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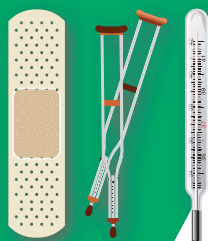
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From left, Tyanne Segura, Jesus Ledezma and Nancy Molina dressed in 1950s fashions for the Ninth Annual Hearts for Autism "Rocking through the '50s" Masquerade Ball on Saturday, Feb. 4, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces. See more photos from the event on page 47.

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Money Smart Week '17 planning is underway

Committees are meeting in advance of the second consecutive Money Smart Week in Doña Ana County, which will kick off April 22, during the Farmer's Market, and will continue with financial-education classes throughout the ensuing week.

The kickoff will feature giveaways, demonstrations and calendars outlining a wealth of seminars coming up throughout the event.

Seminar schedules will be finalized and publicized in the coming weeks.

"We're excited to bring this amazing program back in 2017," said MSW 2017 Co-Chair Shirley Hitson, who is leading the planning initiative.

Financial institutions, not-for-profits, schools, libraries and many more community partners are joining together along with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas/El Paso branch to help support financial education during Money Smart Week in Doña Ana County, April 22-28, 2017.

Free seminars in both English and Spanish will take place throughout the Las Cruces area. The seminars are designed to be useful to people of all age groups and income levels.

Classes will be held at various locations – including the Doña Ana County Government Center – and will cover a wide variety of topics related to money management, savings, navigating large purchases and how to read a credit report.

Residents of all ages are invited to attend.



2017 Waste Water Association Banquet

Doña Ana County Manager Julia T. Brown speaks to the attendees of the 2017 Waste Water Association Annual Banquet. Brown focused her remarks on the ongoing growth of water and wastewater infrastructure in southern Doña Ana County near the Santa Teresa Port of Entry, as well as the general importance of clean water and new federal directives and funding opportunities. Also speaking at the event was Doña Ana County Facilities and Parks Director Armando Cordero, who is the president of the New Mexico Waste Water Association. During the awards banquet, Doña Ana County Utilities employee Jesus 'Chuy' Reyes was named 2016 Operator of the Year, and Darrill Schoonover of the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority was presented with a \$750 scholarship.

PHOTO: Corrie Stone-Fielder

County offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 20

Most Doña Ana County offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 20, 2017, to allow employees to observe the Presidents' Day holiday. Emergency services and law enforcement in the field will not

be affected, but the administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will be closed.



In addition to the county's administrative offices, the closure will affect community centers operated by Doña Ana County.

The closure will not affect the Doña Ana County Detention Center, although there will be no visitation hours scheduled.

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department – in

conjunction with other law-enforcement agencies – will be in full-force throughout the holiday weekend, with saturation patrols and DWI checkpoints possible.

Doña Ana County elected officials, management and staff collectively wish all residents and visitors a safe and happy holiday. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

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Flores re-elected, Dallman, Jaramillo elected to board of education

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

One incumbent was re-elected and two first-time candidates elected to the Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education on Tuesday, Feb. 7.



JARAMILLO



DALLMAN

District 3.

Jaramillo, director of the Alpha School child-care center in Las Cruces, was unopposed in District 1 and received 248 total votes. He succeeds Chuck Davis, who retired after four terms on the board.

Dallman, a retired teacher, received 450 votes

in District 2, compared to 253 for Allison Smith, 32 for Ronald Fitzherbert and 22 for Charles Wendler, who dropped out of the race. Dallman succeeds Barbara Hall, who was appointed to the board in 2011 and elected to a full four-



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year term in 2013. Hall did not seek re-election. In District 3, incumbent Maria Flores, a retired teacher, received 828 votes for a third term. Wanda Bowman had 400 votes, Gerald Miller 31 votes and Mary Lou Barrio, who dropped out of the race, 13 votes.

Unofficial results showed 2,290 people voting in the three races, or two percent of qualified voters. School board districts 4 and 5 were not on the 2017 ballot.

There were 601 early votes and five absentee ballots cast, while 1,684 voters turned out on Election Day at nine convenience centers across the school district.

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Sam Gifford, mechanical engineering technology junior at New Mexico State University, displays a clock he designed and created in a new engineering technology course during the fall 2016 semester.

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Engineering course blends creative, technical skills

By TIFFANY ACOSTA
For the Bulletin

In a manufacturing laboratory at New Mexico State University, 13 undergraduate College of Engineering students spent the fall semester preparing for the manufacturing workforce through a newly revamped course.

The class, Engineering Technology 482, helped students gain design and hands-on manufacturing experience using high-tech computerized equipment, thanks to upgrades at The Manufacturing Technology and Engineering Center.

"In my opinion, this is going to impact their job opportunities, because they are growing in this course...learning multiple software programs," said Charlie Park, M-TEC lab instruction manager. "They are going to be able to get out in the job market and actually produce products from the get-go."

"Our intent was to push our students to involve more computers, more automated manufacturing and other

software packages to become more versed in computer-aided manufacturing," said Anthony Hyde, M-TEC director and course instructor.

Students were required to design and create five projects during the semester: a bottle opener, 2-D key chain, 3-D key chain, clock and license plate. The process included designing projects in Aspire, creating a tool path for the computer numerical control machining centers, setting up the job and cutting the design.

"The biggest challenge is learning the code...and learning the different machines," Park said.

"I think it's one of the best classes we can offer students for hands-on experience," said Matt Dorsey, senior and M-TEC teaching assistant. "It's a lot different designing something in your head and thinking it's going to work. Usually, about the third or fourth try (it) works. Building your own design that you can come up with, in a reasonable time frame, is pretty cool."

Cruces teachers win awards for contributions to music education

BULLETIN REPORT

Two Las Cruces Public Schools teachers have been recognized for their extensive contributions to music education in New Mexico.

Joseph Flores, director of bands at Zia Middle School, and Sarah Schlotterbeck-Silva, music teacher at Monte Vista Elementary School, took home top honors at the New Mexico Music Educators Association's annual awards ceremony in January in Albuquerque.

Flores received the prestigious Music Educator of the Year award, and Schlotterbeck-Silva earned the John M. Batcheller Award for Excellence in Teaching Elementary School Music.

"We're honored that these distinguished educators continue to share their time and talents with their students, colleagues and the community at-large," said LCPS Superintendent Greg Ewing. "As these awards indicate, they have the willingness to go above and beyond for their students and maintain a high standard for music education in our state."

Flores has spent 17 years teaching music at schools throughout Las Cruces. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education and a Master of Music degree in instrumental conducting from New Mexico



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SCHLOTTERBECK-SILVA

State University. In 2016, he received a Golden Apple Award for Teaching Excellence from the Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico.

Schlotterbeck-Silva has spent 18 years teaching music in Las Cruces. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education and a Master of Arts degree in early-childhood education, both from NMSU.

The recipients were selected from a pool of nominees throughout New Mexico. In order to qualify, they had to meet strict eligibility requirements, demonstrate significant contributions to the field of music education, demonstrate outstanding relationships with students, teachers, music educators, administrators and the community, and have a record of active participation in NMMEA at the local and state levels.

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Music: Bob Burns' essence

Like breathing out and breathing in

My iPod has 13,662 songs. Only one is John Coltrane's "Lush Life," featuring vocalist Johnny Hartman.



RICHARD COLTHARP
From the Publisher

The 1962 jazz standard is profoundly sad, but when it popped up Jan. 13 it brought a brand new melancholy.

It was Bob Burns' favorite song.

Bob passed away with emphysema and coronary heart disease Jan. 11 at age 74 after a life well lived, a life lush with music.

When I moved from Arkansas to Alamogordo in 1995, with no friends and no TV, my first companion was "Burnsland," the late evening jazz radio show Bob hosted on KRWG-FM from 1989-2013. When we finally met in 2007, he felt like an old friend. I found a gentle soul and a kindred spirit.

Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "Many people die with their music still in them. Too often it is because they are always getting ready to live. Before they know it time runs out."

That cannot be said of Bob. He fully lived his passions, and the biggest was music. Born into a musical family, he played, wrote, taught, studied and shared music his whole life.

In a 1980s car wreck, Bob's face smashed into the steering wheel. Doctors said he'd never again play his beloved trumpet.

Bob's response?

"God knows more than the doctors."

Indeed, Bob tooted his horn for many more years.

Bob also tooted God's horn, melding ministry into his musical performances, which often focused on another of Bob's passions: civil rights. He created a concert called "I Have a Dream," which he performed in schools.

His traveling, music and life partner was his widow, the

aptly named Melody.

"Bob considered himself a very spiritual person," Melody said. "He believed we have this God of love, and all paths lead to that. He was very ecumenical."

Bob was also musically ecumenical. He loved not only jazz, but many types of music, especially folk and gospel. He also played guitar and banjo.

He and Melody met through a spiritual music group at an El Paso church. In 1993, Bob was working on an arrangement of the traditional African-American hymn "Children, Go Where I Send Thee." Melody was the only other one who knew the tune, so they sang it together, in harmony, on stage.

Four months later, they were married.

"We definitely believe God put us together to do a music ministry, in all its forms," Melody said.

Bob constantly spread the gospel of music. Through his radio show, of course, but in

other ways, too. He and Ruben Smith were instrumental in starting the Las Cruces Music in the Park series. Bob was an early advocate of saving El Paso's Plaza Theatre, and co-founded the Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society as well as the Howling Coyote Coffeehouse/Open Mic. He played trumpet, sang for, and eventually led, the Mike Caranda Orchestra. His memorial service is 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Rio Grande Theatre. A fitting locale given the many shows he played and enjoyed there.

Photographer/philosopher Dewitt Jones addressed the 2017 New Mexico Governor's Prayer Breakfast recently, and talked about living life to the fullest.

"Take it all in, then give it all back," Jones said. "Breathe it all in, and breathe it all out."

Physically, the last few years for Bob, the most difficult thing to do was "breathe it all out."

Spiritually, he did it easily his whole life. Up to that final breath and, I believe, beyond.

It's raining hard, so use the \$15B



MICHAEL SWICKARD
In My Opinion

I was wrong recently when I wrote about not using any of the New Mexico Permanent Fund. It's a resource for when New Mexico runs out of money from the extractive industries. New Mexico has saved a portion from every oil and gas dollar made in a rainy-day fund.

Proponents of raiding the permanent fund are looking for a small

percentage to politically increase the number of people working for New Mexico in pre-school education and family support. They say the \$15 billion is just waiting for a worthy project.

Let's take it all right now. New Mexico is dead last in almost every category. We, as a state, are on our backs in a pond with a rock on our

chest looking up at the sky with lifeless eyes.

New Mexico cannot compete against other states because of our problems in education, transportation, job creation, fighting crime, poverty and other measures. Businesses are moving from the Snow Belt to the

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Sun Belt but not to New Mexico.

We have billions of dollars for a rainy day. If this isn't a rainy day I don't know rainy days. The leaders of New Mexico need to take most of that \$15 billion fund and use it wisely.

Don't use it as a political bonus for those politicians who won elections such that the winning party members all get thousands of dollars. That would not change anything in New Mexico except for a few people who would now have new boats.

The permanent fund was created by extraction of energy in our state. Oil and gas built the fund over the years. As a nation, our energy industry allows us to have the society we have. Without abundant and inexpensive energy, our nation and New Mexico would not be doing well, even as well as last-place New Mexico.

There are three problems that need to be addressed with the \$15B or a large percentage of that money. They are: energy availability at a good price, water availability at a good price, and, finally, New Mexico needs a sustainable economy.

First, let's consider energy. There are huge changes in the nuclear power industry such that the horrors of Chernobyl or Fukushima are not appropriate to consider. Why? Because those were first- and second-generation nuclear systems that failed.

We are considering fifth generation systems that are very economical and safe. By economical: the price of a small modular unit is about \$3 billion to generate 550 MW of power. New Mexico needs three units so they can take one offline for maintenance without disrupting the state.

Here is what will change New Mexico. Nuclear plants run best at 100 percent so there would be lots of extra power available at times. What to do with it? The first task of excess power is the desalinization of brackish water which New Mexico has lots of to turn into good water.

New Mexico could have abundant good water for agriculture at essentially very little cost. Lots of jobs and businesses would follow inexpensive power and plenty of good water. What else to do with the extra power from the three units?

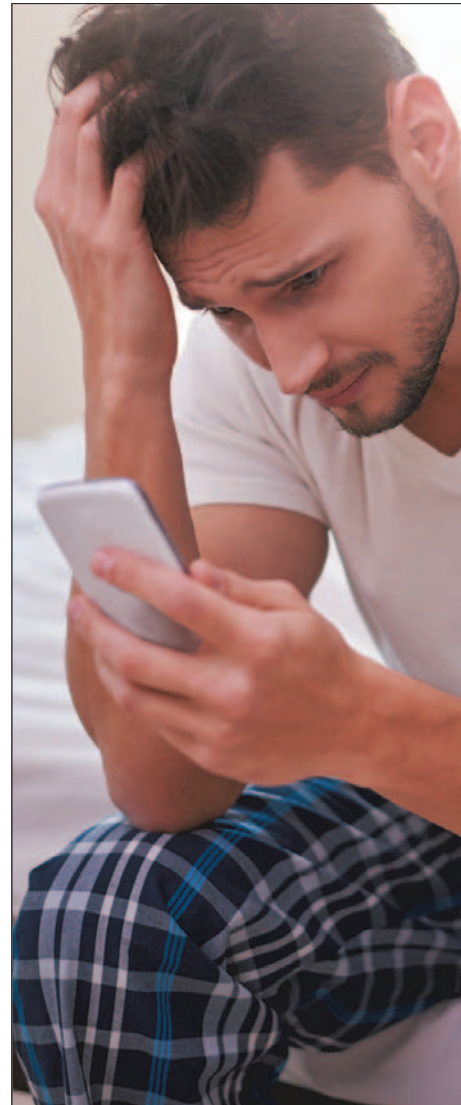
New Mexico could make hydrogen fuel for the coming generation of clean hydrogen vehicles. The money from electric, water and hydrogen would go to the budget with some rebuilding the permanent fund.

The fund could jump start the state's ability to attract good companies that would provide good jobs for New Mexicans. To have plenty of good water is essential along with plenty of money for transportation infrastructure. Finally, all the improvements must be sustainable. That's the tough part.

Regardless of which political party holds the reins of power, the structure of improvements must be impervious to political design. Not sure we can do it, but we can try. Currently, New Mexico has all that money sitting doing nothing but functioning as a rainy-day fund and giving some money to the budget.

It is time to make a radical change in the structure of New Mexico's future. It will take both political parties and the citizens voting to make this happen. If not, New Mexico will continue to be last in everything.

Swickard's new novel, "Hideaway Hills," is available at Amazon.com. He can be reached at drswickard@comcast.net .



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Behavioral health crisis demands solutions

A tragedy that affects thousands of vulnerable children and adults in need of life-saving mental health and substance abuse treatment continues to play out in slow motion in New Mexico. Crucial health services for residents now are withering away as the fourth of five behavioral providers in our state, Valle del Sol of Arizona, announced last month that it's leaving New Mexico. For those who are on the receiving end, it is intolerable.

This dire situation for people began three-and-a-half years ago when Gov. Martinez's administration levelled charges of mis-billing and fraud against the state's then-15 long-standing treatment providers. Even though the attorney general subsequently cleared them all of the allegations, the

state has never returned more than \$11 million in payments owed to the providers from that time. As a result, most of the providers went out of business and treatment access across the state was disrupted or removed altogether. Behavioral health services in New Mexico has never recovered. The com-



MARY KAY
PAPEN

NM Senate Pro Tem

panies from Arizona that were brought in to replace pre-2013 providers all have left, except for one.

In the current legislative session

I will try at least to ensure that this situation, created by groundless allegations, never recurs. My Due Process legislation will guarantee that providers who stand accused of fraud by the state receive the opportunity to review the allegations made against them, and the chance to respond to those allegations in a hearing, and in district court. That opportunity

did not exist by law in 2013.

That is fine for the future. But what about today? Many questions linger.

At a recent committee hearing State Human Services Department Secretary Brent Earnest stated that the \$11 million owed to providers for services rendered had been kept in a non-interest-bearing account by OptumHealth, the state's contractor overseeing payments to providers from 2009 to 2013. Despite a lawsuit to have those funds paid out, the state has placed them in a court registry where they sit idle.

Ten of New Mexico's former providers are accusing OptumHealth in a lawsuit that it fabricated the fraud allegations in order to keep

the \$11 million. A federal court will decide if that is true. But it is worth noting that OptumHealth on another occasion was fined by the state \$1 million for failing to pay providers for their services. It is all very concerning.

Now in its fifth year, there is still no interest from the governor's office to solve this mental health and substance abuse services crisis. New Mexico needs direct answers to get to the bottom of this mess. Most importantly, we need to get the state's behavioral health system back on its feet, delivering treatment to vulnerable children and adults. Much more leadership from the executive would help.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A word from the Doña Ana Arts Council

Keeping the management of the historic Rio Grande Theatre under the stewardship of the DAAC makes perfect sense for both Doña Ana County and the City of Las Cruces.

DAAC has been the leading arts advocacy organization in Doña Ana County for 46 years. DAAC raised the funds, renovated the building and has managed the Rio Grande Theatre for 11 years. DAAC has provided this venue for not only income-producing big-name acts but free educational programming for local school children, free public shows, promotion of home-grown talent, the New Mexico Heritage Series and important relationships with the Santa Fe Opera, the Mexican Consulate and the Spanish Market of Santa Fe.

Our focus is to build a community that is stronger because of the arts. We have a group of volunteers and donors who is dedicated to serving and supporting the Rio Grande Theatre. We will build on these resources and will always strive to enhance life for our citizens through the arts and culture.

The mission of DAAC is: Through the arts, to enhance the quality of life and develop the cultural, educational, and economic growth of our community.

The Doña Ana Arts Council is the entity of choice to manage the Rio Grande Theatre. In a true partnership and collaboration with the City of Las Cruces and support through the City's resources, DAAC looks forward to taking the programming of the Rio Grande Theatre to the next level.

Kathleen Albers

Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) Board of Directors

DAAC Officers: Scott Breckner, board president; Barbara Reasoner, vice president; Michael Mandel, secretary; Jim Vorenberg, treasurer.

DAAC Directors: Emmitt Booher, Glen Cerny, Patti Havstad, Frank Hernandez, Pamela Monson, Eric Rivera and Deret Roberts.
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Missed opportunity

Did I miss something? Like 1,598 other people in Las Cruces, my husband and I participated in the "women's march" on Jan. 21. We were impressed that so many people turned out on such a cold, windy day to show their commitment and support for the values of our country holds dear. We were moved by the pictures we saw in other city newspapers and photos from around the world that echoed support for our country's values.

We were looking forward to seeing pictures and articles in the Bulletin as it was the largest march in Las Cruces history and quite the photo op.

When the Jan. 27 issue arrived, I looked through the paper twice - not a single picture or word about the march. I looked again thinking I must have missed something. No. Nothing. We can't help but wonder what the reasoning was behind the exclusion of such a positive event. You guys really missed something.

*Nancy and Peter Barnes-Smith
Las Cruces*

Fluff journalism all around?

Really? Las Cruces Women's March on Saturday, Jan. 21 drew 1,500 people, probably the largest turnout in Las Cruces' history and not a word about it in Friday's edition?

I used to think the Bulletin was a better paper than the Sun News but now I know that it is just fluff journalism. I will be relying on other news sources in the future. Shame on you.

*Marty Janssens
Las Cruces*

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- Support from Veteran's organizations and Mesilla Valley Transport for sponsoring a golf tournament and concert. As a result of these generous contributions, no MVCH Veterans programs had to be cut after state funds were reduced.

- Eleven participants in the inaugural Tents to Rents fundraising event helping to move residents at Camp Hope into their own places.

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'Regressive' alcohol tax brews in Senate

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexicans can expect to pay substantially more for their craft beers, wines, ciders and liquor if state Sen. Cisco McSorley (D) gets his way.

His bill, SB314, seeks to raise New Mexico's tax on craft beers from 41 cents per gallon barrel to \$3.08 a barrel for all breweries that produce more than 15,000 barrels a year. The measure currently awaits review in the Senate Corporations & Transportation Committee.

Those in the industry are putting up stiff opposition.

"Though many of our breweries fall

well under the 15,000-barrel threshold, we are vehemently opposed to this bill," said the New Mexico Brewers Guild in its February newsletter.

The guild is comprised of craft breweries of varying sizes throughout the state, such as the Santa Fe Brewing Co., Bosque Brewing Co., and Las Cruces' High Desert Brewing Co.

"We already have a handful of breweries that are approaching, are at, or are slightly over the 15,000-barrel threshold, (and) many of our member breweries aspire to grow, add locations, and begin packaging and wholesaling," the newsletter says.

Overall, SB314 "sends a chilling mes-

sage not just to brewers but to all manufacturers: 'Do not grow, do not invest in New Mexico, and do not create jobs.'"

Currently, large-scale breweries such as Santa Fe pay about \$50,000 a year just in state excise taxes, not to mention federal excise, corporate income, gross receipts and payroll taxes. Were SB314 to pass the legislature, Santa Fe estimates it will pay more than \$1 million a year in state excise tax.

The bill also outlines taxes that would be imposed on other alcohol produced in the state.

State-manufactured liquors would have a state excise tax of \$7.24 per liter.

Wine would be taxed at \$2.14 per liter, unless produced by an undefined "small winery." These small wineries would be taxed at 10 cents per liter up to 80,000, 20 cents per liter up to 950,000, and 30 cents per liter up to 1.5 million liters.

Fortified wine would be taxed at \$3.61 per liter.

Microbreweries, undefined in the leg-

islation but possibly meaning breweries that only sell locally, would be taxed eight cents per gallon up to 10,000 barrels, and 28 cents per gallon between 10,000 and 15,000.

Cideries, namely New Mexico Hard Cider, Santa Fe Ciders Works and Santa Sidra in Santa Fe, would be the hardest hit, as each gallon of cider would be taxed at \$3.08, regardless of how much (or little) is produced.

Further, the bill proposes that on July 1, 2021 and every four years thereafter, the state's alcohol excise tax would be reevaluated to reflect changes, if any, in the cost of consumer goods in the Western United States.

To Jerry Grandle, proprietor of Mescala's Spotted Dog Brewery, this is just a complicated way of saying the state's excise tax on alcohol is going to increase every four years.

"Taxes never go down," he said.

Grandle said Spotted Dog, a micro-

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brewery, isn't yet producing 15,000 gallon barrels a year, and so would not be as harshly impacted as larger breweries should SB314 pass the legislature.

"But as part of the brewing community, I want to support those who have been successful," he said.

Grandle said he'd like Spotted Dog to expand, to become similar in size to Santa Fe or Albuquerque's Marble Brewery, but said that would be difficult, if not impossible, were SB314 to pass.

Further, he said, the increased excise tax rate imposed at 15,000 or more barrels a year discourages microbreweries and other producers from expanding.

"This is a regressive tax that disproportionately impacts New Mexico's poor and will effectively

crush one of our state's few expanding and successful manufacturing industries," the guild's newsletter says.

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Immigration activists target sheriff's department

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**

Las Cruces Bulletin

President Donald Trump on Jan. 26 ordered the director of Homeland Security to authorize local law enforcement officials throughout the country to enforce federal immigration statutes.

The order is concurrent to Trump's executive orders restricting travel from seven Middle Eastern countries.

Some officials in New Mexico are pushing back. State Rep. Roybal Caballero, D-Albuquerque, has introduced House Bill 116 that would prohibit local and state law enforcement from using state or federal resources "for the purpose of detecting or apprehending persons whose only violation of law is that they are persons of foreign citizenship who have entered or are residing in the United States in violation of federal immigration laws."

In September, Las Cruces Police Chief Jaime Montoya told an immigration forum that his department does not enforce immigration law. Montoya reiterated his statement on Jan. 27 following Trump's executive orders, which call for the transfer of undocumented people to federal authorities for deportation.

"The enforcement of federal immigration laws and



BULLETIN PHOTO BY BILLY HUNTSMAN

Rabbi Larry Karol speaks at the CAFé press conference held in front of the sheriff's office, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

the arrest of undocumented foreign nationals reside exclusively with the federal government," Montoya said in a press release.

LCPD will only check an individual's legal status

if he or she is arrested for a crime that falls under LCPD's general orders. "We don't enforce immigration law, but if they're here committing crime, we don't want those people on our streets," Montoya said.

LCPD will not alert Border Patrol or other federal authorities for minor infractions, such as not having a driver's license and/or registration, committed by undocumented immigrants, Montoya added.

Now, community organizing group NM Comunidades en Accion y de Fe (CAFé) is calling on the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department (DASO) and Sheriff Enrique "Kiki" Vigil to say where they stand. Group supporters gathered in front of the sheriff's office on Feb. 3 for a press conference in an attempt to have Vigil answer the question: Will DASO enforce federal immigration laws after the secretary of Homeland Security was authorized by President Donald Trump to deputize local law enforcement agencies throughout the country to do so?

"Our sheriff has a lot of power right now and a choice of whether he's going to aid and abet deportation or if he's going to stand between deportation and our people," said CAFé community organizer Sara Melton.

Melton said CAFé has been trying to meet with Vigil to discuss what action the DASO will take on immigration policies. She says Vigil has not returned her phone calls and that he canceled a previously arranged meeting.



The sheriff's office says the sheriff did not cancel the meeting.

"This is about whether people can trust the sheriff's department or if they have to worry about their families...when they see a sheriff official," Melton said.

DASO said it currently has a policy of not inquiring as to anyone's legal status. The policy is part of the "Safe Communities" measure, which was passed by Doña Ana County commissioners in 2014.

On Jan. 27 Vigil said he has abided by that policy

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since taking office in 2015 and will continue to do so, saying his deputies will not act as federal agents.

Still, Melton said CAFé wants Vigil

to address the public directly, which DASO says it already did during a meeting with CAFé members present.

DASO communications specialist Kelly Jameson said the DASO has a commitment to protect all citizens of Doña Ana County and that it has no jurisdiction to enforce immigration law or inquire about immigration status.

“That’s not what we do,” she said.

Some in the Las Cruces faith community have publicly chided the sheriff’s department.

“It’s truly disappointing when elected officials are either too busy or simply not responsive to the very people that help vote them into office,” said Deacon

Louis Roman of St. Genevieve’s Catholic Church at the Feb. 3 rally.

Roman said immigrants and refugees have always been critical to the success of local businesses.

“They are the backbone of the labor pool needed for our construction industry, as well as our agricultural and dairy industries,” he said.

Rabbi Larry Karol of Temple Beth-El called for increased communication between law enforcement and the public.

“We ask the sheriff to meet those among us who live in needless fear,” he said. “We want the sheriff and other elected officials to look into the eyes of these people who have concerns.”

One of them is Brandon Vasquez, a

19-year-old Mexican-born Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipient.

“I am someone that is being targeted by President Trump,” he said.

Vasquez is a student at New Mexico State University.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY BILLY HUNTSMAN

Brandon Vasquez, a Mexican-born DACA recipient fearing deportation for his family and himself as a result of President Donald Trump’s executive orders on immigration, spoke at the CAFé press conference held in front of the sheriff’s office, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

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“Donald Trump is saying I’m a rapist, that I’m someone who’s trying to take people’s jobs away,” Vasquez said.

Vasquez said he doesn’t feel protected by the sheriff’s department and wants to change that. He said he was disappointed by Vigil canceling the meeting with CAFé.

“I wanted to meet with him to see if he can work with us and not enforce immigration laws and come out in public and say he’s not following what President Trump is saying and doing,” he said.

DASO’s Jameson said Vigil had heard about the press conference the day before, on Feb. 2, and was already scheduled to be in Santa Teresa the following day.

“It’s unfortunate that (CAFé) expected to talk to the sheriff when they could have made prior arrangements,” Jameson said.

Currently, CAFé is not attempting to get a statement from state police regarding that department’s immigration policy.

“That doesn’t mean that we wouldn’t,” Melton said.

Currently, state police are directed by a 2011 executive order from Gov. Susana Martinez to inquire about legal status after someone has been arrested. Depending on the severity of the crime, state police then alert federal immigration authorities of the undocumented detainees.

The Bulletin attempted to contact New Mexico State Police regarding the issue but received no response.

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U.S. Marshals searching for drive-by shooters

BULLETIN REPORT

The U.S. Marshals Service is looking for two fugitives: Jose Zapata, 33, and Jose Alfredo Morales, 26, wanted on charges of discharging their weapons in two separate incidents. Both fugitives are members of the Barrio Azteca Gang and have a violent criminal history.

Zapata was identified as the shooter in a Chaparral drive-by where he allegedly shot into a home. This is a possible gang-

related shooting. Zapata's warrant was originated by the New Mexico Department of Corrections. He is wanted for probation violation and has a history of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and drug trafficking charges.

Zapata is known to regularly carry a firearm and is considered armed and dangerous. He



MORALES



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wanted by New Mexico Probation & Parole in Las Cruces for a shooting that occurred in or from a motor vehicle resulting in injury, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon result-

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It was also reported that Morales allegedly threatened to kill his girlfriend with a knife several weeks ago. Local authorities discovered that Morales was in the area and he was a fugitive. He is also known to carry a gun or knife with

him at all times.

