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The last time New Mexico State University appeared in a bowl game JFK had not yet been sworn into office and nobody outside of Liverpool or Hamburg had ever heard of the Beatles. Thanks to a victory over Idaho Nov. 25 engineered by backup quarterback Nick Jeanty (No. 12, pictured), the Aggies play for bowl eligibility Saturday, Dec. 2, in one of the biggest games in the school's 100-plus-year football history. But, as Bulletin editor Marty Racine writes, a win is no guarantee of post-season play. See page 66.



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Doña Ana County 'Your Partner in Progress'



Dec. 8 blood drive on tap at Doña Ana County

United Blood Services and Doña Ana County are coming together for a blood drive on Friday, Dec. 8, 2017, in the main rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces. Each donor will receive a complimentary t-shirt.

Each holiday season, United Blood Services sees its blood reserves fall to critical levels. Doña Ana County invites the residents of Doña Ana County to join in giving the gift of life. The blood drive will be in effect from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with appointment slots available every 20 minutes.

To make an appointment for a screening and donation, call Janine Divyak at the Doña Ana County Planning Department at (575) 525-6130. Each donor will

receive a snack and some juice.

Giving blood normally takes less than an hour, and the results save lives throughout our region. The staff at United Blood Services screens each applicant and then allows qualified donors to take a seat in one of the comfortable recliners where the donations are processed.



All materials used in the donation process are sterile and disposable. Donors cannot contract any blood-borne disease by giving blood. All donated blood is typed to determine the A-B-O group and the Rh factor and then tested for safety, including a test for the HIV virus. Tainted blood is not distributed. Most units of accepted blood are separated into several components, allowing one donation to help several people.

Be sure to drink plenty of fluids prior to donating. Wear clothing with short sleeves or with sleeves that can easily be rolled up above the elbow. If possible, consume iron-rich foods in the weeks leading up to a blood donation. Finally, bring a photo ID and a list of medications you are taking.

Holiday message from the Chair

Dear Constituents --

It's hard to believe it has been 12 months since you elected me to serve as the County Commissioner for District 4 in Doña Ana County. In addition, my colleagues voted me as Chairperson for this year. As we enter the holiday season, I'd like to take this opportunity to give thanks for all the positive accomplishments that we have achieved in just one year. We have seated an audit committee and have an internal auditor for the first time in seven years. We have successfully negotiated a 4-year contract with Judge Fernando Macias, who will begin as the county manager early next month. In addition, we are in the process of reinvigorating the *Colonias Initiative*.

As the New Year is quickly approaching, the future is hopeful and bright for Doña Ana County. This is our community in which we live, work, raise our families and worship. As we move forward, I will continue to work tirelessly to fulfill my campaign promise for transparency and accountability.

In closing, I would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

May God bless you and Doña Ana County!



**Doña Ana County
Commission Chair
Isabella Solis**

'18 Citizens Academy taking apps

Applications are now being accepted for the first Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department Citizen's Police Academy in 2018. The academy spans eight consecutive Saturdays beginning on Jan. 6. Each class will run from 8 a.m. to noon at DASO's Las Cruces headquarters, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

Each Citizen's Academy applicant must be 18 years of age or older, must be a resident of Doña Ana County, and must have a valid driver's license or photo ID. Because of the sensitive nature of police work, a brief background check will be performed on each applicant. Academy participants must not have any prior felony convictions and no misdemeanor arrests within the last three years.

The academy takes class members through various divisions of the department in an effort to strengthen community partnerships through education and awareness. Academy participants are volunteers

who wish to learn more about the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department; it is not the cadet academy for those who wish to be certified law-enforcement officers.

Classes are interactive and give participants hands-on knowledge of how sheriff's deputies are trained to handle real-life situations. Class members will examine traffic enforcement, understand the use of force – including the use of deadly force – observe K-9 demonstrations and presentations by the Special Response Team and bomb squad. Several field trips are included in the academy, including tours of the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority and the county's Detention Center.

The 2018 Citizen's Academy is free of charge. Applications can be downloaded online at www.goDASO.org, and are also available at the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, 845 N. Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces. Class size is limited to 25 people.

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Tara Kolberg is a Project in Motion member performing for the event.



Karma Salon performs a fantasy piece based off “Pirates of the Caribbean.”

Well-heeled

The annual March of Dimes benefit, High Heels for High Hopes, kicked up a good time Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.



Sha Bangs Spa performs during the fantasy portion of the event.



Katie Bagwell from Sha Bangs Spa models.



Carmen Medina and Martin Medina hold their son Judah Medina, 2, who entered the world as a stillborn but fought for his life and is now a healthy child.



Leonard Jimenez introduces models and salons.



MC Lyndsey Kalson entertains the crowd.



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE
NMSU contemporary dance members Alexis Puente, Brianna Dever, Angela Kearns, Serena Robinson, Alyssa Robinson and Rebecca Vargas perform a piece by NMSU instructor Ann Gavit.



Las Cruces Home Builders Association Monthly Member Highlight



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

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PHOTOS COURTESY LESLIE BERGLOFF/FORT SELDEN HISTORIC SITE

Luminarias at Fort Selden Historic Site north of Las Cruces.

Luminarias to brighten historic Fort Selden

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

The 150-year-old roads and walkways of the historic site will come to life and light during Fort Selden's Las Noches de Las Luminarias.

The event will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9 at the historic frontier fort north of Las Cruces.

Admission is free, and "is our holiday gift to the community and surrounding areas," said New Mexico Historic Sites Regional Manager Leslie Bergloff.

"Join us for this Southwest tradition, as over 800 glowing candles surround the fort ruins," Bergloff said.

Musician Cliff Seamen will provide live entertainment during the event, she said.



Hot cocoa and cookies around the campfire at Fort Selden Historic Site.

"Sit by the fires and enjoy some hot cocoa and cookies, Bergloff said. "Make your own holiday ornaments compliments of Valle Verde 4-H and the Southern New Mexico Living History Association."

Bergloff advises visitors to dress warmly, as all activities will be outside. The Museum of New

Mexico Foundation is also a sponsor of the event.

Fort Selden is about 13 miles north of Las Cruces. Take exit 19 at Radium Springs, follow the signs to 1280 Fort Selden Road.

For more information, call 575-526-8911.

Mike Cook may be reached at mike@lascrucesbulletin.com.

Sierra Middle School teacher earns award

BULLETIN REPORT

Based on her professional and academic achievements, Christina Parra, a teacher at Sierra Middle School, has been named a 2018 Golden Apple Teacher of Distinction by the Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico (GAFNM).

The annual recognition is given to nine finalists for the Golden Apple Award for Teaching Excellence.

"Announcing the Golden Apple Award recipients and Teachers of Distinction is the proudest day of the year for us," says Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico Executive Director Brian O'Connell. "These teachers are inspirational, and we are honored to reward them for their hard work and commitment to educating New Mexico's children."

Parra was among 16 finalists for the Golden Apple Award and the only finalist from Las Cruces. As part of the recognition, Parra will be honored at the Golden Apple Tribute to Teacher Excellence luncheon Friday, April 6, 2018, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Albuquerque.

The Golden Apple Award recognizes that teaching excellence is the most important in-school factor in students' academic success, according to a GAFNM



Christina Parra

news release. The annual award has been presented to outstanding educators from across the state, every year, since 1996.

This year, the program received more than 140 nominations from 27 different cities throughout New Mexico. To be considered for the award, Parra had to first be nominated by a student, parent, colleague, principal or community member and then complete an application.

All applications were then judged by a committee of past award recipients, members of the GAFNM Board of Directors and other experienced educators.

As a finalist for the award, Parra underwent a 90-minute classroom observation by three members of the GAFNM selection committee, who also interviewed Parra's fellow teachers, principals, parents and students. Once the site visits and inter-

views were completed, GAFNM selected seven teachers to receive the award.

In 2016, Parra was awarded the LCPS Dr. Sandra K. Nakamura Professional Development Excellence Award for her work mentioning teachers throughout New Mexico. The annual award recognizes LCPS teachers and administrators who deliver or support quality professional development which positively impacts the knowledge and practices of LCPS staff.

According to the GAFNM website, recipients of the Golden Apple Excellence in Teaching Award receive a cash prize of \$1,500, assorted gifts from New Mexico businesses and \$4,000 toward their personalized professional development plan. They are also inducted into the Academy of Fellows and invited to participate in opportunities that advance teaching and learning in perpetuity.

GAFNM was founded in 1994 as a way to improve the quality of education across New Mexico through the recognition, recruitment and professional development of outstanding teachers. The Golden Apple Excellence in Teaching Awards program has recognized 123 teachers throughout New Mexico since the program began in 1996.



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Talking turkey

Breaking bread with our brothers and sisters

“Ew, I don’t like pe-
cans in my sweet
potatoes!”

**RICHARD
COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

“I don’t like
sweet potatoes
at all!”

“It creeps me
out when the
cranberry sauce
touches the
mashed pota-
toes.”

“Do we have
to say a prayer?”

We’ve all heard comments like
this around the Thanksgiving
table. We characterize these as
kids talking, but adults can be
just as bad.

While we hear the occasional
complaint, or sometimes endure
a family spat, most Americans
view the holidays as precious
time to break from the normal
routine. A time when distant
friends and family gather to-
gether to share some meaning-
ful moments over a memorable
meal.

Now that Thanksgiving is
over, most of us are not finished.
We’ll probably have three or four
other big, elaborate dinners be-
tween now and New Year’s Day.

Often, we take them for
granted, casually tossing out a

comment or two such as: “I’ve
eaten so much this season. I’m
going to have to go on a diet after
the new year.”

Whether or not you genuinely
appreciate your Thanksgiving
and holiday meals, you should
recognize you are fortunate to
have them.

In Doña Ana County, more
than 25 percent of residents
have incomes below the poverty
level. In the county’s rural areas,
many family incomes are as
low as \$5,000 a year. Doña Ana
County is one of the poorest
counties in New Mexico, which
is the second-poorest state in
America.

Food and nutrition follows in-
come, and New Mexico is again
in the nation’s bottom rung
when it comes to food security.
Food security is a United States
Department of Agriculture
term used to describe whether a
household has enough food for
an active, healthy life for all its
members.

New Mexico ranks very low
in food security (or high in food
insecurity), especially for chil-
dren. Nearly 18 percent of New
Mexicans were food insecure for
at least some time in 2016, that’s
about 50 percent above the na-
tional average.

In many cases, these are fami-

lies whose members have jobs
and are working, albeit in low-
paying positions, the “working
poor,” if you will.

Those income and hunger
statistics lead to a lot of negative
conclusions, including this one:
Many of our neighbors simply
don’t have the resources to have
the traditional family Thanks-
giving dinner.

However, as I’ve preached
many times in this column
through the years, in addition to
Doña Ana County being one of
the poorest counties in America,
it’s also one of the most giving.

This year, you and your neigh-
bors were generous enough to
donate more than 1,500 turkeys
to local families who otherwise
would not have a chance at a real
holiday meal.

Casa de Peregrinos, the local
food pantry, coordinated the proj-
ect this year as it has for many
years. With its connections to
food suppliers, Casa de Peregri-
nos can take local donations and
stretch dollars much further. For
example, you could go and buy a
turkey at the local grocery store
for \$20, or you could donate \$20 to
Casa de Peregrinos, which could
get two turkeys from its sources,
feeding twice as many families.

Because Casa de Peregrinos
also provides food to families in

need the other 51 weeks of the
year, they have an established
network to understand and iden-
tify the people most in need.

“And we do more than just
provide turkeys,” said Lorenzo
Alba, executive director of Casa
de Peregrinos. “The families also
get stuffing, potatoes, canned
corn, canned green beans, cream
of mushroom soup and canned
yams.”

It’s not everything a family
needs for the full dinner, but it
certainly minimizes the cost.

“That’s what the intention is,”
Alba said. “To make it easier on
families. It really becomes a tra-
dition of hope.

“For me, the exciting thing is
it’s a great opportunity to bring
families together, and now they
have a really good meal to have
together.”

And the annual Casa de Pere-
grinos drive is just one of dozens
of examples of how our commu-
nity helps out.

Support has come from all
corners of the county, even un-
expected places such as Ten Pin
Alley, which offers free Thanks-
giving dinners and free bowling
for families in need.

If the measure of a commu-
nity is how well we take care of
our neighbors, then we live in a
mighty good community, indeed.

We want your letters

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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanksgiving's grand gesture

To the editor
On behalf of El Caldito Soup Kitchen, we wish to thank the many individuals and groups who generously volunteered to make this year's Thanksgiving Dinner a delightful success. From the donated turkeys, pies and assorted recipe items down to the excellent team of turkey carvers from Farley's, it was a beautiful joining of many hands to create, serve and clean up from a grand gesture of Thanksgiving, Las Cruces-style.

From guests who were unable to prepare their own Thanksgiving meal to folks who simply wanted to sit down with their community to share in a day of giving thanks, the results were fellowship, laughter among friends new and old, and the joining of diverse groups carrying on the age-old tradition of breaking bread together.

Las Cruces, once again you came together to make a difference in the lives of many people.

Thank you, one and all.

Teresa Phillips and the Board of Directors of El Caldito Las Cruces

A decade of Buddy Walks

To the editor:
Recently the Southern New Mexico Down Syndrome Families (SNMDSF) celebrated its 10th annual Buddy Walk as part of the NMSU Homecoming Parade. Numerous stories

have been collected over the past decade. Some bring smiles and laughter, others tears.

As just one example, in 2011 a local family had lost their baby with Down Syndrome after 67 days of dealing with serious health issues. They were a large and close family, and our Buddy Walk that year happened to be about the same time as the baby's funeral. Those who came to Las Cruces from all over the country for the memorial services decided to participate in the Buddy Walk in his honor. We must have had Walkers from 10 states that year!

For this year's Walk we want to thank the following organizations for their financial support or sponsorship: Delta Dental, First American Bank, Atrium Physical Therapy, Monarchy I.T., Apprendamos Intervention Team, Tresco Inc., TOTS, Meca Therapies, Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Syndetix Inc., Direct Therapy Services, Sam's Club, and Target.

In-kind donations were provided by Renee Trujillo DDS, Lamar Advertising, Milagro Coffee Y Espresso, Texas Roadhouse, Atrium PT, Allen Theatres, Rockin' Jump Trampoline Park, 10 Pin Alley, NMSU Athletic Department, Rudy's BBQ, Marci Dickerson/The Game, and Caliche's.

A special shout-out to Sheryl Duran & TMNT Las Cruces and Amanda Fackler for bringing together our trailer/truck float, and Joseph Lopez for loaning us bales of hay. We also thank Mike

Cook of the Las Cruces Bulletin for (his) articles.

Two student organizations we thank for volunteering include Gamma Iota Sigma from New Mexico State University and Respiratory Therapy Club at Doña Ana Community College. Finally, we want to thank our Walkers and our guests of honor – those with Down Syndrome. Your participation truly makes the annual Buddy Walk a family affair.

Tim Query, 2017 Buddy Walk Chair Las Cruces

Successful food drive

To the editor:
On behalf of the Baha'is of Las Cruces, I thank the community for its continued support of our food drive benefiting Casa de Peregrinos. The food drive was launched on Naw Ruz (March 21, the Baha'i New Year) and has been very successful.

We have decided to continue the food drive year-round and donations are always appreciated.

Donations may be dropped off at 3220 Jupiter Road or you may call 575-644-6668 to arrange to have your items picked up.

Phyllis Williams Las Cruces

Trickle up, not down

To the editor:
Several letters have recently been published in op-ed columns bemoaning the "takeover" of local government by progressives. One writer even wrote a sarcastic thank-you to non-voters.

I was not one of those non-voters. I voted for a candidate who had supporters dedicated enough to actually walk the walk and talk to potential voters door-to-door about issues the candidate wanted to address. One such volunteer asked me if I would allow a campaign sign to be placed at the front of my yard and I said yes.

Within a few days many signs for the other candidate appeared on my street, but no one had the time to knock on my door to present that candidate's views on issues facing the city. The very day of the election a volunteer for the winning candidate came around to remove the one sign that had been placed in my yard. As I drove around the city in the days after the election I was pleased to see that all signs for the winning candidate had also been promptly removed.

One issue the winning candidate supported was an increase in the minimum wage. It seems that conservatives always favor tax cuts

for corporations and other "trickle-down" programs that get redirected toward dividends for stockholders and obscene salaries for CEOs while opposing increases in the minimum wage. It has been demonstrated again and again that trickle-down does not work, but increasing wages to where workers can actually make ends meet allows them to put money back into the economy. Trickle-up works.

Paul Merrett Las Cruces

Stand your ground

To the editor:
Victims of violent attacks should not become prosecuted criminals. People who are not criminally-minded act the best they can when faced with violent situations, and the law should seek to protect their lives over and above any criminal without questioning every option they may have chosen in the face of a deadly situation.

Strengthening stand-your-ground and castle-

doctrine laws in New Mexico is a valid, justifiable endeavor, and every law-abiding American should support this effort, as should the New Mexico Legislature.

Mark Best Las Cruces

Guilty by accusation

To the editor:
With all of the allegations flying around, I'm waiting for my grandfather to be charged. I think the statute of limitations will protect him and extradition may be difficult; I don't think we have a reciprocal agreement with Heaven.

One target is Judge Roy Moore. Is he guilty? Many have already convicted and passed sentence on him. An honest person would ask, why now after 40 years? What is the motive of the complainants? Are the alleged victims prompted to make these complaints by politicians like Senate leader McConnell, who backed Moore's opponent in the primary?

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President Trump's private conversation in 2005 (included) a crude statement, but was it the truth? To paraphrase, Trump said these women let you do anything, including grabbing their crotch. Are there such women out there? Anyone hear of groupies or prostitution? Are some women willing to give one of their most precious gifts to a person of power, money or fame?

It is said that men use their power to manipulate women. Do women do the same with their beauty? Who is exploiting whom? And ... let me ask, would you want to be held accountable for every private conversation you ever had?

*Dave Gallus
Las Cruces*

Saluting Medoff

To the editor:
How exciting to see a bold new work from our resident playwright-in-chief Mark Medoff. After seeing a staging of his some-

what confused play about Marilyn Monroe at the Rio Grande Theater I was wondering if he might have lost his touch, but to see him make a comeback with this brave, fascinating piece about a deaf woman and her teacher ("Children of a Lesser God") – and on Broadway, no less – shows my fears were misplaced.

Mr. Medoff never stops charting new ground, and we Las Cruces are lucky to have him.

*Stephen Conn
Las Cruces*

It's time to negotiate lower prescription costs for NM

Last April, Gov. Susana Martinez vetoed legislation that could have saved New Mexico millions of dollars a year in prescription drug costs for state agencies and its employees and retirees. Senate Bill 354, which passed the Legislature with strong bi-partisan support, would have required all state agencies that purchase pharmaceutical drugs to work together to aggressively seek a better deal on drug prices.

Citizens pay a huge cost for high drug prices. In fiscal year 2016 state government spent \$670 million on prescription drugs, a staggering 54 percent increase in just two years. Senate Bill 354 would have leveraged the purchasing power of all state agencies that purchase prescription drug benefits including the Departments of Health, Human Services, Corrections, Medicaid, General Services Department, UNM, to aggressively pursue lower drug prices. Even though the legislation passed the Senate unanimously and the House with bi-partisan support, it was vetoed by Gov. Martinez without explanation.

Several weeks ago the National Academy for State Health Policy (www.nashp.org) invited me to speak at their annual conference about my prescription drug purchasing



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reform legislation. The academy, a nonprofit and non-partisan organization of state health professionals, had identified this bill as a key strategy that states could implement

to better control rising health care and prescription drug costs.

Aggressively negotiating lower prescription drug prices could save New Mexico's state government millions every year. It can be done. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs negotiates at least a 24 percent discount on the drugs it buys. Many other industrialized countries pay a fraction of what U.S. citizens and governments pay for the same drugs. Members of Congress have sought for decades to leverage the federal government's purchasing power for Medicare, but have been fought by the pharmaceutical industry.

Other states are working to achieve savings and reform. Recently citizen-led referendums in Ohio and California have fought to lower drug prices.

The opponents of lower drug prices are formidable, however, and have many methods to stop progress. The pharmaceutical industry, one of the most profitable in America, has spent millions fighting efforts in Congress and in Legislatures across America to get citizens a better deal. The industry continues to make large contributions to politicians to maintain their foothold of opposition to reform. The pharmaceutical industry was the 10th-largest single contributor to the Republican Governors Association (RGA) in the most recent election cycle, according to opencrets.org.

This coming legislative session it's time for Gov. Martinez to stand on the side of our citizens and use all the tools at our disposal to demand the very best deal possible on the purchase of prescription drugs. Requiring state government to maximize its nearly-\$700 million in pharmaceutical purchasing power to lower the cost of prescription drugs is not just good business, its common sense.

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The newly empaneled Las Cruces City Council is comprised of, left to right, District 1 City Councillor Kasandra Gandara, District 2 Councillor Greg Smith, District 3 Councillor Gabe Vasquez, District Four Councillor Jack Eakman, District 6 Councillor Yvonne Flores, newly selected Mayor Pro-Tem Gill Sorg (District 5) and Mayor Ken Miyagishima.

BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK



New and re-elected city officials with Las Cruces District Judge Mary Rosner, center, are, left to right, City Councillors Gill Sorg and Yvonne Flores, Municipal Judge II Joy Goldbaum and City Councillor Gabe Vasquez. The members were sworn in by Rosner at the council's Nov. 20 meeting.

City proclaims Denise Chavez Day

Nationally award-winning author Denise Chavez was honored by the city council at its Nov. 20 meeting.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima and the council proclaimed Tuesday, Nov. 21, as Denise Chavez Day in Las Cruces, recognizing the Las Cruces native for her prolific work as the author of "The Last of the Menu Girls," "Face of An Angel," "Loving Pedro Infante," "A Taco Testimony: Meditations on Family, Food and Culture" and "The King and Queen of Comezón," among other books and essays. Chavez has won the American Book Award, the Premio Aztlán Literary Prize, the Mesilla Valley Author of

the Year Award and the 2003 Hispanic Heritage Award for Literature.

"You helped put Las Cruces on the map," Mayor Ken Miyagishima said, calling Chavez "a timeless crusader for social justice and human rights."

Chavez created the Border Book Festival that was an annual local event for more than 25 years. She now owns Casa Camino Real Bookstore and Art Gallery at 314 S. Tornillo St. in Las Cruces' Mesquite Historic District.

"This award means so much to me," Chavez said at the council meeting. "It goes to those who have come before."

— Mike Cook



Denise Chavez is awarded her proclamation by Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima.

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The Las Cruces Home Builders Association conducted its 26th Annual Turkey Drive on Nov. 16. In 26 years, with the help of members and community donations, approximately 4,600 complete Thanksgiving boxes have been given out, feeding an estimated 18,000. These photos are from the 2016 food drive. This year, 420 boxes were provided to five local schools, feeding another 1,680 people. The schools were Doña Ana Elementary (100), Booker T. Elementary (100), Cesar Chavez Elementary (100), McArthur Elementary (100) and Berino Elementary (20). The assembling and loading took place at the LCHBA Event Hall at 2825 N. Main St.

Commission grapples with budget to pay DASO

By LYNN MOORER

For the Bulletin

After the Doña Ana County (DAC) commission grappled about three hours during a work session Nov. 21 with how to find funds to pay a court-ordered multimillion-dollar award to CWA Local 7911, commissioners reached consensus on one portion of the challenge.

Commissioners agreed almost \$1.2 million should be pulled from reserves to cover back-pay for sheriff's deputies, effective August 2016. Unrestricted cash reserves are available, according to Budget Officer Marisol Richardson, in the county's hospital revenue, hospital lease, and acquisition funds.

Commissioner Benjamin Rawson said, "We need to realize that we're losing funds" that were supposed to be used for medical care for indigents and other "very important needs in our community."

The commission could not agree, however, on where the funds should come for more than \$1.2 million in forward pay for deputies, including increases for command staff.

Nor could commissioners agree how to respond to a DASO request that, on top of receiving salary increases, the department be allowed to use \$370,000 in current general fund salary savings to purchase "critical capital safety equipment."

This comes as DAC faces a \$16.9-million bud-

COUNTY EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED

The Doña Ana County Ana County Commission recognized County employees for their years of service at the Nov. 14 commission meeting.

COUNTY EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED, YEARS OF SERVICE

Animal Control
Mary Lou Ward, 10

Detention Center
Anita Gutierrez, 10
Ruben Salcido, 15

Fire and Emergency Services
James Barentine, 5

Engineering
Richard Madrid, 10

Health and Human Services
Jorge Ochoa, 5

Sheriff's Department
Bobby Holden, 20

get deficit, according to end of FY 2017-18 first quarter budget documents.

Director of Financial Services Joey Rowe explained that \$1.4 million already exists in DASO's salary budget due to a higher-than-normal vacancy rate that could be used for forward pay. She also noted that sufficient funds exist in the capital budget for DASO's \$370,000 request.

"I don't feel that we should take money out of the sheriff's budget

to address the needs of the CWA," said Chairperson Isabella Solis. "I think it's poor management. The county staff and management should have known this was coming down the pipeline," she said. "We should have had savings put aside."

"You can't budget for something until it actually occurs," Richardson explained. "We put \$1.8 million aside in reserves but part of it had to be used for 'the Berino-Vado manholes' which

collapsed during heavy rains. She also noted that many of the county's funds are restricted and may only be used for specific purposes. Richardson recommended that recurring revenue be used to cover recurring expenditures, such as the \$1.2 million in forward pay, rather than depleting reserves. "These expenditures are going to be from now on," she said.

"We should stop all major purchases that have not been completed," Solis stated, "freeze all positions," allow incoming County Manager Fernando Macias to make staffing changes, and "cut out all unnecessary overtime." She also said directors' budgets need to be reviewed "to see where we can make some changes. Mr. Macias will have a big responsibility to find out where he gets the rest of the money."

