2015, “it changed my life,” Medoff said. “I foresaw what could happen to my granddaughter as she gets older and a revival of the imbecilic bigotry that drew me to the defense of the deaf 38



PHOTO BY GUZMAN

**Lauren Ridloff and Joshua Jackson will star in the 2018 revival of “Children of a Lesser God” at Studio 54 on Broadway.**

years ago.”

Part of his mission with the play, he said, is to tell the story of severely developmentally delayed children and the stress they and their families will face “when the leader of the free world mocks people like them and gives permission to similarly severely disabled ‘normal’ people to do the same.”

Medoff began his playwriting career while teaching at NMSU in the late 1960s. One day, as he and then-NMSU English and theatre student – and future professional actor – William Frankfather (his best-known role was as Whitey Jackson in “Foul Play”), passed in the hall, Frankfather said to Medoff, “Why don’t you write a play and we’ll put it on?”

The result was “The Wager,” which was first produced at Las Cruces Community Theatre in 1966 AND became Medoff’s second play to be produced off-Broadway when it opened in New York in 1974.

“When You Comin’ Back, Red Ryder?” had opened the previous November and would earn Medoff 1974’s Drama Desk and Obie awards for outstanding new playwright. It was made into a 1979 movie, with Medoff writing the adapted screenplay.

While working on his play “The Majestic Kid” at the University of Rhode Island under a grant from Rockefeller Foundation in 1977, Medoff was first introduced to Frelich.

“Within 20 minutes of

meeting her, I told her, ‘I’m going to write a play for you.’”

“She and her husband, Bob Steinberg, were my closest of friends in the world,” he said.

### Taking his place in history

Medoff said he didn’t expect CLG to win any awards at the 1980 Tony awards ceremony, remembering that the word on the street was that “Talley’s Folly” and playwright Lanford Wilson would be the year’s big winners.

At the awards, Rubenstein won first, then Frelich. Medoff thought neither he nor Gordon Davidson, nominated for the directing Tony for CLG, would win because “we were made good by two brilliant performances.”

Davidson did not win, but then it was time to announce the Tony for best play. Actor James Earl Jones, announcing the award, “changes our lives with a few words,” Medoff said.

Using notes he had gotten out of bed the night before to write – “just in case” – Medoff had to set his award down to give his acceptance speech in American Sign Language.

Medoff thanked his cast and crew, NMSU and his wife, Stephanie, and took his place in the history of American theatre.

“It was a trip,” Medoff said.

The magnitude of their wins hit Medoff, Frelich and Rubenstein at a dinner party after the awards with the rest of the CLG team.

“That was insane,” Medoff remembers. “We were like little kids jumping up and down and screaming because we’d just won the sixth grade

talent show.”

The next morning, he was inundated by telegrams from friends, family and students in the lobby of his hotel, Medoff said.

One of the nicest parts of the win was what it meant to his parents, whose support, Medoff said, “was always extraordinary.”

“I was supposed to be a doctor, like my father,” Medoff said. Instead – with his parents’ backing and the encouragement of several professors at the University of Miami, Medoff chose a major in English literature and set out to be a writer.

He was paid so little as an assistant professor at NMSU that his parents had to help pay for his early trips to New York when “Red Ryder” and “The Wager” were first being mounted.

### CLG’s revival

During the CLG revival’s first production at the Berkshire Theatre Group in Stockbridge, Massachusetts last summer, Medoff was reminded once again that his favorite place in a theatre is behind the audience.

“I like to stand in the back of the theatre and watch the backs of heads,” Medoff said. “I can tell the level of involvement of individual audience members in the minuscule movement or stillness of heads.”

Berkshire Theatre audiences were “intensely focused,” Medoff said. “Major relief. Production working. Kenny has done a brilliant job of reimagining the play. Live theatre has its own mysterious and miraculous heartbeat.”

Lauren Ridloff will play

Sarah Norman in the revival. She is a former Miss Deaf America with acting credits that include the movie “Wonderstruck” and the music video for John Legend’s “Love Me Now.”

Well-known television and movie actor Joshua Jackson will play James Leeds, which Medoff said is a very challenging role because the actor is “talking for two people” – speaking, using sign language and interpreting for Ridloff’s character.

“Joshua’s been amazing,” Medoff said, adding that Ridloff is “going to knock people out.”

Actor Anthony Edwards signed on in October to play the role of Mr. Franklin, superintendent of the deaf school where much of the play takes place.

It will be the Broadway debut for all three actors.

CLG previews will begin March 22 at Studio 54, 254 W. 54th St. The revival opens April 11.

“It amazes me that so many people from Las Cruces and former students are coming to the opening week or plan to see the play during its run into July,” Medoff said. “The NMSU and Las Cruces community – rightfully – feels a possessiveness about my work, for which I am infinitely grateful.”

For more information and to get tickets to the revival of “Children of a Lesser God,” visit [http://childrenofoallessergod-broadway.com/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMItpzt3qiZ1wIVyIZ-Ch3gZgS7EAAYAS-AAEgKTEvD\\_BwE](http://childrenofoallessergod-broadway.com/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMItpzt3qiZ1wIVyIZ-Ch3gZgS7EAAYAS-AAEgKTEvD_BwE).

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# Award-winner opens on Black Friday at Black Box

## BULLETIN REPORT

If you need a break after a long day of shopping on Black Friday, Nov. 24, plan a visit to Black Box Theatre, 411 N. Main St., for the premiere of "Crimes of the Heart."

The play is directed by veteran Las Cruces actor and director Nikka Zimmer. It was written by Beth Henley and won a 1981 Pulitzer Prize for best drama. It also got a Tony nomination that year for best play.

The cast includes Debbie Jo Felix as Lenny Magrath, Gina DeMondo as Chick Boyle, Eric Had-

ley as Doc Porter, Erin Wendorf as Meg Magrath, Cassandra Galban as Babe Botrell and Wake Gardner as Barnette Lloyd.

Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 1-2 and 8-9; at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays, Dec. 3 and 10; and a 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7.

Tickets are \$15 regular admission, \$12 for students and seniors over age 65 and \$10 for the Dec. 7 performance.

For more information, call Black Box Theatre at 575-523-1223. Visit [no-strings.org/](http://no-strings.org/).



PHOTO COURTESY PETER HERMAN/BLACK BOX THEATRE  
Wake Gardner and Cassandra Galban rehearse a scene in "Crimes of the Heart," directed by Nikka Zimmer, which opens Nov. 24.

# 'It's a Wonderful Life' over the airwaves

## BULLETIN REPORT

New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department's holiday 2017 production of "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" continues for two more weekends.

Performances are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 1-2; and 2 p.m. matinees on Sundays, Nov. 26 and Dec. 3 and Saturday, Dec. 2.

A talkback with cast and crew will follow the matinee performances on Nov. 25 and Dec. 2.

Tickets for regular performances are \$17 adults (18-64), \$14 seniors (65 and older) and NMSU faculty/staff, \$10 NMSU students with current ID, and \$5 high school students.



COURTESY PHOTO

Left to right are Jessica Jimenez, Calvin Chervinko (who plays the actor who plays George Bailey), Violet Griffin, Jeff Dolecek and Juancarlos Garzon in NMSU's "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play."

Calvin Chervinko plays radio actor Jake Laurents, who portrays George Bailey. Jeff Dolecek is Harry "Jazzbo" Heywood, the actor who portrays Clarence Odbody, the guardian

angel. Melis Derya White is actress Lana Sherwood, who plays Violet, Rose Bailey and ZuZu. Jessica Jimenez is Mary Hatch. Taylor Rodriguez is actor Freddie Filmore, who plays

the evil Mr. Potter. Aliyah Parnell plays the stage manager. Violet Griffin and Juan Carlos Garzon are Foley Artists. Francesca Perez-Wright, Iree Herren and Emilie Rasmussen are the State Sisters (singers).

All cast members are NMSU students except for community actor Jeff Dolecek.

NMSU Theatre Arts Assistant Professor Nichole Hamilton directs, the set design is by NMSU student Arianna Swinson, lighting by NMSU Theatre Arts Department Resident Scenic and Lighting Designer Jim Billings, and costumes by NMSU student Maggie Jane Simpson.

For tickets and more information, call 575-646-1420 or visit [nmsutheatre.com](http://nmsutheatre.com).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>FRI NOVEMBER 24 • ALL DAY</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Library Closed for Thanksgiving	
<b>SAT NOVEMBER 25 • 1:00 P.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Sound Session: (Intermediate Guitar for Teens)	
<b>SUN NOVEMBER 26 • 2:00 P.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
4th Sunday Movie	
<b>TUE NOVEMBER 28 • 10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Read to Me (Story time for ages 3-7)	
<b>TUE NOVEMBER 28 • 2:00 P.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Intro to Computers: File Management	
<b>TUE+THU NOVEMBER 28+30 • 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Teen Game Night	
<b>WED NOVEMBER 29 • 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Toddler Time (Story Time for ages 1-3)	
<b>WED NOVEMBER 29 • 11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Mother Goose Time: Activities for Infants	
<b>THU NOVEMBER 30 • 7:30 P.M.</b>	<b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b>
Dan Lambert Band - \$5	
<b>FRI DECEMBER 1 • 5-7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b>
First Friday (Kayla Blundell continued)	
<b>FRI DECEMBER 1 • 7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b>
ACT performance	
<b>SAT DECEMBER 2 • 1:00 P.M.</b>	<b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b>
ACT performance	
<b>SAT DECEMBER 2 • 8:00 P.M.</b>	<b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b>
A Christmas Story	
<b>THU DECEMBER 7 • 7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b>
El Paso Brass, KRWG	
<b>FRI DECEMBER 8 • 7-9:30 P.M.</b>	<b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b>
Open mic	

## ONGOING EVENTS:

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

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## Spelled 'Fun-iture'



Las Cruces Arts Association members are selling personally hand-painted decorative furniture during its "Fun-iture furniture" fundraiser. They've been collecting furniture from attics, storage spaces and yard sales to rejuvenate old pieces to beautiful, colorful, collector chairs, benches, tables, cabinets and altars. Pieces will be sold through a silent auction 5-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, at the Community Enterprise Center, 125 N. Main, during the Downtown Art Ramble.



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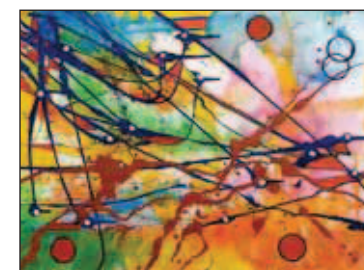


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Trish Hall

# Trish Hall LCAA featured artist for December

## BULLETIN REPORT

The Las Cruces Arts Association presents Trish Hall as the Featured Artist of the Month beginning with the Friday, Dec. 1, Downtown Arts Ramble Resurgence from 5-8 p.m. on Main and Mesquite Streets. The LCAA is located at the

Community Enterprise Center, 125 N. Main.

Hall is an abstract painter, saying, "Abstract painting has allowed me to create with no expectations, no limitations. I can start out with a vision in my mind about what I want a piece to look like and what techniques I want to explore – how-

ever, the process always changes. The colors, the brush, the tools, even the canvas will take on a life of its own and direct me where it wants to go, what needs to be created, how it needs to be created, and what the end product will look like.

"I would have to say there is always an intu-

ition at work to make my paintings become what they are meant to be, to make the paintings say what they are trying to say. As a result, I have no one theme to my paintings. And exploring different styles is very exciting. And in the end the final product has to feel right."



## 'Annie' opens Dec. 1; reservations recommended

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

It's likely to be standing-room-only for Las Cruces Community Theatre's holiday production of "Annie," which opens Friday night, Dec. 1 at LCCT, 313 N. Main St. downtown.

The show will have 10 performances continuing through Sunday, Dec. 17, but tickets are selling quickly.

"Annie" is directed and choreographed by Janet Beatty-Payne, with Meagan Higgins as musical director, Vanessa Dabovich as assistant director, Tom Warren in charge of orchestrations and costumes by Susie Ouderkirk.