Both fugitives are violent offenders that have a history of aggravated assaults that involve weapons. Do not approach these individuals. Immediately contact the police or the United States Marshals Service

Zapata has many tattoos, but has a noticeable teardrop tattoo next to his left eye.

Morales also has tattoos, including a large scorpion tattoo on his left cheek near his eye.

Motorcyclist in fatal crash identified

BULLETIN REPORT

A 20-year-old man killed in Friday's motorcycle crash on the city's East Mesa has been identified as Daniel "Danny" E. Hamilton of Las Cruces.

Hamilton was injured shortly after 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, when his Yamaha motorcycle crashed into a Freightliner panel truck on Mesa Grande Drive near the intersection of Calle Pastura. Hamilton was wearing a helmet but was critically injured. He was rushed to MountainView Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

Las Cruces Police Department traffic investigators have determined that

the Yamaha was traveling north on Mesa Grande at a high rate of speed. The panel truck was turning south onto Mesa Grande from Calle Pastura. Investigators believe Hamilton lost control of the motorcycle nearly one full block before striking the side of the panel truck.

The 45-year-old driver of the panel truck was not injured.

The crash is still under investigation and no citations have been issued at this time.

Traffic along Mesa Grande between Calle Verde and Engler Road was blocked for several hours while police investigated the crash.

Woman wanted in shoplifting

BULLETIN REPORT

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of the woman suspected of shoplifting several items of denim wear from the Sears department store in December.

Blaine Ashly Ruppel, 20, who has lived in Las Cruces, Alamogordo, and most recently in Pennsylvania, is charged with one count of shoplifting and one count of conspiracy. Both charges are fourth-degree felonies.

Las Cruces Police learned that sometime

before 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11, a man and woman entered the Sears department store at the Mesilla Valley Mall with the intent of stealing merchandise. Surveillance footage from the store shows the man remove a large duffel bag from under his shirt which he then filled with several items of Levi's denim wear.

Surveillance footage shows the woman grabbing a large handful of Levi's before both subjects fled the store without paying for the

merchandise. The couple boarded a red Volkswagen Jetta and a witness recorded the license plate number. Registration on the vehicle indicated it belonged to Ruppel, who, at the time, had a residential address in Alamogordo.

Sears estimated the couple stole about 30 items with an estimated value of \$1,800.

Detectives believe that Ruppel moved to Pennsylvania on Jan. 1. Anyone with information on Ruppel's whereabouts is asked to call police at 575-526-0795.

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Three arrested in home burglary

BULLETIN REPORT

Three people were arrested Feb. 1 after Doña Ana County Sheriff's deputies walked in on a burglary in progress near Mayfield High School.

A concerned neighbor called 911 just after 11 a.m. to report suspicious activity in the 2500 block of San Andres Drive. Sheriff's deputies dispatched to the incident arrived at the home at the same time the homeowner did. As deputies made entrance through the front door, two males seen standing in the living room immediately ran toward the back of the home, crashing into a glass door before jumping a fence and leading deputies on a short foot pursuit.

As a safety precaution, Mayfield High School was briefly placed on lockdown.

Deputies who had secured a perimeter around the home apprehended two men, later identified as Jorge Barraza Reyes, 21, and Esteban Acosta, Jr., 26.

Another subject, identified as 34-year-old Carmen Hernandez, was detained by deputies a short distance from the home on San Andres. According to Hernandez, she gave a ride to Reyes and Acosta and was reportedly waiting for them to return.

Reyes is charged with residential burglary, a third-degree felony, conspiracy to commit residential burglary, also a third-degree felony, and one misde-



REYES

HERNANDEZ

ACOSTA

meanor charge of resisting arrest. He is currently being held without bond at the Doña Ana County Detention Center.

Acosta is charged with residential burglary, conspiracy to commit residential burglary, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest and criminal damage to property. He's being held at the detention center on a \$5,000 cash bond. At the time of his arrest, Acosta also had an outstanding warrant for \$300 cash.

Hernandez faces charges of conspiracy to commit residential burglary and driving on a suspended or revoked license. She is being held without bond.

Some of the property allegedly taken from the home was returned to the homeowner.

Police continue to investigate Jan. 31 shooting

BULLETIN REPORT

A Las Cruces man killed Tuesday, Jan. 31, in a shooting on Wyoming Avenue has been identified as 29-year-old Christopher "Chris" Mendoza.

Investigators learned that Mendoza received at least one gunshot wound and was unresponsive when police arrived at the scene. He was transported to MountainView Regional Medical Center where, shortly after, he was pronounced dead.

A 21-year-old man was also shot during the incident. That man was transported to University Medical Center of El Paso where his injuries were deemed not life-threatening.

Investigators have been in contact with a 26-year-old man suspected in the shooting.

The shooting occurred at about 7:30 p.m. First-arriving officers located Mendoza and the 21-year-old man outside an apartment.

Las Cruces Police are continuing its investigation and no charges have been filed at this time. Anyone with information is asked to call police at 575-526-0795.

14-year-old hurt in Sunday shooting

BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces Police are investigating a shooting that injured a 14-year-old boy late Sunday afternoon, Feb. 5.

The incident occurred on the 4200 block of Charles Street in the northern part of Las Cruces. Police were dispatched to the area at about 4:30 p.m. A 14-year-old boy was transported to MountainView Regional Medical Center with a gunshot wound to his arm.

The victim was subsequently transported to University Medical Center of El Paso. His injuries are not life-threatening.

Detectives are continuing to investigate the circumstances that led to the shooting.

Anyone with information that can help in the investigation is asked to call police at 575-526-0795.

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Just call him Marty

Bulletin welcomes new managing editor

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**

Las Cruces Bulletin

After retiring as editor of the Ruidoso News, Marty Racine and his wife moved to Las Cruces to rejoice in the warmer weather. For kicks, Marty reached out to the Las Cruces Bulletin to see if we wanted some freelance work.

Little did he know his inquiry would lead to a full-time position as the Bulletin's new managing editor.

But Marty's taken it in stride, learning the ropes of a complex production. It'll take more than a convoluted series of computer servers and faulty email boxes to daunt this newspaperman and his 39

years of experience.

After graduating from Arizona State in 1968 with a degree in mass commu-



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nications, Marty's first job was as a DJ for a radio station in Mesa. For two years, Marty started the morning off right for Mesa and today he continues carrying that passion for music. Read his columns in the Bulletin and Desert Exposure.

By 1975 Marty found his way to his first newspaper job — Milwaukee's Bugle-American. In 1979 he was editor and publisher of Express, a Mil-

waukee monthly focusing on music.

By 1981 he found himself in Houston as the music critic and feature writer for the Chronicle. He would stay there until 2003, when he and his wife moved to Ruidoso.

Marty ran the Ruidoso News for seven years before finally calling it quits (he thought).

As a freelancer for the Bulletin, Marty called the shots (pun intended) at NMSU football and basketball games and continues to do so now as editor.

His hobbies include playing guitar and drinking coffee while trying to keep up with the barrage of emails he's sent every minute of the day.

Huntsman adds to reporting staff

By **MARTY RACINE**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Not every college graduate walks off campus with a precious degree and almost immediately enters the profession in which he or she majored.

That might be even truer for newspaper journalism, which has been an industry in transition.

Billy Huntsman is an exception to the rule. The Bulletin's newest reporter graduated from New Mexico State University in 2016 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism and in May of that year began interning and then working as a freelancer for the Bulletin.

For most of 2016, after graduating,

Huntsman was also a press release writer for NMSU's College of Engineering, and he began freelancing for NMPolitics.net, to which he still contributes.

While studying journalism at NMSU, Huntsman received hands-on training necessary for a career as reporter. Until May 2015 he was a staff writer for the student publication, The Round Up. That summer, he was a media/constituent services intern in the Office of the Mayor of Albuquerque.

Huntsman's duties at the Bulletin span a range of topics, from the closing of an abortion clinic in Las Cruces to committee appointments of local representatives in the New Mexico Legislature.

That's the beginning of what should be a fulfilling career.



HUNTSMAN

COMING UP

Birding tour at state park: 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park (MVBSP), 5000 Calle del Norte. Internationally known birder Richard Anderson, MVBSP's volunteer resident ornithologist, will lead a birding tour. Info: Gary Gruer at 575-523-4398, gary.gruer@state.nm.us or 575-635-3735.

Spaghetti dinner to benefit LCHS Showcase band: 4 - 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, Las Cruces High School cafeteria and North commons room, 1755 El Paseo Road. Eat in or carry out. Cost: \$5. Info: Anita Nanna at 623-698-6605.

New Mexico Young Achievers Forum: 7:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, Corbett Center Student Union, 2895 S. Locust St. This event is committed to introducing 6th grade students and their parents from across southern New Mexico to NMSU and a variety of career opportunities. Gov. Susana Martinez is the scheduled keynote speaker. Info: NMSU Student Success Center at 575-646-3136.

Center for Spiritual Living New Age Expo: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 575 N. Main St. Card readers, healers, astrology, numerology, conscious arts & crafts. Cost: Free. Info: 575-523-4847.

The Cruces Apple Users Group (CAUG): 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, DACC Administration building on the corner of South Espina and Gregg Streets, Room 114.

"What's New With Apple" discussion and tutorial on "Pages and Calendar." Info: <http://www.cauglc.org> or Louise Foster at louisefooster@mac.com.

Southern New Mexico New Progressives meeting: 2 - 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, Branigan Library Roadrunner Room, 501 N. Main St. This month's topic is "Protecting Our Public Lands and Water." Info: Facebook or online at snmnp.com.

Native Plant Society of New Mexico field trip: 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Bank of the Rio Grande, corner of University and Telshor to carpool, or meet at the parking area for the North Sierra Vista Trail. Info: leave a message at 575-523-8413.

Clothing giveaway: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Clothing for adults and children, children's toys. Info: 575-523-4847.

Republican Women of Mesilla Valley meeting: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, La Posta de Mesilla, 2410 Calle de San Albino, Mesilla. Monthly meeting speaker

is Deborah Taylor of Turning Point Pregnancy Help Center.

Valentine Dance at CSL: 7 - 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Live music with the Oldies but Goodies Band. Cost: \$10 donation requested. Info: 575-523-4847.

Unitarian Universalist February Roundtables: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Sundays, Feb. 12, 19, 26, UUCLC Church library, 2000 S. Solano Drive. The goal of the Roundtable Discussion is to learn more about all sides of issues and more about each other. Info, comments or suggestions: roundtable@uuchurchlc.org.

Unity guest speaker: 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, Unity, 125 Wyatt Drive. Robert Brumet, minister, educator and author will speak. Info: www.unityoflascruces.org or 575-644-6391.

Knights of Columbus enchilada dinner: 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, Knights of Columbus Hall, 2755 E. Idaho Ave. Red enchilada dinner. Tickets are \$7 for a plate or for two hamburgers. Info: Mannie

Morales at 575-522-0437.

Southwest Calligraphy Guild meeting: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. February program is "Valentine's Day Pop Up Cards." Info and RSVP by Feb. 12 to maudebeakley@yahoo.com.

John Lyons horsemanship clinic Feb. 14: 1 - 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, Red Sky Farm. "America's Most Trusted Horseman" John Lyons is presents a four-hour afternoon horsemanship clinic. Limited reserved seats at \$45 each available

online at johnlyons.com.

Singing Out rehearsals begin, members wanted: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays starting Feb. 14, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Singing Out Las Cruces, an LGBTQA community chorus is prepping for a June 10 and 11 concert. Info: 575-556-9893.

WE'RE IN grassroots progressive action group meeting: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Meeting will focus on Pres. Trump's recent actions. WE'RE

IN the second and fourth Tuesday through April. Cost: free and open to the public. Info: wearein575@gmail.com or Pat Warner at 575-640-1895 or Mary Hampton at 575-405-9000.

Educational Retirees meeting: 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14 at Branigan Library Roadrunner Room, 200 East Picacho Ave. Guest speaker Paula Moore featuring her books "Cricket in the Web" and "Matinee and Evening." No luncheon. Info: Navora Richardson, 575-523-6004 or Linda Morgan, 575-522-0203.

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Parks and Recreation Dept.: Play ball!

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces has 18 baseball and softball fields and 28 soccer fields covering more than 100 acres. That's a lot of turf for City Parks and Recreation Department Parks District Manager Rudy Trevino and his staff to prepare for the sporting season that begins this spring.

When kids take the field to play, "That's why we do what we do," Trevino said.

The players, their families and spectators don't realize that it takes a crew of 12 full-time and eight to 10 seasonal employees to maintain the fields. They will mow the fields daily, water them, and pick up trash on a regular basis. They also provide daily maintenance and upkeep; plant and care for trees (the city has planted more than 4,000) that beautify and provide shade, as well as native plants and shrubs; and deal with any hazards on the fields that might cause injury to players or spectators.

Trevino and his crew also aerate the soil six times a year, do regular landscaping, use lasers to



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The Provencio/Vandame Athletic Complex in Las Cruces requires more maintenance than the public might realize.

level infields, plant and fertilize Bermuda grass and remove weeds. They also landscape and use integrated pest management to control insects.

"In 2016, the City of Las Cruces Parks and Rec Department utilized a little more than 12 million gallons of non-potable irrigation water to maintain over 12 acres of playing field at Paz Ball Fields," said Rhonda K. Diaz, the city's water conservation program coordinator. "This conservation approach further safeguards our drinking

water supplies."

The tools of their trade include eight full-size pickup trucks, two mowers (one large and one small), vacuums, aerators, seeders, and, of course, shovels, hoes, rakes and other hand tools.

The city's total budget for ballfield maintenance and construction, including staff salaries and benefits, is \$1.162 million annually, Trevino said.

And, the workload will increase this year, as the city begins a pilot program to make the ballfields available year-round to adult and children's leagues and special events like the Friends of the Community candy drop each October and two annual dog shows, Trevino said.

City Parks and Rec also has an agreement with Las Cruces Public Schools for the maintenance of facilities and ballfields used by students.

"Our athletic field section, led by Rudy Trevino

(manager), Phillip Flores, Tony Paz, do a fantastic job," Las Cruces City Manager Stuart Ed said. "Las Cruces has some of the best ballfields in the state because of their hard work. Other municipalities visit us to learn about our maintenance schedule, best practices and scheduling. This is an example of the city's role in economic development, enhancing our 'quality of place' to attract business and people. We need to aggressively schedule more tournaments and bring more people from throughout the region and country to come explore, experience and discover our beautiful community," Ed said.

"The parks staff is passionate and highly knowledgeable about the work they do," Parks Administrator Tim Fulton said. "They realize that their work is more than just managing and maintaining sports fields; they understand they are truly

City ballfields help Convention and Visitors Bureau generate about \$3M

There are 40 to 50 sports tournaments held each year in Las Cruces, and they generate about \$3 million annually through lodging, food, entertainment, etc., said Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) Sports Sales Manager Ed Carnathan.

"We're all one team," Carnathan said. "Myself and the parks, we have a great working relationship. I look for the events to bring in; they take care of the ballfields."

Having three sports complexes on Hadley Avenue means "we have 11 fields in one spot," he said. "That's a gem for us. A lot of sports organizations don't like to travel across town. We do a lot of baseball and a lot of fast-pitch and slow-pitch softball because of that."

Baseball tournaments can come to Las Cruces in winter because of the relatively warm climate, Carnathan said. "Our weather all year long allows us to have a lot of outdoor events where others can't."

"We treat them real well when they come to town," he said. "We have an outstanding park staff that takes care of the fields. There's a lot of events that El Paso could get that we kind of steal away because of our park staff. We have a great park staff that knows what they're doing."

making people's lives better. They understand their work plays a role in creating community, improving wellness and encouraging folks of all walks of life to enjoy the great quality of life we have in Las Cruces."

The city's oldest ball field is Apodaca Park, which opened in 1955. The newest is Ron Galla t-ball field, which is part of the city's Hadley sports com-

plex and was dedicated in 1991, Trevino said.

Learn more at www.las-cruces.org/en/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks/ballfields. Click on the Leagues and Associations link to learn more about the groups that regularly use city ball fields. Contact Trevino at rudyt@las-cruces.org.

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New website is on the menu for LCPS

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Public Schools Nutrition Services Department (NSD) is about to launch a new website that will show students and parents their school's menu for the entire school year, along with other information about the breakfasts and lunches LCPS serves, NSD Executive Director Nancy Cathey said.

The website — lcps.nutrislice.com — is expected to be operational in February and will also provide information about food allergies, special dietary information, sodium levels, carbohydrate counts and the fats and calories in the meals served at elementary, middle and high schools. And, the website allows students to rate the food they are served and offer feedback.

For example, click on menu item “bean and cheese tostada,” it explains that the entrée includes two tostadas, with a total of 332 calories, eight grams of fat, eight milligrams of cholesterol, 175 milligrams of sodium (NSD, 47 grams of carbohydrate, 16 grams of protein and nine grams of fiber, along with how much vitamin A and C, calcium and iron it contains, and other information.

Information on the website can also be translated into different

languages.

“We’re really excited about this,” Cathey said.

The department will have refrigerator magnets available to promote the website.

Thanks to a grant from the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Nutrislice software company based in Colorado has worked with NSD to create a website unique to LCPS and its schools and menus, Cathey said.

NSD, in its new offices at the LCPS Operations Department annex at 2820 Las Vegas Court, is adding photos for the nearly 450 different food items in its database, said LCPS Health and Nutrition Specialist Barbara Berger.

School meals are served on an eight-week menu cycle to provide students with the maximum variety. “We serve a lot of foods,” Berger said.

The new website also will include a lot of educational materials, Berger said, like 20 ways to enjoy fruits and vegetables, a cooking-with-kids lesson schedule, vegetables that are actually fruits, and computer games.

And, it will allow NSD to track how many hits the website gets, so staff can measure its effectiveness, she said.

With a staff of about 250 and an annual budget of between \$10 and \$11 million, LCPS serves about four million break-

fasts and lunches every school year at more than 40 schools in Las Cruces, Mesilla, Doña Ana and at White Sands Missile Range.

Cafeteria workers prepare and serve meals that meet strict dietary requirements established by the USDA, Cathey said.

USDA’s well-known My Plate logo for healthy eating features a multi-colored plate and cup holder touting fruits, vegetables, grains, proteins and dairy products – all the major food groups.

Breakfasts served at LCPS schools include fruit, bread or other grains and milk. LCPS also adds protein to the meal. Lunch includes protein, whole grains, fruit, vegetables and milk. And, there is now a salad bar in every LCPS school.

LCPS also has a SNAP-Ed grant to encourage schools to celebrate birthdays and student achievement with activity parties instead of food parties. Cathey said NSD is seeing success in changing the old model so that children “won’t expect a cupcake with a mountain of icing on it to celebrate,” she said.

Cathey is in her 22nd year as the head of NSD. Berger is in her 13th year with LCPS. Both are registered dietitians.

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Left to right are Las Cruces Public Schools Nutrition Services Department Executive Director Nancy Cathey and LCPS Health and Nutrition Specialist Barbara Berger.

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Water dispute flows to court

By ALTA LECOMPTE

Las Cruces Bulletin

Last week Phil King, hydrology consultant to the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, was preparing his report for the February EBID board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 8.

On his mind was the ever-present specter of continuing drought. But this month something else competed for his attention: the long-awaited special master's final recommendations on Texas and New Mexico lawsuits over the right to use water from the Rio Grande.

"Any day now," they've been telling us," King said of the release of the final report on the dispute.

The report has been filed with the U.S. Supreme Court, which appointed the special master to make recommendations on the suits, King said.

He was not optimistic.

The preliminary report favored Texas's claim, which could mean less water and a hefty fine for New Mexico.

"The Supreme Court almost always follows the recommendations of the special master," King said.

New Mexico could face costly outcome

In its complaint filed in January 2013, Texas alleges New Mexico is violating the 1938 Rio Grande Compact by allowing surface water

diversions and groundwater pumping below Elephant Butte Reservoir, according to a Bloomberg BNA report.

EBID delivers project water to New Mexico and Texas irrigators who hold federal contracts.

New Mexico in April 2014 moved to dismiss Texas' claim, asserting that the complaints of Texas and the U.S., also a plaintiff, "rest on the incorrect notion that the Compact imposes a Texas state line delivery obligation and a duty on New Mexico to protect Rio Grande Project deliveries to the state line."

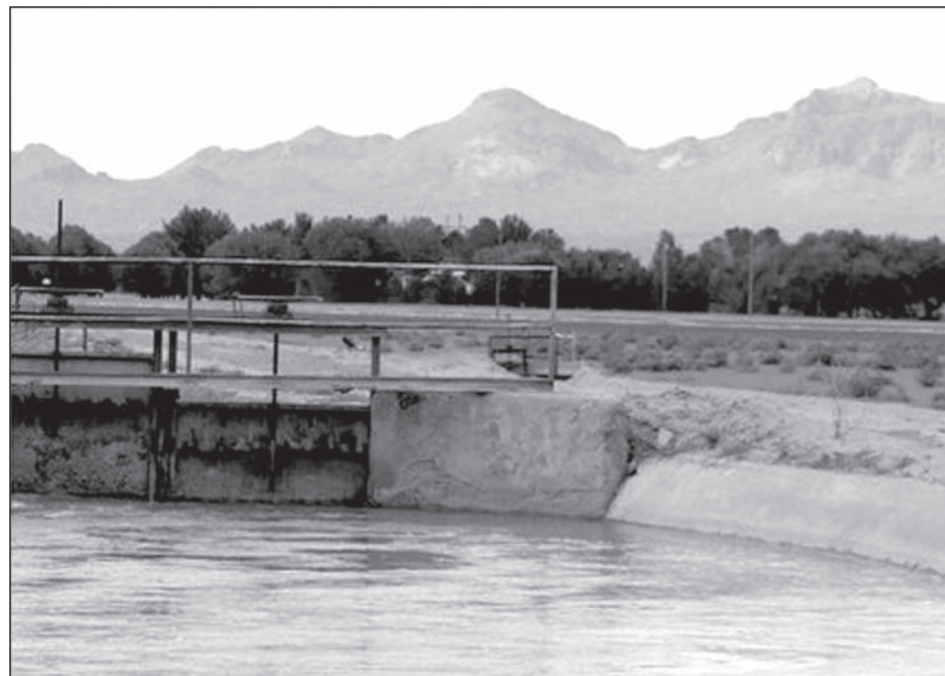
New Mexico's motion to dismiss the case argues that Article IV of the Compact requires the state to deliver water to a point 100 miles above the state line.

In 2016, the special master, Gregory Grimsal, filed a 273-page preliminary report recommending dismissal of a New Mexico's complaint.

If the case continues, Grimsal would oversee a full-fledged trial — complete with extensive discovery — before the justices hear oral arguments, according to the Texas Tribune.

"If Texas ultimately prevails, it could receive more than just extra water. New Mexico could be forced to fork over hundreds of millions of dollars in damages, experts say," the Texas Tribune stated.

Historically, Texas has received 43 percent of the water, with New Mexico getting 57 percent.



EBID

In 2016, water flowed through Elephant Butte Irrigation District ditches to farms west of Las Cruces during the 2016 growing season.

Short-term challenges

King also was preparing to update the board on the current water level in Elephant Butte Reservoir and the outlook for the approaching irrigation season.

"I will make no recommendation for an initial allotment at that time," he said, anticipating the board meeting. "I will wait to see what the snow melt is going to look like."

Elephant Butte Reservoir currently contains 250,000-acre-feet of water and stands at 12 percent of capacity, King said. In January 2016 the reservoir held 100,000 acre feet more than it does now.

He said there has been a "decent snowfall" in the Colorado and northern New Mexico mountains.

"The watershed in southern Colorado and northern New Mexico is well over average for January 30," he said. "But if it quits snowing now this would not be a

good year."

The National Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) three-month outlook for the area is for warmer and drier than normal, he said.

King said aquifers are depressed due to the multi-year drought.

"We have too many straws in the water to keep everybody supplied," he said.

Next steps for New Mexico

King said those concerned about the outcome of the New Mexico-Texas water cases have to get used to a hurry-up-and-wait scenario.

Once the special master's final report comes out, "we will see how people will strategize to deal with the situation," he said. King said the states — including the New Mexico attorney general and state engineer — as well as the U.S., which is a party to the

suit — and water users — need to pay attention to the report.

"I realize we have to face that any settlement solution will have to initiate with the water users in the lower Rio Grande," he said. "The irrigation district works closely with the Texas irrigation district."

He said he expects the two districts to continue to work together, and, in addition New Mexico has internal issues it has to address.

"We have to figure out how to slow water use and make the availability of water equitable," he said.

King asserted surface and ground water must be managed jointly as must industrial and agricultural use.


"It takes a lot of co-operation, but we're used to it," he said.

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New rules affect student transfers

BULLETIN REPORT

Students who want to transfer to a school outside of their home attendance zone beginning in the fall of 2017 face several changes to the transfer process, according to a Las Cruces Public Schools (LCPS) press release.

LCPS officials said transfer applications are being accepted through March 1. However, unlike in previous years, transfers will not be determined on a first-come-first-served basis.

“There’s a clear outline in state law as to which students get a higher preference when wanting to transfer,” said Wendi Miller-Tomlinson, LCPS director of secondary instruction. “We will follow that outline closer than ever before when prioritizing the applications later in the spring.”

Transfer applications for elementary and middle school students are processed through the school principal, while high school transfers are submitted to Miller-Tomlinson. Her office is in the Department of Instruction at the LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main, Loretto Towne Centre.

In the release, Miller-Tomlinson said hundreds of applications are submitted each school year. Parents must indicate if their transfer request is based on the criteria outlined in state law. The law indicates the first two preferences are given to students who live in the attendance zone and then to those who attend an “F-rated” school, as determined by the NM Public Education Department.

The third priority for a transfer is whether a student previously attended the school of their choice. The fourth priority gives preference to students of military families, whether class sizes are not being exceeded, and if there is space available at the other school.

“If the district has more applications than there is space, we plan to closely follow the state law as to whose application is approved first and who has to be placed on a waiting list,” said Erlinda Martinez, associate superintendent for instruction in the press release.

The four comprehensive high schools have different population sizes, and Miller-Tomlinson said those enrollment figures fluctuate depending on how many students transfer in and out. However, the number of approved transfers is scrutinized based on whether the school has the physical space for additional students and whether the school’s teaching staff is adequate for the number of students.

“A capacity issue is an important criterion when deciding how many students can leave or enter a school outside of their attendance zone,” Miller-Tomlinson said in the release. “We don’t want a school’s program to be over-burdened and, vice-

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WENDI MILLER-TOMLINSON

LCPS director of secondary instruction

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After all transfer requests have been considered and there is still space remaining at a school, Miller-Tomlinson said additional requests will be approved through a random selection until all slots

are filled. This differs from previous years when the requests were approved based on the date and time of their filing.

Miller-Tomlinson said another important change to the transfer process is the disclosure by middle school and high school families as to whether a student is, or plans to be, enrolled in athletics. There are specific steps for such families, said Miller-Tomlinson.

“The parents of student athletes or potential athletes must meet with the director of athletics before their transfer application is accepted,” Miller-Tomlinson said. “We simply want to ensure that families understand the rules — local rules and those by the New Mexico Activities Association — before they request a new school.”

According to the release, another recent change affects students currently enrolled in a school under a previously approved transfer application. Those students need not apply again unless the student is moving from an elementary to a middle school or from a middle school to a high school, she said.

Application approvals will occur after March 1.

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City reduces inventory of abandoned properties

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

A list of 210 vacant or abandoned properties identified in a spring 2016 citywide assessment was reduced by 71 percent by the end of the year, interim Assistant City Manager/Chief Operations Officer Loretta Reyes told the Las Cruces City Council at its Monday, Jan. 23 work session.

City Manager Stuart Ed identified the city's Neighborhood Action Team (NAT), which deals with properties, as a priority in November.

LCPD Codes Enforcement Section (CES) Chief James Chavez said the list of vacant and abandoned properties in the city has been reduced as owners are identified, properties are removed from the list or violations are addressed. The list, he said, contains both residential and commercial properties, and includes 45 cases identified as "problematic," he said.

Some properties "may be unsightly," Chavez said, but do not violate the city's nuisance ordinance. CES receives 31,000 calls a year, Chavez said.

The city may need to tighten that ordinance, including its definition of violations, "to make them a little bit more stringent," Councillor Ceil Levatino said. "It's obvious something should be done but there's nothing that can be done because there's no violation," she said.

Once the owner of a property that is in violation is determined, he or she is sent a letter by the city and has 10 days to respond and initiate a plan of action to address violations. If that doesn't happen, Chavez said, the matter is referred to criminal court.

Chavez said CES is updat-

ing a database of properties at issue, including photographs and a map, on the city website. His department also will upload information about the legal process regarding vacant or abandoned properties. CES is in the process of hiring a contractor to deal with abatement work on the properties, Chavez said, and staff will propose changes to the ordinance at the March 6 council meeting.

The next steps for the NAT include answering these questions, Reyes said: How does the city use exiting tools to improve neighborhoods? What options does the city have for a citizen assistance program beyond what is currently provided? What is the role of the NAT beyond dealing with vacant and abandoned properties? How can the city partner with and engage the community?