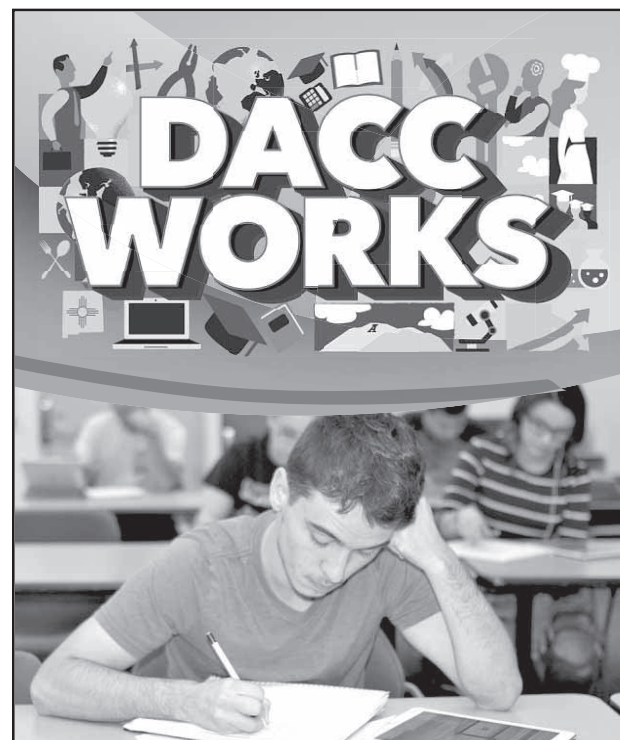
Beginning of reset

"Before we do anything too drastic," Commissioner Billy Garrett

said, "I suggest we recognize this is the beginning of a reset process. We're not just talking about the sheriff's office budget" but "the budget for the whole county. It's important for the sheriff within this timeframe" to work within his current budget and "look for things he can slow down or defer."

Garrett said he wants to know critical needs and potential impacts in other departments before considering cutbacks or going into debt further. "I ask that we not penalize all the other departments in order to make this right with the sheriff's office."

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County conditionally approves subdivision

By LYNN MOORER

For the Bulletin

The Doña Ana County (DAC) commission conditionally approved at its Nov. 14 meeting the first phase of a new subdivision situated west of Elks Road between the city of Las Cruces and the unincorporated community of Doña Ana.

On a 4-1 vote (Rawson dissenting), the commission stipulated that connection into the new 44-lot Vista Rancho subdivision from the 30-year-old Mirasol Estates to the north will be via utilities and pedestrian and bicycle paths on the rights-of-way of Amarillo Del Sol and Mirasol Street while through traffic is pro-

hibited.

"We acknowledge the importance of respecting existing communities," said Commissioner Billy Garrett. The semi-rural Mirasol Estates "has its own integrity, practices, and values" which need "way more" consideration than "the abstract idea of connectivity," he said.

Susan Richardson, a Mirasol Estates resident and North Valley Neighborhood Association (NVNA) treasurer and spokesperson, told commissioners that the 157-member organization supports the new subdivision but without connecting dead-end streets Amarillo Del Sol and Mirasol Street into it.

With approximately 30 NVNA supporters wearing "Don't Connect Roads!" lapel stickers in the audience, Richardson said, "People buy homes in developments like ours because of the semi-rural, peaceful characteristics." Citing safety and congestion concerns, she said, "The 30-foot-wide roads are bad enough now. They're going to be a real problem as traffic is increased through the neighborhood."

She said residents worked with the sheriff's office to erect barricades at the end of Amarillo Del Sol and Mirasol Street to discourage motorcycles, motocross, and ATV operators who had been "racing through

the neighborhood to ride and have fun in the desert" and "tearing up people's yards."

"The existing residents are the experts," Richardson said. "Mirasol Estates is our haven and we're fighting to keep it that way. We stand to lose our investment in the kind of neighborhood we wanted to live in."

She noted only a .3-mile shorter distance for firetrucks traveling via Mirasol Street versus Elks Road. "When time is of the essence, Elks Road is quicker" because of the higher speed limit and better road conditions, she said.

Justin Whitefield, a firefighter and paramedic who's lived in the Mirasol subdivision eight years, said, "I have personally driven with the mindset of a firefighter and it's much faster to go around on Elks Road. It's also safer

for children. Any way you look at it, it's safer to not go through the subdivision."

In response to questions by Commissioner John Vasquez, developer Kent Thurston said his family purchased the property about 11 years ago when there was "a chance of annexing it to the city." Development halted after the annexation effort failed while "we waited for conditions of marketing to come back up," Thurston said. "This phase has taken about two-and-a-half years."

The Vista Rancho preliminary plat had proposed connecting Amarillo Del Sol and Mirasol Street into the new subdivision because "when a fire chief tells you to do something, you do it," said Thurston.

Garrett responded, "The ultimate decision here is with this board. We clearly are dealing

with two policies" and "we have to make a judgment call of how to meet that in the best way. I'm hoping the idea of developing cul-de-sacs or a loop to connect Mirasol and Amarillo Del Sol within Phase 1 is something you could accommodate."

Thurston replied that if the board requires a change in the development, "that's the name of the game in which we play."

County Senior Planner Luis Marmolejo told commissioners that incorporating the condition disallowing traffic to the north from the new subdivision into a modified preliminary plat would not take extensive review. "If you make that condition of a loop or cul-de-sac, the Unified Development Code does allow cul-de-sacs," he said.

Commissioner Benjamin Rawson, who supported the original preliminary plat without amendment, said afterward, "Based on the evidence, I didn't see a substantial traffic impact. It's silly to have roads connect but block access."

At its meeting, the commission also:

- Approved the award of a sole source contract to the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance for \$150,000 for economic development services. MVEDA has a \$50,000 professional services contract that will



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Sheriff Enrique Vigil said, "We've been very good stewards of the taxpayers' money." "I'm only looking at our dire needs, stuff that we need, not for any luxury things."

Undersheriff Ken Roberts said \$1.4 million available in DASO's budget, which Rowe said could be used for CWA forward pay, is for 28 unfilled deputy positions which he doesn't want used for any other purpose. "The 28 bodies

are as important as any piece of equipment." He said almost \$1 million is being spent per year in overtime "trying to cover our positions."

Garrett recommended the sheriff explore hiring additional deputies with his current budget and "offset the savings of salary with savings of overtime."

DASO Captain John Day told commissioners, "I would like to see some sort of conclusion on compression (where command staff are paid less than top deputies) – the smallest number

(\$142,000) up on the board."

Gross receipts tax income

Richardson explained how the county's first one-eighth hold harmless gross receipts tax (HH GRT), enacted in 2015 designating the first \$4 million in receipts for DASO, had been spent. Using graphics, she showed that \$4 million from the HH GRT went toward DASO's \$19.6 million funding in 2016 and its \$22.8 million funding in 2017. She also showed that additional county

GRT revenue also went to DASO's budget – \$4.3 million in 2016 and \$5.2 million in 2017.

She answered affirmatively when Garrett asked if all the designated HH GRT money "went to the things it was supposed to."

Rawson said he thought the HH GRT meant that DASO was to receive "an additional \$4 million." Garrett responded, "There's nothing in the resolution saying this is on top of anything else." He said the resolution simply meant \$4 million

is "guaranteed" to go toward DASO's budget.

"At that time, we had a general operations funding gap of almost \$8 million," Richardson noted. "I have a hard time finding new money when there is a deficit to begin with."

Commissioner John Vasquez asked why the commission didn't tell the public, "Hey, we have a gap and this GRT will be used to backfill that gap. It seems a little misleading to me."

Interim County Manager Chuck McMahon replied, "When the tax

was being debated and voted on in March 2015," Finance Director Bill Noland and other staff "made a point repeatedly of the deficit."

Rawson asked to see "some different options" regarding "how to handle forward pay." Garrett said he'd like to know what other departments' capital requests are.

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expire Nov. 30.

- Approved purchase of law-enforcement-related equipment for 28 Chevy Tahoes for \$744,212.

- Approved a resolution to allow the City of Las Cruces and DAC managers to work to-

ward a unified animal services center as a city department.

- Approved expenditure of \$19,825 for purchase of equipment necessary to implement the Secretary of State's new statewide voter data base system.

- Authorized publication of a notice of intent to repeal an ordinance

and amend another related to dedication of the county third one-eighth gross receipts tax.

- Approved an ordinance amending the Unified Development Code

on a 3-2 vote (Garrett, Gonzalez dissenting). It included 28 changes offered by Rawson which had not been publicized or undergone review by the Planning and Zoning

Commission.

Garrett said, "We're talking about transparency and accountability. It's inappropriate to consider changes of this magnitude without due

process."

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County commission's personality emerges

Part 5: The termination of County Manager Julia Brown

By LYNN MOORER

For the Bulletin

Editor's note: This is the final story in a series documenting the changing face of the Doña Ana County Commission following the election of three new members in 2016. Doña Ana County Sheriff Enrique "Kiki" Vigil was contacted multiple times, but has not returned requests for interviews.

The termination of Doña Ana County Manager Julia Brown on April 25, 2017 by a 4-1 vote of the county commission surprised many residents and left them



RAWSON

wondering the reasons why.

The termination came after the former county commission voted 3-1 to extend Brown's contract by three years in September 2016, a decision made before the election of three new county commissioners in November 2016.

No explanation of the dismissal was given at the time and new com-



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SOLIS

missioners Isabella Solis, John Vasquez, and Ramon Gonzalez quickly left the meeting without comment.

After that meeting, Brown said she was surprised by the dismissal and believed it was politically motivated. She said she was not aware of the reason why, and that she had not been formally evaluated.

Brown's attorney,



VASQUEZ



BROWN

Ben Furth of Furth Law Firm, on Oct. 23, 2017 sent a notice to Doña Ana Interim County Manager Chuck McMahon and County Clerk Scott Krahling to request mediation and a private resolution to her claim of illegal termination under the state Whistleblower Protection Act, to avoid filing suit against the county. The notice came more than five months Brown's contract was terminated during a county commission meeting.

Julia Brown voted out

Commissioner Benjamin Rawson said Brown wasn't the "right fit for the position," in part because she hadn't managed a county previously.

"She is one of the smartest people I've ever met. She's a very brilliant woman ... a hard worker," he said. "That's the challenge in her trying to do it all herself – not having managed an organization of this size before."

She also needed to improve communication, he said, and find a way to work with the sheriff. Rawson said when the newcomers took office it was like "a hostile takeover for a corporate com-



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VIGIL

pany." "When you have a significant change in direction, you expect to see change in leadership," he said.

Vasquez said Brown didn't lead by example.

"She and the department directors didn't clock in and out," he said.

However, personnel records, obtained through a public records inspection request, show that she and her staff did follow the county policy implemented in February 2016 requiring they "touch the clock" at least once a day. Brown's records show that she frequently clocked in and out each day.

Vasquez said a decision on Brown's contract should have been the job of the new commission, referencing the Sept. 13, 2016 vote to renew her contract ahead of the election.

"It was a slap in the face to the commission because that should have been the job of the new commission," he said. "You don't subdue the hands of new elected officials just because you lost a race."

Former commissioner Wayne Hancock lost the primary election in June 2016, but remained in office until December. Hancock voted to extend Brown's contract.

Vasquez, however, denied punishing Brown

for a decision made by the previous commission.

"I based my decision to move in a different direction strictly based upon my expectation of what a leader and a county manager should be," Vasquez said.

He contended that if she had never been evaluated, it was her fault.

"I did 24 years in the Army and my personnel file was 100 percent my responsibility," Vasquez said. "If someone cannot manage their own personnel file, how do you expect them to manage anything greater than that?"

Commissioner Billy Garrett and Rawson, however, said that Brown had been evaluated on several occasions.

Gonzalez said he voted to not renew Brown's contract because he wanted to move more quickly in the desired direction.

"You hear a lot of stories from personnel. It made us wonder, 'What's going on here? Why isn't the county manager addressing these needs?'" he said.

In the end, Gonzalez said, it was lack of "accountability, transparency, leadership, and good personality."

Solis declined to comment directly about why she voted to fire Brown.

Garrett was the only commissioner who voted against terminating Brown.

"I don't think Julia



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should have been fired because the new commissioners didn't take the time to get to know her, to evaluate what she was doing, to clarify for her what their expectations were," Garrett said. "They didn't like working with her even in the short term and weren't willing to establish what they needed in a formal way to objectively evaluate her."

"Second, the idea that the board action (extending her contract) had usurped their authority is patently erroneous because that was within the authority of the board to take that action," he said.

The sheriff and the manager

Garrett said Brown's firing was not objective or fair.

"The current atmosphere of disrespect was largely created by Sheriff Enrique 'Kiki' Vigil, who has repeatedly challenged the authority and responsibility of the county commission," Garrett said. "I think he fundamentally disagrees with the way the New

Mexico Constitution sets up county government."

Rawson also commented, "I think everyone would agree that the sheriff and Julia didn't have a working relationship."

Brown agreed that there were problems.

"I'm a former prosecutor, a very law-and-order person," Brown said. "The sheriff's department seems to believe they're above the law."

"We had situations where the sheriff's office overran their budget, overran contracts," Brown said. "The longer the sheriff was in office, the more he built up resentment against county management, the county attorney, commissioners, human resources, procurement and the fleet department. At one point, he refused to take the sheriff's vehicles to fleet for maintenance."

Rawson recounted an incident in 2015 when Vigil believed a fund for the county detention center was being used inappropriately.

"He and Julia were at such odds that they

couldn't even talk about it. So, we ended up with the arrest of Detention Center Director Chris Barela by sheriff's deputies, followed by the sheriff taking over the center," Rawson said.

Just after that incident, Brown delivered a temporary restraining order to Vigil, instructing him to stand down because he lacked authority for his action. Barela ultimately received a settlement from the county.

During the 2016 election campaign for new county commissioners, Brown said the sheriff told her what to expect.

"The sheriff told me he wouldn't have to put up with me much longer because when his three commissioners take office in January, they'd be getting rid of me," Brown said.

Greg Garland, who retired as a Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office (DASO) Captain in September 2016, said Vigil told the command staff that Solis, Vasquez and Gonzalez would be sympathetic to the needs of the department.

Brent Barlow, who retired as major from DASO in August 2016, said Vigil indicated he wanted those three commissioners elected because he felt it would meet the department's needs, which included raises for the deputies.

Brown said she believes the sheriff's influence is immense and that "if whatever it was wasn't coming from the sheriff, (the new commissioners) didn't trust it." She cited an incident in February 2017 in which she said Vigil and his staff attempted to take over a budget briefing Brown was conducting with Solis and Gonzalez.

"Chairperson Solis arrived about 15 minutes late with the sheriff, the undersheriff, several deputies, and staff in tow," Brown said. "Then they tried to take over

the meeting while staff and I were doing a presentation for the commissioners. He tried to shout us down. It was an ugly meeting."

Vigil was contacted multiple times, but has not returned requests for an interview.

A Bulletin review of votes taken in public session since January shows the following levels of agreement with the sheriff's wishes regarding 25 agenda items (including Brown's termination) about which the sheriff or DASO made their views publicly known: Solis, 100 percent; Gonzalez, 100 percent; Vasquez, 96 percent; Rawson, 80 percent; Garrett, 68 percent.

Since Brown's termination

In August, Brown was elected chair of the American Association

of University Women (AAUW) national board of directors. AAUW, a national nonprofit association, is a leading voice on the education and empowerment of women and girls internationally. Brown is a lifelong member, as well as the first black woman to hold the office.

The commission voted Nov. 7 to name 3rd Judicial District Judge Fernando Macias as the next county manager. He was selected from a pool of six finalists, and previously served as county manager from 1997-2000. He will begin his tenure on Jan. 7, 2018.

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NMSU professor was student protestor at Kent State



By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The 1970 shootings at Kent State University that left four students dead are remembered as “the focal point of a nation deeply divided by the Vietnam War,” according to the Ohio History Central online encyclopedia.

For New Mexico State University history Professor Dr. Kenneth Hammond, the shootings hold different memories.

Hammond was a student at Kent State in Kent, Ohio, 47 years ago.

A member of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), he was among the protestors on the university commons that May 4.

“I felt that the war in Vietnam was wrong,” Hammond said Nov. 15, during

the fall 2017 luncheon of the NMSU Pioneers.

Hammond became an undergrad at Kent State in 1967. Protests against the Vietnam War began on campus the following year.

Arrests led to a “fall off in participation” in the rallies in 1969. But, then, in late April 1970, President Richard Nixon, who had been elected with a plan to end the war, ordered the invasion of Cambodia.

“This upset a lot of young people,” said Hammond, who had a brother serving in Vietnam.

The SDS put out a national call for anti-war rallies on Friday, May 1. A student march made its way to the center of the Kent State campus the next day. An ROTC storage building on the commons became the “symbolic pres-

ence of the military and the war” on campus, Hammond said. “It got burned down.”

“I think people were angry and this was a symbol they could get at.”

As a result, Ohio Gov. James A. Rhodes ordered the National Guard to Kent State.

On Sunday, May 3, Hammond said, “the campus was basically under military occupation.”

“The soldiers were just like us,” he said. “They were young guys. They didn’t want to go to Vietnam, so they joined the National Guard.”

That same day, SDS called for a national student strike.

“The situation, circumstances and events were already beyond our control,” Hammond said.

Students returned to the Kent State commons on Monday, May 4, to gauge the university administration’s response to their call condemning the Cambodia invasion.

The gathering was peaceful, Hammond said, and students were unarmed. “It’s not exactly a riot.”

Guardsmen had ordered the students to disperse, and had made their way from their position across the commons toward the students, firing tear gas and pointing their weapons.

They were returning to their original position when members of Company B turned from the top of a ridge and fired downhill into a group of students in a parking lot.

Sixty-seven shots were

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NMSU history Professor Kenneth Hammond, Ph.D., during his presentation about the 1970 Kent State University shootings.

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fired in 13 seconds, Hammond said. Four students were killed and nine were wounded, including one who was permanently paralyzed.

Hammond knew one of the four fatalities, Allison Krause, 19, who had been his roommate's girlfriend.

The shootings "sent shockwaves across the country," Hammond said, and contributed "to the ending of the Vietnam War."

They also marked, he said, "a peak in the use of force by the state to try to block protests and political activism."

Remembering NMSU in 1970

Las Cruces Bulletin columnist Michael Swickard was a mass communications major at NMSU during the late 1960s and early 1970s, and was the university yearbook's head photographer.

On-campus protests during the period were not only about the war, but also about racial unrest and were "institutional and anti-establishment," Swickard said. The only protest he joined as a participant rather than as a photo-journalist, he said, was one



In this Pulitzer Prize winning photo by then-Kent State University journalism student John Paul Filo, 14-year-old runaway Mary Ann Vecchio gestures and screams as she kneels by the body of a student, Jeffrey Miller, lying face down on the campus of Kent State University, in Kent, Ohio. Miller was among four students killed when Ohio State National Guardsmen opened fire on students protesting the Vietnam War on May 4, 1970.

organized against a plan to close the university's airport.

Swickard, now 67, remembers taking photographs in February 1969 when SDS members burned then-NMSU President Roger Corbett in effigy.

A February 1973 protest closed Corbett Center and drove Swickard and other students into a group of

about 20 protesters who were outside. Police, he said, used pepper gas and tear gas – a canister of which lodged under his car and forced Swickard to drive with his windows down for the next two years.

All male students then were enrolled in ROTC classes the first two years of college. Swickard was drafted in 1972 but was not inducted.

Swickard's father had been a combat photographer for the U.S. military during World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and two of Swickard's brothers served in Vietnam, he said.

"We did not watch the television nightly news while they were there and we feared the knock on the door which, thankfully, never came. I grew up in a military family. I was very cognizant that some (soldiers) were coming home in boxes."

On-campus protests, he said, "made me uncomfortable, but being uncomfortable is the first step in changing attitudes. I am now glad I was uncomfortable covering the protests as it helped me grow."

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Hammond has international credentials in Chinese history

Kenneth Hammond has a Ph.D. from Harvard in history and East Asian languages. At NMSU, he specializes in the history of China, especially the 16th century.

Hammond has published numerous articles on Chinese and political history. His books include

"Pepper Mountain: The Life, Death and Posthumous Career of Yang Jisheng, 1516-1555," "The Routledge Handbook of Imperial Chinese History" and "The Sage Returns: Aspects of the Confucian Revival in Contemporary China."

Hammond served as a research fellow

at the Institute of History at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing in 1999, and was a visiting fellow at the International Institute for Asian Studies in Leiden, the Netherlands. He also works in global and comparative history.

Hammond created a 36-lecture series for the Smithsonian Institution's "The Great Courses," titled "From Yao to Mao: 5000 Years of Chinese History" in October 2016.

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EPA: County, city should pay cleanup costs

By LYNN MOORER

For the Bulletin

In a surprise move, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 issued an order Nov. 6 to the City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County (DAC) to compel them to complete cleanup of the Griggs and Walnut Superfund site and pay all their past costs themselves.

The United States government also notified the city and county Nov. 14 that it expects them to pay EPA's unreimbursed response costs related to the site totaling \$7.3 million as of March 31, as well as all future EPA costs.

The city and the county, which formed the Joint Superfund Project (JSP) to clean up the site located near E. Griggs Avenue and Walnut Street, have spent \$7.4 million on cleanup as of June 30. JSP cleanup began in 2012.

Groundwater is contaminated by a plume of PCE (perchloroethylene), which now extends approximately 1.8 by two miles, according to Jessica K. Ferrell of the Marten Law firm in Seattle, the JSP's lead attorney.

The federal government's Nov. 14 notification came in a response to a lawsuit filed in August by the city and county against the U.S. Department of Defense



JESSICA FERRELL

and the National Guard Bureau seeking to recover their past and future response costs.

The contamination dates from 1948 to 1990 when the area was used as a National Guard Armory. According to Ferrell, the National Guard used a solvent containing PCE to clean its military equipment stored in property near the former municipal airport. "After use, Guard personnel and former officers have testified that they disposed of the cleaner onto the bare ground or into drains at the Solano Armory Site in the city," she said. This contributed to a solvent plume which contaminated the city's water supply – first detected by the New Mexico Environment Department in 1993, according to site documents.

In March 2011, the EPA demanded that the Federal National Guard Bureau (FNGB), as a potentially responsible party, pay \$5.9 million. Despite this, neither it nor the Department of Defense have spent anything on investigation or remediation of the site, according to the response.

EPA issued its Unilateral Administrative

Order (UAO) "to ensure the complete removal" of the PCE hazardous substance plume "from the drinking water aquifer that underlies the city," it said. "No one is currently exposed to this PCE due to steps taken by the city and county, but the contaminated ground water plume must be controlled to prevent its spread to uncontaminated parts of the aquifer."

The UAO's cover letter noted that EPA's Five-Year Review Report found "shortcomings in the city and county's evaluation of the effectiveness of the ground water extraction and treatment system." This includes failure to determine whether hydraulic capture of the contaminated plume has been achieved. Nor did the city and county "adequately determine the extent to which the system had reduced the PCE concentrations within the plume to below the MCL (maximum contaminant level) drinking water standard."

"The city has been aware of the issues addressed by the Order for some time," according to the letter. "The city and county's sampling has improved, but with ground water as the sole source of drinking water for Las Cruces, EPA direct oversight of operation and maintenance

at the Site must begin quickly to ensure that the contamination does not spread."

Among other things, the UAO requires monthly and quarterly chemistry sampling of the site's two extraction wells, annual chemistry sampling of monitoring wells, and monthly and quarterly water level monitoring of City water supply wells.

EPA also noted, "After years of protracted negotiations regarding completion of the work, it is clear the best way to get the work done is to work together under a unilateral administrative order."

The UAO requires the JSP to secure financial assurance, initially in

the amount of \$9.1 million, "in order to ensure completion of the work" specified in the order. In addition, JSP is required to pay EPA's response costs regarding the order within 30 days of receiving periodic bills from EPA.

"It wasn't necessary. The JSP is already going above and beyond" in its cleanup, said Ferrell. The JSP's negotiations with EPA regarding payment of EPA's oversight costs "broke down when EPA refused to order the FNGB to pay anything," instead turning to the JSP to bear 100 percent of the cleanup costs, Ferrell said. This is "despite uncontroverted evidence that the PCE plume had been caused, at least in

large part, by the operations of the FNGB."

"The JSP believes that EPA issued the UAO in part due to its unwillingness to surrender to its demand that the city and county pay for the entire cleanup, and EPA's past costs, without any participation by the FNGB," Ferrell said.

"EPA has chosen to threaten the only parties cleaning up the drinking water in Las Cruces with daily penalties, while ignoring its responsibility to pursue another responsible federal agency."

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Before he won a Tony, NMSU professor faced arrest

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Two years before he won a Tony award on Broadway, then-New Mexico State University English professor Mark Medoff was facing arrest because of the production of the play "Equus" that he was directing at NMSU.

After agreeing to direct the play in early 1977, Medoff met with then-NMSU President Gerald Thomas and College of Arts and Sciences Dean Thomas Gale to tell them about the nude scene in "Equus" and to stress the importance of maintaining the full integrity of the play.

Written by Peter Shaffer, "Equus" had opened

on Broadway in 1974 and run for more than 1,200 performances, winning two Tonys and 10 other major awards.

Its nude scene in the NMSU production, involving a young man and woman, took place in a barn under subdued lighting, Medoff said during a presentation to the NMSU Pioneers on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Medoff said he told Thomas and Gale that NMSU "needed to do the play the way the play was written."

It was "an example of free speech," Medoff said, and "artistic freedom." In addition, any theaters, amateur or professional, that license plays are obligated contractually not to alter the material in

any way.

To cut or change the play's nude scene, he said, would be like not showing the statue of David among the works of Michelangelo.

Both Thomas and Gale told Medoff they would support him.

"I will put my job on the line with you," Medoff remembers Thomas telling him.

"Evangelicals in Las Cruces" opposed the production because of the nude scene, Medoff said, and took their complaint to then-District Attorney Lalo Garza.

Medoff was told that if the nude scene was kept in the production, he and the two actors in the scene, Siobahn O'Maera, 20, and Jim Balcazar, 19,

would be arrested.

Medoff said both students were "totally committed" to doing the play with the scene intact.

With help from then NMSU English Department Head Professor Bruce Streett and Las Cruces attorney Bill Bivins, Medoff met with the American Civil Liberties Union in Albuquerque to fight back.

The group traveled to U.S. district court in Santa Fe, only to be told the case couldn't be heard because not all the appropriate witnesses were present.

However, federal Judge Howard Bratton agreed to hear the case on George Washington's birthday in a Las Cruces courtroom.

Medoff said his supporters included four notable members of the Las Cruces clergy, along with NMSU professors and administrators – "a great many of the extraordinary people in this town."

Thomas told Medoff he received about 500 letters at his NMSU home, both for and against the production.

