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Harlem Globetrotters dunking sensation Hammer Harrison jumps on the back of one of his opponents, a member of the All Stars, Saturday, Jan. 7 at the Pan American Center. The 6' 9" forward and the rest of the Globetrotters brought their world-famous routine to Las Cruces for the first time in three years. Turn to Sports to see more photos.

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Rodriguez taps Sanchez to be chief deputy

Doña Ana County Treasurer Eric L. Rodriguez has selected Arturo M. Sanchez to take on the role of Chief Deputy Treasurer.

Sanchez – a former chief deputy treasurer in Chaves County – has been employed with the Doña Ana County Treasurer's Office since October of 2015 as a document technician.

"The ideal candidate for chief deputy is one who has a baseline understanding of investment strategy and business technology, as well as managerial experience and a great attitude," Rodriguez said, adding that Sanchez meets those thresholds.

A returning resident of Doña Ana County from Roswell, Sanchez holds a degree in computer application systems with a minor in business administration from Eastern New Mexico University.

"Mr. Sanchez knows the internal workings of this office and is respected by the staff," Rodriguez said. "I

am confident of his managerial skills and have been impressed with his intricate understanding of state statutes governing investment policies and other aspects of running this office.

Rodriguez said Sanchez has been a key figure in the ongoing – and nearly complete – task of implementing a new tax-collection software system that took considerable time, effort and collaboration with both the vendor and the Doña Ana County



MIGUEL SANCHEZ

Assessor's Office to implement.

"This system will be of critical importance to the operations of this office," Rodriguez said. "Mr. Sanchez brings a great deal of knowledge and experience with this system, all of which is essential toward the progress and conclusion of the complex software conversion.

As second in command at the Treasurer's Office, Sanchez will play an important role in the collection, distribution and investment of property taxes and county revenues.

"Apart from his institutional qualifications, Arturo brings a great attitude into the office," Rodriguez said. "The most important quality that I was looking for in a chief deputy was someone with strong moral values and respect for all. Our mutual goals for the office are centered on the taxpayer, and our commitment is one of great customer service."

Applicants sought:

Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority Board

Due to a resignation, the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants willing to serve on the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority Board.

To be considered, the applicant must reside within Doña Ana County, excluding residents residing within the municipal limits of the City of Las Cruces. Each applicant must submit a letter of interest, a current resume and three letters of reference to the Doña Ana County Community Development Department no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, 2017.

The Housing Authority Board consists of two appointees by the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners, two appointees by the City of Las Cruces and a fifth appointee, who qualifies as a resident board member in accordance with rules established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. That member is nominated by the city- and county-appointed board members.

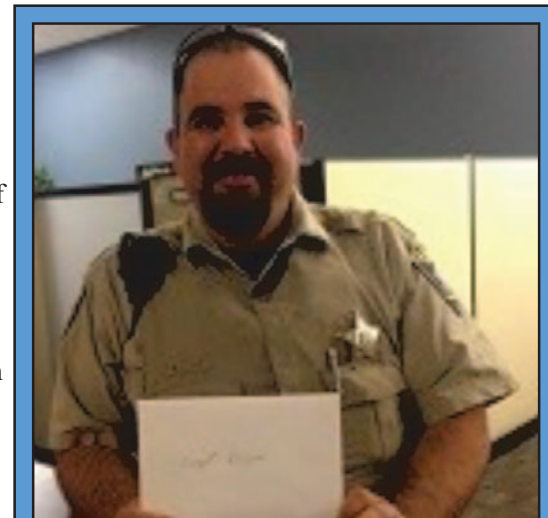
Appointees serve staggered five-year terms.

At present, the Housing Authority Board meets at 9 a.m. every third Tuesday of the month in the conference room of the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority. Meeting times and dates may be changed once vacancies are filled.

Matters that frequently arise for consideration by the Housing Authority Board include annual budgets, federally mandated planning documents, policy documents, tax-credit developments and the annual performance evaluation of the Housing Authority's executive director. Meetings average about 90 minutes each.

In addition to regular meetings, the board is empowered to hold special meetings and work sessions.

Applications for county appointments may be mailed to Doña Ana County Chief Planner Janine Divyak at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, N.M., 88007, or delivered in person to the Doña Ana County Community Development Department at the Doña Ana County Government Center.



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Early voting in school board election begins Jan. 13

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The general election is over, but there's another very important local election on the horizon – three seats on the Las Cruces Public Schools board of education.

The election is Tuesday, Feb. 7. Voters should know that Charles R. Wendler, a candidate for District 2, has withdrawn from the race, even though his name will appear on the ballot.

Early voting in the school board election begins Friday, Jan. 13 and continues through Friday, Feb. 3. Early voting will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (including during lunch) Monday through Friday at the Doña Ana County Government Center, Room 111, 845 N. Motel Blvd. You can even vote there on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, Monday, Jan. 16.

Voting convenience centers will be open on election day (Tuesday, Feb. 7) for all eligible

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voters in school districts 1, 2 and 3 at these locations on election day. If you live in any of the districts on the ballot, you can vote at any one of the convenience centers.

Jornada Elementary, 3400 Elks Drive; Mayfield High School, 1955 N. Valley Drive; Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.; Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Room 111; Lynn Middle School, 950 S. Walnut St.; Tombaugh Elementary School, 226 Carver Road; Las Alturas Fire Station, 4145 Cholla Road; Hillrise Elementary School, 1400 South Curnutt St.; and University Hills Elementary School, 2005 S.

Locust St.

You must be a registered voter to cast a ballot in the election, and you must live in one of the districts that will be on the ballot. Jan. 10 was the last day to register to vote in the school board election.

To determine which district you live in, visit the LCPS website at <http://lcps.k12.nm.us/>, click on "School Board" in the left-hand column, then click on "District Maps" and "Map of Board of Education Districts, 1-5."

The LCPS board of education has five seats, with members serving four-year terms. Three seats are up in 2017, and two incumbents are retiring from the board. School board elections are nonpartisan, and there are no runoffs. Whichever candidate receives the most votes in each race wins that seat.

"Traditionally, school board elections get very low voter turnout, which is disappointing," said Jo Galvan, LCPS

chief communications officer. "School board members determine the policies that govern our entire educational system and they set the budget that operates our schools. Hopefully, more voters will recognize the importance of this election and will cast their vote."

In District 1, 16-year incumbent Chuck Davis is not running for re-election. The only candidate on the ballot is Ray Jaramillo.

In District 2, incumbent Barbara Hall, who was appointed to the board in 2010 and re-elected without opposition in 2012, is not running for re-election. There are three candidates in this race: Allison K. Smith, Terrie Dallman and Ronald James Fitzherbert. Charles R. Wendler, District 2, has withdrawn from the race. His name will still appear on the ballot but he is no longer running.

In District 3, incumbent Maria A. Flores is seeking re-election. She was elected to the board in 2008 and re-elected in 2012. She is the current board president. Also on the ballot in District 3 are Wanda R. Bowman, Mary Lou Barrio and Gerald Michael Miller.

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Doña Ana County legislators discuss their bills

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**
Las Cruces Bulletin

At a legislative town hall meeting held at New Mexico State University on Monday, Jan. 9, four Doña Ana County legislators talked about the bills they're going to introduce to their respective houses in the 2017 New Mexico Legislative Session.

Rep. Bill McCamley, District 33, is going to introduce bills such as a marijuana legalization bill, which has the potential to bring in more than \$400 million to the state in the first year, as well as a bill to get rid of capital gains tax cuts, which he said

Read more

Read more about Bill McCamley's proposed legislation on marijuana on Pages 6 & 11.

could effectively bring in about \$50 million a year to the state. He's also interested in introducing a bill that would grow the Santa Teresa Port of Entry.

"One of the bills I'm going to introduce is to get some money out of the Local Economic Development Act to keep the hours that the port is open until midnight," McCamley said. "That'll allow us to compete with Texas

and their process down there."

Another bill McCamley is going to introduce concerns changing the New Mexico Border Authority, located in Santa Teresa, to a border and port authority.

"We want to increase the amount of influence our border authority has got," McCamley said. "We want to invite Mexican representatives to sit on there as advisory members and representatives from the state's two U.S. senators sit on there as well."

McCamley said of all the bills he wants to introduce, these two have the most potential to affect the most people

in the shortest amount of time.

Rep. Doreen Gallegos, District 52, is going to introduce a bill that would allow the credits children earn for time spent in one school to follow them if they move to another school. Gallegos said this is an acute problem for children in foster care, who often have to change schools when they change homes.

"They may do six months at one school and three months at another and they don't get credit for that year," Gallegos said. "What happens is that they fall behind in school or their credits don't follow them. And then we

get a high dropout rate and then they graduate sometimes into the penal system. So we see this very circular event happening with this specific group of kids."

Gallegos is also going to introduce bills relating to water distribution in the county, as well as bills pertaining to issues she heard about from locals, she said.

In the Senate, Sen. Mary Kay Papen, District 38, is going to introduce a bill that would release \$12 million in frozen Medicaid funding.

"A few years ago, 15 mental health providers were called fraudulent for the way they were doing their billing," she said.

Gov. Susana Martinez then froze funding to these mental health providers in 2013. Shortly after, the providers relocated to different states in order to stay in business, Papen said.

"Those (providers) should have had due process (in New Mexico)," Papen said.

The effects of the providers' funding being frozen effectively forced them to move out of the state, Papen said, which has affected the state's overall mental health, as well as put people out of work, she said. The release of the \$12 million would go to current mental health providers still located in the state to increase their care efforts.

"I'm also going to

be carrying a bill for the state Land Office," Papen said. "It's a bill introduced by Commissioner (Aubrey) Dunn to set up a permanent fund for early childhood education."

Senator Joseph Cervantes, District 31, said he is going to introduce a bill that would tap into the state's capital outlay projects fund, which has bonds amounting to \$1 billion, to fund projects, such as road repair and improvements and constructing new facilities and renovating old ones.

"These are projects that legislators and the governor, over the years, have sponsored and passed," Cervantes said, but for some reason, the governor has not permitted the funds to be distributed to the state.

The state is paying interest on the \$1 billion, Cervantes said.

"We always all say, 'Our bill is the most important,'" Cervantes said. "It's \$1 billion that can go to work right now, putting people to work."

Another bill Cervantes will introduce proposes to make the public school year in the state longer.

"I want to add more days to the school calendar, I have a way to pay for it, and I think that's the most profound thing we can do to help the education of our kids in the state," Cervantes said.

The legislative session begins on Tuesday, Jan. 17, in Santa Fe.

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City needs to reconsider RGT situation

By **LESLIE KOWALSKI**
For the Bulletin

On Sunday, Dec. 18 at 3 p.m., I produced a dance recital at the Rio Grande Theatre with dancers from my school, Academy of Music and Dance, 1809 El Paseo, Las Cruces. Though I have other less expensive venues to choose from, I choose to hold my productions at the RGT for many reasons.

I was a board member of the Doña Arts Council when we acquired the Rio Grande Theatre and subsequently, purchased the other half of the RGT in an auction, as you may recall. It was our intention to save the historic building, provide a community venue, and make permanent office space for the Arts Council. Donning my construction hat, I helped along with many other volunteers to “de-junk” the theater, taking out seats, forming a human line along the stairs from the “attic” to the ground floor to remove age-old debris to get the theater ready for renovation.

I was stunned to read in the Bulletin that the City of Las Cruces has a different plan for the Rio Grande Theatre since the Arts Council’s management contract and lease will be up this summer. The tone of the

article led me to believe that this was a “done deal.” Then, I watched the Dec. 12 work session. Not a single person mentioned the lease until Kathleen Albers was hearing “March move-in” by Mr. Ed. This, I realized, has nothing to do with the lease being up this summer.

Mr. Ed, is your new city manager. I am concerned that Stuart Ed, who has lived here just a few months, does not have a wide enough vision of Las Cruces quite yet and as he personally stated, this came about as a mere “observation” of his, without research to back it up. He went on to say that even if he had real “performance measures” he would still stand with handing it over to the CVB.

I had the opportunity to rewind the video stream twice and listen to Mr. Ed just basically give a superfluous opinion. This really concerns me. What is the connection with Mr. San Filippo (who has no experience running a theater) and how did they together devise the ridiculous plan of moving one entity out of a building so that they can save several months of rent (which they have been paying



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Looking at marijuana

Rep. McCamley hopes fourth time is charm

Will New Mexico lead or will New Mexico follow?

After November's election, America now has eight states where recreational marijuana is legal.

**RICHARD COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

Three more states voted in medical marijuana, making it legal for medical purposes now in 20 states, including New Mexico.

Regardless of how you feel about marijuana, its legalization appears to be sweeping the nation.

Early adopters of legalized recreational marijuana, including our neighbor Colorado, have been reaping benefits economically.

Some New Mexico legislators, notably Las Cruces Rep. Bill McCamley, for a while now, have been reviewing the possibilities of legalized marijuana in the Land of Enchantment. McCamley and others make a strong case for the benefits in the Cannabis Revenue and Freedom Act, which he introduced this week.

This will be the fourth time McCamley has introduced a cannabis bill.

There's logic in the presentation, which illustrates benefits in several areas, including:

1. Reduced costs for law enforcement. McCamley cites

a Cato Institute study, which found New Mexico spends \$33 million annually among police, courts and prisons enforcing cannabis laws.

2. Economic development. An Albuquerque firm, O'Donnell Economics and Strategy, estimates legalization would infuse \$400 million and 11,400 jobs the first year.

3. Increased state revenue. A 15 percent tax would create around \$60 million for education, health care and economic development.

4. Increased municipal revenue. The law would be enacted by city and county option, which would add an additional tax on the cannabis up to 5 percent to create local revenue.

5. Increased agricultural opportunity. The ability to grow industrial hemp, a valuable crop that's not water-intensive, could help New Mexico farmers diversify and create new business opportunity.

It sounds like a no-brainer. Javier Martinez a state representative from Albuquerque who is co-sponsoring the measure with McCamley, said, "Over 60 percent of New Mexicans want this, and it is going to happen eventually. Why not realize the benefits now?"

Will New Mexico lead or will New Mexico follow?

Some people still have objections to legal marijuana on a moral level, though it's easily argued that two long-legal products – alcohol and tobacco – have far more ill

effects on people and society than marijuana.

Our border neighbors to the east, also known as Texans, also present a likely customer base for a New Mexico marijuana market. McCamley believes Texas is not likely to legalize marijuana anytime soon. Consequently, border communities such as Doña Ana County, could see a boon as did Trinidad, Colorado. That city in southern Colorado, very near the New Mexico border, estimated a potential \$200,000 in annual tax revenue from marijuana sales, McCamley said. However, boosted by the unexpected volume of sales to New Mexico visitors, he said that revenue has been closer to \$800,000.

Many citizens, and many legislators, nationwide and in New Mexico, still have hesitation about full legalization of marijuana for recreational use, or as McCamley terms it, social use.

However, many of those same social use critics are in favor of industrialized hemp.

Both houses of the New Mexico legislature, with bipartisan support, passed an industrialized hemp bill in 2015, but it was vetoed by Gov. Susana Martinez.

There has long been confusion of the difference between hemp and marijuana. Here's a crude analogy. Say you have two dogs. Both are, genetically, canines. One is Rottweiler. The other is a miniature

teacup Yorkshire terrier. If you have a junkyard, the Rottweiler likely makes a good guard dog. The Yorkie is probably less effective. Conversely, the Yorkie might be a nice companion in your lap as you relax on the sofa. The giant, slobbering Rottweiler might, sort of, land on your lap, but probably not very comfortably.

Hemp and marijuana are both genetically cannabis.

Hemp, though, has been bred and modified so its tough strands work well for cloth and other industrial materials, including plastics. That breeding has also diluted the THC. Hemp's levels of THC are typically less than a half percent. Compare that with medical marijuana, which has THC levels of 5-20 percent. Hemp can be grown well outside just like corn, cotton or chile.

Marijuana for medical and social use is almost exclusively grown in greenhouses. The active THC parts are more prevalent in the tops of the plant and flowers.

Most people familiar with agriculture understand the difference and the potential economic benefits of hemp.

Raw hemp is currently being imported into the U.S. legally from Canada, Europe and China. Doesn't it make sense, McCamley and others argue, to have U.S. farmers benefit from that market?

Will New Mexico lead or will New Mexico follow?

A journey to the FDA

I have never seen the Taj Mahal, the Vatican or Fort Knox, all monoliths wrapped in mystery, placed beyond politics, Google and the Rubix Cube. But I can now claim I have seen the FDA in the Land of Acronyms, Washington DC, and survived. In my case, it was the FDA, CVM ...Food and Drug Administration Center for Veterinary Medicine.

I was escorted by my friend Dr. Jim, DVM CEO, President and Founder of SVC, a company that consults and guides pharmaceutical companies through the maze that is required to earn drug approval for use in animals. The mental picture I had before my visit was akin to the Supreme Court or a Court Martial...a line of wizened, beady-eyed scowling geezers wearing robes and wigs looking down at the poor supplicant who is trying to present his case while strapped to a wooden chair with duck tape under a swinging interrogation lamp.

I WAS WRONG!

Ten of the most influential people in the world of veterinary drugs invited me to join them at a conference table which appeared to be borrowed from a high school teacher's lounge. Two were wearing jeans, three wore a tie and all were wearing comfortable shoes. The attire was casual.

Each one took the time to explain their position



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and responsibility including livestock, equine, dogs, cats, minor species, legality, finance, practicality and impact. The subject on top of their pile is the possible resistance of or-

ganisms to antibiotics passed from animal to man. To date there is no proof that it happens, but others think it might. It's like the cause of "Global Warming." Tough decisions.

To appreciate the scope of their job, imagine a list of all veterinary drugs in use since 1965 through today that were approved by CVM. The process of approval is detailed and time consuming. Their mission statement reads, "Protecting Human and Animal Health: to insure the drug is safe and effective for the patient and in food animals safe for people to eat." Talk about all consuming! That is a huge promise. But they keep it and don't back down. There are no loopholes. Rarely do we see such solid rock commitment to the people's benefit, especially from government. It is the gold seal, the guarantee, the third party verification, it's the law. Until CVM was instituted, medicine was CAVEAT EMPTOR, "Let the buyer beware." And that same warning exists today on drugs for animals and humans that don't have the CVM FDA seal of approval. Just read the label on the back.