City Council and Constituent Services Coordinator Jamey L. Rickman said the city wants to work with neighborhood watch, historic preservation and neighborhood association committees to develop a community team to assist NAT.

NAT is comprised of Reyes, Chavez, Rickman, Las Cruces Fire Chief Eric Enriquez, Police Chief Jaime Montoya, city Facilities Administrator Eric Martin, city Public Information Office Director Udell Vigil, Assistant City Attorney Thomas Limon, city Land and Real Estate Administrator Bill Hamm, city Community Development Director David Weir and city Community Development Planner Katie Jenkins

For more information, visit www.las-cruces.org/departments/administration/nat.

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Moose Lodge gives back to Jardin



Members of the Loyalty Order of Moose Lodge 2081 presented a check for \$2,000 to Jardin de los Niños in January. "January and February are not big 'giving months,' so for a donation like this to come in at this time is very helpful," said Jardin Director Audrey Hartley. "We are truly grateful for the support of all of our community members."

Peter Pan prequel opens at Centennial HS

BULLETIN REPORT

Centennial High School presents "Peter and the Starcatcher," at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 16 through 18 at the Centennial Performing Arts Lab, 1950 Sonoma Ranch Blvd. The play follows a character named Boy as he sails across the sea with his mates. When Molly, the daughter of the famous starcatcher, Lord Astor, comes across the ship, the two engage in a humorous adventure to save a treasure trunk from the greedy pirate known as Black Stache. As the crew heads for Neverland, Boy and Molly learn about love, friendship, and create an unbreakable bond.

Originally written by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson, and adapted to the stage



Centennial High School theater arts teacher Darin Cabot (center) works with the cast of "Peter and the Starcatcher," opening Thursday, Feb. 16.

by Rick Elice, this family-friendly play is the prequel to the beloved story of Peter

Pan. Tickets are \$5. Info: Centennial After School Theatre on Facebook.

IN THE NEWS

Telshor lane closure

There will be a lane closure on Telshor Blvd. north of the Spruce Avenue intersection from Monday, Feb. 13 – 28 for roadway improvements for a new business. Access to businesses will be maintained during construction. Motorists wanting to avoid any possible delays should seek an alternate route. The lane closures will not affect Roadrunner Transit. For more information, call 575-528-3098. The TTY number is 575-541-2182.

Young Achievers Forum set for Feb. 11

New Mexico State University will host the first New Mexico Young Achievers Forum from 7:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at Corbett Center Student Union. Community en Accion y de Fe (CAFé), AT&T and Bravo Dealerships of Las Cruces and El Paso are partners in this event committed to introducing 6 grade students and their parents from southern New Mexico to NMSU and a variety of career opportunities.

About 500 attendees are expected at the free event from 7:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers will give opening remarks. Presentations from local career professionals will follow at locations across the NMSU campus, and Gov. Susana Martinez is the scheduled keynote speaker. For more information contact the NMSU Student Success Center at 575-646-3136.

American Association of University Women spring meeting

The American Association of University Women NMSU Student Affiliate Organization will host its spring semester meeting and information session at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, in Breland Hall, Room 185 on the NMSU campus.

The workshop set for Tuesday, April 4, and organizational topics such as goals, opportunities, recruitment and fundraising will be discussed. Members, guests and non-members are invited to join. The AAUW START SMART workshop provides women with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to negotiate their first salaries and benefits. Info: <https://aauw.nmsu.edu/>, Jessica Greenamyler at jlcroom1@nmsu.edu, 575-649-8148 or Susan DeMar at sde-mar@nmsu.edu or 575-646-3509.



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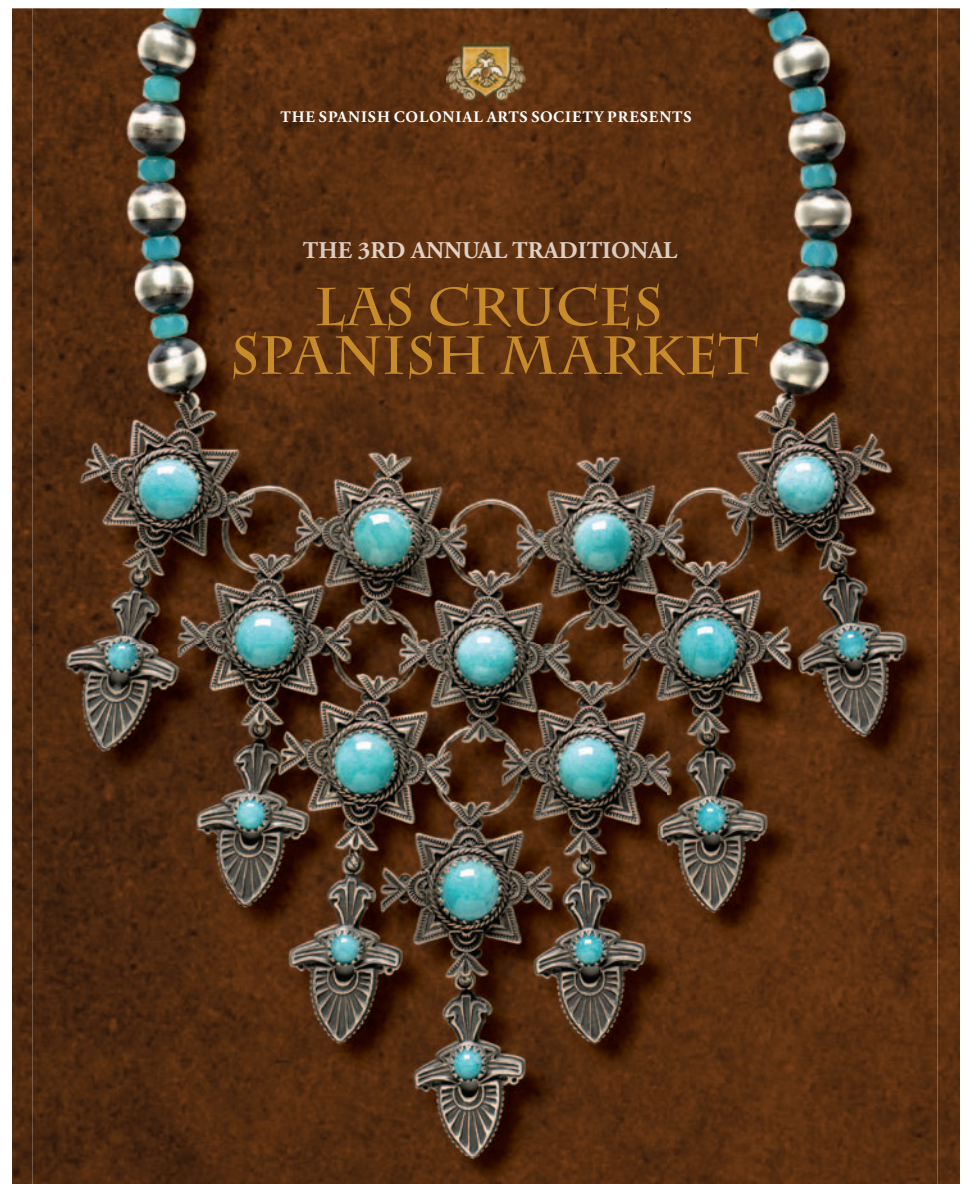
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Las Cruces Academy open house: 8:30 - 10 a.m. and 5:30 - 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1755 Avenida de Mercado, Mesilla. Info: lascrucesacademy.org or by calling Lou Ellen Kay at 575-521-9384.

Truth about cancer workshop: 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Ty M. Bollinger videos and discussion. Info: 575-652-0017.

Minnesota Club meets: 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, Cattle Baron Restaurant, 790 S. Telshor Blvd.

Money management workshop: 7 - 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, Corbett Center auditorium, 2895 S. Locust St. Red to Green Financial Wellness: Confessions of a Shopaholic. Info: finlit@nmsu.edu or 575-646-1631.

Las Cruces Economic Outlook Conference: 9:30 a.m. - noon, Thursday, Feb. 16, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Sixth annual Economic Outlook Conference: top national and state economists will present economic forecasts for 2017. To register, visit <http://business.nmsu.edu/cob-events>. Info: Anthony Casaus at acasaus@nmsu.edu or 575-646-5817.

Doña Ana County Senior Games kickoff and registration: 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, Trails West Clubhouse 1450 Avenida de Mesilla. Annual kickoff and registration. Info: doaanaseniors.com, dacsolascruces@gmail.com or 575-649-3167.

High Tech Consortium of Southern NM membership meeting: 4:30 - 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, Arrowhead Center, 3655 Research Road. Speaker Commissioner Benjamin L. Rawson.

Las Cruces chapter of AARP presents 'Fraud Watch and Scams': 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, Golden Mesa Retirement Center, 151 N. Roadrunner

Parkway. One-hour presentation on how to avoid being a victim. Info: 575-

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

Youth bowling leagues ongoing: 1 p.m. Sundays, Ten Pin Alley, 1201 E. Amador Ave. through April 30. Las Cruces USBC invites youth ages 6-20 to join bowling leagues. Info: Linda Goff, 575-642-6054.

Beginners bridge classes: 9:30 a.m. Saturdays starting March 4 at Belton Bridge Club, 1214 E. Madrid Ave.

Relaxed duplicate 'mini' bridge game: 10 a.m. - noon Saturdays starting March 4 at Belton Bridge Club, 1214 E. Madrid Ave. Ten-12 hands of bridge for beginner players and 'party' bridge players who would like to try duplicate style and pick up pointers. Mini-game is sanctioned by the ACBL; masterpoints awarded. Duplicate bridge players with fewer than 5 masterpoints may attend. Cost: \$3 table fee. Info: John Randall at 786-338-5970 and Dave Allen at 575-635-6486.

Free tax preparation offered by AARP: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fridays. 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday (starting Feb. 23), Community Action Agency, 3880 Foothills Dr. Through April 17 on a first-come, first-served basis. Info: 575-527-8799.

Las Cruces Ukuleles practice: 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Thursdays beginner group; 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursdays performance group at Good Samaritan Society - Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Cost: no charge and loaner ukuleles available. Info: www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com or 575-405-7133.

Vital Records Office hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday, 1170 N. Solano Drive. The Vital Records Office at the Las Cruces Public Health Office is available for registering and acquiring birth or death certificates. Info: 575-528-5046.

Quilt Guild meets third Monday: 1:30 p.m. third Monday of the month, American Legion Post 10 Hall, 1185 Madrid Ave. Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meetings consist of brief business announcements, a program, show and tell and door prizes. Info: Linnea Egbert at 575-521-0521, linneanjce@aol.com or visit www.lcqq.org.

Gene's Gesters Toastmaster Club: 7 - 8 a.m. every Tuesday, Doña Ana Community College (DACC) Workforce Center Solutions, 2345 Nevada Ave. If you are interested in improving your public speaking and leadership skills, attend a meeting to learn how this organization can benefit you. Info: clobato@nmsu.edu, or visit Toastmasters International website at <http://www.toastmasters.org/>.

Las Cruces Shrine meets the second Monday of each month, 1150 W. Brown. All Shriners are invited. Info: 575-526-8396.

Doña Ana County Republican Party office hours: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday - Friday, 3201 S. Main St. Info: 575-523-8683.

Tutti Bambini story time, discounted shopping: 10:45 a.m. Wednesdays, 300 El Molino St. Children's clothes at half price. Info: 575-526-9752.

Ukulele kids club: 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. second and fourth Saturday of every month, El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo Street, just east of the downtown post office. Cost: free to elementary-school-age children who want to learn to play; loaner ukuleles available. No experience is necessary. Info: www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com, www.facebook.com/lascrucesukes, or 575-405-7133.

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

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

Brown Bag lectures at Railroad Museum: Noon on the second Tuesday of the month, 351 N. Mesilla St. Las Cruces Railroad Museum hosts a free lunch time lecture. Info: <http://las-cruces.org/museums> or call 575-647-4480.

MS Support/Education group meets: 4:30 - 6 p.m. the first Thursday of every month, Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village Social Center Creative Arts Room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Emotional support and MS education. Date, time, location subject to change. Info: 575-373-5130 or lascrucesmselfhelp@gmail.com.

'Blast from the Past' discussions: 2 - 3 p.m. Fridays, MountainView Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Take a walk down memory lane with discussions about the movies, music, television and stars of the 1950s and 60s. Info: 575-522-0503.

Soroptimist International meets: Noon on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3010 Buena Vida Circle. Soroptimist International of Las Cruces is a women's advocacy group. Info: silascruces@soroptimist.net.

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City amends fence/wall building code

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

At its Monday, Feb. 6 regular meeting, the Las Cruces City Council unanimously approved a resolution revising the municipal code regarding design standards for fences and walls.

The council also unanimously approved: city funding for eight local events; a state grant that will build a facility at West Mesa Industrial Park for a satellite communications company that is expected to provide about 30 local full-time jobs; additional lighting and security cameras at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum.

City Community Development Department Chief Development Engineer Rocio Dominguez said the city adopted the ordinance regarding fences, walls, retaining walls and slope protection in November 2013. Since then, she said, end users affected by the ordinance, including design engineers, archi-

itects, developers and builders, have indicated in public meetings that the standards adopted were “extremely strict and would benefit from modifications to provide flexibility,” according to city documents.

Changes made Feb. 6 to the original ordinance include compliance with drainage and flood control regulations in the municipal code, “removal of some private six-foot yard walls or less in height from city construction permitting and inspection, establishing a minimum grade difference of up to two feet without requiring retaining wall calculations,” and a redefinition of engineer certification requirements.

Las Cruces Home Builders Association President Jason Lorenz said LCHBA supports the changes. He said the organization was “blindsided” by the 2013 ordinance. “Now, we’ve got something we think is a good compromise,” Lorenz said.

To go far... go together

By TRACEY BRYAN

This African proverb is often quoted, but even in its repetition and potential overuse, the truth of its message is as firm as bedrock.

One person or entity working alone is never able to accomplish quite as much as one can in partnership with others. And when you seek to create real, lasting change, time and again, the greatest success stories happen when individuals and groups link arms and efforts together toward a common goal, each playing its part in union with others.

Once again, Doña Ana County proved the truth of the proverb. In January, while New Mexico celebrated the highest high school graduation rate in the state’s history, our county’s story was even better.

It was better because we, as a community, rallied around our young people. A conversation began with business leaders in the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce who wanted to do something to help more students graduate. Those leaders reached out to educators and asked, “how can we help?” And then together, they formed The Bridge of Southern New Mexico with a clearly stated goal to reach the highest graduation rates in the state. And they set about to make change together.



And that’s why the story of graduation rates this year is so sweet. Doña Ana County has risen from what was a graduation rate of 49 percent back in 2007 to now, 80 percent county-wide.

Our students’ success far outpaced the state, which posted a statewide rate of 71 percent, acknowledging we still have a way to go to reach the national average graduation rate of 83 percent.

However, reaching this mark is so achievable for us ... and that’s important for our young people to know. We need just over 2,500 more New Mexico students to cross the finish line to hit that mark. In our county, we’d hit 83 percent if just 102 more students cross the finish line next year.

Do you see how close we are to leaping out of the bottom? And if that kind of change is possible, what else is possible?

Now that four of every five students have completed high school, we need to make sure as

many as possible cross at least one more finish line: to career certifications, associate’s degrees, and bachelor’s degrees or higher. Educational success happens at many levels, and we need to come alongside our young people to help them identify which finish line or lines are right for them.

Then, we need to connect them to the higher-paying, higher-skilled career opportunities that are here now and that have been identified as critical components for the economic development of the region: healthcare, defense, digital media, energy, aerospace, value-added agriculture, advanced manufacturing and transportation and logistics.

Then, we will have placed young people in the greatest possible position to succeed. They will be ready to engage in and build the businesses and industries that will create a whole new set of opportunities for our community. And most importantly, the finish lines they cross hold the keys to breaking cycles of poverty once and for all.

If you want to learn more, visit The Bridge’s new website: thebridgeofsnm.org. Everyone has a role to play. I invite you to get in the race with us to change the future of young people and, through them, change the future for us all.

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Chile Pepper Institute observes a spicy quarter century



John and Sue Hard are all smiles at the Chile Pepper Institute's 25th anniversary dinner held Feb. 6 at Hotel Encanto in Las Cruces. The Hards developed the ghost pepper Holy Jolokia, which has earned worldwide recognition and the proceeds of which are donated to the Chile Pepper Institute's research efforts. The Ohio couple are the proprietors of CaJohns Fiery Foods Co. and have been in the business for 20 years.

PHOTOS BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH



Chile Pepper Institute director Professor Paul W. Bosland introduces important players in chile pepper research.



Bill Devine with Rosetta's Farm Spices is in town for the New Mexico Chile Pepper Conference held Feb. 6 and 7. Devine came from New Jersey to talk about and learn more about peppers.



Special edition Holy Jolokia pepper sauce celebrates the Chile Pepper Institute's 25th year.



Angel Chavez

It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, ANGEL CHAVEZ MARTINEZ SR., 88, of Las Cruces on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at La Posada – Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by his loving family. Angel was born July 2, 1928 to Asuncion and Maria Chavez Martinez in McNary, Texas. Angel retired as a farmer and was a musician by trade. He was a good husband, father, grandfather and a good man to any one that came in contact with him. Angel was the last of his immediate family and he will be welcomed by them as he is an angel. Our father, our hero, our counselor in life, he hit up a room and put a smile on everyone's face. Angel was very proud of his biggest accomplishment which are his seven children. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

Those left to mourn his passing include his loving wife, Consuelo Nieto Martinez of the family home; two sons, Angel Martinez Jr. (Laura) of Los Lunas, Armando Martinez (Patricia) of Albuquerque; five daughters, Socorro Martinez Rodriguez (Hector) of Las Cruces, Marisela Martinez Parsonese of Albuquerque, Susana Martinez

Nañez (Gary) of El Paso, TX, Nancy Martinez Bernhard (Craig) of Tucson, AZ, and Connie Martinez (Idalia) of San Diego, CA; a brother, Manuel Martinez of Las Cruces; a sister, Maria Morales of Odessa, TX. Other survivors include twelve grandchildren, Christian, Amanda, Angelica, Roman, Aiden, Sage, Dante, Diego, Maya, Hector Jr., Genevieve, and Isaiah and one great grandson, Nicolas as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Estefan Andres Nieto; three brothers, Abelardo, Efren and Armando Martinez; two sisters, Socorro and Herlinda Martinez.

Visitation for Mr. Martinez will begin at 6 PM Thursday, February 2, 2017 in Baca's Funeral Chapel, 300 E Boutz Road where the Prayer Vigil is scheduled for 7 PM. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1 PM on Friday, February 3, 2017 in Our Lady of Health Catholic Church, 1178 N. Mesquite Street with Reverend Ruben Romero officiating. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5140 W. Picacho where he will be laid to rest.

Serving as casket bearers will be Hector Rodriguez Jr., Diego and Dante Nañez, Christian Martinez, Roman and Aiden Parsonese.

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Julian G. Morales

Our beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, JULIAN G. MORALES, 85, of Las Cruces left his dwelling place on earth and entered eternal life to be with his heavenly Father on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at Memorial Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 17, 1931 in El Ejido Jesus Carranza, Chihuahua, Mexico. Julian was an automotive mechanic by trade for over 40 years until his retirement from Borman Ford where he was fondly known as the "Maestro". Julian was a man of deep faith and was a communicant at Our Lady of Health Catholic Church where he served in several ministries. His service as a Eucharistic Minister was of special meaning to him.

Those left to mourn his passing include three sons, Julian Morales Jr. (Ofelia D.), Juan Morales (Susie), David Morales (Delilah); a daughter, Maria Soledad Martinez (Alejandro) all of Las Cruces; two brothers, Jesus Manuel and Catarino Morales both of Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. Julian is also survived by his companion, Teresa Martinez. Other survivors include seventeen grandchildren,

Karim, Alejandro René, Noël, Analyssa and Arianna Martinez, Jenna, Mayteana, Isaac, Julian Derek, Darrell, Rebecca, Martin, Marissa, Juan Carlos and Josie Daniel Morales, Darren Cedillo and Jose Pablo Cordero; eight great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margarita E. Morales; two brothers, Raymundo and Cayetano Morales, a sister, Ernestina Morales, and his parents Catarino Sr. and Maria G. Morales.

Visitation for Mr. Morales will begin at 10 AM Wednesday, February 8, 2017 in Our Lady of Health Catholic Church, 1178 N. Mesquite Street where the Prayer Vigil is scheduled for 11 AM. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated immediately thereafter with Bishop Emeritus Ricardo Ramirez, C.S.B. officiating. Cremation will follow and Inurnment of Remains will take place at a later date in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Serving as casket bearers will be Noël, Alejandro René and Alejandro Martinez, Julian Derek, Isaac, Juan Carlos, Joshua, Darrell and Martin Morales, Darren Cedillo and Joe Cordero. Honorary bearers will be Juan, Julian and David Morales and Maria Soledad Martinez.

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Margey Ann Wilkinson

Our beloved sister, aunt and dear friend, MARGEY ANN WILKINSON, age 61, of Las Cruces passed away Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at La Posada-Mesilla Valley Hospice. Margey was born October 1, 1955 in Colorado Springs, Colorado to Richard David and Mary Ann Miller Wilkinson. She graduated from New Mexico State University in 1977 with a Master's degree in Education. Margey enjoyed traveling, reading and playing cards, and was a member of the Chapter AS of P.E.O. Sisterhood.

Survivors include her only brother, Don Wilkinson and wife, Dana of Hobbs; her only niece and nephew, Shelby Teeter and husband Donald, and Samuel Wilkinson; her special great-nephew, Logan Teeter, all whom she loved as if they were her own children. She was

preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation for Margey will be held at 1 PM Thursday, February 9, 2017 at Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, where the Funeral Service is scheduled for 2 PM. Concluding Service and Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, 100 N. Espina Street where she will be laid to rest.

Serving as casket bearers will be her family and friends.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to MD Anderson Cancer Center, 1840 Old Spanish Trail Houston, TX 77054 1-866-632-4782, St Jude's Children Hospital, by phone 1-800-805-5856, La Posada-Mesilla Valley Hospice by phone 575-523-4700 or El Caldito Soup Kitchen by phone 575-525-3831 in Margey memory.

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Rentfrow Hall holds re-opening

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University staff and faculty along with community members were on hand Saturday night, Feb. 4, as the College of Education celebrated the grand re-opening of Rentfrow Hall, 3165 Williams Place on the NMSU campus.

The building is the home of the NMSU Department of Kinesiology and Dance (KIND), although some of the Kinesiology Department will remain at the NMSU activity center.

Built in 1958 and named for former NMSU Registrar Era Rentfrow, the building was originally a gymnasium. It has undergone a \$2.5 million renovation that transformed the space into a large performance studio with state-of-the-art technology, classrooms, offices, two laboratories and the Jan Morehead Dance Studio, funded through donations from the Michael and Jan Morehead family.

For more information, visit education.nmsu.edu/giving/stars/, kind.nmsu.edu/rentfrow-renovation/ and kind.nmsu.edu/.



PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

The Jan Morehead Dance Studio is one of the new features of the renovated Rentfrow Hall, 3165 William Ave. on the NMSU campus.

Mayor pro-tem drafts resolution opposing border wall

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith read a resolution at the Mon-

day, Feb. 6 city council meeting that he drafted opposing President Donald Trump's proposal to build a wall along the United States-Mexico

border.

Smith requested that the resolution be placed on the agenda of the next regular council meeting on Monday, Feb. 20.

The proposed resolution reads:

WHEREAS, the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, between Mexico City and San Juan Pueblo, now known as Ohkay Owingeh in northern New Mexico, passed through present day Las Cruces and was traveled by soldiers, traders and settlers for nearly three hundred years, and

WHEREAS, similar trade routes existed between Mesoamerica, in what is presently central Mexico, and Chaco Canyon, in modern day northern New Mexico, and almost certainly passed through the Las Cruces area for hundreds of years before the arrival of Europeans and the designation of

a Camino Real by the Spanish, and

WHEREAS, the trade that continues now between Mexico and New Mexico, as well as the other border states, is a major and significant portion of our economy, offering employment and opportunities for many here, and

WHEREAS, the economic, historic, and cultural connections between our part of the United States and just across the border in Mexico is underscored by the families whose members have been connected across this region for hundreds of years before there was a border between the modern countries of the United States and Mexico, and

WHEREAS, a wall along the border and various proposals for how to compel Mexico to pay for it threaten our region's economy, relations between our two nations,

and the ability of family members on one side of the border to remain in contact with family members on the other side of the border,

NOW, THEREFORE WE, the members of the Governing Council of the City of Las Cruces, state the following :

I.

We stand in opposition to the construction of the proposed wall on our region's border with Mexico, specifically in Doña Ana County.

II.

We oppose the imposition of tariffs, fees, or taxes to construct such a wall, which we believe will harm our economy, most particularly in Las Cruces, Santa Teresa, and Doña Ana County, where international trade between New Mexico and Mexico provides hundreds of jobs, economic growth, and a vital opportunity to diversify our state's

economy.

III.

We request that the Executive and Legislative Branches of our government in Washington, D.C., look at more effective, comprehensive, and humane ways to address concerns about illegal immigration.

IV.

We direct the City Manager to ensure that the Honorable Donald Trump, President of the United States; the Honorable Susana Martinez, Governor of the State of New Mexico; Mister Marcos Bucio, Consul General of Mexico in El Paso; and members of our U.S. Congressional and New Mexico Legislative delegations receive communications by the speediest methods possible clearly stating our opposition to such a wall and any funding burden placed on trade or citizens in our region to pay for its construction.



STATE OF CITY ADDRESS

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima will deliver his annual State of the City Address



**Wednesday,
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Mary Ann Montgomery Smith

MARY ANN MONTGOMERY SMITH, died on Monday, January 2, 2017 at the age of 93, after a brief battle with cancer. She is survived by son, Robert Charles Montgomery of Durham, NC, and daughter, Carol Jean (Michael) Sherick of Las Cruces, NM, where she lived the last 6 years. She was preceded in death by her parents, Carlisle C. Dicken and Adelaide J. Breedlove Dicken, and her husband, J. Milburn Smith, former president of Chicago-based Continental Casualty Company.

Mary Ann grew up in Louisville, Kentucky where she graduated from the Louisville Girls High School and earned her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Louisville. She later lived in Columbus, Ohio where she worked as the Executive Assistant to the General Chairman and CEO of Nationwide Insurance Companies and was active in Toastmistress International and the Nationwide women's golf league.

After leaving Nationwide she and Mil lived several years at Lake Point Tower in Chicago, IL before retiring to Las Vegas, NV.

Mary Ann was a Bene-

factor of the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago through The Mary Ann and J. Milburn Smith Child Health Research Program, founded in 2000 to address important clinical and public pediatric health problems. She was also a Benefactor of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN.

Interment and a private memorial service will be held at a later date in Louisville, Kentucky at the site of her family plot at Cave Hill Cemetery. Those who wish to pay tribute to Mary Ann may do so by making a donation in her name to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.

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Lene Schaefer

It is with deep regret and sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, LENÉ SCHAEFER on Saturday, January 14, 2017. Service Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.



Adelina M. Sanchez

It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and

friend, ADELINA M. SANCHEZ, 85, of Las Cruces on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

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Adolfo Macias De Leon

ADOLFO MACIAS DE LEON, 87, of Chamberino, NM passed away peacefully at his home on February 2, 2017. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.



Doyle Lee Standridge

DOYLE DEE STANDRIDGE, age 62, of Las Cruces passed away Monday, January 23, 2017 at his home. Services Are Pending with the Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.



Florencia "Lencha" Duran Garcia

FLORENCIA "LENCHA" DURAN GARCIA, age 86, lifelong resident of Las Cruces passed away Tuesday, January 24, 2017. Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.



NMSU professors to discuss challenges facing democracy

By MINERVA BAUMANN

For the Bulletin

New Mexico State University's Department of Government is hosting a colloquium series titled "Democracy in Question?" to reflect on the local, national and global implications of recent major political events such as the Brexit vote and the 2016 U.S. elections that are impacting democracy.

"Each presentation will introduce main ideas and arguments regarding key issues, such as the meanings of democracy in different historical and national contexts," said Neil Harvey, NMSU government professor and department head in the College of Arts and Sciences. "We will also discuss the role of critical thinking in the study of politics, current challenges facing democratic institutions and citizen participation, and possible scenarios for the coming months and years."

All lectures will be presented from 4-5 p.m. in Breland Hall, Room 179. They are free and open to the public.

The series began on Feb. 7 with a presentation by Sabine Hirschauer, NMSU assistant professor in government titled, "Populism and Elections in Europe in 2017."

On Feb. 14, Gil Arturo Ferrer Vicario, professor with the Au-

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NEIL HARVEY

NMSU government professor

tonomous University of Guerrero and Emiliano Díaz Carnero of the Universidad Iberoamericana, both in Mexico, will give a presentation titled "Indigenous Peoples and Participatory Democracy: Lessons from Community Policing and Territorial Disputes in Guerrero, Mexico." This presentation will be delivered in Spanish with English interpretation provided.

On March 14, Harvey will present "Border Security and Immigration Policy: A Human Rights Approach."