Tatiana Garzon stars in the title role, along with Monte Womble as Oliver Warbucks, Amanda Bradford as Grace Farrell, Megan McQueen as Miss Hannigan, Brandon Brown as Rooster, Cindy Pitts as Lily and Norman Lewis as President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The orphan cast is made up of Mia Berkson, Mia Ayon, Piper Gandy, Heidi Brown, Kayla Bradford, Tara Gandy, Aveyrey Liefeld, Eva Cullen, Samatha Erlinda Saiz, Maya Bradford, KayLee Stevenson and Chloe Morris.

The adult chorus includes Bianca Castron, Heather Hosford, Jordan Kelley, Jessica Montoya Ortega, Susie Ouderkirk, Sarah Sayles, Kyra Zartner, Mike Cruz, Gale Fulte, Isac Quezada and Alvario Florez.

"With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City," Dabovich said. "She is

determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of an orphanage that is run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. With the help of the other orphans, Annie escapes to the wondrous, big-city world. In adventure after adventure, she foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations... and even befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt! She finds a new home and family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary, Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy."

"Annie" is the third production in LCCT's 55th season.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, Dec. 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16, with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on Dec. 3, 10 and 17. There will be a single Thursday night perfor-



mance, beginning at 7 p.m. on Dec. 14.

Opening night is Gala Night for LCCT, with cake and beverages for the audience and a chance to meet the cast and crew in the theatre lobby.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for military and students, \$11 for groups of 10 or more and \$10 for children

Rehearsing in Las Cruces Community Theatre's upcoming production of "Annie" are, left to right, Tatiana Garzon as Annie, Megan McQueen as the evil Miss Hannigan and Annie's fellow orphans, Eva Cullen and Heidi Brown.

PHOTO BY VANESSA DABOVICH, LAS CRUCES COMMUNITY THEATRE

under age 12. Student rush tickets may be available for \$5 15 minutes before showtime with a valid student ID.

For reservations and more information, call LCCT at 575-523-1200 and visit [lccctnm.org](http://lccctnm.org).

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## Rio Grande Theatre to close for renovations

### BULLETIN REPORT

The historic Rio Grande Theatre in downtown Las Cruces will be closing for six weeks this winter while it undergoes a series of repairs and upgrades.

The theatre will be closed to the public from Dec. 18 through Jan. 31, 2018. It will reopen on Feb. 1.

In addition to minor repairs to the stage and interior theatre walls, the floor in the lobby will be leveled and re-carpeted.

The concession area will also be upgraded with new serving and storage areas. Upstairs in the balcony, handrails will be added for additional safety.


Due to the length of the closure, the Classic Film Series movie "Casablanca," scheduled for Jan. 13, 2018, has been moved to May 26, 2018. Additionally, the kids' matinee showing of "Alice in Wonderland" has been moved to noon on May 26, 2018.



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# LCAA announces exhibition winners



Tomi La Pierre, "Gemini"

The Las Cruces Arts Association Board of Directors has announced the winners of their 2017 Members Show exhibition, "Wetlands," now on display at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St., through December.

The selected artists and their work are:

**Best of Show** – Mary Beagle, Morning Mist

**1st Place** – Tomi La Pierre, Gemini

**2nd Place** – Ruth Drayer, Emerging

**3rd Place** – Kathie Rogers, When You Build on Wetlands

**People's Choice Award** – Kayla Blundell, La Mancha Wetlands

**Honorable Mention** – Penny Duncklee, Muddy Rio

**Honorable Mention** – Jack LeSage - White Water River

**Honorable Mention** – Carrie Greer, About A Mountain

**Honorable Mention** – Jack LeSage, Fall Wetland

**Creative Use of Materials** – Dean Lively, Butterfly Sanctuary

**Most Improved** – Jack LeSage, White Water River



Ruth Drayer, "Emerging"



Mary Beagle, "Morning Mist"

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Kathie Rogers, "When You Build on Wetlands"

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## GALLERIES & OPENINGS

### Conversations in Color

The Tombaugh Gallery presents "Conversations in Color," work by Las Cruces artist Ruth Drayer, on exhibit until Saturday, Nov. 25. Drayer has a design background, managed two art galleries, creates pottery and sculpture and studies art history and therapy. Info: 575-522-7281.

### Fauna & Flora of New Mexico

The photography of Nirmal Khandan is featured at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, through Dec. 3 in the Arts Corridor. The images capture a variety of birds in their natural habitat. Khandan intends to bring awareness of the diversity and beauty of the local avian life, as well as the importance of habitat. Info: www.nmfarmandranch-museum.org or 575-541-4100.

### 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 open with a reception 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at Tombaugh Gallery inside the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. The artists will demonstrate the ancient craft at 11:45 a.m. The exhibit of functional, spiritual and whimsical objects will continue 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Jan. 26. Tickets for a drawing to win a piece of gourd art by Kathe Stark will be for

sale. The drawing will be held at the show's conclusion. Info: Lurene John, 503-490-4908.

### Landscapes of Lindy Bridgers

M. Phillip's Gallery, 221 N. Main St., hosts a one-woman show for artist Lindy Bridgers through November. Her works feature landscapes of White Sands, the Organ Mountains and the surrounding area. Info: 575-525-1367 or www.mphillipsgallery.com.

### Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery

Two local artists will be featured in November at Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre. Roberta Widner is an oil painter with subject matter from abroad, mainly France and Italy. Kurt Van Wagner is a self-taught digital artist, transforming personal photographs into collectible works of art. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.



### 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

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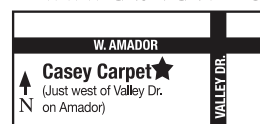
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## A&E EVENTS

**Community dance lessons:** Join New Mexico State University's Dance Program through Nov. 28 for free dance lessons – ballroom, Latin and swing dances, 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Rentfrow Hall, 3165 Williams Ave. Wear comfortable clothing, smooth/leather-soled or ballroom dance shoes. No flip flops or cowboy boots. No experience necessary. No partner required. Free. Open to the community. Level 2 lessons start at 8 p.m. for \$5. Info: kind.nmsu.edu

- Nov. 28: Cha cha, rumba and final party.

**Artrageous:** Free art appreciation activity, 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays in November, theme is "Folk Art." Meet in the atrium of the Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Info: museums.las-cruces.org or 575-541-2137.

Nov. 25: Wycinanki (vee-chee-non-kee): Polish paper cutting design

**Dance Las Cruces:** Join Dance Las Cruces for ballroom dancing – Latin, country and salsa music provided by Allen Kuncel. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Nov. 30 at Alma de Arte Charter School, 410 Court St. Free dance lesson begins at

6:45 p.m. Admission \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members and \$5 for students. Beginners, singles and couples welcome. Dance partner not necessary. Info: 575-496-2761.

**Pre-K programs:** Join the Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St., from 9-10 a.m. every Thursday for exploration designed for preschoolers. No registration required. Free. Parents asked to stay with their children throughout the program. Nov. 30, "Nature Kids" will explore colorful leaves through hands-on activities. Info: 575-522-3120 or visit museums.las-cruces.org.

**Holiday rails:** Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St., will welcome Santa as its main attraction during the museum's Holiday Open House beginning at 5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. Festivities include special holiday model trains; extravagant decorations throughout the building, including five Christmas trees; free crafts for kids; holiday music, and cider and cookies. Info: 575-647-4480, museums.las-cruces.org.

**Inside the lines:** Coloring Club for Adults will meet 10 a.m.-noon Fri-

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days, Dec. 8 and Dec. 22 at Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St.. 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.las-cruces.org.

### Studio art classes:

Through Dec. 9 at Las Cruces Museum of Art. Children, teens, adults. Register at the Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St., between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Info: museums.las-cruces.org or 575-541-2137.

**Yuletide ukes:** Las Cruces Ukes, a nonprofit community group of ukulele enthusiasts, will perform 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14 at the Rio Grande Theater, 211 N. Main St., with toe-tapping sing-along holiday tunes and some anytime favorites. Special guests, Las Cruces Ukes Kids Club and Las Cruces Ukes Teen Club, will join them on stage for some songs. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.. Admission is \$5 per person. Another shorter holiday concert will be 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at Good Samaritan Village auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Las Cruces Ukes welcome players of all levels at its weekly practices and puts on an annual Las Cruces Uke-Fest each May. Info: las-crucesukes.com. To learn more about the festival, go to lascrucesukefest.com.

**Lend me a Tenor:** Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT), opens Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, at LCCT, 313 N. Main St. 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.

*Please send your art event announcements to editor@lascrucesbulletin.com by Thursday at least one week prior to the desired publication date.*

## ONGOING

**Thursday Night Jam:** Support local musicians every Thursday night at Rio Grande Theater, 211 N. Main St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and show time is 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$5, cash only, at the door. Concessions served, including beer and wine. Info: www.riograndetheatre.com, 575-541-2290.

**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, linneanjce@aol.com or visit www.lcqq.org.

**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.

**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 \$45 for four classes. High school students welcome; 1:30-2:30 p.m. Wednesdays for children ages 7 to 12. Fee is \$40 for four classes. My Place Jewell Studio, 132 B Wyatt Drive. Students may begin any time. Info: 575-647-5684 or www.waynecarlhuber.com.

**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, 575-405-7133.



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December 1-7

### Victoria and Abdul

Queen Victoria strikes up an unlikely friendship with a young Indian clerk named Abdul Karim. Starring **Judi Dench, Ali Fazal & Eddie Izzard**



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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 at Friday, Dec. 1, -Thursday, Jan. 25 at Mas Art Frame and Art Supplies, 126 S. Main St. downtown. Opening reception is 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1. Information: 575-526-9113, info@masartllc.com.

### 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 photographed 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. 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 will be 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.

### Undefined

The works of Michael Poncé is featured in "Undefined" at Blu Ant Contemporary, 221 N. Main St., through Nov. 24. The exhibit features work the artist had previously said aside, since 2001, that veer from his usual classicism and idyllic imagery. These pieces are angrier and focused on the ugliness that is often intertwined with beauty. It showcases the messiness of human life. Info: 575-322-4983.

### What's in a Title?

Paul A. Vakselis is featured in a solo exhibition at Café de Mesilla, 2190 Avenida de Mesilla through November. Features dozens of works of landscape, inspirational, architecture and general interest works. Hours: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. every day except Tuesday.

## CALL TO ARTISTS

**NMSU theatre auditions:** The New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department will hold auditions for its spring 2018 productions of "The Odyssey" and "Rent" 6-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27 with callbacks scheduled for 4-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28. Sign up for an audition slot at [www.nmsutheatre.com/auditions](http://www.nmsutheatre.com/auditions). No roles in either production have been pre-cast, and community members and NMSU students are welcome to try out for parts for men and women ages 17-65. Auditioners are asked to prepare a 60-90 second monologue and a song excerpt of 16 bars. "The Odyssey," written and directed by Mary Zimmerman, NMSU theatre arts Assistant Professor Larissa Lury, is looking for actors 17 and older to play mortals and gods. Musical or other special skills will count in auditioners' favor. "Rent" will be directed by NMSU Theatre Arts Department Head Wil Kilroy, with Assistant Professor Megan McQueen serving as musical director. Info: Mike Wise, 575-646-5418, [www.nmsutheatre.com/spring2018auditions.php](http://www.nmsutheatre.com/spring2018auditions.php) or [www.scaffoldingtheatrecompany.com/home](http://www.scaffoldingtheatrecompany.com/home).

**Choral members:** The Mesilla Valley Chorale, directed by Nancy Ritchey, has resumed rehearsals for the holiday concert, "Joy," to be performed in December at the Rio Grande Theatre. Rehearsals take place in the Choir Room of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, corner Griggs and Alameda. Interested singers are invited; call

Ritchey at 575-647-2560. Visit [www.mesillavalleychorale.org](http://www.mesillavalleychorale.org).

**Love of Art:** Event Guide deadline is Dec. 1. Apply now for Studio Tours, Art Around Town event or Member Show. Membership required. Membership form and all application forms on the website: [www.artform-snm.org/forms](http://www.artform-snm.org/forms). Info: 373-0333.

