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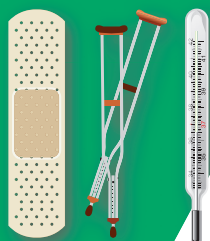
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A performer from Odd Lab, a fire-dancing troupe based in Las Cruces and El Paso, entertains guests at the 2017 Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Gala and Awards Banquet on Feb. 18 at Hotel Encanto. For more photos from the gala, turn to page 25.

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Ugalde is feted with award

A Doña Ana County Sheriff's deputy was recently named the recipient of the Larry Willard Flame of Hope award for her continued dedication to the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics.



UGALDE

Deputy Michelle Ugalde has been involved with LETR for more than 10 years and has served on its executive committee as State Director. She was named to the Final Leg team that ran the Flame of Hope through South Korea in 2012 and was recently named to the team again for this year's World Games in Austria next month.

"It is quite an honor to receive this kind of award," Ugalde said, "but the real honor is the ability to work with all of the athletes in New Mexico and around the world. There's no greater feeling than to see the accomplishments of this organization through their eyes."

Sheriff Enrique Vigil called the award "exemplary" and said the honor is what defines the heart and soul of his department.

"Deputy Ugalde continues to symbolize the partnership with this community that we strive for every day throughout Doña Ana County," Vigil said.

Ugalde will leave for Austria in March. The Winter Games can be followed by visiting www.lettr-finalleg.org.

OPINION

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City seeks volunteers

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? The City of Las Cruces wants you if you are.

The city has places for volunteers in everything from administrative support, library and animal services to sewing/quilting/knitting, arts and crafts and computer instruction.

The city's Network Volunteer Center connects individuals age 18 and older to volunteer positions at 20-plus sites through the city," according to a city brochure.

"Our volunteers mentor youth in after-school programs, serve as museum guides, provide library services and serve meals to seniors, among many other things."

To volunteer, complete a volunteer application, attend a pre-service orientation session and get matched with a "meaningful volunteer experience based on your skills, interests and schedule," the city said.

Here are some of the city's volunteer opportunities: helping with yard maintenance for

needy seniors, greeters and receptionists in the Community Development Department, front-desk coverage and other administrative tasks at city hall, tutoring and mentoring youth in the Juvenile Citation Program, acting as a greeter/tour guide/docent/receptionist in a city museum, learning to quilt or crochet and helping the community with the items you make, serving meals at senior meal sites, delivering Meals on Wheels and delivering pet food to Meals on Wheels recipients.

The city's monthly "Volunteer Connection" newsletter lists available volunteer opportunities with the city and with other programs like El Caldito Soup Kitchen, Gospel Rescue Mission and Boys and Girls Clubs of Las Cruces. It also lists upcoming special events.

The city Network Volunteer Center is located at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

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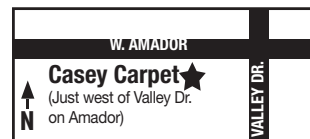
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Mayor Miyagishima: City in good shape

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

“The state of the city is strong,” Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima told a full house in city council chambers on Feb. 15, as he delivered his 10th State of the City address.

“Nowhere is change more visible, of course, than downtown, where in September we dedicated our beautiful civic plaza,” Miyagishima said. “In coming months, we will be watching the transformation of the old city office building into a large facility for La Clinica de la Familia, and the conversion of our former city hall into an office

building for the federal courts.”

Private developers are “giving shape to the new restaurant and entertainment complex” between the Amador Hotel and where My Brother’s Place stood on Main Street, he



MIYAGISHIMA

said. “The upper floors of the Bank of the West building have been fully rented out, and we are awaiting the announcement of a new restaurant for the ground floor.”

Miyagishima recognized Downtown Las Cruces Partnerships

Executive Director Arianna Parsons for “all the great work that you and your organization do,” and also acknowledged “the foresight and strong financial stewardship of successive city councils (for) an impressive range of capital improvements.”

The mayor also complimented Robert Garza for his leadership as city manager. Garza retired last year, but, the mayor said, new City Manager Stuart Ed “is already doing a great job.”

Acknowledging that losing SITEL Corporation, which is closing its Las Cruces facility in March, was a disappointment, Miyagishima said,

“one of the strengths of our local economy has been its diversity,” including agriculture and “a strong health care and service sector.”

Federal and state institutions like White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico State University and Johnson Space Center also “have provided solid employment for generations of local workers,” he said.

Miyagishima, who was elected mayor in 2007 after six years on the council, saved his harshest criticism for New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez and her predecessor, Bill Richardson.

“Irresponsible tax cuts by the last two state

administrations,” the mayor said, compounded a decline in federal employment following the 2008 recession, causing “a strong ripple effect through our local economy.”

“This decline was largely preventable,” Miyagishima said. “It also can be reversed. The question isn’t one of big government or small government, but appropriately-sized government.”

The city’s recent expansion of its Economic Development Department (EDD) underlines the need for balance between “persuading outside businesses to relocate to our area (and an) equally strong commitment to the business owners who have already invested in

our city,” the mayor said.

“A key early objective (of the EDD) is to expedite the permitting process, with the creation of a one-stop shop for all building and development applications.”

A local partnership that made Lynn Middle School the city’s first community school could create “the first of many ... sites for lifelong learning, engagement and support” and add to the city’s quality of life, the mayor said.

Public safety is also essential, along with a “commitment to careful planning for growth and development” that includes more “ball fields, bike trails and play-

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grounds.” The city also has to protect “our older neighborhoods,” support “a fair wage for every hour worked” and protect its air and water, Miyagishima said, adding, “We as a city will do whatever we can to build a strong economy for our residents. Las Cruces is unlikely to be the next Silicon Valley or Wall Street. It’s more important to build on who we really are as a city and region, never forgetting who we’ve been and what we can become.”

Another important aspect of local economic development is “that people like to live here,” he said.

“I’m inspired by the easy way we continue to welcome everyone into the shared life of our city, whatever our background or religion or sexual orientation; whatever our age or the problems we struggle with; whatever our income or station in life.”



Spanish Spelling Bee

Las Cruces Public School District had a Spanish Spelling Bee on Feb. 17 at Oñate High School Performing Arts Center. On the left is first-place winner Danna Silvestre from Hermosa Heights Elementary School, age 10; second-place, Naomi Garcia Molina, age 13, from Vista Middle School; and third-place, Juan Ceballos, age 11, from Alameda Elementary School.

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Sausage or hamburger?

Legislation is even trickier than it appears

You've heard the adage: lawmaking is like making sausage. Except making sausage is less complicated and confusing.

Let's view the process through the lens of a single legislative measure, House Joint

**RICHARD COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

Resolution 8, which proposes creating an ethics commission to review state government officials.

HJR 8 is one of nearly 1,000 measures the legislators face this 60-day session.

Legislators may introduce bills, memorials, joint memorials, resolutions, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions and capital outlay requests. Currently, there are more than 460 bills in the House of Representatives, and more than 430 bills in the Senate. There are dozens of memorials and resolutions.

Legislation must go through various committees and be approved by all before being voted on in either house. If it passes one house, it goes to the other, and if it passes there, the governor has to sign it.

The 42 state senators and 70 representatives are divvied up on different committees, 14 for the House, and nine for the Sen-

ate. There are also 27 interim committees, which legislators work on between sessions. These are some very busy ladies and gentlemen.

The current session includes measures regarding – among many other topics – litter, the termination of the information technology commission, fire retardant safety, transfer of college credits, waiver of state facility management rules, acting sheriffs during vacancies and the naming of the green chile cheeseburger as the state hamburger.

Given New Mexico's history of corruption, an ethics commission seems something everyone could agree on. Indeed, the legislators sponsoring HJR 8 are a bipartisan group. It was introduced by Republican Jim Dines and Democrat Jeff Steinborn.

In the world of lawmaking, though, nothing is ever a no-brainer. Well, except for the green chile cheeseburger thing, and why are we really spending time on that this year, anyway?

As I write, the HJR 8 has passed two reviewing committees. Wording and details may change, but as the resolution reads now, here are some aspects of the measure, with thoughts to ponder in parentheses.

- This resolution is set up as a constitutional amendment, so if it passes, it must go before

the voters to become law. (Purposefully, constitutional amendments are difficult to change. So if there winds up being a problem with the measure, it could be tricky to correct.)

- It sets up a paid executive director, who must be a licensed attorney, and a seven-member commission. The governor will appoint three members, none of whom shall be of the same political party. Then there will be one appointee for each of the following: Senate Pro Tem, Senate minority leader, Speaker of the House, House minority leader. (Despite these and other safeguards, the ideology of the commission will lean toward that of the sitting governor.)

- Current language says no action shall be taken by the commission unless at least five members concur. (That's a safeguard against frivolous action, but it also could mean an ethics violator could go unchecked if the commission can't agree.)

- The commission shall receive an annual appropriation sufficient to enable it to perform its duties. (You can't be terribly specific on dollar amounts for a constitutional amendment, but this is awfully wide open to interpretation. You could have a commission wildly over- or underfunded, depending on who's determining the definition of "sufficient.")

Rep. Yvette Herrell, a Republican from Otero County, and

Sen. Candace Gold, a Republican from Bernalillo County, were the lone no votes in their committees. That's a nervy decision, sure to haunt them in future elections. You can see the ad campaign: "My opponent voted against ethics! Doesn't she believe in ethics?"

They took that risk, though, to raise legitimate questions.

Herrell echoed the concerns about the difficulty to change an amendment. Just this year, Senate Joint Resolution 4 arose to change Article 10 of the state constitution, to add language that a sheriff must "meet qualifications provided by law." Doesn't sound like something that should be an afterthought.

Herrell also wonders why the executive director must be a licensed attorney. Clearly the director should have a solid understanding of the law, but that skillset is not exclusive to lawyers.

She also questioned adding an undetermined expense to the budget when the biggest focus right now is determining how much we can cut and still keep the state operating.

We're one of the few states without an ethics commission, and we need one.

To make it happen, though, just like any one of the thousand other measures, requires a long process and serious thought.

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A state government too big to cut

It's amazing watching the New Mexico Legislature. They want to name the green chile cheeseburger as New Mexico's Burger. But they are ignoring that Texas is about to get New Mexico's crop water in court so the only green chile available for burgers may come from Colorado.

And that's not all. The legislature was called into session primarily to deal with a large amount of money missing from the budget. The first thing said by some leaders in the House and Senate was that the New Mexico government is too big to cut. Too many New Mexicans have been hired to fire any of them.

They got that from the banking crisis of 2008. It worked for the bankers then and seems to be working now. Thanksgiving will be awful if some of the state worker cousins get laid off and others do not.

Since the state govern-



MICHAEL SWICKARD

In My Opinion

ment cannot be cut, taxes must be raised. That is exactly what the citizens do not want. But the next election is many months away and many of the leaders in the legislature didn't have an opponent in this last election so the citizens have no control.

Making it worse is the betrayal in the legislature. Years ago, Gov. Bill Richardson, who spent every second running for president of the United States, had a plan to make New Mexico better and get lots of press while doing it. The food and medicine tax was abated while that

amount of money was made up by raising fees.

He was celebrated for his plan, which almost got him to Washington but for a few details. New Mexico was out the money for his run at the presidency but no one seems to care. Anyway, that Bill Richardson plan compensated by increasing fees for the loss of revenue from the tax on food and medicine.

The rank-and-file New Mexicans paid the same amount of money out of the family budget each month but people who were struggling daily would struggle less. Fast forward to today where, since the legislature cannot cut the too-big-to-cut state government, they are going back to taxing food and medicine, but the fees are going to be raised also.

To make us feel better, if that is possible, the legislature is not putting all of the taxes back on food and medicine. But the counties were supposed to be held

harmless by Richardson's taking the taxes off food and medicine. The legislature was supposed to make up the loss of taxes. Then the legislature decided to not do that but let counties raise that money themselves in taxes. Already, then, taxes doubled since the fees were raised.

The revenue was neutral when taxes were taken off food and medicine and fees to the state were raised. Counties then raised the taxes in their county since the legislature would not share any of that extra state money from fees. Now the legislature is bringing back taxes on food and medicine while raising the state fees even more. Essentially, the citizens got taken three times.

And what the legislature this session was supposed to do is fix the economy and find a way to deal with the loss of so much water in the Texas lawsuit. Without water for crops there isn't going to be green chile, onions, alfalfa and pecans. There will be

plenty of pecan firewood for sale.

These things will make the state much less attractive for businesses. Taxes going up and minimum wage going up. You know the minimum wage is price-fixing. It's fixing the price of labor. Politicians don't care.

What's the tipping point in New Mexico? The edge where many businesses and citizens leave? When enough leave, the budget crisis gets worse. Can't cut the state government because it is too big to cut. If New Mexico had enemies who wanted to harm the state, what would they do differently in the legislature? Nothing.

We will find out what green chile cheeseburgers made with Colorado green chile taste like since the legislature is doing nothing to replace the water lost to Texas. At least the green chile isn't coming from New York City.

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support arts council

To the editor:

I am a visitor to Las Cruces from Ohio, and the local arts and co-op movements here are the main reasons I keep coming back! I was at the work session of the city council (Feb. 13) and I'm hoping the Rio Grande Theatre will remain in the hands of the Doña Ana Arts Council.

Visitors who love music and theatre want to see shows they can't see at home. There are lots of talented performers and artists here, and for many of them the Rio Grande Theatre is a perfect venue. I hope we can still enjoy it as a co-op enterprise. We need exactly this

kind of community stage in my hometown of Cincinnati!

The present managers of the theater would be extremely hard to replace, it seems to me. Council, please continue to do your part to keep up the very interesting work of this theater!

Martha Stephens
Cincinnati, Ohio

Column was offensive

To the editor:

I love the Bulletin, but Billy Huntsman's article (A Caucasian-American's pet peeve, Opinion section) in the Feb. 17 issue is a mistake.

It should never have been published.

It is tone-deaf, puerile, and uninformed. It is written from an entitled and sheltered point of view. A racist point of view. It offended me, a mixed-race person and civil rights activist.

Fran Koski
Las Cruces

Column was on-point

To the editor

Billy Huntsman, very good essay! (A Caucasian-American's pet peeve). I agree with your points on the utilization of certain phrases to describe citizens with skin color other than white.

People, with even marginal capabilities of sight, really do not need to be

told a person is African-American, Asian-American, etc., etc. Jeez. Their physical appearance is as clear as daylight. Just look at folks and the matter is moot. Come on, we do not need these racial tags any more, period, end of movie.

We are Americans and that's that! Either we embrace and celebrate this fact or it's probably time for certain folks to apply for citizenship anywhere but here in our globally blended, diverse and immensely strong United States of America.

Thank you very much,

Eric H. Sorensen
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DACC, Virgin Galactic explore virtual reality

By **EDDIE BINDER**
For the Bulletin

This spring DACC students will take a space flight and learn aerospace fundamentals in a Virtual Reality (VR) environment, through a program called VR First.

Doña Ana Community College (DACC) and Aerospace innovators Virgin Galactic have announced the collaborative education and outreach research project to work and learn together, exploring the newest technologies and possible uses of VR in research, education, business and career technical education.

“Our students and instructors are pleased and honored to work with Virgin Galactic on this exciting initiative,” said Matt Byrnes, DACC Creative Media Technology Director. “Thanks to Dr. Kevin Boberg, vice president of economic development for the New Mexico State University Arrowhead Business and Research Park and Wayne Savage of Arrowhead Center for helping this collaboration take place.”

The VR First program will start with a VR simulation that explains core concepts of aerospace fundamentals and gives students, particularly at the Las Cruces Public Schools Challenger Center, an immersive virtual spaceflight experience.

“Many people are familiar with the term

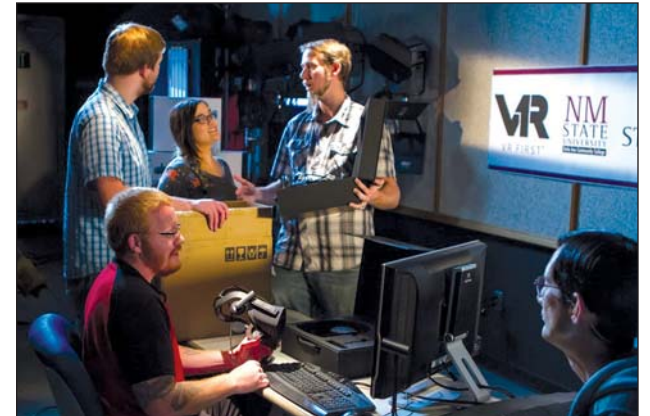


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Doña Ana Community College Virtual Reality (VR) faculty and students unpack equipment to be used in a new program called VR First.

‘virtual reality’ but are unsure about the uses of this technology,” said Byrnes. “Gaming is an obvious virtual reality application, but there are many different uses, some you might expect and others not so much.”

- Imagine architects having clients or builders walk through a designed space and make comments, design changes or red flag problem areas.

- Doctors could practice dissection skills or see and learn about the inner workings of cell biology.

- Tourists, historians and students could walk through historical and cultural sites.

- Scientists could actually see and predict how an experimental drug reacts at the molecular level.

“Irrespective of the use, virtual reality produces a set of data which could then be used to develop new models, training methods, communication

and interaction,” said Mark Butler of Virgin Galactic. “In many ways, the possibilities are endless.”

In September, 2016 DACC became one of only 24 VR First partner institutions worldwide, sponsored by the German game engine development firm Crytek and was awarded several thousand dollars of the newest hardware and software giving DACC students access to the latest VR development tools.

According to Byrnes, “This kind of collaboration between the private and public sectors and between technology companies and the creative media arts is central to efforts to develop the larger Creative Campus efforts at Arrowhead Park and build a larger toolset to positively impact not only aerospace but health care, agricultural technology and other industries growing in our community.”

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El Paso Electric touts role of utilities

By **ALTA LeCOMPTE**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Before El Paso Electric executives took the stage to report on their latest ventures, their host Davin Lopez made a case for the vital role of utilities in economic development.

Lopez, president and CEO of the Mesilla Val-

ley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA), introduced EPE's Ricco Gonzales and Clay Doyle, who spoke at the Business in the Borderplex meeting Feb. 14 at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

"Utilities traditionally are a major support for economic development efforts," Lopez said.

Discussion of the capacity and price of utilities is among the first hurdles to be crossed when a company considers doing a project, he said.

Gonzales told the audience utilities can do even more to help economic development professionals sell a location to prospects.

He cited an agreement with Holloman Air Force Base that El Paso Electric will build a designated 5-megawatt solar system on the base.

"El Paso Electric's new relationship with Holloman provides us and MVEDA with a reference when recruiting businesses," Gonzales said.

He said Fortune 500 companies are committing themselves to renewable energy and many are seeking to have dedicated solar systems.

The opportunity to acquire a dedicated solar power played a role in the recent Facebook deal to

"As we go forward, we will introduce more renewable energy into our system. I think in future, stored energy will become a big part of it. As it stands today, stored energy is very expensive."

CLAY DOYLE

Vice president for transmission, distribution and system planning at El Paso Electric

locate a facility in New Mexico, he said, adding the Holloman project could be a selling point helping MVEDA bring well-paying jobs to the Mesilla Valley.

Another feature that's attractive to new and expanding business is an economic development electric rate, he said.

"El Paso Electric understands the effect of electric rates on business recruitment," he said.

Gonzales said Texas has had economic development electric rates for a long time and all EPE's customers "should have the same opportunity."

He said several years ago EPE was authorized to offer a shareholder-subsidized economic development rate with which to retain New Mexico companies.

Gonzales said EPE has now filed with the New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission for the flexibility to negotiate with both new and existing companies on the rate they will pay.

In answer to a question from Bill Mattiace, executive director of the New Mexico Border Authority, James Schichtl, EPE vice president for regulatory affairs, said rates in New Mexico historically have been higher than in Texas.

"They've been getting a lot closer as a result of the last two rate cases," he said.

He said in addition to needing PRC approval of economic development rate, EPE would be required to go back to the

commission for approval of individual contracts negotiated with companies.

In each instance, a company receiving a negotiated commercial rate must cover at least the incremental cost of providing it with power, he said.

Doyle, vice president for transmission, distribution, and system planning, said 2016 was a milestone year for EPE. In July, EPE terminated its contract with Four Corners Generating Station and sold its part ownership.

EPE no longer is generating any power with coal, Doyle said.

"It was a good time to get out and we did," he said. "We're very proud of our low carbon footprint and we're not going to take on the cost of cleaning up coal generation."

At the same time, EPE has doubled its solar-generated capacity to 100 megawatts, Doyle said.

"As we go forward, we will introduce more renewable energy into our system. I think in future, stored energy will become a big part of it. As it stands today, stored energy is very expensive."

Gonzales said that although EPE's service area in Texas is much larger than in New Mexico, the company has 226 New Mexico employees and a \$15 million payroll.

"That's how much we are a part of the economic vitality of the community," he said.

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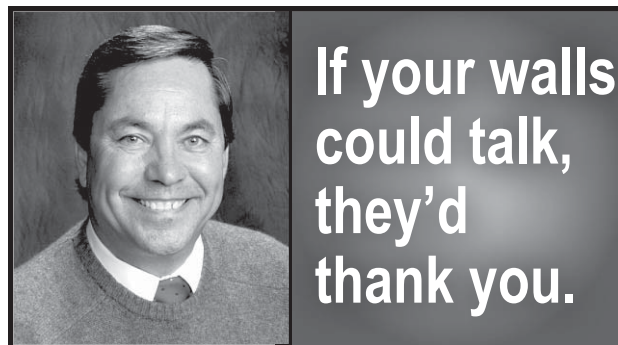


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Residents voice support for county manager

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**

Las Cruces Bulletin

At its Feb. 14 meeting, the Doña Ana County Commission was expected to discuss terminating County Manager Julia Brown's contract, but voted to table this item for discussion at a later meeting.



BROWN

The vote was 3-2, with Commissioners Isabella Solis and Ramon Gonzalez in favor of discussing Brown's contract at the meeting, while Commissioners John L. Vasquez, Ben Rawson and Billy

Garrett voted to table.

The matter of Brown's contract was added to the meeting's agenda after its publication, Garrett said, who expressed concern that county residents were not given ample notification of this item.

Garrett introduced the motion to remove the item from the agenda.

Thereafter, the residents who attended the meeting, an estimated 35

who, by show of hands, vastly supported Brown's continuation as county manager, were invited for public comment.

"I'm befuddled at how the commission might even begin to consider, with three new commissioners, the contract of Ms. Brown," said Jared Carson, pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Las Cruces.

Solis, Vasquez and Gonzalez were elected to the county commission in November 2016.

"It doesn't seem reasonable that there has been enough time to work with Ms. Brown, to meet with Ms. Brown, to come to a clear indication of what her work (ethic) might be, or what her goals are for our county," Carson said.

He urged the commission not to act on Brown's contract until such time as these aspects of her performance as county manager became apparent to them.

Micah Pearson, vice president of the National Alliance on Mental Alliance, Doña Ana County affiliate, also sup-

ported Brown.

"(Brown) works with us on our Stepping Up initiative, which is our jail diversion program for persons with mental illness," Pearson said, adding that replacing Brown with a new county manager would hinder his organization's progress thus far and would result in more mentally ill persons in jail.

County resident Frances Williams expressed confusion as to why Brown's contract, which was renewed in 2016 for three years, was under consideration for termination.

"Obviously the other (replaced) commissioners felt she was doing a good enough job to have a three-year contract," Williams said.

Williams said she had heard a rumor

that the current commissioners were considering inserting a "nuclear option" into Brown's contract. Such an option, Williams said, would allow the county commission to terminate Brown for any reason.

The commissioners did not confirm or deny this remark.

Yvonne Magdalena Flores, an attorney from California, expressed similar confusion as Williams and said Brown, who is black, might be "overqualified" for the job as county manager.

"From where I'm sitting, this might be a Title VII action, this may be a 14th Amendment Action, I don't know," Flores said.

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March emphasizes unity among advocacy groups

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Supporters of such issues as abortion, Black Lives Matter, immigration, LGBTQ rights, climate change and stopping the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline participated in a march and rally on Valentine's Day on the New Mexico State University Campus.

Two student organizations, Aggie Solidarity and Young Berniecrats, hosted the Love Trumps Hate march in an effort to unite the campus' diverse groups and their concerns.

"Often, such organizations have overlapping concerns and we fail to reach out in solidarity with groups that will engage, unite, and strengthen our mutual efforts," the march's Facebook page says.

The march gathered in front of Corbett Center Student Union before heading down the I-Mall and congregating once more in front of the sundial at the top of

the Horseshoe, where a podium and microphone had been set up.

Students and faculty alike spoke at the rally.

"We are here today to stand for, support and love our immigrants, our refugees, indigenous peoples, all water and earth protectors, those of every color, our LGBTQ brothers and sisters, those whose bodies are being regulated by the government, and all those who are being condemned by the new administration," said Raquel Madrigal, one of NMSU's Young Berniecrats leaders.

Julie Rice, an associate professor of sociology at NMSU and cofounder of NMSU's Standing with Our Students, called the rally "a loose coalition of faculty members and students and staff."

"With the election of President Trump, (faculty's) concern for our students is greater than ever," she said.

Thus, SOS was created, to combat the "assault on the diversity of our student body here at NMSU."

Rice said SOS's main

focus is to convert NMSU to a designated "safe," or sanctuary, campus, which NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers has publicly stated will not happen, as it "would jeopardize our federal funding, as well as our ability to issue student visas to our international students and visiting scholars."

"Over 200 schools now have been involved in this (sanctuary campus) movement in petitioning," Rice said. "Over 40 have (publicly) committed to being safe campuses except two universities that have explicitly come out as being against being a safe campus."

NMSU is one of those, Rice said.

Rice said SOS wants NMSU's administration to publicly say it will not cooperate with federal immigration authorities, in what she said has become popularly known as "lawful un-cooperation."

Additionally, SOS wants a guarantee that NMSU Police, like the Las Cruces Police Department, would not inquire



BULLETIN PHOTO BY BILLY HUNTSMAN

Student organizations sponsored a unity rally Valentine's Day on the New Mexico State University campus attended by various groups.

as to anyone's immigration status as the sole basis for arrest, Rice said.

"(NMSU Police) are already not doing that but we want a strong public commitment so that everybody knows this because (some) students don't know this (policy)," Rice said.

Rice said SOS wants

a policy passed prohibiting professors and staff from inquiring as to students' immigration statuses.