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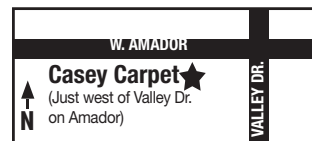
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Do what works and stop doing what doesn't work

The New Mexico Legislature is set to start and there are many plans being foisted upon the citizens for what needs to be done this session. Most do not address the reasons New Mexico is dead last in many categories and will not help the state arise from the bottom.

Some want to spend lots of legislative time on DWI laws. But through the years all rational people have given up drinking outside their home. All that are left are the people that do not follow laws and young drivers who do not realize that if you drink and drive it will mess up your life.

What New Mexico needs are the types of



MICHAEL SWICKARD
In My Opinion

laws and rules other states have making them competitive for businesses and jobs. The biggest anchor around our collective necks is the lack of right-to-work laws. Those laws in other states prohibit unions requiring employee membership, dues and fees to be employed.

The unions have a political death grip on New

Mexico so it is unlikely to change. Many companies with jobs bypass New Mexico. If this legislature wants to kick start the economy, it is the first thing they should do.

The main thing the Legislature needs to do is push the things that work rather than do the things that do not work. Example: If your horse dies, stop spurring and get off the horse. Find another one that is alive. What that means for New Mexico is quit doing what we have been doing for years and look at other prosperous states to emulate what they do to bring wealth to their citizens.

This is not rocket science, but when I look at what leaders want to do

in this session it seems none of them have noticed New Mexico is last in many lists. If not last, the state is close to the bottom. What we need to do is to copy states that are doing well.

It is not easy to become last in almost every category and it won't be easy to stop being last because there are some politicians who prosper in an environment of failure and poverty. Still, this legislative session should endeavor to lift New Mexico out of the last places.

It seems that when the representatives in Santa Fe look at the decades upon decades of poverty in our state they would do something different. But they don't. How long has

it been this way? It makes me think of New Mexico Territorial Governor Lew Wallace in 1881.

Most remember him for his novel "Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ", partially written while in New Mexico. He was appointed territorial governor in 1878 and by 1881 could not wait to leave since he found corruption, gangs, violence and daily battles.

Gov. Wallace cautioned, "All calculations based on our experiences elsewhere fail in New Mexico."

That's the New Mexico that was then and appears to be now.

One of the plans to make New Mexico better will do the opposite. We should already know it but it doesn't seem that our representatives understand. The plan is to take more money from the Permanent Funds to fund more stuff rather than cut back on government. They want to spend more money when our problem is not enough money.

New Mexico has a spending problem. We have too much govern-

ment and even this session some want to increase the size of government when we can't pay for what we already have. That's the problem with raiding the Permanent Funds.

Know this: the reason for New Mexico having Permanent Funds is that extractive resources of New Mexico are finite. One day they will all be gone. The oil, gas, uranium, copper, potash, coal, lead, tin and other minerals will one day be gone.

Smarter leaders than we have now set up the Permanent Funds to compensate for extractives being mined out. Those funds provide lots of money for New Mexico. Now some want to take even more of the funds which may ultimately deplete them.

Other states have foolishly lost those kinds of resources. Let's not do the same to New Mexico. They should remain a permanent resource.

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those brilliant, dedicated people at that table gave me to realize they can see into the future of medicine. Genes loom large.

Hearing them talk amidst themselves was mesmerizing, sort of a cross between ESPN sports announcers and J.

Robert Oppenheimer in Los Alamos speculating with his crew about their next atomic bomb.

It takes a while for their profound contribution of "Protecting human and animal health" to sink in. Think about it. The least I could do was to offer to buy'em lunch. They graciously declined.

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for quite some time) and then move out in October into their permanent home? Oh, and by the way, they will have to build it before moving in! What? And how can Councilors Levatino and Pedroza see value in a plan that has not even been researched? Thank goodness for Councilors Eakman and Sorg for asking for a more detailed report.

Mr. San Filippo says that he has spoken with many of the founders of the Rio Grande initiative. He has a not spoken with me, a founder of the Rio Grande initiative. Who are these founders to whom he has spoken besides the family members who gave or sold us half of the building? Who are these musicians he has spoken to? No one was quoted. No one from the community came to the mic

besides Mr. San Filippo to support to this plan, yet he and Mr. Ed give the impression that many musicians and community members are on board with the CVB walking into the RGT and shoving the arts council out the back door with a "So long, it's been good to know ya". I am a musician. My band performs in the Rio Grande Theatre. The Oldies But Goodies band was not polled by Mr. San Filippo. There are other people in the community who would certainly like to be a part of this discussion. How many dance companies in town were polled? I did not get an invitation to speak there, either. Will we be allowed to come together as a community to discuss this?

I would like to be able to continue to rent the theatre for my little dancers and their families. Will my small business be able to afford to do so when Mr. San Filippo's

theatre is self-sustaining in three years as he imagines? My band would like to be able to do our 50/50 fund raisers for the RGT. (Mr. San Filippo's idea of showing a 50's movie and have a 50's car show has, by the way, been done by the Arts Council at the RGT. A 50's band also played. Also, they've done Saturday kids' movies.) Two ideas were tossed out by Mr. San Filippo, but with no business plan or research. Do a couple of ideas make him qualified to successfully run the RGT? I was completely shocked that he didn't present a serious programming or financial plan.

Mr. Mayor, you apparently had not heard about Mr. San Filippo's plan and had not heard from Ms. Albers until the meeting, but you seemed comfortable with a plan of action. In my opinion, to say that naming the "auditorium" after the

founding organization and honoring them in this manner is frankly a slap in the face to DAAC, and to all of us who worked so hard to raise funds and restore the facility. From my viewpoint, Ms. Albers was blindsided at this meeting and should be commended for her ability to provide you with so much background information, not to mention the pros and cons. Lastly, I hope the issue regarding when citizens may speak to City Councilors has been clarified and that the policy will be shared with the public. Perhaps an apology is due to Ms. Albers if she indeed did not step out of bounds in openly talking to each council member.

It is a new year. Please, let's not let the timeline presented by Mr. Ed, who has lived here less than half a year and Mr. San Filippo, who has never run a theatre, be the year that the City Council let the dollar signs in their eyes cloud their view of what is best for our community. If the City has resources and "economies of scale" that would make management of the RGT more profitable, why not assist the Arts Council in that goal? Why doesn't the City work with the Arts Council to do what is best for our community?

Leslie Kowalski is the owner of Academy of Music & Dance.

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Gov. Martinez introduces fiscal year 2018 budget

BULLETIN REPORT

Gov. Susana Martinez announced her Fiscal Year 2018 budget proposal on Tuesday, Jan. 10. Her office reports the budget will close the current budget deficit caused by the oil and gas crash without raising taxes. At the same time, she reports the proposal protects classroom spending, economic development initiatives, and public safety.

“This is a responsible budget that reduces the size of government while at the same time protects the progress we’ve made in diversifying our economy, reforming our education system, and keeps our communities safe,” Martinez said. “This sends a message that it’s

up to state government to tighten its own belt – not our hardworking families. Furthermore, this proposal will ensure that we have a strong, healthy savings account for the next oil and gas downturn or the next time the federal government fails us.”

The governor’s \$6.09 billion budget for FY18 maintains the cuts adopted by the Legislature in the 2016 special session. It also proposes cuts to agencies that weren’t as impacted during the special session, consolidates certain state agencies, modernizes and simplifies the tax code, and eliminates subsidies for counties that have already raised taxes. Prior to the 2016 special session, Martinez ordered executive agencies under her

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SUSANA MARTINEZ

Governor of New Mexico

authority to reduce their budgets in anticipation of a projected shortfall and proposed a series of measures to shore up reserves during the special session.

Last year, Martinez called the Legislature into special session to address the revenue shortfall caused by the largest crash of oil prices in New Mexico history. However,

lawmakers did not close out the potential for a shortfall in FY17 and left options on the table, the governor reports.

The FY 17 solvency package includes:

- Sweeping \$268.5 million in various cash and fund balances from across state government, including a portion – \$12.5 million – of lawmakers’ personal retirement accounts

- That also includes \$120 million in administration

funds within school districts that are not being used in the classrooms. With the sweep, the fund will still have \$132 million and would allow school districts to keep their reserves at 5 percent as currently directed.

- Reducing the gross receipts tax “hold harmless” distribution to those counties and municipalities that have already raised taxes on their citizens. This will save \$9 million.

- Reducing budgets for the Legislature and Higher Education, from 3 percent and 5 percent respectively, to the 5.5 percent the majority of other agencies are having to deal with (total of \$4 million recurring).

- To prevent state employee furloughs and salary reductions, the proposal includes a 3.5 percent retirement swap from state employer

contribution to state employee contribution.

- The elimination of some credits and assessments paid by Medicaid to the New Mexico Health Exchange and New Mexico Medical Insurance Pool (total of \$17 million recurring).

“Lawmakers avoided making tough choices, but we have some time now to work together on a budget that restrains spending, doesn’t raise taxes, and protects the progress we’ve made on education, economic development, and public safety,” Martinez said. “How we address this budget challenge will determine the future of New Mexico for generations. If we abandon our reforms, continue growing government, and look to taxpayers to bail us out, we should not expect the bright future that is within our grasp.”



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Withdrawing from race

With this communication, I, Charles Wendler,

am announcing my withdrawal as a candidate for the Las Cruces Public School Board, District 2. In visiting with the

Doña Ana County Clerk’s office, and subsequently confirmed by the New Mexico Secretary of State’s office, I was informed that the date for such action had expired and no process, apparently, is in place to provide for my request. Ballots have already been printed, and since they contain my name, I am taking steps to inform voters of my withdrawal.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may have created.

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McCamley: Bill to legalize pot has best chance of passing this year

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With the new Democrat majorities in both the New Mexico Senate and House of Representatives, District 33 Rep. Bill McCamley said he expects his signature marijuana legalization bill, which he has introduced in each of the last three legislative sessions, will get “a fair hearing this year.”

The Cannabis Revenue and Freedom Act seeks to legalize social use of marijuana, which is already legal in the state for medicinal purposes and is used by more than 30,000 people for that use, McCamley said.

“(Legalizing social use) is going to boost the medicinal program,” McCamley said. “We’re going to use the taxes on medicinal cannabis the same as every other medicine, and right now that tax is zero. Secondly, we’re going to require anyone who wants to pro-



BULLETIN PHOTO BY
BILLY HUNTSMAN

State Rep. Bill McCamley talks about his plan to introduce marijuana legalization legislation, Tuesday, Jan. 10 at the Plaza de Las Cruces.

duce cannabis for social use to produce a certain amount for the medicinal program, guaranteeing supply for patients with PTSD, cancer, chronic pain.”

Further, the bill will legalize hemp production in the state, giving farm-

ers a new and profitable crop, McCamley said.

“The U.S. imports \$600 million of hemp from Canada every year and we use it in all sorts of products, but it’s currently illegal to grow it except in the states that allow marijuana,” McCamley said.

There are many benefits to legalizing social use, McCamley said. Legalizing would allow public dispensaries, such as those in Colorado, to open up. These legal businesses will pay sales and property taxes, plus a 15-percent marijuana tax, McCamley said.

“Kelly O’Donnell, an economic strategist in Albuquerque, estimates that in the first year of a legal social cannabis

program, more than \$400 million would be generated in the state’s economy, and that number jumps to more than \$600 million in year five,” McCamley said.

This \$400 million would create more than 11,000 legal jobs in the state in the first year of legality, McCamley said. The 15-percent marijuana tax would generate between \$60 and \$70 million a year directly for state use.

“Forty percent would go to K-12 education, 23 percent will go to substance abuse and behavioral health programs, 20 percent will go to economic development activities, small-business-development centers,” McCamley said. “7.5 percent would go

to a district attorney’s public safety fund to keep people out of jail, and 7.5 percent will go to public defenders, who have had their budgets cut so drastically, they can’t represent some people.”

The remaining 2 percent would go to the state’s medicinal marijuana program, McCamley said.

Legalizing social use would also benefit law enforcement and the state’s court system, as these two entities combined spend \$33 million a year enforcing cannabis law, said McCamley. Legalizing would effectively free up this money to be used in the investigations and prosecutions of murders, sexual assaults and other

“real crimes,” McCamley said.

The bill provides that each city council and county commission can vote whether to sell social marijuana in their communities. If they vote yes, the councils have the option of implementing an additional five-percent tax on all social marijuana sales to help fund city and county activities, McCamley said. Regardless, possession and use would still be legal in communities that decide not to sell, McCamley said.

“(Legalizing social use) is going to happen,” McCamley said. “It can either happen sooner or later. If it happens sooner, we can realize the economic benefits now.”



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Entrepreneur looking to start community kitchen

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

April Christensen calls her idea “The Village.”

Its heart will be a community kitchen — a low-cost development center where food-based entrepreneurs can get their businesses started.



CHRISTENSEN

She also sees the kitchen as a “food hub to connect food producers and food consumers” — a place where farmers could bring their produce to sell and to serve.

With partners like New Mexico State University, Doña Ana Community College, La Semilla Food Center and SCORE, Christensen also hopes the kitchen will become an education center to help people learn more about not only food preparation and sustainable agriculture, but also about

running a business, including marketing, bookkeeping, insurance and taxes.

“I’m really looking to inspire people,” she said.

Christensen said the idea for The Village came to her about a year ago as she was pursuing a doctorate in economic development at NMSU’s Arrowhead Center.

“We’re well on our way,” Christensen said. She hopes the kitchen will be up and running in 18 months to two years.

After many meetings on the topic, she already has “clients today ready to use the kitchen,” and knows about the success of similar programs in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Silver City and elsewhere in the state.

Christensen has already applied to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a grant to pay for a local feasibility study. Her letters of support for the application include one signed by the five members of

La Semilla awarded food production grant

BULLETIN REPORT

La Semilla Food Center, based in Anthony, New Mexico, was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Local Food Production Program for “harvesting the potential of local food businesses” by providing “business development, marketing and promotion to small farm and food business in the Las Cruces area,” according to La Semilla’s grant application award.

The award notes that, in the Las Cruces area, “local food does not meet demand, and there are few connections to local farms. Farms are struggling to reach profitability; nearly all the raw food grown is for export; and very little has been done to market and promote local foods.”

the New Mexico congressional delegation.

The study would help determine how big the kitchen would need to be to meet local demand, and what equipment would be needed for its long-term operation. The study also could help determine the best location for the kitchen.

An important step will be completing a business plan, she said.

She’s also applying for nonprofit status.

With additional grant funds for the building and the equipment needed to operate it, Christensen said she hopes to build a great facility that will “become self-sustaining.”

“Our kitchen incubator is a business incubator dedicated to early-stage catering, retail and wholesale food businesses,” Christensen said in a flyer about The Village. “By covering the capital cost of shared kitchen facilities, the kitchen incubator enables a business to develop to the stage where it can invest in its

La Semilla Food Center “has laid groundwork to close this ‘food gap’ and now we must address the ‘food enterprise development gap’: the pressing need to support our local and regional food business entrepreneurs with outreach, business and marketing training, and technical assistance.”

“Our project, Harvesting the Potential of Local Food Enterprises, provides this support to ensure food business success, to develop and expand local and regional food business enterprises, to build bridges to connect producers and local markets, and to create new business opportunities and markets through sustained food business enterprise development,” the award note said.

The grant requires a \$166,667 match.

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own kitchen facilities.”

The community kitchen could also be used for commercial rentals, cooking lessons, workshops and seminars, camps, parties, enrichment programs, lunch clubs, events and healthy meals on the go, she said. And, partnering with La Semilla, the kitchen could include a community garden, Christensen said, as well as an indoor farmers market.

She already is working with La Semilla on a program “to provide business development, marketing, and promotion support to small farm and food busi-

nesses in the Las Cruces area,” according to USDA documents. La Semilla was awarded a \$500,000 USDA Local Food Promotion Program grant for the program last September.

Eventually, it might be possible to hire permanent staff to help prepare food in the kitchen, Christensen said. And, it could provide internships for students.

Christensen, the owner of Crazy 4 Crafts, LLC, has already started a crafting cooperative for low-income women that is part of the downtown Farmers and Crafts Market of Las Cruces.

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Council of Governors signs resolution to support BCOM

By JESSICA SALOPEK

For the Bulletin

After months of meetings and preparations, the All Pueblo Council of Governors has signed a resolution in support of the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine's (BCOM) initiatives. The All Pueblo Council of Governors represents the 19 American Indian Tribal Pueblos in New Mexico, as well as Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo in El Paso.

BCOM Chief of Staff and Assistant Dean for Multicultural Inclusion Justin McHorse led the efforts to get the resolution signed, starting in October when he, the school's Founding Dean Dr. George Mychaskiw II, DO, and Governmental Affairs Liaison Pilar Faulkner presented to the Council at the Santa Fe Indian School.

"Often times, organizations or institutions will proceed with their own agendas without bothering to engage with the Tribal Nations who will be directly affected by their actions," said McHorse, who is a member of Taos Pueblo. "One of our main objectives was

to approach the Council with the respect they deserve and let them know that we are actively including them as we move forward with our goals at BCOM."

Part of BCOM's mission is to address the health needs of Native American populations in this region. The resolution affirms commitment on both parties to develop clinical training opportunities for BCOM students at Pueblo Health facilities and Indian Health Service facilities. This is the first step in ensuring that medical students have opportunities to work closely with the American Indian tribes while fulfilling their required clerkships during their third and fourth years of schooling and when they enter residency positions after graduation.

This resolution also paves the way for programs to encourage and mentor young tribal members who are interested in a career in medicine.

One major issue the Pueblos are dealing with is a lack of consistent care. Many local healthcare facilities have trouble retaining physicians who often fulfill a two- or three-year service requirement before moving on.