**Photograph 51:** Black Box Theatre is looking for five male scientists for its upcoming production "Photograph 51." Auditions will be held at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3 at the theatre, 430 N. Main St. Needed are five men for these roles: British scientists Maurice Wilkins (aged 30s to 40s), Ray Gosling (20s) and

Frances Crick (30s or 40s), and American scientists Don Caspar (20s or 30s) and James Watson (early 20s). Auditions will be cold readings from the script, which are now available at the research help desk at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Performance dates are Jan. 26 through Feb. 11, 2018. Info: Ceil Herman, 575-523-1223 or [nstcbbt@zianet.com](mailto:nstcbbt@zianet.com).

**Rokoko seeks 'opposites':** Rokoko Art Gallery announces a call for artists working in all media for an upcoming group show opening Jan. 13, 2018. Submissions are due in the gallery, 1785 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla, on Saturday, Jan. 6. Entry fee is \$15 per piece. Info: 575-522-5553.

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## Grateful Pinecone Turkey

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1. Cut construction paper into strips about 11 inches long. These will be tail feathers.
2. Fold each strip in half and write something you're grateful for on each "feather."
3. Put a dab of glue on the end of each feather and insert in pinecone.
4. Cut a turkey head shape out of paper. Glue on eyes and a beak.
5. Place the turkey in a place of honor on your Thanksgiving table!

What are you thankful for at school?  
Write three things you appreciate about school on this pumpkin.



## The Thankful Pumpkin

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



Pass a pumpkin around before your Thanksgiving dinner. Have each person write some things they are thankful for on the pumpkin. Keep writing things until the surface of the pumpkin is mostly covered. Then use the pumpkin as a centerpiece on the table.

How many leaf shapes do you see below?



How many leaves can you find on this page?

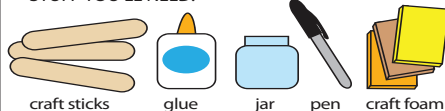
## Extra! Extra! Holiday Helpers

Look through the newspaper with a family member. Try to find five or more examples of people or organizations that help those in need during the holiday season.

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

## Leaves of Love

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



1. Cut leaf shapes out of red, brown, yellow and orange craft foam.
2. Write each guest's name on a craft stick.
3. Glue a leaf to each craft stick and place them in the jar.
4. During dinner, have each person pull one stick and say why they are grateful for that person.



## Kid Scoop Puzzler

Practice saying **THANK YOU** in seven different languages! Match each **Thank You** below to the country from which it comes. Stuck? Ask a family member for help.

	<b>Tak</b> (tagk)	<b>FRANCE</b> <b>DENMARK</b> <b>JAPAN</b> <b>POLAND</b> <b>FINLAND</b> <b>MEXICO</b> <b>GERMANY</b>
	<b>Gracias</b> (gra-see-us)	
	<b>Merci</b> (mehr-see)	
	<b>Kiitos</b> (kee-toas)	
	<b>Danke</b> (dahn-kah)	
	<b>Arigato</b> (ahree-gah-tow)	
	<b>Dziekuje</b> (dsyne-koo-yeh)	

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

## Kid Scoop Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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

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

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

**Thankful Letter to the Editor**  
Who in the community are you thankful for? Perhaps a teacher? A coach? A first responder? Write a letter to the editor of this newspaper telling the community why you are thankful for someone.

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

## Write On!

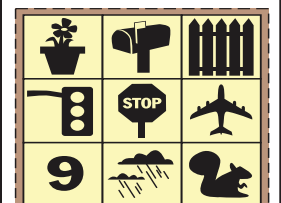
# Thanksgiving Poem

Write a poem about Thanksgiving.

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### After Dinner Bingo

After dinner, take a stroll around your neighborhood with friends or family members. On this walk, each of you take one of the cards below and cross out items as you see them. First one to black out the card wins!



Standards Links: Investigation: Record information about the living world.



# December's artists of the month

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, features two local artists for December: Mary Zawacki and Frank Rimbach.

Zawacki paints primarily with oils and pastels. She also teaches group art classes in Las Cruces. She was an advertising art director and graphic designer in Los Angeles specializing in the movie industry and holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Michigan.

Rimbach holds a Bachelors and Master of Fine Arts degree from New Mexico State University. He has studied old and modern masters in Europe and the United States. His work is primarily in landscapes and modern abstracts.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-10 p.m. For more information, call 575-522-2933 or visit [www.mesilavalleyfinearts.com](http://www.mesilavalleyfinearts.com)



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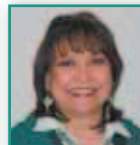
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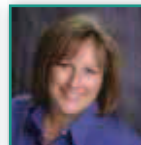
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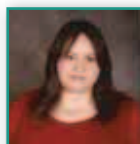
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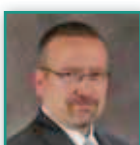
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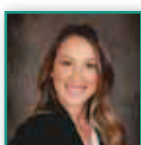
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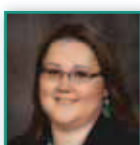
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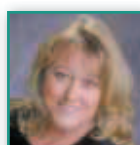
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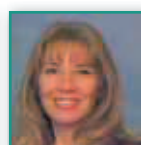
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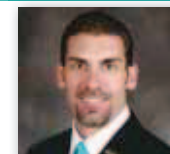
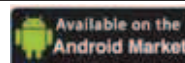


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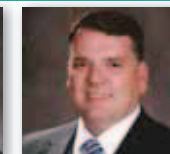
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# NY Dog Film Festival: Man's best friend, indeed

By **JEFF BERG**  
For the Bulletin

*Editor's note: For more about the Dog Film Festival, see page 56.*

Don't expect to see "Lady and the Tramp"-or "Lassie"-quality movies in this well-meaning but gently amateurish set of short films, focusing on dogs and their relationships to people.

It is at times heart-tugging, of course, but also very informative in some ways and it has a bevy of well-meaning sponsors.

There are two sets of films, totaling about two hours. One set is called 'Second Chances' and includes the following works.

**HARVEY & HARMONY (1:00)** – Romance is in the air in this 'doggie dating' service comedy.

**THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MOLLY (7:00)**– A moving reflection by first-time British director Sue Carpenter's about her companion, a black lab, Molly.

**989 MILES HOME (15:00)** – Made by student Laurence Alexander, this great piece follows a group of volunteers who work for a money-strapped animal shelter in South Carolina as they transport dogs (and a few cats) to loving homes in other states.

**GAME OF BONES (10:30)** – Australian Blaire Dobiecki (Melbourne) gently and cornball-y pokes fun at "Game of Thrones," using his own rescue pooch, Helen, as the star.

**CONVERSATION WITH MY DOGS (3:00)** – In what I found to be the best of the bunch, humorist



## GRADE: B

The Dog Film Fest will run of a whole week starting on November 24. It screens at the Fountain Doghouse in Mesilla.

Merrill Markoe tries to find out why her dogs follow her everywhere, even when she just goes to retrieve a tissue.

**DAVID & GOLIATH (12:00)** – In this too-brief drama, Director George Zaverdas's film takes place during World War II, as a member of the Jewish resistance is fleeing Nazi soldiers, He hides out in a dog house, where the "real" occupant helps the resistance in his own way. Based on a true story.

**LE SAUVETAGE (6:00)** – In French, this tongue-in-cheek piece helps to promote shelter adoption via a few performing canines.

**USEFUL DOG TRICKS (4:00)** – Director Heather Brook's incredibly smart pup can do everything from fetch the mail to help clean the house.

**A BOY AND HIS DOG (9:30)** – Not the wonderful dark sci-fi piece that was directed by L.Q. Jones some years ago, but rather a docu-

mentary about a young differently abled boy, Owen, and his relationship with a much bigger dog, Haatchi.

## Program #2 is called "Love Changes Everything"

**HARVEY DOGS HOME (1:00)** – Part II of the doggie romance ... butt sniffing ensues.

**FOG OF COURAGE (7:30)** – A frantic and sometimes funny animated piece about a dog named Courage who finds same when a spirit threatens his happy home.

**LOOKING FOR LOVE (3:00)** – Australian Blaire Dobiecki returns and directs her mutt in a fun piece about online dating for dogs ... a cautionary tale for sure!

**THE LEWIS LECTURES (7:30)** – In this manic animated piece, we observe what our dogs really do when we are not home.

**DOG YEARS (4:00)** – A curious voice-over film, wherein our hero wonders if it is all worth it when it comes to a frequently absent owner.

**VALENTINA (9:30)** – This little Spanish charmer has Valentina the Pug carefully reuniting her feuding humans.

**THE POODLE TRAINER (8:00)** – This odd Russian picture is a character study of an older woman who handles a bunch of Poodles in the circus and what they mean to her. (Russian, sub-titled).

**DINE IN THE DARK (:30)** – A very quick work from Australia is a PSA for dogs who help the visually impaired.

**SECOND**

**CHANCES (20:00)** – A very informative and hopeful work at a program used in a women's prison in California, where the inmates train dogs and learn new life skills in the process.

**PETCO ADOPTION STORY (3:00)** – Roller Derby athlete Bonnie Thunders helps to promote shelter adoption; meet her French bulldog Freddie and her eight feral cats.

All in all, a worthy effort and the cat version will open in New York in December. That's my preference....

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# PUZZLES

## BOXING CLASSES

### ACROSS

- 1 Racket string material
- 7 Mornings, in brief
- 10 Tip politely, as a cap
- 14 Foe
- 19 Goddess of the arts
- 20 Single guy
- 22 Cartoon art of Japan
- 23 Flip one's lid
- 25 Certain opening for a bolt
- 26 Proportional relationship
- 27 Millennium ends?
- 28 Bottle plugs
- 30 Welsh pooch
- 33 Brit's baby buggy
- 35 "I think," to a texter
- 37 Former miler Sebastian
- 38 Rainbow part
- 39 Drake's genre
- 41 Small, aggressive fowl
- 47 24-hr. sources of bills
- 49 Sorority letter
- 51 Bluto pursued her
- 52 Having ill will
- 53 Free-swimming, stalkless echinoderm
- 56 In addition
- 58 Big blender brand
- 59 "-- Was a Lady" (Ethel Merman song)
- 60 Crystal ball user
- 61 Spring or fall
- 63 Discontinue
- 64 Martyr who's the patron of sailors
- 66 Made red-faced
- 68 24 hours --
- 69 Rouse to action
- 74 Close kin, for short
- 77 Final deed

- 78 Walks pompously
- 82 Capote, to pals
- 83 Distill brine from
- 84 Put in a juicer
- 88 Fertiliser compound
- 89 "Crimewave" director Sam
- 91 "... bug -- feature?"
- 92 Wallow, as a pig in mud
- 94 Erase from memory
- 96 Crude
- 98 Kansas city
- 99 In -- (testy)
- 100 Language of Chaucer
- 103 Gershwin's "Concerto --"
- 105 Prefix with propyl
- 106 Suffix with urban
- 107 Wormfish lookalike
- 108 Focal points
- 110 Aspiring attys.' exams
- 112 Make dingier
- 116 -- roll (hot)
- 118 Mizrahi of fashion
- 120 See 97-Down
- 121 Genre for a head-banger
- 127 Carried
- 128 Motorcycle attachments
- 129 Dwell too much (on)
- 130 Hog havens
- 131 Smell
- 132 Vote against
- 133 Word that can follow seven key words in this puzzle

### DOWN

- 1 Half- -- (latte order)
- 2 Ocean east of Ga.