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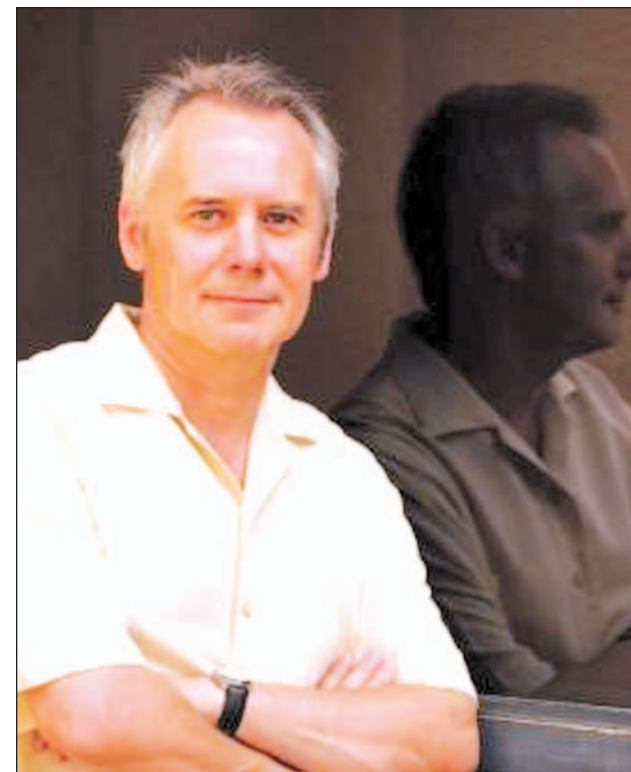


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Neil Harvey, NMSU government professor and department head, is among the faculty who will give talks about the meaning of democracy between February and May as part of a colloquium titled "Democracy in Question?"

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Harvey teaches Mexican Politics, Comparative Politics, Resistance Movements in World Politics, Contemporary Political Thought, Comparative World Political Ideologies and an Honors course "Citizen and the State: Great Political Issues". Since 2008, he has also taught a service learning class concerning social justice on the U.S./Mexico border.

On April 4, Christa Slaton and Greg Butler, both NMSU professor of government, will present "Democracy in America: Myths, Realities and Possibilities." Slaton's research has focused on advancing democratic governance to create more transparency and

trust in government. Butler's research has focused on the history of American political thought and culture.

On May 2, Neal Rosendorf, NMSU associate professor in government and Yosef Lapid, NMSU Regents Professor emeritus in government, will present "Rethinking Global Politics and U.S. Foreign Relations." Rosendorf's research interests include modern U.S. foreign relations and international relations history and policy, public diplomacy, national reputation management, international public relations and "soft power." Lapid's research interests include theories of international relations, identity borders and security studies in the Middle East.

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Indulgence Bakery

A sweet addition to South Main

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Si Italian Bistro closed its doors Oct. 31, it was not the end for Sweet Indulgence Bakery.

Marybeth Higgins and her daughter, Meagan Higgins, are reopening Indulgence Bakery & Café later this month at

2265 S. Main St. in the Monte Vista Plaza, in the building where L & L Steakhouse, Smoky Dick's and, later, Sheba Grill were located.

"We really love serving the community and that's why we went forward with this," Meagan said.

Indulgence will be open for breakfast and lunch – 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays, she said. It will close on Mondays.

Meagan's brother Jeremy Hixon and Arthur Wilbur "have been working extensively on the renovations and will be the culinary team of the new café," Meagan said. Jeremy was the owner of Si Bistro.

"While we will be having many of the same beloved desserts available that we had before, as well as other new desserts and baked goods, this is definitely a new restaurant," Meagan said. "The breakfast and lunch menu at Indulgence will not have the same items that were offered at Si Bistro, except for some of our homemade soups, but I can guarantee it's going to be delicious and unique," she said.

"While Indulgence may not be a re-opening of Si Bistro or Sweet Indul-

gence per se, there are definitely aspects of it, particularly in the bakery, that will be familiar to our loyal customers," Meagan said. "There are people who have gotten their favorite desserts from us for years and years, and with the opening of Indulgence, they will continue to be able to for what will hopefully be many years to come."

There are also plans to get a beer and wine license and present dessert and music nights later on, Meagan said.

The family is collecting antiques to use as decorations throughout their new space. The theme will be "retro industrial," Marybeth said. The café already has mason-jar overhead lights that are decorative and energy efficient, Hixon said.

They have also purchased a rebuilt espresso machine that "has a really neat vintage look," Megan said, and will continue to serve their signature brand of Red Rock Roasters coffee.

"It's something funky and fun, Meagan said."

The team also will include Arthur Wilbur and Celeste Chavez. "It's family," Marybeth said.

Sweet Indulgence opened on El Paseo Road in 1997 and moved to the Si Italian Bistro location on Idaho Avenue in 2005.

For more information, email indulgencebakerylc@gmail.com and find them on Facebook at Indulgence Bakery and Café.

Mike Cook can be reached at goodguymwc@q.com



An antique clock and energy-efficient and decorative Mason Jar lights adorn the new Indulgence Bakery & Café, due to open in February.

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Chamber of Commerce gala plans heat up

By ALTA LeCOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will salute community, business and public sector leaders at its annual gala Friday, Feb. 17, in the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

This year's theme is "Be the Flame — Ignite Your Passion."

The theme will reflect a variety of 2017 chamber initiatives CEO and President Debbi Moore and Board Chairman Rick Jackson will

present at the gala.

Moore said the chamber is one of several organizations under the leadership of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico that are developing a sustainable workforce plan, saying the chamber will expand its agricultural sector membership.

Jackson, the chamber's new board chairman, said the organization has many 2016 accomplishments to celebrate and a lot to look forward to in 2017.

In 2016, Jackson noted, the chamber hired Moore, who "brought in new ideas, a breath

of fresh air and started making changes for the good of the members."

Jackson said the chamber has surveyed members about their interests and concerns, gathered opinions on the scheduled 2019 minimum wage increase, added five board members to increase the range of industries represented and hired a local contractor, McGinley Construction, to complete the restoration of the Nestor Armijo House, which the chamber plans to occupy in August.

"2017 is kicking off in a very positive way with Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe in January and the gala in February, and that's just January and February," Jackson said. "We've got 10 more months and we're going to do amazing things.

At the gala, chamber awards will be presented to the large and small businesses of the year, chosen from among the chamber's large and small businesses of the month, and nonprofits of the month named during 2016. Also receiving awards will be chamber volun-

teer and Conquistadore of the year.

The Las Cruces Fire and Police Departments will present awards to outstanding members of their departments.

An experienced teacher, emerging teacher and school administrator each will receive a Crystal Apple award for excellence.

Additional honorees will include recipients of the community spirit volunteer, LYCP, chairman's, Doña Ana County Public Service and Hotch Manning awards.

India does away with large-denomination cash

India is in a bit of tizzy right now. The government of Narendra Modi announced the demonetization of large currency notes as part of an effort to fight corruption.

The idea is that eliminating 100 and 500 rupee notes — the two largest denominations — will force individuals hoarding large notes to turn them in to the banks for new notes. Those who can't prove that they have paid taxes on the money turned in will face back taxes and fines.

Of course, in many instances, it is in fact true that the source of the cash hoards is corruption and tax evasion. Large bills are used to bribe political officials. Hoards are also often accumulated as a by-product of tax evasion.

But large bills are also used as saving by the poor. News reports are rife with



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State of the Economy

stories of poor people saving small amounts week by week for years to pay a dowry or fund a business who are now being forced to pay taxes because they don't have proof that taxes were already paid — that or see their savings evaporate.

India's move is just part of a larger debate, sparked

in part by a new book by Kenneth Rogoff called the "Curse of Cash." In it, Rogoff summarizes what other economists have long argued about cash, which is that it allows for illegal activity.

It is hard to imagine bribing a politician with a debit card or writing a check to a drug dealer. Thus, eliminating cash and necessitating bank-mediated transactions will by force eliminate illegal activity.

Right now, the libertarian in you should be

cringing. It is precisely because cash allows for anonymity that we should keep cash. Anonymity is important in activities that are perfectly legal, but which we want to keep private.

For example, a husband may want to hide a purchase from a wife. Or maybe it's a public figure who doesn't want people to know he is in therapy. Whatever the transaction is, if we want to keep it private, we should have the option — as long as it is otherwise legal.

Then there are the more sinister reasons for anonymity, which is that the government really can't be trusted. We get used to the fact that we live in a democracy that protects civil rights, but this wasn't true if you were a black person in the Jim Crow South as recently as 50 years ago. Would you really want Bull Connor or George Wallace to have

the capacity to monitor every transaction made by black civil rights leaders?

The civil rights era provides an example within our lifetime, or at least the lifetime of our parents. Who knows what history will bring in the next 50 years? Maintaining anonymity using cash may be critical for the maintenance of freedom.

Going off the grid may be something that we may never have to do. I certainly wouldn't want to if I could avoid it, but having the option should be maintained.

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El Paseo fit for new tenant

By ALTA LeCOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

A fast-growing fitness chain — Crunch Fitness — is coming to the former Pro's Ranch food market building at Wyatt Drive and El Paseo Road.

The club would occupy more than half of the existing structure, or about 38,000 square feet. The build-out is expected to get underway in March, with an opening planned for this summer.

Crunch Fitness is franchised by Harman Fitness Inc., based in Chatsworth, California, which also owns gyms in Los Angeles, Denver, Chicago and Boise, plus properties overseas.

The Las Cruces center is their first New Mexico

venture, though Harman Fitness is pondering locations in Albuquerque and El Paso and owns rights for San Antonio and Houston franchises.

"Las Cruces is a growing, underserved area," said CEO Curtis Harman. "(Ours) is a very large club and there's not a lot of competition. I think we should do very well."

Harman calls Crunch a high-end, no-judgment fitness center that appeals to clients of all age groups and ethnic backgrounds and is known for its "off-the-wall classes."

Renaissance on El Paseo?

Jake Redfearn of NAI 1st Valley commercial real estate says the

Crunch announcement is good news for the El Paseo corridor, which has seen several lean years.

"El Paseo is really picking up steam and momentum," he said.

"The interest national companies are showing in the corridor speaks to the importance of the corridor for our city."

Dion's pizza restaurant is about to open on a one-acre site near the former Kmart at 1240 El Paseo Road, owned by Mesilla Park Community Church. Another acre at the opposite end of the property is currently available for sale or build-to-suit.

NAI also is representing the owners of the



PHOTO BY ALTA LeCOMPTE

The anchor store in an El Paseo Road shopping plaza, vacant since spring 2015, is getting a new tenant, Crunch Fitness, that will occupy about 65 percent of the former Pro's Ranch Market building.

former 5,000-square-foot Village Inn at 1205 El Paseo Road. Redfearn says NAI has received several inquiries about the building that was vacated when Village Inn relocated to 1435 S. Valley Drive.

And, negotiations are underway for the remaining footage in the former Pro's Ranch building, Redfearn added.

"We would like to see another clothing store or a boutique grocery, which would be optimal for the

space and would drive traffic to the retail center. These are some of the people we're targeting."

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SAVE THE DATE

Economic Outlook Conference: An annual look at the New Mexico and U.S. economy, 9:30 a.m.-noon Thursday, Feb. 16, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Presentations by professor Jim Peach, New Mexico State University College of Business, and Wells Fargo Bank economist Eugenio Alemán. Free, and open to the public. Register online by Friday, Feb. 10, at <http://business.nmsu.edu/cob-events>.

Business in the Borderplex Forum: 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 14, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance presents Mary Kipp, CEO of El Paso Electric, will discuss Business in the Borderplex. Advance registration \$25 payable via the secure PayPal portal on the online registration form. Payment at the door with cash, check or credit card is \$30. Info/registration: www.mveda.com.

2017 Chamber of Commerce Gala & Choice Awards: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Hosted by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce. Register online at www.lascruceschambermaster.com. Info: bmisqueza@lascruces.org.

Las Cruces Spanish Market: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. The third annual Las Cruces Spanish Market features approximately 50 Spanish Colonial artists from around the state. Info: enava@hhandr.com

Business workshop: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, "Promoting Your Business Online Using Social Media," Small Business Development Center at Doña Ana Community College. Learn 10 ways to earn positive user reviews, promote and grow your business and establish your brand online. Speaker is Eric Spellman. Info: www.nmsbdc.org/lascruces or 575-527-7676.

Business workshop: 2-4 p.m. Thursdays, March 2, 9 and 9-11 a.m. Thursday, March 16, Small Business Development Center, Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave. Free workshop on starting a business. Info/register: www.nmsbdc.org/lascruces or 575-527-7676.

Google Search and Maps workshop: 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, Small Business Development Center, Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave. Learn how to set up a Google My Business, a free tool that helps you manage information displayed to customers on Google Search and Maps. Info/register: www.nmsbdc.org/lascruces or 575-527-7676.

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Investment in knowledge can pay early dividends

By FINANCE NEW MEXICO

Before putting money into a new venture, savvy entrepreneurs make another kind of investment: the dedication of time for market intelligence. They learn everything possible about the market they wish to enter, who's succeeding or failing in it and what alternative products or services are currently filling the need the entrepreneur aims to meet.

Market intelligence helps predict demand for a product and can lead to changes in the proposed offering or result in a pivot to another market sector. It can also cause an entrepreneur to abandon an idea, thereby saving money that would be lost on a venture doomed for failure.

Where to start

An entrepreneur considering an initiative in a new geographic area should first learn about that area. Is the population rising or falling? What about wages and employment? The government keeps reams of statistics about



these and related issues. Good places to start are the U.S. Census Bureau (www.census.gov) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (www.bls.gov).

Often there is no better source of data about a market than trade journals. These may cost an exorbitant amount for a subscription, but the best of them offer access to searchable databases, as well as provide news and current information about relevant government regulation.

The Internet has made more market intelligence public than ever before, and there's plenty of low-hanging fruit. Search engines such as Google will deliver many levels of information — the more obscure and specific found beyond the first result page.

The Internet can also lead to blogs covering the latest news in a market. Read them for inside, real-time information.

Competitor websites can be

mined for information. Most have a "Press" link containing press releases that indicate what a company has been doing and what's important to its leaders.

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filings can be found at www.sec.gov. The information is extensive, and businesses are legally required to tell the truth.

The University of New Mexico Bureau of Business and Economic Research (bber.unm.edu) is a primary source of New Mexico economic, social and demographic data. University librarians can help locate public papers and dissertations on industry issues.

The nonprofit economic development organization WESST gives workshops on market research at its six locations around the state. Visit www.wesst.org for more information.

Finance New Mexico assists individuals and businesses with obtaining skills and funding resources for their business or idea. To learn more, go to www.FinanceNewMexico.org.

Dion's opening on El Paseo Road



BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA LeCOMPTÉ

Supplies are being loaded into the new Dion's pizza, salad and sub shop at 1060 El Paseo Road in preparation for its opening. The restaurant is hiring a staff of 70 and will have both a dining room and pickup window. The Albuquerque-based chain operates another Las Cruces location, 3950 E. Lohman Ave., and a total of 22 restaurants in three states.



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NOTICE is hereby given that on August 30, 2016 Rodolfo O. & Concepcion Q. Lara, PO Box 914, Mesilla Park, NM, 88047 filed application numbered LRG-7371-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-7371-5, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling & using replacement well LRG-7371-POD3 to be located within the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 25S, Range 2E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°5'45.59"N and 106°42'17.62"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, & discontinue the use of well LRG-7371, located on land owned by Mary Helen Tapia located within the NE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 25S, Range 2E (NMPM) & more specifically described where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°5'49.77"N and 106°42'7.98"W (WGS84), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 2.87 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the

NE 1/4 of said Section 35 (NMPM), as described in Subfile Order No. LRS 28-008-0068 Right A of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill & use replacement well LRG-7371-POD3 under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of replacement well LRG-7371-POD3 is located southwest of Vado, NM and may be found approximately 414 feet east of the intersection of County Road B 10 and Powell Place and further described at the property address of 115 Powell Place, La Mesa, NM. Existing well LRG-7371 will be retained for other rights.

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

within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 12, 2016, Zohrab and Zahra Hossenini Samani, 2705 Claude Dove Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88011 filed application numbered LRG-675-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-675-A, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling supplemental well LRG-675-POD2 to a depth of 150 feet with 12-inch casing located at approximately X = 1,433,715.9 Y = 539,096.1 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant to supplement existing well LRG-675-POD1 located at X = 1,433,798.8 Y = 539,022.4 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of an

amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBID for the irrigation of 9.0 acres of land owned by the applicant located within part of the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Sec 14, T21S, R01W, NMPM, as described in part by Subfile No.: LRN-28-001-0041 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Proposed supplemental well LRG-675-POD2 will be located north of Las Cruces, NM approximately 248 ft southeast of the intersection of Doña Ana Rd and the Leasburg Lateral WW 1. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill and use supplemental well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24.

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Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Due Date / Time
Active Transportation Plan	16-17-077	February 22, 2017 / 10:00am 700 N Main, Rm 3138, Las Cruces, NM	March 9, 2017 / 4:00pm 700 N Main, Rm 3138, Las Cruces, NM

Please use this link to access all City of Las Cruces solicitations: <https://www.newmexicobidssystem.com/Registration.asp?ID=1757> Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Section, at 700 N. Main, 3rd Floor, Room 3134.

Unless otherwise noted above, copies of solicitation documents may be inspected or obtained at City Hall, 700 N. Main St, Room 3134, Las Cruces, NM. Additional information/clarification regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Section at (575) 541-2525 or by email to bidclerk@las-cruces.org

Dates 2/10/2017

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with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 11, 2017, Rene A. Maese and Melinda Colleen Crain, 700 Watson Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-872-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-14750-1, 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 discontinuing the use of well LRG-14750-POD2 located at X = 1,479,439 Y = 461,066 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant and using replacement well LRG-872-POD3 located at X = 1,479,695.32 Y = 461,202.73 on land owned by the Aletta T. Wilson Living Trust for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBID for the irrigation of 1.13 acres of land owned by the applicant located within part of the NE 1/4 of Sec 31, T23S, R02E, NMPM, as described in part by Subfile No's.: LRN-28-013-0452-A and B of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Replacement well LRG-872-POD3 is located south of Las Cruces, NM at the physical address of 660 Watson Lane. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to use a replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. Existing well LRG-14750-POD2 will be retained for domestic one-household purposes.

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

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

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 11, 2017, Michael J. Salopek and Mary C. Salopek, 5403 Rocky Acres Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-16233-POD1, OSE File No.: LRG-16233-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-16233-POD1 to a depth of 200 feet with a 6-inch casing, in a location within the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 20, Township 22S, Range 1E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where X = 1,452,992.59 ft., and Y = 500,356.55 ft., NMSP, Central NAD83 on land owned by the applicants, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-00009-S-2, located on land owned by Simpson Family Farms, LLC located within the

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

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

State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of the Following Ordinance(s) at the Regular City Council Meeting Held on February 6, 2017:

(1) Council Bill No. 17-018; Ordinance No. 2804: An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Article III, Division 3 Fences, Walls, Retaining Walls, and Slope Protection from Chapter 32 of the Las Cruces Municipal Code, 1997, as Amended.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 7th day of February, 2017.

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

Date: 02/10, 2017

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

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

PROBATE NO.
PB-2017-00008

TO: PAULANNE CHASE, WHOSE ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ROBERT JACK CHASE, DECEASED ("DECEDENT"), AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN DECEDENT, THE MATTERS BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREIN-AFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

Hearing of the Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative will be held at the Third Judicial District Courthouse, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on **March 7, 2017, at 3:00**

p.m., before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Court Judge.

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

DATED: February 10, 2017

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

By: /s/ Kyle H. Moberly

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

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

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

On Saturday, February 18, 2017 BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM Registration Begins @ 9:30
\$25.00 Cleaning deposit per each unit purchased

THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS
37,42,55,56,59,6871,C12, C50,C67,D37,E06,E53, E56,G13,H30,H34, H4344,H4546,I09,I26, I35,L37,L41,N08,N14,P15

Unit #37 Armando Villegas
702 South 6th
Tucson AZ 85701
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Plastic bins, books, misc. items

Unit #42 Belinda Arzabal
PO Box 189
Mesilla, NM 88046
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Living room set, flat screen TV, chairs, misc items

Unit #55 Sara Torres

PO Box 117
Dona Ana, NM 88032
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Kids beds, crib, flat screen TV, misc. kid's items

Unit #56 Salina Morales
2100 Isaacks #22
Las Cruces, NM 88007
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Misc. & household items

Unit #59 Sabrina Saenz
1315 E. Griggs
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Mattress, Couch, Trash

Unit #6871 Manuel Manriquez
2100 Isaacks #18
Las Cruces, NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Various Misc. tools & items.

Unit # C12 Araceli Padilla
1751 W. Hadley Ave #177
Las Cruces, NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Washer/dryer, stereo speakers, misc. items

Unit # C50 Vicky Rees
1743 Mesquite St. Apt. A
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Washer/dryer, entertainment center, TV, misc. items

Unit # C67 Deanna Vaughn
1944 La Jolla Ave
Las Cruces, NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Fridge, mini & adult bike, table/chairs, mattresses, couches, chest of drawers, misc. items

Unit D37 Higinio Gutierrez
PO Box 275
Mesilla Park, NM 88047
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Washer, floor tiles, cabinet, misc items

Unit E06 Melanie Wagner
#4 Holloman
Alamogordo, NM 88337
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Table/chairs, TV, misc. items

Unit #E53 Stanley Turner
2405 W. Picacho #241
Las Cruces, NM 88007
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Clothing, misc. items

Unit #E56 Mary Munoz
1230 W. Palmer Rd
Las Cruces, NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Kids bikes, couches,

bookshelf, misc items

Unit #G13 Paula Fernandez
917 Antelope Trail
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Chevelle car, tires, muffler

Unit # H30 Frances Escalante
900 E. Madrid #35
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Fan, plastic bins, mirror, clothes, misc items

Unit #H34 Joshua Pacheco
700 N. Main St.
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Armoire

Unit #H4344 Rebecca Carson
1880 San Jose
La Mesa, NM 88044
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Doors, chairs, footstool, misc. boxes, household items

Unit #H4546 Gary Skufca
425 Pinon
Las Cruces, NM 88007
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Flat screen TV's, misc. furniture, clothing, misc. items

Unit #I09 Kamal Hart
2801 W. Picacho #24
Las Cruces, NM 88007
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Clothing, chair, trash

Unit #I23 Andrew Caffey
805 N. 17th #172
Las Cruces, NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Kids toys, bicycle, vacuum cleaner

Unit # I26 Dakota Ocampo
805 17th St #227
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Children's toys, boxes, misc. items

Unit # I35 Cruz Saldana
1918 Defiance
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Roaster, nightstand, table, bed frame, couch, electric heater, misc. items

Unit # L37 Michelle Hernandez
1955 Colorado Ave #18
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Boxes, plastic bins, misc. items

Unit #L41 Malachi Morrell
5494 Monte Luz
Las Cruces, NM 88012
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Headboard, footboard, TV, luggage, misc. items

Unit #N08 David Flores
620 Hadley
Las Cruces, NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Organ, Armoire, TV, Coffee table, misc. items

Unit #N14 Lee Heiligenthal
1845 Camino Del Rex
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF: China cabinet, snap-on-tool chest, misc. items

Unit P15 Devon Sellers
1310 Pecos #12
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Dryer, TV's, dresser, walker, dining set, misc. items

CASH SALES ONLY
Due immediately upon completion of sale
A \$25.00 cleaning deposit will be required per unit purchased and you must bring your own broom and lock.

Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 2017

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following legally described trust real estate will be sold, pursuant to the power of sale as provided in the following Deed of Trust, to wit:

Deed of Trust dated April 24, 2013, and filed of record in the office of the County Clerk for Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on May 2, 2013, as Instrument No. 1310912,

at public auction to the highest bidder on the front steps of the Judicial District Court for Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, on March 3, 2017, at the hour of 1 o'clock p.m. of that day. The legal description of the real property that will be sold at this sale is as follows:

Tract I: A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 23

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SOUTH, RANGE 2 EAST, OF THE SURVEYS OF THE U.S. RECLAMATION SERVICE BEING A PART OF TRACT 613 AS DESIGNATED ON THE PLATS OF THE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR AND PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 9A-79B, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED MARKED BY A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SOUTH MAIN STREET, IDENTICAL WITH THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF A TRACT OF G.O. WHITE, WHENCE AN IRON RAIL RIGHT OF WAY MARKER BEARS SOUTH 34° 59' 25" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 78.14 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE SHANNON TRACT NORTH 82° 23' WEST, 117.52 FEET ALONG THE CENTER OF A SMALL IRRIGATION LATERAL TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT MARKED BY A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE NORTH 5° 53' 29" EAST, 75.09 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER MARKED BY AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 83° 11' EAST, 143.42 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER MARKED BY AN IRON PIPE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE ORIGINAL SHANNON TRACT; THENCE ALONG SOUTH MAIN STREET SOUTH 24° 39' 46" WEST, 80.59 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

TRACT II: A PART OF LAND SITUATE IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING A PART OF LOT 3 OF THE PLAT OF GUSTAFSON'S SUBDIVISION FILED JANUARY 28, 1909, AND BEING PART OF TRACT 9A-79C AS SHOWN ON THE U.S.R.S. PROPERTY MAPS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT BEING A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SOUTH MAIN STREET, SAID POINT BEING IDENTICAL WITH THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 9A-79C;

THENCE SOUTH 82° 29' 42" WEST, 23.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE NORTH 82° 23' WEST, 95.14 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE NORTH 5° 53' 29" EAST, 6.02 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 82° 23' EAST, 117.52 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Pursuant to NMSA 1978 §14-11-10.1, a simple description of the Real Property is: 1042 S. Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

The name of the Trustor in the subject Deed of Trust is 1042 Properties, Inc., a New Mexico corporation. The name of the original Beneficiary/Lender in said Deed of Trust is Bank of the Rio Grande, N.A., which, by merger, became First National Bank of Santa Fe. TriCentury Bank is the successor beneficiary to the Deed of Trust by recorded Assignment of Mortgage assigning said Deed of Trust to TriCentury Bank. Said Assignment of Mortgage (corrected) was filed of record in the Office of the County Clerk for Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on June 2, 2016, as Instrument No. 1612276.

A Notice of Substitution of Trustee naming the undersigned as the substitute Trustee, with power of sale, was recorded on May 10, 2016, in the office of the County Clerk for Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as Instrument No. 1610099.

The Deed of Trust secures a Promissory Note from the Trustor, of even date with the Deed of Trust, in the original principal sum of \$242,350.18. The unpaid balance due on said Note, secured by the Deed of Trust, is itemized as follows:

Unpaid Principal Balance \$115,861.46
Current Interest Due thru 11/29/16 \$1,216.53
Late Charges Due: \$149.69

Plus per diem interest after November 29, 2016, of \$57.14 per day (at the default rate of 18% per annum), plus costs of collection including legal fees,

recording fees and publication fees as a result of the default on the Note and Deed of Trust.

This Notice shall act as notice of the acceleration of the full balance due on the Note, as stated above.

The Beneficiary reserves the right to sell both Tracts described above as one property, in bulk, at the sale.

Dated this 1st day of December, 2016. Richard Leverick, as Substitute Trustee

s/Richard Leverick
s/Richard Leverick, Esq.
5120 San Francisco NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109

(505) 858-3303
On behalf of TriCentury Bank

Dates: 01/20, 01/27, 02/03, 02/10, 2017

NOTICE OF VEHICLE SEIZURE

TO REGISTERED OWNERS, SECURED PARTIES, AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS:

You are hereby notified that the Doña Ana Sheriff's Office has seized the following vehicles and intends to proceed with forfeiture of each vehicle to the County of Doña Ana pursuant to DAC Ordinance #232-07 pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles related to DWI Offenses: The below listed vehicles and contents will be auctioned to the highest bidder at our upcoming auction set for **04-22-2017 @ 10:00 AM**, the event location is 2821-B LAS VEGAS COURT, LAS CRUCES, NM

VIN # DESCRIPTION REGISTERED OWNER

1FAFP31N77W173335
2007 RED FORD 4D
FOCUS
JOHN LERMA

1J4GZ78YXRC206939
2000 BLK JEEP
CHEROKEE
JOHNNY GARCIA

1G1AL55F967767652
2006 WHITE CHEV 4D
COBALT
LORENZO HERNANDEZ

1G4CW54C6K1651400
1989 TAN BUICK 4D
ROXANNE VASQUEZ

1FTDF15Y4NPB14375
1992 WHITE FORD
F-150 PK
RUBEN HERNANDEZ

2B4GP44391R349619
2001 WHITE DODGE
VAN
JOAQUINA LUGO

2FTZF17W6WCA24942
1998 WHITE FORD
F150 PK
JOSEPHINA TINOCO

1B7GL22N11S205875
2001 RED DODGE
DAKOTA PK
ROSA APODACA

1N4AL21E57C140318
2007 GRAY NISSAN
ALTIMA 4D
MEGAN ADELL

1A8HX58N58F133933
2008 DODGE DURANGO
SUV
YURIDIA RODRIGUEZ

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

Dates: 02/03, 02/10, 2017

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

NO. D-307-CV-2017-265

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Martha Jane Frost FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Martha Jane Frost**, 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 District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from **Martha Jane Frost** to **Jane (Frost) Teague**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Mary W. Rosner, District Judge, on the 6th

day of April 2017, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., at the 3rd Judicial District Court-house, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(Seal)

Respectfully Submitted,
s/Jane F. Teague
Jane F. Teague
4324 Superstition Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88011
(575)521-4970

Dates: 01/10, 02/17, 2017

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

No. PB 2016-130
Judge Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES ROBERT BUCHANAN, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02030

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

LOT 5 IN BLOCK 16 OF LOMA HEIGHTS, PLAT NO. 4, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 17, 1961, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 8 AT PAGES 69, PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 26, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$101,436.09 and the same bears interest at 6.000% per annum from October 20, 2016, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER

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

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

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2016-01265

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.
GABRIELA G. RODRIGUEZ, GERARDO A. RODRIGUEZ, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, AND NEW MEXICO WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS BENEFIT PAYMENT CONTROL SECTION FKA NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant **Gabriela G. Rodriguez,**

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 960 Flora Vista Dr, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOT 39, BLOCK A, CORAZON DEL VALLE SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 2, 2006 IN BOOK 21, PAGE(S) 601-605 OF PLAT RECORDS.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
WEINSTEIN &
RILEY, P.S.