"At BCOM, we're trying to develop more Native American physicians who will be more likely to return to their Pueblo and practice medicine after graduation. These students will have a more effective understanding of the culture and customs and thus be better able to make those deeper connections of trust that a good doctor-patient relationship is based on. They'll also be more invested in the community and have that desire to live, work, and make a difference there," McHorse said.

The resolution also lays out BCOM's dedication to providing equitable access to medical care for rural and tribal communities, and establishes BCOM's commitment to scholarship support for Pueblo students in need who are admitted and enrolled at the medical school.

In signing the resolution, the All Pueblo Council of Governors also endorsed the Osteopathic Loan for Service funding legislation to help alleviate the high cost of medical school tuition for BCOM students who commit to practicing in a New Mexico health professional shortage area.

NMSU dean completes tour of university's Extension, research centers



NMSU PHOTO BY DARRELL J. PEHR

New Mexico State University College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences Dean Rolando Flores, left, tours the John T. Harrington Forestry Research Center at Mora, New Mexico. With him is Owen Burney, superintendent of the center.

By DARRELL J. PEHR

For the Bulletin

As 2016 came to a close, a state-wide tour that began in August, covered thousands of miles and included dozens of meetings, also came to a close. New Mexico State University's Rolando Flores, the new dean of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, completed visits to all of the college's Cooperative Extension Service and Agricultural Experiment Station research and science center sites across the state.

With Extension offices in all 33 New Mexico counties and 12 research and science centers as far as 400-plus miles away from the university's Las Cruces campus, the five-month project was time intensive and a logistical challenge, especially considering the countless on-campus responsibilities Flores also has as dean of a large college at NMSU. But Flores said it was all very worthwhile.

"The meetings gave me a first-

hand understanding of the major programs relating to the teaching, research and Extension service that we carry out at different sites," Flores said when asked about the value he derived from his visits. He also said "the one-on-one interactions helped me learn about the challenges and opportunities of each county and of the many people who are impacted by the work that is being done by our Extension educators and in our research centers."

Flores became dean of the college on Aug. 1, 2016, and since then he has been learning about the college's on-campus academic departments as well as the many programs, projects and outreach efforts being conducted across New Mexico. To have a better understanding about those many activities, Flores held meetings with numerous faculty and staff of the college, including those who are off-campus.

For Flores, visiting the counties' Extension offices and science centers took many forms, from

combining trips with various purposes to taking advantage of annual events, like agricultural field days at several research and science centers. Flores even arrived astride his own motorcycle at some sites when he participated in the college's annual Ride for the 4-H Clover motorcycle tour in northern New Mexico in late August.

"Extension is a people's business; we deal with real problems that affect individuals and communities, and the issues varied from place to place," Flores said. "My visits gave me a general idea of the state of affairs and at the same time allowed me to share my vision for the college while reminding people of the challenges ahead."

The introductory visits have been completed, but the trips are not over. Flores plans to maintain a close link with the county offices, research centers and academic departments. He sees many future trips ahead ... perhaps some more via motorcycle.

City supports behavioral health hospital in southern New Mexico

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces City Council has approved a resolution calling on the New Mexico Legislature to conduct “a financial and operational feasibility study of a behavioral health hospital for southern New Mexico.”

The council took the action at its Tuesday, Jan. 3, regular meeting. It was one of a number of resolutions the council supported urging the Legislature to act on a variety of issues when it convenes Jan. 17.

Assistant City Manager David Dollahon said the state currently has only one behavioral health hospital, which is located in Las Vegas. Transport-

ing individuals the nearly 300 miles between the two cities for evaluation and care impacts the operations of both the city and Doña Ana County, he said.

A previous study showed the cost of building a new behavioral health hospital in Las Cruces would be about \$20 million, Dollahon said.

Court orders sending individuals to Las Vegas for “acute mental health needs” could direct them to a local hospital instead, Councillor Jack Eakman said.

“Thirty more acute beds” are needed to meet the needs of “the most serious mental health cases in southern New Mexico,” said Eakman, a

former hospital administrator. Adding those beds, he said, would not affect the beds now available in Las Cruces and other cities in southern New Mexico.

“We need another state facility,” Councillor Ceil Levatino said.

“We don’t want to delay any longer,” Councillor Gill Sorg said. “We want to keep moving forward on this as quickly as possible.”

At the meeting, the council also approved these resolutions calling on the Legislature to:

- “Return balance and fairness to tax policy,” Dollahon said. “We need to be guaranteed at the local level that we will be able to provide services to our residents,” he said. If the state enacts reforms to its current tax structure, “how are they going to make us whole?” Dollahon asked. Seventy percent of city revenue, he said, is generated by gross receipts tax. The council vote was unanimous.

- Amend the Forfeiture Act and provide clarifications on changes made to the act in “the last few minutes” of the 2015 Legislature, which “changed the way we do law enforcement,” Las Cruces Police Chief Jaime Montoya said.

Montoya said the language of the act needs to be changed so that it reads: “The Forfeiture Act applies to ALL (this word added) seizures, forfeitures and dispositions of property subject to forfeiture in the state.”

Councillor Olga Pedroza, who was the only council member to vote

against the proposed resolution, said due process is vital during the seizure of property. “Citizens deserve a lot more analysis and discussion” of the issue, she said.

Due process was “built into the original Forfeiture Act,” Montoya said. Anyone charged with and convicted of a crime is entitled to a separate hearing regarding the forfeiture of property related to the crime he or she was convicted of, he said.

Changes are also needed to ensure police departments receive funds they are entitled to from participation in federal law enforcement task forces that result in the seizure of property, Montoya said.

The resolution would tell the state to “quit taking federal monies you’re not entitled to,” Mayor Ken Miyagishima said.

The council also unanimously approved these resolutions:

- Supporting a New Mexico Municipal League resolution calling for extended jurisdiction for municipal police officers. Doña Ana County Sheriff Enrique “Kiki” Saavedra and other sheriffs across the state have not authorized cross-commission agreements giving municipal police officers authority to act outside city limits since a 2009 court ruling raised liability issues, Montoya said.

That has caused a problem for the Las Cruces Police Department during follow-up investigations and other law enforcement that would necessitate officers working “outside their juris-

diction,” Montoya said. As a result, he said, “solvable cases have become inactive.”

Montoya said his staff has discussed the issue with Saavedra in the past and will raise it with him again “to work toward a resolution of this problem.”

- Authorizing an inter-governmental agreement between the city and Doña Ana County regarding “living well” initiatives that would help address “factors that contribute to a poor quality of life and health” locally, Dollahon said, including affordable housing, transportation, income and economic development, education and work force development and family and social issues.

The resolution, which calls for the creation of a strategic plan, arose from a September, 2016 city council work session on childhood poverty, Dollahon said.

Funding for the agreement could come from the Telshor Facility Fund, which was created in October 2004 with the proceeds from an agreement between the city and Doña Ana County with Providence Healthcare Company for the 40-year lease of Memorial Medical Center.

- Authorizing an inter-governmental agreement between the city and Las Cruces Public Schools to create a pilot program at Lynn Middle School to provide night and weekend meals to those under age 18 and over age 60.

The pilot program would allow the city and LCPS to work together to resolve “a lot of logistical

issues,” LCPS Associate Superintendent for Operations Gabe Jacquez said.

The city would provide “seed money” to pay for the first two to three months of the program, while LCPS awaits reimbursement for the meals served, Miyagishima said.

The mayor said 25 percent of children in Las Cruces live in poverty, and for children of color, the rate is 40 to 50 percent. The school district provides them with breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday, but “What happens on the weekends?” the mayor asked. “I really want to get these kids fed.”

Jacquez said each meal will cost LCPS about \$3.50. The school district will receive federal reimbursement of \$3 to \$3.25 per meal, he said. The pilot program could include activities to attract families to participate.

City funding “is intended to create a self-sustaining program,” Dollahon said. The issues that have to be worked through include finding ways to provide meals to those aged 19 to 59, who are not covered by federal reimbursement programs, he said.

The goal of the program is “not to turn anybody away,” Jaquez said. A successful pilot program could provide the logistics for “doing it on a grander scale,” he said. “It shouldn’t just be limited to Lynn Middle School,” he said.

“It’s the start of something very exciting,” Gandara said.



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City council denies request to increase charge for public records inspections

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

By a 5-2 vote at its Jan. 3 meeting, the Las Cruces City Council defeated a request from City Attorney William R. "Rusty" Babington to ask the Legislature to approve an administrative cost allowance for inspection of public records.

Babington said the number of public records inspection requests filed with the city under the federal Freedom of Information Act has grown from 158 in 2013 to 686 in 2016.

Currently, Babington said, the city charges 50 cents for each page copied, \$5 for a disc with the requested information on it and \$20 for a video disc. There currently is no charge for administrative

costs, he said.

Babington said two full-time city staffers are needed to process the requests, many of which are for videos recorded by Las Cruces police officers' body cameras. Reviewing, redacting and preparing each video for release can take several hours, he said.

"We're trying to reach a balance," Babington said, of "all citizens' access to information versus a cap on costs."

Babington's request was for the city to provide two hours of video review and redaction per request at no charge, and then to charge \$25 per hour for up to four hours of work, for a maximum charge of \$100. There would be no charge for work beyond four hours per request, he said.

Councillor Jack Eakman said he could understand the need "to be fiscally prudent," but said he was against Babington's request because "citizens have the right to look behind the curtain. We should not put barriers in place."

"If someone wants to see what the government they are paying for is doing, I think they should be able to do that without impediment," Eakman said.

"Access to public records is the bedrock of democracy," Miyagishima said. The mayor suggested the city look into investing "in equipment to give the public access to records" so they could "research, find and copy" certain public records much as people are now able to do

in a public library.

Eakman and fellow councillors Kasandra Gandara, Olga Pedroza and Gill Sorg, along with Miyagishima, voted against Babington's request. Councillor Ceil Levatino and Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith voted for it.

Levatino said the requests for public information often come from news organizations or another organization. It's "not the average citizen requesting this information," she said.

"It certainly puts us on the horns of a dilemma," Smith said, as the city must weigh making itself "free and open to those making legitimate requests," versus those requests that are "frivolous or not based on a legitimate desire to know," and

the overall increase in the number of requests the city is receiving.

City Manager Stuart Ed said he oversaw public records during his tenure with the City of El Paso. He said Las Cruces city government should be "as transparent as possible internally and externally," and should include as much information as possible on the city website.

For example, Ed said, he recently had the salaries of city employees placed online. If more information is added online, Ed said, it could reduce the number of requests for records.

At the same time, Ed said, capping the charge for handling requests at \$100 "is very generous of the municipality. I think that's very reasonable," he said.

DA's Office clears officers in December shooting

BULLETIN REPORTS

The Third Judicial District Attorney's Office, after reviewing findings from a multi-agency investigation, has determined that the Dec. 2 shooting of 36-year-old Joshua "Josh" Clay Dunne was justified and that the two Las Cruces Police officers will not face any charges in the incident.

Dunne was shot as he emerged from a hotel room and pointed a 9mm handgun at officers. He was transported to Memorial Medical Center where he died.

"While I am saddened that a life was lost, I was confident that this would be the outcome," said Las Cruces Police Chief Jaime Montoya. "My officers' actions were appropriate and they did everything they could to resolve this without a loss of life."

Investigators from the Officer-involved Incident Task Force learned that officers were dispatched to Dunne's residence shortly before 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2. A relative indicated to police that Dunne was possibly suicidal, and was probably armed with a 9mm handgun and a hunting knife. Officers began looking for Dunne who was said to be driving a gray Toyota 4Runner.

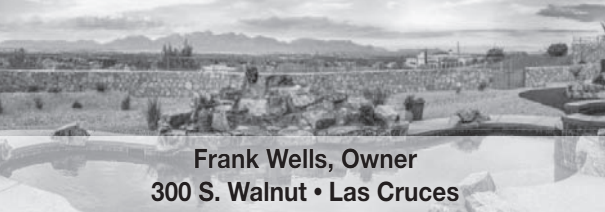
About an hour later, an LCPD officer located the 4Runner parked at the Sleep Inn, at 2121 S. Triviz Dr.,

and learned that Dunne had rented a room on the third floor of the hotel.

Officers attempted to negotiate with Dunne for several hours beginning at around 5 p.m. Eventually, the Las Cruces Police Department's SWAT and Hostage Negotiation teams were activated but Dunne remained uncooperative and refused to exit the hotel room.

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Ed: Create an economic development department

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces City Manager Stuart Ed is recommending the creation of a new city economic development department.

Ed outlined the proposed new department at the city council's Jan. 9 work session as part of a reorganization of city government that would also include disbanding the city Transportation Department, renaming the Community and Cultural Services Department as the "quality of life department" and realigning a number of other sections of city government.

Ed said creating a full-

blown economic development department would allow the city "to leverage some strategic alliances to make us more competitive." The new department would also allow the city to "leverage funding to a more strategic vision that supports our economic development," he said.

Under Ed's proposal, about 30 city positions would be moved into the new department. There would be no layoffs as a result of the change, and it would have a "net zero" impact on the city budget.

The new department, which would report directly to the city manager, would include these sections: the Las Cruces

Airport (moved from the Transportation Department), the Convention and Visitors Bureau (from the Community and Cultural Services Department), Mainstreet Downtown (from the Community Development Department), the city's current economic development section, grants administration (from Financial Services), and Real Estate Services and the Sustainability office (both from the Public Works Department).

Ed said he developed the proposal after spending his first 30 days as city manager studying the city's "strengths and challenges" and studying the best practices of Al-

buquerque, Santa Fe, Rio Rancho and El Paso, all of which have dedicated economic development staff.

Ed noted that the city's current economic development coordinator position is unfilled and has had a "a lot of turnover." Under his proposed reorganization, the city would conduct a national search for an economic development director to head the new department.

To dissolve the Transportation Department, Ed proposed moving its Streets and Traffic Operations section to the Public Works Department, the Transit Authority to the newly renamed quality of life department

and the city fleet Assistant City Manager/Chief Administrative Officer David Dollahon.

Ed said the proposed reorganization will be presented to the council for a formal vote at its Jan. 17 meeting. The new department could be fully functioning by early February, he said.

Under Ed's proposal, jurisdiction over some departments would be realigned so that the city manager has direct supervision of the city attorney's office, the police department, the fire and emergency services department, utilities and economic development.

The assistant city manager/CAO would have

direct authority over internal audit, public information, financial services, human resources, information technology and the city fleet.

The assistant city manager/chief operations officer would have authority over community development, parks and recreation, public works and quality of life.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima said Ed's presentation on the proposed reorganization showed "a good trait of city managers" in coming before council to seek support for changes he might have been able to make administratively.



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Council hears report on city boards, committees

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

At its Monday, Jan. 9 work session, the Las Cruces City Council

heard an overview of the city's current boards and committees and a proposal to remove several that have been idle for some time.

According to city documents, Mayor Ken Miyagishima and the six members of council collectively serve on more than 40 city boards and committees in addition to their service on the city council. And, they appoint members to other city boards and committees.

The boards and committees, both permanent and temporary, direct and advise many aspects of city government.

Miyagishima, for example, serves on the boards of the Las Cru-

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ABOVE: Benjamin Gardner of Dekker Perich Sabatini architects in Albuquerque, a participant in the 2017 Leadership New Mexico class, is greeted by Las Cruces Joe Bullington and Bill Connor at a reception for the class's Jan. 5-7 trip to Las Cruces, where the topic was economic development.



RIGHT: Las Cruces Hillary Brinegar of Marron and Associates and State Sen. Bill Soules were among the group of locals welcoming the 2017 Leadership New Mexico class to town.

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ces/Doña Ana County Metro Narcotics Agency, the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA), the Rio Grande Council of Governments and the South Central Solid Waste Authority. He also serves on three national and international mayor's committees, and is chair of the city's Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) board, on which all councillors also serve.

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith said board and committee assignments "can be overloading or under-loading some members of council." He said a "reapportionment/redistribution" of assignments would be appropriate to balance

the number of hours each council member spends traveling to and attending committee meetings, and to better align committee assignments with council members' interests and backgrounds.

Deputy City Clerk Christine Rivera said the city is proposing to remove the Mesquite Neighborhood Weed and Seed Advisory Board (the board, not the program) because it lost its federal funding and has not met since 2012; the Environmental Quality Advisory (Analysis) Committee, which has not met since 2004; and the Fourth of July Committee, which has not met since 2013.

She said the City-County joint Extra-Territorial Zoning Authority is also being phased out, along with the West Mesa Strategic Planning Committee.



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Carole Jaramillo, with the City of Rio Rancho, and Jill Klar, with the University of New Mexico Medical Group, joined the rest of the 2017 Leadership New Mexico class for a reception at the Museum of Nature and Science Thursday, Jan. 5.



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Students design, build wheelchair device for dog

By **TIFFANY ACOSTA**
For the Bulletin

During the fall semester, three College of Engineering students working as on-campus co-ops at New Mexico State University designed and built a wheelchair device to assist a dog who had his right hind leg amputated due to cancer this past spring. Through the Aggie Innovation Space, Aggie Innovators Natalia Perez, Abdiel Jimenez and Arturo Dominguez designed and created a customized device for the almost 17-year-old Kita and his owner Michelle Lebsock.

“When I started to research mobility options to help Kita after his amputation to remove bone cancer, there were a lot of ideas online about using 3-D printers to create custom dog wheelchairs or walkers,” Lebsock said. “Even in his old age, Kita is the type of dog who absolutely loves walks,

and although he healed well and adjusted to getting around on three legs, he would get tired very quickly and I could tell he really missed his long walks.”

After realizing regular pet wheelchairs wouldn't work for Kita, Lebsock contacted the Aggie Innovation Space for advice on do-it-yourself dog wheelchair instructions she had found online.

“I first spoke to Natalia, and instead of just offering advice she took on the project as her own,” Lebsock said. “The talented engineering students at the AIS including Natalia, Abdiel and Arturo worked all semester to create a functional and ergonomic device that was custom-built for Kita. Even though the idea of 3-D printing brought me to the lab, the final product used traditional materials, and the students worked tirelessly to make sure each piece was exactly right. Their



Arturo Dominguez, a New Mexico State University College of Engineering student, fits nearly 17-year-old Kita with a wheelchair that was designed and built in the Aggie Innovation Space.