- 3 Your, old-style
- 4 Knighted maestro Solti
- 5 One-sided
- 6 1909-13 president
- 7 Detest
- 8 Risque West
- 9 Proposed arrangement
- 10 Mass per unit volume
- 11 Tritite
- 12 City near Sacramento
- 13 Worry
- 14 Pest control option
- 15 Examines
- 16 Loathsome
- 17 Love god
- 18 "I'm game!"
- 21 Easter roast
- 24 Server rewarders
- 29 Dos + seis
- 30 Vexes
- 31 Gulp down more than
- 32 Renovated
- 34 Die away
- 36 Toy dog
- 40 1861-65 prez
- 42 Neither fish -- fowl
- 43 Elected
- 44 Falsified, as a check
- 45 Kagan on the bench
- 46 Dweebish
- 48 Makes quiet
- 50 Mao -- -tung
- 54 Hot-rod engine
- 55 PLO leader
- 57 Island with Interstate H1
- 61 Philosopher Jean-Paul
- 62 Chances
- 65 Eye rudely

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- 67 Pen brand
- 68 Exuberant cry in Mexico
- 70 Downs a brew, say
- 71 Ruler of yore
- 72 Like escapees
- 73 Sicilian lava spewer
- 74 Play, as a guitar
- 75 Shiraz native
- 76 Put together
- 79 Edenic place

- 80 Most factual
- 81 Fights
- 83 Sounds after hang-ups
- 85 Nobelist Root
- 86 -- -Z (total)
- 87 Singer Etheridge
- 90 Doctor's field
- 92 1914-18 conflict: Abbr.
- 93 Galloped

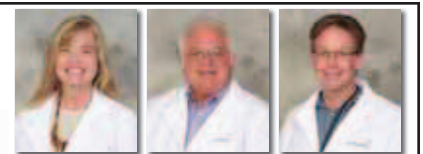
- 95 Stagger
- 97 With 120-Across, from square one
- 101 Sea nymph
- 102 Tribal illness curer
- 104 In a sauce of blazing liquor
- 109 Itsy- --
- 111 Italian for "pardon me"
- 112 Smidgens

- 113 Gershwin's "-- Rhythm"
- 114 Goa garb
- 115 Really, really
- 117 JFK's home
- 119 "That's -- blow"
- 122 Ruckus
- 123 History topic
- 124 Subdivision: Abbr.
- 125 "Kinda" suffix
- 126 Texas hrs.



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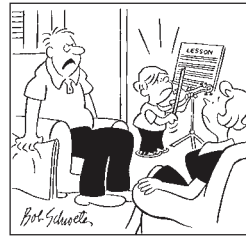
# PUZZLES

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

## SCRAMBLERS



"Not only do ballplayers make more money than musicians, they practice \_\_\_\_\_!"

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!

Leave  
**SINGER**   

Far  
**METEOR**   

Bottom  
**RUNED**   

Waver  
**REFLAT**   

**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: S equals T

XK V OIZGEQ IK VZWSTVEXVP

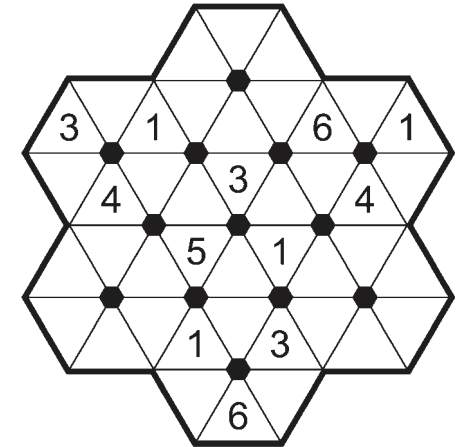
LVTWZGXVEW DQTQ NVSSEXPR

XS IZS, LXRBS SBVS NQ DILNVS

OILNVS?

## SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

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



**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

◆ Easy    ◆◆ Medium    ◆◆◆ Difficult

# PUZZLE ANSWERS

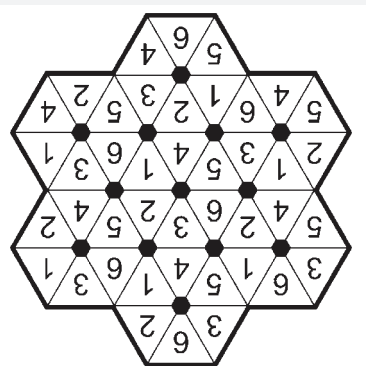
If a couple of Australian marsupials were battling it out, might that be wombat combat?

### CRYPTOQUIP

#### OUTSIDE

Today's Word  
3. Under; 4. Falter;  
1. Resign; 2. Remote;

### SCRAMBLERS



### SNOWFLAKES

6	8	1	7	9	3	5	4	2
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### WEEKLY SUDOKU

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### SUPER CROSSWORD



# Living our lives in peace and repentance

Two pathways lead to life according to our Orthodox Church: peace and repentance.



**GABRIEL ROCHELLE**

Tales from the Cassock

To begin with repentance, we have to know what the word means. Whether in Greek or in Hebrew – since it is prominent in both Testaments – “repentance” means to turn around or to change your mind. To repent is to recognize that you are going in the wrong direction. The word has to some extent been degraded to mean feeling sorry for your sins,

but the original meaning is deeper than that. One can feel sorry for having hurt someone without any necessary change of mind. A change of mind is necessary in order to avoid repeating the same hurtful pattern. One can display remorse, but genuine repentance is an inner quality and not an outer expression. You can say “I’m sorry” without intending to change the behavior that caused offense. I know this from first-hand experience – and so do you.

As a contemporary spiritual father of our church says, “Our thoughts determine our lives.” This is so true. If you continue to think that your life is not in need of changing, you won’t change. It’s as simple as that. Of course, it is

difficult to change; we fall into patterns of behavior, rituals of convenience that hem us in and prohibit us from making real change. At the same time, others accommodate our behavior, reinforcing both the good and the bad.

Nonetheless, it is the belief of our church that genuine repentance is possible. It will take time, it will take considerable effort, and it certainly takes the support of the community. Ultimately it requires forgiveness that comes only from God, albeit mediated through the church community.

Then there is the path of peace. In the Litany of the Offering in our worship service, we say “That we may live out our lives in peace and repentance, let us pray to the Lord.”

We are bringing the gifts for the Lord’s Supper, the bread and the wine. But these are tokens for our whole lives, and so our prayer reflects that.

Peace comes first in the petition. A spirit of peace leads to constant repentance as a means to create peace with others. Forgiveness begins with recognizing that everyone is bearing a heavy load through this life. To recognize that requires repentance, a change from the egocentrism with which most of us live to an embrace of the other’s problems.

Forgiveness within families, friendships and communities is essential for genuine peace to prevail. This is not a mere cessation of hostilities but the creation of a new way of being

together that overcomes barriers to community. In both the New Testament and the Old, peace is a gift of God, not something we can simply craft on our own.

Even if you don’t believe in God, you see this concept as something greater than the individual self. We are not capable of creating this peace on our own. There must be a spark between people that ignites the fire of peacemaking.

Orthodox Christianity offers practical ways to go down this pathway. For that, you have to enter the community. I invite you to travel with us.

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# To get the job done

## Staffing agency helps returning veterans find employment

By **MICHAEL SCANLON**  
For the Bulletin

A Las Cruces staffing agency has found its niche by helping military veterans and their spouses meet one of their most vital needs when they leave the service: Jobs.

“One of the main reasons is that when I got out of the military, I was an electrician, and I couldn’t find a job,” said Art Bernal, a Las Cruces native and owner of Mesilla Valley Staffing Agency.

“We’ve been in business almost two years now,” he said. “I decided about a year ago, because I’m a vet, I’m just going to start working with veterans. It seems to be working out pretty well.”

In addition to working with the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions to help place veterans and their spouses, Bernal also helps veterans find other services they might need, such as job training, education and mental health services.

“It’s just a passion for helping them out,” he said.

The company offers a temp-to-hire and temporary staffing. It works with a variety of employers that hire veterans in construction, light industrial, trades and customer service.

Bernal said employers can get tax credits for hiring veterans, but the benefits extend far beyond that. Employees with military experience have a high degree of discipline, integrity, teamwork and other character assets.

“They’re conscious of health-and-safety standards. They work well under pressure, and they can work in diverse environments. They have a mission-accomplished mentality,” he said. “They will get the job done.”

For veterans, the help they get finding jobs can make all the difference in having successful employment.

“I was kind of starting over, and I needed to get a footing,” said Michael Gomez, who recently landed a permanent job at the South Central Solid Waste Authority, after working there as a temporary employee with



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MICHAEL SCANLON

**Art Bernal, owner of Mesilla Valley Staffing in Las Cruces, has found a niche in helping military veterans find employment.**

Mesilla Valley Staffing for almost four months.

Gomez said the temporary job gave him a chance to show he had the skills needed to get the job.

“If it hadn’t been for that exposure so they could see my work ethic,” Gomez said, “there is no way I would have gotten that job.

“I’m glad I went

through a staffing agency as a temp,” he said. “I’m very thankful for the opportunity.”

Pete Tapia, a U.S. Army veteran, said Mesilla Valley staffing helped his wife find two jobs.

“I’m retired and not looking for work,” said Tapia, who has a service-connected disability. But for his wife, Tapia said, Bernal “was extremely

helpful.”

“He has a lot of contacts, and he’s an extremely hard-working individual,” Tapia said.

Bernal said he worked with more than 70 employees last year, and hopes to do better this year.

The Las Cruces area has a lot of veterans, he said, because so many people here start their careers with military

service and then return home afterward. Also, soldiers and airmen who come to the area for duty at White Sands Missile Range, Fort Bliss or Holloman Air Force Base come to find they like the weather and the area, so they end up staying.

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# Steeled for success: Loan helps Cruces company grow

By **TAURA COSTIDIS AND SANDY NELSON**

For the Bulletin

Casey Roberts earned an MBA at the same time he was learning the family trade: welding. Today, the Las Cruces and his wife, Chancie, own Mesilla Valley Metals, a manufacturer of pipes, structural steel, farm implements and custom-ordered metal products.

“My family has always been in the welding business,” Roberts said. “My dad was a rig welder in Farmington, where my uncle on my mom’s side owns a big fabrication shop. I always enjoyed making something and seeing results at the end of the day.”

As a welder, Roberts had always worked with metal. In August 2011, he decided to start a business selling the raw materials of his trade. Mesilla Valley Metals operated from a rented building, but three years later the business needed more room for semitrailers to maneuver.

The couple found a larger facility on Lakeside Drive with office space, a fully tooled fabrication shop to expand the company’s welding capabilities and an exterior yard for storage.

Roberts went to First American Bank to apply for a loan. The bank referred him to Don Panagrossi, a loan officer at the Southern New Mexico office of Enchantment Land Certified Development Company (ELCDC), a non-profit that provides business financing through the U.S. Small Business Administration’s 504 loan program.

ELCDC partners with local community banks to provide up to 90 percent financing at below-market, fixed interest rates. Panagrossi credits First American Bank with a spirit of partnership that has led to a close working relationship. ELCDC financed Roberts’ purchase in May 2014, and the company moved into its new home.

“In three years, he needed more room again,” Panagrossi said.

An abutting 4-acre property was available. It had a warehouse large enough to store rust-vulnerable ornamental steel indoors.

Determined to buy the property by Dec. 31, 2016, Roberts returned to ELCDC for a second loan. Panagrossi worked with Farrah Marquez, assistant vice president of commercial loans at First American Bank in Las Cruces, to buy the property with a bridge loan until permanent financing could be secured.

“First American bank really stepped up to the plate” through holidays and vacations to close on the bridge loan by that deadline, Panagrossi said. The second SBA loan was finalized in April 2017.

“Don was great to

work with,” Roberts said. “There was a lot of paperwork, but he did his best to keep it as easy on me as he could. The main benefit was we got a 20-year, fixed, low rate on the SBA portion. That’s pretty much invaluable. Now we manufacture just about anything you can dream of. You could call us a full-service fabrication shop.”

Gross sales doubled the year Mesilla Valley Metals moved to its new location, and the storage yard and warehouse help the company save money by buying in bulk.

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Casey and Chancie Roberts have grown into their new location.

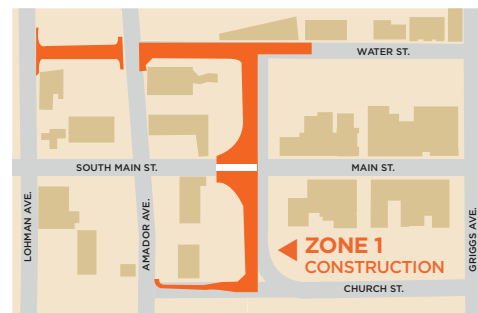
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# Tax cuts will not result in miraculous growth

The Republican House leadership is claiming that their tax plan will create 1 million jobs. Whether or not this goal is realistic depends critically on the state of U.S. labor markets and the availability of new workers.