"It's none of our business," Rice said. "If faculty and staff know this, there is the potential that they could turn the students into authorities, which we can't have happen."

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Bobbie Green, vice president of the Doña Ana County chapter of the NAACP, also voiced support for Brown.

"(The commission's) responsibility is to act in the best interest of the public and any violation of that interest can lead removal from office," she said, adding terminating Brown could be grounds for such action.

Resident Sarea Hussein praised Brown's performance as county manager.

"Most of you have not been in office long enough to make that (job) evaluation in an objective and ethical manner," Hussein said. "You all work for us and we don't want you to terminate this contract."

The commission did not say when, or if, the issue of terminating Brown's contract will resurface in open meeting. Brown's contract is scheduled to conclude in November 2019.

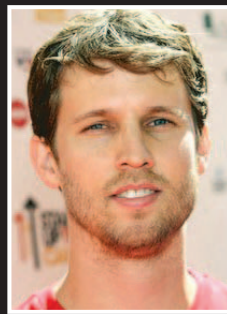
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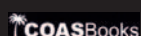
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Stakeholders coalition praises national monument effort

BULLETIN REPORT

A broad coalition of stakeholders in the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument has applauded U.S. Senators Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich for the re-introduction of the “Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Conservation Act.”

The coalition includes sportsmen, Native Americans, business leaders, veterans, civic groups, current and former elected officials, archaeologists, historians and conservation organizations. According to a press release, the coalition worked to create the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National

Monument, and has been advocating for wilderness protection of the most sensitive areas within it for nearly a decade.

According to the release, the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Conservation Act would designate eight wilderness areas within the national monument totaling 241,067 acres. Eighty percent of the proposed wilderness is already managed as such, including Doña Ana County’s eight wilderness study areas (WSAs). Notably, the act removes 32,850 acres from WSA protection in the West Potrillo Mountains to expand the border buffer.

Legislation to perma-

nently protect the wilderness in Doña Ana County was first introduced by former Sen. Jeff Bingaman in 2009 in the 111th Congress, and then again by Sens. Udall and Heinrich in the 112th and 113th Congresses, according to the release.

Hunting, livestock grazing, hiking, camping, horseback riding, firefighting, law enforcement activities and border security would continue in the wilderness areas, according to the release.

The Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks contains approximately 306 bird species and 78 mammal species including golden eagles, mule deer, javelina, cougar, ring-tail cat, and quail. The proposed wilderness will strengthen the wildlife habitat for these species as well as protect the watersheds that they depend on, the coalition says.

A recent poll commissioned by the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce showed 78 percent of citizens in Doña Ana County support the protection of wilderness within the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument.

Law enforcement and Border Patrol say there has been little effect of the monument on their jurisdictions. U.S. Customs Border Protection (CBP) wrote that S. 3049, the bill that was introduced last Congress, would “significantly enhance the flexibility of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to operate in this border area.”



Supporters of the Affordable Care Act, which is under fire by the Trump Administration, gather in front of the Save My Care bus, which stopped in Las Cruces on a national tour.

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Advocates rally for Affordable Care Act

By BILLY HUNTSMAN

Las Cruces Bulletin

“Stop playing politics with health,” said Lucas Herndon, communications manager for ProgressNow New Mexico, one of the organizations that hosted the national Save My Care press conference in Las Cruces on Feb. 15.

ProgressNow, along with groups such as Health Action New Mexico, the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty, and AARP, hosted the conference in order to “send a clear message to Republican lawmakers in Washington, (D.C.)”

“Right now Congressional Republicans are rushing to repeal the Affordable Care Act (a.k.a., Obamacare), a move that will devastate families across our state and across the nation,” Herndon said.

Las Cruces City Councilor for District 1 Kasandra Gandara attended and spoke at the conference.

“As a former social worker, I have seen firsthand what the ACA has done for many of my constituents,” Gandara said.

In her former career, Gandara said, she worked with children who had chronic illnesses, such as asthma, diabetes and various heart conditions.

“Those can be very debilitating conditions, very costly in terms of medication and care, and without the ACA, these children and families wouldn’t get the care that they need.”

The Rev. Robinson Owens of

the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Alamogordo also spoke in favor of the ACA, which currently insures an estimated 260,000 to 300,000 New Mexicans and a total of about 30 million Americans.

“The ACA was designed to help those people who needed help—children, women, those with pre-existing conditions,” Owens said.

Instead of repealing the ACA, Owens said the act should be repaired, as it isn’t perfect but is better than nothing.

U.S. Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM) sent a representative from his office, who read a letter.

“While much of the rest of the state’s economy is stagnant, the health care field has become an economic driver, accounting for seven of the top 10 fastest-growing job categories,” the letter stated, attributing the field’s growth to the ACA.

Udall also says the act is not perfect, but that it should not be repealed without a suitable replacement lined up.

“The human cost alone should convince us that ACA repeal with no replacement makes no sense,” Udall’s letter said.

A representative from U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM) also read a letter from the senator.

“I will continue to advocate for our most vulnerable and will do everything I can to seek pragmatic policy solutions that reduce health care costs and improve health providers delivery care,” Heinrich said.



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IN THE NEWS



NEW MEXICO SONS OF THE PIONEERS, GADSDEN CHAPTER COURTESY PHOTO

United States Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sergeant Andrew Lyngar of Las Cruces, left, is immediate past president of the New Mexico Sons of the American Revolution, and is shown with the new president, Kevin Carr.

Retired Marine recognized

United States Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sergeant (ret.) Andrew Lyngar of Las Cruces received an award of merit in February in recognition of his accomplishments during his two-year term as New Mexico Sons of the American Revolution (NMSSAR) state president. Lyngar is a 34-year veteran of the Marines and the Marine Corps Reserves and served during the Korean War.

NMSSAR was chartered by an act of Congress in 1906 "to perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their services and sacrifices during the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people" and "to foster true patriotism." Info: www.nmssar.org/ and find SAR on Facebook at New Mexico Sons of the American Revolution, Gadsden Chapter.

Frances Williams receives Freedom Fighter award

U.S. Army Hall of Fame at White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) member Frances F. Williams was honored with the Freedom Fighter award for contributions and advocacy in civil rights at the Martin Luther King, Jr., breakfast on Jan. 16.



WILLIAMS

Williams served as the director of equal opportunity at WSMR and served as a commissioner on the Status of Women for New Mexico. She chaired the discrimination and grievance board for the City of Las Cruces, served as a United Nations delegate to the International Women's Year Conference in both Mexico City and Beijing and chaired the New Mexico International Women's Years celebration.

NMSU installs weather station at East Picacho Elementary

The New Mexico Climate Center and NMSU Plant and Environmental Sciences faculty and staff installed a weather station on the roof of East Picacho Elementary in January. Earlier this



month, state climatologist Dave DuBois, Vineyard Weather Program Coordinator Elizabeth Smith, NMSU Programmer and Environmental Field Technician Stanley

Engle and Plant and Environmental Sciences graduate student Zahra Ghodizadeh talked weather and climate with the third-graders. Watch the video at <https://youtu.be/fUa5rfHmgfs>.

Outstanding students honored



The New America School named seven students as "Students of the Month" for February. Cynthia Cockrell, Tifaney McKee, Julia Barela, Diana Guerrero-Baca, Alicia Demchok, Israel



Montoya, and Edgar Nava were honored for their superior grades and strong motivation to excel.

Village at Northrise raises more than \$10 K for Alzheimer's

The Village at Northrise, 2884 N. Roadrunner Parkway, raised \$10,310 for the Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's, making it the third-highest money-raising team in the nation. More than 50 participants from the Village joined the walk and will be presented with a trophy for being one of the three teams to raise over \$10K.

COMING UP

Doña Ana Federated Republican Women:

meets 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 24, Elks Trinity Church, 2900 Elks Drive; Lunch is \$12. Reservations required. Info: 575-635-2490.

Mission Lutheran School open house registration: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2752 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Info: 575-532-5489.

Play all day fundraiser: The Centennial High School Band holds its annual Play All Day Fundraiser and Community Event at the Downtown Mall farmers market, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25; at Mesilla Plaza 1 - 4 p.m.; and outside

the NMSU Pan American Center, 1810 E. University Ave. before the Aggie basketball game. The band will join the Aggie Pride Marching Band in performing the national anthem and the halftime show.

Conversations with Democrats: 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, Holy Family American National Catholic Church, 702 Parker Road. Agenda is "Where is MY voice in the election of the Doña Ana County party chair?" All are welcome. Info: 575-521-0096.

Enchilada luncheon: Las Cruces Chapter #20, Order to the Eastern Star, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Masonic Lodge, 180 E. Boutz. Price: \$10, \$5 for children under 12.

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Las Cruces protest ICE operation

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**
Las Cruces Bulletin

At around 6 a.m. on Feb. 15, residents in northwest Las Cruces called local media to report the presence of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers in their neighborhoods. Officers, they said, were entering homes to apprehend undocumented immigrants.

According to ICE, the agency is tasked to arrest “deportable foreign nationals ... individuals who pose a threat to public safety, who have been charged with criminal offenses, who have committed multiple immigration violations or who have been deported and re-entered the country illegally.”

Later that day, Comunalidades en Acin y de Fe (CAFé), a local activist group that has been vocal in its support of undocumented immigrants and critical of national efforts to restrict immigration, organized a marching protest.

Comprised of about 50 people, the protest began at 4 p.m. in front of the City of Las Cruces

Judicial Complex, 135 E. Griggs Ave., where Johana Bencomo, CAFé community organizer, started a chant through a megaphone.

“No hate, no fear, immigrants are welcome here!”

Participants held handmade signs urging onlookers to call New Mexico’s U.S. Senators Martin Heinrich (D) and Tom Udall (D) and U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce (R) and tell them to reject federal deportation efforts in New Mexico.

“Down, down with deportation, up, up with liberation!” Bencomo chanted as some of the protesters joined hands and formed a line along the crosswalk on Church Street.

Soon, traffic coming north on Church was impeded, and confused motorists quickly became irritated and leaned on their horns.

“Reform, not raid!” Bencomo changed the chant again. “Reform, not raid!”

After about 15 minutes, Sarah Silva, CAFé executive director, led the march up Church Street, with obstructed drivers



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Sarah Silva, CAFé executive director, joined the sit-in on North Main Street and explained to an arriving officer the nature of the protest. Police say they were not notified in advance of the demonstration.

crawling behind and becoming more aggravated. A woman beat a marching cadence on a rawhide drum.

“Show me what community looks like!” Bencomo shouted.

“This is what community looks like!” the protesters responded.

“Show me what unity looks like!”

“This is what unity looks like!”

As the protest proceeded up Church Street, the chant changed to “Not one more!”

“What do we want?” Bencomo asked.

“Justice!” the crowd replied.

“When do we want it?”

“Now!”

“If we don’t get it?”

“Shut it down!”

At the roundabout in front of Las Cruces City Hall, motorists attempted to sneak around the pro-

test, but marchers were quick to fill any gaps in their line, trapping traffic behind them and confusing other drivers who came around from the other side of the roundabout attempting to access North Main.

The protesters continued until they reached the intersection near Thomas Branigan Cultural Center, where they set up camp, some on the sidewalk bordering Albert Johnson Park, others on the island between the sidewalk and North Main Street. A majority formed another line of bodies across Picacho, preventing cars from driving through the intersection.

As the protesters sat down on North Main, some motorists turned out of the stalled traffic and circled back to the roundabout, but others were more stubborn, honking,

insisting they be allowed to pass.

One protester was pushed by a truck attempting to turn from North Main onto Picacho Avenue. There were no serious injuries.

Las Cruces police arrived, first three motorcycle officers, then cars and SUVs. They blared their horns and flashed their lights at the protesters. Officers blocked both entrances to North Main to redirect traffic up Picacho.

They spoke with Silva, Bencomo and Sara Melton, another community organizer with CAFé, asking what they were protesting.

“ICE is deporting members of the community,” Silva told one officer as she sat on the asphalt.

She said she wanted ICE officers out of Las Cruces.

“We have no authority over that,” said the police officer.

“I know,” Silva replied.

The sit-down lasted another 15 minutes before the protesters filed onto the grass of Albert Johnson Park.

“How many of you was that your first time doing that?” Silva asked the protesters.

A dozen raised their hands.

“Some people may think we did this just to be rebel-rousers, to be troublemakers, or that we don’t have jobs or that we were paid to do this,” Silva said. “We have to respond to people being torn from their homes in the middle of the night and in the

morning and being asked for their papers. You’ve let everyone in this community know that they are not alone. In Las Cruces no one stands alone.”

LCPD Chief Jaime Montoya said the street protest posed a safety issue but the department had made no arrests nor issued citations, as the protesters were exercising their First Amendment right of free speech and peaceful assembly.

Contacted by the Bulletin, ICE would not comment on its operation.

An ICE statement says the agency “regularly conducts targeted enforcement operations during which additional resources and personnel are dedicated to apprehending deportable foreign nationals. The focus of these ... operations is consistent with the routine, targeted arrests carried out by ICE’s Fugitive Operations Teams on a daily basis.

“The taxpayers of this country spend a significant amount of money on the apprehension, detention, and judicial proceedings for individuals entering the U.S. in violation of federal law. When a federal court issues a final decision, those orders must be implemented by ICE.”

Both the Las Cruces Police Department and the Doña Ana County Sheriff’s Office have publicly stated they will not enforce such federal law unless they arrest individuals for common crimes that fall under their jurisdictions.

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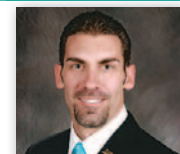
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'Voices of the Aggies' still collecting memories

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Jack Nixon estimates he has called about 1,500 New Mexico State University Aggie basketball and football games – with a few baseball, softball and volleyball games thrown in – over the past four decades.

Nixon, who turns 67 in March, has been the Voice of the Aggies for 37 of the past 41 years, giving Aggie Radio Network listeners a courtside or stadium seat at regular and post-season games in Las Cruces and across the country since 1976.

In addition to calling games, Nixon returned to the Las Cruces airwaves earlier this month as a news reporter for Bravo Mic Communications. He started out at KOBE Radio in Las Cruces in 1976, hired by Walt Rubens. And, he spent 25 years doing news for what is now Adams Radio Group of Las Cruces.

Nixon was inducted into the NMSU Athletics Hall of Fame three years ago, and last year received distinguished service recognition from

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima and the city council.

"I don't think you should take yourself too seriously," Nixon said, adding that he "didn't start out to be in the hall of fame. I just wanted to do this job. It's nice that people recognize that."

A native of Omaha, Nebraska, Nixon was working in Hastings, Nebraska when he saw an item in a magazine about KOBE radio in Las Cruces. He sent a tape, and said the waiting period before he heard back "was the longest two weeks of my life." He was flown to Las Cruces for an interview – he sat beside former University of Oklahoma and Dallas Cowboys Head Coach Barry Switzer on the plane – and was offered the job.

Nixon's first two years of calling local basketball games were at the old NMSU gymnasium in what is now Williams Hall on Solano Drive. Then, the Pan American Center opened.

In the early 1980s, Nixon said he found himself "in a rut" and developed "a crummy

attitude" about his career. He sought other opportunities, and left Las Cruces in July 1982 for Tulsa, Oklahoma to work for the now defunct USFL. He later moved to Denver and finally to Poplar Bluff, Missouri before returning to Las Cruces and his old job with the Aggies in the summer of 1986.

Those four years taught him important life lessons, Nixon said, including asking others for help when he needed it – "you have to learn to bend," Nixon said. "I also understood that what I had was something special."

Since returning to Las Cruces, Nixon has collected a lot of great memories with Aggie sports, especially the men's basketball team.

Those memories include five straight NCAA tournaments the Aggies played in between 1990 and 1995, including the Sweet 16 in 1991-92. Nixon remembers the return of legendary men's basketball coach Lou Henson to the Aggies in 1997, the "show business" years when retired NBA player and coach Reggie Theus was head basketball coach from 2005 to 2007, and being on the search committee that hired former owner and president of the El Paso Diablos Jim Paul as NMSU director of athletics in 1997.

Current NMSU Athletic Director Mario Moccia said he has "been fortunate at my last few stops to work with long-time broadcasters," including Nixon. "They are all in their respective halls of



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fame and are all deserving. In this day and age of instant gratification and moving on to the next shiny object, it is comforting for me, and, I assume, Aggie fans, to tune in and hear a familiar voice with a strong connection to the past coming through the radio. As television explodes as a medium as well as hand-held devices to watch content, it is nice to know that through radio and our Tune IN app, Aggie fans across the country can hear Jack by just downloading the app. We are very fortunate that Jack is a member of the Aggie family and looks to be here for many

more seasons," Moccia said.

The 1998-99 Aggie men's basketball team is "one of my real favorites," Nixon said. Team members included former Los Montañas Charter High School Principal Richard Robinson, Dexter Hawkins and "Slab" Jones. That team had lost twice by large margins to Boise State during the regular season, Nixon remembers, but came back to beat them in the conference championship. "It was an incredible game," Nixon said.

He also remembers the Aggies beating Larry Johnson and UNLV, and

beating future NBA hall of famer Larry Bird when he played for Indiana State University in the late 1970s.

"I've just enjoyed them all," Nixon said – even the season he called when the men's basketball team only won six games.

"I've had a very fortunate life," he said. "I think God has looked out for me."

And, Nixon said he has no plans to retire any time soon. He just wants to be able to "walk away from it" when the time is right. "I don't want people to say, 'He used to be good.'"

"Jack is as good on-air today as he was when we met 37 years ago," said Las Cruces Public Schools Chief Communications Officer Jo Galvan. "Jack put up with me when I was a cub reporter, just learning the news business at KOBE Radio in the late '70s. I learned as much from Jack and the late Erik Ness as I did from journalism school."

Some things you may not know about Nixon: He learned to play the accordion at the age of 10 and played guitar in a band in high school. He also volunteers for Mesilla Valley Hospice.

Being called the Voice of the Aggies "blows my mind sometimes," Nixon said. "In my head, I'm still like the guy who started in 1976." Back then, he said, "I was young enough to look like I was part of the team." Now, Nixon said, he looks like a coach because he's "old and white (haired)."

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Immigration raids cited in school absences

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

“The fear and anxiety among our students is tragic,” a Las Cruces school principal said after raids were conducted last week by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County. “For some, it’s really difficult to function normally in the classroom with such uncertainty facing them,” said the principal, who chose to remain anonymous in order to prevent any additional attention to the students at that principal’s school.

The number of absences at Las Cruces Public Schools showed a substantial spike after the raids, according to

LCPS attendance figures. Absences were up nearly 60 percent comparing attendance on Feb. 16, after the raids, to Feb. 9, before the raids. That’s an increase of more than 2,300 student absences in all grades.

The increase for elementary students alone skyrocketed by 148 percent — 919 unexcused student absences in total — when comparing those two days, officials said. LCPS has about 24,870 total students.

“I want all families to know that our school district’s number one priority is to keep our schools safe, secure and welcoming to all children who are enrolled, or plan to enroll, in our school system,” Ewing said in a Feb. 17 letter to LCPS families.

“Under federal policy,

schools are considered ‘sensitive locations,’ which means that schools are given unique protection under ICE policy,” Ewing said in the LCPS letter. “This also means that enforcement actions such as arrests, interviews, searches or surveillance should not occur at a school location unless there is an extreme circumstance. Based on this policy, you should feel assured that your children are safe at school and we encourage you to send them to school every day, on time.”

“I was happy to see Greg’s letter to families,” said retired Las Cruces Public Schools Interim Superintendent Dr. Steven Sanchez, who is now teaching at the Family School in Los Lunas, New Mexico.

“My heart breaks a little more every day our people live in fear of the raids,” Sanchez said. “What a shameful way for our country to be acting.”

“I also wanted to let you know that under LCPS policy, school employees will not release confidential information about our students to anyone without permission of the parent or a court-issued order,” the letter said.

“One student told us that her father hugged her this morning, said he loved her and hoped he would see her tonight, the student being a citizen, both parents undocumented but having lived in the valley over 20 years,” the Las Cruces school principal said. “This means that if deported

they can’t even apply to come back for 10 years, that is if they aren’t put in jail.”

“We have two displaced families already, I am sure there are many more in this situation,” the principal said. “It is difficult to know how to comfort these kids because their parents are undocumented.

“One of our displaced families has four children in LCPS. The oldest boy, who graduated with us, finally gained custody of his siblings after a couple foster situations. Their dad was deported three years ago, and finally their mother last year,” the principal said. “They have been resilient and appreciate so much that they can stay in the U.S. Sad as it is, they fear life in Mexico even more,” the principal

LCPS Foundation seeks sponsors, director of development

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

“We’re here for the kids and the teachers, and that’s all we do,” says Las Cruces Public Schools Foundation Executive Director Betsy Geery.

The foundation is a private, nonprofit corporation created in 1999 to attract and manage private gifts and project funds to benefit LCPS students and staff, Geery said.

The foundation’s many projects include sponsoring the school district’s annual Celebration of Excellence in Education dinner (CE), awarding teacher grant funds and a host of student scholarships

annually, and partnering with Comcast Cable Co. to beautify a school each year.

Geery said the foundation is seeking additional community support for its programs, including signing up more LCPS employees to support it through payroll deduction. It also is encouraging people to get a debit/credit card from Citizens Bank that benefits the foundation, to choose the foundation at www.smile.amazon.com so it can receive a percentage of every order and to become a CE dinner sponsor or establish an expendable donor or endowment fund that supports a specific foundation

project.

The foundation awarded more than \$34,000 in teacher grants last December “to fund 15 innovative, teacher-developed projects which will help provide enhanced educational experiences, in a variety of academic subjects, for nearly 2,300 pre-kindergarten through ninth-grade students,” according to LCPS. The foundation has awarded more than \$200,000 in grants in the past 10 years.

The annual CE dinner is the district’s largest celebration of student and teacher excellence. Each year, it recognizes the LCPS teacher of the year and runners up, National Merit Schol-

ars, National Hispanic Scholars, National Board Certified teachers and the recipient of the Sandra K. Nakamura Professional Development Excellence award. Sponsors are welcome at the green, bronze, silver, gold, platinum or red apple levels. The dinner will be held in April.

The foundation will award eight scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 to graduating seniors this year. Applications are due April 3.

Geery said the foundation is also looking to hire a part-time director of development to head foundation fundraising efforts.

The foundation board of directors includes

Denton Park, board president; retired New Mexico State University Dean Dr. Michael Morehead; and retired LCPS Principal Jennifer Terrazas, along with Bill Connor, Curtis Rosemond, former LCPS teacher of the Year and Arrowhead Park Early

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Acton Academy emphasizes individual responsibility

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In the four months since it opened, Acton Academy of Las Cruces has already doubled in enrollment, and now has more than 40 students, administrator Anna Emerick-Biad said.

The private school, which follows a model established in Austin, Texas in 2009, has more than 30 locations around the world. The local site is at 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, just north of the Mesilla plaza in the old Emerick Real Estate, Inc. building.

Acton Academy is currently open to students in kindergarten through sixth grade, Biad said, with a goal of adding a new grade each year until it has all 12.

Students work at their own pace, emphasizing “their own unique gifts,” in classrooms which the students themselves lead, Biad said.

Acton’s premise is that “children are unique,” she said. “They have their own calling in life.”

Using the Socratic method to stimulate critical thinking, the school has coaches instead of teachers to inspire students to develop problem-solving and leadership skills, Biad said.

Students in grades two through six are fully engaged in the Acton model, and learn in a combined classroom, she said. Kindergarten and first-grade students are in their own classroom where learning to read is emphasized.

Each student has his or her own computer, and older students frequently mentor younger ones, Biad said.

By setting and following class rules (which earn students “eagle dollars, based on the school mascot), participating in classroom projects and completing assignments, students become “prepared to be independent,” Biad said.

A detective quest is a good example



Students at work in an Acton Academy classroom.

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of a “real-world project” Acton students have participated in, she said. Learning skills like blood typing, fiber analysis and fingerprinting, they tried to solve the mystery surrounding the 1896 disappearance of Judge Albert J. Fountain and his son, Henry, near present-day White Sands Missile Range.

There also are business, banking and stock market quests, among others, Biad said, that include studies of capitalism and the history of money. Students also study Spanish every day, and learn about things like robotics, sewing and baking, she said, in addition to the basics.

Students set goals for themselves each week and complete units in subjects like math and spelling.

“It’s the students’ responsibility to get their work done,” Biad said. If a student can’t figure something out, like a math problem, he or she learns to look for additional solutions in a book or online, she said, or to ask another student, a staff member or a parent for help.

Emphasizing individual responsibility helps students learn to think critically, she said. “If they can problem solve, they can do anything,” Biad

said. “Imagine an employee who had those skills.”

Twenty-four Acton students are also learning to play the ukulele.

Biad said she and her husband, Chris, decided to open their own Acton school because they wanted their own children “to have a vibrant education where they were spending their days learning things that would benefit them as adults.” Three of their children, ages five, eight and 11, are Acton students, she said.

“It’s been life changing,” Biad said. Before Acton, she said, “math was a hated topic in our house.” Now, her children are learning not only how to figure out math problems, but also “the joy of having figured it out,” she said. “Seeing the joy that comes from learning something on your own and mastering something for yourself has been phenomenal.”

It’s also OK for students to fail at Acton, Biad said. If something doesn’t turn out right, students are encouraged to try something different next time.

Students at the school don’t have to worry about the testing mandated for public-school students, she said. The overarching belief at the school is

that children are “on a journey to find their calling in life,” Biad said. Acton staff are there to “support them on that journey instead of trying to make them conform to a set of benchmarks. Children and guides are really free to follow the organic learning that happens in a classroom.”

Acton is in session 11 months of the year, taking off July, with breaks every six weeks, Biad said. Classes are held from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The students do not have homework, she said. They complete their work during the school day. And, the school has a liberal attendance policy so students can travel with their parents when necessary.

Biad said the school had more than 60 applicants for its five teaching positions. It was “great to have that many people to pick from,” she said.

Acton Academy is a private school, so it does charge tuition. But some scholarships are available, Biad said.

For more information, contact Biad at 575-449-4796. Visit www.actonlascruces.com.