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work has made one little three-legged dog and his owner very happy.”

“The AIS team became very passionate about this project sharing ideas, collaborating to assess specific constraints and requirements, and evaluating ideas for build-out materials. Collectively, we were able to design a device that was cost effective, functional, comfortable, strong enough to support the weight of the dog, and ultimately, easy to use,” Jimenez said. “We selected specific materials and specific design features to meet the unique needs of Kita. Michelle was kind

enough to give us feedback, which allowed us to further refine the design.”

Throughout the fall, Perez, Jimenez and Dominguez met with Kita and Lebsock many times to determine the correct height, comfort, and restraint requirements of the device. Ease of assembly and disassembly were also important factors the Aggie Innovators had to consider to ensure the device was portable and easy to use.

“We were excited to have met a functional level of comfort for Kita with our first design, as he realized he could move

around freely,” Dominguez said. “From there, we studied and evaluated Kita's movement in the device, which allowed us to adjust the design to make it more comfortable and functional. With each iteration, Kita became more and more comfortable. During our final test, Kita was able to run for the first time since surgery and was able to move much more naturally. We then spent a week enhancing a few aesthetic features and branded it NMSU, including a specialized 3-D printed name plate.”

Dominguez said the group faced many design

challenges throughout the duration of this project.

“Some of our initial design considerations required us to adjust the height of the device while ensuring that we provided adequate support of the shoulders and hips so as to minimize weight on pressure points,” Dominguez said. “As we adjusted the saddle mechanism in the device, we had to be sure not to pinch or irritate the underbelly and other sensitive areas of the dog.”

Perez said the challenges and hours spent working on this project was worth it when she and her fellow Aggie Innovators saw Kita run freely in the device and saw the happiness expressed in Lebsock's reaction.

“This project reminded us how engineers can enhance quality of life, and made us realize that our duty as engineers is not just for people and the environment but for our furry friends that make our lives happier,” Perez said.

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Bridal & Special Events Showcase slated for Jan. 29

BULLETIN REPORT

Those planning a large event like a wedding or a quinceañera – or anyone else – can attend the Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events Showcase at the Las Cruces Convention Center, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29. This annual event brings together a wide range of products and services for weddings, special events, and more. Attendees can enjoy tasty samples from area caterers, get planning ideas, meet DJs, and take in a fashion show for the latest in prom, quinceañera and wedding couture and hair styling.

A wide array of local businesses and service providers will be onsite to present options and ideas for event planning. Wedding photographers, caterers, venue representatives, limousine companies, travel professionals, rental companies, DJ services, dressmakers, tuxedo rentals, and so much more will be represented. A highlight of the Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events Showcase is always the fashion show, with models showcasing the latest dress and tuxedo styles, as well as the handiwork of local hair and makeup stylists.

“This is such an awesome showcase for anyone that’s planning on putting together any kind of large celebration,” says event organizer Staci Mays of Las Cruces Event Planning. “This showcase puts everything you need under one roof, and the contacts you can make are unbeatable.”

The event will support the Las Cruces Butterfly Dress Project by giving free admission to anyone that donates a gently used prom dress or event gown. This organization provides free dream prom dresses for area high-school girls.

The Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events Showcase is presented by the Las Cruces Bulletin, Las Cruces Event Planning, and the Las Cruces Convention Center. Tickets are \$5 in advance at Renee’s Bridal, Enchanted Occasions, or at www.LasCrucesBridalShowcase.com. Admission will be \$7 at the door on the day of the event.

Writing contest open to grades 6 to 12

BY BRIAN O’CONNELL
FOR the Bulletin

Aldo Leopold is best known for writing “A Sand County Almanac” (1949), in which he articulates his lifelong philosophical search for how humans could “live on the land without spoiling it.” This search culminated in his formulation of “The Land Ethic”: “A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.” Leopold’s writing is an inspiring example of the power of the written word to bring about change in the world and in individual lives. As a work of great literature, it communicates the Land Ethic not just as an abstract concept, but also as a

teaching of the heart.

The purpose of the Aldo Leopold Writing Contest is to build on that legacy by inspiring the next generation of citizens to participate in the evolution of the land ethic through the written word. The Aldo Leopold Writing Contest invites New Mexico students in grades 6 through 12 to read Leopold’s work, especially “A Sand County Almanac”, and to write an essay on land ethics.

The essays vary in length according to grade category. Students in grades 6 to 7 write essays no longer than 300 words; grades 8-9 (400 words); grades 10-12 (500 words). Each grade category will be judged separately. A \$500 cash prize will be awarded in each age category with an additional \$250 worth of books awarded to the

school of the overall best essayist. The first place essays will be read at the Awards Ceremony to be held on April 23 at 2 p.m. at the first Leopold Lecture at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque. Entries must be emailed to brian@goldenapplenm.org by Feb. 7. Go to www.LeopoldWriting-Program.org for contest and entry information.

This year, the Aldo Leopold Writing Contest is partnering with Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico to provide award-winning teachers to help judge the essays.

Brian O’Connell is the executive director of the Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico in Albuquerque. He can be reached at 505-268-5337 or brian@goldenapplenm.org.

MLK March set for Jan. 15; breakfast is Jan. 16

BULLETIN REPORT

Baptist minister and civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. would have turned 88 on Jan. 15. Instead, his life was cut short by an assassin’s bullet on April 4, 1968 when King was only 39 years old.

A Unity Celebration March commemorating King will be held beginning at 2 p.m. on Sunday,

Jan. 15 at the roundabout at Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main St.

The annual Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 16 at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Tickets are \$30. Table sponsorships are \$300 or \$400 for a VIP corporate sponsor for a table of 10.

The breakfast’s key-

note speaker will be new Las Cruces City Manager Stuart Ed.

The breakfast will include recognition of local high school students who were winners in the 2017 MLK Poetry or Essay Contest. The topic of the 400- to 600-word essay or 34- to 46-line poem was “Dr. King’s influence on me.”

The contest winner will receive a \$200 gift card, a history award and a commemorative plaque. The second-place winner will receive a \$100 gift card and the third-place winner will receive a \$50 gift card. The first-place winner will also be asked to read his or her winning entry at the breakfast.

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Sitel contact center to close in March

By ALTA LeCOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

After 10 years in Las Cruces, the Sitel contact center will close March 26, leaving about 400 employees hunting for jobs.

Employees will be terminated starting the first week of March, according to a company spokesperson.

City officials are working with the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) to recruit a contact center to replace Sitel, Mayor Ken Miyagishima said.

On Jan. 6, Miyagishima said he had received an official WARN letter, which Sitel also sent to each associate and to the State of New Mexico on



Jan. 5 as required by law.

The federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN Act) requires employers to provide notice 60 days in advance of plant closings and mass layoffs. WARN applies to companies with 100 or more employees.

Miyagishima said Sitel indicated its Las Cruces staff includes 371

“Sitel has had the honor of working in the Las Cruces area for 10 successful years and our associates have been extremely active and contributing members of the community. Unfortunately, our business model does not allow for us to remain in this market.”

SITEL, in a company statement

customer service associates and 21 coaches.

“It’s basically 400 people,” the mayor said. “It’s a huge hit to the city and we’re going to do our best to keep these people employed.”

The company cited a change in circumstances and said the decision did not reflect on the local center’s performance, Miyagishima said.

“Please know this was a business decision and is not a reflection on associate performance or the quality of the team,” Sitel commented in a written statement.

Sitel said the decision was very difficult due to the “tremendous support we have received and relationships we have built within the Las Cruces community.”

Miyagishima said the closure may be related to the recent acquisition by a French company of Sitel, itself an international corporation with 21 U.S. locations, including Albuquerque. Sitel also operates in Canada and Latin America, according to sitel.com.

Sitel has 61,100 employees who support clients with contact center services. The company manages client programs on behalf of some of the best-known brands in the world, according to sitel.com.

Groupe Acticall, in September 2015, announced it had completed its acquisition of Sitel Worldwide Corp. Acticall acquired 100 percent of Sitel stock from Onex Corp. and other shareholders. Sitel became an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Groupe Acticall.

In its statement, Sitel said Las Cruces associates are encouraged to apply for positions elsewhere in the company, including Work@Home opportunities.

“Sitel leadership also intends to proactively partner with local resources and other area employers to identify potential employment opportunities for impacted associates,” the statement continued.

“Sitel has had the honor of working in the Las Cruces area for 10 successful years and our associates have been extremely active and contributing members of the community. Unfortunately, our business model does not allow for us to remain in this market,” the company commented in its statement.

Miyagishima said he has been in touch with MVEDA President and CEO Davin Lopez and MVEDA has begun reaching out to companies that may want to relocate to the site and hire the workers trained by Sitel.

Sitel occupies the office building at the corner of Summit Court and Telshor Boulevard.

“Contact centers are always looking for this kind of facility,” said Miyagishima, who estimated the building is about 35,000 square feet.

“Sitel’s trained workforce could be very attractive to another company” that wants to relocate or even to expand, he said.

Miyagishima said the city would look into whether it “needs to step up with its Wage + program.”

Wage + is a city economic development incentive to reward businesses for hiring and paying 10 percent above the county median wage. It provides a \$1,500 per-job reimbursement for qualifying companies

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SWEC pushes for legislation against coyote killing contests

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Southwest Environmental Center of Las Cruces recently showed a film about coyote-hunting contests in the Southwest, and hosted a follow-up panel discussion regarding the morals and socio-environmental impacts of such contests.

The film, titled *Unfair Game: Ending Wildlife Killing Contests*, highlights instances of mass killings of coyotes by hunters in the Southwest for sport.

“These are competitions in which people compete to see who can kill the most animals or the biggest animals over a given period of time, but it’s usually a weekend,” said Kevin Bixby, executive director of the Southwest Environmental Center.

Prizes range from cash

to hunting equipment, and the contests are often sponsored by gun stores and gun makers, Bixby said.

Bixby said these contests are legal in every state, so long as the animals killed are not game animals, such as deer, or endangered or threatened animals, such as bald eagles.

“You can kill as many coyotes as you want any time of the year,” Bixby said.

In 2014, one of SWEC’s members discovered a dump of about 40 coyote carcasses on the West Mesa, Bixby said.

Following the discovery, SWEC asked the state Department of Game & Fish to at least regulate, if not ban altogether, these hunting contests, but were told the department “lacks the

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Model Airplane Club Winter Fun-Fest and more

Mesilla Valley Model Airplane Club is sponsoring a Winter Fun-Fest, open flying, contest and swap meet starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 at the new Las Cruces R/C Airport, one block south of the Lohman Avenue and Sonoma Ranch Boulevard intersection inside the city landfill site. Fee: \$5 for all pilots plus \$1 for

each contest entered. Entrants must be current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Instructor pilots available; raffles and prizes; food. Info: Mike Moore 575-541-8341 or phantomx1pilot@gmail.com.

Model Railroad Association meeting

National Model Railroad Assoc.- Roadrunner Division monthly meeting is at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Free and open to anyone interested in model railroading. Info: Jean Melvin 575-526-6238.

NARFE Chapter meeting Jan. 14

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Chapter 182 will meet at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, in the Esparanza Room of the Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 Don Roser Drive. The first meeting of the new year will be a "State of the Federation" presentation by New Mexico Federation President Lorna Howerton. There is a cost (cash only) for the breakfast buffet; reservations must be made by Jan. 10 by calling Carol Main at 575-382-7686 or Carol Smith at 575-522-3033.

Cruces Apple User Group meets

The Cruces Apple User Group (CAUG) group meets at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 at the Administration Building of Doña Ana Community College (corner of South Espina and Gregg Streets) room 114 (parking on Gregg Street). Agenda: "What's New With Apple" and a tutorial on Mac "Photos." CAUG welcomes anyone interested in learning and sharing information about Apple Products. CAUG meets on the second Saturday of each month. Presentations and tutorials are part of the group's activities. Info: <http://www.cauglc.org> or contact Louise Foster at louise Foster@mac.com.

Storytellers of Las Cruces Meeting

Storytellers of Las Cruces will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16. Guests are welcome. Meeting begins with social time and refreshments followed by a program. Featured storytellers are Nancy Jenkins and Sonya Weiner. Workshop presenter is Sarah Addison. The meeting concludes with a short business segment. For location and information, call 575-640-6867.

Las Cruces Academy open house

The Las Cruces Academy (LCA), 1755 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla, invites the public to visit the school on from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17. During the morning session, visitors can watch classes in Chinese and in grades early-K through 2, talk with teachers, and view the facilities. Visitors in the afternoon session (5:30-7 p.m.) may speak with teachers and view the classrooms. LCA is a private school serving academically advanced or motivated students. Current openings are for early-K through grade 8. Info: lascrucesacademy.org or by calling Head of School Dr. Lou Ellen Kay at 575-521-9384.

Roundtable discussions for January

Jan. 15: Jim Basler: Predictions of the Future is an open discussion. Bring your predictions of the future,

or an interesting one you heard about. They can be serious, semi-serious, or just plain wacky.

Jan. 22: Robert (Skip) Shelton: "Doing Hard Time On the Pleasure Planet. The theory and practice of Happiness." The title is a hint at a very interesting discussion.

Jan. 29: Paul O'Connell: The U.S. spends more on health care (per citizen) than any other country—why? Cost and incentive changes over the last 50 years; life style changes that effect health care; monopolization of health care because of inelastic demand and politicization of the industry.

All Roundtable Discussions take place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the library of the Unitarian Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. Info, comments or suggestions: roundtable@uuchurchlc.org.

Minnesota Club meets Jan. 18

The Minnesota Club will meet at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 18. at St. Claire Winery and Bistro, 1720 Avenida De Mesilla.

Kiwanis breakfasts benefit Peace Village, Loma Heights

A benefit pancake breakfast to benefit Peace Village NM, an interfaith, multicultural day camp focusing on nonviolence and peacemaking from various world traditions is from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 at First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Pancakes, juice, sausage and coffee. Tickets: \$5 in advance from Peace Village or at the door. Eat in or carry out.

Loma Heights Elementary school will benefit from a Kiwanis pancake breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 4 at the school, 1600 E. Madrid Ave. Tickets are \$5 in advance from school representatives or can be bought at the door. Eat in or carry out. Info on either breakfast: 575-525-9478.

Toastmasters Club meets every Wednesday

Las Cruces Toastmasters Club meetings are held from 7 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday at the Good Samaritan Community Center, Kiva Room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Info: 575-642-0032 or email lascrucestoastmasters@gmail.com. Find us on Facebook @lascrucesTM or visit Toastmasters International website www.toastmasters.org.

GFWC Progress Club card party is Jan. 21

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Progress Club of Las Cruces holds its annual card party from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Doors open at 11:30; lunch at noon; play will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person. The event helps to fund all GFWC charities. Reservations and info: Ingeborg Peter at 575-522-5474 or 575-642-7588.

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No. 1 female golfer, Lydia Ko, and recent Olympic gold medal winner Justin Rose, will be taught at the New Mexico State University Golf Course. PGA Head Professional John Lynch will conduct a two-hour AimPoint session from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the practice putting green, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. Bring a putter and three balls and Lynch will help you master the method. Cost is \$75 per person; only 12 spots available. Reserve space at 302-332-5495 or jlynch1@nmsu.edu.

Birthday observance for Scottish poet Jan. 28

An informal Robert Burns birthday observance will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Phase I Clubhouse, the Casitas at Morning Star, 3650 Morning Star Drive. Las Cruces area Scots, persons of Scottish descent and persons interested in Scottish heritage are encouraged to attend. Parking in the circle in front of the office/clubhouse. No charge. Light refreshments provided. Info: Rosalie Nichols at 785-259-2969, 575-652-4260 or at redolaf1@gmail.com.

Las Cruces Ukcs change practice days

The Las Cruces Ukcs welcomes new members to weekly practices starting in January at Good Samaritan - Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Practices are Thursday evenings, with a strum for fun/beginner group meeting from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. and the performance group practicing from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There is no charge and loaner ukuleles are available. Info: www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com or by calling 575-405-7133.

Las Cruces Civitan Club meets

The Las Cruces Civitan Club meets monthly at on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Second Tuesday meeting starts at noon; fourth Tuesday meeting starts at 6 p.m. at Los Compas Restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive. Info: 575-649-0165.

Vital Records Office hours

The Vital Records Office at the Las Cruces Public Health Office is available for registering and acquiring birth or death certificates 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1170 N. Solano Dr. (Office is closed

noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.) Info: Las Cruces Vital Records Office at 575-528-5046.

Quilt Guild meets third Monday

Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the American Legion Post 10 Hall, 1185 Madrid Ave. Guests are welcome. Meetings consist of brief business announcements, a program, show-and-tell and door prizes. Starting in November, the guild meets at 1:30 p.m. for six months of daytime meetings. Info: Linnea Egbert at 575-521-0521, linneanfce@aol.com or visit www.lcqq.org.

Gene's Gesters meet on Tuesdays

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

Las Cruces Shrine meets second Monday

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

Doña Ana County Republican Party office hours

The Doña Ana County Republican Party Headquarters, 3201 S. Main St., is open to serve the public 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Info: 575-523-8683.

Story time, discounted shopping

At 10:45 a.m. Wednesdays at 300 El Molino St. Tutti Bambini hosts a children's story time. Attendees can shop for children's clothes at half price. Info: 575-526-9752.

Ukulele kids club meets second, fourth Saturday

The Las Cruces Ukcs Kids Club meets from 10:30-11:15 a.m. the second and fourth Saturday of the month at El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo Street, just east of the downtown post office. The club is free to elementary-school-age children who want to learn to play the ukulele and loaner ukuleles are available for those who don't have their own. No

experience is necessary. Info: www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com, www.facebook.com/lascrucesukes, or by calling 575-405-7133.

Business Builders meet Wednesdays

Elite Business Builders BNI Group meets from 8:30 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays at 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.