The Republicans argue that tax cuts will incentivize business expansion and this, along with the accompanying increase capital investment, will create jobs – both in the business and with the businesses suppliers.

As far as it goes, the Republicans are correct, but implicit in the argument is the availability of unemployed workers who can be hired. In an economic downturn, such an assumption is likely correct. But we are not in an economic slowdown, but rather in the middle of a long period of expansion.

Of course, there are always unemployed workers. Some workers are changing careers or perhaps accompanying spouses to new locations. Other workers may want a job but are unqualified for those available. This background level of unemployment that is always present even when there are enough jobs for all qualified workers is called the natural rate of unemployment.

The exact value of the natural rate is uncertain, and it changes



**CHRIS ERICKSON**  
State of the Economy

over time with technology and demographics; nevertheless, there is a consensus among economists that the natural rate is somewhere around 4.5 percent. The Octo-

ber unemployment rate is 4.1 percent. That is, we are right now operating at below the natural rate.

What this means, from the point of view of the employer, they are finding it hard to find qualified workers, so they have to offer higher wages or hire less qualified workers. That makes it a great time to be a new college grad. Finding an employer willing to hire an inexperienced engineer or marketing major is pretty easy right now. But it also makes it not so great a time to be an employer looking for help.

Should the Republican plan actually create 1 million jobs as promised, the unemployment rate would have to fall to 3.5 percent. The last time the unemployment rate was that low was in 1969, at the height of the Vietnam War. And it was a time followed by a decade of bad inflation.

So let me make a prediction: the Republican tax plan cannot and will not create 1 million jobs because there are not a million surplus workers to be had. What will happen is that the deficit will balloon. The current estimate is that the tax plan will cost the government \$1.5 trillion over ten years. After accounting for the normal growth in the economy, it would increase the debt by about 6 percent of GDP.

The Republican counterargument is that the tax cut will unleash such entrepreneurial fervor that economic growth will wipe away the deficit, new and old. This is nonsensical. We don't have the workers.

Instead, what we are most likely to experience is the 2-3 percent growth on average, with a recession or two mixed in, which is pretty much what we as a country have experienced over the past 150 years.

*Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is interim department head of Economics/Applied Statistics/International Business at NMSU. Chris remembers the Regan tax cuts, the Clinton tax cuts and the Bush tax cuts, none of which delivered what proponents promised. The opinions expressed may not be shared by the administration and regents of NMSU. Chris can be reached at cherrick@nmsu.edu.*



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New Mexico State University alumni Bobby Lutz, left, and Scott Williams, center right, visit with business majors Cassius Corely and Valerie Latin, right, when the Dallas businessmen spoke to the Finance 490 class recently.

## NMSU alumni share professional experiences

By JANE MOORMAN  
For the Bulletin

What does it take to be successful in business? To answer this question, six business owners are sharing their experiences with New Mexico State University College of Business students in the Business Creation and Valuation course. This semester's speakers are NMSU alumni Victor Arnold of Tempe, Arizona, and formerly of Las Cruces; Bobby Lutz and Scott Williams of Dallas; Ross McCallister of Tucson, Arizona; Bobby Martinez of Alamogordo; and Gary Mallory of Albuquerque. "I think it's neat that New Mexico State is reaching out to the business community," said Mal-

lory, owner of Heads Up Landscape in Albuquerque. "There are a lot of business people who are happy to be involved with the university." College of Business Dean James Hoffman appreciates the guest speakers for participating in the course that he teaches. "We are very appreciative of these speakers for giving back with their time and generosity to help cultivate the next group of great entrepreneurs from New Mexico State," Hoffman said. "Each of our speakers has been very successful. They inspire our students, who are able to see what's possible in life through hard work and determination – and it all started at NMSU." While each business

person has a different reason why they are so successful, Hoffman said there is also a common thread among all of them – the type of student they were in college and the quality of education they received. "My wife, Patty, and I feel very strongly that our experiences at NMSU were integral to our success with the business and company," said Ross McCallister, owner of MC Companies of Tucson. "Now we want to give back in a small way to help others strive for their dream." Lutz, a businessman in Texas and member of NMSU's Foundation Board of Directors, enjoys visiting the Las Cruces





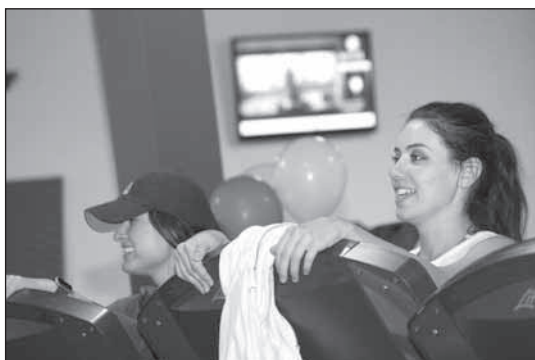
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Massage therapist Mary Nunez, owner of Red earth Bodyworks, gives Debbie Giron a massage at the grand re-opening of Planet Fitness.

## Fit to open

Planet Fitness cut the ribbon on its renovated location at 1300 El Paseo Road Nov. 13. The new facility boasts 20,000 square feet – a 4,000 square-foot increase over the original space. Equipment upgrades, including state-of-the-art cardio machines, strength equipment and PF360 are installed, plus a new and fully equipped spa. The gym is open 24/7 Monday-Thursday, midnight-7 p.m. Friday, and 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Members Brandy Olivas and Danika Hunter work out on treadmills during the grand re-opening.



Planet Fitness employee Marisol Caro, left, helps out members at the grand re-opening of Planet Fitness.



Planet Fitness has a larger, updated facility on El Paseo.

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campus because the school provided him the tools he uses to compete in business.

“I was here because others gave,” Lutz said. “Because others took an interest in me, I was able to get an education and acquire the foundation to become who I am today. I was provided an incredible opportunity and I believe I will never be able to give back anything close to the value of what I was given, but that doesn’t mean I’m not going to try.”

“I like seeing the energy that they have,” Lutz said of the students. “I like talking to them about what is getting ready to happen in their lives – the adventure they are about to experience.”

“It’s rewarding to come back and see the students so engaged,” said Williams, executive vice president and chief commercial officer for Caiman Energy, and former member of NMSU’s Foundation Board.

“I still do some consulting, as a result I stay pretty current with business concepts,” said Arnold, who owned seven NAPA Auto Parts stores with his wife, Nancy, before instructing at the NAPA Store Management School. “Nancy, also an NMSU business graduate, has been my business partner for over 50 years since our marriage in 1967 and graduation in 1968.”

“I’m impressed with the caliber of students at New Mexico State, and the work ethic of the students,” Mallory said. “I go to a lot of college campuses and recruit employees. The NMSU students seem very polite and very respectful. They are achievers.”

“The visit is an opportunity to impart a bit of experience that may help these students in the future,” Williams said. “It may get the students to understand some of the things I wish I had done differently, such as getting to know all of the many benefits and opportunities that NMSU has to offer, and to become more involved with the university itself as opposed to simply being a student.”

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This plate from Mexico was used by vehicles drawn by animals.



This plate was made during the final year when the state issued annual license plates. After that, it began issuing renewal stickers.



This plate was originally issued to then-Gov. Richard C. Dillon in 1928. He was the first New Mexico governor to receive a "#1" plate.

# Residents have bumper crop of New Mexico license plates

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

On several walls in Bill Johnston's house near Organ, you can see the colorful and unique history of New Mexico license plates, including several that are more than a century old.

It's the most complete collection of New Mexico passenger-car license plates in the world, and includes one of only three plates known to exist that were issued in Raton in 1911 – the year before New Mexico became a state and began issuing license plates.

Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Las Vegas began issuing plates in 1910, when New Mexico was still a territory. Raton became the fourth and last municipal jurisdiction to require licensing of motor vehicles. Johnston's Raton plate, made of leather with metal numerals attached, is "the earliest known surviving

plate in New Mexico," he said.

Johnston, a retired engineer and mathematician, began collecting New Mexico license plates decades ago.

"No one has more knowledge of New Mexico license plates than Bill does," said Johnston's friend and fellow license-plate collector Richard Miller of Las Cruces.

The two met when Miller bought a copy of Johnston's 596-page book, "Early New Mexico License Plates." Despite the name, its four editions (the last in 2016) catalog the state's entire license-plate history.

Johnston and Miller operate the nonprofit New Mexico Transportation History Project (NMTHP), which includes Johnston's work on New Mexico motor vehicle registration over the past quarter century.

Johnston has spent hun-

dreds of hours and thousands of dollars putting together a database of New Mexico vehicle registration records from 1912-38, when the state stopped retaining historical records.

He and others who assisted on the project keyed in early hand-written records and electronically scanned printed records into fully searchable databases. Using them, the owner of a particular license plate can be identified, as well as what vehicle a grandparent or great-grandparent owned 75 to 100 years ago.

Johnston doesn't have a favorite plate from his collection.

"They're all interesting," he said, "except the modern ones – they're all the same."

The state issued a new license plate every year until 1959, after which it began issuing renewal stickers.



New Mexico license plate collectors and NMplates.org founders of the New Mexico Transportation History Project Bill Johnston, left, and Richard Miller.



# Thanksgiving

It's Thanksgiving here in the U.S.A. Canada had theirs in October. Good neighbors, we are. It is something both countries can be thankful for. Either one of us could have moved in, only to find North Korea or Syria lived next door.

Our countries are blessed. North America's a pretty good neighborhood. We have big backyards full of timber, pasture, minerals and oil. We have flowerbeds with fertile soil growing corn and rice and peaches.

We're good mechanics, electricians, cowboys, baseball players, teachers and students. Naysayers deride our education system, but look around. Who graduated all those dunces that are winning the Nobel prizes, leading the free world and feeding the starving from Somalia to Cuba?

Need something more to be thankful for? How 'bout the Bill of Rights. It and subsequent amendments guarantee our rights to speak, preach, own guns, vote, have our privacy and be treated equally regardless if we're rich or poor, immigrant or Indian, socialist or libertarian.

We have a Constitution that protects us from our government. A pretty profound concept. It's as if the writers could predict the Stalins, Hitlers, Kim Jong Uns and penny ante politicians.

Those of us who belong to the land can count our blessings daily. We turn the earth and raise our livestock knowing in the recesses of our



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brain that we are an essential cog in the wheel of life. Our daily battles often obscure the contribution we make to mankind.

When we have to replant our wheat or treat a sick calf we give

no thought that what we produce might wind up in a refugee camp in Ethiopia or a lunchbox in the oilfields of the North Sea. We're thankful we can pay the interest on the note, but somewhere, someone is thankful that their children got to eat.

And if we're lucky we can sit down to this Thanksgiving meal surrounded by family and friends. We can look across the table brimming with turkey, dressing, ham, prime rib, gravy, sweet potatoes, creamed onions, pumpkin pie and cranberries. Bounty of our own making.

It is a quirk of fate that we live where we live and do what we do. It is true we can always find something to complain about that detracts from our blessings. But sometimes it is wise to look at our lives in the context of the whole world. That's what Thanksgiving Day is for. It comes once a year just to remind us how fortunate we really are.

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## PLATE

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New Mexico plates have been issued in a rainbow of colors, with background and lettering colors changing every year from 1913 to 1969. And, from 1933-60, truck plates were the reverse colors of passenger car plates, except for two years, 1945 and 1947, when they were completely different colors.

The state stopped issuing separate "truck" plates for pickups in 1992.

All those colors make New Mexico's the best license plates of any state to collect, Johnston said.

He also has nearly complete collections of New Mexico motorcycle, boat, amateur radio operator, state Highway Department and other plates.

The same is true for Miller's collections of truck, passenger car and other state plates. He also has a sizeable collection of license plates from other states and countries.

Miller became a serious collector in 2003 when he visited a license-plate factory in Germany while working for the U.S. Department of Justice.

He also collected plates while serving in Iraq, the Philippines and Mexico, including Mexican plates for vehicles drawn by horses and oxen and "carros de mano" – hand-drawn carts. He also has a complete collection of small state license plates that were issued in Wheaties cereal boxes in 1953 and '54.