By: s/ Elizabeth V. Friedenstein
Elizabeth V. Friedenstein
5801 Osuna Road NE,
Suite A-103
Albuquerque, NM 87109
505-348-3200
ElizabethF@w-legal.com
Attorney for Plaintiff

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02503
JUDGE ARRIETA

MESILLA VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, Plaintiff,

v.

ESTATE OF TINA PEREZ (A/K/A TINA LUCERO); THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF TINA PEREZ; ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTERESTS ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF; JIMMY RAY PER-

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EZ, JANELLE PEREZ AND ALL UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION PENDING

To: ANY HEIRS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF TINA PEREZ A/K/A TINA LUCERO; ANY UNKNOWN DEFENDANT WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4958 KENMORE, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity, has filed a Complaint in the above entitled-and-numbered cause in the office of the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, seeking to foreclose on the real property located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 5 in Block numbered F of Rincon Mesa Subdivision Phase 1, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Rincon Mesa Subdivision Phase 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 20, 2007 in Plat Book 22, Folio 157-158.

The object of the action is to foreclose on the mortgage held by Plaintiff.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance or plead herein on or before the 20th day of March 2017, Judgment will be rendered in said cause against you by default.

The Plaintiff's attorney is Damian L. Martínez and Benjamin J. Young of HOLT MYNATT MARTÍNEZ P.C., P.O. Box 2699, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004. A copy of the Complaint may be requested by calling Mr. Martínez at 575-524-8812. If you file an Answer or any other pleading in this case, you must provide a copy to Plaintiff's attorney at the foregoing address.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico,

this 18 day of January, 2017.

(Seal)

Claude Bowman
District Court Clerk
/s/ Javier Cuevas
Deputy

Dates: 01/27, 02/03, 02/10, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-02247

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-WF1, Plaintiff,

vs.

SANTANA SALDIVAR; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SANTANA SALDIVAR; 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 1060 Mimbres Court, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 12, MIMBRES SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 536, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 31, 1960, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 1, PAGE 53, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 PM on February 23, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder

for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on June 6, 2016, in the total amount of \$88,970.86, with interest at the rate of 6.95% per annum from April 8, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. US Bank National Association, As Trustee For Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-WF1, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00504

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

vs.

NANCY ARREOLA, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 881 Birdie Drive, Anthony, New Mexico 88021, and more particularly described as follows:

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

The sale is to begin at **11:45 a.m. on March 10, 2017**, outside the front entrance to the Third Judicial District, Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service.

United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service was awarded a Judgment on December 5, 2016, in the principal sum of \$80,967.73, plus interest due on the Note through November 1, 2016, in the amount of \$15,251.87, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 5.375% per annum

(\$11.92 per diem), plus escrow advances in the amount of \$5,937.06, plus late charges in the amount of \$148.69, plus property caretaking expenses in the amount of \$472.62, plus an appraisal fee in the amount of \$472.62, plus in rem interest subsidy recapture on the Note in the amount of \$7,796.88, plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$1,500.00 and costs in the amount of \$481.05, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 5.375% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

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

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

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani
Faisal Sukhyani,
Special Master
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Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24, 03/03, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-00024

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

STACY M. PACHECO, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STACY M. PACHECO, (true name unknown); CHRIS PACHECO, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHRIS PACHECO, (true name unknown); TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **February 15, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 6235 Mesa Grande Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A 0.59 ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, COMPRISING PART OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 2 EAST, U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS, AND BEING PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, WHENCE THE EAST ONE-QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 15 BEARS THE FOLLOWING TWO COURSES AND DISTANCES: S 89 DEG. 50' 04" E, 150.00 FEET; N 0 DEG. 30' 00" E, A DISTANCE OF 340.20 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEG. 51' 00" E, A DISTANCE OF 30.00 FEET; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 00 DEG. 27' 45" W., 170.04 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE N 89 DEG. 49' 36" W., 149.97 FEET, TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE N 00 DEG. 30' 00" E., 170.06 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE S 89 DEG. 49' 11" E., 149.86 FEET TO THE PLACE AND POINT OF

BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.59 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO A 25 FOOT WIDE ROADWAY EASEMENT BEING PARALLEL AND ADJACENT TO THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND AND ANY OTHER EASEMENTS OF RECORD AND SUCH AS MAY EXIST ON THE GROUND,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 2009 Southern Energy/ Legacy Double Wide, VIN No. DSETX12233AB.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 5, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$121,931.57 and the same bears interest at 5.125% per annum from September 1, 2016, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER

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

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

Dates: 01/20, 01/27, 02/03, 02/10, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

IGNACIO BADILLO, DIONICIA BADILLO; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 321 Keathley Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

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

BEGINNING AT THE 1/2" IRON ROD SET ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF KEATHLEY DRIVE FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT: WHENCE THE ORIGINAL NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 3, NORTH ALAMEDA ACRES, BEARS N. 18° 04'00"W., 40.07 FEET;

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

The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on April 6, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on January 19, 2017, in the total amount of \$160,164.79, with interest at the rate of 5.50% per annum from October 7, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

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

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-00561

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

JULIETTE SANCHEZ, AKA JULIETTE G. SANCHEZ, AKA JULIETTE G. SANCHEZ- PADILLA, AKA JULIETTE SANCHEZ- PADILLA, JULIETTE G. PADILLA, AKA JULIETTE S. LOZANO, AKA JULIETTE G. LOZANO; JUAN A. PADILLA; FIRST RESOLUTION INVESTMENT CORP., UNIFUND CCR PARTNERS; AND TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) Juan A. Padilla is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property loca-

ted at 2120 Windsor Place, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

LOT NUMBERED 101 OF AVALON PARK SUBDIVISION-CORRECTED PLAT, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID AVALON PARK SUBDIVISION-CORRECTED PLAT, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON NOVEMBER 28, 2006 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 62-64.

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Supplemental Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the

Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

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

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:

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(505) 248-2400
FAX: 254-4722

January 27, 2017

By Electronically signed
/s/ Deborah A. Nesbitt
Deborah A. Nesbitt
Attorney for Plaintiff

(Seal)

WITNESS the Honorable DOUGLAS R. DRIGGERS, 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 30 day of January, 2017.

NORMAN OSBORNE
Claude Bowman
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

By /s/ Noemi
Ramirez Deputy

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Cause No. CV-2016-02434
Judge James T. Martin

TERRY GUETHE and VELIA GUETHE, Plaintiffs,

v.

CHRISTOPHER CARO PEREZ, VICTOR CARO PEREZ, and DEBRA DIANNE TORREZ, if living, if deceased, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DEBRA DIANNE TORREZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendant DEBRA DIANNE TORREZ, if living, or, if deceased, to her unknown heirs:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiffs, Terry Guethe and Velia Guethe, have filed a Complaint for Quiet Title against you in the above-entitled Court and cause. The purpose of which is to quiet title to any interest you may have in the following described property in Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico:

A tract of land situate within the corporate limits of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located in Section 17, T.23S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, being part of Block 12, Las Cruces Park Addition, plat filed January 7, 1890, in plat record 2, page 48, of the Doña Ana County Records, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod set along the East line of Virginia Street, for the Northwest corner of this tract; **WHENCE** the Northwest Corner of block 12, of said Las Cruces Park Addition, bears, N. 18°08'00" W., 216.00 feet;

THENCE, from the point of beginning, leaving Virginia Street N. 72°39'00" E., a distance of 60.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S.18°46'00"E., a distance of 50.00 feet to a 1/2"

iron rod found along the North line of Bowman Avenue for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE, along the North line of Bowman Avenue. S. 72°39'00" W., a distance of 60.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set at the Northeast intersection point of Bowman Avenue and Virginia Street, for the Southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE, along the East line of Virginia Street N. 18°46'00" W., a distance of 50.00 feet to the point of beginning, enclosing 0.068 acre of land, more or less.

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

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

By: /s/ Kyle H. Moberly
Kyle H. Moberly
Attorney for Plaintiffs
2460 S. Locust Street,
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Las Cruces, NM 88001
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Dates: 01/27, 02/03, 02/10,
2017

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

No. CV-2016-02603
Judge: Beyer

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

vs.

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

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: RESPONDENT DEBBIE AGOSTO:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1992 CADILLAC 4 DR, GOLD; VIN:

1G6CD53BXN4311191;
NEW MEXICO LICENSE
PLATE NO. NRS355.

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

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

RESPECTFULLY
SUBMITTED,
CITY OF LAS CRUCES

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

WITNESS the Honorable Beyer, Marci, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 27th day of January, 2017.

(Seal)

Claude Bowman
COURT EXECUTIVE
OFFICER

By: E. Balizan
DEPUTY - E. Balizan

Dates: 02/10, 02/17, 02/24,
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02577

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF KENNETH YODER, DECEASED; BRENNAN DEE YODER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH YODER, DECEASED; LINDA DENISE JONES; SHANNON DWAYNE YODER, and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF KENNETH YODER, DECEASED, Defendant(s).

AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees

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

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

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

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

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:

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February 3, 2017

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

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 3 day of February, 2017.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

By/s/ Noemi Ramirez
Deputy

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

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

No. CV-2016-02255
Judge: Martin

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

vs.

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

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: /s/ Thomas R.A. Limon
Thomas R.A. Limon
Assistant City Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
(575) 541-2128
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Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Martin, James T., District Judge of the Third Judicial

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District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 20th day of January, 2017.

(Seal)

Claude Bowman
COURT EXECUTIVE
OFFICER

By: /s/ Javier Cuevas
DEPUTY

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

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
IN THE
PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 17-0025

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

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

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

Dated: February 3, 2017

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

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

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

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

FEDERAL NATIONAL
MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,

vs.

THOMAS C. TEST AND MARY LYNN TEST, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARY LYNN TEST, DECEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 2740 Ben Boldt Place, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

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

The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on March 23, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on January 18, 2017, in the total amount of \$160,781.37, with interest at the rate of 6.0000% per annum from July 25, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

Mae"), A Corporation Organized And Existing Under The Laws Of The United States Of America, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

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

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

vs.

BERTHA L. GARCIA AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BERTHA L. GARCIA; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; ARSARIO P. GARCIA AND PRISCILLA L. GARCIA, HUS-

BAND AND WIFE; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1255 W Ethel Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

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

The sale is to begin at **10:45 AM on April 6, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on January 19, 2017, in the total amount of \$79,958.41, with interest at the rate of 7.00000% per annum from October 20, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

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

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-01176

BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT ROSENBLOOM AND LORRAINE ROSENBLUM, HUSBAND AND WIFE; CAPITAL SAVINGS BANK, SSB; FIRST-LIGHT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; 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 4130 Gila Trl, Las

Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 32, Block A, ARROWHEAD ESTATES 4, 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 June 20, 2003, in Book 20 Page(S) 361-362 of Plat Records.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on March 9, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on January 4, 2017, in the total amount of \$185,957.50, with interest at the rate of 4.375% per annum from January 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. BOKF, N.A., a National Banking 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.

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 4425 Ojo Caliente Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88011-4303, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 5 IN BLOCK NUMBERED M OF SONOMA RANCH EAST II, PHASE 4, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SONOMA RANCH EAST II, PHASE 4, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK ON DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JANUARY 31, 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 128-130.

The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on March 23, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County

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

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-01559

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL A. CANDELARIA, DELIA V. CANDELARIA, HUSBAND AND WIFE; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4425 Ojo Caliente Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88011-4303, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 5 IN BLOCK NUMBERED M OF SONOMA RANCH EAST II, PHASE 4, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SONOMA RANCH EAST II, PHASE 4, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK ON DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JANUARY 31, 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 128-130.

The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on March 23, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County

of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on December 23, 2016, in the total amount of \$233,725.24, with interest at the rate of 5.0% per annum from September 13, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

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

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-01907

NATIONSTAR MORT- GAGE LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

**SINDY L. JONES, INDI-
VIDUALLY AND AS THE
TRUSTEE OF THE
JONES 2007 FAMILY
TRUST; DALE E. JONES,
TRUSTEE OF THE
JONES 2007 FAMILY
TRUST; 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 3901 Sonoma Springs 1104, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

UNIT #1104, CASAS DE SOLEDAD CONDOMINIUMS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE DECLARATION FOR CASAS DE SOLEDAD CONDOMINIUMS AND THE CONDOMINIUM PLAT RECORDED ON JANUARY 10, 2007 IN BOOK 778 IN PAGES 1283 THROUGH 1402 OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY CLERK RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15pm on February 23, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on December 12, 2016, in the total amount of \$67,391.34, with interest at the rate of 6.00% per annum from October 20, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale. If

the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

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

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

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

BANK OF THE WEST, Plaintiff,

vs.

**FRANK RAMOS AKA
FRANK G. RAMOS, IF
LIVING; IF DECEASED,
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS
OF FRANK RAMOS AKA
FRANK G. RAMOS, DE-
CEASED; OCCUPANTS
OF THE PROPERTY,
Defendants,**

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 971 Fourth Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING PART OF LOTS 1 THROUGH 4, BLOCK 9, PALMER'S SUBDIVISION, PLAT FILED FEBRUARY 7, 1912, IN BOOK 4, PAGE 44, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A 1/2" IRON ROD SET ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF N. FOURTH STREET FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK 9, PALMER'S SUBDIVISION, PLAT FILED FEBRUARY 7, 1912, IN BOOK 4, PAGE 44, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE, FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LEAVING N. FOURTH STREET, S.74°58'00"W., A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE, N.15°02'00"W., A DISTANCE OF 62.00 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE, N.74°58'00"E., A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF N. FOURTH STREET FOR

THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF N. FOURTH STREET, S.15°02'00"E., A DISTANCE OF 62.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ENCLOSING 0.142 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on March 23, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment in Rem granted on January 9, 2017, in the total amount of \$66,333.11, with interest at the rate of 6.0% per annum from April 1, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Bank of The West, 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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THEIR OWN ATTOR- NEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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

Case No. :
D-307-CV-2016-00001

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

vs.

**DONALD R. HIRSCH,
DECEASED, THE UN-
KNOWN HEIRS, DEVI-
SEES AND LEGATEES
OF DONALD R. HIRSCH,
DECEASED; FRANCES
M. HIRSCH, DECEASED,
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES AND LEGA-
TEES OF FRANCES M.
HIRSCH, DECEASED;
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA BY AND
THROUGH THE SECRE-
TARY OF HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOP-
MENT; OCCUPANTS OF
THE PROPERTY,
Defendants,**

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 415 McClure Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 16, LINDA VISTA SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 335 THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUN-

TY ON MARCH 3, 1947, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 6, PAGE 53, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **10:45 on March 9, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment in Rem granted on December 14, 2016, in the total amount of \$171,875.90, with interest at the rate of 1.7300% per annum from July 31, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-02349

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

**SAMANTHA J. HOOPER
AND JOHN DOE HOO-
PER, WIFE AND HUS-
BAND; ABC CORPORA-
TIONS I-X, XYZ PART-
NERSHIPS I-X, JOHN
DOES I-X AND HANE
DOES I-X, THE UN-
KNOWN HEIRS AND
DEVISEES OF ANY OF
THE ABOCE, IF DE-
CEASED; 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 5041 Starlite Court, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 26 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 29 OF LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, PHASE VI-A, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, PHASE VI-A, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 2, 1996 IN PLAT BOOK 18, FOLIO 412-413.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on March 23, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District

Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on September 22, 2015, in the total amount of \$84,365.30, with interest at the rate of 5.375% per annum from July 31, 2015 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

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

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT BANK OF THE WEST, Plaintiff,

vs.

JAXON L. ARCHULETA, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF V. DALE AN-TREASIAN, 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 408 Mantooth Loop, Rincon, NM 87940, and more particularly described as follows: A 0.18 Acre Tract Situate In Section 8, Township 19 South, Range 2 West, Nmpm Of The Usglo Surveys, In The Town Of Rincon, Doña Ana County, New Mexico And Being More Particularly Described As Follows, To Wit:

Beginning At The Northeast Corner Of The Tract Herein Described, Marked By A Set Iron Rod, Whence A Railroad Site Marked 1080 At Station 1479+56 For The Atchison, Topeka And Santa Fe Railroad, Marked By A Found Nail, Bears S. 81 Deg 25' 09" W., 231.24 Feet;

Thence From The Point Of Beginning S. 35 Deg 14' 05" E., 120.00 Feet To The Southeast Corner Of The Tract Herein Described, Marked By A Set Iron Rod; Thence S. 51 Deg 05' 16" W., 67.00 Feet To The Southwest Corner Of The Tract Herein Described, Marked By A Set Iron Rod;

Thence N. 35 Deg 14' 05" W., 120.00 Feet To The Northwest Corner Of The Tract Herein Described, Marked By A Set Iron Rod;

Thence N. 51 Deg 05' 16" E., 67.00 Feet To The Place

And Point Of Beginning Containing 0.18 Acres Of Land, More Or Less.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on March 23, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment in Rem granted on January 9, 2017, in the total amount of \$41,607.33, with interest at the rate of 6.8750% per annum from April 29, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-01521

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF MIRIAM N. JENSON, DECEASED; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MIRIAM N. JENSON, DECEASED; NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION; FIRST NATIONAL BANK, 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 7265 Brahma Road, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTHEAST OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING PART OF LOT 2, CARMONA ACRES, PLAT FILED SEPTEMBER 22, 1998, IN BOOK 19 PAGE 161, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-00003
Arrieta, Manuel I.

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOSE JARAMILLO-FRIAS IRREVOCABLE TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2014

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

TO: ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE MATTER OF THE JOSE JARAMILLO-FRIAS IRREVOCABLE TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2014, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

Hearing on the Petition for Judicial Determination of Beneficiaries and Judicial Supervision of Administration and Final Distribution of Trust (the "Petition") filed by the undersigned petitioner will be held at the Doña

Ana County Courthouse, in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on March 30, 2017, at 9:00 A.M. before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge. You are hereby notified that at the hearing the Court will consider the request by the petitioner to:

1. determine the beneficiaries of the Jaramillo-Frias Trust who are entitled to distribution of the entire remaining principal and undistributed income of the Jaramillo-Frias Trust estate in accordance with paragraph 6.1 of the Jaramillo-Frias Trust;

2. direct Petitioner, as Trustee to make final distribution of the Jaramillo-Frias Trust to the beneficiaries as determined by the Court;

3. approve the payment from the Jaramillo-Frias Trust of the fees of Petitioner and the costs and attorney fees incurred by Petitioner in bringing this Petition before the Court; and

4. otherwise direct Petitioner, as Trustee with regard to the administration and distribution of the Jaramillo-Frias Trust as the Court shall determine and granting Petitioner such other relief as the Court determines is appropriate.

A copy of the Petition is on file with the Court in the above-captioned cause and is available for your review.

Pursuant to NMSA, 1978 §45-1-401 (2014), notice of the time and place of hearing on the Petition is hereby given you by publication,

once each week, for three consecutive weeks.

Witness our hands and seals of this Court.

DATED: January 18, 2017

(Seal)

Claude Bowman
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

By /s/ Victor A. Eres
Deputy Victor A. Eres

ZIA TRUST, INC.,
Petitioner

By: Kathryn Kitchens
Its: Sr. Trust Officer
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(575)522-3448

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Gala, film screening workshop coming to Rio Grande Theatre

Mabel Dodge Luhan story told through film

By KATHLEEN ALBERS

For the Bulletin

A film about the life of Mabel Dodge Luhan, directed by writer Mark Gordon, in conjunction with a gala and workshop, will premiere in February at the Rio Grande Theatre.

The dates for film screenings of “Awakening in Taos: The Mabel Dodge Luhan Story” are Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 25 and 26. Several people who worked on the film will attend, including Luhan’s husband’s grandson, Standing Deer, of Taos Pueblo.

“Awakening in Taos” follows the personal evolution of Mabel Dodge Luhan as a writer, salon hostess, art patroness, social activist and resident of New Mexico. Born in Buffalo, New York, Luhan was a woman unique to her time. Her influence extended into the world of arts, music, literature and activism for social change.

In her late 30s, she experienced a life-altering arrival into a small town in northern New Mexico and embraced the Taos Pueblo Indians in a way that seized the attention of the artistic and literary world. Her unconventional marriage to Antonio Luhan, a full-blooded Tiwa Indian from Taos Pueblo, created a revolutionary bridge between two cultures. Tony and Mabel Luhan helped to defeat federal legislation in 1924 that would have claimed 600,000 acres of sacred land belonging to the 19 tribes of New Mexico.

The film, produced in partnership with New Mexico PBS, won the Best Feature Film Shot in New Mexico Award at the 15th Annual Santa Fe Film Festival in November 2015; Independent Film Award for Best Documentary at The Red Nation Film Festival, November 2016; and Best Documentary and Best Writing at the Hollywood Independent International Documentary Awards (HIIDA), October 2016.

The two-night premiere includes a pre-

SAVE THE DATE

WHAT: “Awakening in Taos: the Mabel Dodge Luhan Story”

Gala: Pre-party at 6 p.m. at Film Las Cruces Headquarters, 340 Reymond St.

Film screening (reserved seats) at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 at Rio Grande Theatre (RGT), 211 N. Main St.

Post screening meet-and-greet with filmmakers and post-party: after the film at the theater.

Second film screening and student workshop: 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 at RGT.

Third film screening: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 at RGT.

COST: \$30 Gala ticket per person or \$50 for two people. Gala ticket includes a reserved seat for the Feb. 25 film screening, pre-party, meet-and-greet and post-party.

\$15 per person for **film screening only**, general admission seats.

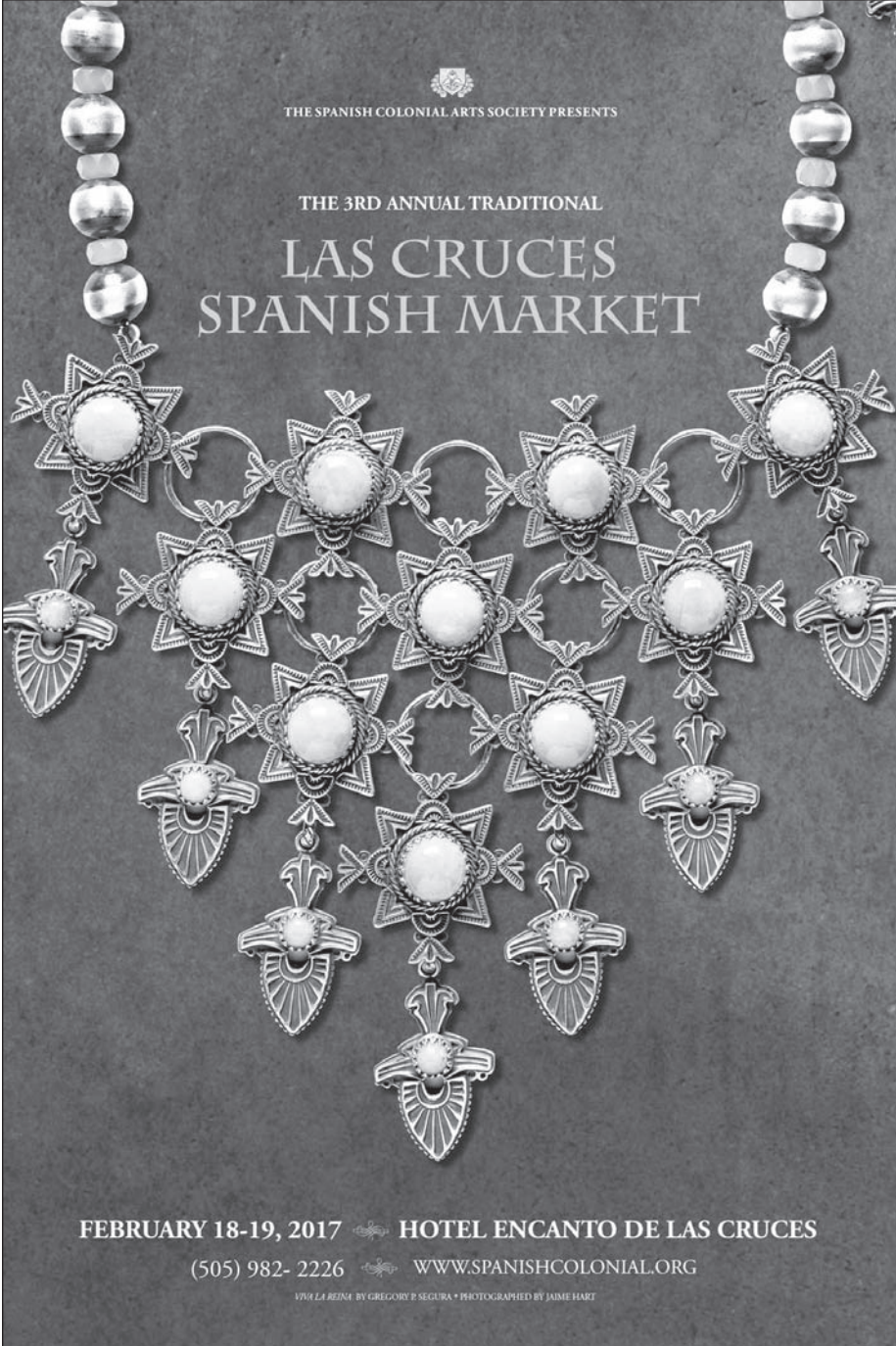
\$12 per person for **second screening and workshop**.

\$12 per person for **third screening only**, general admission seats.

Tickets available in advance at riograndetheatre.com or 575-523-6403 or at the door.

party and gala, a film screening and student workshop (see box).

The Rio Grande Theatre is managed by the Doña Ana Arts Council. The theatre box office and Doña Ana Arts Council office are on the second floor. Box office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and one hour prior to show time.



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Viva la Reina by Gregory P. Segura

30 Spanish Colonial artists to participate in 3rd-annual Las Cruces Spanish Market

The Spanish Colonial Arts Society presents the Third-annual Las Cruces Spanish Market from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 at Hotel Encanto de las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

Approximately 30 Spanish Colonial

artists from around the state will take part in this unique event bringing to southern New Mexico two enchanting days of Spanish art, history and culture. For more information, visit www.spanishcolonial.org or call 505-982-2226.

Black Market Trust returns Feb. 24

Proceeds to benefit scholarship funds

BULLETIN REPORT

The Black Market Trust returns to Las Cruces for a concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Proceeds will benefit the Jazz & Blues Society's scholarship funds. The Black Market Trust is an American pop/vocal jazz band whose music combines the sounds of the great American crooners and vocal groups with the romantic Eastern European gypsy fire of jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt. Comprised of five world-class musicians, the Black Market Trust performed for the society in the summer of 2016.

The two-hour concert at the Rio Grande Theatre will benefit the society's two scholarship funds: Bob Burns Music Scholarship and the Helen Sachs-Helder Vocal Scholarship. Both scholarships help NMSU music students and are awarded annually. With the recent passing of Bob Burns, the scholarships help continue his life's work of supporting local musicians and perpetuating jazz in the southern

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The Black Market Trust will be in Las Cruces Feb. 24 for a concert to benefit the Las Cruces Jazz & Blues Society's scholarships.