Brown Bag lecture at Las Cruces Railroad Museum

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum hosts a free lunch time lecture at noon on the second Tuesday of the month at 351 N. Mesilla St. Admission to the Railroad Museum is free. Info: <http://las-cruces.org/museums> or call 575-647-4480.

MS Support/Education group meets first Thursday

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

'Blast from the Past' discussions

Take a walk down memory lane when Stan Blitz and Jim Gibson lead discussions about the movies, music, television and stars of the 1950s and 60s from 2 to 3 p.m., every Friday at MountainView Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Info: 575-522-0503.

Soroptimist International meets 2nd, 4th Wednesday

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

Immunizations available at Dept. of Health

The New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office provides immunization services for children and adults on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1170 N. Solano Drive. Info: 575-528-5017.

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FROM MENTAL ILLNESS TO FREEDOM: MICAH PEARSON'S JOURNEY

Finding the right treatment is different for everyone

Editor's note: This is the second installment of a three-part series on Micah Pearson and the Doña Ana County National Alliance on Mental Illness.

By MIKE COOK
For the Bulletin

As vice president of the Doña Ana County National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) affiliate, Micah Pearson is not only a fierce advocate for those suffering with mental health issues, he's also dealt with serious mental illness from a young age.

Pearson, 40, lives with bipolar disorder type 1



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with rapid cycling, along with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Last week, we learned about the onset of bipolar disorder for Pearson after he witnessed his grandfather's death at age 4.

Treatment for bipolar disorder

Pearson said it took him many years to "re-ally figure out what (bi-

polar disorder) meant." He often felt like a guinea pig, as his treatment involved "a lot of trial and error."

"I know what the health care system is like," he said.

Pearson has had "every experience one can have" with cocktails of medications he was prescribed for bipolar disorder and his other afflictions.

"Everybody's brain is different," he said. "It can be extremely frustrating."

Pearson remembers one psychotic episode caused by an accidental overdose during which

he spent five days hallucinating that he had tapeworms.

Pearson said he tries "not to demonize any medication or treatment," because acknowledging that a person has an issue and seeking treatment are critical to successfully dealing with mental illness.

"Everybody is unique," Pearson said. "What works for one won't work for someone else with the same diagnosis."

Pearson also had multiple suicide attempts, was arrested several times, and spent more than two weeks in solitary confinement five

years ago in a detention center in Arlington, Virginia (located, ironically, less than a mile from national NAMI headquarters).

Before receiving a proper diagnosis, Pearson's meds often made him psychotic, he said, causing him to hear voices, see things that weren't there and have rage attacks. He also became convinced that the house he was living in was haunted.

Pearson has been on "all ends of economic status" because of his illness and treatment, from a top-level job and high salary to being homeless and jobless, he said.

The Washington Post was the first employer Pearson had that "embraced my condition," he said. In their information technology department, he "did more work than four people. They knew the wheel would turn," he said, and allowed him time off when he needed it in between periods of high productivity.

Pearson lost the job because of a domestic violence incident when he was 35. He was arrested even though he wasn't the abuser.

"I lost everything," he said. "I lost my life in general."

That's when Pearson moved to Las Cruces, to be near his parents.

After consulting with his doctors, Pearson stopped taking medication for his condition several years ago. That

eliminated the harmful side effects, and he no longer must worry about remembering to take his meds or coming down from them.

Because Pearson metabolizes medications quickly, he can feel the effects of pharmacological treatment within 24 to 48 hours if he finds that his stress level is making him non-functional or if he is descending into a depressive cycle. And Pearson relies on family and friends to help him recognize when he needs help. If, for example, Pearson's friends on Facebook haven't heard from him in 48 hours, they know to make sure he's OK.

Pearson also has an agreement with the staff at La Clinica de Familia to provide treatment.

"Medications have saved my life," Pearson said, and he knows to "appropriately medicate" when needed.

Without medication, Pearson said he is not as stable and has to be more vigilant in managing his condition. He attends bi-weekly therapy sessions and a weekly support group. He also tries to maintain good sleep hygiene, and finds at age 40 that he "can't stay awake for multiple days at a time" as he did during manic phases in the past. His work as a mental health advocate is also a great help to his treatment, because it won't

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allow him to isolate, he said.

Like Pearson, many of those diagnosed with bipolar disorder also suffer from other mental health issues like ADHD and PTSD.

“If you engage with the system long enough, you will get the right diagnosis,” he said.

But it’s necessary to “check a certain box so insurance companies will pay for treatment,” Pearson said. And because “so many courageous people are donating their brains to science (when they die), we’re constantly learning about this stuff.”

For example, National Football League studies on the impact of players’ concussions are showing that trauma to the brain can “manifest mental health conditions,” he said.

“It’s not a cause and effect,” Pearson said. “There has to be a triggering event to cause it (bipolar disorder).”

The gifts of mental illness

“I’ve never felt embarrassed that I’ve had a mental health disorder; it’s a medical condition like any

other,” Pearson said. “I try to see what it gave me. It makes me creative.”

Pearson has written four books and made one film to date. He’s a musician and an artist. His works include a mural that hung in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

“They were easy for me,” he said. “I have accomplished a great deal in my life and I feel a large part of it is because of how my brain is wired.”

“A challenge, though, is that my emotional spectrum is so different from other peoples’,” Pearson said. “Empathy is hard. And because of the PTSD, I’m in a permanent state of fight or flight.”

In restaurants and other crowded places, Pearson often must wear earphones so he doesn’t follow other people’s conversations around the room, or get anxious.

“I can’t tune out background noise,” he said.

And, because of his ADHD, Pearson may start a sentence and finish it 20 minutes later, and may have “told nine stories along the way,” he said.

He’s also learned to “go for a walk to burn off rage” if something triggers him.

“I’ve had to learn a wide variety of coping skills,” Pearson said.

As a mental health facilitator for NAMI, Pearson said his PTSD has also helped him to deal with others. One client, he remembers, started crying while talking to him.

“I could understand where they were coming from; I’d never experienced that before,” he said.

Becoming a full-time advocate for others suffering from serious mental health issues is an important part of Pearson’s recovery.

“Being useful helped,” he said.

Pearson also has a strong support network to help him deal with his diagnosis. There are “no better family advocates than my parents,” he said.

“I’m a nerd,” Pearson said. He loves comic books and science fiction. He’s a computer geek, a “computer-game guy,” a musician, an artist. “I am more than just a person who has a unique synaptic wiring,” Pearson said.

Read next week’s Bulletin for the third installment of Pearson’s story.

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legal authority to regulate the take of coyotes in New Mexico.”

And it’s not unique to coyotes, Bixby said.

“More than 80 percent of the mammals in the state have no bag limits,” Bixby said, because, “The (state) legislature has not given authority over all animals in the state to the game department.”

Not for lack of trying, said Bixby. In the 2015 Legislative Session, former Democrat state Representative Jeff Steinborn (now a senator) introduced a “Prohibit and define coyote killing contest” bill to the House of Representatives, while Republican Senator Mark Moores, R-District 21 (Albuquerque), carried the bill in the Senate.

The bill passed the Senate, 27-13, but was postponed indefinitely in the House.

“(This legislative session), the bill will be in-



roduced again by Mark Moores in the Senate and we’re currently looking for a sponsor in the House,” Bixby said.

The organizers of the hunting contests do not have to submit any materials regarding their events to any government agency, making it difficult to determine how many contests are held in the state each year, Bixby said.

“A few years ago, we knew about 30 taking place in the state in one year,” Bixby said, occurring mostly in the fall and spring.

These events range in size, from a group of friends to a large gathering. The winning hunter might kill five animals, Bixby said.

Participants in these contests, Bixby said, say the contests are necessary to regulate the coyote population in the state. If it were not for the contests, the coyote population would run unchecked, killing game and livestock.

“There’s absolutely no truth to that,” Bixby said. “(These contests) serve no legitimate management purpose.”

In instances where coyotes attack livestock, which are rare, the specific animal that attacked is not targeted, Bixby said. What’s more, the disruption in coyotes’ family structure caused by the killing contests increases aggression in the coyotes and so increases the odds of further livestock attacks, Bixby said.

The SWEC is not anti-hunting, Bixby said, or anti-gun. It is opposed to the mass killings of animals for sport, he said.

“I think most people would agree that killing mammals, which have a high degree of intelligence, consciousness and awareness of what’s going on and obviously feel pain and have more social relationships, more family units, merely for the pleasure it gives the killer is immoral,” Bixby said.

Wildlife is a public trust resource, Bixby said, owned by all in the community. The small group of people who participate in these hunting contests

are “squandering the public’s resources,” Bixby said.

The hunting contests have ripple effects on the ecosystem, Bixby said. A 2002 study by biologist Margaret Carroll at Framingham State University in Framingham, Massachusetts, found that the removal of coyotes in one plot of land had the effect of reducing the number of rodent species living on that land from 12 to one. The control plot did not have any coyotes removed from it and its rodent species population was not affected.

“The removal of the coyotes allows these smaller predators, like badgers and possums and skunks, to come in and prey on the other rodent species,” Bixby said.

In addition to immorality, Bixby said, such a cavalier attitude toward killing animals en masse “without respect or remorse” spills over into the hunters’ daily lives.

“There’s some evidence

that people that are cruel to animals tend to be cruel to people as well,” Bixby said.

Cynthia Hodges, an animal law attorney located in Edmonds, Washington state, published an article in 2008 through the Michigan State University College of Law. The article, titled *The Link: Cruelty to Animals and Violence Towards People*, cites a number of serial killers and mass shooters who admitted to hurting and killing animals before turning their violent acts toward humans.

“(Convicted serial killer and sex offender) Jeffrey Dahmer’s first victims were animals: He decapitated dogs and staked cats to trees in his youth. He also impaled frogs, cats’ and dogs’ heads on sticks,” Hodges writes.

Columbine High School shooters Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold told their classmates they mutilated animals. The two would go on to kill 12 students, Hodges writes.

NMSU computer science department pulls in grants, accreditation

By MINERVA BAUMANN

For the Bulletin

Big data, cyber-human systems and flash drive technology are among the projects receiving more than \$1.89 million in National Science Foundation awards to computer science faculty at New Mexico State University (NMSU) this year.

In addition to the research grants, which range from two to three years long, NMSU's computer science department in the College of Arts and Sciences has another reason to be proud. The department recently received initial accreditation for NMSU's bachelor of science in computer science degree from the Accrediting Board for Engi-

neering and Technology (ABET).

The process started four years ago, and culminated in an 18-month review and evaluation over the summer of 2016, after which the accreditation was granted. The ABET accreditation lasts for seven years.

"We really wanted to do it for our students because when they can say they've graduated from an ABET accredited program it really helps them," said Jonathan Cook, computer science professor and interim department head. "Just yesterday I had a student in the hallway thank me for getting accreditation because that actually helped him to get an internship at Sandia Labs."

The accreditation is retroactive so that alumni who graduated with the computer science degree back to 2014 can claim the status. However, it also means the department will have to go through the process again in 2020 to renew the accreditation, which costs about \$10,000.

"The accreditation process is a lot of work, but it's worth it for our students," Cook said.

Another benefit for NMSU's computer science students is the opportunity to get involved in various research opportunities working closely with faculty members. This year alone, five NSF awards total nearly \$2 million.

"We as a small department have been extremely successful in being able to fund our research," said Jonathan Cook, computer science professor and interim department head. "This year's awards are wonderful examples of the strengths of our faculty and the quality of our faculty and the research they are already producing. It will allow them to continue doing great things."

Huiping Cao (principal investigator) and Satyajayant Misra (co-principal investigator), both computer science associate professors, are leading the first NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) site at NMSU through a 3-year grant of \$361,791. This project will provide undergraduate students the opportunity to work with big data analytics in cyber physical systems to prepare them for future scientific work.

"This REU site will provide students with problem solving skills for conducting research in big data analytics and presenting scientific findings verbally

and in writing," Misra said. "The students will be mentored by researchers to disseminate their research findings at professional conferences and through the REU website."

Cao is also the NMSU principal investigator for a three-year grant for \$359,151 through NSF's BIGDATA program. The project goal is to establish the theoretical, algorithmic, and computational foundations of Context-Sensitive Impact Discovery in complex systems. The project will include mentoring of graduate and undergraduate students at both NMSU and Arizona State University.

"Successfully tackling many urgent challenges in socio-economically critical domains (e.g. sustainability, public health and biology) requires obtaining a deeper understanding of complex relationships and interactions among a diverse spectrum of entities in different contexts," Cao said. "This project will fill an important hole in decision making in many critical application domains, including epidemic preparedness, biological pathway analysis and resilient water/energy infrastructures and will enable applications and services with significant economic and health impact."

NMSU computer science assistant professor Mai Zheng's award for \$173,747 will allow diagnosis of failures in flash-based storage systems. These hold financial transactions, scientific computation results, family photos and more. The goal of the project is to advance the dependability of storage systems for this important data. The project also will include undergraduate and graduate student participation through the Alliance for Minority Participation and Young Women in Computing Programs.

"Flash-based storage systems are revolutionizing the way we store our data in computers," Zheng said. "They can provide hundreds of times of speedup compared to traditional technologies under some common workloads. However, as a young and disruptive technology, their reliability is not as well-understood as the old systems. With this award, my students and I will investigate the unique failure modes of



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new systems and reveal the complicated causal paths leading to data loss. This is the first step towards building truly dependable storage for various invaluable data we have today and in the future.”

Zachary O. Toups, computer science assistant professor, is the principal investigator for a \$495,628 NSF grant along with co-principal investigators Son Tran, computer science professor, and Igor Dolgov, psychology associate professor. The aim is to consider how wearable computers can support urban search and rescue contexts as science advances to move from multiple humans piloting one drone to one human directing many drones. The project uses simulated drones supporting game players moving in the physical world to

design these systems

“With this project, my hope is that we can really impact future disaster response practice and employ games for design, rather than training,” Toups said. “Wearable computers often have impoverished means of input (e.g., a few buttons versus a full keyboard) but enable environmental awareness and physical world action, which are essential for the safety of disaster responders.”

In addition to the strong research opportunities and ABET accreditation, NMSU’s computer science students will be looking forward to a new degree in cyber security to begin next year. The computer science department in collaboration with electrical computer engineering will develop the curriculum and hire two new professors to teach the subjects. They expect to begin the degree in fall 2017 and to gain certification for that program within two years.

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BARBARA JEAN KIRKMAN, age 86, of Las Cruces passed away Thursday, January 5, 2016 at La-Posada Mesilla Valley Hospice. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 527-2222.

**Felipe Avila**

FELIPE NAJERA AVILA, age 87, of Las Cruces passed away Monday, January 2, 2017 at La Posada- Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by his loving family. Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222.

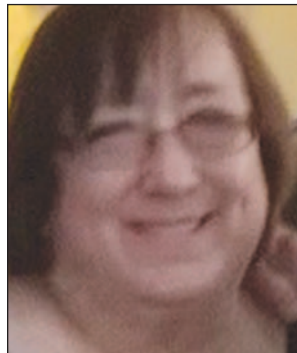
**Martin K. Guiterrez**

MARTIN KELLY GUTIERREZ, 49, lifelong resident of Las Cruces passed away Wednesday, January 4, 2017. Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222.

Steven K. McGrew

On November 21st, 2016 Steven K. McGrew passed away at his home in Las

Cruces, New Mexico. Baca's Funeral Chapel of Las Cruces, (575)527-2222.

**Diane J. Wade**

It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of DIANE JARAMILLO WADE, on November 19, 2016 in Raleigh, NC. Diane was born in Las Cruces September 10, 1956 to Belen and Jose Jaramillo. She was married to Daniel Wilson Wade in 1982, and their son, Daniel was born in 1987.

A graduate of Las Cruces High School and New Mexico State University, Diane worked in both television and in health care in Albuquerque before the family moved to North Carolina in 2002. Diane became the smiling

face of health care practices in the Raleigh area until her untimely death.

In addition to her husband and son, and daughter-in-law, Erika Hicks Wade, she is also survived by her brothers, Jimmy and Joe Jaramillo, Jr., as well as her sisters, Rebecca Lucero and Stella Telles.

Services for Diane will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, beginning at 9:30 AM, with recitation of the Holy Rosary scheduled to begin at 10 AM and Funeral Service to follow immediately thereafter. Private inurnment of cremains will be held in the family plot at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5140 W. Picacho at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Diane would have been pleased if you help a hungry person with a donation to your local food bank or rescue mission.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces 575-527-2222. For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslas Cruces.com For more information logon

to www.dignitymemorial.com/brown-wynne-funeral

**Dennis Hallford**

Dr. Dennis "Doc" Hallford, of Las Cruces, NM, passed away Tuesday, December 13, 2016 after a lengthy illness. He was born February 11, 1948 in Abilene, TX to the late Tommy L. and Tiny Hallford. He was a graduate of Abilene Cooper High School and Tarleton State University (Stephenville, TX.), where he earned his B.S. degree in General Agriculture. After teaching one year at Tarleton, he married his college sweetheart, Marilyn Williams, and earned his Masters and PhD in animal science at Oklahoma State University. In 1975, he embarked on an illustrious career at New Mexico State University in the Department of Animal and Range Sciences. He retired in June 2016 after 41 years of teaching research and service at NMSU. He served as supervisor of the West Sheep Unit and the Endocrinology Lab, was chair of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee for 25 years and member and chair of the Radiation Safety Committee for 32 years,

as well as on numerous departmental, college, university, and professional committees. He served as advisor to 62 graduate students and was author or co-author of over 600 refereed journal articles, proceedings and abstracts on endocrine influences on reproductive functions in domestic animals, particularly sheep. Among his numerous honors were being named "Regents Professor" and "Distinguished Achievement Professor". He received the NMSU Cardinal Key Honor Society's "Outstanding Teacher of the Year" in only his second year at the university. Other recognitions include College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences Distinguished Teaching, Distinguished Research and Distinguished Service awards, Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching, Robert L. Westhafer Award for Excellence in Teaching, Donald C. Roush Award for Excellence in Teaching, Gamma Sigma Delta's Distinguished Graduate Teaching Advisement Award, Western Section, American Society of Animal Science (WSASAS) Distinguished Teaching Award and WSASAS Service Award. He was also awarded both the NMSU University Research Council's Outstanding Researcher honor and Award for Exceptional Achievement in Creative Scholarly Activity. Doc was named Outstanding Alumni from the College of Agriculture at Tarleton State University

and the Oklahoma State University Department of Animal Sciences "Advanced Degree Graduate of Distinction. He served as faculty advisor of the Aggie Rodeo Association, Block and Bridle Club, Animal and Range Sciences Graduate Student Association and Pre-Vet Club. Students named him "Outstanding Club Advisor", while NM Wool Growers presented him with their Amigo Award and the NMSU Environmental Health and Safety Office their "Friend of Safety" award. Dr. Hallford was also named one of Top 20 animal science professors in the country and Who's Who Among American Teachers.. He was a member of the American Society of Animal Science, Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, and Gamma Sigma Delta, Honor Society of Agriculture. Dennis is survived by his wife, Marilyn, daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Brian Kord, and granddaughters, Shelby and Sophie, all of Las Cruces. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, and cousins. A memorial service honoring Dennis' life will be held in January 14, 2017. A celebration of life reception will be held immediately following the memorial service at the family home. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the "Dr. Dennis (Doc) and Marilyn Hallford Endowed Fund" at advancing.nmsu.edu/give-now in care of NMSU Foundation, MSC 3590, Las Cruces, NM 88003.