Both Johnston's and Miller's collections include rare windshield stickers from 1943. The state issued no plates that year because of the metal shortage caused by World War II.

Miller has a sizeable

collection of vanity plates, which the state first began issuing in 1967.

They include "LUV BUG," "MAÑANA" and "HIOFFCR."

A retired New Mexico State Police (NMSP) officer, Miller has many old NMSP license plates, beginning with a 1941 motorcycle plate, plus patrol-car plates from each decade up to the present.

Johnston and Miller continue to build their collections through purchases, donations and trades at swap meets all over the country and online via eBay and their website.

On their own vehicles, Johnston has a spy-neuter plate, an amateur radio plate and a horseless carriage plate on his three cars. Miller's SUV has a New Mexico Tech plate because that's where he works, commuting from Las Cruces.

In addition to the license plates themselves, Johnston's and Miller's collections include some fascinating state history.

For example, Florida is today known as "the Sunshine State." But that designation belonged to New Mexico – and was even on its 1932 license plate – until the state adopted "The

Land of Enchantment" motto in 1941. Florida was the Citrus State until it took over New Mexico's old nickname in 1949.

New Mexico had front and rear license plates from 1924-42 and again from 1948-60, when the front plate was eliminated as a cost-saving measure.

Because of a growing number of vehicles, New Mexico stopped including county number prefixes in 1972. The three-letter/three-number system began for cars that year. A two-letter/four-number scheme for trucks started in 1975.

At the request of automobile manufacturers who wanted standardized bumpers, New Mexico joined all other states in making six-inch by 12-inch license plates in 1956.

The Zia symbol has been on New Mexico license plates since 1927. Red and yellow, the colors of the state flag, were introduced for plates in 1929 and used intermittently until they became permanent in 1979.

Turquoise centennial plates were added in 2012, and proved so popular they continue to be made, but without the 1912-2012 designation.

New Mexico has the only

license plates of any state with "USA" on them. That started in 1969.

The state's earliest vehicle-registration fees were based on horsepower, and then switched to weight. Separate plates for trucks were issued beginning in 1923 because trucks were heavier and their owners could be charged higher fees. The state didn't require drivers' licenses until 1938.

Johnston's collection includes a number of license plates with #1 on them. They belonged originally to New Mexico governors, starting with Richard C. Dillon in 1928.

New Mexico license plates were first issued by the secretary of state's office, and later the state comptroller's office. They are now issued by the Motor Vehicle Division of the state Taxation and Revenue Department.

License plates were made by inmates in the New Mexico State Penitentiary from 1933 until 1998. Since then, they've been made by a company in Nova Scotia, Canada.

For more information, visit [info@NMplates.com](mailto:info@NMplates.com).

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# First-ever NY dog film festival romps to town

## Festival to benefit ACTION Programs for Animals and other animal groups

### BULLETIN REPORT

*Editor's note: See Jeff Berg's review on page 45.*

In 2015 the first NY Dog Film Festival™ premiered in New York City, which grew out of Tracie Hotchner's desire as a pet wellness advocate to expand her Radio Pet Lady Network's outreach to educate the public about adoption, health issues and philosophical aspects of pets in our lives.

Hotchner, author of "The Dog Bible: Everything Your Dog Wants You to Know," created the festival as a unique way of honoring dogs as true family members by bringing together like-minded people to experience the remarkable human-canine bond on film.

Traveling to dozens of cities this year, the NY Dog Film Festival™ will stop at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla Friday, Nov. 24, through Thursday, Nov. 30.

Showtime each night is 7:30. Matinees are 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, and 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30. There are two programs totaling about two hours.

Tickets for the evening showings are \$7, tickets for the Thursday and Sunday matinees are \$6. Tickets are \$6 for seniors over 60, military and students with ID. They are \$5 for Mesilla Valley Film Society members and everyone attending the 7:30 p.m. Wednesday showing.



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### Even kitties love their canine brothers and sisters.

Tickets may be purchased at the door. The Fountain Theatre is located at 2469 Calle De Guadalupe.

Made possible by a grant from the non-profit Petco Foundation, the Dog Film Festival supports a local life-saving shelter wherever it goes. A portion of every ticket sold for the Fountain Theatre showings will benefit Las Cruces' ACTION Programs for Animals and the Spay Neuter Action Program.

ACTION Programs for Animals (APA) is a "progressive animal welfare organization seeking to improve the quality of life for companion animals in Dona Ana County and greatly reduce the number of unwanted animals impounded and euthanized at the municipal shelter," according to a press release. "Since May 2012, more than 3000 animals have been rescued. The majority of these have been dogs and cats/kittens pulled from our municipal

shelter."

"I'm delighted for animal lovers in the community to experience the many ways that people love and need their dogs, while recognizing the great work of a local shelter in bringing pets and their people together," said Hotchner, who is host and producer of 10 pet talk radio shows on her Radio Pet Lady Network, including her award-winning NPR show DOG TALK.

"I've seen firsthand what it's like for a passionate community of pet lovers to come together to share this entertaining, uplifting celebration of the human-canine bond."

Complete descriptions of the two showings may be found at <http://www.dogfilmfestival.com/program>. For more information, visit [www.dogfilmfestival.com](http://www.dogfilmfestival.com). For more information about APA, email [mail@apalascruces.org](mailto:mail@apalascruces.org), call 575-644-0505 or visit [www.actionprogramsforanimals.org](http://www.actionprogramsforanimals.org).

## PET OF THE WEEK



### Jules

Say hello to Jules! He's a 6 1/2-year old shepherd mix who enjoys long sunset strolls and chewing on his favorite bones! He'll enjoy going out and about, or just enjoying a lazy day on the couch with his new family! Come stop by ASCMV to meet this fella today!

### Hours, location and contact information

ASCMV is open from noon to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday; noon to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Info: 575-382-0018.

### Off-site adoption events

• Farmers & Crafts Market: 8 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: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday, 3050 E. Lohman Ave., Bldg. D.

### 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 volunteers, 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.

## CAT'S MEOW ADOPTION CENTER



Hi, my name is Ruidoso, I am a sweet baby and I would love to go home with you and I am litter box trained. Come by and visit me and my wonderful family at 2211 N. Mesquite in Las Cruces. The phone number is 575-642-5239. We are open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

During this time of Thanksgiving, The Cat's Meow Adoption Center would like to thank our wonderful volunteers for generously sharing their time. We also thank the greater Doña Ana County/Las Cruces area for the wonderful support we have received.



# Social Security is here to help

By **RAY VIGIL**

Social Security Public Affairs  
Specialist in El Paso, Texas

Social Security has a toolbox full of resources on its website, [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), to help you with your financial planning. With so many resources, maybe it's easier if we highlight one of our "best."

B.E.S.T. is the Benefit Eligibility Screening Tool, available at <https://ssabest.benefits.gov>. It can help you find out if you might be eligible for retirement, disability, survivors, Supplemental Security Income, or Medicare benefits. Although B.E.S.T. asks you a series of questions to determine your eligibility, they are not personal in nature and the answers are not stored.

On average, it takes only about 10 minutes to complete the B.E.S.T. questionnaire. First, it guides you through the questions needed to find out if you could qualify for benefits. Just to the right of each question is an information icon (a white "i" in a blue circle) that gives you tips on how to answer each question.

The "results" section appears automatically after you have completed some basic questions. B.E.S.T. lists each program for which you might qualify. By clicking on the "read more" tab, you'll find a description of the benefits program, its requirements, and what your next steps should be. If you are eligible for benefits,

you must file an application for benefits with Social Security because B.E.S.T. is not an application. The best way to do this is by visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

You can go back and narrow your resource responses by answering additional questions. After you have reviewed the results, you can print a copy for your records or email yourself a copy.

B.E.S.T. doesn't screen for the Extra Help program, which helps with Medicare Part D prescription drug plan costs. You can see if you qualify for that at [www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare/prescriptionhelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare/prescriptionhelp).

The results couldn't be clearer — investing just ten minutes can yield all the possible resources available to you from Social Security. Now, that's a tool worth using.

## One fact you should know about Disability

Disability is something many people aren't faced with in a direct way. The reality is, a 20-year-old worker currently has a one-in-four chance of becoming disabled before reaching retirement age. That makes Social Security disability benefits something you should learn about and understand.

One fact you should know is Social Security's definition of disability: the inability to work because of a severe condition that is expected to last for a year or end in death.

Social Security dis-

ability benefits replace part of your income when you become disabled and are unable to work. Other disability programs may have partial disability or short-term disability, but federal law requires a stricter definition of disability for Social Security benefits. The definition of disability used to qualify you for Social Security Disability Insurance is generally the same one that is used for Supplemental Security Income benefits.

Most people focus on the medical severity of their condition when filing for disability benefits. They provide medical records that show how severe the condition is. Since Social Security defines severity in terms of being unable to work, we also need complete work information.

You can read a description about the process of evaluating whether you can work or not and the severity of your condition in our publication, Disability Benefits at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10029.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10029.pdf), under the section, "How we make the decision." Understanding how we make the disability decision helps you see the importance of information you provide about your condition and the types of work you have done. For more information about how we evaluate your work, you should review this section on our website: [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/step4and5](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/step4and5).

htm.

Remember, when you provide the details about your condition and your work, you're creating a picture of your individual situation. These details show the extent of your disabling condition. These are examples of some of the types of specific information we need about your prior work:

- Main responsibilities of your job(s);

- Main tasks you performed;

- Dates you worked (month and year);

- Number of hours a day you worked per week;

- Rate of pay you received;

- Tools, machinery and equipment you used;

- Knowledge, skills and abilities your work required;

- Extent of supervision you had;

- Amount of independent judgment you used;

- Objects you had to lift and carry and how much they weighed;

- How much you had to sit, stand, walk, climb, stoop, kneel, crouch, crawl, balance;

- How you used your hands, arms, and legs;

- Speaking, hearing and vision requirements of your job(s); and

- Environmental conditions of your workplace(s).

Disability is an unpredictable element in our lives. Help us help you by educating yourself about disability benefits, and by providing all the specific information we ask for when you file for benefits.

## SENIOR CALENDAR

**Fraud Watch:** Las Cruces AARP chapter will hold a public information presentation, Fraud Watch at noon Dec. 4 at Doña Ana Senior Center, Dec. 8 at Placitas Senior Center and Dec. 13 at Radium Springs Senior Center.

**Smart driving classes:** Hosted by AARP Chapter 1230, 1-5 p.m. Dec. 4, at Senior Circle, 3948 E. Lohman Ave., behind Walgreens. Info/reservations: 575-522-0502.

**ALR events:** Academy for Learning in Retirement hosts programs in November and 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,

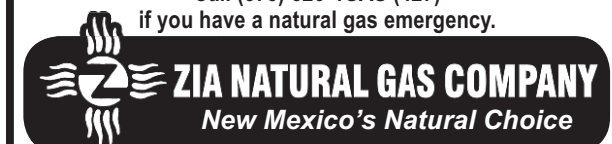
\$5 for non-members, \$5 to become a member. November programs are themed "Traversing the Difficult" and focuses on racial and class injustice and inequality, as well as global militarization, historical disparities in labor laws and other social justice issues. December's programs focus on "Why We Still 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).

**AARP:** General meeting of the Las Cruces chapter, every third Wednesday at Senior Circle, 3948 E Lohman behind Walgreen's.



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# NMSU receives grant for pest management research

By JANE MOORMAN

For the Bulletin

With increased awareness that misuse of synthetic pesticides are a health risk, the implementation of integrated pest management has increased. Despite the fact that research demonstrates the benefit of IPM, widespread adoption of the practice in urban and agricultural systems is still lacking in New Mexico.

New Mexico State University's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences is working to highlight the benefits of IPM, overcome perceived barriers and increase the adoption across stakeholder groups. Many such groups, including homeowners, Master Gardeners, urban small farms and parks departments, are eager to learn and implement IPM practices.

NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service plans to provide research-based IPM information to these stakeholders. To do so, Ashley Bennett, Urban IPM specialist, and Kelly White, Master Gardener program manager, have obtained a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant for delivery of IPM education and outreach to New Mexico communities.