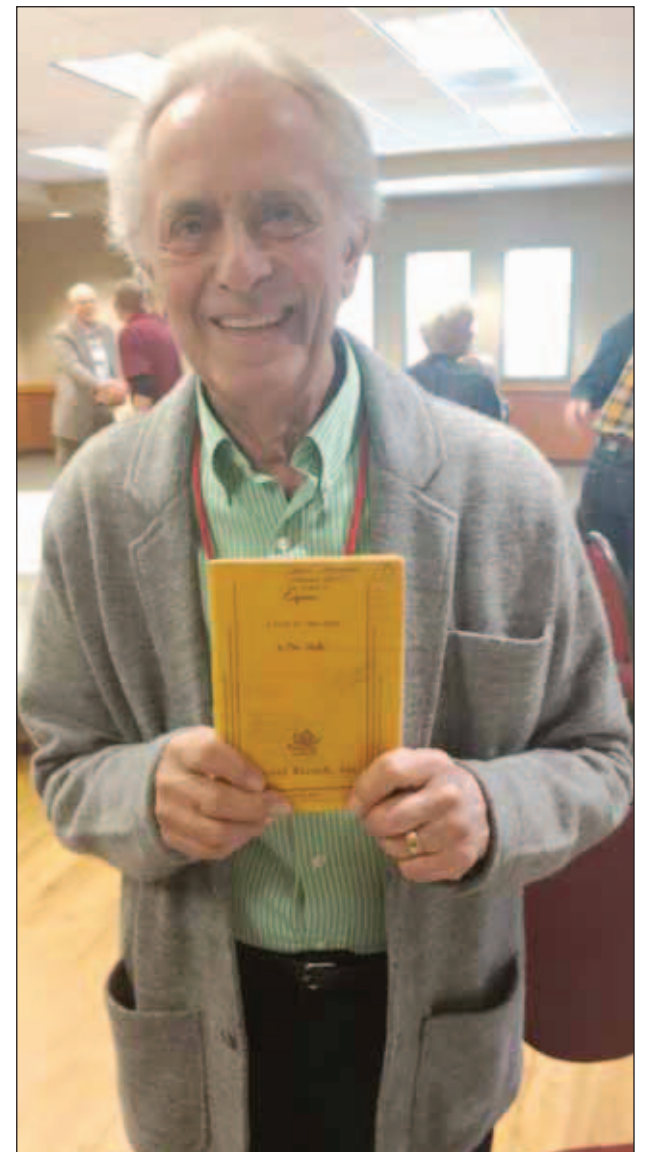
"I made an enormous number of friends and lost a few," Medoff remembers Thomas telling him.

He called both Thomas and Gale "heroes" for their support.

Bratton ruled in Medoff's favor.

"He ripped Lalo Garza to shreds," Medoff remembered, telling him, "You will not do anything to stop or interfere with this production."

"That night, we had our final dress rehearsal and the first in which



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

New Mexico State University Distinguished Achievement Professor and Tony winning playwright Mark Medoff with his copy of the play "Equus," which he directed at NMSU in 1978, including a controversial nude scene.

we performed the nude scene," Medoff said. "We all survived."

"The play was sold out," he said. "It was a really good production. I was proud of the university at which it was performed."

"I don't hate the people who didn't want to see naked people on stage," Medoff said. "I just didn't

approve of their method. "If asked, I would have been happy to have a conversation with them. And, of course, as with any entertainment to which people have to pay admission, no one is forced to attend."

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COMING UP

Children's Crafts: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, N.M. Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Children are invited to come make a holiday craft to take home. Free, with regular museum admission: \$5 adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$3 children 4 to 17, free for children 3 and under.

Back by Noon: Saturday, Dec. 2. Trek to Aztec Cave, Franklin Mountains. Informative, family friendly, and not too strenuous. Hikes should be back to their cars by noon. Bring sturdy shoes, water, sunscreen and a hat. Info: 575-522-5552 or ashley@wildmesquite.org.

Media Sale: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Roadrunner Room of Branigan Library. Friends of the Library will hold a media sale for movies, music and books. Info: library-friendslc.org.

Otero Mesa Field Tours: Saturday morning, Dec. 2, join Southwest Environmental Center for a free educational outing exploring the largest region of Chihuahuan Desert grassland. Free. Transportation and lunch provided. RSVP: peter@wildmesquite.org or 575-522-5552.

Southwest Battle of the Bulls 3: Undefined Bully Kennelz judged/sanctioned dog show for bully breeds: Pit bulls, American Bullies, English Bulldogs, and French Bulldogs, Saturday, Dec. 2, Grapevine Plaza, 3900 W Picacho Ave. Doors open at 8 a.m., show starts at noon. Family friendly with free face painting and guest appearance by

Santa Claus. Info: Pamela Ray, 575-650-1125.

Timebank Orientation: 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, 151 S. Walnut St. Unit B13. The timebank is a network that connects community members to exchange services with one another. Free, all are welcome. Attendance at an orientation is required to become a member.

Federation of Democratic Women: 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, at the home of Merrie Lee Soules for a holiday celebration, potluck and business meeting. Info, RSVP and directions: Marianne Lapin, 575-644-0444.

Mesilla Valley Stamp Club: Meets 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, in the third floor conference room at MountainView Hospital. Anyone interested in stamp collecting is welcome. Info: 575 202-1937.

NARFE: 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, Esperanza Room Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 Don Roser. National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association meeting featuring Christmas music by the New Desert Harmony Singers. Cash breakfast buffet at 8:45. Reservations required by Dec. 6. Call Carol Main at 382-7686 or Carol Smith at 522-3033.

Truckers Toy Drive: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 9, Border International, 2701 W. Amador. Open to the public. Kids and pets welcome. Info: 915-478-2695, www.truckerstoydrive.com.

Retired Educators: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec.

12, Good Samaritan dining room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Meeting and annual Christmas party with optional \$5 gift exchange, installation of 2018 officers, and donations of clothing and blankets for the Gospel Rescue Mission. \$12 per person for the luncheon. Info and reservations: Navora Richardson, 575-649-7663 or Linda Morgan, 575-522-0203.

Master Gardeners: 9:15-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, Roadrunner Room of Branigan Library. Dr. Marisa Thompson, extension horticulture specialist, will speak to Doña Ana County Extension Master Gardeners. The public is welcome. Info: Dot Wyckoff, 602-363-5152 or dotdash12@yahoo.com.

Discovery Afternoon: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. How do seeds germinate? How do plants differ? Plant a mini-farm to take home. Recommended for ages 5 to 10. \$3 per child/parent. Info: Reserve limited space by calling LuAnn Kilday at 575-522-4100.

Hospice Holidays: Through Dec. 21. The Emporium antique store benefiting Mesilla Valley Hospice asks the community for antique or collectible Christmas tree ornaments to decorate its holiday tree. The store offers \$5 off any purchase of over \$10 for donating an ornament. Bring donations to The Emporium, 106 Water St. Wednesday-Saturday. Info: 575-525-1235.

ONGOING

Aquatic Center: 1401 E. Hadley Ave., hours are 6 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Saturday; Closed Sundays. Info: 575-541-2782.

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

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

Farmers and Crafts Market: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays, Plaza de Las Cruces.

La Frontera: Seller of fair-trade items made by women from the border area and Mexico, located at Nopalito's Galeria, 326 S. Mesquite St. Open Saturdays through Dec. 30. Proceeds go to the women who produce the products.

Las Colcheras Quilt Guild: 6:30 p.m., third Monday at the American Legion

Post 10 Hall, 1185 Madrid Ave. Guests welcome. Info: lascolcherasq@aol.com or 575-521-0521.

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

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


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

Shriners: Meet the second Monday, 1150 W. Brown. Info: 575-526-8396.

Soroptimists: Meet at noon, second and fourth Wednesday, Good Samaritan Village, 3010 Buena Vida Circle. Info: silas-cruces@soroptimist.net.

Toastmasters Club: Meets 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village community center, 3100 Buena Vida Circle. Info: 575-642-0032, email lascrucestoastmasters@gmail.com, or visit www.toastmasters.org.


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Codes refresher

Doña Ana County Animal Control and Codes Enforcement, along with Planning and Constituent Services personnel, will be going door-to-door in the Rincon area neighborhood on Thursday, Dec. 7, to offer education on zoning codes and potential environmental violations such as domestic-animal ordinances, recycling, trash accumulation, inoperable vehicles and weed control.

The Animal Control and Environmental Survey (ACES) program aims to educate residents on how to come into compliance with county ordinances involving domestic animals and solid waste while offering opportunities to beautify the area where they live. In recent years, multiple ACES projects have been conducted countywide.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon, as part of the clean-up initiative and outreach to this community, a roll-off and recycling container and tire shredder

will be available to the community.

For more information, contact the Doña Ana County Animal Control and Codes Enforcement Department at 575-525-8846.



Mitten Tree returns

The Thomas Branigan Memorial Library announces that the mitten donation tree will be back for the holiday season. The Library will accept new or clean, gently used hats, mittens and scarves for children and adults through Dec. 21.

"The mitten tree has become a holiday tradi-

tion at the library; patrons always ask when we are going to put it up. It's amazing to see just how generous and thoughtful the people of Las Cruces are," Library Administrator Margaret Neill said.

"Last year, people donated more than 400 items; the year before that, over 300. The Friends of the Library bought a bigger tree last year to accommodate the larger amount of donations. We went from a 6-foot tree to a 9-foot tree."

The library will donate the items to La Casa, the Gospel Rescue Mission and the Community of Hope after collection ends.

To donate, bring hats, scarves, gloves or mittens to the Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., and either give them to staff or hang them on the tree located at the front of the building near the Circulation Desk. Jackets, coats, sweaters and blankets are also gladly accepted.

Safer package delivery

Delivery services such as FedEx, UPS and the United States Postal Service say the number



of packages stolen usually increases this time of year, partly because more packages are being delivered during the holiday season and because the sun sets earlier in the evening.

The Las Cruces Police Departments has these tips to help prevent such thefts:

- Track deliveries online and try to be home at the time packages are delivered.
- Require a signature for all home delivery

packages.

- When scheduling a delivery, leave instructions on where the package can be delivered or ask for a phone call when delivery is made.

- Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to receive your package at the time of delivery.

- If possible, have the package delivered to your place of employment or a location where you know it can be received.

- Have the package delivered to a FedEx or UPS store where it can be held for pickup.

- Consider installing a motion-detection home security system, such as a Ring doorbell, that records video and sends immediate notice of activity to your cell phone.

- Be a good neighbor and watch for suspicious activity. Immediately call police if any such activity is seen in your neigh-

borhood.

- Consumers might also consider purchasing insurance for the contents of packages at the time delivery is scheduled. Insuring the items does not prevent them from being stolen but does help provide restitution if items go missing.

Passport applications

The U.S. Department of State informs the public that November and December are the best months to apply for or renew your passport. During these months processing times are lower: 4-6 weeks for routine service and 2-3 weeks for expedited service.

In Fiscal Year 2017 the U.S. Department of State issued a record-breaking 21.4 million passports, and they anticipate those numbers will rise in FY 2018. If you wait to apply in the peak summer months, it will take longer to get your passport.

Most travelers don't know that you can get turned away at the airport even if you have a valid passport. This is because some countries require up to six months of validity on a passport in order to enter. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Passport Services Brenda Sprague says that every day they assist stressed-out travelers at their passport agencies who were denied boarding their international flight due to a passport that did not have enough validity.

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Neighborhood improvement

Doña Ana Communities United (DACU) and the City of Las Cruces' Sustainability Office received funding from Partners for Places to work with residents in the Bellamah/Nevada neighborhood. The city will design and construct a shaded corridor and join DACU and community residents in tree planting, urban art and timebank opportunities.

The goals of the project are to create social and physical neighborhood connections; make streets more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly; and maximize growth of the tree canopy using green infrastructure to harvest storm water for the landscaping. This is an example of developing a "quality of place" where neighbors come together in a welcoming community. DACU and the city are also working with the community school at Lynn Middle School.



COURTESY PHOTO

Salopek, right, receives her Early Career Alumni Award from Texas A&M University Nov. 10.

The Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities leads Partners for Places and brings together foundations – in this case, Pisces Foundation, the Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation, and the Turner Foundation. The \$25,000 grant was obtained due to an equal match from the Santa Fe Community Foundation. The project will be managed through Doña Ana Communities United in partnership with the city.

Pecan grower awarded

Heather Salopek, founder of Legacy Pecans in Las Cruces, received the 2017 Outstanding Early Career Alumni Award from Texas A&M's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences on Nov. 10 in College Station, Texas.

The award honors former students who have made significant ac-

complishments and contributions at the state, national or international level in agriculture, natural resources or the life sciences, and who graduated from the college within the past 15 years.

Salopek earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M as a horticulture major with an emphasis in fruit and vegetable production and management.

After finishing her undergraduate studies, Salopek worked for U.S. Pecans in Tifton, Geor-

gia, where she promoted pecan products and earned a master's degree in horticulture. She returned to Las Cruces in 2014 and founded Legacy Pecans, creating her own legacy within her family's pecan business.

Salopek Farms currently farms over 6,000 acres of pecans in the Rio Grande Valley. It is the largest family-owned pecan farm in the world.

"Legacy Pecans is the real deal and Ms. Heather Salopek has made it happen with help

from many," said George Ray McEachern, professor of horticultural sciences at Texas A&M. "But her exceptional vision, focus, Aggie training, and ability is key to her success."

Salopek has returned to Texas A&M University to continue her support of the pecan program. She's come back as frequently as possible to attend and interact with faculty at the Texas Pecan Short Course.

"It is her willingness to serve, inspire and give back to her family, to her industry peers and to her alma mater that make her exemplary," said Monte Nesbitt, Extension Program Specialist for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

Tracking Santa

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum hosts its

13th annual Holiday Open House on Friday, Dec. 1, from 5-8 p.m. At 5 p.m., Santa is scheduled to arrive at the depot and will be available on the south deck until 8 to visit with children of all ages.

Throughout the evening, visitors can view the specially decorated model trains, take in the festive holiday decorations, and complete a craft project. Holiday music will be provided from 5:30-7:30 p.m. by the Good Time Singers and by accordionist Veronika Barnes. Light refreshments will be served.

Holiday lights at the museum will be lit each night through Jan. 6, 2018.

The museum is located at 351 N. Mesilla Street and is open from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Weekly trash pickup has a major purpose

By CASSIE MCCLURE
AND SUZANNE MICHAELS

For the Bulletin

Most of us appreciate the weekly curbside trash pickup provided by Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) to more than 32,000 residents in the City of Las Cruces. Just roll that brown container to the curb.

But some customers overfill bins, which with a stout breeze, can result in trash spillage down a street. That opens the door to animals scavenging and tearing apart your trash. LCU urges you to be sure all trash is bagged, you are not overfilling your container, and your bin lid closes as designed.

When trash is left piling up, rotting organics – typically expired meats, fruits, vegetables, and animal feces – give off bad



odors thanks to thriving bacteria. All of this attracts insects and rodents.

Robin Lawrence, interim solid waste administrator, says, "Las Cruces Municipal Code, Chapter 25 addresses the re-

quirement of city residents to have City Solid Waste services as well as other issues related to the accumulation of trash on premises, frequency of pick-up, and maintenance of the customer's container."

One reason LCU provides weekly trash pickup has to do with health, safety, and the life cycle of the fly. The big issue is health and safety. Flies alone can transmit at least 65 diseases to humans.

By city ordinance, residents are not allowed to store solid waste on their property – it creates health and safety hazards for the neighborhood.

"When not collected weekly, flies visit those old garbage piles and then can land on your sandwich," Lawrence said. "That may increase the risk for salmonella and other health issues; not just for you, but everyone in the area."

"It's an eyesore," Lawrence continued, "People want to live in and visit areas that are healthy. If there is poor sanitation with trash piled everywhere, it's a big turnoff and instant recognition of an unhealthful situation."

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MINAKO BYERS (1929-2017)

Never has a more gentle soul walked the face of this earth. Minako Byers - Born in Yamagata-ken, Japan on April 25, 1929 and died in Las Cruces, NM on November 8, 2017. As a young girl she was terrified by the bombing of Japan during WWII and never forgot the hardship and famine that brought to her nation. Also at an early age she showed an

interest in dressmaking and eventually became an expert seamstress with her own shop in Japan. She met her future husband in 1960 and they were married at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo in 1965. At that time she came to live in Las Cruces where she enrolled in a citizenship class to learn English and the basic structure and history of the United States Government. She was sworn in as a U.S. citizen by a local district judge in 1971.

Minako continued her seamstress skills in Las Cruces and was a vendor at the early Farmer's Market on the downtown mall. Many Las Cruces residents have examples of her sewing, knitting and crocheting skills. She also made all her own clothing and household items until late in life when crippling arthritis rendered her beautiful hands useless for any intricate task.

After a long illness, Minako passed in her sleep as peacefully as she lived at the La Posada Mesilla Valley Hospice. She leaves behind her grieving husband of almost 53 years, Blaine Byers, and many friends and relatives in this

country and Japan. A private celebration of Minako's life will be held at a later date.

Many thanks are extended to the family and friends who helped during this trying time. Sincere thanks also to all the wonderful people at La Posada Mesilla Valley Hospice and especially her nurse Kate and volunteer Elizabeth who gently cared for her during her final days.

Age cannot wither her nor custom stale her infinite variety (William Shakespeare). She was my sunshine and now she has been taken away.

REFUGIA (CUCA) SAMANIEGO

Refugia (Cuca) Samaniego, age 95, formerly of Rincon, NM, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at Mountain View Hospital in Las Cruces. Cuca was born in Rincon, NM on August 4th, 1922 to Josefa Roman Samaniego and Pedro Samaniego. She had been living with her daughter, Barbara and her son-in-law, Mannie, in Las Cruces.

In her younger years, Cuca enjoyed playing baseball and basketball. She was well known for

her batting and pitching skills. At the age of 17 she taught catechism to young children and taught the young boys in Rincon to be "gentlemen". She was often asked to lead the rosary in numerous funerals. Later she worked at Brazeal Mercantile in Rincon for the Brazeals and later for the Tullochs. She often worked the elections as a clerk and as a clerk with the Rincon Water Coop. Cuca was a "grandparent" in the Hatch Valley Elementary School and was a volunteer helper with the H.E.L.P. program in Rincon. She loved to play with the children as she had with her own children. She set a good example for her children by constantly reading

books and by emphasizing the value of a good education.

Survivors include her three children: Bernie Guzman (wife: Cheryl) of San Diego, California; Barbara Guzman Morales (husband: Mannie) of Las Cruces, NM, and Sylvia Guzman Cates (husband: Richard) of San Diego, California. She has three grandchildren: Vicky Meyers (husband: David); Melissa Guzman and Jonathan Guzman all of San Diego, California. Cuca was also blessed with three great grandchildren: Jeremy Chavez (wife: Brenda), David Meyers Jr. and Seth Meyers all of San Diego, California. Cuca is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was pro-

ceeded in death by her parents and by all of her six brothers and sisters. She was the last of her generation.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1:00 PM on Saturday, December 2, 2017, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral in Las Cruces with Father Bill McCann officiating. The viewing will be at 11:30 A.M. and the rosary at 12:00 noon. Graveside service will follow at Masonic Cemetery in Las Cruces. Pallbearers are: Bernie Guzman, Mannie Morales, Richard Cates, Jeremy Chavez, Jonathan Guzman and David Meyers, Sr. Honorary pallbearers are: Albert Holguin, Aristeo Holguin, and Gerado Holguin.

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3 Things That Surprisingly Won't Help To Ease Your Shoulder Pain



Las Cruces (NM) - Are you or a loved one suffering with, or have you suffered with shoulder pain? Have you experienced the sudden onset of shoulder pain and stiffness? The one that often creeps up on people with

By Leading Physical Therapist, Dennis L. Prickett

no warning and often with no explanation? It's one of those great mysteries of being 50+ and sometimes it just happens. I've had a number of patients come to see me and say very similar things. They just woke up one morning with pain in their neck and shoulder and they thought it would go away on its own but it still hasn't. Or that at first their shoulder just felt stiff when they woke up and they didn't think much of it. However, after a few days their shoulder has become tighter and is now interfering with their day.

It's something that happens to a lot of people, especially without warning. So people often try a number of different options before coming to see me when they're looking for some way to end their shoulder pain. It's normally one of three things they try;

1. Painkillers

2. Rest and time

3. 'Nice' relaxing spa-style massages

Do those options sound familiar? Maybe you haven't tried all of them, but most people will have tried at least one of them. But none of them work. In the long run, they never work, especially not like those people who try them out hope they will. Here's why they don't work:

Painkillers - The problem with painkillers is that they might ease your pain for an hour or so, but that's about it. They never actually get rid of your pain, they only mask it. Not only that, but they don't get to the root cause of your painful shoulder. Once they start to wear off and you start to feel the ache and stiffness come back, you reach for a few more to mask it again. The problem is still there and you're left frustrated and with a very tight muscle or a stiff shoulder. They don't solve the problem.

Rest and time - This is one of the mistakes that a lot of people make when it comes to pain. Many people think that if they rest their shoulder and keep it immobilized for a few days, the pain will go away

and they will be fine again. Wrong. The more you rest it, the tighter your muscles become and the more stiff your joints become too. Imagine leaving your car sitting on the driveway for a few months, when you try to drive it again, it's very unlikely that it will feel as smooth as it used to straight away. Your joints and muscles are designed to move and your body gets stronger the more you keep it active. Which is why it's crucial that you keep your shoulder joints moving to reduce stiffness and to help it feel more relaxed. So you can freely begin to move without pain again.

'Nice' relaxing spa-style massages

- These might feel lovely, but these types of massages will never work. It's definitely not the massage therapists fault! They aren't trained to get to the root cause of your problem which means that the pressure they apply to your muscles will never be 'quite right'. They say they can feel 'knots' in your shoulder. They're probably right. But that's because every person over the age of 45 has knots and tension in their shoulders. In fact, most people do, regardless of their age. It's not always an issue, or even the source of your pain. This is where we can help.

We will never recommend dosing up on painkillers, even if your pain hasn't gone after 5 days. It's just not the way we do things. We know, and now you do too, that painkillers just mask the pain. What we will do, is give you a personalized set of exercises. These exercises will be done safely when we know that you're ready for them.

Remember earlier I said that "this is where we can help" when it comes to those 'nice' relaxing spa-style massages? Well, the massages that we can do for you are done with expert hands that are trained to know exactly where, when and how much pressure to apply to the problem area. We want to help you get back to being active and on the go as quickly as we can, without painkillers, resting or getting a spa-style massage. If you have any questions about your specific shoulder pain, please feel free to call us on (575) 525-2450 or email us at biz@atriumpt.com

■ The author, Dennis Prickett is a Physical Therapist and co-owner of Atrium Physical Therapy. He's more than happy to answer any questions by phone on (575) 525-2450 or by email at biz@atriumpt.com

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Editor's note: The following should have been published in the 2017 Wish List published on Nov. 17, 2017, in the Las Cruces Bulletin. The wish list, published in November each year, outlines specific needs of area nonprofits, and highlights their "wish lists" for volunteers and goods that contribute to their overall mission.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO

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Primary focus

Low-cost and/or pro bono legal services to immigrants including DACA recipients and victims of domestic violence, emergency utility and rental assistance for families, financial assistance to the poor and homeless.

Mission

We serve others and create opportunity and hope by offering assistance to people in need, advocating for human dignity and social justice, and calling all people of

good will to do the same.

Why is giving from the community important to your organization?

We provide legal counsel and representation to immigrants and victims of crime at a fraction of the cost a private law firm would charge. And, we have been inundated with requests for assistance since January, 2017. We are able to serve those in need primarily through donations and support from the community.

Are there any businesses you'd like to thank for their support?

We are grateful for the support we have received

this year from the community. Our supporters include: Citizens Bank of Las Cruces, Cupit & Company, La Posta de Mesilla, Double Eagle, Spectrum Technologies, D2 Designs, Allen Theatres, Chisholm's LLC, NMSU Round Up, First American Bank, Las Cruces Association of Realtors.

Wish List

1. Monetary donations: www.catholiccharitiesdlc.org/donate
2. Gift cards - Walmart, Albertson's

Volunteer Opportunities

1. Pro bono attorneys
2. Office assistants
3. Bilingual translators
4. Special event volunteers
5. Grant writers/researchers

MESILLA PARK HEALING ARTS

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Primary focus

Community Crisis programs, poverty assistance, youth services.

Mission

"Growing organically through mind, body and spirit."

Mesilla Park Healing Arts helps others rebuild themselves during crisis through healing, empowerment and social services. We host a private foster care program and an Unschooling Education Program for at risk teens in Las Cruces and the surrounding areas.

Why is giving from the community important to your organization?

Our organization is made up of a team of volunteers who fund raise to support our mission. Every donation made to us allows us to have more funds available to service our community.

Are there any businesses you'd like to thank for their support?

Tutti Bambini, The Beloved Community Project, Cluenundrum, Mesilla Valley Maze, Rockin' Jump Las Cruces

Wish List

1. A violin and cello for our Education Program

2. Quality, reliable wireless internet for our center
3. Two large office desks
4. Table big enough for 10 people to sit at, including 10 chairs for our Education Program
5. New office computer
6. 10-passenger vehicle for our Education Program
7. Two 10-foot x 10-foot event tents
8. Three 6-foot long tables that fold in half
9. Five laptops for our Education Program
10. Three foldable wagons

Volunteer Opportunities

1. Grant writing
2. Every day upkeep in our co-op shop
3. Event Coordinating Team
4. Classes and field trips with our Education Program
5. Donation Acquisition Department



Colter Coons hands change back to Debra Melcher, president of Kiwanis.



Maggie McCollum, 9, shows off her business Beed Tastic.



Bianca Herrera, 15, from Mayfield High School shows her doll where \$3 goes to Hearts for Autism.



Tannon Christensen, 12, from Camino Real Middle School demonstrates his marshmallow shooter.



Justin Duran, 12, works with "Just Art" spray paint.

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Diego Bustos, 8, dances to Michael Jackson songs.

All business ... and fun

The Kids Can Children's Business Fair at Plaza de Las Cruces Nov. 18 brought out entrepreneurs aged 6-18 to develop a brand, create a product or service, build a marketing strategy and then open for business for a day. Entry booths in the competition were judged by a panel of local business professionals on a variety of criteria in several categories.



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A Meyer lemon grows in Las Cruces

A Meyer lemon is a somewhat exotic citrus fruit that came from China, where it was developed from a cross between an orange or tangerine and a lemon. Its taste is sweeter than a lemon but still tart. It is especially good in a pie or lemonade. It became popular in the United States in the 1950s, but like all citrus it needs a mild, frost-free climate. This sensitivity makes it almost impossible to grow in Las Cruces. However, Vicki Simons, above, right, has grown a Meyer lemon tree successfully for 40 years in an enclosed atrium at her home in Las Alturas, from which she makes pies, juices, custards and lemonade. The tree produces more lemons than she can use, so she gives them to friends who each fall eagerly await the ripening of this unusual fruit.



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Saturday, December 9: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 10: 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Police department grieves for fallen retired officer

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

"I feel that loss for a good, close friend," Las Cruces Police Chief Jaime Montoya said Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 28, as he remembered retired LCPD officer Juan R. Stewart at a hastily arranged news conference.

Stewart was killed Nov. 27 while riding a motorcycle that was struck during a high-speed chase that resulted in the arrest of a Colorado couple.

"It's still a shock to a lot of us in the department," Montoya said at the news conference. "The whole world stopped for us."

The police chief was flanked by more than a dozen current and retired LCPD officers.