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Viva La Cultural! Latin World Music with Nacha Mendez
February 18, 2017 • 8pm

African Guitar Summit
February 23, 2017 • 7:30pm

Film Premiere Screening Awakening in Taos: The Mabel Dodge Luhan Story
February 25, 2017 • Gala: 6pm | Film: 7:30pm
February 26, 2017 • 11 am and 6:30pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI FEBRUARY 10 • 10:30AM RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Rhythm Roundup (Music/Dance for ages 2-5)

FRI FEBRUARY 10 • 3:30 P.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Library Lab (Activities/Stories for ages 6-10)

SAT FEBRUARY 11 • 7:30 P.M. RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Chris Waggoner presents *Play Me, Neil Diamond Tribute*

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TUES FEBRUARY 14 • 2:00 P.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Intro to Computers: The Basics

TUES FEBRUARY 14 • 7:30 P.M. RIO GRANDE THEATRE
The National Dance Company of Ireland presents *Rhythm of the Dance*

TUE+THU FEBRUARY 14+16 • 4:00PM BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Teen Game Night

WED+THU JANUARY 15+16 • 10:00 A.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Toddler Time (Storytime for ages 1-3)

WED FEBRUARY 14 • 11:00 A.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Mother Goose Time (Activities for Infants)

THU FEBRUARY 16 • 7:30 P.M. RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Las Cruces Civic Concert Association presents *pianist Alina Kiryayeva*

FRI FEBRUARY 17 • 8:00 P.M. RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Wiley Ramey & the Big O Band present *Roy Orbison Returns*

SAT FEBRUARY 18 • 8:00 P.M. RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Viva La Cultural! Latin World Music with Nacha Mendez

THU FEBRUARY 23 • 7:30 P.M. RIO GRANDE THEATRE
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Singers from the Oñate High School Choir will join the Concordia Choir and Director Rene Clausen on Thursday, March 2 at First Presbyterian Church.

Oñate High School Choir joins Concordia Choir for March 2 concert in LC

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Oñate High School Choir will join the nationally recognized Concordia Choir for a special concert at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 2, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road, said OHS Choir Director Ryan Fellman.

The performance is part of Concordia's 15-day tour of the Southwest, which also includes stops in Las Cruces and Santa Fe, as well as Colorado, Arizona and California.

"Seeing and hearing the Concordia Choir on tour is a once-in-a-lifetime event, but singing with them is like winning the choral Super Bowl," Fellman said. "I am honored and thrilled to be asked to 'open' for my alma mater's choir," said Fellman, who graduated with the Concordia Choir class of 2012.

Concordia Choir Director Rene Clausen "is a world-class conductor-composer and it is a privilege to be sharing

the stage with my college mentor," Fellman said. "It will also be exciting to see my former student, Joshua Prichard (Oñate High School class of 2015) singing in the Concordia Choir."

During the concert, the OHS Choir will perform two Spanish songs by 15th-century composer Juan del Encina, a contemporary arrangement of a text discovered post-Holocaust by Mark Miller, a Slovak folk tune by H.A. Schimmerling and a spiritual by William L. Dawson, Fellman said.

The Concordia Choir has been touring nationally and internationally since 1920. Clausen, its third conductor, has been leading the 72-voice a cappella choir since 1986.

Tickets for the concert are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students. They are available online at concordiatickets.com, by calling 1-800-838-3006 or at the door.

For more information, contact Fellman at rfellman@lcps.net. Visit www.concordiacollege.edu/music/ensembles/choirs/the-concordia-choir/.

Back to the '50s for autism



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY TABITHA ROSSMAN

The Ninth-annual Hearts for Autism Masquerade Ball titled "Rocking Through the '50s" brought out the cool cats, the pink ladies, the greasers and the nerds for a fundraiser at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces Saturday, Feb. 4. From left, Dee Portillo, Kim Flores, Rhonda Garcia and Lucy Sciortino celebrated as the Satin Ladies at the Masquerade Ball.

Frankie Buffonco works under the hood while his main squeeze, Bonnie Ratchatorri, looks on.



Lori and Marc Caplan were all dressed up for the '50s Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Hearts for Autism Masquerade Ball at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.



The Borderland Ballet company opened the festivities at the "Rocking Through the '50s" masquerade ball.

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NMSU Contemporary Arts Festival features Latin Grammy winner



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Cuban composer and guitarist Yalil Guerra performs Feb. 20 at NMSU's Seventh Annual Contemporary Arts Festival.

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

The seventh annual New Mexico State University Warner Hutchison Contemporary Arts Festival will be held on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 20 and 21 in the Atkinson Recital Hall of the NMSU music building, 1075 N. Horseshoe Drive on campus.

The multi-event festival will include a free lecture on the business of music by Cuban composer and guitarist Yalil Guerra at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 20, said NMSU Music Dept. Associate Professor Fred Bugbee. Guerra won a Latin Grammy in 2012 for best classical contemporary composition for his "Seducción." He has been nominated for six Latin Grammy awards.

A concert at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb.



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La Catrina string quartet is one of the groups performing at this year's Warner Hutchison Contemporary Arts Festival at NMSU.

21 will feature the music of Guerra and a musical exploration of Peter Garland's experimental journal, "Soundings," Bugbee said.

The festival will also feature works by John Zorn, Lou Harrison, Pauline Oliveros and others, he said. Featured per-

formers will include the La Catrina string quartet, Laura Spitzer, Bugbee, Sarah Daughtrey and Rhonda Taylor.

The concert's suggested donation is \$5.

For more information, call the NMSU Music Department at 575-646-2421 or visit music.nmsu.edu.

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Denise Chávez offers beginning writers workshop

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Best-selling Las Cruces author and bookstore owner Denise Chávez will host a workshop for beginning writers from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12 at Casa Camino Real Bookstore and Art Gallery, 314 S. Tornillo St., just east of downtown.

"This writing workshop is for beginners, really for all of us, veterans, seasoned writers, or those who are interested in writing that novel, that short story, that poem, that memoir or that play



PHOTO BY MIKE COOK / THE BULLETIN

A workshop for beginner writers is set for Sunday, Feb. 12, at Casa Camino Real Bookstore and Art Gallery, 314 S. Tornillo St.

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Community theatre seeks submissions for 1-act play festival

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Saturday, Feb. 18 is the deadline to submit plays for consideration to be included in this year's Las Cruces Community Theatre's (LCCT) one-act play festival.

The festival will be held March 30 and 31 and April 1 and 2 at LCCT, 331 N. Main St. in Downtown Las Cruces.

Plays submitted can be no longer than 20 minutes in length, said LCCT Board President Janet Beatty-Payne. Locally written and/or royalty-free plays are highly encouraged, she said.

You can drop off submissions at LCCT from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays Feb. 11 and 18 or mail them to LCCT, attn.: 2017 One-Act Submissions, 313 N. Main St., Las Cruces, NM 88001.

Include your name and contact information with



your submission, along with rights information and a copy of the script.

"The LCCT One Act Festival offers a wonderful opportunity to give local playwrights a chance to have their work come to life on the stage," Beatty-Payne said. "It also gives those who haven't directed many shows the chance to get their feet wet directing a smaller project, before they hopefully move on to direct full-length shows. Using local playwrights, local actors and local directors for the festival is just another way for LCCT to provide theatrical opportunities to this wonderful community of ours, while allowing our patrons to see fresh, new innovative works."

For more information about the one-act festival, contact Autumn Gieb at autumngieb@gmail.com or Erica Krauel at ericakrauel@hotmail.com.

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New Mexico/El Paso area.

The band's all-instrumental debut studio album, "The Black Market Trust," released in 2012, is widely regarded as a milestone in the gypsy jazz world. Through the debut album, lead guitarist Jeffrey Scott Radaich gained notoriety for his songwriting, as well as his technical prowess and musicality. He has been touted as one of the most innovative and influential American acoustic gypsy jazz guitarists today.

With their first release, the band established themselves as leaders and innovators by combining pop

"Brill Building" sensibilities with the traditional sound of Reinhardt's Hot Club of France Quintet. The animated video featuring their song Referential Integrity has garnered over one million YouTube views.

Merging their love of everything from the Mills Brothers to the Beach Boys, Sinatra to Lennon/McCartney, the band began to arrange lead and three-part vocal harmony lines to 12 of their favorite Great American Songbook standards. Using Radaich's emotive, light baritone as the focus and surrounding it with Netzeley's pure tenor and Irwin's rich low-end, the band's sound is a synthesis of two distinctly different vibes — one of a gypsy campfire, the other a

slick metropolitan nightclub — into a cohesive, stylish sound.

With their second CD release, the Black Market Trust has created an organic new sound that is daring, fresh and exciting yet somehow still familiar and inviting. Combining old-world romance with new-world form, the Black Market Trust brings you a simple, elegant and well-defined classic sound.

Tickets are \$15 pre-sale by credit purchase and \$20 at the door. The performance is general seating and doors open at 7 p.m. For purchase and more information visit www.mvjazzblues.net where you can also view links to the Black Market Trust-YouTube performances.

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— for genres collide and bump and strengthen each other — as we begin our new year celebrating our current project with intention and yes, work," Chávez said.

The cost of the workshop is \$75

per person, and is limited to 12 people.

Chávez is the author of the novels "A Taco Testimony: Meditations on Family, Food and Culture," "Face of an Angel," "The King and Queen of Comezón," "Loving Pedro Infante" and a collection of short stories called "The Last of the Menu Girls."

She is also a playwright, teacher and community activist.

For more information, contact Chávez at 575-523-3988 or casa@museogente.com. Visit www.abebooks.com/casacamino-real-las-cruces-nm/55655980/sf and find them on Facebook at Casa Camino Real Book Store & Art Gallery.

'You Can't Take It With You' auditions set for March 5-6

BULLETIN REPORT

Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 5 and 6, for Las Cruces Community Theatre's upcoming production of "You Can't Take It With You."

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script and impromptu scenes suggested by the play's director, larrychandler. Auditions will be held at LCCT, 313 N. Main St.

There are roles for 12 men and seven women, all ages 20 and above.

The play was written by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart and first appeared on Broadway in 1936. It won the 1937 Pulitzer Prize for drama.

The 1937 movie based on the play won Oscars for best picture and best director (Frank Capra.)

Dramatists Play Services calls "You Can't Take It With You" "one of the most popular and successful plays of modern times."

Playbill gives this synopsis of the farce: "An eccentric family allows each member to pursue his own ambition in the home, but their routine is disrupted when a daughter with a regular job wants to bring her fiancé and his Wall Street family to dinner."

The play will be held at LCCT from May 5 to 21.

For more information, contact larrychandler at 575-523-4463 or larrychandler@zianet.com.



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From Mars, Gardner Elliot is introduced to the Grand Canyon by Tulsa, of Colorado, in "The Space Between Us."

'Space Between Us' is full of the familiar

By ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH
Las Cruces Bulletin

Science fiction, love story, morality play, "The Space Between Us," from

STX Entertainment, finds its real talent in the magnificent cinematography, which begins at Spaceport America and captures the sweep of Colorado, New Mexico and the Pacific Ocean in their natural glory.

In a love story that bridges the gap between Mars and Earth, two teenagers find each other on the internet. Gardner Elliot, played by Asa Butterfield, was born to an astronaut on Mars who died in childbirth. Tulsa, played by Britt Robertson, is an angry, jaded teen who has been bounced from foster family to foster family throughout her life.

Gardner, born and growing in the low-gravity environment of Mars, isn't physically built for the gravity of Earth. As a smart, creative 16-year-

old, the limited environment of Mars East Texas Station is frustrating him. Finally, after some surgical support, he is allowed to make the trip. But once on Earth, faced with a barrage of medical testing, he makes his escape and embarks on a journey to find his father, whose identity is unknown.

The road trip, as Gardner finds his internet friend and the pair flee pursuers, is sometimes charming and sometimes annoying. The film is full of Gardner's awe at encountering the experiences and colors of Earth, making for a flow of beautiful scenery.

In spite of being a film full of plot and logic holes, The Space Between Us is a basically enjoyable film with an engaging lead character,

which Butterfield (who starred in "Hugo" and "The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas") plays very well. His portrayal of a young man with an enlarged heart, walking around feeling twice as heavy as he ought to be, is poignant and professional.

The journey across country and roads I know well was a thrill, from the Colorado Rocky Mountains in their gold stages, to a hot-air-balloon-filled sky in Albuquerque and finally to the beautiful anger of the Pacific. And so, for me, the unfortunate bits, like a stop in Las Vegas, which takes the kids hundreds of miles off their path and a silly dip into a sex scene, are outweighed by the scenery, performances and charming attention to visual details.

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'Lion' aided immensely by cinematography

By **JEFF BERG**

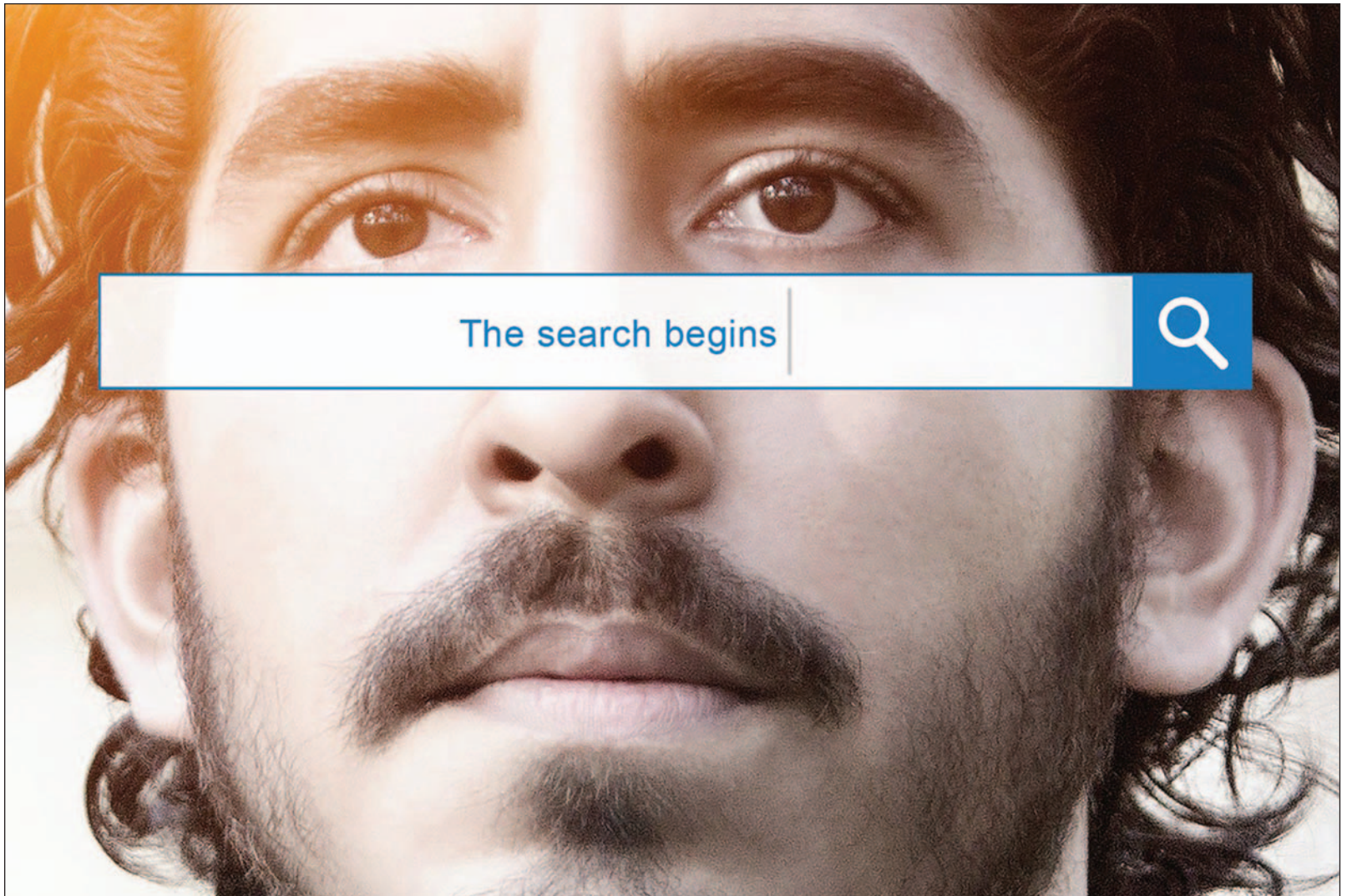
Las Cruces Bulletin

Nominated for six Oscars, including best film, (my choice for this is "La La Land"), "Lion" is based on an autobiography by Indian writer Saroo Brierley, the Lion of the title, and is a quiet and believable — not to mention sometimes inspirational — story of how he lost his big brother while waiting at a rural train station as the older boy went to find work. He was only 5 years old and became lost in Calcutta after accidentally boarding a train that was on the move across the country but was out of service.

Saroo (which means Lion in his native language) falls asleep on the train while awaiting his brother and finds himself on an express that crosses most of India. The brief stops allow him to try to call for help, but he is either ignored or not heard. Unable to speak the language after finally getting off the train in the huge and utterly chaotic station, Saroo is helpless and almost hopeless.

One of the best things about this film, which shouldn't convince many travelers to want to visit India, is Sunny Pawar, who plays the very young Saroo. Even though he has doe eyes, he is an engaging and very, very believable performer who outshines the others who play Saroo as he ages.

The film begins in 1986, as Saroo helps his brother Guddu at a train station in the province of Khandwa to steal coal, which they trade for milk to feed their



kind, overworked mother and the rest of the impoverished family.

The train ride takes Saroo 1,500 miles from home, where he has to scrounge whatever he can to stay alive. He evades some horrific adults that kidnap other children. He escapes another kidnaper, this one paired with a seemingly kind woman who gives him food, drink and a bath, before he is finally taken off the streets and into a very bleak orphanage.

However, providence smiles a bit on Saroo,

GRADE: A-

"Lion" opens Friday, Feb. 10, in Mesilla at the Fountain Theater. It is in English, Hindi and Bengali.

when he is adopted by an Anglo couple, the Brierleys, (David Wenham and a nearly unrecognizable Nicole Kidman), sight unseen. Although his growing-up process with the new family is largely

skipped over, except for encounters with the other boy the family adopts a while later, who has severe emotional issues, we soon meet the college-aged Saroo, deftly played by Dev Patel ("Slumdog Millionaire"), after he perfects the English language, and gently but completely enshrouds himself with the comfort, caring and love offered by his new family.

But for many years Saroo begins a search for his birth family, with the scantest of clues — a few minor memories of

where he lived, a couple of things he recalls about the railroad, and plenty of fortitude.

Along the way, he gains a loving and supportive girlfriend, Lucy, played by Rooney Mara, who does all she can to help Saroo in his vision quest.

A friend suggests using Google Earth to find his home town, which he does constantly with little result. Until one day...

This fine, but somewhat pedestrian, story is aided immensely by the cinematography, which shows the brown earth and the

colorful saris of India then switches to the remarkable beauty of Tasmania and Australia.

Director Garth Davis, in his first feature offers plenty of attention to detail which codifies nearly every scene.

Not much new here, but the presentation made the two women on either side of me in the theatre cry on and off for over two hours.

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Why did the jester stare at the frozen orange juice all morning?

ANSWER: Because the label said CONCENTRATE.

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Mardi Gras!

What is Mardi Gras?

Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday." The "fat" in the name comes from the ancient custom of parading a fat ox through Paris on this day. The ox was to remind the people that they were not allowed to eat meat during the time of **fasting** known as Lent. Lent runs from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday.

Since "Mardi" means "Tuesday," you can tell the holiday is always celebrated on that day of the week. The date can fall between February 3 and March 9 depending on the lunar calendar, used by the Catholic Church to determine the date of Easter. Mardi Gras is always 47 days before Easter Sunday.

KID SCOOP DICTIONARY

fast v. To eat little or no food for religious or medical reasons.

fast-back n. : an automobile

French people who came to the United States brought the custom of Mardi Gras with them.

Standards Link: History: Students understand cultural contributions from various regions and how they helped to form a national heritage.

Mardi Gras Customs

Mardi Gras parades happen throughout the world. Some of the most famous celebration centers are: New Orleans and Lafayette in Louisiana, Biloxi in Mississippi, Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, Nice in France and Viareggio in Italy.

Do the math to discover where these Mardi Gras customs take place.

17 People dance in the streets.

29 During Mardi Gras, people dress in costumes and put on an ancient play.

31 - 6 = New Orleans

25 People celebrate with parades and masked balls. Trinkets, especially beads and doubloons, are tossed to the crowds from parade floats.

28 Paraders wear giant masks that make them look like walking heads with tiny bodies.

4 + 3 + 5 + 5 = Rio de Janeiro

37 - 9 = Nice, France

Standards Link: History: Understand cultural contributions from various regions.

The Colors of Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras in the United States has three official colors. To find out what each of these three colors means, cross out the letters M-A-R-D-I G-R-A-S in each of the lines below. Write the remaining letters in order to learn what each color symbolizes.

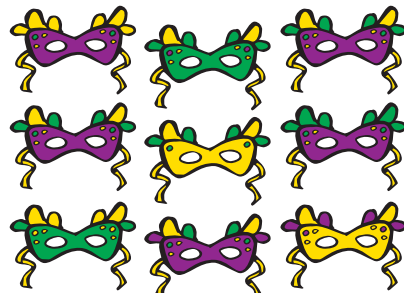
Purple: M J A R U D S I G T R A I S C E

Green: M A F R D A I G I R A T S H

Gold: M P A R O D I W G R A E S R

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple multiple-step written directions.

Find the identical Mardi Gras masks.



Extra! Extra!

Photo Fun

Clip a photograph from the newspaper and glue it to a piece of paper. Next to the photo write five adjectives that describe the photo. Next to each word, write its antonym. Use the adjectives and the antonyms to write a paragraph about Mardi Gras.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Understand and use adjectives and antonyms.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

In England, the Tuesday before Lent is called Shrove Tuesday. Because it is a tradition there to eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, it is also called Pancake Day.

Read the clues below and see if you can complete the words that all contain the letters P-A-N.

PAN _____

A large black and white mammal that lives in China.

PAN _____

A sudden, sharp pain.

PAN _____

To breath in quick, short breaths.

PAN _____

A sudden terror that often causes wild behavior.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Understand grade-level appropriate vocabulary.

Double Double Word Search

MARDI GRAS

TUESDAY
TRINKETS
COSTUMES
DOUBLOONS
SHROVE
ANTONYM
PARADE
FRANCE
ITALY
MASK
BILOXI
PLAY

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Mardi Gras Party

Imagine you have \$500 to throw a Mardi Gras party. Look through the newspaper and "shop" for food, decorations, games and other supplies. Can you spend exactly \$500?

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Solve problems using money; add and subtract using money amounts.

Write On!

Safety Poem

Write a poem that includes three safety rules.

Kid Scoop Together: Make a Mask



Stuff you'll need:

- paper plate
- construction paper
- glitter
- markers
- feathers, beads, buttons or other decorations
- wooden dowel or plastic drinking straw
- scissors
- glue

1. Cut a paper plate in half and make holes for your eyes.



2. Decorate it with glitter, markers, feathers, etc.



3. Make a handle by taping a wooden dowel or straw to the back of your mask.



Standards Link: Visual Arts: Understand and apply media, techniques and processes related to visual arts.

What a Character! Joy is ...



... the feeling you have when you're celebrating with friends.

Time to rock at Gem & Mineral Show Feb. 18-19

By **STACI MAYS**
For the Bulletin

Rock hounds, fossil hunters, jewelry fans and gem collectors will come gather at the fifth annual The Museum Rocks! Gem & Mineral Show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The annual show will feature fossils, meteorites, gems and jewelry.

Along with The Museum Rocks!



show, paid attendees will get to visit the entire Farm & Ranch Heritage museum as well. An assortment of various cut and uncut gemstones from around the world will be on display, with many

finished and unfinished stones available for purchase. Vendors will display and sell all varieties of jewelry and jewelry-making supplies. Exhibitors are coming from as far away as Arizona, California, Oregon, Texas and Australia.

Young geologists and paleontologists have the opportunity to see evidence of prehistoric life and natural processes. There will be books available to purchase, food vendors and other attractions. The Museum Rocks! is appropriate for the whole family, as well

as every amateur rock hound.

The Museum Rocks! is a fundraiser for the Friends of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, a non-profit organization that raises funds for special needs at the museum. Admission is \$7 per person, age 5 and up, which includes entry to the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

For additional information, visit www.lcmuseumrocks.com or contact Las Cruces Event Planning at 575-522-1232.

Branigan Library friends host book fair

BULLETIN REPORT

Book lovers who visit Barnes & Noble at the Mesilla Valley Mall Friday through Sunday, Feb. 24 – 26, can support Friends of the Branigan Library during a special event book fair at the store. A portion of each purchase will be donated to the Friends and will directly support the library. Hours for the book fair are 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25; and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26.

Shoppers have an opportunity to win a Curious George basket plus a \$10 Barnes & Noble gift card. Anyone unable to attend the book fair can visit bn.com/bookfairs. Enter ID 12065983 at checkout from Feb. 24 through March 5 to benefit the Branigan Library.

The Friends consist of 200 members, including individuals, families and businesses. For more information about becoming a Branigan Library Friend or giving to the library, visit libraryfriendslc.org.



Shoppers who visit the Barnes & Noble book fair Feb. 24-26 will have an opportunity to win a Curious George basket.

COURTESY PHOTO

NM Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum seeks volunteers

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, is looking for local volunteers to help lead tours for school children at the museum.

In 2016, the museum received 9,907 donated man hours from its volunteers. "The museum has about 70 active volunteers that do everything from greet visitors to work outside, lead tours, answer the phone, help with the exhibits and artifacts and much more," said museum Communications Manager Craig Massey.

The museum offers free training for volunteers, and a background in agriculture isn't necessary to be a volunteer, Massey said.

For more information on volunteering at the museum, call 575-522-4100 or visit www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

EVENTS CALENDAR

WE WANT YOUR SUBMISSIONS

If you have an announcement you'd like to see in galleries, please send to susie@lascrucesbulletin.com.

NM Vintage Wines: 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla; 575-523-9463.

- 8-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10 – Loves me, Loves me not - V is for "vino" not "Valentines" party with Christopher Smith-Escarcega
- 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 – blues guitarist Cooper CW Ayon
- 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 – Ben Cooper
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14 – Alison Reynolds
- 3-8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 16 – Customer Appreciation Day, free green chile pozole, drink specials, performance by DAMN Union
- 8-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17 – Daisy Blue
- 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 – Paul Walter Kimball
- 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 – magician Jamie O'Hara
- 8-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 – Coolside Collective
- 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 – Megan Davenport
- 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 – Keith Rea.

Gypsy Sage Artists: Valentine's Day event, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11; noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, Nopalito's Galeria, 310 S. Mesquite St. All items in the gallery will be 10 to 30 percent off featuring Wendy Robin Weir, Kat Ahlefeld, Laurie Churchill, Sue Feinsod, Kate Fennell Carlson and Marj Leininger. Info: 575-650-7543.

Writing workshop: For beginners, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, Casa Camino Real Book Store, 314 S. Tornillo St. Cost: \$75. Info: 575-523-3988.

Gem and Mineral Show: Fifth annual Museum Rocks! 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Info: visit www.lcmuseumrocks.com or Las Cruces Event Planning at 575-522-1232.

Storytellers: "Jennie Curry Story Fest," 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, Roadrunner Room at Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Storytellers of Las Cruces celebrate 90-year anniversary with music and stories for all ages. Free. Info: 575-640-6867.

Auditions: For "You Can't Take It With You," 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday, March 5 and 6, for Las Cruces Community Theatre, 331 N. Main St. Auditions will consist of cold readings

from the script and impromptu scenes suggested by the play's director, Larry Chandler. Roles available for 12 men and seven women, all ages 20 and above. Info: 575-523-4463 or larrychandler@zianet.com.

Culture Club activities: The Branigan Cultural Center hosts a series of free art workshops for all ages from 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays in February as part of the Culture Club family program, 501 N. Main St., open Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Info: museums.las-cruces.org.

- Feb. 11 - Self-portraits. In conjunction with the exhibit, Faces of Hillsboro, Polaroid pictures of visitors will be taken, decorated and painted to represent each visitor's unique personality. Due to limited supplies, this activity is first-come, first-served.
- Feb. 18 - African Masks. Culture Club collaborates with the African Guitar Summit in celebrating Black History Month by creating Dogon masks, used by the people of Mali in a special dance. Learn and sing the "Walking Through Africa" song.
- Feb. 25 - Japanese Flying Carp (Koinobori) are carp-shaped wind streamers traditionally made in Japan to celebrate Tango no sekku (Children's Day). Learn about this whimsical fish while creating your own.

'Artrageous': The Las Cruces Museum of Art hosts informal interdisciplinary-based workshops called "Artrageous" from 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays at 491 N. Main St. The February theme is "For the Love of Art" and will feature a different artistic genre each week. Info: museums.las-cruces.org.

- Saturday, Feb. 11 - Poetry
- Saturday, Feb. 18 – Music (highlighting the Doña Ana Arts Council's performance of the African Guitar Summit, presented at the Rio Grande Theatre on Thursday, Feb. 23).
- Saturday, Feb. 25 – Painting

Brazilian artist workshop: The Las Cruces Arts Association announces a hands-on workshop with artist Tiago Finato from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10 at the Community Enterprise Center, 125 Main St., with a brown-bag lunch from noon to 1 p.m. Finato moved to the United States from Brazil and established himself in Massachusetts where he graduated with a BFA in painting. He now resides in Las Cruces, where he paints, teaches and studies for his MFA. Cost is \$50, payable to the Las Cruces Arts Association. Space is limited. For reservations, call Jack LeSage at 575-532-1046.



Neil Diamond tribute: "Play Me," a Neil Diamond tribute, features Las Cruces Chris Waggoner, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Backed by a seven-piece band and the "Diamonette" singers, the show is a tribute to the music of Neil Diamond. Premium main floor reserved seats are \$30; regular main floor reserved seats are \$23, and general admission is \$20. The theatre box office and Doña Ana Arts Council office is on the second floor of the theatre. Box office hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and one hour prior to show time. Info: www.riograndetheatre.com or call 575-523-6403.