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Grace Jackson

GRACE JACKSON, age 89, died peacefully on January 2, 2017 in her sleep at the Desert Peaks Assisted Living and Memory Care Center, after battling dementia. Grace was born on June 4, 1927 in Los Angeles, California, the daughter of Tsunakitchi and Antonia M. Koyama.

Grace was a vibrant and beautiful woman, who loved dancing, the casino, meeting new people and traveling. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, laughing and telling jokes. She always wore a smile on her face and was the life of the party. Grace graduated from high school and college in Los Angeles, California and became a licensed stenographer.

Grace married and moved to Las Cruces, New Mexico, where she raised her children, Richard Martinez, Ramona Davis, Terry Granado, Cindy Muñoz and Emily Koyama. Grace worked as a switch board operator at New Mexico State University, Physical Science Laboratory and retired in 2007.

Grace is survived by her sisters-in-law, Pauline Koyama of Colorado, and Clemmie Morris of Las Cruces; son, Richard Martinez of Las Cruces; daughters, Ramona and her husband Mike Davis of Las Cruces, Terry Granado of Albuquerque, Cindy and her husband Larry Muñoz of California, Emily Koyama and her husband Peter Neal of Santa Fe. Grandchildren, Ricky and Michael Martinez, Christine Davis, Krystal Mendoza, Jairus and Ivan Granado, Regina Guerra, Vanessa and Justin Sanchez, Christopher and Eric Avitia. Great grandchildren, Shane Benavidez, Jaden Gilligan, Samantha Mendoza, Asia Granado, Gavin, Nikki and Troy Guerra, Aviana Garcia, Marco J. Maese and Isaiah Avitia.

Special thanks to all the staff at Desert Peaks Assisted Living and Memory Care Center and Ambercare, who provided competent and compassionate care to Grace.

A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 4 PM at Baca's Funeral Chapel, 300 E. Boutz Road.

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Previewing the 2017 legislative session

By BILLY HUNTSMAN

Las Cruces Bulletin

The 60-day 2017 New Mexico Legislative Session starts on Jan. 17 and concludes on March 18.

Among the issues expected to be debated, the state's budget deficit is first and foremost. The budget will affect the state's ability to fund capital outlay projects, as well as enact the bills proposed by legislators.

But one lawmaker said the bills she's currently drafting—as a junior legislator, she cannot pre-file—would be “fiscal-neutral or would help the budget,” said newly elected Republican Rep. Rebecca Dow of District 38.

“They mostly relate to economic development and logistical issues on simplifying statutes or processes of implementing procedures,” Dow said. One such issue she has been researching deals with physical therapists (PTs) in rural areas. Unlike physicians in such areas, PTs do not receive tax credits, but PTs in rural areas are tax-exempt when they treat a state-government-funded patient. With the budget deficit, Dow said, many rural PTs are con-

cerned with losing that exemption, a worry she hopes to quell in the upcoming session.

Another bill she is drafting deals with the New Mexico Department of Tourism's Clean and Beautiful project. In order to meet and conduct business, more than 30 representatives must be present, which, Dow said, is inhibitive to the project's efficacy.

Her bill would reduce the minimum number of representatives who must be present to “a reasonable number,” she said.

Among the other issues she expects to see come up, Dow said, is the issue of amending the state constitution so that, if voted for in November 2017, a portion of the state's permanent land grant fund could be used to support early childhood education programs. Two such bills were presented to the Senate by Sen. Michael Padilla, District 14. One of these bills passed the Senate floor but was not heard by the House of Representatives, while the other did not pass the Senate.

Dow also expects to see bills concerning gun control, Real ID

compliance and minimum wage, she said, both from people who support increasing it, as well as from small-business owners who say they can't afford to increase their wages.

“And then other people say, ‘I can't live on the current minimum wage,’” Dow said.

With the Democrat majorities in both houses, Dow said, she expects to see bills that would normally be vetoed by the governor pass into law.

On the Democrat Senate side, 29-year state-Senate veteran Sen. John Arthur Smith, District 35, said he'll probably be the lead sponsor of a solvency package to close the state's 2017 budget. He said he'll also carry the Appropriation Act to fund the state's 2018 budget.

“And then I'm looking to carry some bills to build our reserves because we have no reserves and that's one of the reasons our bond rating has been declining,” Smith said.

Smith is the chair of the Senate Finance Committee. He said he expects bills regarding statewide budget cuts, as well as revenue generation, to dominate the session.

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Woman barber honors tradition

By ALTA LeCOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

At Terry's Barber Shop, there's a real barber pole out front, and inside the shop, a man can get a real man's haircut.

The cut is called a classic taper.

The look is precise and, Terry Garner said, it's a four-week haircut that grows out well.

"Men can sit in the chair all day long and say they're not as picky as women, but they are," said Garner, who owns the shop at 1820 E. Lohman Ave. "They're just more quiet about it."

"Women like to try something new," Garner said. "They want a service. Men

just want a haircut. We'll do beard trims ... but it's not a spa experience in here."

The men who followed her from her former location at Top Hat tell her what they want — and she delivers.

New customers also seek out the shop for its traditional cuts.

Brenden Graham, 23, who was getting a taper cut on a recent afternoon, said he learned to like the look when he was a boy getting his haircuts in military base shops with his dad, who was in the service.

He said a friend referred him to Garner's shop.

"It's a good old barber feel," he said.



Candice Garner, Laura DeLeon and Terry Garner give classic taper haircuts at Terry's Barber Shop on Lohman Avenue for Will Hooper, Dave Strachan and Brenden Graham.

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The rest of the story ...

By TRACEY BRYAN
The Bridge of Southern New Mexico

Paul Harvey, the late radio broadcaster, was legendary in his ability to capture audiences with 33 years of daily radio shows about the "stories behind the stories" of historical events, significant (and not so significant) people, discoveries and places.

What people loved was that Harvey looked behind the story to find an often-much richer, more compelling story. The "rest of the story" brought color and depth to facts and names commonly known, and changed the way listen-



ers thought about those things.

He was a master at illustrating the power of "narrative" — how stories shape our perceptions and beliefs about the world we live in.

In New Mexico, the narrative about "The Land of Enchantment" often is characterized in stark contrast to the outcomes we see. For too many families in our state, the economic, educational,

physical and health conditions they face are less than "enchanting." That deficit-based narrative about what we don't have, what's broken or why we rank at or near the bottom of a host of measures is frequently the one we get stuck in as citizens.

We fail to recognize there is a "rest of the story" for New Mexico. The asset-based narrative that talks about what we do have — what we uniquely have — the ability to make substantial, positive change faster and more broadly than can happen in virtually any other state.

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BARBER

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Although the shop is a bastion of male attitude, the crew consists of three women barbers, including Garner.

“That’s a thing in itself,” she said.

Also working at the shop are Garner’s daughter, Candice Garner, and Laura DeLeon.

Garner bought the shop when Art Munoz put a “for sale” sign on the door almost four years ago.

She said Munoz wanted to retire from the business, which began as Dick and George’s in the late ‘70s.

“It used to be the man haunt,” Garner said.

Picking up the clippers

About 13 years ago, Terry Garner took a walk in Tyrone, NM.

She quit work at her mom’s beauty shop and enrolled at Western New Mexico State University.

Then one day, she ran into Myrna, a barber in Silver City.

“She was so busy, she needed help. She said to come into the shop and see what you think,” Garner recalled. “She was all by herself and she had hair all over the floor. There were two men there when in came a kid.”

The boy was acting out, Garner said. “She literally put the kid in a headlock, cut his hair, gave him a sucker and a kiss and handed him back to his dad.” Somehow the picture appealed to

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Garner, and she agreed to work a couple days a week

“I put down my scissors and picked up a clippers and a big comb,” Garner said.

She worked under the supervision of Myrna, who was a licensed barber and put Garner through her apprentice paces.

“She’d come over and say, ‘A little shorter,’” Garner said recalling her transition from beautician to barber.

Nine years ago, Garner moved to Las Cruces.

“I was born in Washington state, lived in Tor C for 10 years,” she said. “I’ve come to the big city.”

Arriving in the City of the Crosses, Garner studied at Business Skills Institute (BSI), and qualified for a crossover license.

Now, as a licensed barber, she has her own barber pole.

“In order to have a barber pole, you have to have a master barber working on the premises,” Garner said. “It’s New Mexico State Law.”

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Caring for Las Cruces families



Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM) American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians (ACOP) student club treasurer Gabe Pontipiedra spends time with a student from Jardin de los Niños, which provides child care to homeless and near-homeless children at the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope. BCOM hosted a free community baby shower Friday, Dec. 16 on the New Mexico State University campus.

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BRIDGE

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For example:

- If only about 3,000 more students each year cross the finish line to high school graduation, New Mexico will jump from the lowest graduation rate in the country (68.7 percent) to the national average (82.5 percent). *NM PED data*

- 500 more graduates in Doña Ana County would bring us from 74 percent now to 82.5 percent.

- If we reached that rate, the students would collectively earn more than \$28 million

every year, if all they do is graduate high school, boosting our economy.

- If we help 4,118 young people 16-24 years old go back to school or gain employment, we will tie the U.S. national average. To tie New Hampshire for first place, we need to help 18,529 enter school or work. *KidsCount Data Center*

- If we could help just over 7,000 students with high school diplomas or GEDs in New Mexico Congressional District 2 to earn bachelors’ degrees, we would match the national average. *KidsCount Data Center*

What if we rallied ourselves and mobilized our communi-

ties toward achieving these very real, very reachable goals? What if this was the narrative we used when we talked about how to invest precious state budget dollars and create lasting change in New Mexico?

As we go into a very challenging legislative session, when bringing the budget into balance is of utmost importance, I hope that our elected officials, our community and state leaders, and the people of New Mexico, see what is possible and achievable, resisting the urge to fall into the same trap that keeps us behind other states. In this moment, when we can’t throw money at prob-

lems, we must prioritize our investments in things that work, because there are lots of things that do work here. Las Cruces and Doña Ana County are home to many of those things, and we must share this wisdom to benefit of other communities statewide.

When resources are tight, there are two choices: retract or strategically invest. Either direction will have short- and long-term impacts on children, families, businesses, institutions, agencies and communities. What is helping children succeed in school? What is increasing graduation rates? What helps families gain the

skills they need to secure living-wage jobs? What helps existing businesses grow and hire more workers? What attracts business and industry to locate here?

This is the “rest of the story” about our upcoming legislative session. It is our role as citizens to rally around our elected officials and help them make strategic investments in what works and let their decisions be guided by all that is possible for New Mexico.

Tracey Bryan is the president/CEO of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico. She can be reached at: 575-644-6453/575-541-7325.

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No. D-307-CV-2016-2725
Judge James T. Martin

MIKE MERRICK, a/k/a
MICHAEL MERRICK,
Plaintiff,

vs.

ANDY R. BARELA, and
any and all unknown heirs,
devises, spouses and
claimants of interest in the
premises adverse to Plaintiff,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

THE STATE OF NEW
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adverse to Plaintiff

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

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By FINANCE NEW MEXICO

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Eligible applicants include state and local governments, Indian tribes, nonprofits and public and private nonprofit higher education institutions in communities with 50,000 or fewer residents. Eligible projects include job training, feasibility studies, land development, rural business incubators and more.

In November 2016, the Mescalero Apache Tribe received

\$99,900 to conduct a market feasibility study and forest assessment for the Mescalero Forest Products mill. The mill's closure eight years ago resulted in a significant loss of jobs and revenue for the tribe. RBDG funds will help the tribe take the steps necessary to reopen the mill, which is expected to create 48 jobs at the site and 110 to 145 additional jobs in related industries.

Another recent grant recipient is the Northwest Council of Governments, which received \$25,000 in December to help pay for a job training program in Grants. The program, called Solo Works, gives participants the skills needed to do telemar-



keting from their homes. Solo Works graduates will be able to contract with national firms and remain in their communities, no matter how remote. The RBDG-funded project is overseen by Cibola Communities Economic Development Foundation and comes at a time when Cibola County is in need of job creation.

Grant funds can be spent on the development of any private business that employs 50 or fewer new employees and has less than \$1 million in projected gross revenues. The law prohibits private businesses from receiving direct grants, but money can go to a nonprofit or government agency that sets up a revolving loan fund to lend money to a private business. There is no maximum level of grant funding, but requests

for smaller amounts get top priority.

Applications are evaluated based on the proposed project's consistency with local development priorities and evidence of potential job creation.

The program also favors projects that support specific goals of the Rural Development agency and the USDA, its parent department. These projects promote renewable energy, local food systems and value-added agriculture, rural cooperatives, businesses owned by minorities or women-owned businesses in counties where poverty is persistent: Catron, Cibola, Doña Ana, Guadalupe, Luna, McKinley, Mora, Rio Arriba, Roosevelt, San Juan, San Miguel, Socorro and Taos counties. Economic need in the area to be served is a USDA Rural Development Department priority.

The Rural Development Department is currently taking

applications for RBDG assistance. To check eligible areas, visit <https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov>. Applications will be accepted until April 28.

The RBDG program is administered through the USDA's New Mexico office. For more information on this and other rural programs, call Jesse Bopp at 505-761-4952 or visit <https://www.rd.usda.gov/>.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. It fosters growth in home-ownership, finances and business development and supports the creation of critical community and technology infrastructure.

Finance New Mexico assists individuals and businesses with obtaining skills and funding resources for their business or idea. For information visit www.FinanceNewMexico.org.



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

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this 20 day of December, 2016.

Claude Bowman
Court Administrator

(Seal)

By: /s/Maria Zamora

Dates: 12/30, 2016
01/06, 01/13, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 16, 2016, The Salopek Foundation, 5090 Snow Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-8447 POD6, OSE File No.: LRG-8447, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-8447-S-2 located within the NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ of projected Section 17, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 13' 36.49"N, 106° 46' 2.06"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 400 feet for a 16-inch casing to be located within the NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ of projected Section 17, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°13' 35.65"N, 106° 46' 1.52"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, to supplement wells LRG-8447, LRG-8447-S, LRG-8447-S-3, and LRG-8447-S-4, 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 New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 320.43 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the following:

Subdivision Township	Section Range
Part SE ¹ / ₄ 24 South	7 2 East
Part SW ¹ / ₄ 24 South	8 2 East
Part NW ¹ / ₄ 24 South	17 2 East
Part SW ¹ / ₄ 24 South	17 2 East
Part NE ¹ / ₄ 24 South	17 2 East
Part SE ¹ / ₄ 24 South	17 2 East
Part NE ¹ / ₄ 24 South	18 2 East
Part NE ¹ / ₄ 24 South	20 2 East

As described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-001-0016 Right A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for proposed well LRG-8447 POD6 is located south of Mesilla, NM and may be found approximately 1.0 mile southeast of the intersection of Pajaro Road and Snow Road. Old well LRG-8447-S-2 will be plugged. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22.

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 date of the last publication of this Notice. 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.

Date: 01/13, 01/20,
01/27, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 12, 2016, The Estate of Jose F. Perez-Ledezma, 2250 Shady Place, Las Cruces, NM, 88007, filed application numbered LRG-12302-POD1, OSE File No. LRG-12302, with the State Engineer for Permit to Drill and Use a Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-12302-POD1 to a depth of 125 feet with a 6-inch casing in the NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ of projected Section 34, Township 22S, Range 1E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X: 1,461,009 ft. and Y: 491,527 ft. (NMSA Central NAD83), on land owned by the applicant, which will supplement existing well LRG-12192, located on property owned by Jose Perez-Ruvalcaba & Ma Irene Ledezma Ramirez also within the NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ of said projected Section 34 and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X: 1,460,652.87 ft. and Y: 491,754.43 ft. (NMSA Central NAD83), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 1.22 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ of said projected Section 34 as described in Subfile No. LRN 28-007-0206 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed well LRG-12302-POD1 will be located northwest of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 470 feet southwest of the intersection of Shady Place and Shadywood Lane.

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 date of the last publication of this Notice. 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: 01/13, 01/20, 01/27,
2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 2, 2016 Susan A. Krueger, PO Box 1143 Mesilla, NM, filed application numbered LRG-1768, OSE File No. LRG-1768-2, with the State Engineer for. Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County to continue using existing irrigation well LRG-1768 for irrigation purposes which is located within the SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ of projected Section 36, Township 23S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 28.681" N & 106° 47' 53.359" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, which will supplement existing well, LRG-1768-POD4, located at or near where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 27.796" N & 106° 47' 54.203" W (WGS84), located on land owned by the applicant, 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 6.95 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located in SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ of said projected Section 36, (NMPM), as described by Subfile Order No. LRN-28-013-0360, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to continue to use existing irrigation well LRG-1768 for irrigation purposes under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24. The site of existing irrigation well LRG-1768 is located south of Mesilla, east of the intersection of Snow Road and W Union Ave., and further described at the property address of 2913 W. Union Ave, Las Cruces, NM.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the date of the last publication of this Notice. 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: 01/06, 01/13, 01/20,
2017

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt the Following Ordinance(s) at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on 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 9th day of January, 2017.