Stewart, Montoya said, "was godfather to a lot of kids in our department."

Stewart joined LCPD in 1979, a graduate of the 12th LCPD Police Academy. He retired May 30, 2014.

He later served with the Anthony Police Department. He also was an unsuccessful candidate for Doña Ana County Sheriff.

After his retirement, Montoya said, Stewart continued his relationships with LCPD officers.

"The loss of J.R. is very profound for the department," Montoya said.

The sentiment was echoed by an LCPD press release issued earlier Nov. 28.

"It is with heavy

hearts that the Las Cruces Police Department confirms that retired officer J.R. Stewart succumbed to injuries he received in a crash with a vehicle that was attempting to elude police early Monday evening," it read.

"J.R. was quite possibly the most loved and respected officers our community has known. He served his country and community with honor, and volunteered much of his time to those organizations he held dear to his heart.

"J.R. was a friend to all and had no enemies. To know him was to love him. The men and women of the Las Cruces Police Department extend our deepest condolences to J.R.'s family, especially to his beautiful wife Rosie and to Momma Stewart. We will forever be by your side."

According to reports, at about 2 p.m., Nov. 27, a tan GMC pickup entered the Border Patrol checkpoint on Interstate 10 west of Las Cruces. Border Patrol agents discovered the vehicle license plate had been reported stolen in Colorado on Nov. 25. The pickup was reported as stolen out of Colorado on Nov. 9. The license plate did not belong to the vehicle.

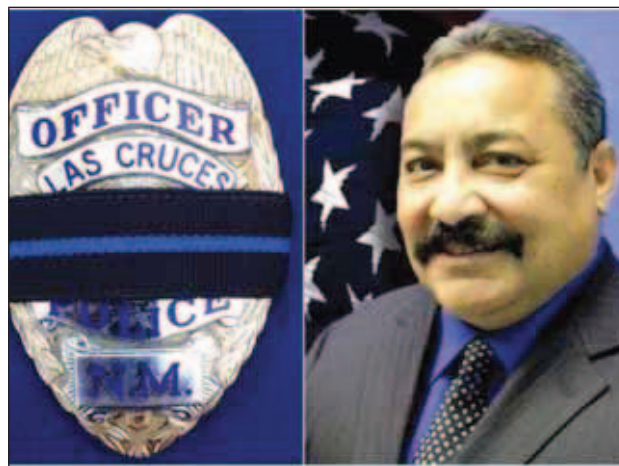
The male driver was asked for identification and told agents he had none. The female passenger provided a stolen driver's license and the male was asked to pull into the secondary lane.

The male and female then fled in the vehicle, leading Border Patrol



Las Cruces Police Chief Jaime Montoya, with more than a dozen current and former Las Cruces police officers behind him, remembered the late J.R. Stewart, a 35-year veteran of the LCPD, at a Nov. 28 news conference.

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J. R. Stewart

PHOTO COURTESY LCPD

agents on a pursuit westbound in the eastbound lanes of Interstate 10.

Border Patrol observed the suspects carjacking a vehicle at gunpoint near mile post 104. The carjacked vehicle was described as a grey Toyota 4-Run-

ner with a Texas license plate. The suspects fled in that vehicle eastbound on Interstate 10 toward Las Cruces. Border Patrol agents pursued but were unable to maintain visual contact after the vehicle exited at Motel Boulevard.

New Mexico State Police investigators interviewed the carjacking victims, who said they were traveling on Interstate 10 eastbound when a tan pickup crossed over the median into the eastbound lanes, nearly hitting a tractor trailer. The victim stopped to avoid a collision when the suspects approached his vehicle. The male had a black handgun and ordered them to exit the vehicle. The victim removed his children, ages 7 and 2, and his wife.

At approximately 5 p.m., Las Cruces Police patrol units located the carjacked vehicle at the corner of Walnut Street and Lohman Avenue. The suspects led officers on a pursuit through the city and onto both Interstates 10 and 25, reaching

speeds of up to 110 mph. At one point the driver entered I-25 at University heading southbound in the northbound lanes. He turned west and drove through a barbed wire fence onto Las Alturas Drive, where he struck a motorcyclist.

New Mexico State Police officers located the suspects at the intersection of Las Alturas and Sotol Drive, where they allegedly were attempting to carjack another vehicle. They were taken into custody.

The motorcyclist was transported to MountainView Hospital, where he died from his injuries. He was later identified as Stewart.

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Centennial High School to host Festival of the Trees

BULLETIN REPORT

The second annual Las Cruces Festival of Trees continues a popular holiday tradition that benefits local nonprofits.

The event is 4-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 7-8, and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and free for children under age 5.

Sponsored by Centennial High School's Science Olympiad and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs, the event will be held in the performing arts lab at Centennial, 1950 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

During the festival, "dozens of trees decorated by local businesses, clubs and



nonprofits, will be on display," said Centennial computer science teacher Melody Hagaman, a member of the event planning committee.

Visitors can purchase raffle tickets for their favorite tree(s), vote in the decorating contest, visit the gingerbread exhibit, take photos with Santa Claus, listen to live holiday music provided by local musicians and shop the holiday wares fair. Children can decorate cookies and make holiday ornaments at an events crafts table just for them. There will also be a "little holiday

store" for children.

The contest and raffle winners will be announced at 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 9, Hagaman said.

Hagaman said she got the idea for the tree festival from a similar event held in her hometown of Silver City. She said the number of participating businesses, clubs and organizations has nearly doubled from last year.

For more information, contact Hagaman at 575-590-0431 or mhagaman@LCPS.net, Ben Longwell at applejaymay@gmail.com, or Jillian Hughes at jayfeather501@gmail.com.



Santa Claus and trees from Centennial High School's first annual Festival of the Trees.

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NMSU gift to help recruit top teaching talent



COURTESY PHOTO

At the Colorado Alumni Chapter Aggie Social Nov. 9 Frank and Jennifer Seidel, along with family, present the NMSU Foundation with \$50,000 to kick off fundraising for the first-ever CHME Endowed Chair. From left are Hailey Seidel, Frank Seidel, Jennifer Seidel, NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, Caroline Seidel, Si Trujillo and granddaughters Poppy and Suzy.

By ANGEL MENDEZ

For the Bulletin

Two new investments in the College of Engineering will support an endowed chair for its fast-growing program, the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering.

Frank and Jennifer Seidel, along with Jacob Perea, pledged a combined \$75,000 to launch fundraising for the distinguished position geared to assist New Mexico State University recruit top teaching tal-

ent to the department.

"Jennifer and I are pleased to kick off the fundraising for this critical venture by investing \$50,000 in the new CHME Endowed Chair," said Frank Seidel, a 1982 chemical engineering graduate. "It is our hope that this will lead to additional support by other alumni, which will ultimately benefit students and faculty in NMSU's Chemical and Materials Engineering program. In fact, just today, we received another generous in-

vestment of \$25,000 from Jacob Perea, and I'm personally asking a number of alumni and friends to join us."

These gifts come after continued support from the Seidel duo who have invested significantly in the program since 2013 through the Seidel Brew Lab and a CHME endowed scholarship for students.

The CHME Academy, a 10-member board chaired by Frank Seidel, met last month and identified the establishment of an endowed

chair as their top priority. David A. Rockstraw, academic department head and distinguished achievement professor, says this position creates opportunities for students to learn from additional first-rate educators and increases the department's financial leverage in receiving federal funding for proposed research activities.

"Recruitment and retention of world-class educators is critical to

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Retired NMSU chief of staff to receive honorary degree

By ADRIANA M. CHAVEZ

For the Bulletin

Sharon A. Jones, who retired as chief of staff for New Mexico State University Chancellor Garrey Carruthers in July, will be recognized for her many contributions to the university with an honorary professional degree in management during the fall commencement ceremony.

"Sharon's honorary degree recognizes contributions that go well beyond her service to our great university," Carruthers said. "She's always been extraordinarily professional in all of her activities, from state government, to the private sector, to her time here at NMSU. Her work in public service is especially commendable. She has always had the best interest of the enterprise in mind in whatever she does. Sharon is also incredibly knowledgeable. Everyone relies on her counsel - so much so, that she tends to become the resident psychiatrist wherever she goes."



COURTESY PHOTO

Sharon A. Jones, who retired as chief of staff for New Mexico State University Chancellor Garrey Carruthers in July, will be recognized for her many contributions to the university with an honorary professional degree in management during the fall 2018 commencement ceremony.

Jones served as a senior administrator and eventually chief of staff for Carruthers from 2006 until her retirement.

"I was overwhelmed when I received the word I would be the honorary degree recipient at the December graduation ceremony," Jones

said. "It was totally unexpected and I am so thrilled by this honor."

Jones and her husband, Ronn, were partners in a Farmington, N.M., grocery for a number of years before becoming volunteers for individual candidates seeking public office, as well as the San Juan County Republican Party. The Joneses met Carruthers while volunteering for the 1976 Presidential Campaign.

In 1977, Mrs. Jones became the district director for U.S. Sen. Harrison Schmitt, managing his northwest New Mexico office. Later, she was asked by Carruthers, then Republican Party Chairman for New Mexico, to serve on the party's executive committee. In 1985, she joined the Garrey Carruthers for Governor of New Mexico campaign as the organizational chair during the primary election and then as the campaign manager during the general election. Carruthers won the election and became the 27th Governor of New Mexico. Jones

served as executive assistant to the governor during Carruthers' administration in Santa Fe from 1987 to 1990.

After her years in government, Jones moved into the private sector, first working for Wheeler Peak Capital Corporation investment group from 1991 to 1992. In 1992, she co-founded Cimarron Health Plan and served as director of operations, and then in 1996 she became vice president for government affairs and later vice president for administration until 2004. After Cimarron Health Plan was acquired by Molina Healthcare of New Mexico in July 2004, Jones became director of government programs and compliance from 2004 to 2006 when she retired along with her husband to Las Cruces.

In 2006, Jones became special assistant for the vice president of economic development for Garrey Carruthers, who was then the dean of the College of Business and vice president of economic development

at NMSU. During her tenure at NMSU, Jones has been a member of the Aggie Athletic Club and a supporter of the Gage M. Gavin Memorial scholarship and the College of Business.

"Working with NMSU's outstanding administration, faculty, staff and students has been a great privilege for me," Jones said. "The dedication, focus and attention to improving NMSU has been an all-out effort in which I have been fortunate to share."

Sharon Jones graduated with honors from Farmington High School and later attended Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. She and her husband have been married for 52 years and have two sons, Jason Jones, who resides in Sandusky, Ohio, and Jerry Jones, who resides in Santa Fe. Their family is graced with a number of grandchildren.

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student success, the development of new research programs and elevating recognition of NMSU CHME across the discipline," Rockstraw said. "Thanks in large part to the generosity of Frank and Jennifer Seidel, the department has seen significant growth

in the fundamentals of Brewing Engineering and undergraduate scholarships. Now, they've taken on the critical task of ensuring CHME has a competitive edge among peer institutions by establishing the department's first-ever endowed chair."

CHME Academy members hope to reach

a fundraising goal of \$2 million to support the position. For more information about contributing to the CHME endowed chair, contact Mark Gladden, NMSU director of development, at 575-373-5156.

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'Giving Tuesday' nets \$1.8 million-plus for NMSU

By **AMANDA BRADFORD**
For the Bulletin

Gifts were continuing to be counted Tuesday evening, Nov. 28, at the New Mexico State University system's Giving Tuesday headquarters in Corbett Center Student Union's Aggie Lounge, but at the 5 p.m. wrap-up celebration, NMSU had already brought in more than \$1.8 million in gifts from more than 1,300 donors to scholarships and programs benefitting students at campuses throughout the state.

At a 9 a.m. kickoff celebration, representatives from New Mexico Gas Company, an Emera company, announced a \$150,000 gift to Arrowhead Center, the entrepreneurship and innovation hub at NMSU, to support programs that create businesses, accelerate technology commercialization and deliver a student entrepreneurship curriculum to communities throughout the state. It was the second year that Tommy Sanders, an NMSU alumnus and a vice president at New Mexico Gas Company presented a check at Giving Tuesday headquarters. The funds support business accelerator programs that help entrepreneurs across New Mexico.

"We are pleased that these funds will support the continued growth of Arrowhead Center programs," Sanders said. "Chancellor Carruthers and his team have demonstrated tremendous leadership in the development of an engine that sup-



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New Mexico State University Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, left, and Regent Kari Mitchell, center, celebrate at the closing of the third-annual Giving Tuesday event at NMSU's Corbett Center Aggie Lounge.



Third-annual Giving Tuesday event at NMSU's Corbett Center Aggie Lounge.

ports business growth. We're very happy to be a part of that. We believe in what you're doing, and we believe it's going to have far-reaching impact to all of New Mexico."

Giving Tuesday headquarters was abuzz with activity all day, as donors stopped by to present their gifts and be celebrated by students, faculty, administrators and

staff. There were smiles and tears, as donors spoke about their reasons for creating endowed scholarships with the help of matching funds donated by NMSU administrators, loyal corporate partners and generous alumni like Starbucks CEO and NMSU College of Business alumnus Kevin Johnson.

Helen Davis and her family created a scholarship in honor of her late husband, former Las Cruces Public Schools board member and NMSU alumnus Chuck Davis, to support students at Dona Ana Community College.

"Chuck absolutely loved Dona Ana Community College. He served on the advisory board

for several years and he saw the good work it did," Helen Davis told the gathered crowd as she presented a check for \$12,500 that would be matched to create a \$25,000 endowed scholarship. "I just want to thank you all for everything you're doing."

It was the third year for NMSU's participation in the one-day giving campaign, part of the global day of giving celebrated every year on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. In all more than 65 new scholarship endowments were created using matching funds from various donors.

In its first two years, NMSU raised nearly \$5 million in new gifts, many of which were

matched by NMSU Foundation funds from the NMSU Alumni license plate program, a major donor bequest, and matching challenges extended by NMSU donors, alumni and leaders.

Final numbers won't be ready for a few weeks, as the NMSU Foundation accounting staff works to ensure each gift is properly documented and matched, but NMSU Foundation President Andrea Tawney estimated the number could climb above the \$2 million mark before the night is over.

"We couldn't ask for a more generous community than the amazing Aggie donors who invest in our students and programs," Tawney said. "These scholarships truly change our students' lives and make it possible for them to achieve their dreams. This day is an opportunity to show our students how much their community, their professors and the alumni of the NMSU system care about their success and want to see them reach their goals."

For more information about NMSU Giving Tuesday, including final numbers when they are available, visit support.nmsu.edu.

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Legal Notice

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

James A. Micheal to land owned by Maria Melendez-Jacome & Juan Jose Moar as described above. Well LRG-1651-POD1 is located approximately 446 feet southeast of the intersection of County Rd B41 & County Rd B10 west of San Miguel, NM. Existing well LRG-14534-POD3 will be retained for other rights.

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

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

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 25, 2017, Moongate Water Company, Inc. 9301 Bataan Memorial West, Las Cruces, NM 88012, filed application numbered LRG-451 POD2 with the State Engineer for permit to Change Point of Diversion, OSE File NOS: LRG-451 & LRG-453, within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana county by discontinuing the use of well LRG-370-S-3 located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 22 South, Range 3 East, NMPM and more specifically descri-

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

Section
2-11
15-18
31-34

Township
22 South
22 South
21 South

Range
3 East
3 East
3 East

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

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment,

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

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 23, 2017, Ramon M. Mendez and Valerie Ann Mendez, 2001 W Washington, Anthony, NM 88021 filed application numbered LRG-16897-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-16897-1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling supplemental well LRG-16897-POD2 to a depth of 200 ft. with 2-inch casing to be located at approximately X= 1,519,309 Y= 363,250 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by Ramon M. Mendez to be used supplemental to existing well LRG-16897-POD1 located at X= 1,519,219 Y= 363,443.8 ft. on land owned by Ramon M. Mendez for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic one-household purposes as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-017-0007 (B) of the Lower Rio Grande Hydro-

graphic Survey. Proposed replacement well LRG-16897-POD2 will be located at the physical address of 2001 W Washington St. Anthony, NM.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the

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

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt the Following Ordinance(s) at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on December 18, 2017:

(1) Council Bill No. 18-011; Ordinance 2835: An Ordinance Placing a Moratorium on Enforcement of the Domestic Violence Ordinance of the Las Cruces Municipal Code (LCMC) 19-83, § LCMC, 1997 as Amended.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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 27th day of November, 2017.

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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

HOLIDAY SELF STORAGE
2190 Holiday Ave.
Las Cruces, NM, 88005
575-525-9056

**December 16, 2017
BEGINNING AT 10 A.M.
Registration Begins @ 9:30am**

\$25.00 cleaning deposit per each unit purchased
THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS 40,A43,B17,C13,C29,D 09,E22-23,E59,F03,L01,L 07,I31,P02
Tenant addresses are 'last known'

Unit 40
Juan Villa
1012 Utah Ct
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Portable oxygen tank, couch, misc. items.

Unit A43
Sonia Ordunez
5032 E. San Benito Dr.
Odessa TX, 79766
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Washer/dryer, 2 flat screen TV's, living room set, table/chairs, misc. items.

Unit B17
Patricia Guerra
601 Kristin Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88007
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Small paint compressor, washer, big screen TV, EZ-up, weights, skis, misc. items.

Unit C13
Jeffrey Seymour
2001 East Lohman
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Microwave, TV's, printres, ramps, misc. items.

Unit C29
Raymundo Hernandez
317 Milton #4
El Paso, TX 79915
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Kids bikes and beds, vac-

uum, racing bike, storage trunk, misc. items.

Unit D09
Llubia Salazar
PO Box 1595
Mesilla Park, NM 88047
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Couch, car seat, boxes, bags, misc. items.

Unit E22-23
Marlena Manygoats
701 Fourth St. #A
Las Cruces, NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Recliner, entertainment center, microwave, TV, misc. items.

Unit E59
Austin Contreras
1060 Sayles Rd
La Mesa, NM 88044
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
King size bed, shelf, boxes, misc. items.

Unit F03
Chase Pulley
503 Hoff St. #4
Las Cruces, NM 88002
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Garden tools, leather couch, kitchen cabinet, stools, mirror, misc. items.

Unit L01
Daniel R. Lopez
2508 Sonrisa Loop
Las Cruces, NM 88007
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
2 window AC's, kitchen items, shampooer, deepfryer, misc. boxes.

Unit L07
Oscar Ortiz
5800 Stern Dr. #C2
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Washer, vending machine, large outdoor lamp, propane tanks, gardening tools, misc.

I31
Audrey Lopez
2439 W. Gaby Rd
Phoenix, AZ 85041
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Washer/dryer, 3 sets of mattresses/box springs, speakers, grill, misc. items.

Unit P02
Sulie Young
910 Calle Del Encanto
Las Cruces, NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Desk, misc. furniture & chairs, boxes, misc. household items.

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Due Immediately Upon Completion of Sale A \$25 cleaning deposit will be required per unit purchased And you must bring your own broom and lock.

Dates: 12/01, 12/08, 2017

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ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A PUBLIC ADVISORY MEETING

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**DONA ANA COUNTY MEETING:
January 23, 2018 at 9am
Commission Chambers at the Dona Ana Government Center 845 N Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007**

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, PLEASE CONTACT: KAJEN STOCKERT
ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY
PO DRAWER 888
RUIDOSO DOWNS, NM 88346 575-378-4277

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

NO. CV-2017-3680
Manuel I. Arrieta

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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Richard Emmett McGill a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen year, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Richard Emmett McGill to Richard Emmett Hardy, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel Arrieta, District Judge, on the 14th day of December 2017, at the hour of 3:00 p.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W.

Picacho Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Richard E. McGill
Richard E. McGill
1050 W. Amador Ave
Las Cruces, NM 88001
c/o Csaba Matusak
643 E. Chestnut Ave. Unit B, Las Cruces, NM 88001
575-621-8983

Dates: 11/24, 12/01, 2017

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

No. 17-0249

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JESUS PRIMERO, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT MARIA DE JESUS MELCHOR has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88001., or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005

DATED: October 13, 2017

MARIA DE JESUS MELCHOR
661 Skydale Drive
El Paso, TX 79912

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: 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 2017

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

CASE NO CV-2017-3684

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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

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

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

Dates: 11/24, 12/1, 2017

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

CASE NO CV-2017-3686

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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

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

CHANGE OF NAME from **Bethany Ann Schaff** to **Bethany Ann Gasser**.

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

Dates: 11/24, 12/1, 2017

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

CASE NO CV-2017-3683

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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

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

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

Dates: 11/24, 12/1, 2017

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

NO: CV-2017-2866

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Katherine Cherie Tessier FOR CHANGE OF NAME

AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Katherine Cherie Tessier, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in

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

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

Dates: 11/24, 12/1, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No.
D-307-CV-2016-01080

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

v.

FRANK T. RAMOS JR.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FRANK T. RAMOS JR.; LILIA A. RAMOS AKA LILIA A. AYALA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LILIA A. RAMOS AKA LILIA A. AYALA; SPRINGCASTLE CREDIT FUNDING TRUST, THROUGH ITS TRUSTEE WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; BENEFICIAL FINANCIAL I INC. DBA BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1217 Locust Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows: LOT 1, BLOCK M, DALE BELLAMAH ADDITION, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON

THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 3, 1952, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 7 AT PAGE 21 OF THE PLAT RECORDS. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 AM on January 18, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment In Rem granted on November 7, 2017 in the total amount of \$41,904.11 with interest at the rate of 8.375% per annum from July 6, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

LEGAL NOTICES

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By: Robert Doyle
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12/8/2017 12/15/2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-01165

WELLS FARGO BANK,
NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

JESS GARCIA; MARSHA
GARCIA; JPMORGAN
CHASE BANK, NATION-
AL ASSOCIATION; De-
fendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3352 Westridge Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 1, BLOCK 3, NORTH-
RIDGE SUBDIVISION
PHASE IIA, IN THE CITY
OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA
ANA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO, AS SHOWN
AND DESIGNATED ON
THE PLAT THEREOF,
FILED IN THE OFFICE OF
THE COUNTY CLERK OF
SAID COUNTY ON
MARCH 15, 1984, IN
BOOK 13 PAGE(S)
238-240 OF PLAT RE-
CORDS. If there is a conflict
between the legal descrip-
tion and the street address,
the legal description shall
control. The sale is to begin
at **10:45 AM on January 4,
2018**, Third Judicial District
Courthouse, City of Las
Cruces, County of Doña
Ana, State of New Mexico,
at which time I will sell to
the highest and best bidder
for cash, in lawful currency
of the United States of
America, the Property to pay
expenses of sale, and to
satisfy the foreclosure De-
fault Judgment granted on
October 11, 2017, in the
total amount of \$116,212.38,

with interest at the rate of
6.125% per annum from
July 7, 2017 through the date
of the sale. The sale is
subject to the entry of an
Order by this Court approv-
ing the sale. If the sale is set
aside for any reason, the
Purchaser at the sale shall be
entitled only to return of the
deposit paid. The Purchaser
shall have no further re-
course against the Mortga-
gor, the Mortgagee or the
Mortgagee's attorney.

NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN that the real prop-
erty and improvements con-
cerned with herein will be
sold subject to any and all
patent reservations, ease-
ments, and all taxes and
utility liens, special assess-
ments and taxes that may be
due. Wells Fargo Bank, Na,
its attorneys, and the under-
signed Special Master, dis-
claim all responsibility for,
and the purchaser at the sale
takes the property "as is," in
its present condition, subject
to the valuation of the prop-
erty by the County
Assessor as real or personal
property, affixture of any
mobile or manufactured
home to the land, deactiva-
tion of title to a mobile or
manufactured home on the
property, if any, environ-
mental contamination on the
property, if any, and zoning
violations concerning the
property, if any.

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

PROSPECTIVE PUR-
CHASERS AT SALE ARE
ADVISED TO MAKE
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TION OF THE TITLE AND
THE CONDITION OF THE
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CONSULT THEIR OWN
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2017-02044

WELLS FARGO BANK,

NA,
Plaintiff,

vs.

**CLARA FAITH LESTER;
DORIS ELLEN LESTER,
if living, if deceased, THE
ESTATE OF DORIS EL-
LEN LESTER, Deceased;
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES AND LEGA-
TEES OF DORIS ELLEN
LESTER, Deceased,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-
EN that on January 3, 2018,
at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the
undersigned Special Master
will, at the main entrance of
the Doña Ana County Judi-
cial Complex, 201 W. Pica-
cho Avenue, Las Cruces,
New Mexico, sell all the
right, title and interest of the
above-named Defendants in
and to the hereinafter descri-
bed real estate to the highest
bidder for cash. The prop-
erty to be sold is located at
2110 Enzie Drive, Las
Cruces, and is situate in
Doña Ana County, New
Mexico, and is particularly
described as follows:

LOT 9 IN BLOCK U OF
STULL COLLEGE
HEIGHTS BLOCK W AND
PART OF BLOCKS T, U, &
V, LOCATED IN THE
CITY OF LAS CRUCES,
DOÑA ANA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO, AS THE
SAME IS SHOWN AND
DESIGNATED ON THE
PLAT THEREOF FILED
FOR RECORD IN THE
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY
CLERK OF DOÑA ANA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
ON MAY 14, 1962 AND
RECORDED IN BOOK 8
AT PAGE 80, PLAT RE-
CORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE
will be made to satisfy a
judgment rendered by the
above Court in the above
entitled and numbered cause
on November 13, 2017,
being an action to foreclose
a mortgage on the above
described property. The
Plaintiff's Judgment, which
includes interest and costs, is
\$45,422.48 and the same
bears interest at 6.250% per
annum from September 27,
2017, to the date of sale. The
Plaintiff and/or its assignees
has the right to bid at such
sale and submit its bid
verbally or in writing. The
Plaintiff may apply all or
any part of its judgment to
the purchase price in lieu of
cash. The sale may be
postponed and rescheduled

at the discretion of the
Special Master.
NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN that the real prop-
erty and improvements con-
cerned with herein will be
sold subject to any and all
patent reservations, ease-
ments, all recorded and
unrecorded liens not fore-
closed herein, and all recor-
ded and unrecorded special
assessments and taxes that
may be due. Plaintiff and its
attorneys disclaim all re-
sponsibility for, and the
purchaser at the sale takes
the property subject to, the
valuation of the property by
the County Assessor as real
or personal property, affix-
ture of any mobile or
manufactured home to the
land, deactivation of title to
a mobile or manufactured
home on the property, if any,
environmental contamina-
tion on the property, if any,
and zoning violations con-
cerning 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.

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/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela Carmody, Special
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2017-01142

WELLS FARGO BANK,
NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

CARLOS R. SEDA, LUCIN-
DA M. LACELLE; Defend-
ants.