Contra Dance: Southern New Mexico Music and Dance sponsors a contra dance, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17 at the Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla. Bayou Seco from Silver City will be playing and Lonnie Ludeman will be calling. No partner is needed. Beginners and newcomers are welcome and can come for instruction at 7:30 pm. Cost: \$6 adults; \$4 youth; \$15 family. Info: www.snmmms.org or 575-522-1691.

Studio tour: The Las Cruces Bead Society is participating in For the Love of Art Month with a studio tour featuring bead artists Lana Patterson, Sharon McKim, Evelyn Rivera, Susy Rossman, Ernestina Trujillo, Linda Reeder-Sanchez and Beth Chidester-Landers. Acrylic landscape painting by Rhoda Winters. Free demos, art on display, jewelry, painting and bead work from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, 1314 N. Raymond St. Info: 575-644-4156.

Music scholarships: The Black Market Trust, an American pop/vocal jazz band whose music combines the sounds of the great American crooners and vocal groups with the romantic Eastern European gypsy fire of jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt, returns to Las Cruces for a concert, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Proceeds benefit the Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society's scholarship funds. Tickets are \$15 pre-sale by credit purchase and \$20 at the door. The performance is general seating and doors open at 7 p.m. Info: www.mvjazzblues.net or 575-640-8686.

Free spirit dance: Express your spirit through free dancing. No experience necessary, 2-3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Info: 575-523-4847.

Art classes: For high school students, at My Place Jewell Studio, 132 B Wyatt Drive. Payments of \$45 are due every four weeks. Students may begin any time. Home-school art classes offered for students between ages of 7 and 12, noon-12:50 p.m. every Wednesday. Price is \$25 for four classes. Instructor Wayne Carl Huber, MFA, is licensed in art education in New Mexico and has 50 years of teaching art nationally. Info: 575-647-5684 or www.waynecarlhuber.com.

- 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays: Beginning Drawing and Painting.
- 1-3:30 p.m. Thursdays: Intermediate and Advanced Drawing and Painting.

Classical guitarist available: Hunter Beck received his master's degree in classical guitar from Arizona State University. He specializes in classical but is available to teach theory, history and technique for all styles of guitar. Info: 575-522-5181.

Mas Art classes: Pencil and Pastels class taught by Wayne Carl Huber, open to adults and high-school students. Subject matter will comprise of still life and landscape. Basic assignments for beginning drawing will also be included. Classes held at Mas Art Frame and Art Supplies, 126 S. Main St. Enrollment limited. Info: Wayne Carl Huber, 575-647-5684 or wch1966@msn.com.

Raven Art Studio classes: For adults and teens 17 and older, Raven Art Studio, 300 N. Main St. All classes are \$25 per session. Info: Rick Rontante, 909-233-0425.

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

Play submissions for one-act fest: Saturday, Feb. 18 is the deadline to submit plays for consideration in the Las Cruces Community Theatre's (LCCT) one-act play festival, March 30 and 31 and April 1 and 2 at LCCT, 331 N. Main St. Plays submitted can be no longer than 20 minutes in length. Drop off submissions at LCCT from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 11 and 18 or mail to LCCT, attn.: 2017 One-Act Submissions, 313 N. Main St., Las Cruces, NM 88001. Include your name and contact information with your submission, along with rights information and a copy of the script. Info: Autumn Gieb at autumngieb@gmail.com or Erica Krauel at ericakrauel@hotmail.com.

Rokoko Art Gallery seeking submissions: Submission sought for "April Foolishness" with opening Saturday, April 1, 1785 Avenida de Mercado. Entries due noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 25. All fools, freaks and fanatics submit; anything goes. Cost: \$15 entry fee. Info: 575-522-5553.

Auditions for 'You Can't Take It With You': 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday, March 5 and 6, for Las Cruces Community Theatre, 331 N. Main St. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script and impromptu scenes suggested by the play's director, Larry Chandler. There are roles for 12 men and seven women, all ages 20 and above, in the cast. Info: 575-523-4463 or larrychandler@zianet.com.

Submissions sought for juried ceramic exhibition: The Las Cruces Museum of Art and the Potters' Guild of Las Cruces seek submissions for From the Ground Up XXVIII Regional Juried Ceramics Exhibition 2017. Submissions are open to ceramic artists living and working in states in the Rocky Mountain Time Zone region of the US: NM, TX, AZ, UT, CO, WY, ID and MT. The exhibition runs Aug. 4 – Oct. 21. Awards include cash prizes. This year's juror is Steven Hill. The deadline for submissions is postmark-date April 21. The full prospectus and submission form are available online at www.pottersguildlc.com and www.las-cruces.org/museums. For more information, contact Exhibitions Curator Joy Miller at jmiller@las-cruces.org.

Monument Artist in Residence program deadline Feb. 28: The Friends of Organ-Mountains Desert Peaks and Bureau of Land Management announce a call to artists to apply for the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument Artist in Residence Program to take place May 1-31, 2017. Entries for the 2017 Spring Residency must be received via email on or before Feb. 28, 2017. For more information, see program details and application materials at: organmountainsdesertpeaks.org/artist-in-residence/ or contact Ben Gabriel at 575-323-1423 or email info@organmntfriends.org.

CALL TO ARTISTS

Gypsy Sage Artists exhibit: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays; noon to 4 p.m. Sundays, through February, Nopalito's Galeria, 310 S. Mesquite St. Exhibit features artists Wendy Robin Weir, Kat Ahlefeld, Laurie Churchill, Sue Feinsod, Kate Fennell Carlson and Marj Leininger. Info: 575-650-7543.

Railroad Museum exhibit: 10 a.m. to

4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays through April 1, 351 N. Mesilla St. Watercolor exhibit "For the Love of Railroad Architecture." Seventeen artists have created watercolor paintings depicting their railroad-inspired visions. Railroads have played an important part in our local history, changing the landscape and influencing the population and industry. A wide variety of building styles have emerged, prompted by the arrival of the railroad, bringing new residents with ideas from other

areas. Info: <http://las-cruces.org/museums> or call 575-647-4480.

Gypsy Sage Artists Valentine's Day event: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11; noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, Nopalito's Galeria, 310 S. Mesquite St. All items in the gallery will be 10 to 30 percent off featuring Wendy Robin Weir, Kat Ahlefeld, Laurie Churchill, Sue Feinsod, Kate Fennell Carlson and Marj Leininger. Info: 575-650-7543.

Blink-182 to perform at NMSU in March



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Blink-182 and The Naked and Famous will perform live at the NMSU Pan American Center in Las Cruces at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25. Tickets are \$36.50, \$46.50 and \$52.50 plus fees and will be available for purchase at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at the Pan Am Center Ticket Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, 800-745-3000 and at ticketmaster.com. There is an eight-ticket limit on all purchases. The NMSU Pan Am Ticket Office is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Mondays: Drawing in charcoal
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Poetry reading: Sponsored by Sin Fronteras and ArtForms as part of For The Love Of Art

Month celebration, in the Schwartz Room of the Branigan Cultural Center, downtown Las Cruces, Saturday, Feb. 18, 12-2 p.m. Local poets will be reading in this order: Dick Thomas, Lee-Ann Meadows, Chuck Harper, Anna Underwood, Terry Hertzler, Teri Katahara, Frank Varela, Joe Somoza, Christine Eber, Peter Goodman, Gerry Stork, Ellen Roberts Young, and Tim Staley. Free, open to the public. Info: Joe Somoza, 522-1119

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The ethics of the unlocked door

The door was not locked. It was closed. A housekeeper babysitting a 2-year-old looked up suddenly as she felt a cold breeze. Someone had walked through the unlocked backyard fence gate and entered the unlocked back door of the house. The man stood there well-dressed but disoriented. The man's color changed from pale to flush red. His pupils enlarged and he demanded the housekeeper and child get out of his house.

The housekeeper grabbed the little one, grabbed a coat and backed out through the garage. She went to the neighbor's home where she frantically called 911.

It turns out the man had walked away from a rest home. He was a dementia patient. To



**TOM
BACA**
Dwelling Places

him this was not an invasion. To him he was riding his home of invaders. There was no time for kindness or consideration on the part of the housekeeper. Her priority was protecting the child and distancing him and herself from any danger.

It is not hard to conclude the poor interloper was not at fault. He was securing what he thought was his place.

Perhaps the fault was with the homeowner for not locking the gate. And the housekeeper should have had the back door locked. These things would have been deterrence to the invasion. And those things would go some way to prevent intentional invaders from causing harm, especially when considering the safety of a child.

Now let's consider a larger perspective. If our nation is our home, our domicile, and we look at the above story, we must think about the



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relative reasonability that there be a clear border, a door, a gate through which those who cannot claim the home as their own would have to ask permission. Even in the case of an individual or group who come to the door under duress, permission must be sought. Permission is required for a country as in a home because the owners of the country have to keep the entire country safe from intrusions that have long-term negative effects on the household. Intrusions fall into broad categories with terrorists at one end, and economic hardship at the other.

If in the case of a homeowner who simply unlocked his door and unlatched his gate to all who would want in (as benign as they may be), imagine the impact on the lives within that home. The same goes for a country.

To establish a public policy that first ensures the safety and long-term well being of the members of the national household is moral as it emulates the duty of protection heads of households have. The second responsibility is subordinate to the first because the potential goodness of that household beyond its borders depends on the integrity of its interior integrity. Any God-given graces, success, and resources of such a household to do all possible to provide for interim needs of those knock-

ing at the gate are dependent upon its constitutive stability.

As in the case of the benign intruder in our home invasion story, his situation (however emotionally it may move us) does not create the pathos that should negate common sense. It is common sense for the leaders of a household to do more to prevent intrusions into the boundaries thereby weakening structural integrity of that household. Structural integrity is what allows for a constitutive and basic economic, spiritual, political and emotional health to thrive among the members of that household.

This position is not a political one. It is one that follows the logic of applying our local experience, as in the case of the story of local intrusions, to the greater society. This position is also not a religious one. It is one that follows the sense that families must do their utmost to protect the safety of their relationships differently between family and non-family members. So too it should be the case for defining relationships within our domestic and international laws.

However, I do believe there is a spiritual character involved in allowing the logical approach as opposed to the emotional approach to how we govern our homes, and our larger national domicile. All of the aspects of employing ethical and moral standards are important. They must be used in deci-

sions that affect the individual and the aggregate

However, ethical and moral standards must be seen as employed, not in some spiritual vacuum, but in the reality that surrounds us. Households have walls, doors, gates and entryways for the protection of those who live there. Households are necessarily exclusionary by purpose. Exclusionary is not a pejorative term. Not even Jesus intrudes into the household of the soul; he knocks. (Rev 3:20, John 10:3). He recognizes the boundary of free will through which he will go if allowed to. But the door is necessarily there. Once we recognize this, we can turn to the door and the windows and look with kindness at the options that are there for those who seek entry in the context of their own reasons for gaining entry.

In the end, the vitriol and political grasping at who has the moral and ethical high road is all show and of no utility. I know I will be called to task for this approach; but having been caught in the heat of the emotion that is out there among clergy, the church, liberals and conservatives alike, I know that individuals must try to approach the questions of intrusion and exclusion by keeping in mind the rule of subsidiarity. I argued oppositely in the past concerning the border wall, but found my emotion to be untrustworthy in terms of the logic understood in the context of living with a little child in a house that was once invaded.

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Fireside discussion, music with Baha'is:

7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, 3220 Jupiter Road. The Baha'is of Las Cruces present "The Good of This World and The Next, a Fireside Discussion on Generosity" in support of the Baha'i community's current food drive for Casa de Peregrinos, guests are welcome to bring nonperishable foods to be donated to the emergency food program. Entertainment provided by folk-blues musician Darrell Elmer Rodgers. Guests are asked to refrain from wearing fragrance. Info: 575-556-9650, yieldnot@comcast.net or www.bahai.org.

Events at Unity: 10 a.m.-noon Tuesdays Book study; 11 to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays meditation; 4 p.m. Thursdays Prosperity class; 10:30 a.m. Sundays worship celebration at 125 Wyatt Drive. Info: www.unityoflascrucis.org or 575-523-5592.

Wellspring Religious Science Center

events: 9:30 a.m. Sundays "Early Birds" discussion group; 11 a.m. Sundays service at 140 Taylor Road. Vickie Avery on "The Personality of Value" and "Finding Life's Riches" on Feb. 12; Kari Bachmann on "Better Living - Now" on Feb. 19; Dean Lively will lead the annual "Arts, Music and Poetry" on Feb. 28 Info: wellspringnow.com.

Unitarian Universalist February Roundtables:

10:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, UUCLC Church Library, 2000 S. Solano Drive, "Community Impact and Education" by Frank Rene Lopez, executive director of Ngage NM. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 at UUCLC Church library, 2000 S. Solano Drive, "Coming out of the Closet: The Affirmation of Humanism" by Richard

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Members of WellSpring Church donated \$500 in support of Las Cruces Peace Camp.

Hempstead, board certified dermatologist. From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 at UUCLC Church library, 2000 S. Solano Drive, "Exploring Cuba before McDonalds, Hooters and Starbucks arrive" by Elisa Sánchez. Info: roundtable@uuchurchlc.org.

Clothing giveaway, New Age Expo:

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Downtown Mall. Clothing giveaway for adults and children and toys. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Downtown Mall, Southwest New Age Expo. Info: Anna Vaughn at 979-255-9736 or Suzen Dopson at 505-429-6013 or <http://superdop.wixsite.com/swexpo>.

Events at Center for Spiritual Living:

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Jewish Federation director to speak:

2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, Temple Beth El, 39890 Sonoma Springs Ave. Daniel Chejfec, director of The Jewish Federation of El Paso, will speak. Info: 575-524-3380.

Mission Lutheran Open House Registration:

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25, 2752 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Fun, food and activities. Info: 575-532-5489.

Weekly Mass on campus:

12:10 p.m. Tuesdays at 2615 S. Solano Drive, Newman Catholic students and St. Albert the Great Newman Center weekly Mass. Info: Mona Chip at mona@stalbertnewmancenter.org.

Spiritually healthy divorce support group:

1-2:30 p.m. Sundays through April 30, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. A supportive group for those working through or facing divorce. Childcare available on request. Info: 575-522-7119.

Men's prayer meeting at Heart for the World:

7 a.m. Saturdays, 1605 S. Valley Drive. Saturday morning prayer meeting led by Manny Howie. Info: 575-523-1113.

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church:

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Science of Mind Magazine weekly discussion:

10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays, Center for Spiritual Living Circle, 575 N. Main St. Join to discuss the articles with like-minded people. Bring a lunch. Info: 575-523-4847.

Memorial Medical Center Holy Mass:

noon Wednesdays in the Chapel, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. Holy Mass. Info: 575-636-3274.

Handbag sale to benefit St. James' restoration

BULLETIN REPORT

A one-day liquidation sale offering more than 150 gently used women's handbags at discounted prices is scheduled for

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 11 at St. James Episcopal Church, 105 St. James Ave. in Mesilla Park.

Proceeds from the event will benefit refurbishing efforts

to the interior of the historic adobe church parish hall. The first service ever given in the hall was 115 years ago.

"Many of the handbags are designer brands, and some are

new," said Cheryl Wilson, St. James' Episcopal Church volunteer. "Many shoppers will find it difficult to tell that the used ones are not brand new." All the purses have been

carefully cleaned and refurbished and are being offered at prices much lower than at the Church's similar event last fall. For information, contact Wilson at 575-523-7761.

Mesilla Plaza gem, La Posta, blending old and new



PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

La Posta owners Tom and Jerean Hutchinson have expanded the iconic restaurant to 17,000 square feet.

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

“We pay the bills and keep it up, but it belongs to the community,” Tom Hutchinson said recently about La Posta Restaurant, which he owns with his wife, Jerean.

La Posta has been an icon on the Mesilla Plaza for almost 80 years – the historic adobe architecture (or “Mexican chic,” as Jerean calls some of it), the entryway lined with gift shops, the exotic birds and even piranhas, more than 100 tequila varieties, the fixtures and artwork from the interior of Mexico and the authentic Mexican and Southwestern cuisine.

But the Hutchinsons haven’t been sitting on their laurels since buying the restaurant in March 1996. A major expansion five years ago – encompassing La Posta founder Katy Griggs Camunez’s

wood shop and private home – increased the size of the restaurant to 17,000 square feet, Tom said.

Additions included the Adobe Cantina and Tequileria and another banquet room, plus the Pecan Tree Courtyard and its large, outdoor fountain. There are now 13 dining rooms of various sizes, including the Blacksmith, the Guadalupe, the School Room, the Fiesta, Katy’s Blue Room and the ever-popular Lava Room.

“Twenty years ago, we made a conscious decision to invest,” Tom said. “It’s been good for us.”

La Posta also started serving breakfast on weekends several years ago because “people on the plaza were looking for coffee and a bite to eat,” Tom said.

“It’s changed but it hasn’t changed,” Jerean said.

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Owner talks about minimum wage, economic development

There are about one million restaurants in the United States, La Posta co-owner Tom Hutchinson said, including both “mom and pop” varieties and chains.

They employ more than 14 million people – about 10 percent of the country’s workforce, he said. Most have an average revenue margin of three to five percent, and most are owned by women and minorities, Hutchinson said.

“One in three adults started out (entry-level jobs) in the hospitality industry in the U.S.,” he said.

Hutchinson, who said he supports “market-wage adjustments resulting from a healthy business environment and low unemployment rates,” said he does not support the “local artificially mandated minimum wage increases” that have taken place over the

last several years.

The minimum wage increased to \$9.20 an hour on Jan. 1 of this year, and will rise to \$10.10 in January 2019.

The result, he said, is an increase in the local cost of living. “Businesses, particularly those operating on low margins, pass thru these labor cost increases to the consumer,” Hutchinson said.

“Despite the notion that increasing minimum wage helps the low-wage earner, when prices are adjusted up, the low-wage earner sees no increase in discretionary purchasing power,” he said. Retirees, veterans, disabled on relatively fixed incomes, actually see a reduction in purchasing power; however, the real winner is the taxing authority who collects taxes on gross

receipt activity...prices on goods go up, they collect more taxes.

“Perhaps the real question we need to ask is ‘How much do you want to see your rent go up, or pay for childcare, or for half gallon of milk, or a hamburger,’” Hutchinson said. “Whether minimum wage is \$8.40 an hour or \$15 an hour, the difference in labor cost will be reflected in the cost of everything – the cost of living increases.”

Hutchinson said \$9.20 an hour “is pretty high to pay entry-level employees in our local economy’s service sector. Improving your skills and becoming more valuable as an employee will drive higher wages, not

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Romance always pairs well with chocolate and chile



SUNNY CONLEY

Chile Knights

Valentine's Day is just a few smooches away, and it's time to start planning for that someone special of yours. Think dinner in. Romance always

pairs well with chocolate and chile so I suggest serving a forget-me-not fiery dessert to go with an equally memorable entree.

Begin the evening with a glass of sparkling bubbles followed by a pasta dish, something light, such as angel hair tossed in a lemony sauce kissed with chile. Serve with a side salad, and garlic bread but resist overindulging. Leave room for heartthrob chocolate pie, a rich and spicy sweet that flirts and teases with our beloved chile. Happy Valentine's Day!

Passionate Pasta (Serves 4)

8 ounces angel hair
8 ounces (about 2 cups) quartered artichoke hearts, frozen
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
6 tablespoons butter
¼ cup shallots, minced
8 Kalamata olives, minced
3 teaspoons lemon zest
1 red jalapeno pepper, stemmed, seeded and minced
Heaping ¼-½ teaspoon salt, or more to taste
5 tablespoons lemon juice, or more to taste
3 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley, divided

Cook pasta according to package directions. Rinse (spray) under cool water briefly to prevent pasta from sticking together. Reserve. In a large saucepan, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add artichokes and cover. Cook until thawed and slightly browned. Once browned, remove the artichokes from the pan and reserve.

Using the same pan, heat butter over

medium high heat until melted. Add the shallots, Kalamata olives, lemon zest, jalapeno, and salt. Cook until the shallots are translucent. Add the lemon juice one tablespoon at a time and cook until mixture develops a sauce-like consistency. Add the cooked pasta, 2 tablespoons of the parsley and the artichokes to the pan. Toss to evenly coat. Note: If pasta appears dry, add 1 tablespoon of water at a time, to loosen pasta. Noodles should be lightly (not heavily) coated with the lemon butter. Add more butter, salt, and lemon taste, if desired. Serve immediately, garnishing with remaining parsley. Pasta always tastes good with hot-from-the oven garlic bread.

Heartthrob Chocolate Chile Pie (Serves 6)

Crust:

1 ½ - 2 cups gingersnap crumbs
6-8 tablespoons melted butter
1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
1/8 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper (or to taste)

Grind gingersnaps in a food processor until fine (or put in a paper bag and crush finely with a rolling pin). Grease a 9-inch pie pan, pour in crumbs, mix in spices, and then add melted butter, one tablespoon at a time, mixing after each addition until crumb mixture reaches the texture of wet sand. (You may have leftover butter.) Using clean hands, firmly press the crumb mixture into the sides of the pan, and along the bottom, forming an even layer. Chill for at least 30 minutes, to prevent the crust from crumbling when cut. While the crust chills, prepare the chocolate chile filling.

Chocolate chile filling:

7 ounces dark chocolate, chopped
1 cup heavy cream
1 egg (at room temperature)
1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
1/8 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
Pinch of salt

For the cinnamon whipped cream:

1 ½ cups heavy cream
¼ cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Pinch habanero powder

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Put chocolate in a large glass bowl. In a saucepan, heat the heavy cream until it just comes to the boil. Pour over chocolate, and let stand for 1 minute. Gently whisk the cream and chocolate together until fully combined and glossy. Add egg and whisk to incorporate. Whisk in spices and salt, then pour into chilled pie crust and bake for 25 minutes, or until chocolate filling puffs up but is still slightly wobbly in the center. Remove from oven and cool completely before topping.

To prepare whipped cream, pour cream into a large bowl or a stand mixer, add sugar and cinnamon, and whip until soft peaks form. Pile on top of cooled chocolate filling, and sprinkle, if you dare, with habanero powder. (Adapted from seriouseats.com.)

Sunny Conley is an award-winning author and food columnist. "Life is better sprinkled and spiced with chile pepper!" Conley can be reached at chileknights575@gmail.com.

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artificial mandates where there was no skill or value improvement," he said.

"If your employer doesn't reward you appropriately, you need to find an employer who values your skills," he said. "Let the market drive it."

Hutchinson, who is

on the board of the New Mexico Restaurant Association, said.

"A majority of my time away from my business is spent with local, state and regional economic

development efforts," Hutchinson said. "I want to create-market driven opportunities that result in better pay and benefits for our residents.

La Posta co-owner Jerlean Hutchinson said her great aunt, Katy Griggs, who opened La Posta Café in 1939, had a beer and wine license. The Hutchinsons invested in a full liquor license – at a six-figure cost – after buying La Posta in 1996. Their banker agreed to finance the purchase as long as he could get a "Crown and water" at the restaurant, she remembers.

Today, La Posta is famous for its dozens of tequilas and margaritas.

Having the liquor li-

cense "is important," Jerlean said.

There are about 1,400 liquor-license holders in the state, Hutchinson said.

But, while beer and wine licenses are available and are relatively affordable, no new liquor licenses for restaurant or package sales have been issued in many years. They were originally issued based on the population.

Today, the only way to get a full liquor license is to buy it – and prices usually exceed \$300,000 for a restaurant – or figure out some kind of trade. That means many businesses can't afford the licenses, and some that can afford them can't find them.

"We're starting to look

at solutions," Hutchinson said. "It's got to satisfy and accommodate many people at the end of the day. What some folks don't realize is that banks utilize the current value of liquor licenses for loan collateral. Any disruption in license value could cause real issues with lenders and borrowers. State government has to be careful when it tries to regulate a competitive industry like liquor sales, even as it works to create more licenses and make them more affordable," he said.

Before any changes are made, Hutchinson said, the state will "have to talk to all the stakeholders."

"It's not a quick or easy fix," he said.

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Weekly flower sales at NMSU

The New Mexico State University (NMSU) Floral team has started its weekly flower sales from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the lobby of Gerald Thomas Hall at College Ave. and Knox St. Students will have pre-made arrangements available for sale, or you can bring your own vase to be filled with fresh flowers. Additionally, the NMSU Floral team is also offering the "Semester of Flowers" in which you receive a bouquet weekly, delivered to your office. For more information, email coach Sabine Green, AIFD, at swhitley@nmsu.edu.



Here's my kinda truck

I like a pickup that looks like a truck

And not like a tropical fish.

Or a two-ton poodle with running lights

Or a mutant frog on a leash.

Give me one tough as a cast iron skillet

With a bumper that's extra large

And a hood that weighs over eighty-five pounds

And looks like the prow on a barge.

I like style but since when should a truck

Be touted for comfort and ride.

Power windows on pickups? Reminds me of jeans

With a zipper that zips up the side.

They should soak up the dents of everyday life

Like a boxer losin' his teeth.

And I like a truck, when you lift up the hood

You can see the ground underneath!

Pickups are kinda like welding gloves.

The pock marks are part of the deal.

Not pretty, just built to get the job done.

Like the dummy behind the wheel.

Don't get me wrong, I know beauty's skin deep

And ugly is the eye, But to find out if your truck is my kinda truck Here's a test that you can apply:

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New and familiar gardening classes for spring

BULLETIN REPORT

Are you wondering which insects are beneficial for your vegetable and flower gardens? Garden expert Jackye Meinecke will present a new class on which insects are beneficial, how to attract them to your garden, and how to create a habitat that makes them stay.

Later in the season, she will offer a

new class on using common household products for improving results in your vegetable and flower garden. From epsom salts to baking soda, she will provide advice and recipes on organic gardening that have stood the test of time.

These and other gardening classes take place 2 to 3 p.m. in the Community Room of Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road. Cost for each class

is \$10 cash/person; \$8 for co-op members. Reservations preferred; e-mail gardens@zianet.com or call 575-323-0903 to sign up.

Feb. 11 - Beyond Plants: Creating Habitat for Bees, Butterflies and other Beneficial Insects. Creating bee boxes, insect hotels and other habitats for beneficial insects helps create an ecosystem to prevent pest infestations while providing

food for birds and other creatures.

Feb. 18 - Composting in the Desert. Creating compost in our dry environment has its own challenges. Learn the details of making and maintaining compost.

Feb. 25 - Vegetable Gardening in the Desert. Grow your own produce with skills adapted to southwest gardening. From soils to plants, learn what you need for a successful vegetable garden.

LA POSTA

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La Posta's menu continues to feature the same authentic recipes from the Griggs, Chavez and Fountain families that it always has, Jerean said. And, the chile that goes into its salsas and sauces is harvested from the

same local fields.

"We don't have chefs, we have cooks, like Grandma's kitchen," she said. Many of the restaurant's 110 full- and part-time staff are members of families that have worked at La Posta for three or four generations, Tom Hutchinson said.

La Posta's 20-foot adobe walls date back to the

1840s – you can still see part of the original structure near the new bar on the east side of the restaurant. Some windows and exterior doors show the Greek revival features of the Territorial-style architecture that was popular in the mid-1800s. The building served as a headquarters for the Confederate army during the Civil War, and was the Corn Exchange Hotel later in the century.

La Posta is actually a "series of adobe buildings connected over time," said Jerean, who is Katy Camunez's great-niece. "It was never designed to be a restaurant in the first place," she said.

In 1939, Katy Griggs would "acquire the northwest corner of what is now the La Posta compound from her Uncle Edgar Griggs for 'one dollar love and affec-



La Posta Restaurant boasts 13 dining rooms, a banquet room, courtyard, tequileria and the Adobe Cantina.

PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

tion," according to www.laposta-de-mesilla.com. "With just four tables on a dirt floor, her mother cooking in the back of the same room with no running water, Katy started her La Posta Café."

Katy Camunez was one of the first restaurant owners to offer tostadas and chile to her guests, and she created the first tostada compuesta, Tom said.

Today, La Posta's newest banquet room

includes state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment and even a hidden projector. And, the Hutchinsons will soon be selling their trademark salsa by the bottle.

Katy also brought the first parrots and cockatoos to the restaurant. Today, there are six birds in the restaurant's famous lobby. The oldest, Frodo, had a stroke not long ago, Tom said, but is now "rehabilitating in our office where we can monitor his progress, diet and administer medicine."

There are also three piranhas ranging in age from 10 to 15 in tanks near in the lobby. The oldest, a male without a name, swims by himself. He's blind and has few teeth, but "he bounces back," Tom said.

La Posta serves about 325,000 customers a year, Tom said. Most are there

for a meal and/or a margarita, but some take the self-guided tour to see the history and art in each room. You can see the signatures of visitors from across the country and around the world in the lobby guestbook.

"The people have carried us for 75 years," Tom Hutchinson said.

La Posta is located at 2410 Calle De San Albino in Mesilla. The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. on Friday, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 575-524-3524. Visit www.laposta-de-mesilla.com and find them on Facebook under La Posta de Mesilla Restaurant.