Mike Cook can be contacted at goodguymwc@q.com



George T. Chavez

GEORGE T. CHAVEZ, age 59, lifelong resident of Las Cruces passed away Friday, February 10, 2017 at Las Palmas Medical Center in El Paso, TX surrounded by his loving family. He was born June 26, 1957 to Manuel and Francisca Trejo-Rojo Chavez. At the time of his death George was employed as a Senior Network System Administrator at White Sands Missile Range. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Those left to mourn his passing include his girlfriend, Debbie Acosta; three brothers, Ruben Chavez, Lupe Chavez (Martha) and Jose Rodriguez; five sisters, Celia Chavez, Lydia Apodaca and Maria Chavez all of Las Cruces, Reynalda Schroeder (Russell) of Texas and Juanita Johnson (Edward) of Arizona. Other survivors include numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; Jory Acosta, Andrew, Justin, Eli and Bella Acosta. George was preceded in death by his parents, most recently his father, on April 21, 2016 and a nephew, David Chavez.

Visitation for George was held on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at Baca's Funeral Chapel, 300 E. Boutz Road, where the Prayer Vigil followed.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 AM Monday, February 20, 2017 at St. Genevieve Catholic Church, 100 S. Espina Street where the Reverend Abraham Solis officiated. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery where he will be laid to rest in the family plot.

Serving as casket bearers will be Lupe and Ruben Chavez, Larry Rodriguez, Jesse and Christopher Madrid, and Phillip Apodaca. Honorary bearers will be Bobby Viramontes, Scott Larsen, Ramon Carrillo, Mike Olivas, Christopher Swenson, Iggy Garcia, Kenneth Loncarich, Edward Johnson, Jose Ruiz and Russell Schroeder.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made in George's memory to the Shriners Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 1525, Ranson, WV 25438 or at 1-855-365-4438. George will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

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Michael Lucero

MICHAEL LUCERO, age 41, of Las Cruces died Sunday, February 19, 2017 at his home. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.



Margarita "Margie" Carbajal Medina

MARGARITA "MARGIE" CARBAJAL MEDINA, age 58, lifelong resident of Hatch passed away Sunday, February 5, 2017 at La Posada-Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by her loving family. "Margie", as she was fondly known to family and friends was born June 11, 1958 to Adolfo and Refugia Garcia Carbajal. She was a loving homemaker that enjoyed caring for her nieces and nephews.

Survivors include six brothers, Rudy Carbajal (Marta) Ray Carbajal (Ruthie) and Armando Carbajal (Jennie) all of Las Cruces, Luis Carbajal (Manuela) and Lonnie Joe Carbajal (Lisa) all of Hatch, and Ernesto Carbajal (Becky) of T or C; two sisters, Sylvia Genovese (Michael) of Bakersfield, CA and Lisa Lucero (Gerald) also of Las Cruces. Other survivors include numerous nieces and nephews. Margie was preceded in death by her parents (most recently her mother in November 2016), and one brother, Ruben Garcia.

A Memorial Mass was held on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at Our Lord of Mercy Catholic Church, 117 Hartman in Hatch where Reverend Alejandro Reyes officiated. Inurnment of

cremains will follow at Gardens of Memories Cemetery where she will be laid to rest in the family plot.

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Cecilia "Cissy" Serna Miranda

Our beloved sister and aunt, CECILIA "CISSY" SERNA MIRANDA, 72, was called home to be with our Lord Jesus

Christ on February 12, 2017. At the time of her death she was lovingly cared for at Casa Belle Assisted Living. "Cissy", as she was fondly known to family and friends, was born November 11, 1944 in Rincon to Pedro Muñoz and Josefina Cordova Serna.

Those left to mourn her passing include her brothers, Francisco Serna (Gloria) Ruben Serna (Dorothy), Ernesto Salas all of Las Cruces, and Jesus Serna (Cherry) of Tortugas; her sisters, Gloria C. Serna of Tortugas and Maria Luisa Serna also of Las Cruces; sisters-in-law, Jennie Meehan and Susan Serna. Other survivors include numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and god-children; there wasn't a baby that Cecilia did not love or care for. In June 1968 she married Ramon V. Miranda who preceded her in death on January 10, 2017. Also preceding her were her parents, a sister, Elisaida Salas; brothers, Felix C. Serna and Pete C. Serna, as well as her parents-in-law, Ramon and Trinidad Miranda.

Recitation of the Holy

Rosary for both Cecilia and Ramon took place on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at Baca's Funeral Chapel, 300 E. Boutz Road where the Memorial Service will follow immediately thereafter. The Rite of Committal and Inurnment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5140 W. Picacho Avenue where they will together be laid to rest.

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James E. Brand

James E. Brand, 72, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on February 15, 2017. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.



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Lola Vern Standridge, 85, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on February 17, 2017. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.



Katherine Cecilia Corral

Katherine Cecilia Corral, 56, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on February 15, 2017. Services are pending with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.



John Anthony Fleming

John Anthony Fleming, 63, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on February 20, 2017. Services are pending with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.



George Nuñez Perez

GEORGE NUÑEZ PEREZ, age 75, of Las Cruces passed away Thursday, February 16, 2017. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory 527-2222.



Mickie E. Odom

MICKIE E. ODOM, age 66, of Las Cruces passed away Friday, February 17, 2017. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.



Ar dys M. Hare Alshouse

ARDYS M. HARE ALSHOUSE, age 83, of Las Cruces passed away Monday, February 20, 2017. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.



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SCORE mentors offer a world of experience

By ALTA LeCOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

While Marc Suri drew on his analytical skills to create joint ventures in Brazil and China, John Deverey applied his marketing flair to form and grow companies in the U.S.

As if led by some unseen force, both arrived in Las Cruces, where they now work as the chair and vice chair, respectively, of SCORE.

As SCORE volunteers, they mentor business owners who aspire to a measure of success Suri and Deverey generated during their careers. They also form a pool of 22 mentors with diverse backgrounds, such as:

- real estate professional Doug Butler, from Oregon, whose experience includes working with government agencies
- Peter Krebs, who ran pharmaceutical companies and has expertise in finance and banking
- Veteran and former White Sands Missile Range executive Al Keintz, who was born in Germany and worked in Argentina and Venezuela

Two former mentors, Tom Heilpren and Joan Kruper, have returned to active service. Kruper specializes in the management of nonprofits.

“Tom is a former SCORE chairman who hired me 12 years ago,” Suri said. “He had previously done some business with me in China.”

SCORE’s clients are equally as varied. One is a 17-year-old tech entrepreneur who, as a high school junior, made \$17,000 with an online business. He is now forming a company to market his latest innovation.

SCORE’s Marc Suri: Business leader on three continents

By ALTA LeCOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

Marc Suri was raised and educated in India and landed in Detroit the last day of 1963, planning to earn a master’s in engineering.

“It was a snowy day,” he recalled. “The guy who was supposed to meet me gave up and left. I had no place to go, so I spent the night at the airport. I wore a big heavy coat that was my father’s. I wanted to go outside and see the snow, but it was windy and I didn’t have gloves or boots.”

That didn’t deter him. Suri earned an M.S. in mechanical engineering from Wayne State University in 1966 and an MBA from the University of Michigan in 1979.

He began his career designing brakes for the Ford heavy trucks division and in 1977 joined Rockwell International truck division as manager of business and product planning. He was stationed in Europe and then Brazil, where he did a joint venture with the largest semi-trailer manufacturer in South America that wanted Rockwell’s latest brake technology.

Later, doing business in China while forming Xuzhou Meritor Axle Co. in 1996, proved more challenging.

“My biggest challenge the first two years was to collect enough cash to simply pay people on time,” Suri said. “I stayed four years and at the end of my stay we were able to break even, the Chinese markets were coming back and we were able to build a new plant.”



John Deverey and Marc Suri at their office in Loretto Towne Center, 505 S. Main St.

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National economic growth outpaces NM

By ALTA LeCOMPTE

Las Cruces Bulletin

Eugenio Alemán, senior economist for Wells Fargo, gave an upbeat — if somewhat tentative — outlook on the U.S. economy at the sixth annual Economic Outlook Forum Feb. 16 at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

Also speaking at the forum sponsored by Wells Fargo and New Mexico State University was NMSU Regents Professor of Economics Jim Peach.

Peach anticipated very modest growth and continuing challenges for the New Mexico economy.

In his presentation on the national economy, Alemán noted that interest rates on 10-year Treasury notes skyrocketed after Nov. 8.

“What the Federal Reserve was not able to do — printing trillions and trillions and trillions of dollars — Mr. Trump did with a Tweet,” he said.



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Alemán said consumer and small business confidence is very high.

“When people feel better, they borrow, they spend and they invest, which they did not do before,” he said.

Although national economic indicators are positive, he cautioned no one knows what expenditures and tax cuts the new administration will propose.

“The question of the deficit is going to come back,” he said. “Only the cast of characters is going to change. The Republicans are going to be for it and the Democrats are going to say we can’t afford that much.”

Alemán said the deficit is projected to hit \$1 trillion in the next three years.

“Hopefully the economy will grow faster than the deficit,” he said.

“I think consumer demand will continue to be the driving force in this economy.”

He called productivity the biggest issue facing the economy, an issue he attributed to the retirement of the “most productive generation in history.”

“Productivity is what we have to turn around so the

economy can continue to grow,” Alemán said.

New Mexico lags

“New Mexico is still struggling to recover from the Great Recession,” Peach told the forum. “Employment and GDP lag behind the nation and we lag behind other states in the region.”

Peach said the state has the second-highest unemployment rate in the U.S., just behind Alaska.

New Mexico gained 0.3 percent in nonfarm employment in the past year, Peach said. The state, however, still has 19,000 fewer jobs than it did in December 2007.

The education and health care sectors and the leisure and hospitality sectors have added jobs, while construction

jobs are still down 14.5 percent, he said.

The state’s oil and gas industries are stronger than they were a year ago, Peach said. Last year there were 22 active rigs in the state; there are now 50.

Peach said the labor market, state budget and out-migration are the danger signs for New Mexico.

“Las Cruces is doing a little better than other New Mexico metropolitan areas,” Peach said. “There’s been a slight upward trend in employment in the last several months.”

He said since December 2007 the local economy has grown 1.2 percent.

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Another young client, a building contractor, landed a large apartment

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“Mostly we put together a really good business plan,” Suri said. “They had a good business and a lot of inventory. We helped them

restructure and work with First New Mexico Bank.”

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SCORE feels it has found its niche in the field. “There are a lot of alphabet organizations out there,” Suri said. “The big difference is we’re all retired. We have really diverse skills and have had success running businesses. We have life experience. Having done things and made mistakes, a lot of what we bring to the table is judgment.

“Success is not being brilliant. It’s saying what you’re going to do and doing it — following up in a dogged way.”

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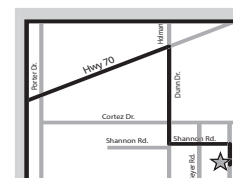
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The City of Las Cruces Community Development Department has prepared the 2017 Action Plan. This is part of the Program Year (PY) 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for the use of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The activities proposed in the 2017 Action Plan are for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The 2017 Action Plan is proposed for review, consideration, and adoption by the Las Cruces City Council at their regular meeting on May 1, 2017 and is required to be submitted to HUD before May 15, 2017.

El Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad de Las Cruces ha preparado el Plan de Acción 2017. Este es parte del Programa Anual (PY) 2016-2020 del Plan de Consolidación y Análisis de los Impedimentos de la Opción para una Vivienda Justa para el uso de El Programa de Subsidios Globales para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) y El Programa de Asociación de Inversiones (HOME) de parte del Departamento de la Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de E.U. (HUD). Las actividades propuestas en el Plan de Acción del 2017 son para el periodo a partir del 1ro. de Julio del 2017 al 30 de Junio del 2018. El Plan de Acción del 2017 será presentado como propuesta para su repaso, consideración y adopción por el Concilio de la Ciudad de Las Cruces durante la reunión regular del 1ro. de Mayo del 2017 y se requiere que sea este entregado a HUD antes del 15 de Mayo del 2017.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PY 2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN IS BEING AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

- Approximately \$150,000.00 of HOME funds will be re-allocated from HOME funds that were unspent, not awarded, not contracted and from unspent previously awarded projects that came in under budget. These funds will be awarded to Habitat for Humanity for the acquisition and construction of new single family affordable housing.
- Approximately \$200,000.00 of CDBG funds will be re-allocated from CDBG funds that were unspent, not awarded, not contracted and from unspent previously awarded projects that came in under budget. These funds will be awarded to a CDBG eligible City Street/Park Infrastructure.

The draft 2017 Action Plan will be available for public review starting Friday, March 3, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Las Cruces City Hall, Community Development Department, 700 N. Main, Suite 1100 or City Clerk's Office, Suite 1200 and the Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho. It will also be on the City's website at www.las-cruces.org under the Community Development Department (this page is ADA compliant for the visually impaired).

The 2017 Action Plan can be translated, upon request, for Limited English Proficient (LEP) persons for review during the public comment period. The 2017 Action Plan can also be provided in alternate formats for the disabled (i.e. Braille, large print, audio tape) upon request. If the public is unable to attend the public hearing, they may submit written comments concerning the 2017 Action Plan to the City of Las Cruces during the 30-day public comment period between March 3 and April 5, 2017. **Public comments must be submitted by Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.**

También se notifica por medio de la presente que el Plan de Acción Anual PY 2016 se está enmendando de la siguiente manera:

- Aproximadamente \$150,000.00 de los fondos de HOME serán re-distribuidos de los fondos de HOME que no se gastaron, no fueron concedidos, no se utilizaron para contratos y de lo que no se gastó pero fue otorgado anteriormente a proyectos que estaban bajo el presupuesto. Estos fondos serán otorgados a Habitat for Humanity para la adquisición y construcción de nuevas viviendas para una sola familia y a precio accesible.
- Aproximadamente \$200,000.00 de los fondos de CDBG serán re-asignados de los fondos de CDBG que no fueron gastados, que no fueron concedidos, que no se utilizaron para contratos y de lo que no se gastó pero fue otorgado anteriormente para proyectos que estaban bajo el presupuesto. Estos fondos serán otorgados a CDBG para la Infraestructura que cumpla con los requisitos para Calles de la Ciudad/Parques.

El borrador del Plan de Acción 2017 estará disponible para revisión del público a partir del viernes 3 de Marzo del 2017, de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m., de lunes a viernes en el Edificio Municipal de Las Cruces, Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario que se encuentra en el 700 N. Main, Suite 1100 o en la Oficina del Secretario de la Ciudad, Suite 1200 y en la Biblioteca Branigan que se encuentra en el 200 E. Picacho. También estará en la página de Internet de la Ciudad: www.las-cruces.org bajo Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario (esta página cumple con los requisitos ADA para personas con impedimentos de la vista).

El Plan de Acción 2017 se puede traducir, si alguien lo pide, para Personas con Capacidad Limitada del Idioma Inglés (LEP), con el propósito de que lo repasen durante el periodo de "comentarios del público". El Plan de Acción del 2017 también se puede proporcionar en formatos alternativos para personas discapacitadas/con impedimentos (ej.: Braille, en letra impresa tamaño grande, cintas de audio) si lo piden. Si alguna persona del público no puede asistir a las reuniones, puede entregar su opinión/algo que le preocupe - comentándolo por escrito en referencia al Plan de Acción 2017 de la Ciudad de Las Cruces durante los 30 días de periodo para comentarios del público, entre las fechas del 3 de Marzo y el 5 de Abril del 2017. Los comentarios del público se deben de entregar para el miércoles, 5 de Abril del 2017 a las 5:00 p.m.

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PROPOSED* USES OF HUD FUNDING FOR PY2017
Propuesta el uso de los fondos de HUD para el año PY2017*

	CDBG	HOME	Benefit / Beneficios
Anticipated funding amount from HUD <i>Cantidad de los fondos anticipados de HUD</i>	\$773,328	\$307,598	
Program Income Estimate <i>Presupuesto del Ingreso del Programa</i>	\$30,000	\$30,000	
Total Funding Available / Total de Fondos Disponibles	\$803,328	\$337,598	
Administration	\$139,199	\$33,760	
CDBG Public Services Grants to Non-profits (Applications will be reviewed and selected by the Health and Human Services Advisory Committee) There are 6 Applicants Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, St. Luke's Health Care Clinic, Jardín de los Niños, Casa de Peregrinos, La Casa, Inc. and Mesilla Valley CASA. CDBG Fondos para Servicios Públicos a Agencias sin fines de lucro. (Las solicitudes serán revisadas y seleccionadas por el Comité de Consejo de Salud y Servicios Humanos) Hay 6 solicitantes: Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, St. Luke's Health Care Clinic, Jardín de los Niños, Casa de Peregrinos, La Casa, Inc. and Mesilla Valley CASA.	\$110,000 not to exceed 15% of CDBG allocation \$110,000 que no excedan 15% de los asignados de CDBG		City-wide / A nivel metropolitano
St. Luke's Clinic Remodel <i>Remodelación de la Clínica St. Luke's</i>	\$60,000		City-wide / A nivel metropolitano
Homeless Shelter Solar Project <i>Proyecto Solar para el Albergue de los Desamparados</i>	\$23,019		15 persons living in shelter <i>15 personas viven en el albergue</i>
Home Rehabilitation (includes Mobile Home ADA Ramps)/Rehabilitación de Viviendas (Incluye Rampas ADA para Casas Móviles)	\$471,110		City-wide / A nivel metropolitano
Tierra Del Sol Housing Multi-Family Project <i>Proyecto de Vivienda Multi Familiar de Tierra Del Sol</i>		\$200,000	East Mesa; <i>Jornada @ Peachtree Hills</i>
Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity (MVHFH)		\$64,038	Affordable Housing Construction for Low-Income Families <i>Construcción de Viviendas a Precio Accesible para Personas de Bajos Ingresos</i>
MVHFH CHDO Operating/Operación/Costo		\$8,000	Operating expenses for Habitat/ <i>Costos de Operación para Habitat</i>
La Casa, Inc. Tenant-Based Rental Assistance/Asistencia al pago de Arrendamiento		\$31,800	Direct rental assistance for victims of domestic violence <i>Asistencia directa para arrendamiento para las víctimas de violencia doméstica (Intrafamiliar)</i>
PY2016 Amendment No. 1 to Habitat for Humanity <i>PY2016 Enmienda No. 1 para Habitat for Humanity</i>		\$150,000	Affordable Housing Construction for Low-Income Families <i>Construcción de Vivienda a Precio Accesible para Familias de Bajos Ingresos</i>
PY2016 Amendment No. 2 to City Street Park Infrastructure project/PY2016 Enmienda No. 2 para Calles de la Ciudad/ Proyecto de Infraestructura en Parques		\$200,000	City Street/Park Infrastructure <i>Calles de la Ciudad/Proyecto de Infraestructura en Parques.</i>

*Funding is subject to the adoption of a Federal Budget and allocation. In the event of reduced CDBG funding the proposed Home Rehabilitation allocation will be reduced. In the event of reduced HOME funding the proposed La Casa and Habitat for Humanity allocations will be reduced proportionally. If anticipated funding is increased the above mention projects will receive proportional increases. *Los fondos están sujetos a la adopción del Presupuesto Federal y su distribución. En caso de que haya reducción de los fondos CDBG la propuesta de la distribución para la Rehabilitación de la Vivienda será reducida. En caso de que haya reducción de los fondos HOME la propuesta de la distribución para La Casa y Habitat for Humanity será reducida proporcionalmente. Si se anticipa que los fondos aumenten en los proyectos mencionados anteriormente, estos recibirán aumentos proporcionalmente.

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BY PHONE/ Por Teléfono: 575-528-3022 (voice/voz) or/o 575-528-3157 (TTY)

State's capital outlay programs a disaster

SB 262 creates a merit-based system for funding infrastructure

As Adam Smith taught us, gains from trade arise from specialization. But you can have too much of a good thing. Excessive specialization creates risks. When an overly dominant industry goes south, the rest of the economy suffers.

Regions overly dependent on energy extraction face particular problems. Natural resources exploitation allows government officials to engage in wealth transfers rather than value creation. Moreover, the existence of large reserves can create an illusion of invulnerability that makes it seem unnecessary to invest in human and social capital.

Sound familiar, New Mexico?

In fact, by one measure, the so-called Hach Index, New Mexico is the least diversified state in the country. Political leaders, from Gov. Susana Martinez on down, have called for diversification. But accomplishing this isn't easy.

Attracting business from out of



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State of the Economy

state doesn't work. We offer enticements, but other states outbid us. We can't and shouldn't match those other states as often they are over paying.

Far better than trying to lure business from out of state is to create an environment in which entrepreneurs want to locate. This means funding the type infrastructure that promotes business investment,

which New Mexico isn't doing. We need roads, parks, schools, universities — but problems in the oil patch coupled with a bizarre reluctance to raise taxes means no revenue for investment.

New Mexico is entering a sort of death spiral. Net migration is negative. More people are moving out than

moving in. Meanwhile, four out of five neighboring states — Utah, Arizona, Colorado and Texas — rank in the Top 10 for population growth.

The state burns while Nero fiddles. And by "Nero" I mean Gov. Susana Martinez with the Democrats playing Sporus.

The state's over dependence on oil and gas is the immediate problem. We need to develop a more stable tax base. Increased property taxes are an obvious answer. But bold action to restructure taxes is not on the table.

How we spend is at least as much of a problem as how much we spend. New Mexico alone among the 50 states allows individual legislators to direct funds to their own pet projects without regard for the general good. Because each legislator has only a small sum, larger projects often go unfunded or only half completed.

State Auditor Tim Keller has documented the disaster that is infrastructure expenditure in New Mexico. Already authorized capital projects

too often languish for years before actual construction begins. Meanwhile, bond revenue, on which New Mexico is paying taxes, sits idle in bank accounts unspent. That this is being allowed to continue is scandalous.

Even worse are capital projects that too often languish for years before actual construction begins. The bonds have been issued and interest is being paid without any benefit flowing to tax payers.

SB262, introduced by Sen. Joseph Cervantes, is a step in the right direction. The bill creates a new process for selecting and planning public works projects that would use objective criteria for selecting projects.

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Former LCPS Interim Supt. Dr. Steven Sanchez, new LCPS Supt. Dr. Gregory Ewing and New Mexico Gov. Susanna Martinez share a light moment during a recent visit by the governor to University Hills Elementary School.

New superintendent impressed with school district, community

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

“It’s a remarkable district,” new Superintendent Dr. Gregory Ewing said about Las Cruces Public Schools. “There are people working extremely hard for children every day.”

Ewing credited teachers and principals with helping the school district reach an 80 percent graduation rate, and said LCPS has a “dedicated central office,” that although understaffed, continues to “rise to the occasion.”

Ewing began with LCPS Dec. 5 after 30 years with the Cobb County, Georgia school district.

Another plus for the district, Ewing said, is its good relationship with NEA (National Education Association)-Las Cruces and the Classified School Employees Council (CSEC) of Las Cruces, unions that represent

Current LCPS statistics

ENROLLMENT: 24,870 (80-day count), 2015-16: 24,726; 2013-14: 25,029

MALE: 53.1 percent; female: 46.9 percent

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH: 76 percent

SCHOOLS: 25 elementaries, eight middles, seven highs

GRADUATION RATE: 80 percent, up from 74.5 percent in 2016; state graduation rate: 71 percent, up from 68.6 percent last year

DROPOUT RATE: 2.4 percent, 3.6 percent in 2011-12, 3 percent in 2012-13

HISPANIC: 75.4 percent, Caucasian: 19.8 percent, African American: 2.6 percent, Asian: 0.9 percent, American Indian/Alaska native: 0.9 percent, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander: 0.4 percent

From the LCPS website (www.lcps.net)

LCPS teachers, educational assistants, custodians, cafeteria workers and other staff.

NEA-LC, he said, has “received national recognition” for its support of the city and

school district’s first community school, Lynn Middle School, which was officially

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LCPS graduation rate reaches 80 percent

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Dr. Greg Ewing got some good news less than two months after becoming Las Cruces Public Schools superintendent: For the first time ever, the LCPS graduation rate has reached 80 percent.

That’s nearly six points higher than a year ago and nine points above the statewide average. And, according to state data, it reflects an increase of more than 30 percent in the last decade.



EWING

Ewing, who took the reins at LCPS Dec. 5, said the higher numbers are impressive but also somewhat misleading.

“We have gotten much better at following data – who is truly continuing in school, who is dropping out,” Ewing said.

However, it can be difficult – and sometimes impossible – to track students who leave the district. Some students not only leave the school district or the state, but also the country, moving or returning to Mexico, for example. If the New Mexico Public Education Department loses track of those students, they are added to the dropout rate even if they stay in school and graduate somewhere else.

For example, LCPS’ 2012-13 dropout report shows that, of the 332 students reported as dropping out that year, 89 had “other (unknown)” listed as the reason for dropping out. Another 58 were listed as “no show” and 11 as “invalid transfer, no transcript requested.”

Former Superintendent Stan Rounds, who resigned last June 30 after 10 years with LCPS, said the graduation rate was calculated at 43.6 percent when he took over.

Rounds created the LCPS Attendance and Student Support Services Program in August 2012 “to step up school district compliance with and enforcement of the New Mexico Compulsory School Attendance law,” according to LCPS.

In addition to “getting much cleaner with our data,” Ewing credited the increased graduation rate “to teachers and principals on the front lines who are encouraging students to stay in school.” He cited Rio Grande Preparatory Institute (RGPI), LCPS’ alternative high school, as an example.

Students who graduate from RGPI “might not graduate if they didn’t have that opportunity with (RGPI Principal) Kathy Davis,” he said, adding that RGPI gives “a second chance” to students who need it.

Former superintendent still in education at state level

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Former Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds is now the executive director of both the New Mexico Coalition of Educational Leaders (NMCEL) and the New Mexico School Superintendents Association, an affiliate of NMCEL.

The full-time positions keep him busy in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, although he maintains a home in Las Cruces.

Rounds, who resigned last June 30 after 10 years with LCPS, said he misses being a superintendent.

Rounds got his first job leading a school district in Des Moines, New Mexico in 1983. He later was superintendent in Hobbs, Alamogordo and Las Cruces.

“It was what I got up every morning to do,” Rounds said. Now, “I get a chance to work with every superintendent in New Mexico. So, what I bring to bear is all those years of experience, (which) makes me a resource for them, but I’m also able to have good empathy for the challenges they’re facing with first-hand knowledge.”

Among his accomplishments at LCPS, Rounds said he is “proudest of the momentum we’ve made in ... graduation rate.” The New Mexico Public Education Department recently announced that LCPS has reached an 80 percent graduation rate, almost doubling the rate when Rounds started with LCPS, he said. “I’m very proud of that. It has a lot of parts to that, a lot of good teaching, good management.”