NOTICE OF FORECLO- SURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
that the above-entitled
Court, having appointed me
or my designee as Special
Master in this matter with
the power to sell, has
ordered me to sell the real
property (the "Property")
situated in Doña Ana Coun-
ty, New Mexico, commonly
known as 1040 Calle Del
Encanto, Las Cruces, NM
88005, and more particularly

described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 15 IN
BLOCK NUMBERED E OF
CASA LINDA ACRES,
LAS CRUCES, DOÑA
ANA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO, AS THE SAME
IS SHOWN AND DESIG-
NATED ON THE PLAT OF
SAID CASA LINDA
ACRES, FILED IN THE
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY
CLERK OF DOÑA ANA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
ON 02/03/1958 IN PLAT
BOOK 8, FOLIO 9. If there
is a conflict between the
legal description and the
street address, the legal
description shall control.
The sale is to begin at 10:45
AM on January 18, 2018,
Third Judicial District
Courthouse, City of Las
Cruces, County of Doña
Ana, State of New Mexico,
at which time I will sell to
the highest and best bidder
for cash, in lawful currency
of the United States of
America, the Property to pay
expenses of sale, and to
satisfy the foreclosure De-
fault Judgment granted on
November 6, 2017 in the
total amount of \$106,279.39
with interest at the rate of
3.500% per annum from
September 8, 2017 through
the date of the sale. The sale
is subject to the entry of an
Order by this Court approv-
ing the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN that the real prop-
erty and improvements con-
cerned with herein will be
sold subject to any and all
patent reservations, ease-
ments, and all taxes and
utility liens, special assess-
ments and taxes that may be
due. Wells Fargo Bank, NA.,

its attorneys, and the under-
signed Special Master, dis-
claim all responsibility for,
and the purchaser at the sale
takes the property "as is," in
its present condition, subject
to the valuation of the prop-
erty by the County
Assessor as real or personal
property, affixture of any
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home to the land, deactiva-
tion of title to a mobile or
manufactured home on the
property, if any, environ-
mental contamination on the
property, if any, and zoning
violations concerning the
property, if any.

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

PROSPECTIVE PUR-
CHASERS AT SALE ARE
ADVISED TO MAKE
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TION OF THE TITLE AND
THE CONDITION OF THE
PROPERTY AND TO
CONSULT THEIR OWN
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

**REGINA A. MOSSBURG;
THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF REGINA A.
MOSSBURG; NEW MEX-
ICO MORTGAGE FI-
NANCE AUTHORITY;
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
that the above-entitled
Court, having appointed me
or my designee as Special
Master in this matter with
the power to sell, has
ordered me to sell the real
property (the "Property")
situated in Doña Ana Coun-
ty, New Mexico, commonly
known as 7526 Sierra Bella
Place, Las Cruces, NM
88012, and more particularly
described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 56 OF
SIERRA NORTE HEIGHTS
SUBDIVISION PHASE 1,
LAS CRUCES, DOÑA
ANA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO, AS THE SAME
IS SHOWN AND DESIG-
NATED ON THE PLAT OF
SAID SIERRA NORTE
HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION
PHASE 1, FILED IN THE
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY
CLERK OF DOÑA ANA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ON MARCH 5, 2007 IN
PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO
142-144 If there is a conflict
between the legal descrip-
tion and the street address,
the legal description shall
control. The sale is to begin
at 11:30 am on December
12, 2017, Third Judicial
District Courthouse, City of
Las Cruces, County of Doña
Ana, State of New Mexico,
at which time I will sell to
the highest and best bidder
for cash, in lawful currency
of the United States of
America, the Property to pay
expenses of sale, and to
satisfy the foreclosure Judg-
ment granted on September
29, 2017, in the total amount
of \$139,828.30, with interest
at the rate of 3.875% per
annum from October 12,
2017 until the date of the
sale. The sale is subject to
the entry of an Order by this
Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN** that the real prop-
erty and improvements con-
cerned with herein will be
sold subject to any and all
patent reservations, ease-
ments, and all taxes and
utility liens, special assess-
ments and taxes that may be
due. U.S. Bank National
Association, its attorneys,
and the undersigned Special
Master, disclaim all respon-
sibility for, and the purchas-
er 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
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land, deactivation of title to
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home on the property, if any,
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tion on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

NO. D-307-CV-2016-02494

IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

v.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

The address of the real property is 1707 Defiance Ave., Las Cruces, NM

88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 1, 2017 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$111,643.44 plus interest from July 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 3.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the

valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Margaret Lake
Special Master
Pro Legal Services, LLC
201 Eubank Blvd. NE, Suite A1
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Dates: 11/17, 11/24, 12/01, 2017

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-01913

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

LOT 156, LEGENDS WEST SUBDIVISION, PHASE IV, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF,

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2005, IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 344-346 OF PLAT RECORDS. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on December 14, 2017**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on September 29, 2017, in the total amount of \$113,479.87, with interest at the rate of 3.75% per annum from September 07, 2017 until the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

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

BIDDING.

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**STATE OF
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COUNTY OF
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THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
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/s/ Joseph M. Holmes
Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Personal Representative

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

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

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

LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

ERNESTO ARZOLA JR., IF LIVING; IF DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ERNESTO ARZOLA JR., DECEASED; SARA ARZOLA AND JOHN DOE ARZOLA, WIFE AND HUSBAND; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1275 Fountain Loop, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows: LOT 17, BLOCK J, OF LEGENDS WEST SUBDIVISION PHASE II, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON MAY 19, 2005 IN PLAT BOOK 21, AT PAGES 208 AND 209 AS PLAT NO. 4152, RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45am on January 4, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on October 24, 2017, in the total amount of \$129,329.41, with interest at the rate of 4.8750% per annum from September 30, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to

the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at

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

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

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**STATE OF
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No. D-307-CV-2016-02580

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vs.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 3, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 3548 Mission Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not fore-

closed 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: 12/01, 12/08, 12/15,
12/22, 2017

**STATE OF
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COUNTY OF
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No. D-307-CV-2014-00445

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

v.

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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly

known as 620 Engler Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

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

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

IF there is a conflict between the legal description and the

street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **11:30 AM on December 12, 2017**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Summary Judgment granted on October 10, 2017, in the total amount of \$447,711.71, with interest at the rate of 7.8750% per annum from February 17, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. HSBC Bank USA, National Association As Trustee For Nomura Asset Acceptance Corporation, Alternative Loan Trust, Series 2006-WF1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

BIDDING.

By: Margaret Lake
201 Eubank NE Suite #A1
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**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

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

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

vs.

**MARK A. SMITH;
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 163 S Sunshine Lane, Mesquite, NM 88048, and more particularly described as follows:

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

89°55'00"W., 908.00 FEET DISTANT, FROM WHENCE THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 7, T25S, R3E, BEARS S.79°44'58"E., 3533.76 FEET FARTHER; THENCE FROM SAID BEGINNING SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED AND LEAVING SAID CENTER LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD B-030 AND RUNNING: N.0°04'58"W., 245.50 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE S.88°45'00"E., 218.23 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE S.2°15'00"E., 241.25 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, BEING A POINT ON SAID SOUTH LINE OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 19-6A2 AND COMMON CENTER LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD B-030; THENCE N.89°55'00"E., 228.00 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF TRACT 19-6A2 AND COMMON CENTER LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD B-030 TO THE SOUTHWEST AND BEGINNING CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 1.2457 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO A 10 FOOT WIDE RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT ALONG THAT PART OF THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT WITH THE BEARING OF N.89°55'00"W., FOR 228.00 FEET, AS SAID EASEMENT IS DESCRIBED IN MISCELLANEOUS BOOK 41, PAGES 392 AND 393 FILED OCTOBER 9, 1959 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on December 14, 2017, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on October 5,

2017, in the total amount of \$228,227.96, with interest at the rate of 5.50% per annum from September 1, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), A Corporation Organized And Existing Under The Laws Of The United States Of America, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale

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

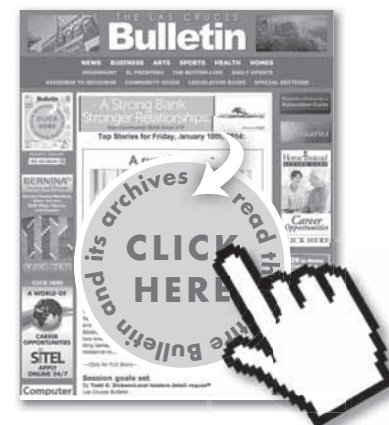
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THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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

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

Frances and Salvador Rosas,
Petitioner,

vs.

Rafael Torrez, Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT

Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you.

The subject of this lawsuit is: Kinship/Guardianship

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

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

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

(seal)

David S. Borunda
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY: /s/ M. Elena Hayes
DEPUTY

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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

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

vs.

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

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

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

LOT NUMBERED 12 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 2 OF SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION, PHASE II, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION, PHASE II, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 29, 1978 PLAT BOOK 12, FOLIO 170-172.

The Property is also described as follows: ALL OF LOT NUMBERED TWELVE (12), IN BLOCK NUMBERED TWO (2), OF SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION, PHASE II, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO,

AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 29, 1978.

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

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

McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

By:/s/ William Townley
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Dates: 12/01, 12/08, 12/15, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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

MIDFIRST BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.

SONYA TONKS, JOHN TONKS;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Sonya Tonks and John Tonks: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff MidFirst Bank has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 3217 Dyer Street, Las Cruces, NM 88011. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows: LOT 11 IN BLOCK 8C OF MAJESTIC HILLS SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, LOCATED IN THE CITY

OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 784 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 13, 1973, AS PLAT NO. 784 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 11 AT PAGES 55-61, PLAT RECORDS. and is also described as: LOT 11, BLOCK 8C, MAJESTIC HILLS SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT 784 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 13, 1973 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 11, PAGES 55 -61 OF THE PLAT RECORDS

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

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

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By:/s/ Alexandra Noel Lopez
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Dates: 12/01, 12/08, 12/15, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2016-01715

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RIKOLE L. GETZ,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 12, 2017 at 11:30 AM, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: LOT 11, BLOCK H, OF DEL PRADO SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3 AT SONOMA RANCH EAST, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DONA ANA. STATE OF NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON MAY 19, 2008 IN PLAT BOOK 22 AT PAGES (S) 491-492. AS PLAT NO. 4733, RECORDS OF DONA ANA COUNTY,

The address of the real property is 4342 Canterra Arc, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of

the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on August 24, 2017 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$262,498.30 plus interest from January 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements con-

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

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 17-0260
Probate Judge
Diana A. Bustamante

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

DONALD R. NEW,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Doña Ana County Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated: October 31, 2017

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

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:
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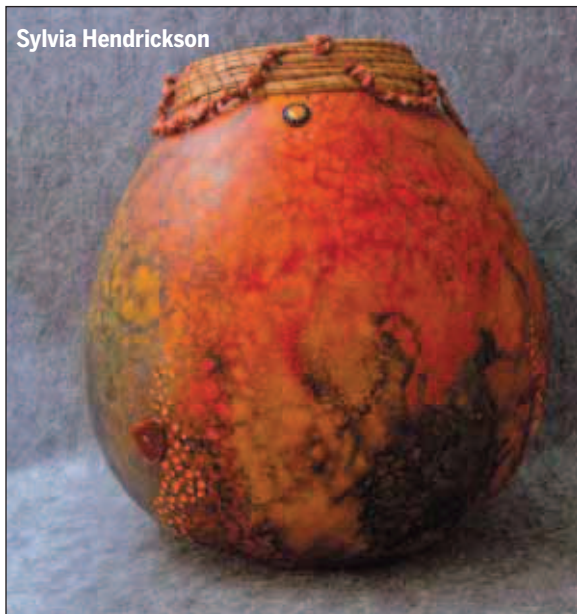
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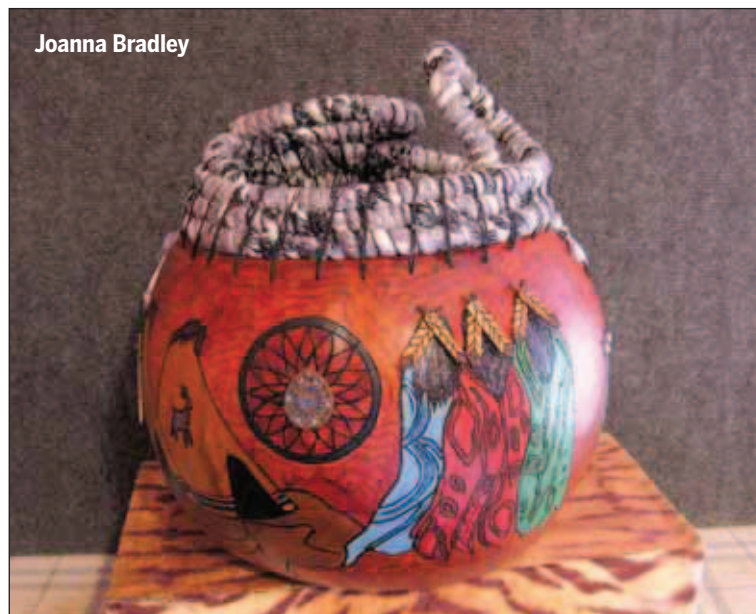
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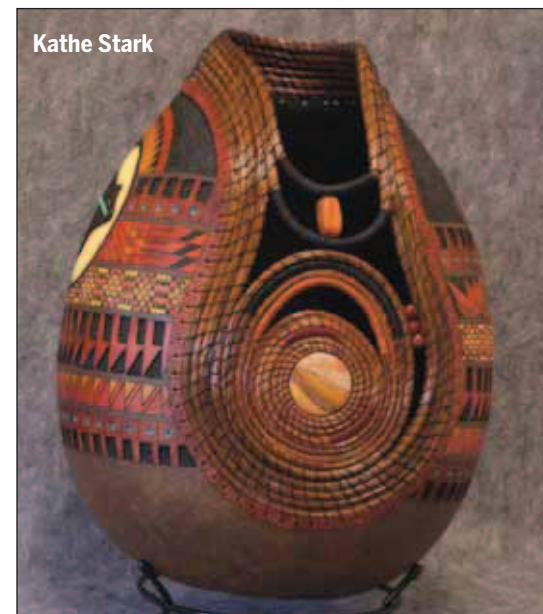
Sylvia Hendrickson



Joanna Bradley



Kathe Stark



Behold the humble gourd

Karen Phillips



Cruces artists to be displayed through January

BULLETIN REPORT

The “Gourdy Girls” are back at the Tombaugh Gallery for gourd art during December and January.

This year’s showing is titled “Masks, Maidens and More,” exhibited from Sunday, Dec. 3, to Jan. 26, 2018.

Participating artists include Kathe Stark, Karen Phillips, Sylvia Hendrickson and Joanna Bradley, each with a unique style of transforming the humble gourd into a work of art. There is an artists’ reception from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 3.

In ancient times gourds were used for utilitarian purposes such as water carriers and storage containers but were often decorated with paints and natural dyes found in nature. This show pays tribute to past gourd artisans as the featured artists transform

gourds into masks, spirit dolls, vases, vessels, wall hangings, mosaics or intricately carved sculptural pieces.

Methods of transforming a gourd into an object of art can include pyrography (burning and etching with a wood-burning tool), painting, carving, weaving and the addition of embellishments like pine needles, sea grass, yarn, thread and a variety of found objects.

Kathe Stark came to Las Cruces 20 years ago. Self-taught, her gourd work includes intricate and timeless designs with a respect for nature and the rich Native American history of the Southwest.

Karen Phillips of Tucson has carved out her niche with Native American-inspired spirit dolls, as well as masks and wall pieces. She has earned numerous awards and is regularly shown at The Romero

Street Gallery in Albuquerque and Contents Interiors in Tucson.

Sylvia Hendrickson is known for her creative gourd designs. Upon moving to Las Cruces in 2007, she came across a buffalo gourd in the desert and felt she had stumbled upon something truly innovative to use for Christmas ornaments.

Joanna Bradley is no stranger to Las Cruces art rambles, having had many shows over the years. She has said that “many would argue that gourds are not fine art, but I have seen some that would knock your socks off.” This will likely be Joanna’s last show.

Tombaugh Gallery is located at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday-Friday or by appointment at 575-522-7281. For additional information about the show, call 503-490-4908.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI DECEMBER 1 • 10:30 A.M. Rhythm Roundup: Dance & Music for ages 2-5	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
FRI DECEMBER 1 • 3:30 P.M. Library Lab: Activities & Stories for ages 6-11	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
FRI DECEMBER 1 • 5-7:00 P.M. First Friday (Kayla Blundell continued)	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
FRI DECEMBER 1 • 7:00 P.M. ACT performance The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
SAT DECEMBER 2 • 1:00 P.M. ACT performance The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
SAT DECEMBER 2 • 2:00 P.M. Intro to Coding for Teens: Class 3	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
SAT DECEMBER 2 • 8:00 P.M. A Christmas Story	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
TUES DECEMBER 5 • 10:30 A.M. Read to Me (Story time for ages 3-7)	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
TUE+THU DECEMBER 5+7 • 4:00 P.M. Teen Game Night	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
WED+THU DEC. 6+7 • 10:00 A.M. Toddler Time (Story Time for ages 1-3)	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
WED DECEMBER 6 • 11:00 A.M. Mother Goose Time: Activities for Infants	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
THU DECEMBER 7 • 7:00 P.M. El Paso Brass, KRWG	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
FRI DECEMBER 8 • 7-9:30 P.M. Open mic	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
SAT DECEMBER 9 • 7:30 P.M. Nostros LIVE!	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
SUN DECEMBER 10 • 1-5 P.M. Mesilla Valley Chorale Performance	RIO GRANDE THEATRE

ONGOING EVENTS:

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

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Sophia Landis and Jason Surratt may not have a house, but they do not consider themselves homeless. "We are residents of the road," Landis says.

Originally from Iowa, the two comprise the folk duo Honeywise, returning to High Desert Brewing Thursday, Nov. 30, for a free 8 p.m. show.

Their sound blends guitarist Surratt's outlaw country influences with Landis' background in piano, mandolin and Native American flutes.

Though they used to travel in an old RV, Honeywise now make do in a small car. "We know

so many people now that finding a place to sleep at night usually isn't a problem," Surratt said.

Honeywise's debut album, "The Grass is Green," was released on Wild Midwest Records in December 2016. Following their current tour, they plan a month off the road to focus on production of their next release, "Apart to Wander."

Their music is also available through their website (www.honeywise.us) and on YouTube, Spotify, iTunes, Facebook, Amazon, and elsewhere online.

High Desert is located at 1201 W. Hadley Ave.



El Paso Brass performs seasonal benefit

By PHIL WILKE
For the Bulletin

The El Paso Brass performs an evening of holiday favorites and seasonal delights at the KRWG benefit concert, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

"We look forward to this event every holiday season in El Paso Brass," said Jim Shearer, who plays tuba in the group and is a professor of music at New Mexico State University. "It's become the concert that kicks off the entire season for us, and we love it."

In addition to Shearer, members of the El Paso Brass are Sam Trimble, founder of the group, retired professor of trumpet and director of jazz ensembles at the



COURTESY PHOTO

The El Paso Brass will play a concert to benefit KRWG.

University of Texas at El Paso and principal trumpet of the El Paso Symphony Orchestra; Kenneth Capshaw, trumpet player; UTEP faculty member and 30-year veteran of the El Paso Symphony Orchestra; Richard Lambrecht, French horn professor at UTEP and principal horn

in the El Paso Symphony for 40 seasons; and Frank Otero, a music educator in the El Paso area for more than 20 years.

KRWG is a public broadcasting service of NMSU and airs in Alamogordo at 89.5 FM, Deming (93.5), Silver City (91.2) and Lordsburg and Truth or Consequences

(91.9).

"This is another wonderful tradition during the holiday season. It's a fun way for KRWG listeners and friends to support the station," said KRWG General Manager Glen Cerny.

Adult tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door; tickets for students/children ages 6-18 are \$7.50 in advance and \$10 at the door. Children under 6 are free. Purchase online at krwg.org or riograndetheatre.org; the Rio Grande Theatre box office in downtown Las Cruces; the KRWG offices in Milton Hall on the NMSU campus; Cutter Gallery, corner of University and El Paseo; or call 575-646-2222.

Phil Wilke may be reached at 575-646-4918 or pwilke@nmsu.edu.

Renowned soprano and NMSU grad joins symphony

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Mezzo-soprano and New Mexico State University graduate Kirstin Chávez joins the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra for its “Classics Three” concert.

Chávez, a native of Albuquerque, grew up in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. She received a bachelor of music degree with honors from NMSU and a master of music degree in performance from the Eastman School of Music, according to www.kchavez.com.

After artistic residency with the Orlando Opera, Chávez won several major international competitions and was national finalist in the Metropolitan

Opera National Council Auditions. She has performed as Carmen at the Sydney Opera House in Australia and the Welsh National Opera, according to her website. Chávez also debuted in the role of Lucretia in Britten’s “The Rape of Lucretia” at Maggio Musicale in Florence, Italy, and played the role of Marquise de Merteuil in “Quartett” at The Royal Opera House in London.

Performances are 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, in Atkinson Recital Hall at the NMSU Music Building, 1075 N. Horseshoe. The program includes Johann Strauss’ “Roses from the South,” Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky’s “Capriccio Italien” and Georges Bizet’s “Carmen Suite,”



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The Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra warms up for its November Classics Two concert.

performed by Chavez.

The symphony is directed by Dr. Lonnie Klein.

Tickets are \$35, \$40 and \$45.

Klein hosts “Lonnie’s Spotlight Luncheon” at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at Paisano Café, 1840 Calle de Mercado in the Bulletin Plaza. Tickets

are \$20.

Purchase tickets online at www.lascrucessymphony.com/tickets.

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Mezzo-soprano Kristin Chávez performs with the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra Dec. 2-3.

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A chaotic rendition of the baby Jesus

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley (ACT) brings to life a holiday classic with its production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

In addition to a cast of 16 children ranging in age from 5 to 15, the stars include Lennie Brown, David Edwards, Gail Wheeler and Dominic Vigil.

The multimedia show will also feature the St. Paul's United Methodist Church Choir, under the direction of Dr. Douglas Weeks.

Performances are:

- Friday, Dec. 1, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.: 10 a.m., a performance for children (tickets \$3); 7 p.m. (tickets \$7).

- Saturday, Dec. 2, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave.: 1 p.m. (tickets \$7); 7 p.m. (donation).

- Sunday, Dec. 3, St. Paul's: 2 p.m. (donation).

The play takes places at a small-town church, where the annual holiday pageant has become "dull and routine," said



PHOTOS COURTESY CONSTANCE HASAPOPOULOS

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" will be presented by A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley Dec. 1, 2 and 3 at Rio Grande Theatre and St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Constance Hasapopoulos, who is directing the Las Cruces production.

No one wants to try out for this year's production, she said, until members of the Herdman family learn that free goodies are available at Sunday school. Crashing the first day of rehearsals, they take all the lead parts in the play.

The Herdman children are "the scourge of the community," Hasapopoulos said. They lie, steal,

swear, smoke, drink and set fires, she said, "making their interpretations of their roles as Mary, Joseph and the Wise Men a bit more colorful than intended."

Rehearsals become "zany, loud and chaotic," Hasapopoulos said, "and the cards are stacked against success."

But gradually the Herdman children begin to identify their own marginalized status with the story of the baby Jesus,

she said, and "the pageant comes alive."

Children cast in the Las Cruces production come from different backgrounds, Hasapopoulos said, and "the message of the play is for everyone ... It's a wildly fun and meaningful play."

In cooperation with Film Las Cruces Film Liaison Jon Foley, the play has a video component.

Danny Ruley is the play's set designer, Lori Dahlstrom is wardrobe



Las Cruces actor David Edwards is one of the stars of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."



Las Cruces actor Gail Wheeler is one of the stars of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

mistress and Pollyanna Kamali handles props.

The play is based on the book of the same name by Barbara Robinson, published in 1972. The first production of the play, also scripted by Robinson, was performed in Seattle in 1982.

For more information,

contact Kelly Corkern King of ACT at 575-496-8608 or act@zianet.com. Contact Hasapopoulos at 415-410-9509 or hasapopoulos@gmail.com.

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Where birds talk: the fanciful journeys of Rosemary McLoughlin

BULLETIN REPORT

Rosemary McLoughlin shares her love of Ireland and its rich culture with a new show that opens from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Cutter Gallery.

The title of her show, "Beyond the Familiar," is from a favorite poem by Saint Brendan, patron saint of sailors and whales.

McLoughlin was born in Brooklyn and moved to New Mexico in 1973. She taught art at NMSU until 1990 when she became education director at NMSU Art Gallery. In 1998 she retired to become a full-time professional artist.

On a recent visit to Ireland with her Irish family, McLoughlin was inspired. "I became infatuated with the Irish Saints as they became

very personal to me. I just couldn't get enough of the Irish culture," she says.

Her show's paintings depict colorful tales of rich and colorful voyages by Saint Brendan, a 6th century saint visited by an angel who told him he must go forth and build monasteries. Saint Brendan and 12 of his followers built a Curragh, a small, simple boat and sailed for distant shores.

The first was "Sheep Island" covered with multitudes of sheep. Next was "Paradise Island of Birds" where the birds talked in human voices. They soon experienced icebergs off Iceland and described them as "Crystal Towers in the Sea." They later landed on a small island and began cooking their meal when it began



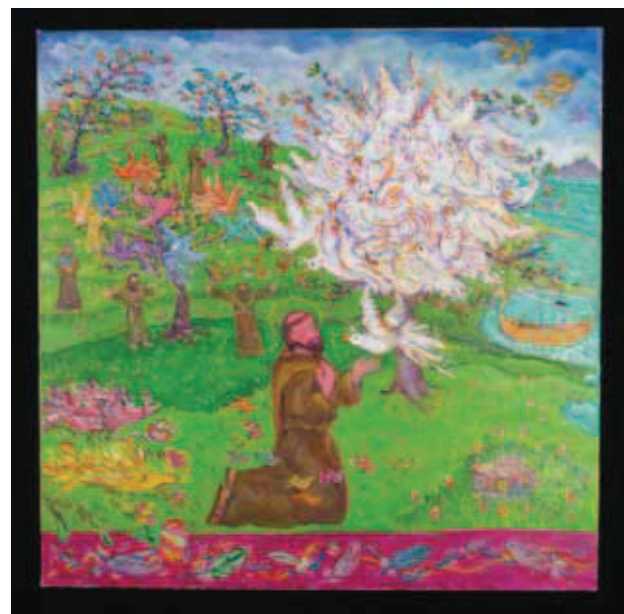
"Crystal Towers in the Sea," 16"x16"

floating away. It wasn't an island at all – it was a whale! When the Monks finally reached a beautiful land covered with lush vegetation and a river too wide to cross, they called it the "Promised Land." Perhaps it was America.