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New Age Expo is Feb. 11 Downtown

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces' first ever Southwest New Age Expo will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.

The event is organized by Anna Vaughn and Suzen Dopson, both of whom work at Reclaim Wellness center, 2201 N. Main St.

Vaughn and Dopson said the expo will have 17 vendors from Las Cruces and El Paso, including healers (including one who does group healings) a massage therapist, a numerologist, an angel whisperer, jewelry makers, a specialist in energy medicine and face yoga and several card readers, including tarot, angel, oracle and playing cards (cartomancy).

There is no charge to attend the expo. Individual readers and healers will set the prices for their services at the expo.

Local artists will have their works on display and for sale at the event, and there will also be "conscious" arts and crafts for sale, along with crystals, belly-dancing accessories, flower essences, medicinal balms and other items, Vaughn and Dopson said.

Live entertainment will be provided and speakers include local artist Laurie Shade-Neff, who will talk about the Tree Sisters and Water Protectors organizations; musician Yolanda Martinez; local artist and numerologist Ruth Drayer, who will speak on numerology; and Robert McBride, who will talk about astrology.

For more information, contact Vaughn at 979-255-9736 or aveptx@yahoo.com, or contact Dopson at 505-429-6013 or superdop@yahoo.com. Visit <http://superdop.wixsite.com/swexpo> and find them on Facebook at Southwest New Age Expo.



PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Left to right are massage therapist Taylor-Bleu Gayton, artist Laurie Shade-Neff, Southwest New Age Expo organizers Anna Vaughn and Suzen Dopson and Reclaim Wellness center owner Melissa Brite (seated).

Fitness fair has three venues

BULLETIN REPORT

Rio Grande Prep (RGPI) is having its second annual For the Love of... Fitness Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at 2355 S. Avenida de Mesilla. The fair features three fitness-themed venues all in one place. In the gym will be eight different types of workouts from different local gyms, rotating every 30 minutes, including zumba, pilates, boxing, jazzercise, karate, self-defense, pound and PX-90 Ripped.

Also on site is a fair with anything and everything having to do with health and fitness, including an adult obstacle course, live horses, a jumping balloon and a kid's' ninja course. More than 30 community agencies and local businesses are participating.

Donations are welcome and all proceeds will be used to create educational experiences for the students at RGPI. For information, call 575-639-0311 or 575-527-6058.

Expanded services by homeless health care clinic shows success

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Twenty-eight of the 31 people who received housing through St. Luke's Health Care Clinic last year thanks to funding from two large federal grants are still in their new homes, said St. Luke's CEO Pamela Angell.

These are people who had been on the street, suffering from severe mental illness, substance-abuse issues and work-place disabilities, she said. They lacked family support and often were self-medicating.

With the grants, St. Luke's is likely to place 35 homeless people in permanent housing this year and 45 next year, in addition to the 31 placed in the grant's first year, Angell said.

With the funding from the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) and the Substance Abuse Mental Health Administration (SAMHA), St. Luke's has not only been able to pay a housing specialist. It also is paying a medical doctor, two part-time nurse practitioners, a pharmacist with 40 years' experience and other medical and behavioral health staff.

St. Luke's has increased clinic hours from 12 to 40 a week, and is now open Monday through Friday instead of just one day or one and a-half days each week. And, plans are underway to expand clinic hours to include Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings, Angell said.

The clinic is also now able to provide health care services to children as well as adults.

"We've really made our medical clinic a lot more robust," she said.

The federal grants, which total nearly \$1 million a year, also mean Angell has an administrative assistant for the first time in her 20 years' work in nonprofits. "It's mind-boggling," she said.

Angell has been CEO at St. Luke's for the past five years. She served the 10 years before that as executive director of MVCH.

The grants also fund behavioral health counseling, peer support, job development services and expedited



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RN Sandra Perez and FNP Dorothy Portillo

processing of Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Insurance (SDI) Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) filings.

The grants are for three years, expiring in early 2018, Angell said. St. Luke's staff have already submitted renewals, making a strong case for continued funding, she said.

Most of St. Luke's clients are homeless, she said, but 30 to 40 percent are community members who cannot afford health care services elsewhere.

Many of those being served have had "a lifetime of trauma" in emergency rooms, jails and courtrooms, she said, which costs the community more than the services that St. Luke's provides.

The clinic can now make referrals for dental care, Angell said, and with continued funding from HRSA and SAMHA, may be able to provide dental services itself at some point in the future. "We really want to treat the whole person," she said.

St. Luke's gets many other smaller grants that provide vital funding for client services, she said. They include Catholic Donors of the Americas,

whose \$2,000 grant will allow 20 people to buy beds, dishes and other furnishings to set up their homes. Another grant pays for clients' cleaning supplies.

Many of those who are taken off the streets and put in permanent housing "are capable of getting back into the workforce," Angell said. Some volunteer for programs offered by St. Luke's and Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (MVCH), and then are hired when jobs full- or part-time jobs open.

MVCH houses St. Luke's, El Caldito Soup Kitchen, Casa de Peregrinos emergency food program, Jardin de los Niños homeless childcare, a tent city that provides temporary housing for some homeless people and other services at 999 W. Amador Ave.

If people who had been homeless have "a home, a pet, a TV to watch, it helps people make better choices," Angell said.

St. Luke's staff will be moving to a temporary new location within the MVCH compound in April, as renovation work to expand facilities at the clinic begins, she said. St. Luke's opened in 1994.

'Run with Your Doc' St. Luke's fundraiser is Saturday, Feb. 25

"Run with Your Doc 2017," the third annual 10K/5K and one-mile run/walk that benefits St. Luke's Health Care Clinic, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25 at Doña Ana Community College's East Mesa campus, 2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

The one-mile dash begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K and 10K start at 8:30 a.m.

The cost to register for either the 5K or the 10K is \$30 per person. It's \$20 to register for the one-mile walk run. If you register the day before the race or on race day, the cost goes up to \$35 per person.

Prizes will be awarded to the overall male and female winners in the 5K and 10K races. Medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in the 5K and 10K, and to top male and female age-group winners in these categories: ages nine and under, 10 to 19, 20 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, 50 to 59 and 60 and over. The team with the most members entered will win the largest team trophy.

The races' course "will highlight the stunning DACC East Mesa campus, in the neighborhood around the campus with the beautiful view of the Organ Mountains as a backdrop," according to a race flyer.

All proceeds of the event benefit St. Luke's Health Care for the Homeless. Last year, it raised about \$30,000, St. Luke's CEO Pamela Angell said.

"Our running event is more than just a really nice fundraiser, it's a way to bring the community together in a healthy activity," Angell said. More than 600 people participated in the first "Run with Your Doc" event, she said. "Last year, 835 people registered to run, which I believe makes it the largest running event in the county."

For more information, call Mike Coulter at 915-274-5222. Visit <http://raceadventuresunlimited.com/Run-With-Your-Doc-2017-10K-5K-And-1-Mile-Fun-Run-1-Mile-Start-8am-10K-5K-Start-830am/1674/details> and Run with Your Doc on Facebook.

Creativity for the future

When little ones pick up crayons to color they do so with a joyful abandonment, not the least concerned with the lines on the page or realistic colors. Our grown up reaction might be control or admonishment not to waste paper. These early days of coloring abandonment are also often the time when kids are asking a hundred questions a day.

As the free spirited coloring behavior disappears so too does the intensity for questioning. When young artists grow and develop the fine motor skills to stay within lines and manage the spaces with generally expected colors adults tend to congratulate the child on doing such neat work without considering what may have been lost in this transformation. Finding ways to mitigate the difference between these stages is the subject of a new kind of coloring book by local author, artist and former occupational therapist (OT), Laura Hebenstreit.

During her years as an OT working in schools, Hebenstreit focused on helping children develop their motor and perceptual skills. As an artist she gained insights about how children develop creativity, emotional awareness and cooperative problem solving. The outcome is, "Beyond The Usual Coloring Book: Help Your Child Create, Express & Adapt."

According to Hebenstreit, "The idea for an alternative-type coloring book came from watching kids start out very



RORIE MEASURE

The Reading Solution

exploratory and self-expressive when first using crayons. They picked colors just for effect, variably combined many colors or used only one for any or all picture areas and produced vibrant, individualized pictures. But by around the age of 6, most of them were convinced that one appropriate color to a space, coloring all spaces evenly, and leaving no parts blank were the appropriate norms. So they did that consistently."

As adults we can think of many times when that kind of conformity is useful and it is, up to a point. A Newsweek cover story reported that, for the first time, research reveals that American creativity is declining just when projections for future careers suggest that creativity will be an important skill.

According to Hebenstreit, "Jobs involving information that is presented and then simply repeated are the most likely to be automated in the coming years. This trend is already in process."

Research carried out by the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education

(CLPE) found that linking creativity through arts and literacy was a powerful tool for sustained learning as the children make strong connections between reading, writing and creative arts. Creativity enhances oral language skills, and a workshop atmosphere promotes concentration and confidence and deepens understanding so children can reflect on their learning. It also encourages the children to work as a team.

"Kids who are taught to imagine, apply information in new ways, refine methods while adapting to changes, and work with others to develop ideas will have an advantage over those who may be excellent at repeating information. Creativity, emotional awareness, and cooperative problem-solving can all be taught. Kids are beginning to develop these skills by the time they are in preschool and kindergarten. I decided to design a coloring book to specifically practice these abilities, because they seem so important for kids and our future.

Teaching creativity is tricky. The challenge is to avoid defining what a self-guided standard should be for someone else. Praise and reward can be as limiting as criticism. Both may limit what might have been a broader focus. One strategy is to encourage and share engagement with the task more than opinions about whatever is produced (process

over product). Checking in with what the child likes about his/her work and supporting continued challenge for that can help develop a path. In the book, I suggest setting up a child with materials and modeling various techniques as introduction, which can then be imitated and expanded upon in a self-directed way."

The first part of the book features information and examples with suggestions for adults and helpers. The second part provides pictures designed to encourage types of coloring. There is a brief section for helping a child explore his/her own crayons and their possibilities for use. Other sections have pictures designed to be used for practicing different skills, including blending/experimenting with colors, understanding/expressing emotions related to pictures, and cooperating to produce a colored picture with one or more partners of various skill levels.

More information can be found at Hebenstreit's website: <http://beyondtheusualcolorbook.com/> Books are available at Spirit Winds in Las Cruces and online through Amazon.com.

Rorie Measure is the president of Children's Reading Alliance, a grassroots citizen-led initiative to encourage family literacy throughout Doña Ana County. Rorie is a reader, writer, teacher, reading specialist and literacy trainer.

MEET THE COLUMNISTS

Columnist advocates for family literacy

In our series "Meet the Columnists," Susie Ouderkirk profiles each of our columnists so you'll know more about them. This week, we reintroduce Rorie Measure who writes "Reading Solution."

By **SUSIE OUDERKIRK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

As president of the Children's Reading Alliance, Rorie Measure works to promote the success of all children. The Children's Reading Alliance (CRA) is a grassroots, citizen-led initiative to encourage family literacy in Doña Ana County.

Rorie Measure

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FAVORITE QUOTATION: "Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are." — Benjamin Franklin

Measure is a strong proponent for CRA's message, which encourages parents, teachers and friends to "Read with a child every day."

It has been proven that reading daily with children and having books in the home leads to success in school, according to the CRA website, and Measure promotes supporting "programs designed to place books in the hands of families."

Originally from Phoenix, and a graduate for Arizona State University, Measure started writing a monthly column about reading for the Bulletin when Senior Marketing Consultant Claire Frohs became a member of the CRA advisory board.

"I believe in the power and duty of the public schools to advocate for the success of all children," Measure said.

Asking her to choose a favorite book or story is like asking her to choose a favorite child. One of her favorite things is to read aloud "to an appreciative audience," she said. "I enjoy creative collaboration and to apply my imagination to society's problems."

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Free dental clinic for kids

Free dental exams, radiographs, teeth cleanings, sealants, fluoride treatments and oral health education will be provided in the dental clinic from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13 on the DACC central campus adjacent to NMSU at 3400 South Espina, Building DAMA, room 80. Info:

'The Truth About Cancer' Global Series

Episode #7 of this series is titled "Heal Cancer with Clean Electricity, Unique Water, Natural Sunlight & Combining Superfoods," from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb 22 at Picacho Hills Country Club, 6861 Via Compestre. Presented by Laura Smart. Free. Info: lauralsmart@comcast.net or 425-233-9082.

Breast Cancer Support Group set for February

The group meets the fourth Saturday of each month. The next monthly meeting is from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 at Memorial Medical Center West Side Annex Bldg., 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. No pre-registration, no charge and open to all who are interested in health and wellness. For info, call 575-524-4373

Fitness Center offering Jazzercise Lite

Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center Associate Amy Richards will be teaching Jazzercise Lite at 10 a.m. Tuesday and Thursdays at 3217 El Camino Real. Richards has been a Jazzercise instructor for over 11 years. Info: Dianne Sage at 575-650-9721 or visit jazzercise.com.

Events at Center for Spiritual Living

Spirit Dance: 2-3 p.m. Tuesdays. Express your spirit through free dancing. No experience necessary.

Sacred Living Circle: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays. A group that discusses articles from the Science of Mind magazine.

Single Parents Support Group: 7-8 p.m. Thursdays.

Yoga: 9-10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays; 4-5 p.m. Wednesdays; 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

All activities held at the Center, 575 N. Main St. Info: 575-523-4847.

Cancer support group meets at UUMC

Meetings take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Cancer Care, a support group for those dealing with cancer, (patients, survivors, caregivers, family and friends) meets. Info: Betty Harris at 575-524-3994 or the church office at 575-522-8220.

Alzheimer's and dementia support group meets

Group meets at 11:30 a.m. every Thursday, Arbors of Del Rey Assisted Living Community holds a support

meeting at Uno Pizzeria & Grill, 2102 Telshor Court. Arbors of Del Rey experts offer information and interventions. Info: 575-382-5200.

Tesoro Integrative Health Center yoga classes

At 10 a.m. Monday/Wednesday/Friday is Gentle Yoga; 7:15 a.m. Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. Saturday is Kundalini Yoga; 6:15 Tuesday/Thursday, 10 a.m. Saturday is Hatha Yoga; 6:15 Monday/Wednesday is Gentle Yoga at Tesoro Integrative Health Center, 1605 S. Main St. Walk-ins welcome. Drop-in fee is \$7; five classes for \$30; and 10 for \$60. Info: 575-541-5660.

Parkinson's Support Group meets third Tuesday

Support group meets at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. the Parkinson's disease Support Group of Southern New Mexico (PDSGSNM) meets.

MS Support/Education group meets first Thursday

Group meets from 4:30 to 6 p.m. the first Thursday of each month in the Social Center Creative Arts Room at Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, join a multiple sclerosis support/education group. Date, time and location are subject to change. Info/RSVP: 575-373-5130 or lascrucesmsself-help@gmail.com.

Birth, death certificates available at Public Health Office

From 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, the Vital Records Office at the Las Cruces Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive. is available for registering and acquiring birth or death certificates. Closed noon to 1 p.m. for lunch. Info: 575-528-5046.

Breastfeeding support group

From 10 to 11:30 a.m. every Friday at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex, Piñon A meeting room Mama's Milk Club Breastfeeding Support Group meets. Refreshments provided. Free. Info: 575-521-5393.

Zumba class at aquatic center

From 10 to 11 a.m. every Saturday the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department holds Zumba class at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Info: 575-541-2782.

Zumba at Mountain View Senior Circle

At 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Mountain View Senior Circle, 3948 Lohman Ave., Suite 1, Zumba classes are held. Info: 575-522-0503.

Flu vaccines available

Flu vaccines are offered in many locations, including doctor's offices, hospitals, public health offices, and pharmacies, as well as by many em-

ployers and some schools. New Mexico Department of Health encourages those with health insurance to contact their healthcare provider or pharmacist about getting the flu vaccine. The Department offers vaccinations for people without insurance or who are otherwise not able to get vaccinated. Those with Medicaid or other insurance who go to Public Health Offices are asked to bring their insurance card. To find out about flu vaccination clinics throughout the state, call the Immunization Hotline toll free at 866-681-5872 or visit <http://flushot.healthmap.org/> to see where the vaccine is being offered.

Immunizations available at Dept. of Health

The New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office at 1170 N. Solano Drive provides immunization services for children (0-18 years of age) on Monday mornings, Wednesdays and Fridays. Info: 575-528-5006.

Safe needle disposal/syringe exchange

The Las Cruces Public Health office provides safe needle disposal and syringe exchange from 8:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. every weekday at 1170 N. Solano Drive. Info: 575-528-5090.

Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach support group

Diabetes Educational Support Group meetings provide open discussion and short teaching regarding diabetes, and a question-and-answer period from 10 - 11:15 a.m. the third Thursday of each month in the meeting room of Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave.

Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meets at noon Wednesdays in the library of St. James Episcopal Church, 1102 St. James Ave. and at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. OA is a fellowship of those individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from a compulsive relationship with food. Info: www.oa.org or call Barbara at 575-405-0128 or Wayne at 575-647-5684.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous

The group meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor (behind the T Mobile building). SCA is a 12-step fellowship of men and women who share experience, strength and hope to solve common problems and help each other recover from sexual compulsion. Info: www.sca-recovery.org or 575-526-9535.

Tai Chi class

City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department Tai Chi classes for adults meet From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday. Cost: \$30 for a four-week session, \$15 for those 60 and older. Limited space available on a first-come, first-served basis. Info: 575-541-2455.

Outfielders sign with Mesa CC



Center fielder Amber Saiz, left, and left fielder Mariah Hernandez of Las Cruces High School sign letters of intent to play softball for Mesa Community College in Arizona.

COURTESY PHOTOS

NMSU women's soccer bolsters its 2017 roster

BULLETIN REPORT

With the 2017 soccer season six months away, New Mexico State women's soccer head coach Freddy Delgado announced the signing of nine players for the upcoming campaign.

The players will join 11 Aggies from the 2016 class.

"This may be the deepest and most well-coached freshmen class we've had," Delgado said. "Each of these student-athletes comes from a high level of club soccer. They train and compete on a daily basis with and against some of the best players in the country. Because they come from some of the most com-

petitive teams in the nation, I expect they will be a bit more advanced than the average freshmen class. I expect them to contribute from an early point in the year."

Four of the nine signees hail from California while three come from New Mexico and two from Arizona. Alyssa Greenblatt, Katie Martinez,

Kara Montilla and Natalie Swanson are from the Golden State while Dmitri Fong, Tati-ana "Tots" Limon, and Ashton Forrest are from the Land of Enchantment. Rounding out the group are Jody Hernandez and Rachel Wolters who join their fellow signees from the Grand Canyon state.

"Every successful team

needs special players and I believe we have more than a few in this year's signing class," said Delgado. "We've made great strides over the last two seasons with our current team. We are poised for a breakout season and our 2017 signing class will have a big role in our future success."

At the risk of offending purists ...

Just a few months ago, in *Golf* magazine, Peter Kostis, one of my favorite golf analysts, addressed what he said is “by far the most troublesome issue” that is impeding golf’s growing the game development.

He was referring to the “strict obsessive adherence to arcane rules” which are hardly welcoming to potential golf converts. First, Kostis argues that the rules makers should create flexible rules for recreational and social layers and then separate rules for competitive play.

He makes the point that beginners (of any age), and also very high-handicappers, simply want to get the ball airborne, find it and try to manage to hit again. For years at our golf schools, Herb and I created our own weekend rules for on-course play with our students, which included teeing the ball up anywhere, opting to not play out of a sand trap and not being penalized for a whiff. All of our past graduates of Performance Golf School would tell you that the relaxed were fine, and in fact served to avoid discouraging newcomers to golf.

Wondering about different rules for different categories of people and play? Consider the fact that there are already separate rules for tour profes-



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Golf Doctor

sionals and for amateur Joe’s and Jill’s. For example, the USGA permits a player to change ball type on every hole; you just have to complete the hole you’re playing with the same ball you started with. The PGA Tour insists that the same exact brand and type of

ball be played throughout the entire round, and is very strict on how they view a ball as conforming.

Further, tour players have caddies, forecaddies, multiple cameras, hordes of volunteers, coaching posse, and on-course (and booth) rules gurus. We recreational chops do not. Hence, we lose balls when they fly out of sight, which is not fair. When a tour player hits a squirrely shot or a yank hook it likely will hit a spectator and save it from going into an unplayable spot or out of bounds. Or it may bounce off a grandstand barrier around the green, allowing for a free (often favorable) drop. Or it may land atop of a beer tent from where he can play it after the tables and chairs are moved away. Or he

Golf news and events at NMSU

BULLETIN REPORT

Whether you want to learn the ropes, brush up on your skills or simply enjoy a nice, peaceful round of golf, there’s something new for everyone in the weeks ahead at the NMSU Golf Course.

First, drive around in comfort without the fear of distracting other golfers in the course’s new quiet golf cars available later this month. View a sneak peek video at golf.nmsu.edu/.

Get the edge on your competition by learning the world’s No. 1 green-reading method used by Lydia Ko and Olympic gold medalist Justin Rose. Register now for the two-hour AimPoint Express Clinic at golf.nmsu.edu/aimpoint/.

Parents of young golfers can register their kids ages 5-14 for the eight-week Spring Junior League Program beginning Sunday, March 5. Details are available at golf.nmsu.edu/junior/.

Contact 575-646-1445 or jlynch1@nmsu.edu for more information.

can have 40 fans slide a six ton boulder over since it wasn’t imbedded! Then there are “line-of-sight” immovable structures, wires, cables and camera towers, along with a host of other protocols. Not only are they not playing the same game, as Bobby Jones once said, but they’re not playing by the same rules – or conditions. Sort of like the labyrinth tax codes enacted by politicians.

If you claim to be a dyed-in-the-wool “purist” about sports, golf and rules, here are just a few simple questions. In Major League Baseball the American League uses the designated hitter, so what about the National League? The NFL uses a dark brown, plain,

unmarked (but sometimes deflated) football, so why does the NCAA use a different, light brown ball with two white stripes, like the Dos Equis guy kicks? In basketball men play with a standard ball, but why do women play with a smaller ball? Do they play shorter courses on the Senior Tour? We could go on and on.

Back to golf, Kostis has this suggestion for more advanced recreational players: Play the forward tees until you regularly break 80, and then move back one set of tees and start the process again. “Hey, golf is supposed to be fun – don’t let your ego ruin your day,” says Kostis. “The problem isn’t courses that are too long. It’s

that you’re playing them too long.”

It is all too obvious that the “Tee It Forward” initiative that was promoted a few years ago was a complete flop. Part of it has to do with ego mentality – like “I paid for my golf and I want to play the whole course.” Yet, much of it has to do with “money games,” quite common at all golf courses. I’m convinced that another factor would be policies at most American golf courses where they are reluctant to inquire at the counter as to the playing of competence of each golfer, and then “recommend” what tees they should be playing. It’s a “don’t want to offend nobody” attitude.

Aggie men’s tennis wins third-straight in Sin City

BULLETIN REPORT

The NM State men’s tennis team notched its third-straight victory on Super Bowl Sunday, defeating Weber State 4-1 to wrap up its time in Las Vegas.

NM State’s duo of Stijn de Haan and

Mauri Benitez took care of their opponent at No. 2 doubles with an easy 6-1 win. Weber State’s No. 3 pair knotted things up when they took down Sergi Espias and Enrique Asmar in a back-and-forth battle, 7-6.

A fierce battle at No. 1 doubles was taking place as the No. 2 and No. 3

flights wrapped up. Christofer Goncalves and Luis Flores were not to be bested and prevailed 7-6 (3-0) to give New Mexico State the 1-0 lead.

Asmar redeemed his loss in doubles action and made quick work of his foe on court No. 6 with a 6-3, 6-0 victory. De Haan gave the Aggies a 3-0 lead

over the Wildcats when he ousted Hou-En Chen 6-2, 7-5 at the No. 4 doubles slot.

WSU gained its lone point at No. 2 singles before Goncalves, the Aggie team leader, clinched the match for NM State with a tooth-and-nail win at the top singles flight 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

NM State picked as softball favorite

BULLETIN REPORT

For the fourth straight year, the New Mexico State softball team was selected as favorites to win the WAC, as announced by the league on Wednesday, Feb. 1. NM State and Grand Canyon were selected to win the conference regular season in a vote by the league's six head coaches.

"It's always an honor to have our peers vote us in as one of the preseason favorites," head coach Kathy Rodolph said. "We need to stay focused on our grind for that prediction to prove accurate. There is no doubt our team is being fueled by what we see as unfinished business from 2016."

During their 2016 campaign, the Aggies captured the WAC regular season title, finishing conference play with a 14-1 record. Rodolph won Coach of the Year for the second straight year and Kelsey Horton was named the conference Freshman of the Year. NM State

2017 WAC softball preseason Coaches' Poll

Rank	Team	Points
T-1	Grand Canyon	23
T-1	NM State	23
T-3	CSU Bakersfield	13
T-3	Seattle U	13
5	UMKC	11
6	Utah Valley	7

finished the season with a 38-21 overall record.

NM State placed the most players on the Preseason All-WAC team with four, while Grand Canyon had three and UMKC and Utah Valley had two apiece.

Horton was announced as the league's Preseason Player of the Year. In 2016, the sophomore started at first base in all 15 WAC games and tied for the league lead in runs scored with 16.

During conference play, Horton cultivated a .600 slugging percentage and a .482 on-base percentage while also having a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage.

"Kelsey had a stellar freshman campaign and she is working hard to stay focused on her details for this year," Rodolph said.

Victoria Castro, Kayla Green, and Rachel Rodriguez join Horton on the Preseason All-WAC team. The Aggies led the league with four players named to the preseason team.

"This is a team that strives to be unselfish and hardworking," Rodolph said. "They are capable of some special moments if they stay true to those goals."

The Aggies open the season with a three game series against UTSA. The first game is set for Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. The 2017 WAC Softball Tournament will be held May 11-13, at the NM State Softball Complex in Las Cruces and will include all five eligible teams.

2017 softball preseason All-WAC Team

Paige Bouska, Seattle U, Sr., UT
Victoria Castro, NM State, So., OF
 Julea Cavazos, CSU Bakersfield, Jr., OF
Kayla Green, NM State, So., P
Kelsey Horton, NM State, So., 1B
 Kendra Leach, UMKC, Jr., OF
 Bailey Moore, Utah Valley, Sr., P
 Taylor Nowlin, Grand Canyon, Sr., P
Rachel Rodriguez, NM State, Jr., INF
 Bri Sims, UMKC, So., INF
 Shea Smith, Grand Canyon, So., SS
 Brittny Vansway, Utah Valley, Sr., INF
 Camree Wartman, Grand Canyon, Sr., 2B

Preseason Player of the Year:

Kelsey Horton, NM State
 Preseason Pitcher of the Year:
 Taylor Nowlin, Grand Canyon

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Yari Lujan is an 18-year-old senior at Las Cruces High School. She is a two-year captain on the Bull Dawg bowling team and has been one of five team members to have successfully competed in New Mexico High School Bowling for LCHS, placing first or second six times. Lujan's starting average was 74 and is currently at 133. She is a great leader, focused with outstanding attendance, a positive outlook and demonstrates 100 percent dedication to the team. Lujan is respectful of and respected by her teammates. She is a dedicated student, with a 3.69 GPA, a five-year National Honor Society member, a one-year International Rotary Club member and was a three-year FFA member. Lujan's coach is honored to have her on the team and appreciates what she brings to the team each week. Outside of bowling and school, she enjoys roller blading, 4-wheeling, shopping and spending time with family.

Ruben Gonzales is a 17-year-old junior at Las Cruces High School and is on both the Bull Dawgs wrestling and football teams. He is in the 152-pound weight class and running back, respectively. In wrestling, Gonzales was 2016 runner up in his weight class, is currently 26-4 and a member of the 2017 Wrestling District Champion Team. He took first place at the 34-team Bowie Invitation the last weekend of January. Gonzales is hard-working and respectful. He is a dedicated student, with a 2.77 GPA and aspires to become a pipeline welder. Off the mat, field and out of the classroom, Gonzales enjoys welding and cooking.

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Fun and games at Pan Am



ABOVE: New Mexico State forward Eli Chuha (22) competes for a rebound in the Aggies' 86-51 win over Chicago State Feb. 4 at the Pan American Center in Las Cruces. NMSU won its 20th straight game to improve to 22-2 on a season that has the program receiving national recognition in both major polls compiled by the AP and USA Today. The Aggies were slated to face CSU-Bakersfield on the road Thursday, then travel to Phoenix to face Grand Canyon on Saturday, with an 7 p.m. tipoff (ESPN3, 99.5 FM).

RIGHT: Jerry Hines is celebrated at halftime of the NMSU-Chicago State game with a banner to be displayed in the Pan American Center. Hines was a captain of the Aggie basketball team and a quarterback for the Aggie football team and became head basketball and football coach at New Mexico A&M in 1929. While he was athletic director, from 1934-38 football was 31-10-6, and from 1935-40 the basketball team went 102-36.

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NMSU senior Ian Baker (4) wows with a layup in the second period. He scored 13 on the night.



Freshman guard Jermaine Haley (1) drives the ball on Chicago State. Haley scored 9 points in the game.