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

Date: 01/13, 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:
DISCOUNT SELF STORAGE
2499 EL CAMINO REAL RD
LAS CRUCES, NM 88007
575 382-0000

ON SATURDAY,
JANUARY 21st, 2017
BEGINNING AT 10 a.m.
SIGN IN AT 9:30 a.m.

THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS: 21, 35, 92, 103, 105, 122, 190, 287, 294, 357, 404, 427, 492, 502, 670, 682, 703, 713, 726, 789, 807
Tenant addresses are "last known."

Unit 21
MARK BERNIER

689 Hummingbird Dr
Las Cruces NM 88007

Unit items consist of:
Unicycle, toilet seat, wooden bed frame, plastic bins, TV, misc. items

Unit 35
RAMONA ALLISON
1805 Doree Ct
Las Cruces NM 88001

Unit items consist of:
Chest with drawers, dresser, TV, VCR, plastic totes, bed, misc. items

Unit 92
RAMONA ALLISON
1805 Doree Ct
Las Cruces NM 88001

Unit items consist of:
Plastic totes, comforter, misc. household items, misc. items

Unit 103
RUDY CASTILLO
P.O. Box 846
Hatch NM 87937

Unit items consist of:
Couch, Kids' bicycles, car seat, Misc. Kids' items

Unit 105
JOANA RENDON
1520 W Hadley Sp 16
Las Cruces NM 88005

Unit items consist of:
Big screen TV, dining chairs, living room set, bed foot & head board, DVD player, misc. items

Unit 122
JULIANA URANGA
P.O. Box 770
Las Cruces NM 88001

Unit items consist of:
Washer, dryer, dresser, night stand, bed foot/head boards, misc. items

Unit 190
ANNA ALCALA
270 Totonoc
Las Cruces NM 88007

Unit items consist of:
Wheelchair, plastic bins, misc. items

Unit 287
JOSE LUJAN
1324 Luna St
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Unit items consist of:
Big trunks, TV, misc. items

Unit 294
ERIKA RODRIGUEZ
1643 Ash Ave
Las Cruces NM 88001

Unit items consist of:
Washer, dryer, vacuum, headboard, misc. household items

Unit 357
ISRAEL BACA
861 Guadalupe
Las Cruces NM 88001

Unit items consist of:
TV, boom box, computer,

misc. items

Unit 404
SKIP VALENZUELA

3315 Mercury Ln
Las Cruces NM 88012
Unit items consist of:
TV, ATV battery, boxes with LED lights, leather couch, bed, metal racks, misc. tools & items

Unit 427
BRIDGETTE ROMERO
5131 Genesis
Las Cruces NM 88012

Unit items consist of:
bicycle parts, clothing, misc. items

Unit 492
JESSICA JUSTICE
2200 Holiday Ave #320
Las Cruces NM 88005

Unit items consist of:
Grill, weights' bar, chest with drawers, dining table with chairs, misc. items

Unit 502
DARLA JARVIS
301 S Motel Blvd Rm 118
Las Cruces NM 88007

Unit items consist of:
Big Screen TV, day bed, misc. items

Unit 670
MARGARET LUJAN
3635 Haines Rd
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Unit items consist of:
Baby bed with mattress, car seat, misc. plastic bins

Unit 682
RICHARD HERNANDEZ
1054 Aguilera Ct
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Unit items consist of:
Bins, boxes, bike, household items

Unit 703
PATRICK GONZALES
1029 La Fonda #8
Las Cruces NM 88001

Unit items consist of:
Ladder, speaker, suit cases, misc. boxes

Unit 713
DESIREE JUAREZ
4093 Mojave Dr
Las Cruces NM 88005

Unit items consist of:
Dresser with drawers, desk, storage bins, boxes, misc. items

Unit 726
AARON JACKSON
3509 Winter Haven Dr
Las Cruces NM 88007

Unit items consist of:
Flat screen TV, suit case, dolly, gas cans, misc. items

Unit 789
RICHARD TRUJILLO
850 Holly Dr Sp A35
Las Cruces NM 88005

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Unit items consist of:
2 dressers, night stand,
big screen TV, mirror

Unit 807
ARMANDO PADILLA
1370 N Paxton
Las Cruces NM 88001
Unit items consist of:
2 couches, plastic bins,
safe, mirror, misc. items

Dates: 01/06, 01/13, 2017

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Qualifications-based competitive sealed proposals for professional design services will be received by the Vista Del Rey Estates Mutual Domestic Water Consumers' Association (VDRMDWCA) for RFP No. R001-2017. The Association is requesting proposals for professional surveying, planning, and engineering services for the VDRMDWCA Water System Improvements Project No. 001-2017. Proposals will be received at 54 Santana Road, Vado, NM 88072, until January 16, 2017, at 5 p.m. Copies of the Request for Proposals can be obtained in person at the office of Beth Morgan, VDRMDWCA Secretary, at 54 Santana Road, Vado, NM 88072, or will be mailed or emailed upon request to respondents who call for one at 575-233-4071. A non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at 54 Santana Road, Vado, NM 88072.

Dates: 01/06, 01/13, 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 Cru-

ces, 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 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 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: 01/13, 01/20, 01/27, 02/03, 2017

NOTICE TO PUBLIC - DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) GOAL

Las Cruces International Airport, operated by the City of Las Cruces, hereby publishes a proposed overall goal for its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program for FY 2017-2019 for the Airport. The proposed overall goal is 3.5% for all FAA/AIP-funded projects in FY 2017-2019. The methodology used in developing this goal is available for inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Airport Administrator, 8990 Zia Boulevard, Las Cruces, NM 88007. The Airport will receive and consider public comments on the proposed goal until February 17, 2017.

Comments may be submitted to the Airport Administrator at PO Box 20000 Las Cruces, NM, 88004.

For additional information, please contact Lisa Murphy, Airport Administrator, at 575-541-2471 during normal business hours.

Dates: 01/06, 01/13, 2017

PUBLIC AUCTION

2000 Pontiac Grand Am
VIN#
1G2NF52E3YC506222

This vehicle is being sold at public auction as there is a mechanic's lien in the amount of \$2899.36

Auction Date:
March 23, 2017
Auction Time: 8:00am
Auction Location:
425 W. Boutz,
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Date: 01/13, 01/20, 2017

SBA Network Services, LLC SW proposes to build a 70-foot Monopole Communications Tower at the approx. vicinity of 3882 Las Colinas Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Gerald.grenzino@trileaf.com, 2121 West Chandler Boulevard, Suite 203, Chandler, AZ 85224.

Date: 01/13, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-00444

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR CARLSBAD FUNDING MORTGAGE TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

GUSTAVO MOLDOÑADO, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF BILL J. MARTINEZ, DECEASED, FIRST NEW MEXICO BANK, LAS CRUCES, FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC., LAS CRUCES MEDICAL

CENTER LLC dba MOUNTAIN VIEW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO and THE ESTATE OF BILL J. MARTINEZ, DECEASED, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 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 735 Stone Canyon Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 23, BLOCK 1 OF CANYON POINT 2 SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 5, 1996 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 18 AT PAGES 426-427, 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 4, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$427,062.05 and the same bears interest at 4.875% per annum from November 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,
NM 88004-6169
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 01/13, 01/20, 01/27, 02/03, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-00231

FRANKLIN AMERICAN MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

v.

LUZ E. BRIVASCAS, LAS CRUCES MEDICAL CENTER LLC D/B/A MOUNTAINVIEW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on **January 24, 2017 at 11:45 am,** outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT NUMBERED 6 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 11 OF UNIT NO. 3 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID UNIT NO. 3 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 15, 1966 IN PLAT BOOK 9, FOLIO 98-99.

The address of the real property is 1948 Peri Ann Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 15, 2016 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$112,514.24 plus interest from May 1, 2016 to the date of sale at the rate of 3.3750% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale

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will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

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

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

Dates: 12/30, 2016
01/06, 01/13, 01/20, 2017

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

No. PB-2016-132
Judge James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
JOYCE EILEEN
WATSON Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal

Representative c/o The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.O. Box 2277, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 3rd day of
January, 2017.

/s/

TANYA EILEEN
WATSON,
Personal Representative of
the Estate of
JOYCE EILEEN WATSON,
deceased.

Prepared by:

The Law Offices of Dana M.
Kyle, P.A.

By/s/

Dana M. Kyle
P.O. Box 2277
Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88004-2277
(575) 525-0020
(575) 525-0017 fax
Attorney for Personal
Representative

Dates: 01/06, 01/13, 01/20,
2017

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2014-00451

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

vs.

**MANUEL L. ROSALES
AND EMMA C.
ROSALES, 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 9230 Higgins Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 1 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 1 OF BUTTERFIELD PARK, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID BUTTERFIELD PARK, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE

COUNTY CLERK OF DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 8, 1963 IN PLAT BOOK 8, FOLIO 72. ALSO KNOWN AS:

LOT NUMBERED 1 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 1 OF BUTTERFIELD PARK SUBDIVISION, IN THE COUNTY OF DONA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 18, 1962 IN PLAT NO. 574, PAGE 72 OF THE 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 December 13, 2016, in the total amount of \$126,439.52, with interest at the rate of 5.25% per annum from June 21, 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. 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

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property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

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

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

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

Case No.
D-307-DM 2016-1367
Judge: Rosner

Karina Estrada, Petitioner,

v.

**Jose L. Estrada,
Respondent.**

Issued NOTICE OF SUIT

**TO Jose L. Estrada,
RESPONDENT:**

Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you.

The subject of this lawsuit is: divorce

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

Karina Estarda
2013 S. Triviz #737
Las Cruces, NM 88001
575-650-8896

WITNESS the Honorable Mary W Rosner, 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 14th day of December, 2016.

(Seal)

Claude Bowman
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

BY: Susana Tyfair
DEPUTY

Dates: 12/30, 2016
01/06, 01/13, 2017

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

CV-2016-01783

MAUREEN PONCE SINGLETON REVOCABLE TRUST, Plaintiff,

v.

TUSACAN VALLEY PROPERTIES, INC., et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday February 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the main entrance to the Judicial Complex of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 West Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88005, the Special Master will sell all the right, title and interest of the named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described 4 tracts of real property to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds. Each of the 4 tracts to be sold are situated in Santa Teresa, Doña Ana County, NM and are as follows: 131 Tuscan Ridge Cir., Santa Teresa, NM 88008 and described as follows:

1st tract is known as 131 Tuscan Ridge Cir., Santa Teresa, NM 88008, identi-

fied as:

LOT 3, BLOCK 3, TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM, AS DESIGNATED ON PLAT OF TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, FILED IN REAL PROPERTY RECORD OF DOÑA ANA, NM, 2/12/2015, BOOK 23, FOLIO 721-722 on 2/13/2015.

2nd tract to be sold is known as 134 Tuscan Ridge Cir., Santa Teresa, NM 88008, identified as:

LOT 10, BLOCK 2, TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM, AS DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM ON FEBRUARY 13, 2015 IN BOOK 23, FOLIO 721-722. Plat filed: 2/13/2015.

The remaining 2 tracts shall be sold together and are known as 136 Tuscan Ridge Cir., Santa Teresa, NM 88008, further identified as:

LOT 11, BLOCK 3, TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM, AS DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, FILED IN TH OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM ON 2/13/2015 IN BOOK 23, FOLIO 721-722. Plat filed: 2/13/2015.

Which shall be sold with 139 Tuscan Ridge Cir., Santa Teresa, NM 88008, further identified as:

The Friday, January 13, 2017

LOT 7, BLOCK 3, TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM, AS DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM ON FEBRUARY 13, 2015 IN BOOK 23, FOLIO 721-722. Plat filed: 2/13/2015.

The sale will be made to satisfy Final Default Foreclosure Judgment filed December 13, 2016, in favor of Plaintiff, pursuant to a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure therein.

Plaintiff, Maureen Ponce Singleton Revocable Trust, has a Judgment against Defendants, Tuscan Valley Properties, Inc. and Dan M. Brown, in the amount of \$652,894.97 bearing interest at 8% per annum from 7/1/2016.

Plaintiffs may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall be entitled to immediate possession of the real property or properties and improvements more particularly described herein, subject to a one-month right of redemption.

The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real properties and improvements will be sold subject to all, taxes, utility liens, and other re-

strictions and easements not foreclosed herein.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Special Master shall apply the proceeds of the sale first to the costs of sale, and Special Master fees, then to pay the above described Judgment, and then to be distributed in accordance with further Order of the Court. This sale is subject to Entry of an Order of the Court approving the sale.

Firth•Johnston•Bunn•Kerr
PO Box 942
El Paso, TX 79946

/s/Kenneth L. Beal
Kenneth L. Beal
Special Master

Dates: 01/13, 01/20, 01/27,
02/03, 2017

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

Cause No.
D-307-CV-2016-02872
Judge: Martin, James T.

**NANCY A. BYRES
formally known as
NANCY A. CAPLAN
Plaintiff,**

vs.

THE TOWN OF MESILLA A NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AND UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING AN LIEN, INTEREST, OR TITLE ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF AND UN-



City of Las Cruces
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

**INVITATION
BID/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)/REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ)**

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Due Date / Time
Road Construction Materials II	16-17-085	N/A	January 27, 2017/ 2:00pm 700 N Main, Rm 3138, Las Cruces, NM
Automotive Batteries	16-17-086	N/A	January 31, 2017/ 2:00pm 700 N Main, Rm 3138, Las Cruces, NM

Please use this link to access all City of Las Cruces solicitations: <https://www.newmexicobidsystem.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 1/13/2017

KNOWN HEIRS OF ANY DECEASED PERSON MAKING CLAIM OF LIEN, TITLE OR INTEREST ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF Defendants.**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT****STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

To unknown persons claiming interest, lien or title adverse to the Plaintiff and unknown persons claiming a lien, interest or title adverse to Plaintiff and unknown heirs of any deceased person making claim of lien, interest or title to Plaintiff.

You are hereby notified that the above named Plaintiff has brought suit against you in the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico under Cause Number D-307-CV-2016-02872 the general object of which is to quiet title in the following described property situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico to wit.

A 0.3374 acre Tract of land situate within the Town of Mesilla, Doña Ana County, New Mexico. Located in Section 25, T. 23S., R. 1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. surveys, being part of U.S.R.S. tract 11B-29, and being more particularly described as follows to wit;

BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod found along the East line of N.M. Highway 28 for the Southwest corner of the Tract herein described, **WHENCE**, a N.M.S.H.T.D. Aluminum cap for Station 147+11.13 (NMPM-4511(1)), bears S.36°10'32"E., a distance of 666.76 feet;

THENCE, from the point of beginning, along the East line of N.M. Highway 28 N.36°41'25" W., a distance of 91.62 feet to a point of curvature for this tract;

THENCE, along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 12.57 feet, an arc length of 13.40 feet, an included angle of 61°05'29", and whose long chord bears, N. 18°06'02"E., a distance of 12.78 feet to a point at a concrete sidewalk for an angle point of this tract;

THENCE, N.38°07'20"W., a distance of 5.95 feet to a point at the back of the curb along the South line of W. Boutz Road for the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE, following the back of curb, along the South line of W. Boutz

Road, N.51°52'540"E., a distance of 19.00 feet to a point of curvature of this tract;

THENCE, along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 399.86 feet, an arc length of 25.85 feet, an included angle of 03°42'16", and whose long cord bears, N.46°29'37"E., a distance of 25.85 feet to a point of reverse curvature of this tract;

THENCE, along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 259.15 feet, an arc length of 50.71 feet, an included angle of 1°12'40", and whose long cord bears, N.47°30'30"E., a distance of 50.63 feet to a point of tangency of this tract;

THENCE, continuing along the back of curb, along the South line of W. Boutz Road, N.55°16'31"E., a distance of 43.36 feet to a point for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE, leaving the back of curb, and leaving the South line of W. Boutz Road, S.38°28'02"E., a distance of 112.05 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S.53°16'09"W., a distance of 152.13 feet to the point of beginning, enclosing 0.3774 acres of land, more or less. Subject to all easements, patents, restrictions, and reservations of record.

You are further notified that unless a responsive pleading or motion is filed with the District Court Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico at 201 W. Picacho Avenue Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 in which response to pleading or other motion shall also be served on the below named attorney for the Plaintiff within the time required by law which is 30 days after the date of the third publication of this Notice of Pendency of Suit, a judgment by default will be rendered against unknown persons claiming an lien, interest of title adverse to Plaintiff or unknown heirs of any unknown deceased person making claim of lien, title or interest to Plaintiff.

Plaintiff's attorneys are Martin & Lutz, P.C. 2110 North Main Street P.O. Box 1837 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-1837

WITNESS my hand and seal this 30th day of December, 2016.

(Seal)

Claude Bowman
Clerk of the District Court
/s/ Joe M. Martinez
By: Deputy -
Joe M Martinez

Dates: 01/06, 01/13, 01/20, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

NO. 16-0258

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Amelita F Hill, aka Amelita Hill, aka Amelita Fox Hill, aka Amelita Fox Tankersley Hill, DECEASED.**NOTICE TO KNOWN CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to 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, Room # 1-201, Las cruces, NM 88007.

Dated: Dec. 2, 2016

/s/ Boyce E. Tankersley, III
Boyce E. Tankersley, III
340 Gatewood Lane
Grayslake, IL 60030

Dates: 01/06, 01/13, 01/20, 2017

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-02385

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

vs.