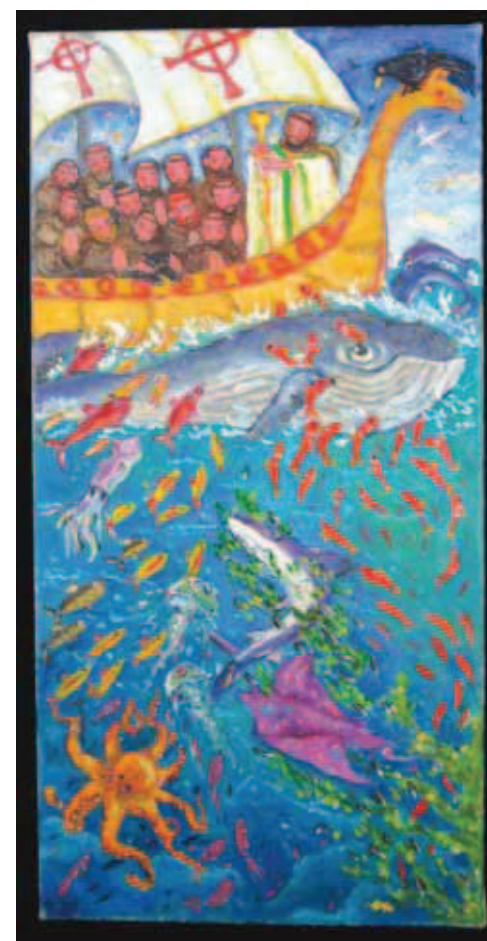
"Rosemary's colorful style and technique consume her paintings, showing the great importance of her family

experiences, her travels, and her love of life," says gallery director Sally Cutter. "You can only laugh and smile when you see one of her paintings."

The exhibit continues through Jan. 6 at the gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. Call 575 541-0658.



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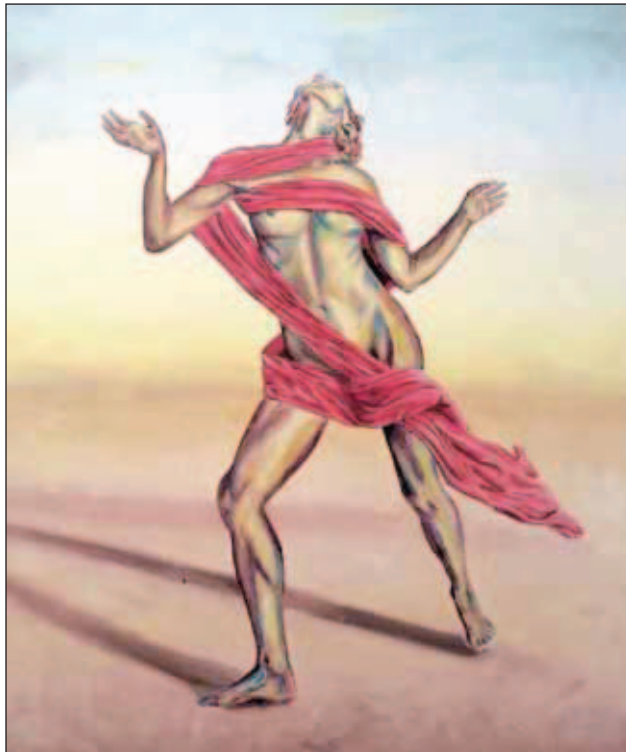
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Review: Las Hermanas reflect pain, silence



Felicia Castro, "Burning Woman"

By ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH
Las Cruces Bulletin

At the Rokoko Gallery the final exhibition of the Las Cruces women's artists group, Las Hermanas, stands tribute to the goal of bringing six powerful themes to various venues in Las Cruces.

The six-part series, taking place over a year, has included participation from visual artists, performers, writers and videographers. The theme for the finale is "Strength."

The images evoked for this exhibit include literal hearts and figures, evoking the ideas behind the objects, transporting the viewer to the realities of life.

The most powerful



Meg Freyermuth, "Magdalena, Mi Reina"

piece for me is "Invisible Loss" by Olivia Lemmons, which, from the female figure's smeared makeup to the marionette joints and the hand protruding from her shattered belly, evokes a disturbing and fascinating visceral reaction.

Relaxing in its contrast is another painting, blue cast but warm, "Magda-

lena, Mi Reina," by Meg Freyermuth, a mountain scene, oil on canvass, expertly tooled and transporting.

And so the show unfolds, mixing disturbing thoughts with cooling interceptions, from Britany Marie Chavez's pole and flesh photo, "Untitled," to the fine-tuned earthy jewelry of Steph Preciado-Shelton and traveling by "Strength

through Tranquility" by Chantal Elena in pen and pencil.

There are images that can't be deciphered because of their dream-like nature, such as Eva Gabriella Flynn's "Manic Pixie Dream girl Crucifixion," and some that are blatant, like "Outside Bodies," where the medium says it all – plaster on panties.

Overall this "Strength" exhibit has some strange energy going on. It draws on themes that are hard to delve into. It is a fitting end to the Las Hermanas project and well worth the trip. The Rokoko Gallery is open Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. and by appointment. Call 575-405-8877.

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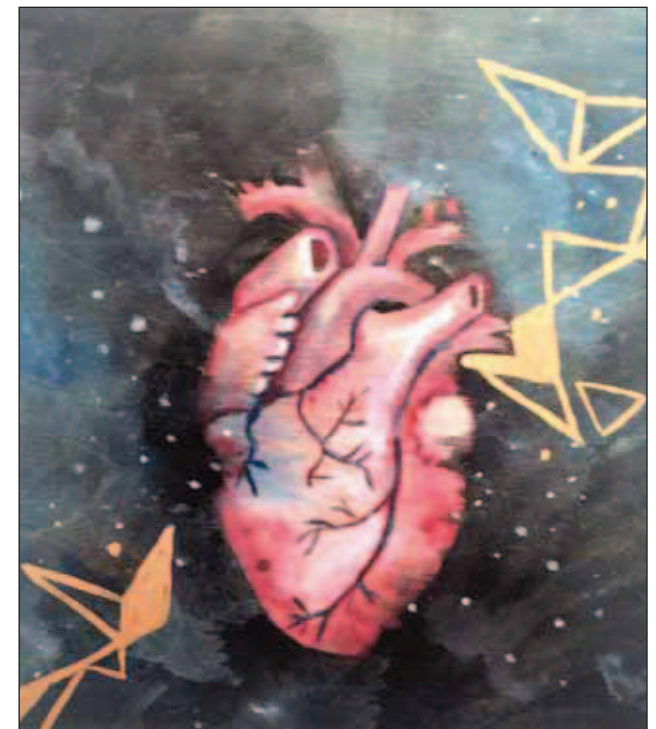
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Christine Ballew, "Heart Wide Open #2"



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"Annie" (Tatiana Garzon) and the orphans are ready to open in Las Cruces Community Theatre's production of the Broadway classic "Annie." Friday, Dec. 1 is opening night for the show, which continues through Dec. 17.

Curtain rises on 'Annie'

BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces Community Theatre's production of the award-winning musical "Annie" opens on Friday, Dec. 1, and continues for 10 performances through Sunday, Dec. 17 at LCCT, 313 N. Main St. Reservations are recommended, as shows are already selling out.

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

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

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

Performances will be 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16, with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Dec. 3, 10



Annie (Tatiana Garzon) and her dog, Sandy.

and 17. There will be a single Thursday night performance, 7 p.m. on Dec. 14.

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

For reservations and more information, call LCCT at 575-523-1200 and visit lcctnm.org.

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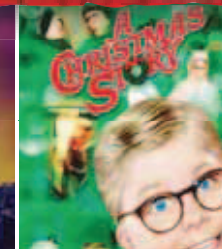
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Scene of the ‘Crimes’



Six artists display their take on “Crimes of the Heart,” a play showing at the Black Box Theatre through Dec. 10.

Their work is featured in the Friday, Dec. 1, Downtown Art Ramble at the Theatre Gallery inside the Black Box, 430 N. Main St.

The artists are Carol Quintana, Alice Ward, Rebecca Courtney, Meg G. Freyermuth, Penny Duncklee and Jan Minnow.

Courtney’s contribution is “Billy’s Crimes of the Heart,” a 30”x40” acrylic painting of which she says: “From the romantic’s point of view, Billy (the Kid) was a misunderstood charmer whose heart was wounded by a misunderstanding society. He chose violence over reason to avenge those he felt were his allies. In painting Billy’s portrait, I discovered he was a man of fashion who wore his weapons like accessories. Too bad he used the bullets for more than decoration!”

Review: ‘Crimes of the Heart’ – a window into really good theatre

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

One of the first things you notice about Peter Herman’s light and scenic design of “Crimes of the Heart” is the window that is projected onto the stage.

That fits so well with this production at Black Box Theatre, because, as its director, Nikka Zimmer, points out in her playbill notes, the play is a window into the lives and the struggles about the McGrath sisters who are its central characters.

There is abandonment, abuse and even suicide in the past that window opens onto. Each sister, Meg McGrath (Erin Wendorf), Lenny Magrath (Debbie Jo Felix) and Babe McGrath (Casandra Galban) deals with it through her own suffering and regret.

But this isn’t really a sad play. It’s about holding hands and singing “Happy Birthday” and struggling through the really hard times together with humor and saxophone music.

Nikka clearly saw the strength of these characters that threads its way through the entire play. She took an award-winning script by Beth Henley, cast it well and let the story tell itself without the distraction of set or costume changes or any theatrical effects.

Nikka is an accomplished actress as well as a seasoned director.



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Left to right, Erin Wendorf (“Meg”), Debbie Jo Felix (“Lenny”) and Casandra Galban (“Babe”) celebrating Lenny’s birthday in “Crimes of the Heart.”



Erin Wendorf as Meg Magrath.

If the McGrath sisters’ mother had been a character in this show, Nikka would have played her brilliantly.

Her actors, Wendorf, Felix and Galban, are interesting as individuals and fascinating as a family.

I have enjoyed the work Erin and Debbie Jo have done in other shows at Black Box Theatre and Las Cruces Community Theatre, but this production is the first time I’ve seen Galban in a major role. She was magnificent. Bravos all around.

The supporting cast of Gina DeMondo, Eric Hadley and Wake Gardner (in his first production at Black Box) is also really good. They did their jobs, adding color and substance to the story and the main characters, but also making their characters interesting and entertaining.

Go see this play. I enjoyed it very much and I’m sure you will too – and you may even get some birthday cake!

Black Box Theatre is located at 430 N. Main St.

Remaining performances of “Crimes of the Heart” are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Dec. 1-2 and 8-9; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 3 and 10; and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7.

Tickets are \$15 regular admission, \$12 for students and seniors over age 65 and \$10 for the Dec. 7 performance. For more information, call Black Box Theatre at 575-523-1223. Visit nostrings.org.

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‘Victoria and Abdul’: Making eye contact with the queen

By JEFF BERG
For the Bulletin

In general, clichés rule in this based-on-a-true story picture about England’s Queen Victoria and the young man named Abdul who was able to penetrate the impenetrable and become a trusted part of her domain.

The film opens in India, where we first encounter Abdu, as he works as a prison ledger clerk. He has been chosen by some British snobs to partake in a ceremony, presenting a ceremonial coin to Her Highness, following the usual pomp and circumstance of such things, as done by British royalty. With Abdul is Mohammed, played by Adeel Akhtar, whose attitude almost steals the show.

Upon arriving in the UK, Abdul is ordered to not make eye contact with the queen, but he does, as she sips and nods off between courses. She is not even aware of what the ceremony is about, but her seeming loneliness comes to a head when she allows Abdul as part of her staff, where he teaches her all things, including language, about his culture.

This of course does not sit well with the puffy and non-effervescent Anglos, who soon start to

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Victoria, Abdul, and a mango at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla for a week run, starting Dec. 1.

plot to dispose of Abdul. One member of the royal family who certainly wants Abdul out is Bertie, the Prince of Wales, whose objections are constantly overruled by ma-ma, who has Abdul and Mohammed added to the staff as footmen. Abdul is soon her munshi and soon she is learning Urdu and staying awake during luncheon.

Mohammed, on the other hand, does not adjust well to the new climate. At one point the British snobbery tries to get him to spy on Abdul (whose wife is imported by the Queen, as a kind gesture) to which Mohammed lets them have it in no uncertain terms.

Judi Dench returns to a royalty role, which fits her well. Ali Fazal plays Abdul, who in real life was not treated quite as well as Stephen Frears, the director of the film, makes it out to be. As a side note, Frears, from England, also directed one of the best New Mexico-made movies, ‘The Hi Lo Country’.

Things go gallantly for

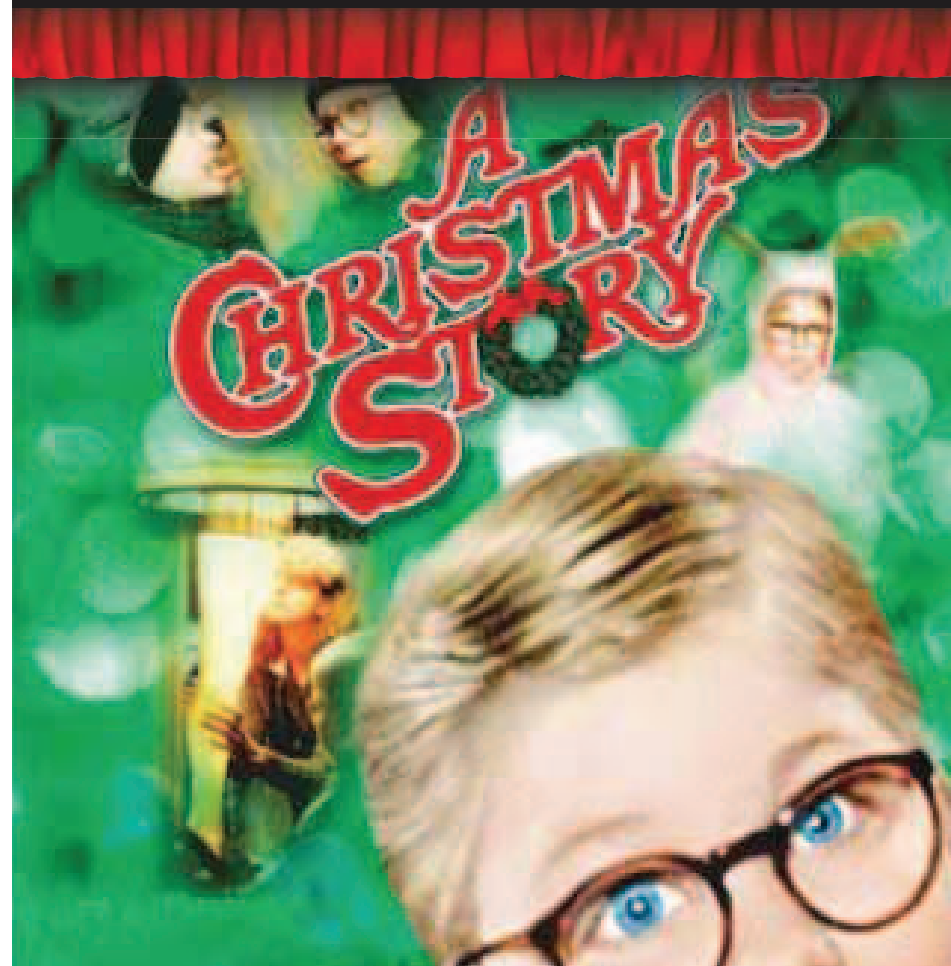
Victoria and Abdul despite all the attempts to have him shipped back to India. The film plods somewhat, but the costuming and directing are excellent as is Dench’s performance.

Upon the queen’s passing, Abdul was immediately deported back to India and the staff of royalty attempted to erase all things related to Abdul. Morons. It wasn’t until many years later when his diaries were discovered that the truth came to be. In an article in Vanity Fair magazine, there is a reprint of one of the earliest entries that Abdul made:

“This is the journal of my life at the court of Queen Victoria from the Golden Jubilee of 1887 to the Diamond Jubilee of 1897,” wrote Karim. “I’ve been but a sojourner in a strange land and among a strange people ... While I record my life I cannot but call to mind the many honours which have fallen to my lot and all through the great goodness of Her Majesty. I pray to the Almighty for the richest blessings to be showered down on our good Queen Empress.”

Jeff Berg has been reviewing movies for the Bulletin since 2002. He lives in Santa Fe and may be reached at ned-ludd76@hotmail.com.

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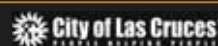


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Makeshift art: Make-Shift, an exhibition put together by partner and artist duo Ramon and Christian Cardenas, who together form the artist collaborative Lxs Dos, will open with a reception during the Downtown Ramble, 5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. The exhibit comes from the artists' need to create and express themselves using materials and resource available to them. The work is ethnographic in nature, describing the socio-cultural relations of the United States/ Mexico border region and its people. Branigan Cultural Center is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Info: 575-541-2154 museums.las-cruces.org.

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

Open mic: Howling Coyote Open Mics will wrap up its 12th year Friday, Dec. 1, at 575 N. Main St. Doors open at 6 p.m. for anyone wanting to join the jam session. Numbers are drawn at 6:30 p.m. for performance order. Performances start at 7 p.m. Featured are acoustic musicians, poets, co-

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medians, and storytellers who each get 10 minutes on stage. Come early for a Lasagna dinner served from 5:30 to 7 p.m. (suggested donation \$5). Free. Info: Melody Burns, 575-525-9333.

Social justice: Artist and filmmaker Daniel Aguilera's documentary "Fruits of Labor" will be screened at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Bra-

nigan Cultural Center, 501 North Main Street. The screening is part of the programming for the exhibit Trotando Pasos Ajenos, which continues until Jan. 6. The exhibit focuses on social justice with 11 interactive educational installments designed to appeal to a wide audience that focus on regional issues of justice inequality as they pertain to identity, environment, history, immigration, law, and faith. The exhibit was created by Dulcinea Lara and Nicholas Natividad, professors at New Mexico State University's Department of Criminal Justice who focus on issues of social justice in crime and law. Aguilar designed the exhibit. The cultural center is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Foundation art sale: The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is putting approximately 200 pieces of art up for sale 5:30-8:00 p.m. Friday, December 8; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, December 9; and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, December 10 at 390 Calle de Alegria, formerly the First Step Center. The art originally was collected for the Memorial Medical Center Foundation when MMC was a public hospital. The collection includes donations from artists, physicians and community members. After MMC was acquired by a private corporation, the art was placed in storage. Info: 575-521-4794 or alexia@cfsnm.org.

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PUZZLES

WEEKLY SUDOKU

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

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SCRAMBLERS



"My wife sure had me fooled. All along, I thought she was _____
_____ it for me!"

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

CRYPTOQUIP

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

Clue: **Y** equals **L**

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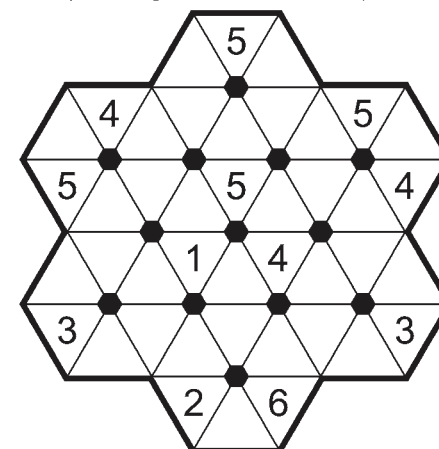
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SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

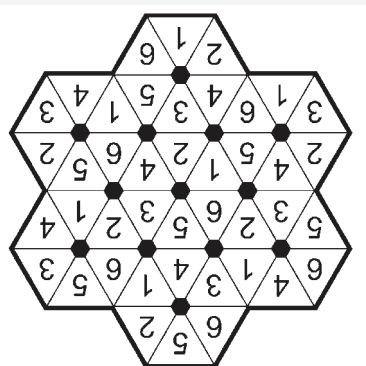
PUZZLE ANSWERS

SCRAMBLERS

KNITTING
Today's Word
Obligee; 4. Betroth

CRYPTOQUIP

That was a very fascinating bit of trivia you divulged. It'll be a tough fact to follow!



SNOWFLAKES

WEEKLY SUDOKU

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SUPER CROSSWORD

[illegible]

PUZZLES

23RD AMENDMEN

- ACROSS
- 1 Tussle (with)

8 Hindu chant

14 Robotic floor vacuum

20 Predicted

21 Daisy types

22 Relatives of 21-Across

23 Pounding one's shawl?

25 Like sacred statues

26 Step up or down

27 Instant, for short

28 Santa -- College

29 In history

30 Book parts

34 What aviator Orville or Wilbur was called?

37 Found on these pages

38 Kitty treater

39 Fill up fully

40 Celtics rival

41 "What the Butler Saw" dramatist Joe

42 Does penance

45 Sprinter Bolt

47 Small songbird with a cartoon cat?

50 60-min. units

51 "Rockaria!" band, in brief

54 Singer Clay

55 San -- (Italian resort)

57 Poet W.H. --

59 Fusion

64 Old laundry machine that's totally on the fritz?

66 Raving sort

67 People debating

70 Bistro, e.g.

71 "Goodbye, Columbus" author when he's very angry?

73 Throw from a steed

74 Tea garnish

75 Apple debut of 1998

76 Mini-serving

79 Prior to

80 Flan need

82 Damage done to a periodical?

89 Pub buys

91 Find a new place for, as a pet

92 Islamic equivalent of kosher

93 Trial attire

96 Siestas

98 "Mazel --!"

99 Hereditary sequence

100 Declaration upon pulling your valise forcefully?

103 Many a handcuffed person

105 -- -Jo ('80s track star)

106 That guy's

107 Certain Wall St. trader

108 Paradigm

109 Hereditary

111 Actress Fay who was always cheerful?

117 Get free of

118 Silky goat or rabbit

119 Helm handler

120 Beaches

121 Observed in the vicinity of

122 Actor Erik

DOWN

1 Yackety-yak

2 Lament

3 -- Khan

4 Impose

5 Capital of Kosovo

6 Like the pre-Easter period

7 -- Allan Poe

8 Comic Jay

9 Bunyan's tool

10 Story for an anchor

11 Radials for a Rolls, say

12 Fails to stay poker-faced

13 Viper variety

14 Slickers and galoshes

15 Wilde with wit

16 Bison-hunting tribe

17 Household

18 Intelligent

19 Fancy ties

24 "-- the season!"

28 Gallery gala

30 Grub

31 Berlin man

32 Funnyman Johnson

33 Hireling

34 "... three -- a tub"

35 Ocean liquid

36 Hotel relative

38 Cast a ballot

42 Take -- view of

43 "Bad!" sound

44 Shopping jag

46 Old Testament book

48 Racial equality gp.

49 Part of YTD

51 Lawn gadget

52 Dirty looks

53 Ham -- (deli classic)

56 Rx signers

58 Golden rule's second word

59 Plenteous

60 Bill of "Real Time"

61 Japanese film genre

62 Stitch's cartoon pal

63 Dive variety

64 "Yeah, no kidding!"

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- 65 Taylor of "The Nanny"

67 Chair part

68 Traipse

69 Sporty auto

72 Tepees' kin

73 -- Reader (alternative digest)

76 Sierra Nevada lake

77 Sea of -- (waters off Ukraine)

78 Gaming "City" dweller

81 Non-Jews

83 Somehow manages with

84 Pair attached to an axle

85 Also- -- (losers)

86 Scores

87 Arose (from)

88 Painter Paul

89 Nectar lover

90 CIA worker

93 Searches and robs

94 Wise-looking

95 Bucking one

97 Card game expert John

99 Bestows

101 Triangle, e.g.

102 Fly into -- (get furious)

103 Madison Ave. output for

108 "-- first you don't succeed ..."

110 Corn spike

111 Once existed

112 -- pro nobis

113 That gal's

114 Levin or Glass

115 TV neighbor of Homer

116 Time of note





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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

Fauna & Flora of New Mexico

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

Gourd show

Masks, Maidens and More, a show and sale featuring the work of gourd artists Joanna Bradley, Sylvia Henderson, Karen Phillips, and Kathe Stark will open with a reception 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at Tombaugh Gallery inside the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. The artists will demonstrate the ancient craft at 11:45 a.m. The exhibit of functional, spiritual and whimsical objects will continue 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Jan.

26. Tickets for a drawing to win a piece of gourd art by Kathe Stark will be for sale. The drawing will be held at the show's conclusion. Info: Lurene John, 503-490-4908.

New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau 100 Years Strong

Exhibit on display through Sept. 16, 2018, at the NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The Farm & Livestock Bureau has been the voice of agriculture in New Mexico. The group has worked with elected and appointed officials to coordinate beneficial outcomes for New

Mexico's food producers. Soil conservation, better irrigation methods, and improved crop production were issues on the minds of the 300 farmers and ranchers in the Mesilla Valley who first gathered in 1917.

Orchard art

Las Cruces artist Frank Peacock's "Selections from the Orchard Series" paintings and drawings inspired by the pecan orchards of the Mesilla Valley, will be on exhibit at Friday, Dec. 1, -Thursday, Jan. 25 at Mas Art Frame and Art Supplies, 126 S. Main St. downtown. Opening reception is 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1. Information: 575-526-9113, info@masartllc.com.

Pamela Needham

Photography of Pamela Needham, sharing her love of nature and interesting subjects, is on display at Mas Art Frame and Art Supplies, 126 S. Main St. Info: 575-526-9113.

Student art

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

Transitions

Las Cruces artist Jeri Desrochers will be featured at Unsettled Gallery, 905 N. Mesquite St. "Transitions," explores changes in life and art after the experience of a threatening illness and benefits CARE Las Cruces, a local support system for those battling cancer. Info: 575-647-8053.


Trotando Pasos Ajenos

The art and cultural exhibit runs through Jan. 6, 2018, at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 North Main St. The exhibit features 12 interactive educational installments designed to appeal to a wide audience that focus on regional issues of justice

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Mesilla Valley Concert Band

Sunday, December 10
3:00PM
NMSU Atkinson Hall
FREE Admission



The Mesilla Valley Concert Band will perform a free concert under the direction of Dr. William Clark at 3 p.m., December 10 in the Atkinson Recital Hall in the Music Building at New Mexico State University. Highlights of the concert include Rodgers' "Victory at Sea," Sousa's "Hail to the Spirit of Liberty," "Variants on a Mediaeval Tune" by Dello Joio, and Darius Milhaud's "Suite Francaise." The concert is suitable for all ages and seating is first come, first served.

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CALL TO ARTISTS

Choral members: The Mesilla Valley Chorale, directed by Nancy Ritchey, has resumed rehearsals for the holiday concert, "Joy," to be performed in December at the Rio Grande Theatre. Rehearsals take place in the Choir Room of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, corner Griggs and Alameda. Interested singers call Ritchey at 575-647-2560. Visit www.mesillavalleychorale.org.