ROUNDS

Rounds said he also is “proud that Oñate High School had the highest graduation rate (of any LCPS high school) except for Arrowhead Park Early College High School (APECHS). When I first got here, there were a lot of questions people in the community asked about the education there,” he said.

Rounds said opening APECHS is something else of which he’s very proud. It was the first early college high school in the state, opening on the New Mexico State University campus in 2010. Rounds partnered with NMSU Chancellor Garrey Caruthers on the concept.

Rounds said he is also “proud of the work we did

with JUMP,” the Joint Ungraded Multiage Primary program that has helped students in kindergarten, first- and second grades to achieve higher reading scores.

Rounds was among the first to call new LCPS Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing after Ewing was hired as Rounds’ permanent replacement in December.

“I believe Dr. Ewing is an experienced school person,” Rounds said. “I know his motivation for the job is a desire to do things for kids, bringing his experience to bear. I wish him well with that. Certainly, I’m supportive of his efforts. It’s not my district to lead anymore, it’s his. I recognize that and I don’t mind passing that torch.”

“I have a really good job now that has good state-wide benefits and opportunities,” Rounds said, adding that he is not looking for another superintendent’s job. “If the right thing were to show up, you never say never. As long as I still have this vigor that’s inside my heart for education, I’m always interested in a leadership opportunity.”

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EWING

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recognized during a Jan. 19 ribbon cutting attended by national NEA President Lily Eskelsen Garcia.

Ewing said he and members of the LCPS board of education are “working in tandem. They have made very clear that I am the leader and they are here to offer support,” he said.

Following a recommendation by School Board President Maria Flores, LCPS created a student advisor position in 2015. These students, Ewing said, “already exemplify attributes of the (superintendent’s) executive cabinet.”

Ewing said that cabinet, consisting of top district administrators, is “working as a team. I certainly don’t believe in making any decisions in isolation.”

“Dr. Ewing is an incredible

educational leader, a teacher, who still loves to teach, and a kind and empathic person,” said Flores. “He has already provided so much relief for teachers and staff, by taking the weight off their shoulders, and telling them to just teach. He stands with our students, families and staff. I am extremely happy to have him as our new superintendent.”

While LCPS has many positives, there is also “work to be done,” especially in providing educational opportunities to English-language learners and bilingual students, Ewing said. He is hopeful LCPS will offer Advanced Placement (AP) classes in Spanish so students can graduate with college credits already in place.

The superintendent said math and reading scores in elementary schools also have to be raised. District-wide “leadership training and support” are also critical, he

said, noting that almost half of LCPS principals have less than five years’ experience, and “we continue to see veteran teachers retire and leave the profession.”

Ewing specializes in foreign languages, having taught Latin, Italian and Spanish. He has a master’s degree in Latin from Georgia State University. For his thesis, he translated 16th century manuscripts in Latin, French and Italian while living in Venice. Ewing also has a bachelor’s from George State in the classics. His educational doctorate is in counseling psychology from the University of Sarasota.

“Not only speaking the language but understanding the culture, I think, is critical,” Ewing said.

The new superintendent said the LCPS position matches his experience in Georgia.

During his first interview

with the board, “I felt very positive about the school district,” he said. During the second round, he met teachers, students, principals and central office staff and “had a very clear picture of the district and where they were and where I would like to see them go. I felt very confident with each of those groups.”

“For me, the most important thing is culture and climate,” Ewing said. “The morale of the district is hugely important.”

“I still think like a teacher,” Ewing said. “I believe teachers should have the freedom to teach and have good leaders supporting them. Teachers need to know that they have my permission to take control of their classrooms, to impart knowledge to their students and to enjoy the art of teaching.”

He says that “students need to know that learning comes in many facets and compo-

nents, and testing is only one of them.”

Federal funding is an issue, Ewing says, especially with the appointment of new Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. He is also “very concerned at the current status of funding for education” at the state level. “I hope that as they study school funding, they will ... realize that recent cuts to LCPS will, in fact, impact students.”

Ewing also said the state-mandated teacher evaluation system “needs revision.”

“I have told teachers I do not intend to use that evaluation for promotions, pay raises or any other decisions for teachers,” he said. “Rather, I intend to rely on the recommendations of principals and assistant principals, who know and understand education quite well.”

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"NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Section 73-13-4 NMSA, the Board of Directors of Elephant Butte Irrigation District (District) will consider a Resolution to transfer water rights appurtenant to lands within the District which are not suitable for irrigation or capable of being properly irrigated to other lands within the District, if in the Board's judgement the land may be profitably irrigated

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and advantageously irrigated. The request is made by JORGE & ITZAMANRA SAENZ who requests that the Board suspend a total of 1.00 acres of water rights from lands located in Section 34, Twp. 25S, Range 2E NMPM., and being a part of USRS Map 20-36A1B, 36B TR A and transfer them to lands owned by MONTY & MARIA F BARRY located in Section 34, Twp. 25S, Range 2E, NMPM, being a part of USRS Map 20-36A1B, 36B TR B. The place of the hearing is the offices of the District located at 530 S. Melendres, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the date of the hearing is March 08, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. Protest or protests from any person or persons interested may be heard at the hearing. At the end of the hearing, the Board of Directors shall take formal action upon the Resolution. Any protestant or protestant's may appeal the decision of the Board directly to District Court within 10 days of the adoption or rejection of the Resolution."

Date: 02/24, 2017

"NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Section 73-13-4 NMSA, the Board of Directors of Elephant Butte Irrigation District (District) will consider a Resolution to transfer water rights appurtenant to lands within the District which are not suitable for irrigation or capable of being properly irrigated to other lands within the District, if in the Board's judgement the land may be profitably irrigated and advantageously irrigated. The request is made by ROBERT Y & ROSE MAE ORTIZ TRUSTEES ORTIZ REVOCABLE TRUST who requests that the Board suspend a total of 0.97 acres of water rights from lands located in Section 21, Twp. 22S, Range 1E NMPM., and being a part of USRS Map 4-62A2C LT 18A and transfer them to lands owned by TONY M & JOANN E LARA located in Section 25, Twp. 22S, Range 1E, NMPM, being a part of USRS Map 5-74A LT 1. The place of the hearing is the offices of the District located at 530 S. Melendres, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the date of the hearing is March 08, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. Protest or protests from any person or persons interested may be heard at the hearing. At the end of the hearing, the Board of Direc-

tors shall take formal action upon the Resolution. Any protestant or protestant's may appeal the decision of the Board directly to District Court within 10 days of the adoption or rejection of the Resolution."

Date: 02/24, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 12, 2017, Charles Tharp, on behalf of Doña Ana Land Company, INC, 6000 N. Valley Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed application numbered LRG-11107-POD6, OSE File No. LRG-11107 and LRG-11107-A, 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-11107-POD6 to a depth of 250 feet with 12-inch casing located at approximately X = 1,456,665 Y= 507,818 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant to supplement existing wells LRG-11107 et al, located as on file with the OSE, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for the future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBD for the irrigation of 454.35 acres of land and groundwater only irrigation of 18.07 acres of land owned by the applicant located within part of the following projected Sections: SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄ of Section 09; NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ of Section 15; NE¹/₄, NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄ of Section 16; NE¹/₄ of Section 21; NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ of Section 22, all within Township 22S, Range 01E, NMPM as described by the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey Subfile No's.: LRN-28-004-0003- A (A-D), LRN-28-004-0061, LRN-28-004-0062, and LRN-28-004-0063. Proposed supplemental well LRG-11107-POD6 will be located north of Las Cruces, NM approximately 1,363 ft. north northeast of the intersection of N. Valley Dr and the Picacho Lateral. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill and use supplemental well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24.

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: 02/24, 03/03, 03/10, 2017

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

No. 17-0032

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSE A. SAONA, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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DATED: February 3, 2017.

MICHAEL MISQUEZ BOMBACH
13828 54th Street SE
Snohomish,
Washington 98290

Prepared by:
ALAN D. GLUTH
New Mexico Bar #14980
Gluth Law, LLC
2455 East Missouri,
Suite A
Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88001
Telephone: (575) 556-8449
Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 03/03, 2017

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

No. 17-0020

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF W. A. FREDERICK, a/k/a BILLY BERT FREDERICK, a/k/a WILLIAM ALBERT FREDERICK, a/k/a WILLIAM FREDERICK, a/k/a BERT FREDERICK, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

DATED: February 3, 2017.

WILLIAM FREDERICK, JR.
a/k/a WILLIAM ALBERT FREDERICK
1612 Winton Circle

Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88007

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Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on August 30, 2016 Rodolfo O. & Concepcion Q. Lara, PO Box 914, Mesilla Park, NM, 88047 filed application numbered LRG-7371-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-7371-5, 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 & using replacement well LRG-7371-POD3 to be located within the NW¹/₄ NE¹/₄ of Section 35, Township 25S, Range 2E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°5'45.59"N and 106°42'17.62"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, & discontinue the use of well LRG-7371, located on land owned by Mary Helen Tapia located within the NE¹/₄ of Section 35, Township 25S, Range 2E (NMPM) & more specifically described where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°5'49.77"N and 106°42'7.98"W (WGS84), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 2.87 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE¹/₄ of said Section 35 (NMPM), as described in Subfile Number No. LRS 28-008-0068 Right A of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill & use replacement well LRG-7371-POD3 under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of replacement well LRG-7371-POD3 is located southwest of Vado, NM and may be found approximately 414 feet east of the intersec-

tion of County Road B 10 and Powell Place and further described at the property address of 115 Powell Place, La Mesa, NM. Existing well LRG-7371 will be retained for other rights.

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

Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 11, 2017, Michael J. Salopek and Mary C. Salopek, 5403 Rocky Acres Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-16233-POD1, OSE File No.: LRG-16233-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-16233-POD1 to a depth of 200 feet with a 6-inch casing, in a location within the SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ of projected Section 20, Township 22S, Range 1E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where X = 1,452,992.59 ft., and Y =

500,356.55 ft., NMSA, Central NAD83 on land owned by the applicants, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-00009-S-2, located on land owned by Simpson Family Farms, LLC located within the NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ of projected Section 28, Township 22S, Range 1E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where X = 1,454,404 ft., Y = 499,327 ft., NMSA, Central NAD83 for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 2.17 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the SE¹/₄SE¹/₄ of projected Section 20, Township 22S, Range 1E (NMPM), as described in Subfile No. : LRS-28-004-0079 Right A of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of proposed well LRG-16233-POD1 will be located west of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 286 feet northwest of the intersection of Rocky Acres Trail and Shalem Colony Trail, Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-00009-S-2 will be retained for other rights.

Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 3, 2017 Admiral Beverage Corporation, 3980 Prince St., SE, Albuquerque, NM 87105, filed application numbered LRG-489-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-489, 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 & using replacement well LRG-489-POD2 to be located within the SE¹/₄ NW¹/₄ of Section 09, Township 24S, Range 2E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°14'10.04"N and 106°44'40.35"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, & discontinue the use of well LRG-487, located on land owned by the applicant located within the NW¹/₄ of Section 9, Township 24S, Range 2E (NMPM) & more specifically described where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°14'10.2"N and 106°44'40.402"W (WGS84), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 62.73 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ of said Section 9 (NMPM), as described in Subfile No. LRS 28-002-0091 Right A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill & use replacement well LRG-489-POD2 under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. The site of replacement well LRG-489-POD2 is located south of Mesilla, NM and

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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: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 3, 2017 Aggie Storage 960 Sand Castle Ave Las Cruces NM 88012 may be found approximately 1,572 feet south west of the intersection of White Opal Rd. and South Main St. and further described at the property address of 6000 S. Main St., Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-487 will be properly plugged.

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Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 21st day of February, 2017.

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 03/03, 2017

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

To be held at:
Aggie Storage
960 Sand Castle Ave
Las Cruces NM 88012
575-644-1167

Paula Cutter
2029 Sagecrest Ave
Las Cruces NM 88011
Unit #410 -
Dresser, Medical Equipment, Computer, Patio Bistro, Boxes, Book Shelves, and Rugs. \$1,070.00

Date of the Auction:
Friday, March 17, 2017
Times:
Registration 8:30 - 9:00am
Auction 9:00am

Place: Aggie Storage
960 Sand Castle Ave
Las Cruces NM 88012
Manager: Art Sanchez
575-644-1167

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 2017

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of the Following Ordinance(s) at the Regular City Council Meeting Held on February 21, 2017:

(1) Council Bill No. 17-019; Ordinance No. 2805: An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Chapter 13, Division 2 - Affordable Housing General Oversight of the Las Cruces Municipal Code, 1997, as Amended (LCMC).

(2) Council Bill No. 17-020; Ordinance No. 2806: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from A-2 (Rural Agricultural District from the 1981 Zone Code) to M1/M2 (Industrial Standard) on a 1.4± Acre Parcel Located at 2305 W. Amador Avenue. Submitted by Robert and Ana Macias, Property Owners (70921).

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 21st day of February, 2017.

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

Date: 02/24, 2017

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT JACK CHASE, DECEASED, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,

PROBATE NO.
PB-2017-00008

TO: PAULANNE CHASE, WHOSE ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ROBERT JACK CHASE, DECEASED ("DECEDENT"), AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE

OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN DECEDENT, THE MATTERS BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREIN-AFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

Hearing of the Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative will be held at the Third Judicial District Courthouse, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on **March 7, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.**, before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Court Judge.

Pursuant to Section 45-1-401 of the New Mexico Uniform Probate Code, notice of the time and place of hearing on said Petition is hereby given to you by publication, once each week, for three consecutive weeks.

DATED: February 10, 2017

LAW OFFICE OF KYLE H. MOBERLY, P.C.

By: /s/ Kyle H. Moberly

Kyle H. Moberly
Attorney for Petitioner
2460 S. Locust Street,
Suite E
Las Cruces, NM 88001
(575) 541-1278

Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24, 2017

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

CV-2017-234

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF LEONOR A. ESTRADA, FOR NAME CHANGE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Leonor A. Estrada, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico and over the age of fifteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, herein she seeks to change her name from Leonor A. Estrada to Eleanor A. Estrada, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the 6th day of March, 2017, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W.

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Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Respectfully Submitted:

/s/Leonor A. Estrada
Leonor A. Estrada
10360 N. Hwy 85
Las Cruces, NM 88007
575-527-4764

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 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 license with on premise consumption and patio service only to **Rudy's New Mexico Bar-B-Q, LLC**, to be located at 1020 North Telshor Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for **Monday, March 20, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.**, in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the transfer.

Witness my hand and seal this 14 day of February 2017.

/s/
Linda Lewis, CMC,
City Clerk

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 2017

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-00013
Judge Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BUNFORD S. PELTON, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **CLIFFORD PELTON** has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of **BUNFORD S. PELTON**, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the

claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative in care of the Attorney for the Personal Representative, Joshua Dwyer of SCOTTHULSE PC, 201 North Church Street, Suite 201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, Phone: (575)522-0765, Fax: (575)522-0006, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, located at 201 West Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 14th day of February, 2017.

By: /s/Joshua Dwyer
Joshua Dwyer
Attorney for Personal Representative

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 03/03, 2017

NOTICE OF VEHICLE SEIZURE

TO REGISTERED OWNERS, AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS:

You are hereby notified that the Doña Ana Sheriff's Office has seized the following vehicles and intends to proceed with forfeiture of each vehicle to the County of Doña Ana pursuant to DAC Ordinance #232-07 pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles related to DWI Offenses: The below listed vehicles and contents will be auctioned to the highest bidder at our upcoming auction set for the Month of **April 22, 2017, @ 10:00 AM** the event location, 2821-B LAS VEGAS COURT, LAS CRUCES, NM

VIN # DESCRIPTION REGISTERED OWNER

2FABP74F1KX145103
1989 FORD BROWN CROWN VIC 4/D
CYNTHIA DURAN

JNKBY31A6WM402566
1998 INFINITI GOLD 4/D
BRIAN MOORE

3C8FY68B12T231232
2002 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER SUV
ILLIA TERRAZAS

1Y1SK5265SZ005996
1995 GREEN CHEVROLET 4/D
TEDDY WEATHERFORD

1N4AL21E57C140318
2007 GRAY NISSAN ALTIMA 4/D

MEGAN ADELL

1G8ZS57N97F189622
2007 SILVER SATURN 4/D
CARMEN HERNANDEZ

1J4GW58NX4C408112
2004 BLACK JEEP CHEROKEE SUV
RICHARD DILLARD

1B7GL23XXLS676460
1990 BLUE DODGE DAKOTA PK
MONIKA BANNISTER

If you do not demand judicial review within 35 calendar days from the date of the seizure, and or this advertisement, by filing or refiling a claim for the described vehicle with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office or filing a suit in court, you lose the right to a judicial determination of this forfeiture, and you lose any right you may have to the described vehicle and its contents.

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-01855

CONERSTONE HOME LENDING, LLC, Plaintiff,

v.

DAWN OLANDER FKA DAWN A. MARTIN, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAWN OLANDER FKA DAWN A. MARTIN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on **March 14, 2017 at 11:00 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 168, ENTRADA DE SIERRA SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, 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 August 10, 2007, in Book

22 Page(s) 291-293 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 7466 Sierra Luz Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012. 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 November 21, 2016 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$159,543.49 plus interest from October 1, 2016 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.125% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended or 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, ease-

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

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

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

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 03/03, 03/10, 2017

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF HATCH, NEW MEXICO, AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE, UNIFORM TRAFFIC ORDINANCE ARTICLE VII SECTION 12-7-9.10 PENALTIES

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hatch wishes to amend Article VII Section 12-7-9.10 Penalties (Exhibit A).

This proposed ordinance is on file in its entirety in the Municipal Clerk's Office of the Village of Hatch located at 133 N. Franklin St., Hatch, New Mexico, and may be reviewed during normal office hours.

Andy Nunez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patrick S. Banegas, Municipal Clerk

Dates: 02/24, 03/03, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-253
JAMES T. MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Titus Montellano Pena FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Titus Montellano Pena**, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from **Titus Montellano Pena** to **Titus Montellano**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the **7th day of March 2017**, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(Seal)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Titus Pena
Titus Pena
5955 Moonview Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88012
(575) 915-8944

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-233

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Guadalupe Jasmine Tello Martinez FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Guadalupe Jasmine Tello Martinez**, a resident of the City of Anthony, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana

County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from **Guadalupe Jasmine Tello Martinez** to **Guadalupe Jasmine Tello**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Mary W. Rosner, District Judge, on the 9 day of March 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(Seal)

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/Guadalupe Jasmine Tello Martinez
Guadalupe Jasmine Tello Martinez
2391 Visnaga St.
Anthony, NM 88021
334 Conejo St.
Anthony, NM 88021
(915) 305-4596

Dates: 02/24, 03/03, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-00135
Judge Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF REBECCA WATSON, FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF SAMANTHA CAMERON JAQUES.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF PERSON UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rebecca Watson, has filed a Petition to Change the name of her child, from Samantha Cameron Jaques to Samantha Cameron Watson. This petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the 9th, day of March, 2017, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the Third Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

KENNETH L. BEAL, P.C.
P. O. Box 725
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-526-5511

/s/
KENNETH L. BEAL
Attorney for Petitioner

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-00636

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAA HOMEEQUITY TRUST 2005-7, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY E. DE LOSH, Deceased; PAT MUTZBAUGH, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY E. DE LOSH, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF DOROTHY E. DE LOSH, Deceased, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **March 22, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the herein-after described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1814 East Mulberry Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 11, Block 7, UNIT NO. 4 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, 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 August 14, 1967, in Book 10 Pages 14-15 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 14, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$84,756.54 and the same bears interest at 7.375% per annum from August 9, 2016, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees

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

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

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

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

Dates: 02/24, 03/03, 03/10, 03/17, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-02030

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

vs.

THE ESTATE OF MONICA M. CHAVEZ, aka Monica Chavez, Deceased; DANIEL CHAVEZ, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF MONICA M. CHAVEZ, aka Monica Chavez, Deceased, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **March 8, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1920 E. Madrid Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 5 IN BLOCK 16 OF LOMA HEIGHTS, PLAT NO. 4, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA, 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, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 17, 1961, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 8 AT PAGES 69, 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 January 26, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$101,436.09 and the same bears interest at 6.000% per annum from October 20, 2016, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the

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

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

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

Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24, 03/03, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-01111

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

CONSTANCE F. BIERNER AKA CONSTANCE BIERNER, IF LIVING, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CONSTANCE F. BIERNER AKA CONSTANCE BIERNER, IF DECEASED, AND OTERO FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE
ON FORECLOSURE**

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 985 La Vida Nueva Court, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 15, PUEBLITOS DE LAS CRUCES, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY,

NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNED ON PLAT NO. 3421, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY OF DECEMBER 11, 2000, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 19, PAGES 557-558, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 a.m. on March 24, 2017**, outside the front entrance of the Third Judicial District, 201 W. Picacho, #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 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 Judgment granted BOKF, N.A.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded in rem Judgment on February 10, 2017, in the principal sum of \$51,413.50, plus interest due on the Note through January 15, 2017, in the amount of \$2,026.68, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 3.375% per annum (\$4.75 per diem) until paid, plus late fees in the amount of \$96.10, plus escrow advances for property taxes in the amount of \$1,612.46, plus hazard insurance premium in the amount of \$1,528.00, plus FHA/HUD premiums in the amount of \$48.10, plus property preservation in the amount of \$190.45, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through January 16, 2017, in the amount of \$1,437.99, and costs through January 16, 2017, in the amount of \$943.37, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 3.375% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant(s) as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

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

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani
Faisal Sukhyani
C/O Leverick & Musselman, LLC
5120 San Francisco NE
Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87109

Dates: 02/24, 03/03, 03/10, 03/17, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00504

**UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, ACTING
THROUGH RURAL
HOUSING SERVICE
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**NANCY ARREOLA,
Defendant.**

**NOTICE OF SALE
ON FORECLOSURE**

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 881 Birdie Drive, Anthony, New Mexico 88021, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 11, BLOCK 5, DOS LAGOS HOMES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 20, 2007, IN BOOK 22 PAGES 375-376 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 a.m. on March 10, 2017**, outside the front entrance to the Third Judicial District, Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, 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 Judgment granted to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service.

United States of America,

acting through the Rural Housing Service was awarded a Judgment on December 5, 2016, in the principal sum of \$80,967.73, plus interest due on the Note through November 1, 2016, in the amount of \$15,251.87, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 5.375% per annum (\$11.92 per diem), plus escrow advances in the amount of \$5,937.06, plus late charges in the amount of \$148.69, plus property caretaking expenses in the amount of \$472.62, plus an appraisal fee in the amount of \$472.62, plus in rem interest subsidy recapture on the Note in the amount of \$7,796.88, plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$1,500.00 and costs in the amount of \$481.05, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 5.375% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

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

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani
Faisal Sukhyani,
Special Master
c/o Leverick & Musselman
5120 San Francisco
Road NE
Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87109
Telephone: (505)858-3303

Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24, 03/03, 2017

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

No. D-307-PB-2016-00119
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
ALFREDO P. VIGIL,
Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed the Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: November 30, 2016

/s/Enedina H. Vigil
Enedina H. Vigil,
Personal Representative
of the Alfredo P. Vigil,
Deceased

PREPARED &
SUBMITTED BY:
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
PO Box 366
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
(575) 524-0833
holmespa@zianet.com

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

Dates: 02/24, 03/03, 03/10, 2017

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-02539

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

vs.

**IGNACIO BADILLO,
DIONICIA BADILLO;
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 321 Keathley Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described

as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS PART OF LOT 3, NORTH ALAMEDA ACRES, PLAT FILED JUNE 7, 1938, IN BOOK 5, PAGE 48, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT THE 1/2" IRON ROD SET ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF KEATHLEY DRIVE FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; WHENCE THE ORIGINAL NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 3, NORTH ALAMEDA ACRES, BEARS N. 18° 04'00"W., 40.07 FEET; THENCE, FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF KEATHLEY DRIVE, N. 68° 37'00"E., A DISTANCE OF 75.00 FEET TO 1/2" IRON ROD SET FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE, LEAVING KEATHLEY DRIVE, S. 18° 04'00"E., A DISTANCE OF 129.93 FEET TO A NAIL FOUND ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF AN ALLEY FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE, ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID ALLEY, S. 68° 37'00"W., A DISTANCE OF 75.00 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE, LEAVING SAID ALLEY, N. 18° 04'00"W., A DISTANCE OF 129.93 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ENCLOSING 0.223 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESERVATIONS OF RECORD.

The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on April 6, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on January 19, 2017, in the total amount of

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\$160,164.79, with interest at the rate of 5.50% per annum from October 7, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

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

By: Robert A. Doyle,
Special Master
c/o Legal Process Network
P.O. Box 51526
Albuquerque, NM 87181
505-417-4113
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IDSPub #0122224

2/10/2017 2/17/2017
2/24/2017 3/3/2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-02208

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT C. LOPEZ AKA ROBERT CHARTON LOPEZ; MIKA LOPEZ; Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, ROBERT C. LOPEZ AKA ROBERT CHARTON LOPEZ; MIKA LOPEZ:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 5731 Pecan Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88011. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 15 IN BLOCK NUMBERED D OF DESERT BREEZE SUBDIVISION, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID DESERT BREEZE SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON 07/26/2006 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 714-717.

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

MCCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

By: /s/ Carrie Cook
Karen Weaver
Carrie Cook
6501 Eagle Rock NE,
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Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87113
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ccook
@mccarthyholthus.com
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 02/24, 03/03, 03/10,
2017

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-00012
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF

THE ESTATE OF STEVEN T. LEASK, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed the Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: February 4, 2017

/s/Connie R. Lambert
Connie R. Lambert,
Personal Representative of
the Estate of Steven T.
Leask, Deceased

PREPARED &
SUBMITTED BY:
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
PO Box 366
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holmespa@zianet.com

/s/Joseph M. Holmes
Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 03/03,
2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2016-01902
Judge Mary Rosner

FIRSTLIGHT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

vs.

DANOIS R. MONTOYA, JR., Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, on **March 30, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.** at the Doña Ana County District Court at 201 W. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, the undersigned Special Master will

sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all of the right, title, and interest of the above-named Defendant to the following described real property. The property to be sold is located at 3920 Ramrod Forge, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, and is more particularly described as follows:

Lot 5, Block 3, SETTLERS' RIDGE, UNIT ONE, AT RANCHO DEL REY, 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 November 22, 1991, in Book 17 Page(s) 108-110 of Plat Records.