"We will receive \$634,286 over the next three years to implement several projects," Bennett said. "The grant will support a research and demonstration garden at the Los Lunas Agricultural Science Center, advanced IPM curriculum for the Master Gardener program, education on pollinator health and conservation, IPM strategies for parks and recreational lands, and it will develop a citizen science program to monitor beneficial insects in the urban



PHOTO COURTESY ASHLEY BENNETT

**New Mexico State University's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences has received a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant to conduct integrated pest management education and outreach to New Mexico's communities. One project will be community demonstration gardens in Los Lunas and pollinator habitat at the ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden.**

areas." Master Gardeners will be involved in many such projects, specifically the demonstration garden at NMSU's Agricultural Science Center at Los Lunas.

"We are going to develop an IPM curriculum for training Master Gardeners," White said. "Currently we have an Extension IPM specialist present during the annual training, but we don't have a set curriculum." Standardized training will allow volunteers to become proficient in teaching IPM to the public. In the tradition of Master Gardeners helping agriculture and horticulture Extension

agents by giving workshops and answering questions, they will now be helping the Extension IPM specialists by answering questions from the public.

"NMSU will also partner with the ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden to install pollinator habitat that will highlight pollinator IPM and conservation," Bennett said. "We will also work with the ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden on a lecture series that will focus on (related) topics. The grant also facilitates pollinator identification walks for the public that we hope to hold at several locations across the state."

The grant also supports the installation of pollinator habitat. "We are working with the Las Cruces city parks department to install one demonstration garden in that community," Bennett said.

A third project will identify and develop tree maps in communities.

"When I asked Extension agents for areas that needed additional outreach and education, tree identification was one area identified," Bennett said. "Parks departments and gardening groups such as the Master Gardeners need tree identification skills to perform

tree surveys and identify tree pests attacking trees, but these groups can struggle with tree identification. This project will help park employees, Master Gardeners, students and the general public learn to identify New Mexico trees."

Bennett plans to collaborate with other New Mexico universities or colleges to create self-guided tree identifications maps. The grant will hire students who will identify the trees, record their location using GPS, label the trees with their scientific and common names, and create a map.

Included in the grant is a project to use a drone to identify trees experiencing stress.

"We will test the ability of the drone to identify stressed trees from the air, which we hope will improve IPM monitoring in city parks and urban forests. Once we identify a stressed tree using a drone, we can inspect the tree on the ground and determine the cause of the stress, which could be from insects, drought or disease," Bennett said.

Another focus area of the grant is to establish a beneficial insect monitoring and reporting system.

"We are seeking urban homeowners to help with this project, which will start next summer," said Bennett. "We would like homeowners to conduct 10-minute observations in their backyards at a flower patch recording visits by beneficial insects. A phone app will be developed so volunteers can collect the data right on their phone."

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# How much weight can a horse carry?

**H**orses look like such big, strong creatures. Often, people who have not been around large animals will find them frightening at first simply because of their size. This can make it difficult to evaluate an individual equine's capacity for weight carrying, since all horses seem huge.

The average riding horse weighs between 800 pounds and 1,200 pounds. A horse's build will be a factor in his weight carrying limits as will his age, health and degree of soundness (strength of limbs). The rider's experience is also taken into account since an educated rider is easier to carry. The addition of saddle, blanket and other accessories must be added to the equation.

A veterinary guideline was established years ago that a sound, healthy horse should not carry more than 20 percent of his own body weight, determined by the combined weight of rider and equipment. This means that a 1,000-pound horse should not carry more than 200 pounds on his back. A horse or pony pulling a cart or wagon can, of course, pull much more weight than this ratio because the load is rolling on wheels.

A friend of mine talks about always being placed upon the smaller horses at "dude ranches" because of her own light weight. This makes me respect those ranches all the more since they work to properly match the horses' capabilities. When horses are ridden into "trappy" country



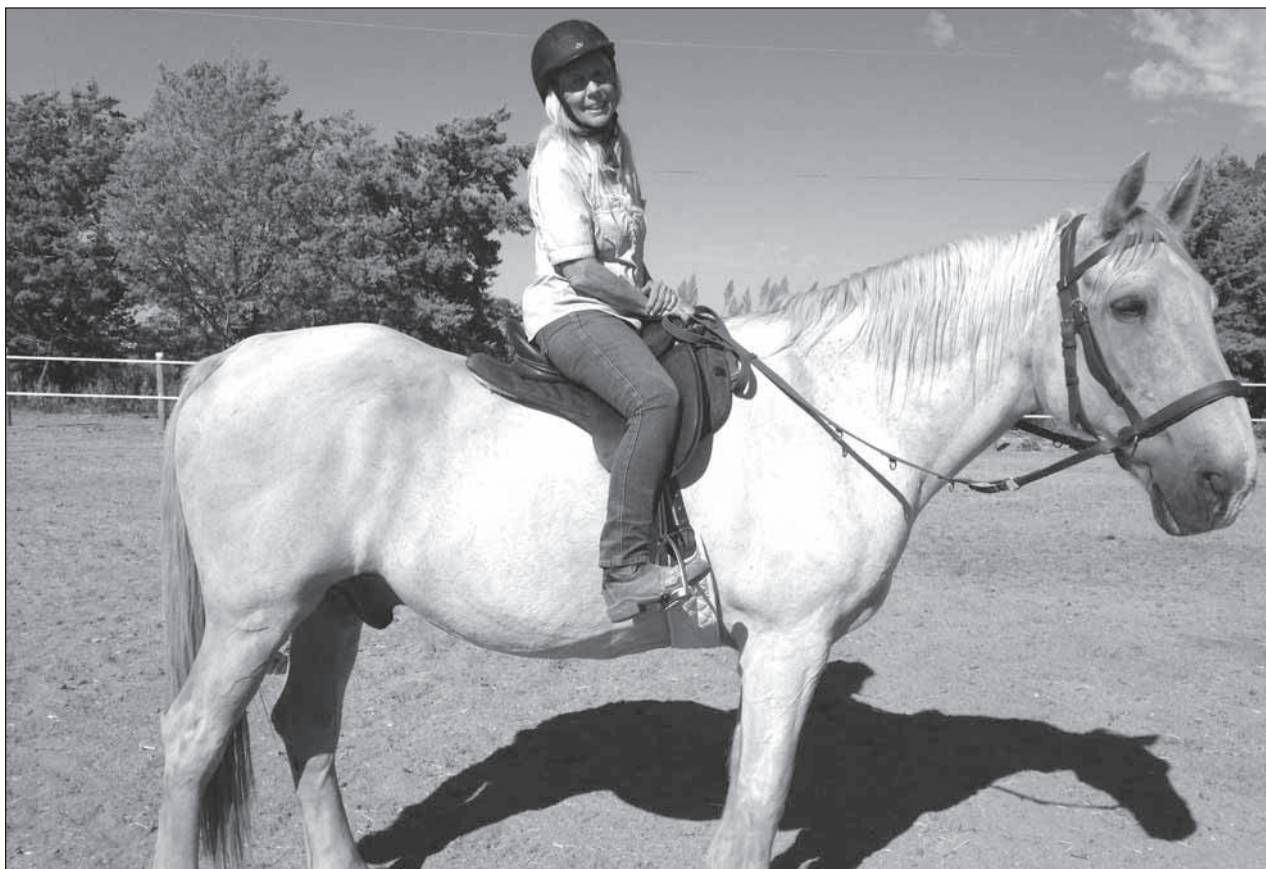
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Stable Woman

with lots of hills, stones and altitude, the equine body will be further stressed. Age is also a huge factor since the equine spine is not fully calcified until the age of 6. The ends of leg bones are cartilage, not bone yet, until the horse is 3 ½ years old. Easy activities with an appropriate-sized rider are not detrimental for the 3 to 4 year old. Stressful activities with a young horse will break down skeletal and muscular systems, often leaving the horse irreparably lame at age 7 or 8!

Proper diet, weather conditions and things like the condition of the horse's hooves are all considerations in choosing an appropriate rider and saddle – or, in choosing a horse to purchase for a rider or family. A 1,600 to 1,800-pound draft horse would likely be able to carry a group of siblings at one time. A 500-pound pony should not be burdened with over 100 pounds of rider(s) including the saddle.

While we all know at least one exception where a very large rider is handled well by a small (but usually stocky and robust) horse, that rider is certainly athletic and experienced and will be



able to stay balanced at all times, aiding the horse's efforts. When we start mounting special needs clients, beginning students and injured riders for physical therapy, the ratio of human weight to equine weight needs even more adjustment to ease the burden on the horse.

There are ways to support extra comfort for the horse by using special equipment. Nowadays we have access to memory foam saddle pads, gel pads, flexible saddle trees and unique textures of saddle blankets that disperse the weight stress across the area of contact. Buffering the concussion from a rider's seat can help the rider's comfort as well. Simple consideration and common sense can add

years to a horse's life and his usefulness. Kindness is never a mistake.

And there is something to be said for aesthetics as it relates to function. The tiny rider on a large horse can look out of balance if her legs cannot reach below the saddle, but as long as the horse is gentle and responds to verbal instructions, no harm is done.

The very large rider on a very small equine will look equally out of balance and the harm that might be done is exclusively to the horse. Things like long backs versus short backs (just like a bridge, the short expanse is stronger), small or large hooves, heart and lung condition can be important considerations in the equine. And

one thing a rider has real control over is the weight and the quality of the saddle used.

Western style saddles spread the rider's weight over a larger area, but some can weigh as much as 50 pounds! English style saddles concentrate the weight of the rider into a more concise area but can weigh as little as 7 pounds! The Australian style saddles we prefer at Dharmahorse combine the best of both, the lighter weight and ease of use wrapped up into one saddle.

Saddles need to fit a horse properly and never touch the equine spine nor pinch the shoulders nor place the rider over the horse's kidneys. We work to match fit for the horse as a priority (adding gel

pads and fleece as needed) then comfort/fit for the rider with safety being the big focus.

If we spend time, money, effort and love developing a horse into an educated, gentle partner, it is surely worth the consideration of how much we make him carry. A horse with a light to moderate burden will live a longer, healthier, happier life.

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## Counting carbs? Count me out

By PHIL WILKE

For the Bulletin

I used to be big. Not Jupiter or Australia big, maybe just a Pontiac minivan. Now I'm a Chevy mid-sized sedan, hoping to work my way down to Alfa Romeo roadster.

I've dropped a lot of weight by counting calories, exercising a lot more and complaining about having to count calories and exercise more, but it seems to be working. Or at least it worked up to a point. I have plateaued on weight loss for several months, despite coming in under my daily calorie goal and sweating to the oldies on the exercise bike and elliptical machine.

(Note to the people around me at the gym:

you have permission to punch me if my air guitar becomes too wild or my singing is too loud. With the earbuds in and the volume turned up, I have a skewed concept of personal space.)

My doctor told me that it's time to start tracking another nutritional nasty that is likely blocking further weight loss: carbohydrates. It's now recommended that I limit my total carb intake to 100 grams per day.

Do you know how little 100 grams of carbs is?

It's a tortilla, half a piece of bread and seven Corn Flakes.

It's a small bowl of mashed potatoes, three jelly beans and licking a banana peel.

It's a slice of thin-crust pizza, two shots of

cherry cola and hitting your thumb with a hammer.

It's a dozen corn chips and looking at a photograph of cookies for three minutes.

You can eat 100 grams of carbohydrates in a hurry if you're not careful, and even when you are careful the amount of carbs in your diet adds up very, very quickly. Fortunately, there is a way to negate some of the harmful effects of carbs.

One gram of fiber is said to cancel out one gram of carbs, so we should all eat more fiber. But I could eat enough fiber to poop wicker furniture and it still wouldn't help. I could eat my entire dining room set and it wouldn't help me get enough fiber in my diet. I could eat nothing but Bran Flakes morning, noon and night, and I'd barely be able to write off any carbs.

Fiber is nature's way of making inedible foods mandatory.