Love of Art: Event Guide deadline is Dec. 1. Apply for Studio Tours, Art Around Town or Member Show. Membership required. Membership form and all application forms on the website: www.art-formsnm.org/forms. Info: 373-0333.

Mesilla gallery: Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle De Guada-

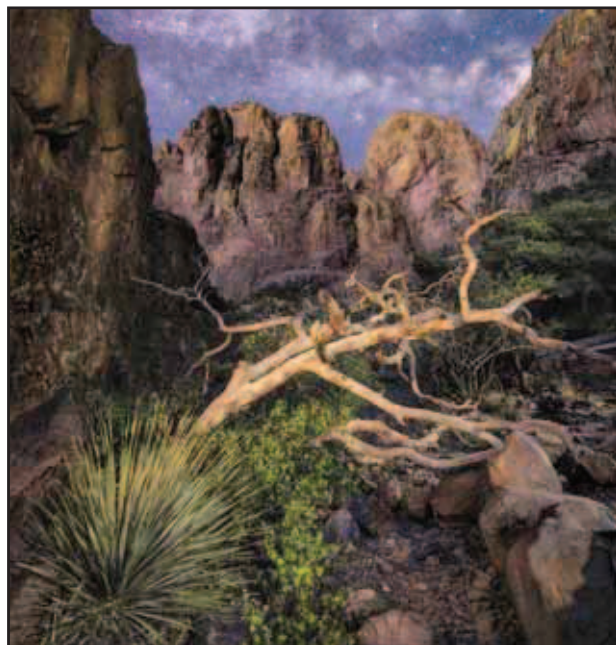
lupe, is accepting applications for new artists to be juried into the gallery. Applications are available at the gallery 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Info: 575-522-2933.

Photograph 51: Black Box Theatre seeks five male scientists for its upcoming production "Photograph 51." Auditions are 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3 at the theater, 430 N. Main St. Needed are five men for these roles: British scientists Maurice Wilkins (aged 30s to 40s), Ray Gosling (20s) and Frances Crick (30s or 40s), and American scientists Don Caspar (20s or 30s) and James Watson (early 20s). Auditions will be cold readings from the script, which are now available at the research help desk at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

Performance dates are Jan. 26 through Feb. 11, 2018. Info: Ceil Herman, 575-523-1223 or nstcbbt@zianet.com.

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

Second Saturdays: Artists and artisans who want to open their studios to the public once a month and join a new informal group, Second Saturday Open Studios. There's no fee, studios don't have to participate every month. Info: Kathleen at 828-467-9060 or kdarts2u@gmail.com.



Revel in the Mystery of the Night

The Gallery at Big Picture presents award-winning photographer and Las Cruces native Wayne Suggs with landscape photography exhibit "Revel in the Mystery of the Night." Wayne has photographed landscapes for more than 40 years but when he turned to the "dark side" and transposed his daytime composition eye to the night, he revealed the sky, clear, bright and pristine. The exhibit will continue until Dec. 31. The gallery is at 2001 E. Lohman Ave. Suite 109, next to the UPS store in the Arroyo plaza. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday. Closed Sunday. Info: 575-647-0508.

GALLERIES

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inequality as they pertain to identity, environment, history, immigration, law, and faith. The exhibit was curated by Dr. Dulcinea Lara, Dr. Nicholas Natividad professors at NMSU's department of Criminal justice who specialize on issues of social justice in crime and law. The exhibit designer is artist and filmmaker Daniel Aguilar. Open 10-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

What's in a Title?

Paul A. Vakselis is featured in a solo exhibi-

tion at Café de Mesilla, 2190 Avenida de Mesilla through November. Features dozens of works of landscape, inspirational, architecture and general interest works. Hours: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. every day except Tuesday.

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Native voices: The traveling exhibit Native Voices: Native Peoples' concept of Health and Illness opens Dec. 8, and runs through Jan. 13, at the Branigan Cultural Center. Native Voices examines how wellness and illness interconnect with cultural life. The U.S. National Library of Medicine developed and produced Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness. The American Library Association Public Programs Office, in partnership with NLM, tours the exhibition to U.S. libraries. The cultural center is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Free. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Contra dance: Southern New Mexico Music and Dance will sponsor a holiday contra dance 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at the Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago in Mesilla. Rus Bradburd and Dennis Daily are the band, and Lonnie Ludeman is the caller. No partner needed. Beginners and newcomers are welcome and should

come for some basic instruction at 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$6 for adults, \$4 for youths and \$15 for families. Info: 575-522-1691, www.snmmds.org.

Inside the lines: Coloring Club for Adults will meet 10 a.m.-noon Fridays, Dec. 8 and Dec. 22 at Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. It's a chance for adults to socialize with other adults while expressing themselves creatively. Participants bring their own supplies or use the museum's coloring pages and colored pencils. Info: 575-647-4480, museums.las-cruces.org.

Foundation art sale: The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is putting approximately 200 pieces of art up for sale 5:30-8:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9; and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 at 390

Calle de Alegra, formerly the First Step Center. The art originally was collected for the Memorial Medical Center Foundation when MMC was a public hospital. The collection includes donations from artists, physicians and community members. After MMC was acquired by a private corporation, the art was placed in storage. Info: 575-521-4794 or alexia@cfsnm.org.

Storytelling: Author Denise Chavez will conduct "The Gift of a Story" short-story workshop 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Casa Camino Real, 314 S. Tornillo St. Writers of all ages and backgrounds are invited to bring story ideas or an actual story to work on, as well as photos and mementoes that in turn can be gifted to others in this time of giving. There will be a break for a no-

host lunch from a nearby restaurant. Some scholarships are available. Cost: \$75. Info: 575-523-3988 email comezon09@com-cast.net.

Christmas play: The original Los Pastores del Valle de Mesilla will perform its annual Christmas play at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Holy Cross Retreat Center Chapel, 600 Holy Cross Road, Mesilla Park. Los Pastores has been performing this play in the Mesilla Valley since 1961. Cost: Free. Info: C. Sanchez (575) 649-1848.

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

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To be remembered as 'one of the good guys'

At a recent memorial service for a congregant, the program prepared by the family highlighted values that were central to the life and character of their loved one: kindness, patience, wisdom, optimism, and fairness. In their brief eulogies, members of the family explained how he had demonstrated these traits in a consistent way throughout his life. When the sharing of recollections was opened up to everyone present, one community member offered his comments in the form of a conversation with the man who died, telling him that he was "one of the good guys."



RABBI KAROL

Seeking Harmony

We need people of good character to ensure that our society, our nation and our world move forward in a positive direction.

The memorial service was held several hours after Temple Beth-El had hosted its annual pre-Thanksgiving Interfaith conversation on the afternoon of Nov. 19. This year, the theme was "People of Character: What Does It take to be a mensch (a decent human being)?" At the program, I shared the "Periodic Table of Character Strengths" prepared for Global Character Day, marked this year on Sept. 13 and founded by filmmaker

and innovator Tiffany Schlain (featured in my September column).

Most important about the Nov. 19 program were representatives of several faith groups speaking on values which, we believe, are central to good character.

Pastor Jared Carson of Peace Lutheran Church presented his views on persistence. He used Biblical examples (Jacob of the Hebrew Bible and Joseph of the New Testament) and shared a poignant personal story that reflected this value.

Deb Rodgers of the Baha'is of Las Cruces shared a personal experience that recounted kindness shown to someone in

a communal setting who needed encouragement.

The Rev. Carol Tuck spoke about truth and its varying permutations in our society, seeking to uphold a reverence for honesty and forthright presentation of current events so that we can find a way to live with each other in a spirit of integrity.

Kelley Williams of the Islamic Center of Las Cruces spoke about law, justice, and mercy, noting how religion seeks to strike a balance among all three.

Sonoma Springs Covenant Church pastor Rob Reed spoke on perspective, using the New Testament image from Hebrews of life as a marathon race to be run, with eyes fixed on God

and a pace that is holy, honest, humble and healing.

I spoke about compassion/mercy, beginning with the suggestion of the book of Exodus to adopt a positive approach towards the stranger and even to one's enemy, and also addressing how Judaism seeks to give mercy an edge over an approach of strict justice.

When we broke into small groups for further discussion, attendees shared their impressions of the presentations and built on what they heard to engage in new conversations about how we can work together to encourage everyone to cultivate character strengths in themselves.

What most impressed us was that, amid the diver-

sity of the teachings of the faiths represented, there was a definite resonance about what builds good character, about what it takes to be a "mensch."

As we enter a month with important annual holiday celebrations, may our gatherings lead us to consider how our rituals and customs can teach us to be people of character who value kindness and goodness in a world that needs the best that we have to give.

Rabbi Larry Karol has served as spiritual leader of Temple Beth-El (www.tbcl.org) in Las Cruces since July 2011. His writings are available at rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com.

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BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces' The Bossy Gourmet garnered four awards in the annual Scovie Awards Competition judged by chefs, restaurant managers and food journalists this fall in a blind-tasting test. The awards officially cover the year 2018.

Sponsored by Fiery-Foods & Barbecue Magazine, The Scovie Awards evolved from the National Fiery Foods & Barbecue Show after 1996 when the contest was called "The Fiery Foods Challenge." Originally, it was part of the show and had a People's Choice Award that was voted on by the general public.

Later, the decision was made to separate the show and the awards, which were renamed "The Scovie Awards" to honor the memory of Wilbur Scoville, the scientist who invented the Scoville Organoleptic Test in 1912 to determine the heat scale of chile peppers.

The Scovie Awards Competition accepts entries for two months during the summer and the judging is held in Albuquerque between the New Mexico State Fair and the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. This year there were 588 entries from 121 companies in 31 states, plus The United Kingdom, New Zealand, Austria, Switzerland and Australia.

The culinary experts honored The Bossy Gourmet Salsas with two awards in the Processed Salsa category for its Green Chile Salsa, one award in the Prepared Sauce cat-

egory for their Red Enchilada Sauce and one award in the Hot Processed Salsa category for their Jalapeño Salsa. They were judged on eye appeal, aroma, flavor and heat scale.

Judges deemed that The Bossy Gourmet products had superior flavors with a unique home-style quality that emanates from authentic family recipes.

"We are totally amazed and excited to have our products recognized as superior to others in the market," said COO Lori Alvarez, who formulated the products based upon her mother's long-held recipes. "We know we had a lot of good competition and that is why we are ecstatic to be recognized."

"We worked very hard for this," said Lenny Pelifian, company president and CEO.

According to company lore, The Bossy Gourmet got its name "when an extremely talented chef was teaching a non-cook how to prepare food. The chef instructed and then watched as the helper attempted to dice onions, stir sauce, and prepare vegetables for cooking. The chef barked out instructions to the helper until the helper was so scared that he could no longer perform the easiest of kitchen duties. After several seconds went by, the chef could no longer use restraint and bumped the helper out of the way and proceeded to prepare the food alone.

"The helper named the chef The Bossy Gourmet because it described the chef in the most appropriate manner. Since that fateful day, the

chef and the helper combined culinary expertise and business acumen to form the company."

Bossy Gourmet products are available locally at Toucan Market, SaveMart, Pic Quik locations and the Mesilla Valley Store in Mesilla. The firm is located at 2211 North Main Street, Suite #7. Contact them at 575-323-0979, ceo@thebossygourmet.com.



Green chile salsa and red enchilada sauce are among The Bossy Gourmet's product line.

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Don't always trust politicians bearing economic gifts

Economic theory can be like a magical coat of invisibility for politician. A theory that justifies a favored policy can disarm the opposition and allow passage. The problem is that often these magical theories involve magical thinking with little connection to reality.

In the 1960s, for example, Kennedy administration official Walter Heller, drunk on Keynesian economics, put forward the concept of fine tuning. The idea was that by turning the knobs of economic policy – a little higher tax rate here, a little more government spending there, more money growth over there – one could eliminate business cycles.

Both Heller's fine tuning as well as the Keynesian consensus on which it was based were blown from the water by events of the 1970s, in particular, the supply side shocks of the OPEC oil price spikes. But even before OPEC provided Keynesian demand side ideas to be inadequate, many among the economics profession, especially Milton Friedman, but others as well, called bogus on Heller.

Friedman took great glee in calling out the Keynesians for their hubris in thinking that they knew enough to eliminate business cycles. And even if the Keynesians did know enough, Friedman further argued, the Keynesians would not be



CHRIS ERICKSON
State of the Economy

able to persuade Congress to act in a timely manner. The whole fine tuning thing was magical thinking.

Flash forward to the 1980s. Reagan advisor and supply sider Arthur Laffer pro-

posed his famous curve, which argued that a decrease in tax rates will increase economic activity sufficient to generate enough new tax revenue to offset the tax cuts. A massive tax cut could result in revenue increases.

Laffer's curve did not survive the course of events. The Reagan tax cuts turned the 1980s not into a paradise of budget surpluses but into an era of rising debt. Indeed, Reagan's tax policy converted a near 40-year trend of falling debt-to-GDP into a raising trend.

Laffer's supply side ideas were widely ridiculed at the time. They implied a large response to the tax cuts by workers that was not credible. Reagan himself realized that his original tax cuts had gone too far. He signed several tax increases, including the Tax Equity

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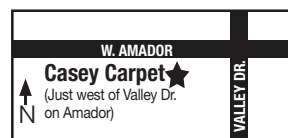
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NMSU College of Business provides networking opportunities

By JANE MOORMAN

For the Bulletin

Investing in the future begins by giving students the opportunity to build their careers on the solid foundation of a college education.

"We prefer calling our scholarship donors 'investors' because they are investing in our students' futures," said New Mexico State University Chancellor Garrey Carruthers during the College of Business scholarship luncheon on Oct. 27.

"NMSU is ranked second highest return on investment among universities, Wyoming is first. We are proud of the work we do at NMSU and the success of many of our graduates," he said.

Scholarship investor contributions totaling \$264,720 are providing 115 scholarships for 199 College of Business students for the 2017-2018 academic year.

The contributions, number of scholarships and recipients continue to increase. For the 2016-2017 academic year, the college awarded 104 scholarships totaling \$222,205 to approximately 164 students.

"The luncheon is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge our scholarship donors for their support and to recognize the recipients," said College of Business Dean James Hoffman. "Donors are connected directly to the students they are helping to achieve their education."

"It is very special to meet the recipients of the scholarships," said Raul Gomez, who established the Jeff Gomez PGA Golf

Management Endowed Scholarship in memory of his son. "We enjoy getting to know students who are being supported by our scholarship."

College of Business 2017 Distinguished Alumnus Del Esparza was honored during the luncheon for his leadership on the NMSU Foundation Board of Directors and his creation of the Del Esparza and Family Endowed Scholarship.

The owner of Esparza Advertising in Albuquerque knows the importance of giving back.

He is the founder of Advocate, a philanthropic organization, and has served on many organizations' foundation and fundraising events board of directors, including United Way of Central New Mexico, Heart Hospital of New Mexico and the American Heart Association Heart Walk.

Esparza Advertising was among the "Duke City Dozen," the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce's recognition for companies that give back.

"Be the best you can be at living a value-based life," Esparza told the students during the luncheon. "How you live matters."

Esparza thanked his fellow alumni and investors for giving when they didn't have to.

"Follow their example, give back by paying it forward," he said to the students attending the luncheon.

Alumnus and scholarship investor Kyle Louvar, vice president at Merrill Lynch in Houston, shared how receiving scholarships while attending



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Scholarship investor Raul Gomez of El Paso, left, visits with New Mexico State University College of Business scholarship recipient Tristan Goodwin at the college's scholarship luncheon during the 2017 homecoming activities.



College of Business 2017 Distinguished Alumnus Del Esparza with his son, Anthony, and alumni Kyle and Nicole Louvar were speakers at the college scholarship luncheon during Homecoming week activities.

NMSU helped him and his wife, Nicole, obtain their business degrees, and the opportunities they have had in their careers.

Education is important to the couple. They both serve on the NMSU Foundation board and have two

endowed scholarships at NMSU.

"As you transition from student to a professional, understand that your greatest power is your power of choice," Louvar said. "You can choose how you want to write your life

story. Opportunities will present themselves every single day. It will be your choice whether to take advantage of those opportunities.

"At some point you will have the opportunity to give back and help others the way that others have helped you. I encourage you to pay forward, so others have the opportunity to write their life stories just as you have this opportunity right now to write yours."

New Mexico Leadership Institute Fellow Kevin Prieto spoke about how the full-ride scholarship is impacting his life as a first-generation college student.

"The scholarship has allowed me to focus on what is important to me, and not have to worry

about finances," said the president of the NMSU Associated Students and senior majoring in business management. "It has really set me up for a future of success."

"I can't think of a better investment than investing in the education of a student," he said. "It's not only investing in that student, it's investing in the state, in the country and in the world."

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Businesses unsettled by DACA uncertainty

By **FINANCE NEW MEXICO**
For the Bulletin

Barring Congressional intervention, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program is ending, and DACA recipients – or “Dreamers” – are subject to deportation when their work permits expire if they didn’t get an extension before the Oct. 5 deadline.

The demise of the program has created uncertainty among employers who are required to fire DACA recipients the day after their permits expire but risk discrimination charges if they act too soon to terminate – or even identify – DACA recipients on their payrolls.

Companies risk fines for employing ineligible workers.

They’re also advised to prepare carefully for this sudden change in circumstances for up to 800,000 young people whose parents brought them into the United States without proper documentation when they were children.

A delicate question

All employees, regardless of their citizenship status, must fill out an I-9 form and provide multiple forms of identification to verify their eligibility to work in the United States. Noncitizen workers carry papers that authorize them to work here temporarily; the paperwork includes a code that specifies the basis for the permit, but employers are discouraged from using the code to identify DACA recipients.

Determining who is or isn’t a Dreamer is a sensitive exercise. An employer doesn’t want to risk penalties for keeping an ineligible worker on the payroll, but if he demands to see more paperwork than the worker showed to get the I-9 form or demands to know the worker’s immigration status, the employer could be accused of illegal employment discrimination.

Firing someone who’s still eligible to work or refusing to hire a Dreamer because her permit might

expire soon is illegal, and a DACA recipient isn’t required to disclose that status when applying for a job or after getting the job.

How to handle it

Businesses are advised to retain I-9 records of employees whose work permits have expiration dates. When those dates near, the employer can remind the workers that the company needs to see proof of employment eligibility, such as a permit extension, after the permit expires — a process called reverification.

If the business’s records are dated or incomplete, the owner could disseminate a company-wide email urging anyone with an expiring work permit to take steps to maintain eligibility.

If a valued worker discloses that his permit is set to expire, the business could offer a leave of absence in lieu of a pink slip until the worker can provide proof of employment eligibility, until DACA is reinstated or replaced, or until the em-



ployee becomes eligible to work by some other route.

Depending on the worker’s country of origin, she might be eligible for temporary protected status, which was designed to protect undocumented immigrants from deportation to countries they fled due to disease, violence, or natural disasters.

Local Concern

Business organizations have advocated for

quick action to remove the uncertainty surrounding employment of workers affected by DACA. A recent letter to New Mexico’s congressional delegation said, “the [Santa Fe] Chamber of Commerce urges your support to pass legislation that ensures stability for the DACA ‘dreamers’ and helps local employers plan and grow their businesses.”

Until Congress acts, employers are encouraged to talk with an employment law attorney. More information can

be found at the following U.S. Department of Homeland Security links: <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2017/09/05/memorandum-rescission-daca> and <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2017/09/05/frequently-asked-questions-rescission-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca>.

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and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982, probably the largest peacetime tax increase in U.S. history. He felt compelled to sign these laws precisely because the deficit-reducing revenues promised by Laffer turned out to just as magical as had the ideas of the Keynesians.

Both Heller on the left

and Laffer on the right have something in common: They espoused economic theory that was comforting to the politicians who they served. Their theories disarmed the opposition and enabled the passage of policies desired by the economists’ political allies. How convenient

Flash forward. Perhaps not surprising, to this administration current proposals are justifying

its tax plan with a hodgepodge of magical theories. A little Keynesian pixie dust here; a little supply sider love potion there. It will stimulate the economy. It will generate enough economic activity to reduce the deficit.

There is a proverb to beware Greeks bearing gifts else it may be a Trojan horse. There should be a similar proverb to beware politicians using convenient economic theories

to pass a law that may be bad policy.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at NMSU. Back in the day, he was among the economists who predicted that the Reagan tax cuts would balloon deficits. The opinions expressed may not be shared by the regents and administration of NMSU. Chris can be reached at chrerick@nmsu.edu.

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Lundeen Inn of the Arts owner Linda Lundeen, left, and her daughter, Lydia Lundeen, with their New Mexico Hospitality Association Top Hat award recognizing the inn as the 2017 Best Limited Service Hotel in New Mexico. They are shown with a painting by Seattle artist J.B. McGee titled "Sunrise with Hollyhocks." It's one of about 300 pieces of art by 25 artists featured at the inn.

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The Lundeen Inn of the Arts fireplace is decked out for the holidays.

State gives tip of the hat to Lundeen Inn of the Arts

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Lundeen Inn of the Arts, 618 S. Alameda Blvd., has won the first-ever Top Hat award for the best limited service hotel in New Mexico.

Limited service means the hotel doesn't offer room service.

"We have everything else," owner Linda Lundeen said.

She operates the inn with daughter Lydia Lundeen and son Gered Lundeen.

The award was presented to the Lundeens during the New Mexico Hospitality Association's (NMHA) Nov. 14 awards gala in Albuquerque.

NMHA presented more than a dozen 2017 Top Hat awards recognizing businesses and individuals for outstanding service. The Lundeen Inn was the only winner from southern New Mexico. Visit newmexico-hospitality.org/2017-top-hat-finalists for a complete list of nominees and winners.

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This 200-year-old Brandenburg piano, bought at an antique store in Hillsboro, is a fixture in the Lundeen Inn of the Arts dining room.

NMSU program recognized by hospitality association

The New Mexico Hospitality Association provided its first scholarship from the Association's endowed Hospitality and Tourism Scholarship Fund, powered by the Albuquerque Community Foundation, to the New Mexico State University Hotel, Restaurant, Tourism Management program.

The scholarship will power the HRTM Student

Travel Fund, which provides HRTM students with the opportunity to attend educational experiences and events around the state and the country.

In addition, the association awarded \$1,000 scholarships to five students, including four from the HRTM program at NMSU: Alejandro Flores, Nicolette Young, Antonio Mijares and Oivia Ruiz.

NMSU faculty to study Rio Grande Rift

By MINERVA BAUMANN

For the Bulletin

Many residents of southern New Mexico don't realize that they are living in an active geologic landscape: the Rio Grande rift. Volcanoes, earthquakes, and fossils millions of years old are all part of what researchers at New Mexico State University plan to study with help from the newly established Southern Rift Institute.

Four NMSU geology professors with overlapping interests in the geology and tectonic history of the southern Rio Grande rift have joined forces to create the institute, which is dedicated to obtaining funding to support student-involved research. "The Rio Grande rift is one of the world's classic continental rifts and it is literally in our backyard. The easy access to rock formations makes this an excellent natural laboratory for better understanding the history of continental rifting," said Jeff Amato, geology professor in the College of Arts and Sciences and one of the four collaborators.

One example of the preservation of fossils in the rift was the discovery of a 3 million year-old fossilized jawbone of a tapir found by one of Amato's graduate students. An article on this was published recently in the journal New Mexico Geology. Other fossils are likely to be uncovered as the result of the institute's future research.

"We have a fund for tax-deductible donations set up through the NMSU

Foundation called Southern Rift Institute in Geological Sciences," Amato said. "The institute's faculty have ongoing collaborations but we wanted to formalize these relationships with the goal of obtaining research funding that will support our work and the graduate students who assist us."

The assistant professors involved in the project are Emily Johnson, Brian Hampton and Reed Burgette.

Johnson is a volcanologist and is interested in the young volcanic history of the rift. "Volcanic eruptions have occurred in the southern rift up through about 3000 years ago, which means future eruptions are possible," said Johnson. "I'm interested in studying the styles, frequency, and locations of past volcanic eruptions, and how fast the magmas rose up to the surface; these topics are all important for assessing possible future volcanic hazards in the rift."

Burgette's focus is neotectonics and earthquakes and he is interested in determining the rates of uplift in the region. "Many of the mountain ranges



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A group of faculty members in New Mexico State University's Department of Geological Sciences has formed the Southern Rift Institute to raise funds for research of the Rio Grande Rift. From left, Emily Johnson, Reed Burgette, Jeffrey Amato and Brian Hampton are seen here at Gardiner Hall.

in our area, including the Organ, San Andres, and Sacramento Mountains, have fault scarps which attest to the prehistoric occurrence of strong earthquakes," Burgette said. "I am interested in applying modern surveying and dating methods to better understand the rate of

deformation and seismic hazard in the southern rift area."

Amato is a professor of structural geology and geochronology. "My focus is on rifting from about 15

million years to 3 million years ago, and Burgette's research is on the more recent extension. The entire history of the rift spans up to 36 million years so we have a vast amount of

research in the coming years.

Hampton is a sedimentary geologist interested in studying the age of

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The Lundeen Inn of the Arts is located at 618 S. Alameda Blvd. Traveling on Alameda, look for the green numbers "636" on the rock wall and turn in there. The inn is located next door.

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ners.

The award will provide "a lot of exposure for Las Cruces," Linda Lundeen said. "We've got to let them know we're down here."

The awards gala was "like the Academy Awards," she said.

Lundeen and her late husband, Las Cruces architect Jerry Lundeen, have welcomed about 70,000 visitors from around the world since opening the inn.

A recent visitor from Australia sent Linda a leg of kangaroo as a gift. It's still in her freezer at the inn.

Among the inn's famous guests are Linda Ronstadt and Hugh Downs.

"He was such a part of everything we've done," Linda said of her husband, who died in June. Jerry Lundeen studied with internationally renowned ar-

chitect Frank Lloyd Wright and also taught at New Mexico State University.

Lundeen also expressed her gratitude to Las Cruces promoter Stan Blitz for his work on behalf of the inn.

"This inn is the crème de la crème of Las Cruces," Blitz said.

The Lundeen Inn has seven guest rooms. The Lundeens themselves live in the "the tree house" at the very top of the property.

The inn and its garden courtyard are also available for parties.

To visit Lundeen Inn of the Arts, turn off Alameda Boulevard at the green numbers 636 on the rock wall. The inn is next door.

For more information, contact Lundeen at 575-526-3326. Visit www.innoft-hearts.com and find them on Facebook.

Mike Cook may be reached at mike@lascrucesbulletin.com.



The Lundeen Inn of the Arts dining room.

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The right tool for the job

Clark owned a small dairy farm in Delaware. Thinking to add to his larder, he bought a black steer at Dill's auction down the road to fatten a beef for the family.