The sale will be made pursuant to a Default Judgment entered on February 13, 2017, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which is a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff. Plaintiff was granted judgment in the amount of \$158,345.13 plus interest at the rate of 2.875% per annum, from February 13, 2017 to the date of sale; the costs of sale including the Special Master's fee and the publication cost; and additional amounts, if any, which Plaintiff will be required to pay prior to termination of this action for property taxes, insurance premiums, and any other costs of upkeep of the real property of any sort. Plaintiff has the right to bid at the sale and to submit its bid verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

Notice is further given that the real property and improvements thereon 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 disclaims any responsibility for the valuation of the real property and improvements thereon by the County Assessor; for any environmental contamination, if any; and for any zoning violations, if any.

Notice is further given that the purchaser at the sale should take title to the above

described real property subject to a thirty (30) day right of redemption.

/s/ Stephen Tucker Swaim
2/17/2017
Stephen Tucker Swaim
Special Master
Pickett Law Firm, LLC
PO Box 1239
Las Cruces NM 88004 1239
Phone: (575) 526-3338

Dates: 02/24, 03/03, 03/10,
03/17, 2017

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

No. CV-2016-02603
Judge: Beyer

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

DEBBIE AGOSTO, 1992 CADILLAC 4 DR, GOLD; VIN: 1G6CD53BXN4311191; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. NRS 355, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: **RESPONDENT DEBBIE AGOSTO:**

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1992 CADILLAC 4 DR, GOLD; VIN: 1G6CD53BXN4311191; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. NRS355.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

RESPECTFULLY
SUBMITTED,
CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: /s/ Thomas R.A. Limon
Thomas R.A. Limon
Assistant City Attorney
PO Box 20000
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable
Beyer, Marci, 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 27th day of January, 2017.

(Seal)

Claude Bowman
COURT EXECUTIVE
OFFICER

By: E. Balizan
DEPUTY - E. Balizan

Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24,
2017

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-02643
Judge: Arrieta

CALEB PEREZ, Plaintiff,

vs.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, AND UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM A LIEN, INTEREST OR TITLE ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF, Caleb Perez.

The nature of this suit is substantially as follows, to-wit:

This action is brought to quiet title on the following property owned by Caleb Perez:

Lot 9, Block B, ARROWHEAD ESTATES 9, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 17, 2005, in Book 21 Page(s) 163-164 of Plat Records.

The street address of the property is 1233 Osage Ct, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

If you or your attorney do not respond to this Notice of Pendency of Action, a default judgment may be taken against you.

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CLAUDE BOWMAN
2/16/2017
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

By: /s/ Wendy Cousler
Deputy - W. Cousler

Respectfully submitted,

WATSON SMITH, L.L.C.

/s/Matthew G. Watson
Matthew G. Watson
Attorney for Plaintiff
1100 South Main Street
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Dates: 02/24, 03/03, 03/10,
2017

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

No. CV-2016-02042
Judge: Rosner

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

MAGDALENA T. CALDERON, BRIANA ENRIQUEZ, LOAN MAX TITLE LOANS, AND 1993 CHEVY CAPRICE, RED; VIN: 1G1BN53EIPR106714; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. LZJ993, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: **Respondent Briana Enriquez:**

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1993 CHEVY CAPRICE, RED; VIN: 1G1BN53EIPR106714; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. LZJ993.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: /s/ Robert Cabello
Robert A. Cabello
Assistant City Attorney
PO Box 20000
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable
Rosner, Mary, 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 17 day of
November, 2016.

(Seal)

COURT EXECUTIVE
OFFICER

By: L K Brown
DEPUTY - Lindsey K
Brown

Dates: 02/24, 03/03, 03/10,
2017

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

Case No.
D-307-CV-2015-02264

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

ISAAC HOLGUIN, ANNETTE M. HOLGUIN; STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT AND UNKNOWN TENANT (REAL NAME UNKNOWN), 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 861 Birdie Drive, Anthony, NM 88021-8485, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 16, IN BLOCK NUMBERED 5 OF DOS LAGOS HOME SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID DOS LAGOS HOMES SUBDIVISION,

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PHASE 2 FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY Y, NEW MEXICO ON NOVEMBER 20, 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 375-376.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on April 6, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on January 19, 2017, in the total amount of \$123,697.74, with interest at the rate of 5.1250% per annum from September 30, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

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

By: Robert A. Doyle,
Special Master

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

No. CV-2017-0359
Judge Marci Beyer

**CARMELO SAN MAMES
and LUZ MARINA SAN
MAMES Plaintiffs,**

vs.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, a municipal corporation; JONATHAN D. SCHUMER, d/b/a MAIN STREET MOTORS, LLC, a New Mexico limited liability company; and any and all unknown heirs, devisees, spouses and claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiffs, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF SUIT**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: Any and all unknown heirs, devisees, spouses and claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiffs

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

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

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

The general object of this action is to quiet and to set at rest the title of Plaintiffs

in and to the lands described herein against any adverse claims of the Defendants and that the Defendants be barred and estopped from having or claiming any lien upon, any right or title to the estate of Plaintiffs in and to said lands, or any portion thereof, adverse to the Plaintiffs.

The property which is affected and concerned by this pending action is located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

See Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

The name of the Plaintiffs' attorney is as follows: Dana M. Kyle of The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.A., 318 W. Organ Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, (575) 525-0020.

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

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this 13 day of FEBRUARY, 2017.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
Court Administrator

By /s/ Elsa Gomez
Deputy

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 03/03,
2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-02577

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

vs.

THE ESTATE OF KENNETH YODER, DECEASED; BRENNAN DEE YODER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PERSON-

AL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH YODER, DECEASED; LINDA DENISE JONES; SHANNON DWAYNE YODER, and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES OR LEGATEES OF KENNETH YODER, DECEASED, Defendant(s).

**AMENDED NOTICE OF
PENDENCY OF ACTION**

Defendant(s) The Unknown Heirs, Devises or Legatees of Kenneth Yoder, Deceased is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1250 Onate Street, in the City of Anthony, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

LOT NUMBERED 25 OF DOS LAGOS SUBDIVISION PHASE II, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID DOS LAGOS SUBDIVISION PHASE II, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 20, 2003 IN PLAT BOOK 20,FOLIO 289-290.

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

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

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:

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Nesbitt, P.A.
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Albuquerque, NM 87110
(505) 248-2400
FAX: 254-4722

February 3, 2017

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

Loni J. Hodge
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, 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 3 day of February, 2017.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

By/s/ Noemi Ramirez
Deputy

Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24,
2017

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

No. CV-2016-02464
Judge: Martin

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

LARAY L. ATLAS, LOAN MAX TITLE LOANS 2000 DODGE NEON, RED; VIN: 1B3ES46C2YD604132; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. NHC147, Respondents.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

**To: RESPONDENT
LARAY L. ATLAS:**

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2000 DODGE NEON, RED; VIN: 1B3ES46C2YD604132; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. NHC147.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: /s/ Thomas R.A. Limon
Thomas R.A. Limon

Assistant City Attorney
PO Box 20000
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NM 88004
575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 13th day of February, 2017.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
COURT EXECUTIVE
OFFICER

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

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 03/03,
2017

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

No. CV-2016-02695
Judge: Rosner

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

FRANCES NEWTON, LOAN MAX TITLE LOANS 2006 DODGE DAKOTA, WHITE; VIN: 1D7HE22N46S588707; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. NSL557, Respondents.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

**To: RESPONDENT
FRANCES NEWTON:**

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2006 DODGE DAKOTA, WHITE; VIN: 1D7HE22N46S588707; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. NSL557.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

RESPECTFULLY
SUBMITTED,

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By:/s/ Thomas R.A. Limon
Thomas R.A. Limon
Assistant City Attorney
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575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Rosner, Mary, 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 10 day of February, 2017.

(Seal)

COURT EXECUTIVE
OFFICER

By: /s/LK Brown
DEPUTY -
Lindsey K Brown

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 03/03,
2017

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

No. CV-2016-02255
Judge: Martin

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

CHERYL A. WILSON, REED HEWES, BRYANT D. HEWES AND 2002 TOYOTA AVALON, GREEN; VIN: 4T1BF28B52U260992; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. NGM736, Respondents.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

**To: RESPONDENTS
CHERYL A. WILSON,
REED HEWES, AND
BRYANT D. HEWES:**

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2002 TOYOTA AVALON, GREEN; VIN: 4T1BF28B52U260992; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. NGM736.

2. You are the named RESPONDENTS for whom this service by publication is

sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: /s/ Thomas R.A. Limon
Thomas R.A. Limon
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Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Martin, James T., 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 20th day of January, 2017.

(Seal)

Claude Bowman
COURT EXECUTIVE
OFFICER

By: /s/ Javier Cuevas
DEPUTY

Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24,
2017

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

No. 16-0235

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE LAFE
GOTTSCHLING,
DECEASED.**

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HERBERT P. GOTTSCHLING JR. AKA: HERB GOTTSCHLING, HERB P. GOTTSCHLING, has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 4916 CHAGAR CT, LAS CRUCES, NM 88007 or filed with the Probate Court of DOÑA ANA, County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N Motel Blvd, RM 1-201 Las

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Cruces, NM 88007

DATED: Feb. 7 2017

/s/Herbert P. Gottschling Jr.
HERBERT P.
GOTTSCHLING JR.

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 03/03,
2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 17-0025

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BILLY RAY MOODY, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated: February 3, 2017

Signature of personal
representative
Paul H. Lenko
11589 North 131st Street
Scottsdale AZ 85259

Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24,
2017

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-00833

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

vs.

SANDRA LEE; SISBAR-

RO BUICK GMC, INC. ; STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT; DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; AND OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendant, Sandra Lee. You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), A Corporation Organized And Existing Under The Laws Of The United States Of America has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 4156 Las Piedras Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88001. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

A 2.500 ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATE SOUTH OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS PART OF LOT 12, BLOCK 7 OF THE ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND AND TRUST COMPANY SUBDIVISION B. PLAT FILED JUNE 2, 1911 IN PLAT RECORD 4, PAGE 24, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD, WHENCE THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 12, BLOCK 7, OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SUBDIVISION BEARS S 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 00 SECONDS W, 330.00 FEET; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING S 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 49 SECONDS W, 329.85 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 43 SECONDS W, 329.73 FEET TO AN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 27 SEC-

ONDS E, 329.82 FEET TO AN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 00 SECONDS E, 330.05 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF A FORTY FOOT ROAD EASEMENT TO THE TO THE PLACE AND POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.500 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, AND SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS OF RECORD AND SUCH AS MAY EXIST ON THE GROUND, Including a 1983 CAVCO Manufactured Home, VIN: UNKNOWN.

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

McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

By: /s/ Jason Hoggard
Karen Weaver
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 03/03,
2017

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-01474

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

vs.

THOMAS C. TEST AND MARY LYNN TEST, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARY LYNN TEST, 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 2740 Ben Boldt Place, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 8, BLOCK 1 OF LOS CONTENTOS, PHASE 1 (A TOWNHOUSE SUBDIVISION), LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON FEBRUARY 25, 1997 IN PLAT BOOK 18, AT PAGE 639-640 AS PLAT NO. 2927, RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY.

The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on March 23, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on January 18, 2017, in the total amount of \$160,781.37, with interest at the rate of 6.00000% per annum from July 25, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), A Corporation Organized And Existing Under The Laws Of The United States Of America, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or

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

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

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

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-02028

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

vs.

BERTHA L. GARCIA AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BERTHA L. GARCIA; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; ARSARIO P. GARCIA AND PRISCILLA L. GARCIA, HUSBAND AND WIFE; 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 1255 W Ethel Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 29, BLOCK C, CHULA VISTA, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON DECEMBER 10, 1953, IN BOOK 7 PAGES 48 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **10:45 AM on April 6, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on January 19, 2017, in the total amount of \$79,958.41, with interest at the rate of 7.000000% per annum from October 20, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), A Corporation Organized And Existing Under The Laws Of The United States Of America, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Flora Padilla and The Unknown Heirs and devisees and Legatees of Enrique Padilla Deceased:

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

month right of redemption.

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

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

No.: D-307-CV-2016-01892

LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

FLORA PADILLA; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FLORA PADILLA; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF ENRIQUE PADILLA, DECEASED; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL BANK; COSMOS FINANCIAL, LLC; GE MONEY BANK; RAZOR CAPITAL, LLC, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-01430

BANK OF THE WEST, Plaintiff,

vs.

FRANK RAMOS AKA FRANK G. RAMOS, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF FRANK RAMOS AKA FRANK G. RAMOS, 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 971 Fourth Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

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THIRD JUDICIAL
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Case No.
D-307-CV-2016-00514

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT BANK OF THE WEST, Plaintiff,

vs.

**JAXON L. ARCHULETA,
INDIVIDUALLY AND AS**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF V. DALE ANTREASIAN, DECEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY Defendants.

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Chili cook-off spices up Cowboy Days

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum's 18th Cowboy Days festival will have some extra flavor.

The museum has added the first-annual Cowboy Days Chili Cook-off, sanctioned by the Chili

Appreciation Society International (CASI), to its two-day schedule, March 4 and 5.

The public is invited to sample the chili entries at a cost of \$5. CASI-sanctioned chili cook-offs are intended to bring local communities and competitive cooks together to raise awareness of the awesomeness of chili and raise funds for local charities.

This cook-off will benefit the ACTION

Program for Animals in Las Cruces and the Friends of the Museum.

While chili is the main category in the cook-off, there also will be competition for cooking beans, and

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PHOTO BY DAWN SANTIAGO

The Borderland Pistoleros Cowboy Mounted Shooting demonstration will again be featured at this year's Cowboy Days.

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COWBOY

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for making salsa on Saturday. The beans and salsa competitions have no rules and can be pre-made. The sanctioned chili competition has rules that it has to be made on-site and cannot have “fillers” such as beans, peppers, hominy, etc. — only the meat and sauce. The turn-in time for salsa is 11:30 a.m. on Saturday and beans are noon Saturday. The chili turn-in time is 2 p.m. on Saturday and noon on Sunday. A saloon tent featuring beer will be part of the chili cook-off area.

“These CASI cook-offs are such fun events,” said Stephanie Johnson-Burick, cook-off organizer. “It’s an opportunity to compete and enjoy the fellowship of others while raising funds for local charities. We (the cooks) compete in order to win points to qualify for the Terlingua International Chili Competition, which is considered the “granddaddy” of chili cook-offs and held the first Saturday of November. There is lots of camaraderie among the cooks and we are always looking for new members to join us. We are also a 501 (c) (3) organization.”

Another new activity for Cowboy Days is horseshoes. There will also be pony rides, mechanical bull rides, miniature train rides, stage-coach rides, gold panning, chuck wagon cooking, and demonstrations, including blacksmithing, wood carving, weaving, and wool spinning.

The Borderland Pistoleros Mounted Shooting group returns to Cowboy Days and will demonstrate their skills of shooting from horseback in the Museum’s roping arena twice each day. The museum’s livestock staff hosts the popular Parade of Breeds program twice each day, as well. Each of the mu-

seum’s seven different breeds of beef cattle will be brought into the round pen individually where each breed’s unique characteristics and history will be discussed.

Enchantment Historical Productions will provide the popular Old West Thunder gunfight re-enactments each day at noon, and will put on the 19th-Century Fashion Show, and a musical play called “Pangur Ban’s Irish Story and Song.”

Pat Howard of Las Cruces will have his herding dogs at the museum on Sunday only for demonstrations, and there will be a plant sale both days. Arts and crafts vendors, and food vendors also will be part of the event.

Several of the area’s top cowboy singers and musicians will perform, and members of the Western Writers of America will be on hand to sign and discuss their books. Musical performers include Kenny Arroyos, Eddy Harrison, Voz Vaqueros, Wash Tub Jerry and the Ramblin’ Rangers. The featured authors are Melody Groves, Ralph Estes and Stephen Zimmer.

Other participants at Cowboy Days include cowboy cook Dave Harkness, the Back Country Horsemen, Fort Selden, and U.S. Customs & Border Protection horses.

Cowboy Days runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5.

For more information, call 575-522-4100 or visit www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org. For more information about the Chili Cook-Off, contact Stephanie Johnson-Burick at 575-649-8487 or email her at sjohnsonb@outlook.com.

For a detailed schedule, see the March 3 Bulletin.

The museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road in Las Cruces.



PHOTOS BY DAWN SANTIAGO

The pony rides are always a children’s favorite.



The Parade of Breeds.

Mardi Gras Food Truck Fiesta set for Feb. 28 at Telshor 12

BULLETIN REPORT

While they last, Mardi Gras beads will be given to customers at the Fat Tuesday Food Truck Fiesta that will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28 in the Telshor 12 movie theatre parking lot, 2811 N. Telshor Blvd.

The event will include 10 local food trucks, live music by Vince Alten and buy-one, get-one-free Telshor 12 movie tickets, said Janet Beatty-Payne. She and her husband, Patrick, own the Green Chile Paddy Wagon food truck, which will be part of the event.

"You can take your food-truck food into the movie theatre to enjoy with the movie," Beatty-Payne said.

In addition to the Green Chile Paddy Wagon, other participating food trucks will include Joshua's Pie Wood Fired Pizza, Luchador, La Ristra Express, Wannabe Farms, 138 Food Truck, The Backyard Mobile Kitchen, Chango Burger, Party Animals Entertainment and Emmy's Elephant Ears.

Food truck fiestas are usually held on Wednesdays, but the Feb. 28 event is on a Tuesday to celebrate Mardi Gras, Beatty-Payne said. Future fiestas will continue on the first Wednesday of the month at Telshor 12 and every third Wednesday of the month at the new Las Cruces downtown plaza.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/Foodtruckfiestalc.





*Awakening
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The Mabel Dodge Luhan Story

Film Premiere Screening
February 25, 2017 • Gala: 6pm | Film: 7:30pm
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Rhythm Roundup (Music/Dance for ages 2-5) | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
| FRI FEBRUARY 24 3:30 P.M.
Library Lab (Activities/Stories for ages 6-10) | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
| FRI FEB 24 • 7:30 P.M.
Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society presents <i>Black Market Trust</i> | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| SAT FEB 25 • 6:00 P.M.
<i>Awakening in Taos</i> , <i>Gala Event 6 pm</i> Premiere Film Screening 7:30pm | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| SUN FEB 26 • 11:00 A.M.
<i>Awakening in Taos</i> Film Screening & Workshop by Mark Gordon, Writer/Director | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| SUN FEBRUARY 26 2:00 P.M.
Fourth Sunday Movies | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
| SUN FEB 26 • 6:30 P.M.
<i>Awakening in Taos</i> Film Screening | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| TUE FEBRUARY 28 10:30 A.M.
Read to Me (Storytime for ages 3 and up) | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
| TUE FEBRUARY 28 2:00 P.M.
Computer Class: Windows 10 | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
| TUE+THU FEB 28+MARCH 2 4:00 P.M.
Teen Game Night | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
| WED+THU MARCH 1+2 10:00 A.M.
Toddler Time (Storytime for ages 1-3) | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
| WED MARCH 1 11:00 A.M.
Mother Goose Time (Activities for Infants) | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
| FRI MARCH 3 • 5:00 - 7:00P.M.
ArtRamble with <i>Jim Rodgers, Photographer</i> | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| SAT MARCH 4 • 7:00 P.M.
We are One Dance and Drum | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| WED MARCH 8 • 7:30 P.M.
Every 2nd Wednesday – Free Programming by Comedian Mario Saucedo | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| FRI MARCH 10 • 7:00 P.M.
A Children's Theatre presents <i>Dr. Dolittle</i> | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| SAT MARCH 11 • 10:00 A.M.
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- Downtown Art RAMBLE - 1st Friday of the Month 5-7pm
- Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market - Wed. and Sat. Morn.

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'Pandora's Box' coming to the Black Box this weekend

BULLETIN REPORT

The Mesilla Valley Dance Collective (MVDC) will present "A Reimagining of Pandora's Box" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 and again at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

Tickets are \$15 regular admission and \$12 for students and seniors over age 65.

The idea for the show was proposed by a collective member who lost a friend and co-worker to pancreatic cancer last year.

"When speaking with friends who were asking me how I was dealing with it, I would often use the metaphor of having a box with all of my emotions closed up in it," MVDC member Miranda Williams

said. "So long as the box is shut, I can compartmentalize my sadness and go on living life. But, eventually, you have to open that box and start to process what's inside it. That concept became the seed for this show. The collective members really embraced the idea and ran with it."

The show features guest artists Jessica Tembly (appearing as Pandora) of 575 Dance in Alamogordo, and Jermey J. Edmonson, a New Mexico State University graduate student. Also appearing will be Human Nature Contemporary Ballet, Mountain Movement Dance Company, Georgina Armendariz, and Tumbleweed Collective.

For reservations, call 575-523-1233. Visit www.mesillavalleydance.com.



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The Mesilla Valley Dance Collective will present "A Reimagining of Pandora's Box" at Black Box Theatre.

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Python's 'Spamalot' is a royal laugh

BULLETIN REPORT

The Mayfield High School Theatre Department and Orchestra will join forces to present Monty Python's "Spamalot" at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4 at the Las Cruces Performing Arts Center at Oñate High School, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive, said Mayfield theatre teacher Melissa Muñoz.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and are available from cast members or at the door.

The show is directed by Muñoz and Mayfield

Orchestra Director Stephanie Wright.

Featured actors include Israel Stacy as King Arthur, Angel Alberson as Lady of the Lake, Isaac Morales as Lancelot, Matt Rosales as Sir Robin, Tim Trujillo as Sir Galahad and Lexi Alberson as Patsy, Muñoz said.

The set was designed by Mayfield student Makenna Chavez, she said. Costumes were designed by students Angel Alberson and Tim Trujillo.

For more information, call Mayfield High School at 575-527-9415.



COURTESY PHOTO

Mayfield High School students in the school's production of "Spamalot" are, left to right, top, Legacy Cruz, Nayra Chacon, Isaac Morales, Matt Rosales and Esme Sanchez; and bottom, Cole Knapp and Serena McKinlay.

Artist's first mid-career survey on display at NMSU

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

The works of nationally recognized photographer Doug DuBois of Syracuse, New York will be featured in a show that continues through Saturday, April 15 at the New Mexico State University Art Gallery, 1390 E. University Ave. on the NMSU campus.

There is no charge to visit the exhibition.

"In Good Time," the first mid-career survey of DuBois' photographs (he was born in 1960 in Dearborn, Michigan), "contains three different bodies of work: "All the Days and Nights," "Avella" and "My Last Day at Seventeen," according to a University Art Gallery news release.

"All the Days and Nights" took DuBois more than 20 years to complete and includes photographs of his family.

"Avella" is a collection of photographs from a coal-mining town in Pennsylvania.

"My Last Day at Seventeen" follows in photographs a group of teenagers from Cobh, Ireland, where DuBois was an artist in residence.

DuBois' photographs can be found in the collections of the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. DuBois has received fellowships from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, MacDowell Colony and the National Endowment for the Arts. His latest book, published in 2015, is "My Last Day at Seventeen." He has photographed for the New York Times Magazine, Time, Details and GQ.

DuBois teaches in the College of Visual and Performing Arts at Syracuse University.



COURTESY PHOTO

The works of photographer Doug DuBois of Syracuse, New York, are on exhibition through April 15 at the NMSU Art Gallery.

'IN GOOD TIME'

WHEN: Opening reception, 5-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24; exhibit, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday through April 15

WHERE: New Mexico State University Art Gallery, 1390 E. University Ave.

COST: Free

The opening reception for "In Good Time" will be held from 5 to

7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 24 at the art museum. A photo narratives workshop with NMSU faculty member Wes Kline takes place from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 4. Both events are at the NMSU Art Museum.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

For more information, call 575.646.2545. Visit uag.nmsu.edu and visit dougdubois.com.

CALL TO ARTISTS

NMSU/CMI open casting call: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25. Creative Media Institute, Milton Hall, McFie Circle. Everyone is welcome. There are no age requirements and no prior acting experience necessary. For more information, email CMIcasting@nmsu.edu. For more information on CMI, visit <https://cmi.nmsu.edu/>.

Quick Draw competition and live auction: 6 p.m. Friday, March 17, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. A friendly, fast-paced two-hour competition on opening night of the Las Cruces Arts Fair to benefit the winning artist and the Doña Ana Arts Council. The fair continues Saturday, March 18 through Sunday, March 19. Info: www.DAArts.org or 575-523-6403.

Name the new café, win \$100: A new cafe will open this semester in Zuhl Library, and it needs a name. The winner will receive a \$100 Visa gift card. Info: John Rivers, Sodexo marketing coordinator at NMSU, 575-646-1749.

The Las Cruces Shape Note Singers open invitation: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 4; 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 5, Women's Club of Las Cruces, 340 N. Raymond St. (on Pioneer Park). The four-part singing is acapella (no accompaniment), but no experience is required, as you will be surrounded by strong singers who will show you the way. Often the songs have a Christian theme, but the event itself is secular and all are welcome. A voluntary donation will be accepted but is not required. Lunch provided. Info: David Hand, 575-520-1010; dlhand@aol.com.

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'The Tiger Hunter' explores the need for connections

The colorful wealth of India kicks off this tale of East meets West in "The Tiger Hunter," the film selected to open the Las Cruces International Film Festival, March 8 to 11.



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In this tale, Sami Malik (played by Danny Pudi of "Community") the son of the famous tiger hunter of his town in India, takes

his engineering degree and goes to America for a job that is gone by the time he arrives.

Malik's father (played by Kay Kay Menon), who died when the boy was 8, left him with the advice "To become a great tiger hunter, you must become the tiger." Advice that Malik forgets for a while during the course of the film.



ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH
On Screen

When he arrives in late 1970s Chicago and finds himself at a temporary job, Malik must prove himself valuable enough to hire full time within 30 days or leave the country because he has a temporary visa. To that story line, add a misplaced attempt to impress the father of the girl, Ruby, (played by Karen David) he has loved since childhood, and you have "The Tiger Hunter."

The newness in this old formula is a gentle reality. "The Tiger Hunter," while comedic, is not about people making stupid remarks and staring around wide-eyed and innocent at the amazing America. It is about friendships, generous hearts and ... well that's a start.

Malik finds acceptance in a small apartment he shares with several people, mostly young men who have engineering degrees and work in other



COURTESY PHOTO

Lena Khan is the director of "The Tiger Hunter."

venues.