There are foods that allegedly help us get more fiber in our diet, if only we can stomach them. Chia seeds are chockful of fiber. Who knew? Actually who knew there was actually something called chia seeds NOT used for growing hair on oddly shaped pottery? Flax seeds are jam-packed with fiber, which is great for when I want to grow flax to weave my own clothing. Parsnips are bursting with fiber. However, you have to pack them with carbs to make them edible, so it's

## Shall we Dance?

The great Persian poet, Jhalaladin Rumi, was once asked why Sufis dance all the time and he said "because life is more like a dance."

More like a dance than what? Ah, that is what modern New Thought spirituality answers so beautifully. Our experience of life is meant to be more like a

dance than hard work; than extreme conflict; than emotional prison, than luck and effort. Life is more like a partnership with an unseen but very present power.

No matter who we are – our skin color, our culture, our beliefs – this truth applies to everyone. What we have in common is more than our desires, our hopes and dreams. What we have in common is our Source. What we share is a principle of co-creation.

We understand what it means to share principles.

We share gravity and electro-magnetism and all the physical laws that govern Planet Earth.

They govern us, too, to an extent. We have learned to interact with gravity in such a way as to make it serve us, and we have learned to transcend it via space travel.

We have not made much progress understanding our Source.



CAROL CARNES

Living Consciously

We have called it by the name, God.

There is a Christian god, a Muslim god, a Jewish god. Hindi and Buddhists think of it as nameless and unknow-

able.

There are nature gods and fertility gods, to name a few.

It is only New Thought spirituality that says "one life is being all life, acting by means of that life and is available to that life as its co-creator" (its dancing partner!).

"God makes everything out of itself by becoming the thing it makes." So wrote Ernest Holmes in The Science of Mind.

That is what grabbed me in 1975 when I first heard it and it will not let me go.

What do we suppose this world would look like if we were all raised to know that? It would be Heaven on Earth.

The number one cause of disease, crime, violence, greed, anxiety, depression and all the terrible maladies we deal with, would be eliminated.

That number one cause that all humans share to some degree, is a sense of powerlessness; the sense that

we are either random acts of nature or the victims of a vengeful god who would rather smite us than bless us. Most humans live in profound ignorance of this universe and our place in it.

Superstition and dogma continue to take their toll on our happiness and shared prosperity.

The questions for all of us are:

How deep is our belief in the simple truth that God is the universal aspect of us? How much superstition do we still carry?

How powerful do we feel on any given day? Do we feel the Presence of our silent partner?

How to know? It is easy. The more we attribute the cause of our experience to anything outside of us, the further from Source we have put ourselves.

The presence is constant. It is more than principle. It acts as principle, guaranteeing access to everyone. God does not play favorites.

It is equally distributed throughout all sentient life. It is within every one of us.

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## HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

**Family Caregiver Conference:** 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Dec. 2, Alma d' Arte Charter School, 402 W. Court Ave. The Southwest Family Caregiver Conference hosts 150 caregivers for a free, day-long educational event that equips caregivers for better caring for themselves and their loved ones facing Alzheimer's and dementia. Presentation, breakout sessions, respite reimbursement, off-site day care and exhibitors with resources for participants. Info: Julia Smith, 505-266-4473.

**Kids' night out:** Las Cruces Junior Jazzercise

will hold a kids' night out Winter Wonderland Party for boys and girls age 4-12, 6-9 p.m. Friday Dec. 15 at Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center, 3217 El Camino Real. Cost is \$20 per child if registered by Dec. 8 of \$25 after that. Siblings are half price. Info: Amy Richards: 941-705-0800, lascrucesjuniorjazzercise@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Junior Jazzercise Las Cruces.

**Adult Dance Fitness:** Dance your way to fitness 8:30-10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, or ballet 8-9 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. Professional instruc-

tor. 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 volunteers 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:** Sponsored by National Osteoporosis Foundation/New Mexico Affiliate, 11:30 a.m. first Thursday. 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.

# Healthy turnout



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The business, medical and political communities attended a ribbon cutting Nov. 1 for MountainView Regional Medical Center's new free-standing trauma center, 2811 N. Main St. The facility is equipped to treat patients with illnesses and injuries that require a higher level of care, with 10 private patient rooms and radiology and lab services onsite. It is open 24/7.

## CARBS

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a push. Teff is full of fiber. What's teff? No one knows because it's inedible but some scientist somewhere has measured its fiber content and said we should eat more of it.

I owe a debt of gratitude to the company that put their calorie counter on line for free. I don't mind the occasional ad because it's given me a great accountability tool to get a handle on my weight loss. Thank you. The only quibble I have with it is how it measures serving sizes. A cup of something like rice I know. A tablespoon of something like salad dressing I know.

But 75 grams of vegetables, 4 cubic inches pasta, 1 hoghead of butter beans or 7 carats

of carrots is difficult to translate into actual cooking and eating portions, especially in a small kitchen. I'm doing my best and actually made something slightly edible recently: grilled chicken breasts with asparagus, sautéed in garlic and lemon. I should have taken a picture of it; it's a feat unlikely to happen again.

I shall continue to slog away in my personal battle of the bulge, counting calories and carbs, hoping my waist wastes away and I wish you the best in fighting your figure.

Maybe we can discuss it over a steaming bowl of teff.

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At Jayden Perez's signing ceremony are, from left, Saul Perez (father), Jayden Perez, Vanessa Perez (mother) and Oñate Head Coach Evelyn Reyes.

# Signing up

## High school basketball players eye college careers on the court

### BULLETIN REPORT

Two Las Cruces high school basketball players signed national letters of intent on National Signing Day to play college ball at their chosen universities. In the process, they will earn a scholarship to attend Division I schools.

Sarah Abney, a 5'8" senior shooting guard from Las Cruces High School, signed to play basketball

for Sacramento State University of the Big Sky Conference. The ceremony took place Nov. 13 at the LCHS Library.

Abney, the daughter of longtime, successful Bulldawg girls basketball coach Matt Abney, becomes the first-ever Las Cruces Bulldawg girls basketball player to sign a Division I scholarship. During her high school career, she was named to the All-State 2nd team as a sophomore

and junior. She has made 144 3-pointers entering the 2017 season.

She plans on majoring in Sport Management at Sacramento State, whose nickname is the Hornets.

Jayden Perez, a 5-8 senior guard for Oñate High School, signed a letter of intent to play for the San Diego State University Aztecs. The ceremony took place Nov. 14 at the OHS Commons.

She also had offers from the University of

New Mexico and Abilene Christian.

As a junior last season, Perez averaged nearly 20 points, 5.8 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 1.7 steals. Selected to the 2017 All-U.S.A. New Mexico Girls Basketball Team, she led Oñate to the Class 6A state tournament, earning Class 6A all-state second-team honors along the way.

Perez played her freshman and sophomore seasons at Las Cruces High,

capturing District 3-6A Player of the Year and Class 6A all-state second-team honors each year.

Perez also plays AAU for Team Fusion in El Paso, Texas. In 2015 she was selected to the Dallas Super 64 AAU National Tourney Showcase Game, where she scored 16 points and added six assists and five rebounds.

Perez has an 89 scouts' grade and three stars from ESPN as the 73rd-

ranked point guard in her class.

"Jayden is a blue-collar, high-energy player that thrives off of doing the little things," said SDSU Head Coach Stacie Terry. "You can always hear her on the floor. She's great academically and gives us the intangibles that will take us where we need to go as a program."

A 4.0 student, Perez is ranked seventh in her class.



PHOTOS COURTESY MATT ABNEY

Top: Front, Alyssa (sister), Karen (mom), Sarah, Matt (dad/head coach). Back row, assistant coaches Krystalynn Wilkins, Samantha Mendoza, Lori Selby, Rich Myers.

Above: The Abney family: Alyssa, Sarah, Matt, Karen



# Hard work pays off for young gymnastic squad

## BULLETIN REPORT

The 25th Annual Aspenfest two-day gymnastics meet took place Nov. 4-5 in Ruidoso Downs. More than 300 athletes from gymnastics associations in New Mexico and Texas participated, including the Gym Magic Angels of Las Cruces: Junior Olympic (JO) Levels 2-5 and the Xcel team, competing for the first time in the 2017-18 season.

"The girls put in all the hard work and I am incredibly proud to coach such a motivated group of girls, said Laura Gilchrist, coach for the Junior Olympic Team (Level 4 and 5) "I'm just so proud and happy for them. Hopefully, we can keep up the momentum."

## The results

Coach for Junior Olympic (JO) Team (Level 4 and 5): Laura Gilchrist

Coach for JO Level 3: James Lucero

Coach for JO Level 2: Shanta Johnson

Coach for Xcel Team: Linda Vanisi

## Level 2 Angels

Isabella Jacquez 3rd All Around and 3rd on Floor

Emilee Francis 2nd All Around 3rd on Bars

## Level 3 Angels

Kamryn Argo 1st All Around 1st on Beam, 1st on Floor

Kayleen Enriquez 3rd



**A podium sweep for Lauren Owens, Randi Hassall and Alysa Johnson**

All Around 3rd Vault and 3rd Floor

## Level 4 Angels

Kelsey Clutter 2nd Floor

## Level 5 Angels

Alicia Martinez 2nd Beam

Audrey Barrio 1st Vault 1st Beam 3rd Floor 1st All Around

Riley Moulton 3rd All Around 1st Floor

Lauren Owens 1st All Around 2nd Bars 2nd Beam 2nd Floor 3rd Vault

Alysa Johnson 3rd All Around 1st Beam 2nd Bars 3rd Floor

Randi Hassall 1st Floor

Gym Magic Level 5 Girls earned 2nd place Team Trophy out of 12 teams.

## Xcel Results

### Bronze Level

Kimber Lockridge 3rd All Around 1st Floor  
Kaitlin New 3rd All Around 1st Floor 2nd Bars

### Silver Level

Amber Ortiz 1st All Around 1st Bars & Beam  
Atalya Hunter 2nd All Around 2nd Bars & Floor, 1st Vault

Marisol Gallegos 3rd All Around 1st Floor 2nd Beam

Megan McDaniel 2nd Vault & Floor

Lillian Balizan 1st All Around 1st Beam 2nd Floor

Jasmarie DeLaO 2nd All Around 2nd Vault, Bars & Floor

Jenavive Edwards 3rd All Around 3rd AA, 2nd Vault & Beam

Lexi Montalvo 1st Vault Bars

Danielle Carter 1st AA Bars & Floor

Abelin Torres 2nd AA Beam & Floor, 1st Vault  
Yasmine Mercer 3rd AA

Leilany Diaz 1st Beam

## Gold Level

Kaylie Harvey 2nd AA & Bars 1st Floor

Valeria Colato 3rd AA 2nd Beam

## Platinum Level

Rylee Atchley 1st AA sweep



**ABOVE: Level 5 Team Picture, from left, Lauren Owens, Audrey Barrio, Alysa Johnson, Alicia Martinez, Riley Moulton, Randi Hassall**

**LEFT: Audrey Barrio, Riley Moulton**



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# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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**Lauryn Hodges** is an 18-year-old senior at Mesilla Valley Christian School. She is on the Lady Blazers tennis, softball and volleyball teams. As team captain this season, Hodges had 102 points scored serving; 37 of those were aces, a total of 412 attacks with 135 kills and 78 blocks. She is quiet, focused and helps keep her team on track to achieving goals. Hodges will always find a smile and an encouraging word for her teammates and those around her. She is a dedicated student, with a 3.40 GPA. Outside of school and sports, Hodges likes crafts, hiking, shopping, baking, decorating and binge-watching Netflix.



**Noah Coyle** is a 16-year-old junior at Mesilla Valley Christian School. He plays on the Son Blazers baseball, basketball and football teams. Coyle has had 34 carries for 215 yards and five touchdowns, 18 receptions for 404 yards and six touchdowns, 48 solo tackles and 43 assists, six interceptions for 123 yards, seven pass deflections and 14 kickoff returns for a total of 318 yards. He is a hardworking individual who only does what is best for others. Coyle's leadership is beyond his age; he is a true example of what a student athlete should be. He is a dedicated student, with a 3.90 GPA. Outside of school and sports, Coyle enjoys swimming, fishing and going to the movies.

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