He put the steer in a grazing pasture with the dairy heifers. In a short time he noticed that the steer was trying to breed the heifers! Not a good thing on a dairy farm. He decided to take him back to the sale the next week, in the meantime he needed to separate him from the heifers.

His son Bob and he managed to drive him into an old laying hen house they were using for hay storage. Over the week the steer's attitude began to worsen. Finally the day came. They decided they would try to rope him and move him into a box stall in order to load him on a cattle truck.

Then the chaos began! The steer was bangin' the walls, jumpin' the hay bales and charging anything that moved! Thinking clearly, Clark mounted the old tractor and parked it by the chicken house door. The right tool for the job, I say. Then he took his gun from the pickup and placed himself in front of the door.

His plan was to have Bob open the stall, the steer would run to the door and Clark would euthanize the steer humanely as he passed through at 35 hooves per hour. Humm...?

Bob opened the stall and ran for cover. The steer took one look at the tractor then turned and dove under the chicken roosts! He was just tall enough to pop the 1x4's and 1x6's, which were the frame of



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the platform. He ran the length of it, nails and pieces of board went flying! Next he jumped on the bales, stumbled and crashed through the back door on the other side of the shed, where Clark was

not.

This was the year that they had pulled up all the old barbwire fence from the Revolutionary War period. They had replaced it with little electric fences suitable for domesticated heifers. The crazed steer set about tearing the electric fence, t-posts, insulators and wire gates to pieces! His demolition included the pastures wherein the heifers abided. He finally calmed down, found the heifers and went back to sniffing and grazing.

Exhausted, they called the cowboy in the neighborhood who came and roped him. The sale barn's portable loading chute was summoned to take him back to the sale.

Well, the story got out. Next day Clark's neighbor cited a coincidence, "Black steer, huh. I sent a black steer to the sale two weeks ago. I'd banded him but I missed one of his test-tickles and pretty soon he was trying to breed all the dairy heifers on my place!"

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

STUDY

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eroded sediment and how that sediment is distributed throughout the rift. "Depositional systems like the Rio Grande are sensitive to changes in tectonic conditions in the rift," says Hampton. "Studying both modern and ancient river deposits in the Rio Grande rift will help with understanding uplift, erosion, and sedimentation on both human

and geologic timescales. Sedimentary layers contain an excellent record of past life and also house much of the Mesilla Basin's groundwater aquifer resources."

"This is another way of supporting student research. This institute can provide funding we need to write proposals for some of the larger grants, which are very competitive," said Amato. The Southern Rift Institute led a field trip to the Prehistoric Track-

ways Monument during NMSU's homecoming weekend. There, faculty and geology alumni were able to look at rift geology and fossils and meet with students. "The initial response from alumni was enthusiastic, with some already pledging support," said Hampton.

The results of this study will be shared with the public through lectures and field trips for donors. Amato said, "People living in the Las Cruces area already ap-

preciate the scenery of the region, but I think they would also like to learn how dynamic our landscape is, and how rift-ing is responsible for both the mountains and the rivers, as well as the aquifer that forms the source for most of our drinking water."

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Cannabis is a great tool for pain management

Due to the overwhelming response to last month's column on opiates vs. cannabis for pain management I am going to continue the dialogue. There may also be a part 3. Keep the comments coming, folks.

We can all agree that prescription drugs are important in our society. But the word is out, opiates can kill. If you or someone you love are taking prescription pain killers every day, and have for years, chances are you are an addict. You will need treatment and care if you choose to reduce their use.

In Las Cruces, as elsewhere, treatment is not readily available. Often, patients turn to the medical cannabis program – if they qualify.

Severe chronic pain, rheumatoid arthritis and peripheral neuropathy are conditions acceptable for the medical cannabis program. All are also often treated with opiates. Let Department of Health Cabinet Secretary Lynn Gallagher know how opiates are affecting you and your family.

My colleagues and I have been educating our patients about the benefits of cannabinoids for pain and opioid addiction for 10 years with great success. We have seen patients free themselves from opiates with the proper and medicinal use of cannabinoids, specifically the CBD cannabinoid. Often we



HILDA LUZ CHAVEZ

The Good Herb

collaborate with the prescribing practitioner to wean the patient from the opioids, while they learn to use cannabinoids.

To revisit CBD:

It is one of the cannabinoids that does not produce a high.

This cannabinoid is effective for pain, inflammation, insomnia, PTSD and anxiety, especially when ingested. CBD is available in oil, capsules, tinctures and topicals.

However, not all CBD products are created equal and the patient will need guidance in the proper use of CBD. It is, after all, a drug – from a plant, but still a drug. Every patient will need to learn dosages and how to best use the cannabinoid for their particular condition. When it comes to cannabinoids, a good rule of thumb is “less is more”.

We must also consider the body-mind-spirit connection. Cannabis is one tool available. There are also meditation, breathing exercises, counseling, EMDR, physical therapy, acupuncture, chiropractic, yoga and nutritional education. All are tools that allow the patient to become aware and more responsible for their

own health and wellbeing.

It behooves the practitioners to properly guide and educate these patients. They depend on us. If you are not prepared to do so, refer the patient to someone who can.

Being a doctor is an honor and a privilege. The Latin root word for doctor is *docere*, which means teacher. What are we teaching our patients? Do we empower our patients to take responsibility for their own health?

If they got hurt or a surgery went bad, before they knew it they were addicted to opiates. Their tolerance level meant they needed more and higher doses. Their prescribing doctor says, “You can’t have opiates anymore, the DEA is monitoring my prescriptions.” It is a fact that opiate prescriptions are being limited, to a 10- to 30-day supply.

If the patient is not allowed to be a cannabis user, this approach lacks compassion and understanding. How can you deny the patient access to the natural medicine in cannabis, which has been proven to have zero risk of death?

Hilda Luz Chavez, ND, is a third-generation healer and curandera. Her work in Las Cruces is all about educating and awakening the interest of the younger generations to herbal medicine and supporting the older generations with remedies they remember. She can be reached at chavezhl@aol.com.

Teen birth rate continues decline

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) reports a decrease in the 2016 teen birth rate in the state, continuing a steep decline that began in 2007. Births to teens in New Mexico are now at their lowest point in decades:

The birth rate for teens ages 15 to 19 fell 14 percent from 2015 to 2016, and 55 percent over the past nine years. (The teen birth rate for ages 15 to 19 was 29.4 per 1,000 females in 2016.)

Additionally, the birth rate for teens ages 15 to 17 saw a significant drop: down by 11 percent from 2015 to 2016, and nearly a 60 percent decrease since 2007. (The teen birth rate for ages 15 to 17 was 16.9 per 1,000 females in 2016.)

These declines in teen births in New Mexico are similar to national declines observed during the same period. Despite the continued decrease in teen births, New Mexico still has among the highest teen birth rates in the nation.

“While we are making important progress in reducing teen pregnancy and unintended pregnancy in New Mexico, the reality is that too many teens are still having babies,” said New Mexico Department of Health Cabinet Secretary Lynn Gallagher. “We remain committed to continuing our comprehensive approach to teen pregnancy by helping teens find access to family planning services, access to the most effective contraceptive, and appropriate sex education programs.”

NMDOH’s Family Planning Program provides access to confidential, low- or no-cost family planning services through public health offices, community clinics, and school-based health centers and has worked with the clinics to maintain

access to birth control for teens.

The Family Planning Program also uses telemedicine to serve areas with a shortage of providers. In 2016, providers statewide benefited from distance medical education and care management via a Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) Reproductive Health TeleECHO clinic. The weekly one-hour clinic is made available by a partnership between NMDOH, the University of New Mexico, and New Mexico Human Services Department’s Medicaid program.

The downward trends in teen births occur at a time when more New Mexico teens being served at Title X Family Planning clinics have chosen long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) as their primary birth control method. Additionally, the New Mexico Medicaid Program has changed its policy to separately reimburse providers for the provision of LARC in various settings. In 2016, through Centennial Care, more than 10% of New Mexico teens in need of publicly supported contraceptive services chose LARC.

Additionally, NMDOH’s educational programs for youth include service-learning, positive youth development, and comprehensive sex education programs. Adult-teen communication programs give adults information and skills to communicate effectively with young people about reducing risky sexual behavior. The Family Planning Program also offers BrdsNBz, a text-messaging system for teens with free, confidential answers to sexual health questions in English or Spanish.

For more information on teen birth rates and on family planning programs for adults and teens, visit <https://nmhealth.org/about/phd/fhb/fpp/>.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Smart driving classes:

Hosted by AARP Chapter 1230, 1-5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, at Senior Circle, 3948 E. Lohman Ave., behind Walgreens. Info/reservations: 575-522-0502.

Fraud Watch:

Las Cruces AARP chapter will hold a public information presentation, Fraud Watch at noon Dec. 4 at Doña Ana Senior Center, Saturday, Dec. 8, at Placitas Senior Center and Dec. 13 at Radium Springs Senior Center.

ALR events:

Academy for Learning in Retirement hosts programs in November and December. Each event will be 10:30 a.m.-noon at Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Coffee begins at 10 a.m. \$4 per day for members, \$5 for non-members, \$5 to become a member. November programs are themed "Traversing the Difficult" and focuses on racial and class injustice and inequality, as well as

global militarization, historical disparities in labor laws and other social justice issues. December's programs focus on "Why We Still Need Walt Whitman: The Powers and Limits of Poetry in a Moment of Moral Crisis and Political Divisiveness." Info/RSVP: dacc.nmsu.edu/alr, 575-522-1938, nmsu.alr@gmail.com.

AARP: General meeting of the Las Cruces chapter, every third Wednesday at Senior Circle, 3948 E Lohman behind Walgreen's.

Alzheimer's group:

Early Stages Alzheimer's Support Group meets 10-11 a.m., second Thursday of every month, 1155 S. Telshor Blvd., Suite 202. Attend with a friend or family member.

Birth, death certificates:

8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, Vital Records Office at the Las Cruces Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive. Closed noon to 1 p.m. Info: 575-528-5046.

Online program aids Social Security access

By RAY VIGIL

For the Bulletin

Taking control of your future is the first step in planning a long and happy retirement. Social Security is making it faster and easier to do this with my Social Security.

With your own personal my Social Security account, you'll get immediate access to your personal Social Security Statement that has your earnings record and an estimate of your retirement benefits at age 62, at your full retirement age, and at age 70. While you are online, you should verify that your earnings are correct, since we base your future benefits on your earnings record. You can do all of this and more at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

When you open a my Social Security account, we protect your information by using strict identity verification and security features. The application process has built-in features to detect fraud and confirm your identity. Your personal my Social Security account can help you figure out how much more you might want to save for your future, but it can do a whole lot

more. For example, in the District of Columbia and more than 20 states, you can request a replacement Social Security card online — find out if you can at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber.

Remember, we have many other valuable resources on our website. If you're thinking about retiring at an age not shown on your Statement, take control by using our Retirement Estimator.

The Retirement Estimator allows you to calculate your potential future Social Security benefits by changing variables such as retirement dates and future earnings. You may discover that you'd rather wait another year or two before you retire, to earn a higher benefit. Or, you might see that this is the season for you to kiss that work stress goodbye and retire right now. To get instant, personalized estimates of your future benefits, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

Being in control means steering your future in the direction you want. Social Security's online resources are here to help, day or night. Check out your own personal "control panel" at www.socialsecurity.gov/online-services.

[socialsecurity.gov/online-services](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online-services).

Social Security supports veterans

Supporting veterans and active duty members of the military is a key part of Social Security's mission. Our disability program has helped countless wounded warriors and their loved ones. Every Veterans Day, the nation collectively honors the brave people who risk their lives to protect our country.

For those who return home with injuries, Social Security is a resource they can turn to for disability benefits. Social Security's Wounded Warriors website is at www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors.

The Wounded Warriors website has answers to many commonly asked questions, and provides other useful information about disability benefits, including how veterans can receive expedited processing of disability claims. Benefits available through Social Security are different from those available from the Department of Veterans Affairs; they require a separate application.

Social Security's expedited process is available to military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

Even active duty military who continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave should consider applying for disability benefits if they're unable to work due to a disabling condition. Active duty status and receipt of military pay doesn't necessarily prevent payment of Social Security disability benefits. Although a person can't receive Social Security disability benefits while engaging in substantial work for pay or profit, receipt of military payments should never stop someone from applying for disability benefits from Social Security.

You can learn more by visiting our veterans page at www.socialsecurity.gov/people/veterans

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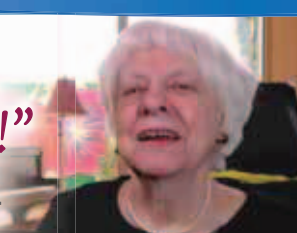
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Dementia caregiver conference scheduled

The Family Caregiver Conference will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at Alma d'Arte charter school, 402 W. Court Ave.

This year's conference, sponsored by Arbors of Del Rey, is themed "Caregiving: the Heart of the Journey." The event

brings together a program of presenters, workshops, camaraderie and resources designed to educate and improve the experience of the family caregiver.

Included are presentations from noted authorities in dementia care and related fields, including

keynote speaker Janice Knoefel, MD, MPH (Clinical Director, UNM Memory and Aging), and J. Roberto Duran, III, M.D. (Internal Medicine, Geriatrics and Palliative Care, Southwest Center on Aging.)

The conference is free to family caregivers, \$25

for professionals. All family caregivers are encouraged to attend.

Sign up at 575-647-3868 or visit www.alz.org/new-mexico.

Day-of respite options are available, provided by Casa Bella Memory Care. Contact 505-796-4510 for details.

PET OF THE WEEK



Prince

Prince is a spunky 3-year-old Plott hound mix. He is a bit shy at first, but once he gets to know you, he won't ever want to leave your side. He loves to be petted and will win a spot in your heart in an instant. Please stop by ASCMV to meet him today!

APA hosts low-cost vaccination, microchip clinic

Does your dog or cat need a vaccine or microchip? The ACTION Programs for Animals' low-cost vaccination and microchip clinic is from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Better Life Natural Pet Foods, 315 S. Telshor behind Whataburger.

The following services will be offered:

- 1-year and 3-year rabies vaccination (\$15)
 - Distemper, adenovirus, parainfluenza and parvovirus (DAPP) dog vaccination combination (\$15)
 - Feline viral rhinotracheitis, calicivirus and panleukopenia (FVRCP) cat vaccination combination (\$15)
 - Microchips (\$10)
- ACTION Programs for Animals accepts cash,

check and credit cards.

APA is a progressive animal welfare organization seeking to improve the quality of life for companion animals in Dona Ana County and greatly reduce the number of unwanted animals impounded and euthanized at the municipal shelter. Since May 2012, 3,000 animals have been rescued, the majority dogs and cats pulled from the municipal shelter.

The APA adoption and education center is located at 800 W. Picacho Ave. and is open from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays and by appointment.

For more information, email mail@apalascruces.org, call 575-644-0505 or visit www.actionprogramsforanimals.org.

Hours, location and contact information

ASCMV is open from noon to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday; noon to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Info: 575-382-0018.

Off-site adoption events

- Farmers & Crafts Market: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday, downtown (dog adoptions: far north end of the market on the Downtown Mall; cat adoptions: Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.)
- PetCo: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday, 3050 E. Lohman Ave., Bldg. D.

Additional services offered

- Microchip: \$20, available

daily, no appointment necessary.

- Pet licenses: City and county licenses available daily (City and county: altered \$7; unaltered \$50).
- Low-cost spay/neuter program: dogs are \$35, cats are \$25; by appointment only.

Donation requests

ASCMV needs human volunteers, along with dog crates, blankets (without filling, no sleeping bags), towels, collars and leashes. Donations can be dropped off during normal business hours or left at the door.

Volunteers

If you love animals and would like to make a difference, contact the volunteer coordinator or stop by to learn about volunteer opportunities.

THE CAT'S MEOW



Onyx

My name is Onyx I am one and a half years old. I am very affectionate, friendly and I love wet food. I have all of my shots and I have been nurtured. To visit me and my family come to The cat's meow Adoption Center at 2211 N. Mesquite St. Las Cruces or call 575.640.0011. Hours are 10:00 - 4:00 Wednesday - Sunday.

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First, you win; then, you hope

An Aggie victory in the season finale does not guarantee a bowl appearance, but it puts Pistol Pete in the conversation

In 2002, the New Mexico State University football team went 7-5, including 5-1 in the Sun Belt Conference.

They were not invited to a bowl game.



MARTY RACINE

Aggie Athletics

On Saturday, Dec. 2, the Aggies can finish the season at 6-6 with a home win over South Alabama, making them bowl eligible with a .500 record.

That still does not ensure membership in bowl culture. But consider this: Fifteen years ago, there were 28 bowl games. This year there are 40. Last winter, even 5-7 teams were recruited to fill out the bloated schedule.

By whatever name in its long football history, which predates New Mexico statehood, the Las Cruces campus has played in three bowls, all Sun Bowl, in 1936, 1959 and 1960. They are 2-0-1 in those games (a 14-14 tie vs. Hardin-Simmons before the institution of overtime). And that's when there were fewer than 10 such opportunities a year.

We can debate what has become of the college football post-season, with such silly matchups as the Bad Boy Mowers Gasparilla Bowl (Dec. 21) and the TaxSlayer Bowl (Dec. 30), but make no mistake: The Aggies desperately want to join the club. It would brand the school nationally and provide a huge psychological boost to a program that struggles with resources to stay competitive, from facilities to finances.



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Cedric Wilcots II (No. 10) had a monster game against Idaho to keep the Aggies' bowl hopes alive, helping the defense limit an opponent to its lowest rushing total in two years.

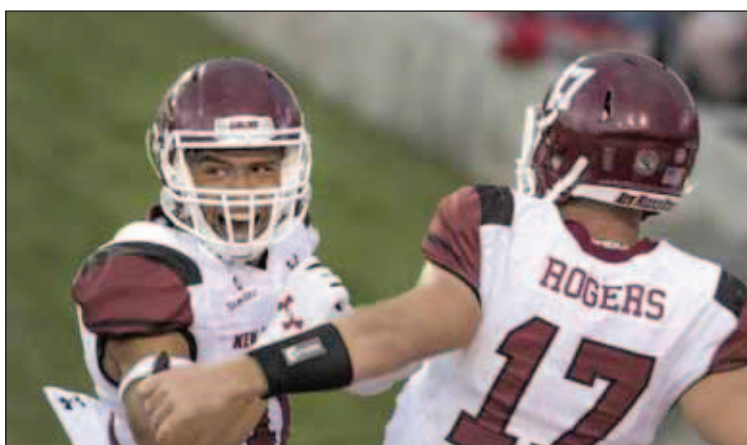


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If the Aggies finish 6-6, they might point to the second game of the season, a 30-28 escape over the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

Four bowls this year reserve an automatic qualifier for the Sun Belt Conference: The New Orleans Bowl, Camellia Bowl and Cure Bowl, all on Dec. 16; and the Arizona Bowl, Dec. 29.

In the best-case scenario, the Aggies go to the latter, with Tuc-

son just a four-hour drive amid rumblings that NMSU might have to turn down a distant bid if the travel finances don't work. But the Sporting News, for one, has Arkansas State, which beat NMSU this year 37-21, projected for this game.

Other Sun Belt elevens virtually assured of post-season invites are Troy, Appalachian State and Georgia State, all of which have better conference and overall records than NMSU. The Aggies lost to two of them (Georgia State wasn't on the schedule). Even 5-6 Louisiana-Lafayette beat NMSU, which could result in a Rajin' Cajun head-to-head tiebreaker if they win their final game Dec. 2 vs. App State.

The Aggies' bowl chances improve if one or more Sun Belt teams receive an at-large bid. There are four available.

But, we're getting ahead of ourselves.

There's a game to play. Kick-off is 2:30; it's perfect football weather, the players will be pumped, and Aggie Memorial Stadium will be packed, perhaps sold out.

South Alabama enters with a 4-7 record, 3-4 in the Sun

Belt. The Jaguars have been outscored 26.9 to 20.1 points per game. On offense, they like to pass. But the defense has forced 19 turnovers, led by Jeremy Reaves (No. 97), with three picks and two fumble recoveries.

Win or lose, the Aggies can be proud of their season. They are one of only 10 Football Bowl Subdivision teams (out of 130) that played fewer than six home games. They faced two Power 5 schools (Arizona State, Arkansas).

The offense has been stellar. Entering week 14, senior running back Larry Rose III and redshirt senior quarterback Tyler Rogers have combined for 11 top 5 career offensive records for the Aggies. All year, Rogers has ranked near the top nationally in completions.

Now the defense has joined the party, stuffing Idaho in the Nov. 25 must-win game. The Aggies held the Vandals to 41 rushing yards. Defensive end Cedric Wilcots II recorded six tackles and 3.5 sacks, earning Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Week honors.

The defensive pressure was critical with the offense missing Rogers to a shoulder injury. It was unknown at press time whether he or backup QB Nick Jeanty, a redshirt junior, will start against South Alabama.

Saturday's contest can be streamed through AggieVision or ESPN3. It will air on the Aggie Sports Network with Jack Nixon on the call and Cory Lucas as the analyst. The flagship station is KXPZ, 99.5 FM.

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Giving thanks even past Thanksgiving

Every year around this time, fueled by turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie, I get truly sentimental and start thinking about all the things I'm thankful for. I think it's a feeling that goes back a long way, possibly when I was a child in suburban Cleveland, and relished playing touch football on chilly fall days.

Then when I moved to Las Cruces almost 30 years ago I found myself most thankful for my own family and my health, and the many good friends I have been blessed to know since adopting this city as my home. Having retired my clinical psychology license, and now with the opportunity to play plenty of golf, I'm also thankful for my wife,



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

Suzanne, her wonderful music, our golden retriever, our neighbors and my extended family.

This is my chance to share a few of the golf-related things I'm also most thankful

for.

One reason we have such a staunch golfing community is partly due to the fact that we can golf year-round here in the

desert, with temperate weather cooler than Scottsdale in the summer and warmer than Albuquerque in the winter.

We can be thankful for our four great golf courses in our quaint little town, with another half-dozen within an hour's drive. We all owe a debt of thanks to the managers and staffs who maintain the grounds, stock the pro shops, service the carts, serve the food and beverages and keep everything the way it should be.

We can be thankful for our four head PGA professionals: Jason White (NMSU), Chris Ortiz (Red Hawk), Vern Bane (Sonoma Ranch) and Jim Nodurft (Picacho Hills).

Backing up these head pros are future PGA club

and teaching pros who are students in NMSU's PGA Golf Management Program, which is part of the School of Business. Individuals enrolled in the PGM program, all of whom are excellent golfers, work part-time at all four golf courses; they represent the future of the golf business. Those students and our community are thankful for Pat Gavin, director of PGM, and Josh Salmon, assistant director.

I, for one, am particularly thankful for all those local golfers who play by the rules, respect the golf courses by repairing their divots, honor the game by dressing in suitable attire and don't play like slugs so as not to interfere with other golfers' enjoyment.

Most of the golfers who play frequently in our town play with regular groups, including myself. The players in those groups happen to be good friends who we compete with, but more importantly enjoy being in each other's company. So let's give it up for our golfing friends, who make those hours we spend beating around little white orbs a lot more fun than it otherwise would be.

We should all be grateful for the local business men and women who support dozens of golf fundraisers throughout the year with donations, gifts and effort. These events enable schools, teams, groups, foundations, agencies and worthy causes to thrive. We should all

be proud that the citizens of the United States of America are the most giving and charitable people in the whole world. And I am thankful to be an American. God Bless America.

Last but not least, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to you, my loyal readers, who often provide me with ideas, feedback, motivation and inspiration. Mine is a labor of love.

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership who works with PGA professionals and young golfers to enhance their performance. Contact Blanchard at docblanchard71@gmail.com.

Course veterans



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The El Paso/Las Cruces Old Timers Golf Group played their monthly tournament at Red Hawk Golf Club Nov. 13. Seated from left, Bill Greenenwald (first place, Vista Hills), Tom Bartlett (Old Timers president); standing, from left, is the second-place team of Steve Davis (Underwood Fort Bliss), Shelby McCue (Dos Lagos), Sam Martinez (Lone Star).



Welcome back

New Mexico State University guard Sidy N'Dir goes for two against UT-El Paso in the first half of the Aggies' 72-63 victory Nov. 25 in the battle of I-10 at the Pan American Center. N'Dir, who was out most of last season with an injury, scored 13 points with four rebounds, an assist and a steal to help push NMSU to 4-1 on the young season.

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Scoring big

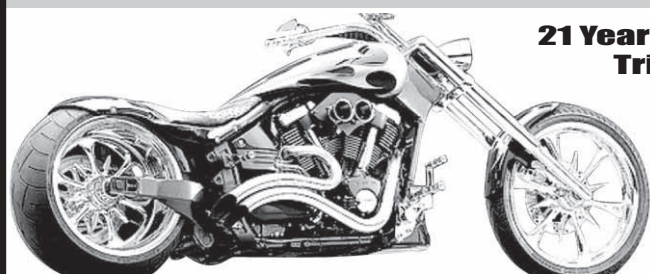
The NMSU system and the Aggie Athletics Club received \$50,000 Nov. 24 from Kyocera and PTS Office Systems, Inc., in support of student-athletes. Pictured at the Nov. 25 halftime ceremony of the NMSU-UTEP game are, from left, NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, NMSU alumni Becky and Kevin Horner of PTS Office Systems and NMSU Athletics Director Mario Moccia.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Brenda Prieto is a 16-year-old junior at Mayfield High School. She's on the Lady Trojans basketball, cross country and track and field teams. Prieto plays guard on the basketball team, is the top female runner in cross country and runs sprints and relays in track and field. She has played basketball for three years and is a team leader. This year she is a starter and is ready to contribute in a greater way. In cross country, Prieto led the Lady Trojans to a third-place finish in district, which qualified them for the State Cross Country meet, a first in many years. She was the most valuable female runner for the girls' team. Prieto is coachable, caring, mentally tough, honest, loyal, leads by example and works hard every day in every aspect of life. She is an outstanding student, with a 4.0 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society. Basketball Coach George Maya said, "I have had the pleasure of coaching Brenda going on three years. She has worked hard to improve her craft and is a model student-athlete. She is an inspiration to us and our team." Outside of sports and school, Prieto loves learning, time with family and friends and listening to music.



Jacob Smith is an 18-year-old senior at Mayfield High School. He plays guard on the Trojans basketball team. Smith is a two-year varsity player and one of the most consistent shooters on the team. For the 2017-18 season, he is averaging 13.5 points, 2.5 rebounds and two steals per game. Smith is a committed hard worker who understands team work. He is a dedicated student, with a 3.25 GPA. He enjoys playing basketball and spends a lot of time in the gym; he is interested in playing basketball at the next level. Outside of basketball and school, Smith enjoys spending time with friends and family and playing video games.

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