This movie, in large part, is about connections. Malik and Ruby have a connection that is open and friendly, like people who grow into love naturally. The 12 young men living in the apartment have a connection born of learning to live together in constant close contact. The three friends, Malik, Babu and Alex, (played by Jon Heder of "Napoleon Dynamite" fame) have a friendship, damaged but unbroken when ruffled.



HEDER

Of course, there is the parent connection which is reflected in almost all the main characters, adding an additional layer to the film. While the parents' actual roles are small in the film, it's clear they are all significant, none of them is flat and all of them explore expectations.

For this movie, director Lena Khan gathered real life stories of immigrants in the 1970s struggling to survive. The young men in the apartment share one suit as they schedule times for job interviews. And crammed like sardines in one big bed, when one wants to turn on his other side, they all have to do so at the same time. This is a sample of real things that happened.

"The Tiger Hunter" has been well received at film festivals across the coun-

try, many of them celebrating a more natural look at the American Muslim immigrant than is reflected in popular film.

"Our character is Muslim in as much Seinfeld is Jewish," Khan said in an interview with MuslimahMediaWatch. "In our film, we have a positive, but subtle, depiction of a Muslim as the lead character. The film is about his quest and vulnerabilities, not his faith."



DAVID

"The Tiger Hunter," will be shown at 7 and 7:30 p.m. at Allen Theaters Cineport 10 as the opening film of the Las Cruces International Film Festival presented by New Mexico State University. Heder, David, Mangi, Khan and producer Megha Kadakia will be on hand following the film for a question and answer period.

With an eye towards connecting filmmakers with diverse and eager audiences, the LCIFF will feature workshops, after parties and access to a variety of venues in Las Cruces. Film submittals, tickets and general information can be found at www.LCIFF-EST.com.

Elva Osterreich is the editor of *Desert Exposure*. She can be reached at elva@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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'Brand New Testament' is mischevious; will only offend humor-impaired

BY JEFF BERG

Las Cruces Bulletin

God is not dead. He's alive and living in Belgium, smoking, drinking, wearing wife-beater T-shirts. He somehow has a daughter who is very mischevious and smart and He is having a great time creating the follies of man!

From what should have been an obvious plot for a feature film, you might think that "The Brand New Testament" was the ultimate attempt at sacrilege. But here it is now, portraying the savior of the universe as a difficult scalawag, in a picture that is mostly filled with mischief rather than being mean and will only offend those who are humor-impaired.

It's a carefree, live-action satire that reminded me of a mild Monty Python-type skit, elongated. Directed by Jaco Van Dormael, who directed the terrific 'Mr. Nobody' a few years ago, one wonders if this work could have been or would have been done by a US director...

To begin with, our 'Divine Being' lives anonymously, at least at first, in a high rise apartment building in Brussels. He spends his days loafing about in a torn bathrobe, in front of his computer, dreaming up new ways to torment humans. Most of these snickering ideas are merely pranks, such as why does the other grocery line always move faster than yours (why, indeed, but now I know) and most just amount to daily annoyances rather than cruel things.

He shares his rundown digs with his withdrawn wife and Ea, his daughter of 10. (would she be heir to his throne?) And of course there is a son, 'JC',

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who took off years ago, much to the Old Man's chagrin, but JC 'appears' to Ea quite often, this time to help her put Him in his place, so to speak.

One eerie day, Ea sneaks into God's office figures out his computer password and soon the world begins to change. You have to see it to fully appreciate it.

Escaping the apartment with the help of JC, landing in a laundromat, with God in hot pursuit, replete in bathrobe, Ea, again no spoilers here) is on a mission to get six new apostles, with a homeless man in tow to chronicle the 'brand new testament'. Never mind that the kindly man can barely keep up.

We soon learn that God is not all-powerful, as he stumbles his way on Earth, just like the newly 'elected' leader of the free world. And there is good reason that God is not a woman in this very fun film.

Ea soon gathers her six apostles, all of who have been given better lives by Ea's computer skullduggery, including a woman with a prosthetic arm and a woman (Catherine Deneuve) whose husband is a cheat.

Each apostle has a 'gospel', all



of which become clear as we watch the Creator digging in a dumpster and startle the elderly.

As you might know by now, love is the answer to all (indeed!).

The film is interesting and very origi-

nal from genesis to revelation and a bit sassy as well.

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'Truth Dare ...,' a dark, coming-of-age comedy

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Playwright Tori Keenan-Zelt's coming of age dark comedy, "Truth Dare ..." opens at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 24, at

the ASNMSU Center for the Arts.

The cast includes Daniela Castorena as Maeve, Violet Griffin as Linney, Torrie Hughes as Hannah (the charac-

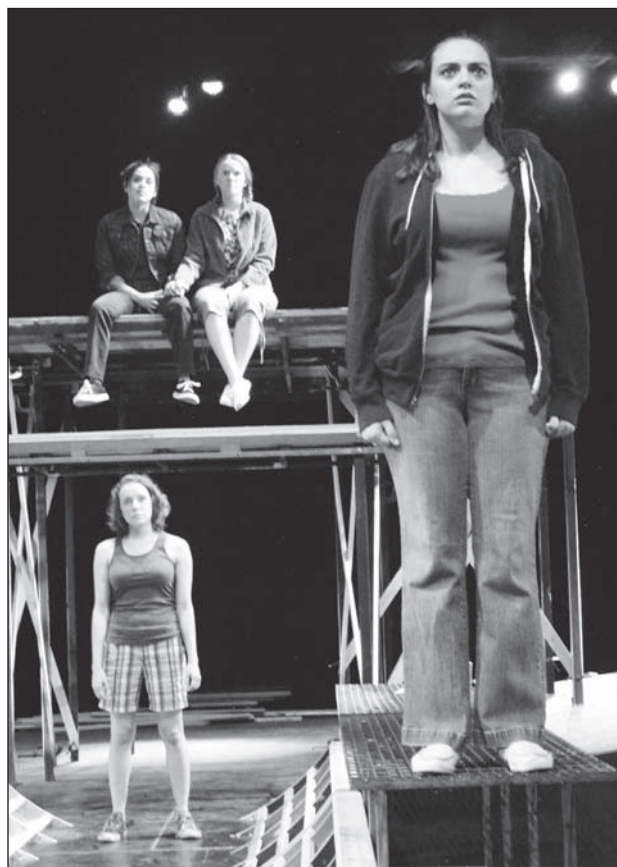
ter playwright Kennan-Zelt is the closest to her in real life) and Melis Derya White as Ursa.

The play also has three understudies: Jessica Jimenez (Maeve), Miranda Lukens (Hannah) and Haley Kirkpatrick (Ursa and Linney).

The story takes place during the course of two nights: one the summer before the characters begin high school, and the other the summer after high school has ended.

"At the core of this play are fears about who we are and about what lies ahead," said director Larissa Lury, an award-winning assistant professor in the NMSU Theatre Arts Department. "The characters grapple with identity, grief, sexuality and the challenge of stepping forward in life in the face of loss and insecurity about who you are or want to be.

"These are pivotal moments of transition and change, and in the play they feel like precipices - full of all of the



In a rehearsal of "Truth Dare ..." at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts are, from left, seated above, Daniela Castorena and Torrie Hughes; standing below is Violet Griffin; and at far right is Melis Derya White.

COURTESY PHOTO BY MIKE WISE

can impact our lives.

Tickets for a 5:30 p.m. Feb. 23 preview are \$10 general admission and includes a post-performance chat with the cast and crew, including the playwright.

The play continues for six additional performances at the Center for the Arts: at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 24 and 25 and March 3 and 4. There will also be matinee performances at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 4 and 5.

Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$14 for seniors and NMSU faculty and staff with I.D., \$10 for NMSU students and \$5 for high school students with current school I.D. Call 575-646-1420 or visit www.ticketmaster.com/NMSU-Center-for-the-Arts-tickets. Tickets are also available at the door one hour prior to performance.

Visit www.nmsutheatre.com/boxoffice.php for more information.



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excitement, anticipation, danger and anxiety that come from not knowing what comes next. These moments of adolescence capture vividly something I think we all experience during moments of change no matter how old we are. In my own life, I continually find the necessary terror of moving forward rear its head at junctures that have come long after adolescence ended, and I feel similar impulses reflected on a bigger scale in our culture and world around us."

"Truth Dare..." Lury said, "is full of secret spaces and dangerous ones, of basements and lofts, woods and the top of an old culvert above

a reservoir. (NMSU Associate Professor/Resident Scenic and Lighting Designer) Jim Billings' design for the production evokes all of these elements in a uniquely evocative and inventive way."

The play focuses on the friendship between young women, in a way, Lury says, "that we don't get to see depicted very often. We're frequently thrown images of groups of female friends that make commentaries about cat-tiness and popularity. Instead, 'Truth Dare ...' gives us a chance to see the love and the complexity of the relationships between female friends, and how deeply those groups of friends

Lady Gaga & Gentleman Elvis

The lopsided first half came mercifully to a close, and the flat-screen was suddenly exploding with enough stunts to finally calm the ranks of anxious Super Bowl advertisers.

Lady Gaga had arrived.

Rather, a space-queen warrior rocketed off a tower in a cloud of smoke, grazed a twinkling canopy and floated toward Earth on guy wires that were just too obvious for the moment. Whoa! The circus has come to town and here's the trapeze artist.

Or, we were merely bearing witness to the second coming of a pop-star goddess, while a nation of fans, or at least those



MARTY RACINE

The Chromatic Scale

who were ready for a little action and couldn't care less about brutes struggling over pigskin, watched breathlessly.

She arrived weaponized in the battle for eyeballs: crotch-hugging body armor; levered shoulder pads; knee-high butt-kicking boots; a mask of a face

with demanding red lips. She cranked out a series of arm gestures as if conveying decrees.

As Madonna is reduced to babbling about blowing up the White House — anything to stay relevant — her progeny, Lady Gaga, has not so quietly become pop's reigning *femme du jour*. She is actually out there making music, and on an image-

defining stage in Houston she revealed enough vocal prowess, keyboard talent and gymnastic timing to aim the spotlight on a career rescued by the art of spectacle.

If it was futuristic by design, it was paradoxically old-school entertainment in a TV-variety-show or Hollywood-musical sort of way, with larger-than-life production filling the screen.

Of course, they used to smile in those old musicals, and the performers were limber and graceful. Now they're mechanized stick figures marching with practiced expressions and military precision.

The payoff for this tidy Super Bowl slot goes to the lady's album and world tour, "Joanne," but after she excited and they dismantled the rigging for the second half, I found myself asking, well, did she have anything to say? Was there something in there that I missed?

Or was she just selling Pepsi?

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It's late at night and the room is quiet after New England performs the impossible and I'm reading a thick collection of pages titled "Sam Phillips — The Man Who Invented Rock 'n' Roll," by veteran music journalist Peter Guralnick.

It's a deep look into the visionary who founded Sun Records in Memphis during the early 1950s, but you don't peer inside the man's life without eventually happening upon Elvis Presley.

Elvis at the time was not a seasoned performer; well, he had never, in fact, sung in public. He dropped into 706 Union Street to cut a side for his mama. No one, certainly not Sam Phillips, knew what to make of this polite, unassuming, socially awkward, God-obeying country boy from below the Mississippi line.

He was, Guralnick writes,



"pure, unspoiled, as raw, as untutored as anyone who had ever set foot in this studio."

But Phillips was guided by intuition, and there was something about the kid that reached him in a place where faith lies. Intrigued, or maybe just crazy, he introduced Elvis to bassist Bill Black and guitarist Scotty Moore, and in a few days they all gathered at Sun to see what gives. They tried out a number of songs. Soon, they were overthinking everything and overcomplicating the process. Yet, Phillips kept hearing, Guralnick writes, "that strange sense of inconsolable desire in the voice, there was the unmistakable thrill of hearing free, unfettered emotion being conveyed without disguise or restraint."

Finally, during a break and without cueing, Elvis just began "kidding around" on an old up-tempo R&B song, "That's All Right, Mama." Scotty Moore is quoted: "All of a sudden, Elvis just started singing this song, jumping around and acting the fool, and then Bill (Black) picked up his bass, and he started acting the fool, too, and I started playing with them."

Guralnick reports that Elvis's singing had suddenly become "loose and free and full of confidence," as if it had escaped its own expectations. When Phillips had them re-start the song for the recording machine, the author reports, "There were no studio tricks employed....there was just the

purity of the music."

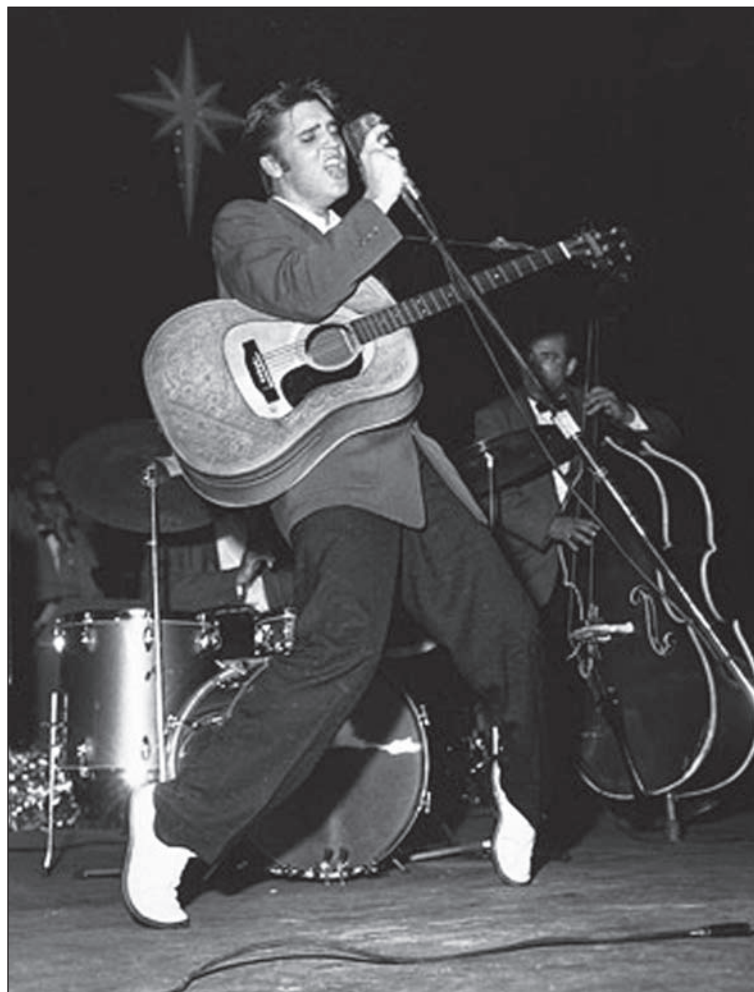
The purity of the music. No disguises. It was all about radio and jukeboxes and the human ear, anyway.

Everybody else left that night and deep into the hours Phillips remained, still "savoring the moment." When he finally got home to his sleeping wife, Becky, she later recalled that Sam "was excited, he was happy, and he announced that he had just cut a record (that was) going to change our lives."

Maybe at a time when we can't agree on anything, there are no more stars to jolt the common imagination, no one to bridge the divide framing our demographic cubicles. It will take more than "unity" speeches and performances, more than a shrewd marketing campaign. It will take an accident of history no one foresees.

So good luck, Lady Gaga, you're over the top but that's the videogenic construct, and you seem nice and interesting enough. Just take it from a shy young man who became everything he struggled with until the lonely end. You can parachute into the spotlight, but don't let it blind you.

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Film Las Cruces has new liaison, deputy

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Film Las Cruces has two new ambassadors for the city's emerging film industry: liaison Drew Mayer-Oakes and deputy liaison Jon Foley.

The two men assumed their new positions in February, succeeding Scott Murray.

Mayer-Oakes does have ties to New Mexico, where his family had a summer home in Taos for many years. He comes to Las Cruces from San Antonio, Texas, where he headed that city's film commission.

He was a freelance film producer and editor in Austin, Dallas and Houston and has worked on small, independent films and television productions, but also on large film projects such as "Leap of Faith" and "Flesh and Bone." Mayer-Oakes became a member of the Texas Film Commission in 1991 and is also a member of the International Association of Film Commissioners.

His experience in Texas, Mayer-Oakes said, was "a wonderful time to learn about how to structure a film of fice."

Foley, a native of Las Cruces, is a graduate of both the Doña Ana Community College Creative Media Technology program and the New Mexico State University Creative Media Institute for Film and Digital Arts (CMI). Foley has experi-

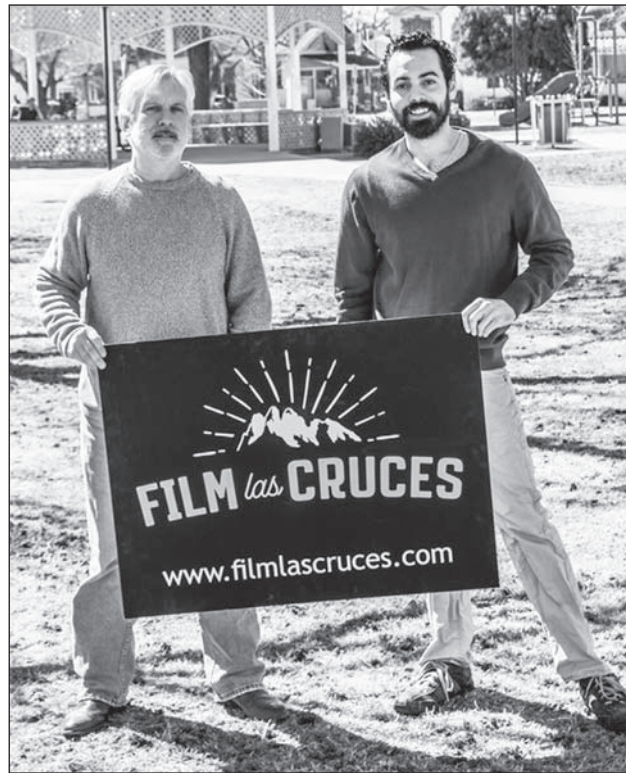


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Drew Mayer-Oakes, left, is the new Film Las Cruces liaison. Jon Foley is the FLC deputy liaison.

ence in "short-form content," he said, including TV commercials, music videos and short films.

Foley said he first became interested in film and TV production when he was a student in the media magnet program at Sierra Middle School. Sierra students visited the CMI program at NMSU and were mentored by CMI students. The middle schoolers produced short films the following summer, and that "sparked my interest," Foley said. He is a graduate of Las Cruces High School.

Foley said many of the students with whom he graduated from CMI are now working in film

production in Albuquerque. His goal with FLC, he said, is to "get my friends back here."

Mayer-Oakes was interviewed for the liaison position after it was created last year when FLC signed a three-year memorandum of understanding with the City of Las Cruces to bring film and television production to Las Cruces. FLC opened an office in the WIA building at 340 N. Raymond St. in the downtown area, across from Pioneer Park.

FLC President Jeff Steinborn, a Doña Ana County state senator, and other members of the county legislative coalition, have contributed

nearly \$1 million in capital outlay funds to help pay for a soundstage in Las Cruces. The city also has set aside several million dollars in hold-harmless gross receipts tax funds earmarked for economic development for the project.

In December, the Las Cruces City Council adopted a resolution authorizing city staff to "negotiate a property acquisition agreement" for a film and media soundstage in Las Cruces.

Foley said the city is doing "due diligence" on a possible soundstage location in Las Cruces, including conducting an environmental analysis, to determine if it is the appropriate site for a soundstage.

The goal with the property that is ultimately selected is to create a "reasonable, cost-effective facility" that could be used as a "cover set" for a film or television series, and for larger productions needing multiple sets, Mayer-Oakes said. It also would provide space for set construction, along with offices, an art department and secure parking.

Having the soundstage is essential to bringing TV and movie production to Las Cruces, Mayer-Oakes said. State tax incentives have attracted film and TV producers to Albuquerque and Santa Fe, and they want to expand production into southern New Mexico.

And, because the state

has those incentives in place, it has allowed FLC to focus on promoting other local benefits to film and TV producers, Mayer-Oakes said, including "a huge amount of support from the community," good weather year-round, unique locations and a major airport (El Paso) less than an hour away.

The economic impact of film and TV production on a community "is substantial," he said. The state uses a multiplier of three, according to Mayer-Oakes, meaning that a film or TV project that is produced in Las Cruces at a cost of \$50,000 would likely generate about \$150,000 for the local economy.

"The numbers can really be astonishing," he said.

Television production in particular is "going to be an important push for us," Mayer-Oakes said. The industry is "just exploding," he said, and a smaller market like

Las Cruces could be of particular appeal to Amazon Prime, Netflix, HBO GO.

Television series produced by broadcast networks often cost \$2 to \$4 million per episode, Mayer-Oakes said, and about half that amount usually stays in the community where the series is shot.

Mayer-Oakes said next month's Las Cruces International Film Festival (LCIFF) will be a great opportunity to showcase Las Cruces to filmmakers.

LCIFF Executive Director (and FLC vice president) Ross Marks said the festival will screen 24 feature films, 18 documentaries, 40 to 50 narrative shorts and 30 to 40 student films and will likely attract about 60 professional filmmakers.

For more information, visit www.filmlascruces.com and www.lciffest.com and find them both on Facebook.





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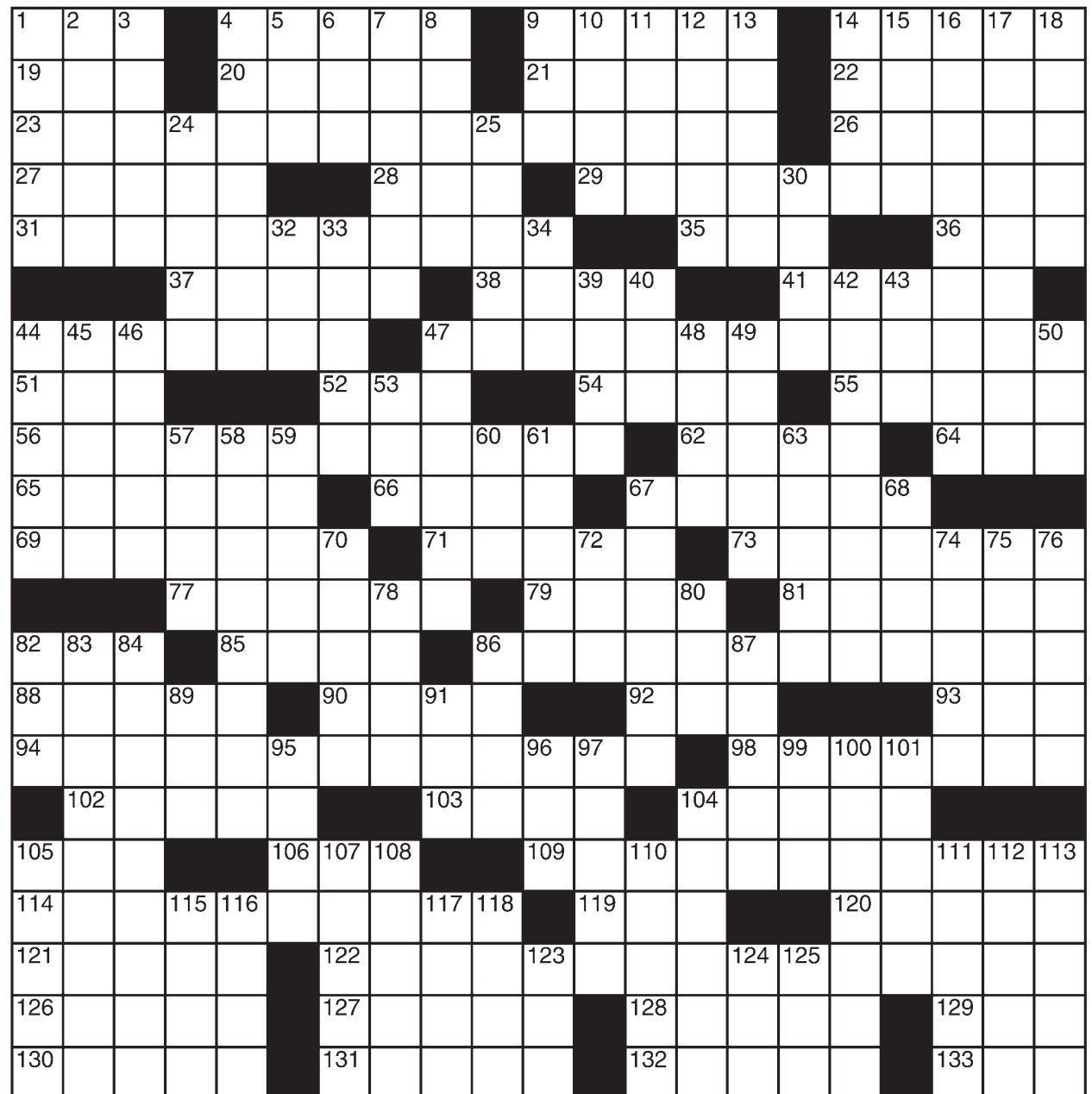
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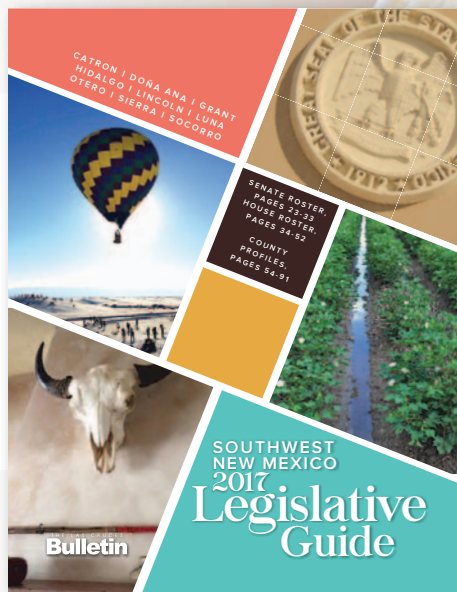
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Last chance, artist talk for "Cloth, Paper and Ink:" 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 26, the Tombaugh Gallery, Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. A collection of richly patterned handprints on paper and quilted fiber art with a closing reception and artist talks. Info: 575-522-7281.



Zawacki, Deasy exhibition: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb 25; noon – 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26. Artists Mary Zawacki and Kathleen Deasy will exhibit and sell their work during "For the Love of Art Open Studio Tours" at 625 Van Patten Ave. Acrylic, mixed media, oil, and pastel paintings. Deasy will donate a percentage of sales to The Cat's Meow, a local feline adoption center. Info: 828-467-9060.

Opening reception at NMSU gallery: 5 – 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, NMSU Art Gallery, 1390 E. University Ave. Former NMSU art faculty member Doug DuBois, who currently teaches at Syracuse University, will discuss his art. Cost: free. The exhibition runs Feb. 23 through April 15. Info: University Art Gallery at artgtry@nmsu.edu or 575-646-2545. Artist Doug DuBois exhibition (see above): On



Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery March artists: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday, 2470-A, Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre. Two artists are featured for the month of March: Bonnie MacQuarrie and Lori Shalett. Info: 575-522-2933 or www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

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World premiere of "Truth Dare ...": 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 and March 3, Saturday, Feb. 25 and March 4; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 3 and 4, ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. The world premiere production of playwright Tori Keenan-Zelt's coming of age dark comedy. Info: 575-646-1420 or <http://www.nmsutheatre.com/boxoffice.php>.

Benita Bike's Dance Art: Los Angeles dance company presents an interactive program at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 North Main St. at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25. The program will teach audiences how dancers create their dances. The free dance show is suitable for adults, children and seniors. For additional information about this program, visit museums.las-cruces.org or call 818-353-5734.

Storyfest: The 90th annual Jennie Curry Storyfest will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25 in the Roadrunner Room of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Storyfest honors the founder of the Storytellers of Las Cruces, Jennie George Curry, who guided the organization for nearly 70 years. There is no charge to attend, and story lovers of all ages are welcome. Captain Jeff Porter will be the event's emcee. Terry Alvarez will provide musical entertainment. Info: contact Jackson at deejay044@hotmail.com.

'Awakening in Taos' shows in Las Cruces:

6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, WIA building, 340 N. Raymond St.; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.; 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. "Awakening in Taos: The Mabel Dodge Luhan Story" narrated by Ali McGraw. Tickets:

\$30 each or \$50 for two people, and include both the gala, reserved seating for the film and a post-screening gathering at the theatre. Info: 575-523-6403 or at riograndetheatre.com.

The Black Market Trust concert and fundraiser: 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, Rio Grande Theater, 211 N. Main St. Proceeds benefit the Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society's scholarship funds.



Ali McGraw narrates the film "Awakening in Taos"

Tickets: \$15 pre-sale by credit purchase and \$20 at the door. General seating. Info: www.mvjazz-blues.net.

New Mexico Vintage Wines live music: 8-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 – Coolside Collective; 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 – Megan Davenport; 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 – Keith Rea at 2461 Calle Principal. Info: 575-523-9463.

Peggy Swoveland speaks at BCC: 1–2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, Branigan Cultural Center (BCC), 501 N. Main St. Peggy Swoveland, a third-generation Japanese American, presents "Finding Our Roots" about recent trips she took with her sister to Japan and to Mitchell, NE to discover where their grandparents originated. The talk is in conjunction with "Issei and Beyond: The Nakayama Family's Journey in the Mesilla Valley" on display at BCC through May 20. Admission is free. Info: museums.las-cruces.org or call 575-541-2154.

Culture Club activities: The Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., hosts a series of free art workshops for all ages from 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays in February as part of the Culture Club family program. Info: museums.las-cruces.org.

- Feb. 25 - Japanese Flying Carp (Koinobori) are carp-shaped wind streamers traditionally made in Japan to celebrate Tango no sekku (Children's Day). Learn about this whimsical fish while creating your own.

'Artrageous': The Las Cruces Museum of Art hosts informal interdisciplinary-based workshops called "Artrageous" from 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays at 491 N. Main St. Info: museums.las-cruces.org.

- Saturday, Feb. 25 – Painting.

"Best of All Possible Worlds": New Mexico State University Choral Activities presents at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe on the NMSU campus. The program features conductor Christa Fredrickson and fellow Doña Ana Lyric Opera alumna soprano Emma Rosenthal, along with the Statesmen, University Chorale and the University Singers. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Info: 575-646-1306.

Las Cruces Bead Society meeting: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2, Western Traders, 1300 El Paseo Road. Info: 575-527-1470.

Mayfield High School's 'Spamalot': 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, Las Cruces Performing Arts Center at Oñate High School, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive. The Mayfield High School Theatre Department and orchestra will join forces to present Monty Python's "Spamalot." Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and are available from cast members or at the door. Info: 575-527-9415.

Auditions: For "You Can't Take It With You," 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 6 and 7, for Las Cruces Community Theatre, 331 N. Main St. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script and impromptu scenes suggested by the play's director, Larry Chandler. Roles available for 12 men and seven women, all ages 20 and above. Info: 575-523-4463 or larrychandler@zianet.com.

6th Annual Buffalo Roast Fundraiser: 5 p.m. Saturday, March 11, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. "Amazing Women of the Wild West," a Chautauqua by VanAnn Moore presenting Doña Tules (Gertrudes Barcelo), Susan Shelby Magoffin and Lydia Spencer Lane. Cash bar and silent auction. Cost: \$40 per person. Info: ddennis@humansystemsresearch.org.

Recorders in concert: Rio Grande Recorder Chapter of the American Recorder Society presents a concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village Activity Center Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Free, open to the public. Info: Joyce Henry or Marcia Fountain, info@rgrecorders.org.

Contra Dance features Big Ditch Crickets: 7:30 – 10:30 p.m., Friday, March 17, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance features The Big Ditch Crickets and Lonnie Ludeman will be calling. The dance will have a St. Patrick's Day flavor. No partner needed. Beginners and newcomers. Instruction available at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$6; youth \$4, family \$15. Info: www.snmmds.org or 575-522-1691.

Las Cruces Arts Fair March 17-19: 6 p.m. Friday, March 17, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Opening gala with Quick Draw Contest and live auction. All day Saturday, March 18 and Sunday, March 19, fair features more than 100 artists from the U.S., Mexico and Canada. Tickets for the Las Cruces Arts Fair are \$8 and are available at the door or online at www.daarts.org. Children 12 and under admitted free. Friday evening tickets may be used to re-enter the fair Saturday or Sunday. Tickets purchased Saturday are also valid for entry Sunday. Info: www.DAarts.org or 575-523-6403.



Quick Draw competition and live auction: (see above) 6 p.m. Friday, March 17, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. A friendly, fast-paced two-hour competition on opening night of the Las Cruces Arts Fair to benefit the winning artist and the Doña Ana Arts Council. The fair continues Saturday, March 18 through Sunday, March 19. Tickets for the Las

Cruces Arts Fair are \$8 and are available at the door or online at www.daarts.org. Children 12 and under admitted free. Friday evening tickets may be used to re-enter the fair Saturday or Sunday. Tickets purchased Saturday are also valid for entry Sunday. Info: www.DAarts.org or 575-523-6403.



Student artists participate in Arts Fair: 6 – 9 p.m. Friday, March 17, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 19, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Students from Doña Ana Community College (DACC) and New Mexico State University (NMSU) art programs will sell original art as part of the Doña Ana Arts Council educational outreach program. Tickets for the Las Cruces Arts Fair are \$8 and are available at the door or online at www.daarts.org. Children 12 and under admitted free. Friday evening tickets may be used to re-enter the fair Saturday or Sunday. Tickets purchased Saturday are also valid for entry Sunday. Info: 575-523-6403.


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



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

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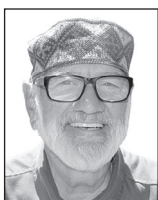
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Making some room for alternative views

Over the last 45 years, we have seen the rise of a virulent conservative Christianity that commands headlines to the point where anything other than this position hardly qualifies for consideration. It has become magnetic North for the media; a go-to point for Christian opinion. Yet there is a lot of “other than this,” despite the ongoing downhill slide of mainstream Christianity.

Some of us still wince when we hear Bill Maher doing his customary trashing of American religiosity, because we want to say, “but...but... it’s not like that!” Granted, there is a lot of toxicity in religion. Many of us not only see it and identify it, but want to distance ourselves from it. It’s hard to get a hearing, however, because we are often dumped into a huge bin that al-



GABRIEL ROCHELLE

Tales from the Cassock

lows for little nuance or alternative.

So here is my little attempt at nuance for this month: First, large numbers of American faithful of all stripes are not creationists. We don’t believe the world was created in six days about 7,000 years ago and that the dinosaur bones were planted in the ground to throw off our calculations about the age of the world. Most of us don’t believe in unicorns, either.

Second: We do not see any necessary conflict between science and religion. However, we don’t want people to parade scientism — the belief that the scientific method is the only way to truth — in our faces. We see science as a set of principles by which to advance our understanding of the world, and we see our faith traditions as offering an understanding from a poetic, symbolic or imagistic perspective. I do not need to believe in a six-day creation. That story is best seen as a hymn to the Creator, not a set of principles that identify how the world was made.

Third: Most of us realize that our faith-traditions contain mythic undertones. The only way people in the past identified the overpowering and mind-boggling aspects of their experience was through

story. To be understood, these stories had to correlate to the cultural concepts prevalent in their day.

Take creation: What’s interesting about the stories at the beginning of the Bible is that the mythic sub-stratum is there, true, but it was — forgive the clumsy term — de-mythologized by the Hebrew people. The gods and goddesses that populate the stories of creation from Babylon and Canaan were reduced to natural effects. Death is only death and not a god. The sun is only the sun and not a god. The moon... You get the idea. And this led toward a scientific worldview, not away from it.

Fourth, then: This de-mythologizing has gone on throughout the ages, and today we would call it interpretation in the light of historical-critical analysis. This is the common stuff of con-

temporary study and preaching among clergy, even if there are countless numbers of people who do not know or see this. As with all mythically grounded stories, these bear a truth worth examining, but it must be extracted like coal from a mine. It is not on the surface; you must dig for it, and the digging involves learning the myths and legends that informed the stories in your hand today.

Far from leading us away from faith, embracing these four points assists us in moving toward a deeper, more mature faith than we may have gotten in Sunday school.

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Interfaith prayer service speaks to all religions

EDITOR'S Note: The following is a reproduction of a proclamation, "Welcoming the Stranger: A Faith Statement," read at a Feb. 3 interfaith prayer service held at St. Albert the Great Newman Parish.

By **BISHOP OSCAR CANTU**

Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces

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We come from different religious communities, each with a heritage of offering help and support to the stranger and to people in need. The figure of Abraham/Ibrahim receives accolades in each of our traditions for his unabashed welcome of people who came to the family tent. One explanation surmised that the tent must have been open to all sides so that he could best serve the visitors who came his way.

Proclamations about welcoming the stranger are expressed 36 times in the Hebrew Bible and constitute central

principles in the New Testament and in the Qur'an. The stranger might have been someone from another town or a person from many hundreds of miles away in a different country. In either case, hospitality was a sign of faithfulness to God and service to our fellow human beings.

Many of us have an immigration story that explains how we came to live in the United States. The motivations then were no different than those who are seeking to live here now: a hope for a better life, a desire to improve their family's lot, and a sense that our nation offers a pathway to a life of security and peace.

Based on religious teachings and personal and family history, each of our faith communities has created programs to assist refugees from war-torn countries to provide them with safe harbor and a new life in countries and communities where their dreams can find fulfillment. Organizations are working hand-in-hand with governments to assure that refugees are treated with respect and dignity throughout a tightly-monitored process before moving on to the nation in which they hope to live.



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Joyce Larsen of the Islamic Center of Las Cruces presents a Muslim reading and prayer at the Interfaith Prayer Service, with Radwan Jallad looking on.

We agree with the importance of keeping our country secure, as the administration stated in its executive order last Friday, but we are convinced that temporarily banning vulnerable refugees will not enhance our safety nor does it reflect the values we share. Instead, it has caused immediate chaos, separating families, disrupting lives, and denying safety and hope to those who have already suffered. The promise that members of a certain religious group from regions of conflict will be given priority denies

the humanity that they all share.

We urge the current administration to allow these refugee programs to continue their work with citizens from nations that have been temporarily banned. We also urge all people to exercise their conscience in contacting those in our nation's leadership to express the convictions of our faith traditions, whatever they may be, and to keep in mind humanitarian concerns as we consider the fate of those created in the divine image.

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Cross of Christ Lutheran Church:

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Science of Mind Magazine weekly discussion:

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noon Wednesdays in the Chapel, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. Holy Mass. Info: 575-636-3274.

Christian Men's Fellowship:

noon Tuesdays, IHOP, 2900 Del Rey Blvd. Open discussion. All men welcome. Info: 575-621-2350.

Mountain View Baptist:

10 a.m. Sundays service with Bible study. 11 a.m. Sundays, worship service at 705 N. Main St. Nursery available. Info: 575-680-6247.

Events at Center for Spiritual Living:

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Tao Healing & Touch Yoga, \$5 class fee. 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Practical Mysticism class. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Sunday service. 1:30 - 3 p.m. first Friday of the month, Shamanic drumming and meditation. 9 - 10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 - 5 p.m. Wednesdays, 9 - 10 a.m. Tues-

days and Thursdays, Yoga. 2 - 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Spirit Dance. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Sacred Living Circle. 7 - 8 p.m. Thursdays, Single Parents Support Group. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, A Course In Miracles discussion. All activities held at the Center, 575 N. Main St. Info: 575-523-4847.

Cowboys for Christ:

7:30 p.m. second Tuesday of every month, call for meeting place. Non-denominational outreach organization meets for those involved in livestock and agriculture. Info: 575-571-6367 or cfc.lcnm@yahoo.com.

Gem and Mineral Show rocks Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum



Rock enthusiast Bryan Geberth studies a specimen at the Gem and Mineral Show.



The Gem and Mineral Show offered colorful and interesting exhibits for kids of all ages.



Nicole Warden talks with Michezzel about her handmade jewelry and sun catchers at the Gem and Mineral show Feb. 18.



Young rock hounds look at the gems and minerals on display at the Arizona Rocks booth on Feb. 18 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

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TABITHA ROSSMAN

Cowdog named Gimp and his litter that limps

I was out in the driveway scattering stove ash when I heard the geese. It was three days until the end of the season and I was still zero for six. They rose from the field to the north, squawking raucously and aimed straight over the house.

I dropped the coal bucket in the snow and raced back in the front door! I careened off the furniture like a bad billiard shot! At the back door I grabbed the big twelve gauge leaned against the wall and three shells that I had conveniently placed on the top of the window ledge. Crashing off the back porch, I loaded the gun with the relaxed ease of a 13-year-old old on his first date!

The geese beat the air above me as I swung the shotgun skyward. Boom! Boom! The geese sailed over the barn like a giant manta ray. Nary a feather fluttered to the ground but my two horses thundered from the barn!

I was in a funk that evening when I went to feed. But I noticed that my new rope horse was packin' his right hind. After a thorough lame-



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ness exam I concluded he musta slid on the ice and pulled a muscle. Possibly, I admitted, the result of a sudden fright.

Join the club. My old dog was

favoring his left front. Considering his long history of bein' shot and run over, I wasn't surprised.

The cat Lefty got stepped on a couple years ago and the Doc amputated her right hind.

Adding my bilateral bursitis, Pablo's bad back and my

teenager's loss of memory, my place looks like a World War I field hospital. It's a hazard of country life.

My friend Charlie has a cowdog named Gimp. He has established a breeding program and now has produced a litter of pups that all limp. He wrote me of his success predicting that he will make a million selling them to cowmen. His theory is that it will save an enormous amount of time getting a cowdog to the bum-legged stage.

And, he stressed, it is humane since they won't have to go through the agony of getting injured in the first place. He says that a gimpy dog will

be more cautious around kicking cows, truck tires, bangin' chutes and cattle alleys. They can get right down to business.

It might be a good idea, but Charlie, like me, is gettin' a little long in the tooth. We're getting too practical. Playin' it safe. Goin' to bed early and eating our prunes. We're thinkin' like old dogs.

Young dogs think work is play. They turn over a new rock everyday discovering their world. Kinda like the thrill I got when I saw those geese fill the sky. Innocent wonderment. Made me feel like a puppy again.

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County extension service adds 20 master gardeners, interns

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State University Doña Ana County Cooperative Extension Service (CES) added 13 new master gardeners and eight master gardener interns to its program at a graduation ceremony Saturday, Feb. 4 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Receiving certificates as master gardeners were James Barrow, Winifred Jahnke, Kathy Vinyard, Arthur Banach, Jerry Humble, Suzanne Buker, Bonnie Hoover, Darrol Shillingburg, Dolores Blea, Denise Newton, Mauni Brunett, Minette Connelly and Donna Knudson.

Receiving recognition as master gardener interns were Shelly Valdovinos, Kent Richards, Richard Courtney (certified in Sierra County), Rick Diaz, Karen

Burt, Chambo Chambers, Edgar Chavez and Lance Cooper.

Applicants to a county master gardener program must complete a 15-week course to qualify as a master gardener intern. If he or she then completes at least 50 hours of community service during the next year, that intern becomes a certified master gardener. He or she then must complete at least 50 hours of volunteer service each year to remain certified. New master gardener classes will begin in Las Cruces this August and continue every Thursday (except Thanksgiving) through early December. The cost is \$195 per person, which includes the textbook and class materials. Course instructors include NMSU extension specialists, certified master gardeners and other regional horticultural experts.

For information, call 575-525-6649.

Read the Bulletin online at www.lascrucesbulletin.com

Veggie gardening in February

Know this is one of the warmest Februaries we have had in a long time. I am sure there are some that are in the mood for planting vegetables. Although there are some vegetables that can take a light frost, which I am sure we will still have, there are others that should not be planted at least for another four to five weeks or so. This includes, but is not limited to, tomato plants, peppers, squash and melons.

If you still insist on planting the fore mentioned now, you can use a product called "Wall O Water" season extenders. These are clear plastic columns, that when filled with water, will provide frost protection and will allow fruit development and harvest up to 30 to 40 days sooner. If these are not available, you can always use a pail or box to cover individual plants at least during the most frigid temperatures.

Vegetables that are safe to plant now are: broccoli, peas, lettuce, collards, radish, mustard, spinach, onions, kale, kohlrabi, turnips, celery, Chinese cabbage and Brussel's sprouts. These plants will take our typical February cold temperatures without damage. Just make sure the plants you use are "hardened off," which means that they are acclimated to cold temperatures before they are planted in the ground. In other words, they are not just out of "greenhouse" conditions.

After the likelihood of frost is over, which is typically late March and early April, (but don't quote me on this), you should be able to plant tender veggies. One of the best indicators that we have had our last frost is when the local native mesquite shrubs begin



GARY GUZMAN

Gardening Guru

to leaf out. Keep in mind nature can break its own rules, so use this as a guideline only. You should be prepared to cover new seedlings just in case Mother Nature changes her mind. That said, tomatoes, cucumber, melons, squash, corn, okra and sweet potato are some vegetables that should be safe to plant, again, after the leaves on the native mesquites have emerged. Peppers and eggplant are usually better off when the soil warms up and the night time temperatures are consistently above 50 degrees, so you may want to hold off on these until mid- to late April or after.

Before planting a vegetable garden, it is most important to apply generous amounts of organic material. You can use compost, manure, peat moss and/or any combination of the above. Do not use fresh manure: the salt content in the manure could burn tender seedling roots and may have weed seeds in it to boot. If you use fresh manure, it is suggested to apply it in the fall months so it has time to break down.

Our soil, if you can call it that, has very few nutrients in it. In most cases, you will have to supplement the ground with fertilizer. There are many types of fertilizer to choose from. There are water-soluble, granular, dry

organic, liquid organic and vegetarian organic forms available. Choose whichever works best for you. Some granular or powder forms typically last longer in the soil, but may bother allergy sufferers when applied during breezy days. Water soluble fertilizer can help avoid this problem, but will have to be applied more often. Organic fertilizers come in dry and liquid forms as well. Some organics may be in all-vegetarian form as well. Some of the draw backs of organic fertilizers are that they may take a longer time to work, and are generally more expensive to use. Whichever fertilizer you choose, please read and follow the recommendation on the label.

Knowing how much water to use is always a challenge. We live in a very dry climate so some soils dry out very quickly. As a rule, it is best to keep the soil evenly moist but not soggy. Sandy soils need frequent light watering, while heavy clay soils benefit from slow irrigation. The use of mulch is recommended for any soil. This can be anything from plastic film, landscape cloth, shredded bark or compost, to name a few. The use of mulch will help maintain soil moisture and will also help reduce or even prevent weeds. The use of organic mulch in my opinion is best because, as it breaks down, it helps build up the soil.

So, if you do your home work on vegetable gardening, the warm days and freezing nights can't fool you.

Gary Guzman, owner of Color Your World Nursery and Guzman's Greenhouse, considers gardening one of his hobbies as well as his trade. He can be reached at 575-521-0496 or gary@guzmansgreenhouse.com.



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Sales Report for January, 2017

"While still sluggish compared to other months, home sales in the Las Cruces area in January, 2017 were much improved over 2016. The weakest area was in the 100k-150k price range, which almost certainly is the result of a low supply of homes in that price range. Sales of homes from 150k to 300k, on the other hand, were much stronger than last year. Statistically, it looks like homebuyers are trading up to a higher price point because they can't find what they want at a lower price point. The bottom line is that 2017 home sales have kicked-off the year with strong sales and stronger prices!" —Janina Carlona, SNMMLS President

Single Family Home Sales in the Las Cruces area* for Jan., 2017 were \$16,059,559. For Jan., 2016, sales were \$10,960,854. Jan. dollar volume was up \$5.1m (+46.5%).

The number of homes sold in Jan., 2017 was 93, compared to 71 last year. The increase was 24.2%.

The average sale price in Jan., 2017 was \$172,683. Last year the average was \$154,378. The increase in average home sale price was 11.9%.

Sales broken down into price categories:

PRICE RANGE	Sold 2017	Sold 2016	# sold + or -	% sold + or -
Up to 100k	18	10	+8	+80%
100k to 150k	23	30	-7	-23%
150k to 250k	40	26	+14	+54%
250k to 400k	11	4	+7	+175%
Over 400k	1	1	0	0%

*All sales figures supplied by the SNMMLS. Figures are for single family homes and permanent mobile homes sold in the Las Cruces metro area extending south to Vado, north to Radium Springs, east to Organ and west to the West Mesa.

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Support seniors with tax-refund contribution

THE NEW MEXICO AGING AND LONG-TERM SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department urges New Mexicans to support seniors in need by making donations from their tax refunds to enhance or expand senior services throughout the state, according to a press release.

The state of New Mexico provides taxpayers the opportunity to voluntarily donate all or part of their state tax refunds to special funds. The Taxation & Revenue Department deducts your contribution from your refund and transfers your contribution to the appropriate fund.

“Your contributions are important because the elder population in our state is growing rapidly, and so is the need for services such as home delivered meals, in-home care and adult day service,” said Myles Copeland, secretary of Aging & Long-Term Services in the release. “From the year 2000 through 2030, our 85 and older population is more than tripling. New Mexico elders are contributing more than ever to our communities, working, volunteering, advocating and staying active. We have more people that need help to continue living in their own homes.”

To donate to senior services, select ‘Supplemental Senior Services Contribution’ (line 15) as listed on the New Mexico Voluntary Contributions Schedule (form 2016 PID-D). Your income tax contribution will support the delivery of important services to seniors. The form is available on the Aging and Long-Term Services Department’s website at <http://www.nmaging.state.nm.us/uploads/files/2016pit-d-ins.pdf>

Senior service providers throughout the state serve more than 124,000 people annually.



Family caregivers recognized, supported by state plan

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) recognizes the valuable work of family caregivers in providing in-home or community care for their relatives or loved-ones. Each year, 419,000 New Mexicans provide more than 257 million hours of

unpaid family care, according to a press release.

“Family caregivers deserve to have their work recognized and supported,” said Myles Copeland, Aging & Long-Term Services Department Secretary in the release. “By increasing family caregivers’ access to needed resources, including appropriate training

and respite, they are better equipped for the challenging task of caring for their loved one.”

In 2015, Gov. Susana Martinez started the New Mexico State Plan For Family Caregivers, a collaboration between public and private partners in the state including caregivers themselves, which

outlines strategic goals to address the challenges that face family caregivers through coordinated support, training, planning and preventive measures.

As part of the state plan, the ALTSD’s Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) assists caregivers in finding support and resources statewide.

ADRC specialists help family caregivers connect with resources and benefits including support groups, respite care, transportation and more.

The ADRC can be reached at 800-432-2080 during normal business hours. For information, visit the Department’s website at www.nmaging.state.nm.us.

NMSU extension specialist offers tips on adopting healthy habits

By **ADRIANA M. CHAVEZ**

For the Bulletin

By now, most people have already given up on their New Year's resolutions to lose weight or exercise more. But adopting healthy habits can be done at any time of year. It just takes a healthy mindset, time and patience, said Raquel Garzon, New Mexico State University's new nutrition and wellness extension specialist in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

Garzon comes to NMSU from Florida, where she worked as a nutritionist, trainer and keynote speaker. She is the president and founder of Revitalize Project, a company that provides wellness programs to corporations and community organizations. She started at NMSU in early January and has already fallen in love with New Mexico's weather and mountain scenery.

"I think this is a better fit for me," said Garzon, who earned her doctor of health science degree with a concentration in Global Health from Nova Southeastern University. "I still have

a lot to learn about the state and the people, but I already feel there's a need here for nutrition and wellness education."

Esther Devall, head of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences in the College of ACES, said Garzon's experience will help strengthen nutrition and wellness outreach throughout the state.

"We are excited to have Dr. Garzon join our faculty in Extension Family and Consumer Sciences," Devall said. "She brings strong experience in working with large corporations in the U.S. and abroad on nutrition and wellness issues. Her expertise in using social media should help us communicate practical, research-based information about nutrition and physical activity to a larger audience. She is enthusiastic about making a difference in the lives of New Mexicans, and has gotten off to a strong start in forming collaborations with our county agents."

One idea Garzon emphasizes is that there is no quick fix for weight loss. She said that because of today's technology, which provides users with

most things with a phone swipe or website, most people are becoming wired for immediate fulfillment.

"It's hard for people to stick with healthy habits, but it's an investment," Garzon said. "You can't lose five pounds in one night. You have to have the mindset of healthy behaviors that affect you inside and outside. There are good things happening in your body that you can't see right away when you adopt a healthy lifestyle."

Garzon said social media has also led many people to adopt unhealthy or unsuccessful habits in hopes of losing weight.

"You can't go on Instagram and follow Kim Kardashian's diet, or take pills because Dr. Oz says it's OK," Garzon said. "You want to make sure what you're doing is safe and sustainable. We spend billions of dollars on stuff that hasn't been medically proven."

So what does work? Eating balanced meals made up of whole grains, proteins, fruits, vegetables and dairy; eating small portions; engaging in challenging, intensive physical activity; and getting enough sleep, Garzon

said.

Garzon said taking a holistic approach to your health will also help you become successful in losing weight.

"Stress causes changes that causes you to store fat and leads you to bad behaviors, like binge eating junk food or drinking too much," Garzon said. "It's important to practice mindfulness and meditation."

Also, think about how you define your life and your reasons for becoming healthy, Garzon said. Those reasons should be long-term goals, such as living a long, full life or becoming a better version of yourself.

"It can't be short-lived. It can't be because you want to look better in your bikini by summer," Garzon said.

Garzon also suggests wearing activity trackers that monitor your physical activity and sleep, and keeping a food diary to monitor what you've eaten and your mood.

"I encourage people to experiment and talk to people who have been successful. Find out habits that will work for you," Garzon said.

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

'Run With Your Doc':

Saturday, Feb. 25, Doña Ana Community College-East Mesa Campus, 2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd. Third Annual Run With Your Doc is a one-mile, 5k and 10k run/walk fundraiser for St. Luke's Health Care Clinic Pre-register online at www.raceadventuresunliited.com or pick up a registration form at 999

W. Amador Ave. Same-day registration is \$5 more. Early packet pickup Friday, Feb. 24 at DACC - East Mesa Campus. Info: email pangell@slhcc, info, call Mike Coulter at 915-274-5222 or go to Run With Your Doc on Facebook.

Breast Cancer Support Group meeting: 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25

at Memorial Medical Center West Side Annex Bldg., 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. Speaker is Dr. Bishnu Rauth, Hematology / Oncology of New Hope Cancer Center speaking on, "What's New with Breast Cancer Treatment." Group meets the fourth Saturday of each month. No pre-registration, no charge and open to all who are interested in health and wellness. Info: 575-524-4373.

Registration open for Diabetes Classes:

1 - 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, Wednesday, March 8 and Thursday, March 9, Families and Youth, Inc., 1320 S. Solano (corner of Solano Drive and Idaho Avenue). Class size will be limited to 12 and support persons are invited and encouraged to be present with each attendee. Classes will be taught in English and Spanish by diabetes educator, T. J. Jasso, RN,

BS. Info: Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach 575- 522-0289 or snmdo@snmdo.org.

Aggie Cupboard: Open 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, Regents Row, Room B114. NMSU and DACC students, staff and faculty, in addition to Burrell College students, can use the Aggie Cupboard food pantry as a grocery supplement. Bring your

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NMSU or Burrell College ID for a free bag of non-perishable food. Info: aggiecupboard@nmsu.edu or on Facebook at [AggieCupboard @ NMSU](#).

Events at Center for Spiritual Living:

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Tao Healing & Touch Yoga, \$5 class fee. 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Practical Mysticism class. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Sunday service. 1:30 - 3 p.m. first Friday of the month, Shamanic drumming and meditation. 9 - 10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 - 5 p.m. Wednesdays, 9 - 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Yoga. 2 - 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Spirit Dance. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Sacred Living Circle. 7 - 8 p.m. Thursdays, Single Parents Support Group. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, A Course In Miracles discussion. All activities held at the Center, 575 N. Main St. Info: 575-523-4847.

Beginning numerology class: 12:30 – 2:30 p.m., Sundays for five weeks starting March 5, Center for Spiritual Living in the Heart of Las Cruces, 575 N. Main St. Led by Ruth A. Drayer, artist, author, life coach, numerologist. Class is 2 hours weekly for 5 weeks. Info: www.ruthdrayer.com.

Creativity & Imagination Workshop – Dissolving the Blocks:

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11, April 8 and May 13, Center for Spiritual Living in the Heart of Las Cruces, 575 N. Main St. Cost: \$40 (includes supplies.) Reservations requested. Take one class or all – no catching up to do. Led by Ruth A. Drayer, artist, author and numerologist. Info: www.ruthdrayer.com.

Near Death Experiencer group: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 20, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. International Association for Near-Death Studies (IANDS) is a safe and supportive environment to understand, integrate and share experiences of touching into the beyond. Group meets the third Monday of every month. Next meeting April 17. Info: 928-897-0933.

Cancer support group at UUMC: 6:30 - 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Cancer Care is a support group for those dealing with cancer, (patients, survivors, caregivers, family and friends). Info: Betty Harris at 575-524-3994 or the church office at 575-522-8220.

Alzheimer's, dementia support group: 11:30 a.m. every Thursday, Uno Pizzeria & Grill, 2102 Telshor Court. Arbors of Del Rey Assisted Living Community support meeting offers information and interventions. Info: 575-382-5200.

Tesoro Integrative Health Center yoga classes: 10 a.m. Monday/Wednesday/Friday is Gentle Yoga; 7:15 a.m. Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. Saturday is Kundalini Yoga; 6:15 Tuesday/Thursday, 10 a.m. Saturday is Hatha Yoga; 6:15 Monday/Wednesday is Gentle Yoga at Tesoro Integrative Health Center, 1605 S. Main St. Walk-ins welcome. Drop-in fee is \$7; five classes for \$30; and 10 for \$60. Info: 575-541-5660.

Parkinson's Support Group: 10 a.m. third Tuesday of each month at the Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Parkinson's Support Group of Southern New Mexico (PDSGSNM). Info: Sarah Stegall at 575-496-2550, Jon Roberts at 702-217-0450 or visit pdsgsnm.org.

MS Support/Education group: 4:30 - 6 p.m. first Thursday of each month, Social Center Creative Arts Room at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Multiple sclerosis support/education group. Date, time and location are subject to change. Info/RSVP: 575-373-5130 or lascrucessmselfhelp@gmail.com.

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

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.

Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach support group: 10 – 11:15 a.m. the third Thursday of each month in the meeting room of Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave. Diabetes Educational Support Group meetings provide open discussion and teaching regarding diabetes and a question-and-answer period. Info: 575-522-0289.

Overeaters Anonymous: 9:30 a.m. Saturdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. and noon Wednesdays in the library of St. James Episcopal Church, 1102 St. James Ave. Overeaters Anonymous (OA) is a fellowship of those individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from a compulsive relationship with food. Info: www.oa.org, Barbara at 575-405-0128 or Wayne at 575-647-5684.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous: 7 p.m. Mondays, Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor (behind the T Mobile building). SCA is a 12-

step fellowship of men and women who share experience, strength and hope to solve common problems and help each other recover from sexual compulsion. Info: www.sca-recovery.org or 575-526-9535.

MS support group: 4:30 - 6 p.m. the first Thursday of each month, Social Center Creative Arts Room at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Info/RSVP: 575-373-5130 or lascrucessmselfhelp@gmail.com.

Tai Chi class: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday, Frank O'Brien Papen Center, 304 W. Bell St. Sponsored by Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Dept. Info: 575-541-2455.

Yoga classes: 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and 6:15 p.m. Monday and Wednesday: Gentle Yoga; 7:15 a.m. Tuesdays and 8:30 a.m. Saturdays: Kundalini yoga; 6:15 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. Saturdays: Hatha Yoga;

Zen Buddhist meditation: 6 p.m. Thursdays, 1605 S. Main St. Walk-ins welcome. Info: 575-541-5660.

Jazzercise Lite: 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center, 3217 El Camino Real. Info: Dianne Sage, 575-650-9721; jazzercise.com.

Zumba class: 10 - 11 a.m. Saturdays presented by the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department, Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Info: 575-541-2782.

Zumba classes: 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Mountain View Senior Circle, 3948 Lohman Ave., Suite 1. Info: 575-522-0503.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous: 7 p.m. Mondays at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor (behind the T Mobile building). Info: www.sca-recovery.org or 575-526-9535.

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Flu vaccines: To find out about flu vaccination clinics throughout the state, call the Immunization Hotline toll free at 866-681-5872 or visit <http://flushot.healthmap.org>.

Immunization services: For children up to 18, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at the New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive provides immunization services for children (0-18 years of age) on Monday mornings, Wednesdays and Fridays. Info: 575-528-5006.

Hospice benefit helps people cope with terminal illness

By **BOB MOOS**

For the Bulletin

Choosing hospice care isn't about giving up. It's about making every day count.

Terminally ill people who make the choice receive care for their physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs. They're no longer seeking a cure, but they do want to live out their last weeks and months as comfortably as possible and with dignity.

Medicare's hospice benefit has helped millions of Americans and their families cope with the final stages of terminal illnesses.

To qualify, you must be eligible for Medicare's Part A hospital insurance, and your physician and your hospice medical director must certify that you have six months or less to live, assuming your illness runs its normal course.

You also must sign a statement choosing the Medicare hospice benefit and another statement that you understand you're forgoing curative treatment for your terminal condition.

Although cancer patients once made up the vast majority of hospice recipients, that's no longer true. A growing number of people with late-stage Alzheimer's disease, non-Alzheimer's dementia, heart disease, Parkinson's disease and other conditions now benefit from hospice.

Still, people often wait too long before turning to the valuable benefit. The average length of care is less than 60 days. The hospice benefit allows patients and families to stay together in the comfort of home.

Hospice's main goal is to relieve pain and manage symptoms. As long as the care comes from a Medicare-approved hospice, Medicare covers the physician services, nursing care, drugs, medical equipment and supplies, and physical and occupational therapy.

Though the hospice benefit is part of original Medicare, it's also available to anyone with a Medicare Advantage plan.

If a patient's health improves or the illness goes into remission, there will be a return to the previous Medicare coverage. And if the condition worsens,



hospice care will be reinstated.

Beneficiaries wanting to learn more about hospice programs in the area should talk to their doctor or call the New Mexico hospice program at 1-800-580-9270.

For more about Medicare's hospice benefit, visit Medicare's website site at medicare.gov or call Medicare's 24-7 customer service line at 1-800-633-4227. A Medicare publication, titled "Medicare

Hospice Benefits," can also be downloaded from the website or requested by phone.

Bob Moos is the Southwest public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Readers wanting more information about Hospital Compare and its hospital star ratings may call 1-800-633-4227.

We can solve any appearance of limitation

Jesus was crucified because he spoke up. His words, meant to liberate the people, were misunderstood. In the face of grave danger, he persevered, knowing the words would remain in the collective consciousness and would someday be understood. That day is not here, yet, although "new thought spirituality" is doing a fine job of restating his basic teachings.

The basic teachings are simple "It is done unto you as you believe. The human mind is co-creative with the source of the universe. Our beliefs tend to become our experience. There is a power within our own field of being that organizes and

arranges the components of manifestation. We do not need to know how it will happen, but we do need to know what we desire. All that we could ever want is already in us as pure potential. We activate it by expressing some degree of it and it



CAROL CARNES

Living Consciously

tends to grow in the world (evolve)." Doesn't it stand to reason that nature would provide

simple principles in order to produce, expand, evolve all the species within it? Humanity has the ability to deny the principle but it still functions perfectly. That gives us our individual experience but also contains the possibility of dramatic change. Once we cease to

deny our own power, potential and responsibility, we can solve any appearance of limitation, be it lack, disease or conflict.

The misunderstanding of the teachings of the great masters has caused terrible conditions on earth. It has pitted men against women, men against nature, men against each other, men in fear of a God that does not exist. It is time to wake up! This is a universe of law and order, freedom and incredible possibility. Religions that protect and promote the misunderstandings have got to evolve or they will

surely die. We know too much to live in superstition and dogma.

Stay tuned in.

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Bariatric surgery program recertified at MountainView

BULLETIN REPORT

MountainView Regional Medical Center has announced that its bariatric surgery program has been recertified by The Joint Commission, a health care quality improvement and accrediting body, according to a press release.

Bariatric surgery enables patients to lose and maintain a significant amount of weight, thus reducing risk of potentially life-threatening diseases such as hypertension, cardiovascular disease and diabetes. Joint Commission certification is a process that involves on-site evaluations to ensure the program meets or exceeds national best practices.

According to the re-

lease, MountainView was first certified in 2013, recertified in 2014, and recertified a second time in 2016. MountainView is the only hospital in New Mexico to maintain dual bariatric certifications; they also are certified by the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program.

“We know that bariatric surgery is life-changing for people and we are proud that our program has been recognized as one of superior caliber,” said Denten Park, CEO. “This certification is evidence that we strive to provide the highest standards of health care excellence to our community.”

The Joint Commission and The Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Ac-



creditation and Quality Improvement Program guidelines require bariatric surgical patients receive a multidisciplinary program in addition to surgery, which improves their long-term success,

the release said. MountainView specializes in LAP-BAND, gastric bypass and laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy, and offers free educational seminars to answer questions about the proce-

dures. Karina McArthur, Melissa Gomez, and Jimmie Hauser, CNP, and staff members at MountainView Weight Loss Center, guide patients through the entire process, from the initial

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Aggie bats wake up to send Bryant packing

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico State baseball team has to consider their opening weekend of the 2017 season a success, considering how it began.

After dropping the first two games against Bryant at Presley Askew Field, the Aggies recovered to take the next two games including a 20-7 pounding of the Bulldogs Sunday.

The win left both teams at 2-2 on the year.

After losing on opening night, Friday, Feb. 17, by a score of 6-3, the Aggies bounced back Saturday to split a double-header, losing the first game, 13-7,

then winning the nightcap, 4-3.

In game one, the Aggies wasted numerous scoring opportunities against Bulldog starter Steve Theetge, going 1-for-9 with runners on base through four innings.

A lengthy top of the fifth for the Aggies spotted the Bulldogs seven runs. The Aggies got two runs back in their half of the frame when a double by Austin Botello plated Greg Popylisen. Dan Hetzel followed with a groundout to third that scored Marcus Still. Botello advanced to third on a wild pitch, but a deep fly ball to center by Mason Fishback ended



Aggie catcher Mason Fishback slugged a two-run homer in a five-run fourth inning en route to a 20-7 win over Bryant Sunday. The win evened NMSU's record to 2-2.



PHOTOS COURTESY NMSU

Aggie pitcher Kyle Bradish had a no-decision as a starter in NMSU's 4-3 win over Bryant in the second game of a Feb. 18 doubleheader at Presley Askew Field in Las Cruces. Bradish threw 94 pitches over five innings, giving up two earned runs, striking out five and walking five. Joseph Standley earned the win for the Aggies.

the inning.

The Bulldogs tacked on two more in the sixth and three in the seventh, effectively putting the game away.

In the nightcap, Bryant began the scoring after leadoff hitter Cole Fabio walked and advanced home on two throwing errors. The Aggies responded in the bottom of the first with a shot to center by Hetzel that scored Botello and Popylisen, giving NM State an early 2-1 lead.

Aggie hurler Kyle Bradish found a rhythm after that, and escaped a bases-loaded situation in the fifth with a ground-out.

In the bottom of the fifth, catcher Jason Bush hit a bomb off the right

field wall for a triple that scored Brent Sakurai

After Bryant scored two in the sixth to tie the game at three, NM State plated the go-ahead run on a sacrifice fly by Hetzel, scoring Popylisen, who had been hit by a pitch, stole second and advanced to third on a groundout by Botello.

Leading 4-3, the Aggies survived the ninth when the Bulldogs loaded the bases with one out. Ruger Rodriguez came in to strike out the first hitter and secure the team's first win with a lineout to center.

Aggie freshman Joseph Standley picked up the victory, and Rodriguez got the save.

Afterward, NMSU Head Coach Brian Green was

relieved with the split.

"Bryant's a really good program," he said. "They have tough hitters and their pitchers have done really well of commanding their strikes. But, we gutted one out today with a lot of quality at-bats late."

On Sunday, Feb. 19, the Aggies found their bats. After going down 2-0, NMSU tied the game in the second on a Sakurai single and an error. They tacked on six more in the inning as Hetzel blasted a three-run home run to put the Aggies up, 8-2.

The home team added five in the fourth, capped by a two-run shot by Fishback. The rout was on and the Aggies never looked back.

Starter Marcel Renteria

picked up the victory.

The 20-7 win was the highest scoring game for the Aggies since they defeated the UNM Lobos 22-8 on May 5, 2015.

"We did a great job today," Coach Green said. "We swung at good pitches and were very aggressive early in the count. We had a lot of quality at-bats today and any time you can put up 20 runs, it's a good feeling."

The Aggies played at Texas Tech Tuesday, Feb. 21 and will return home for a weekend series against Mount St. Mary's Feb. 24-26. Friday's game at Presley Askew Field starts at 6 p.m., Saturday's double-header is at 2 p.m., and Sunday's game is at noon.

Cool aids: Four practice putting tools

Having attended my 19th PGA merchandise Show in Orlando a few weeks ago I returned with a renewed belief that the best practice aids for putting are simple things you can buy at the hardware store or make at home.

Some of those new high-tech, expensive practice aids are great, but in my mind simplicity rules. Here are a few easy-to-make-and-buy tools that can help take your putting to a higher level.

The string line

This simple homemade device is a favorite among PGA and LPGA players, alike. Just take a 6-foot

length of string (stretch cord works best) and attach each end to sticks about 8 inches high. You can use tent stakes or 10-inch knitting needles or something similar. I use

No. 2 pencils and drill small holes just under the eraser to secure the string.

Find a straight, flat putt on the practice green and stick one pencil (or stake) in the ground just behind the cup, and then stretch the string out and stick the other one in at about six feet. Place your ball under the string. Now take a stance so that your eyes are directly over the ball and you are seeing the

string exactly bisect the middle of the ball. Putt. When you line up your putter face square to the line, and your eyes directly over the ball, and make your stroke along the string line, it goes in the center of the hole.

You're learning the three fundamental habits of good putting: (1) your eyes are habituated to the correct line; (2) your eyes are directly over the ball; (3) your putter face is square to the line.

The chalk line

Another putting aid you should keep in your bag, which you use like the string line, except that it is on the ground. You can buy a basic chalk line tool (in a case with a crank

handle) and a blue chalk bottle (used by building trades) for \$5 to \$10.

On the practice green anchor the string just behind the cup with a tee, and then stretch the chalk-laden string taut for anywhere from six to 12 feet. Check that it's a perfectly straight non-breaking putt. Snap the taut string and notice the very neat blue line on the grass (which will be gone the next day). Practice putting firmly along the line so that your ball rolls over the blue line precisely into the hole.

You'll get used to seeing the line better and aligning your feet, eyes, shoulders and head properly. Putting along the blue line will also boost your confidence

to get the ball to the hole.

The ruler

One of the quickest and most effective ways I have found to fix a jerky, hesitant putting stroke is to practice putting on a ruler. I use an 18-inch steel ruler with a small hole in one end. I place the ruler with the end maybe six inches to the cup or a tee.

Stroking the ball so that it stays on top of the narrow ruler isn't as easy as it sounds. It takes the eyes and mind away from the hole and re-focuses attention properly on making a firm accelerating stroke that keeps the ball on the steel.

Marketers sell elaborate versions of similar golf tools for hundreds of dollars. Steel rulers cost \$10

to \$20. I also urge buying a 36-inch steel yardstick and practicing with the same method, even indoors.

It's a great drill to repeat 20 or 30 times, especially if you want a stroke you can trust for those nasty short ones, just outside the leather.

The level

One of my favorite practice items is a builder's level. Most levels are about 24 inches long, have two smooth sides and three bubble levels – two at either end and one in the middle.

On shorter putts, say 10 feet or less, you need to track your putter straight back and straight through. So, to practice that you can position the level on your putting line and place the heel of your putter so that it is just touching the edge of the level. Then take your stroke so that the putter heel gently moves along and contacting the edge of the level, without wavering from side to side.

I use the bubbles to see whether my reads of the slope and angles are right. A solid wooden track, with one or two rails, might also do the trick to keep the putter moving straight.

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Golf Doctor

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Mariah Enriquez is an 18-year-old senior at Mayfield High School. She is senior captain on the Lady Trojans cheer team and was also captain her junior year. Enriquez encourages the building of strong leadership and values. She is a hard worker and dedicated in and out of the classroom, with a 4.0 GPA. Enriquez leads by example and always has a positive attitude. She recently received the Mayor's Top Teen Award and she will be attending New Mexico State University. Outside of cheer and school, Enriquez enjoys time with family and dedicating her time as a student intern to different medical facilities in Las Cruces.



Anthony Martinez is an 18-year-old senior at Mayfield High School. He is on the Trojan wrestling, football and baseball teams. In wrestling, Martinez is in the 152-pound weight class. In football he is running back and in baseball he plays centerfield. He placed third at the district individuals tournament at Mayfield on Feb. 11 and will compete at the NMAA State Wrestling Championships Feb. 17-18, at the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho. Martinez is a hard-working athlete, is respectful, always exhibits a positive attitude and is a perfect example of what an upperclassman should be-setting the standard for hard work and determination. Martinez's work ethic is outstanding, always putting forth 100 percent at everything he does. He has a 4.05 GPA and displays senior leadership as a student and teammate.

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Aggies shoot their way out of a slump

BULLETIN REPORT

New Mexico State men's basketball rebounded from a brief, two-game losing streak Saturday, Feb. 18, with a vengeance.

The Aggies outscored UT Rio Grande Valley 107-101 on the road, shooting 55 percent (33-for-60) from the floor.

The win moved NMSU to 23-4 on the year, 9-2 in Western Athletic Conference play to keep them within striking range of first-place CSUB.

New Mexico State returns home to finish WAC play in the

Pan American Center against Utah Valley Thursday, Feb. 23, and Seattle U Saturday, Feb. 25. Tipoff for both games is at 7 p.m. (KXPZ, 99.5 FM). Thursday's game will also be broadcast on ESPN3.

The Aggies have won 23 straight at home spanning last season, and have won 39 straight WAC games in Pan Am.

Against Rio Grande, NMSU recorded 22 assists and turned the ball over only 10 times.

Senior guard Ian Baker added to his late-season heroics with

a career-high 36 points on 11-of-18 shooting to go with seven assists and four rebounds. The performance earned him WAC Player of the Week honors.

Johnathon Wilkins got the Aggie offense going early, hitting his first three field-goal attempts. The Vaqueros answered with an 8-0 run, and the teams traded baskets until the Aggies took a 50-45 lead at the break.

After a three-pointer from Huggins to start the second half, a 7-0 run for the Vaqueros closed the gap to 65-63. Again,

the teams traded baskets to keep it close, until Baker gave the Aggies their largest lead at 92-83 when he knocked down a step-back jumper to cap a 7-0 run.

Baker, Eli Chuha and Braxton Huggins each had a strong second half for the Ags. Baker scored 20 of his 36 points in the frame, Chuha scored 15 of his 17 points and seven rebounds, while Huggins recorded 16 of his 23 points.

Jemerrio Jones narrowly missed his 10th double-double, finishing with 13 points and



PHOTO COURTESY RAZIEL SANCHEZ
Aggie senior guard Ian Baker had a monster game against UT Rio Grande Valley, scoring a career-high 36 points, dishing seven assists and grabbing four rebounds.

Shoats a top sprinter at Adams State

Women's indoor track & field

• Heather Shoats has been a top sprinter for the Adams State University women's track and field team.



BARBARA BOXLEITNER
Keeping Up

The Centennial High School graduate won the 60-meter dash at the Adams State

NCAA Qualifier. The junior finished in a season-best 7.91 seconds.

She was sixth in the event and sixth in the 200 dash at the earlier Grizzly-Buffalo Clash, recording then-personal bests in each.

• Our Lady of the Lake freshman Jennifer Ramirez placed ninth in the 600 run at the Missouri Southern State University meet. The Oñate

High alumnus was 11th in the 60 hurdles.

• Previously at Las Cruces High, Lincoln University junior Serena Melendrez ran a personal best in the mile at the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship.

• Another Las Cruces HS Bulldawg, Grinnell College sophomore Gwen Holtzman, ran the first leg of the 4-by-400-meter relay that finished ninth at the Darren Young meet. She was 21st in the preliminaries of the 60 hurdles.

Softball

• Texas Wesleyan University sophomore and Las Cruces High graduate Bailey Terry hit .348 with an RBI starting his first seven games.

Baseball

• Bellevue University (Neb.) junior outfielder Brandon Salmon batted .400 with two RBIs

through three games. He is a former Bulldawg.

• Freshman pitcher Sergio Lucero, who played for Centennial, allowed one hit and no runs in 2.1 innings of his first appearance for Otero Junior College.

• Redshirt sophomore pitcher Daniel Brennan had no record and a 2.00 ERA in two starts for Adams State. He competed for the Oñate Knights.

• Mayfield High graduate Ben Tingen started the first five games for University of the Southwest and batted .250 with four RBIs.

• Southwest junior infielder Ean Smith, a former Bulldawg, started three of five games. He hit .500 with one home run and two RBIs.

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'Aggies,' 'Lobos' tip off again

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico State Aggies and University of New Mexico Lobos men's basketball teams split their season series this year, with each school winning at home.

On Wednesday, March 1, the "teams" face off again — this time at Santa Fe High School in the annual Hoops 4 Hope legislative basketball



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game. State senators and representatives will compete in the charity contest to raise money for cancer research and patient care at the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center. The legislature divides into Senate and House of Representative



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Last year's Hoops 4 Hope game raised \$22,000. The teams were coached by NMSU football Coach Doug Martin, far left, and UNM football Coach Bob Davie, center.

teams instead of along party lines.

Coaching the House "Aggies" will be Mike

Jordan, in his 19th year as New Mexico State volleyball head coach. The winningest coach in NM State volleyball history, Jordan has a career record of 397-177 and a winning percentage of .692.

Coaching the Senate "Lobos" is Bob Davie, football coach at UNM, whose 18 wins in his first four seasons already has him tied for eighth on the school's career wins list. Last year, he led the Lobos to their first bowl game since 2007.

The House leads the

series, but the Senate has won the last three, including last year's 32-29 double-overtime thriller.

The annual game is an important source of private donations for the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center. Over the past six years, it has raised more than \$100,000.

The center also raises money through national and state grant programs and from private donations.

"The proceeds help us to deliver the cutting-

edge, compassionate care that all New Mexicans deserve," says Dr. Cheryl Willman, center director and CEO.

Hoops 4 Hope will tip off at 7 p.m. in the Santa Fe High School Gymnasium, 2100 Yucca Street. Admission is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted. All proceeds benefit the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center.

For a video of interviews and highlights from the 2014 game, visit www.youtube.com/watch

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