RESOLUCIÓN Y PROCLAMACIÓN ENMENDADO DE ELECCIÓN REGULAR DE DISTRITO ESCOLAR

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Independiente Núm. 16 de Gadsden ("Junta" y "Distrito," respectivamente), en los Condados de Doña Ana y Otero y el Estado de Nuevo México, ha determinado que se llevará a cabo una elección regular de distrito escolar ("Elección") el 7 de febrero, 2017, conforme a la Ley de Elecciones Escolares, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-22-1 a 1-22-19;

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta ha determinado que en la Elección se llenarán dos (2) posiciones en la Junta de manera que se someterán a los electores calificados del Distrito los nombres de los candidatos calificados para aparecer en la balota para elección a tales posiciones; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, las personas que deseen llenar tales posiciones en la Junta se les requiere someter declaraciones de candidatura o declaraciones de intento de ser candidato por escrito, todo conforme a la Ley de Elecciones Escolares.

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE NÚM. 16 DE GADSDEN, EL CUAL CONSTITUYE EL CUERPO GOBERNANTE DE DICHO DISTRITO, EN LOS CONDADOS DE DOÑA ANA Y OTERO Y EL ESTADO DE NUEVO MÉXICO, RESUELVE:

Sección 1. El 7 de febrero 2017, se llevará a cabo en el Distrito Escolar Independiente Núm. 16 de Gadsden, Condados de Doña Ana y Otero, Nuevo México, una elección regular de distrito escolar, con el fin de someterles a los electores calificados, registrados del Distrito los nombres de los candidatos para las dos (2) posiciones para ser llenados en la Junta.

Sección 2. En la Elección, las siguientes posiciones en la Junta serán determinadas por los electores registrados calificados del Distrito:

Posición 2: por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo, 2017.

Posición 5: por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo, 2017.

Solamente esos electores calificados viviendo en el Distrito del Miembro de la Junta Número 2 serán elegibles para votar por uno de los candidatos para Posición 2. Solamente esos electores calificados viviendo en el Distrito del Miembro de la Junta Número 5 serán elegibles para votar por uno de los candidatos para Posición 5.

Sección 3. Una declaración de candidatura para una posición en la Junta que se llenará en la Elección se presentará al Doña Ana County Clerk, el oficial apropiado de registración, durante el período comenzando a las 9:00 a.m., el 20 de diciembre 2016, siendo el tercer martes en diciembre y terminando a las 5:00 p.m. el mismo día, conforme a § 1-22-7.

Sección 4. Al declarar la candidatura, cada candidato para una posición en la Junta que se llenará en la Elección someterá una declaración jurada de intento en forma sustancial prevista en § 1-22-8.

Sección 5. Una persona que desea ser candidato por escrito para una posición en la Junta que se llenará en la Elección debe presentar al Doña Ana County Clerk, una declaración de intento de ser candidato por escrito antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 3 de enero 2017, siendo el trigésimo quinto (35th) día que antecede la fecha de la Elección, conforme a § 1-22-18(C).

Sección 6. Una persona es un elector calificado del Distrito si en el día de la Elección él o ella es ciudadano(a) de los Estados Unidos, tiene por lo menos 18 años de edad, y es residente del Distrito. Para votar, electores calificados del Distrito deben haberse registrado previamente con el Doña Ana County Clerk, el Otero County Clerk, o cualquier agente de registración conforme a la ley. Cualquier elector

calificado del Distrito que no está registrado ahora y que desea votar en la Elección debe registrarse antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 10 de enero, 2017, siendo el vigésimo octavo (28th) día inmediatamente antes de la Elección, durante las horas regulares y los días hábiles en la oficina del Doña Ana County Clerk en el Doña Ana County Government Center en Las Cruces, Nuevo México, en la oficina del Otero County Clerk en el Otero County Courthouse en Alamogordo, Nuevo México, o por cualquier agente de registro de votante en una agencia designada según lo dispuesto en NMSA 1978, §§ 1-4-48 y 1-4-49.

Sección 7. Los sitios de votación para la Elección permanecerán abiertos entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. el día de la Elección.

Sección 8. Los Distritos Electorales para la Elección serán como sigue:

DISTRITO ELECTORAL	RECINTO DE ELECCIÓN	SITIO DE VOTACIÓN
2	Para votantes que votan en Recinto 14 de Doña Ana	Santa Teresa Middle School 4800 McNutt Road Sunland Park, NM
2	Para votantes que votan en Recinto 15, 16.1, 19.2, 81, 82.2 y 97.1 de Doña Ana	La Union Elementary School 875 Mercantile Avenue La Union, NM
5	Para votantes que votan en Recintos 75 y 76 de Doña Ana; partes de Doña Ana Recintos 6 y 74; Recinto 1 de Otero, y partes de 35 dentro del Distrito	Chaparral Middle School 290 E. Lisa Dr. Chaparral, NM

Si sólo un candidato ha presentado una declaración de candidatura para cada posición que se llenará en la Elección, no hay candidatos por escrito para ninguna posición, y no hay cuestiones o emisiones de bonos en la balota, solo un sitio de votación para la elección será designado y estará en un sitio de votación designado en el distrito escolar del condado dónde el distrito escolar está situado, el cual puede incluir la oficina del Escribano del Condado si está situado dentro del distrito escolar.

La votación ausente será según se describe en la Sección 10 aquí.

Sección 9. La votación en el día de la Elección se llevará a cabo usando un sistema de votación definido en NMSA 1978, § 1-9-1(B). Por lo menos un sistema de votación se utilizará en el sitio de votación para cada Distrito Electoral.

Sección 10. Conforme a la Ley de la Votación Ausente, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-1 a 1-6-18, la Ley de Recinto de Votante Ausente, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-19 a 1-6-23, y § 1-22-19, electores calificados, registrados también podrán votar ausente en la oficina del Doña Ana County Clerk durante las horas regulares y en los días hábiles desde las 8:00 a.m. el 13 de enero, 2017, siendo el vigésimo quinto (25th) día antes de la Elección, hasta las 5:00 p.m. el 3 de febrero, 2017, siendo el día viernes que antecede inmediatamente la Elección. Conforme a la Ley Uniforme de Votantes Militares y en El Extranjero, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6B-1 a 1-6B-17, un votante federal calificado o votante en el extranjero puede votar en ausencia según lo dispuesto en dicha ley. La votación ausente será por balota de papel conforme a §§ 1-6-8, 1-6-9, y 1-22-19, o por los procedimientos autorizados por la Ley Uniforme de Votantes Militares y en El Extranjero.

APROBADA Y ADOPTADA este día 4 de enero, 2017.

Presidente, Junta de Educación
Atestiguado:
Secretaría, Junta de Educación

DAVID A. DIBBLE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID A. DIBBLE; JERRY D. DIBBLE, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JERRY D. DIBBLE, 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 711 Lenox Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 10, AND 1/2 OF THE ADJACENT VACATED ALLEY, BLOCK D, COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES, REPLAT NO. 1, REPLAT OF BLOCKS D AND I, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 659, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY, ON FEBRUARY 7, 1966, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 9, PAGE 88, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 PM on February 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 November 28, 2016, in the total amount of \$146,525.43, with interest at the rate of 5.25000% per annum from October 21, 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-2016-02292

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

GLORIA BARKER HARSTAD, CALVIN D. HARSTAD; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, GLORIA BARKER HARSTAD, CALVIN D. HARSTAD;

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 115 Sundance Court, Santa Teresa, NM 88008. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 8 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 3 OF SANTA TERESA SUBDIVISION UNIT 6A, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SANTA TERESA SUBDIVISION UNIT 6A, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JANUARY 7, 1977 IN PLAT BOOK 12, FOLIO 86.

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

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AMENDED RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF REGULAR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Gadsden Independent School District No. 16 ("Board" and "District," respectively), in the Counties of Doña Ana and Otero and the State of New Mexico, has determined that a regular school district election ("Election") be held on February 7, 2017, pursuant to the School Election Law, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-22-1 through 1-22-19;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that two (2) positions on the Board are to be filled at the Election by submitting to the qualified electors of the District the names of the candidates qualified to appear on the ballot for election to such positions; and

WHEREAS, the persons who desire to fill such positions on the Board shall be required to file declarations of candidacy or declarations to be a write-in candidate, all in accordance with the School Election Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GADSDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16, CONSTITUTING THE GOVERNING BODY OF SAID DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTIES OF DOÑA ANA AND OTERO AND THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. On the 7th day of February, 2017, there will be held in the Gadsden Independent School District No. 16, Doña Ana and Otero Counties, New Mexico, a regular school district election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified, registered electors of the District the name of the candidates for the two (2) positions to be filled on the Board.

Section 2. At the Election, the following positions on the Board shall be determined by the registered qualified electors of the District:

Position 2: for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2017.
Position 5: for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2017.

Only those qualified electors residing in Board Member District 2 shall be eligible to vote for one of the candidates for Position 2. Only those qualified electors residing in Board Member District 5 shall be eligible to vote for one of the candidates for Position 5.

Section 3. A declaration of candidacy for a position on the Board to be filled at the Election shall be filed with the Doña Ana County Clerk, the proper filing officer, during the period commencing at 9:00 a.m. on December 20, 2016, being the third Tuesday in December, and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the same day, pursuant to § 1-22-7.

Section 4. In making a declaration of candidacy, each candidate for a position on the Board to be filled at the Election shall submit a sworn statement of intent in substantially the form provided in § 1-22-8.

Section 5. A person who desires to be a write-in candidate for a position on the Board to be filled at the Election shall file with the Doña Ana County Clerk, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate before 5:00 p.m. on January 3, 2017, being the thirty-fifth (35th) day preceding the date of the Election, pursuant to § 1-22-18(C).

Section 6. A person is a qualified elector of the District if on the day of the Election he or she is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the District. In order to vote, qualified electors of the District must have previously registered with the Doña Ana County Clerk, the Otero County Clerk, or any voter registration agent, in accordance with law. Any qualified elector of the District who is not now registered and who wishes to vote at the Election should register prior to 5:00 p.m. on January 10, 2017, being

the twenty-eighth (28th) day immediately preceding the Election, during regular business hours and days of business, at the office of the Doña Ana County Clerk at the Doña Ana County Government Center, in Las Cruces, New Mexico, at the office of the Otero County Clerk at the Otero County Courthouse, in Alamogordo, New Mexico, or by any voter registration agent at a designated agency, as provided in NMSA 1978, §§ 1-4-48 and 1-4-49.

Section 7. The polls for the Election will be open between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

Section 8. The Voting Districts for the Election shall be as follows:

VOTING DISTRICT	ELECTION PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE
2	For voters who vote in Doña Ana Precinct 14	Santa Teresa Middle School 4800 McNutt Road Sunland Park, NM
2	For voters who vote in Doña Ana Precinct 15, 16.1, 19.2, 81, 82.2 and 97.1	La Union Elementary School 875 Mercantile Avenue La Union, NM
5	For voters who vote in Doña Ana Precincts 75 and 76; portions of Doña Ana Precincts 6 and 74; Otero Precinct 1, and portions of 35 within the District	Chaparral Middle School 290 E. Lisa Dr. Chaparral, NM

In the event that only one candidate has filed a declaration of candidacy for each position to be filled at an election and no declared write-in candidates have filed for any position and there are no questions or bond issues on the ballot, only one polling place for the election shall be designated and it shall be in a designated polling place in the school district of the county in which the school district is located, which may include the county clerk's office if it is located within the school district.

Absentee voting will be as described in Section 10 herein.

Section 9. Voting on the day of the Election shall be by a voting system defined in NMSA 1978, § 1-9-1(B). At least one voting system shall be used at the polling place for each Voting District.

Section 10. Pursuant to the Absent Voter Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-1 through 1-6-18, the Absent Voter Precinct Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-19 through 1-6-23, and 1-22-19, qualified, registered electors may also vote absentee at the office of the Doña Ana County Clerk during regular hours and days of business, from 8:00 a.m. on January 13, 2017, being the twenty-fifth (25th) day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m. on February 3, 2017, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election. Pursuant to the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6B-1 through 1-6B-17, a federal qualified voter or overseas voter may vote absentee as provided in that law. Absentee voting shall be by paper ballot, pursuant to §§ 1-6-8, 1-6-9, and 1-22-19, or by the procedures authorized by the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of January, 2017.
President, Board of Education
Attest:
Secretary, Board of Education

Feast on the Beast

'Beauty and the Beast' opens Jan. 13



See page 42
for feature.

'Beauty and the Beast' opens Jan. 13 at NMSU

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

As they did with last year's nationally recognized production of "Chicago," Scaffolding Theatre Company's founders and co-directors Megan McQueen and Justin Lucero have re-envisioned their new show, "Beauty and the Beast," "to enhance its theatrical magic in a new way."

The Las Cruces production of "Beauty and the Beast" will be presented Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 13 through 15 at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. It will then travel to Socorro and El Paso for additional performances in January and February.

Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$20.

The musical is based on the animated Disney film, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year with a live-action remake, McQueen said. The show features music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, and a book by Linda Woolverton. The Scaffolding production includes all the musical's most popular songs, including "Be Our Guest" and "Beauty and the Beast."

"I've seen at least five different live stage productions of this musical, including the original on Broadway, and they've all been very similar in concept," McQueen said. "Though the licensing contract specifies that



Cast members from Disney's 'Beauty and the Beast' rehearse the plate dance.

you are not to copy any of the original design, this show is usually approached as if there isn't another option."

"I absolutely loved the ("Beauty and the Beast") movie as a teenager," she said.

"We're hoping Disney lovers who adore the film like I do will be intrigued by this fun spin on the design," Lucero said. "And those who don't know the musical will be equally moved."

"The animated film was what turned me on to musicals," he said. "I played Cogsworth at the UTEP Dinner Theatre in 2005. I did projects on it during both my undergraduate and graduate training. I treasure it as a fairy tale, and that is why we are taking a storytellers approach to presenting it. After all, we audiences are just like Belle – we LOVE a good story."

"In a unique spin on

the typical staging, the cast of 10 represent three generations of a family gathered at grandpa's house who choose to act out the story for one another," McQueen said. "Each steps into various roles, aided by books, candlesticks, teapots and other knickknacks lovingly collected on cluttered shelves."

The cast includes Veronica Bissell as Belle, Mario Ragazzone as the

Beast, Brandon Brown as Gaston, Algernon D'Ammassa as Lumiere, Cameron Lang as Cogsworth, and Amanda Bradford as Mrs. Potts. Rounding out the ensemble are Daniela Castorena, Brianna Chavez Chacon, Harmony Schlesinger and Xodia Choate.

Pianist Ginny May will be joined by Cesar Camarena on the cello and Dominic Lowhar on the flute to accompany

PERFORMANCES

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 13 and 14; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15

WHERE: ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave.

COST: Tickets range from \$10 to \$20

the production. Las Cruces artist Bob Diven designed the set, and Sam Tyson did the lighting design, McQueen said.

Here are the performance dates, times and locations for "Beauty and the Beast":

Las Cruces: Friday and Saturday, Jan 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 15 at 2:30 p.m., ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave.;

Socorro: Saturday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Macey Center, 801 Leroy Place as part of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology's Performing Arts Series;

El Paso: Saturday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 12 at 2:30 p.m. at the Philanthropy Theatre, 125 Pioneer Plaza.

For reservations and additional information, call 575-646-5952. Visit www.scaffoldingtheatrecompany.com or on Facebook at Scaffolding Theatre Company.

Contact McQueen at 575-644-7136 or mamega-nmcqueen@gmail.com. Contact Lucero at 915-256-6314 or jomijulu@hotmail.com.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Texas Tenors join Las Cruces Symphony

BULLETIN REPORT

The Texas Tenors will join director Lonnie Klein and the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra for performances at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15, at the Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe Drive, according to an LCSO press release.

Tickets are \$35 each and can be purchased online at <https://holdmyticket.com> or by calling 877-466-3404

The Texas Tenors — Marcus Collins, JC Fisher and John Hagen — will be joined by The 3 Bottle Band for the performances.

The release states: Billboard Top 10 recording artists and three-time Emmy award winners, The Texas Tenors burst onto the music scene six years ago after their debut on NBC TV's America's Got Talent. They have performed more than 1,000 concerts around the world

For more information, visit www.lascrucessymphony.com.

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The Mabel Dodge Lujan Story
January 27, 2017 • 6pm
January 28, 2017 • 1pm & 6:30pm

Randy Granger
January 21, 2017 • 7:30pm

Moon Mouse: A Space Odyssey
February 3, 2017 • 7pm

Play Me: A Tribute to Neil Diamond
with Chris Waggoner
February 11, 2017 • 7:30pm

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| Rhythm Roundup (Music/Dance for ages 2-5) | |
| FRI JANUARY 13 • 3:30 A.M. | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
| Library Lab (Activities/Stories for ages 6-10) | |
| MON JANUARY 16 • ALL DAY | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
| Library Closed for MLK, Jr. Day | |
| TUE JANUARY 17 • 10:30 A.M. | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
| Read to Me (Storytime for ages 3 and up) | |
| TUE JANUARY 17 • 2:00 P.M. | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
| Computer Class—MS Windows 10 | |
| TUE JANUARY 17 • 6:30 P.M. | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
| Branigan BookClub Erik Larson. <i>The Devil in the White City</i> | |
| TUE+THU JANUARY 17+19 • 4:00PM | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
| Teen Game Night | |
| WED+THU JANUARY 16+17 • 10:00 A.M. | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
| Toddler Time (Storytime for ages 1-3) | |
| WED+THU JANUARY 18+19 • 10:00 A.M. | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
| Toddler Time (Storytime for ages 1-3) | |
| WED JANUARY 18 • 11:00 A.M. | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
| Mother Goose Time (Activities for Infants) | |
| FRI JANUARY 20 • 7:30 P.M. | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| Friends of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks present <i>Telluride Mountainfilm</i> | |
| SAT JANUARY 21 • 7:30 P.M. | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| The NM Heritage Series continues with Randy Granger & Friends
<i>Native Music & Stories</i> | |
| FRI JANUARY 27 • 7:30 P.M. | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| <i>Awakening in Taos</i> , Premiere Screening and Gala Event for Independent Film about Mabel Dodge Lujan | |
| SAT JANUARY 28 • 1:00 P.M. | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| Independent Film Screening & Workshop by Mark Gordon, Writer/Director of <i>Awakening in Taos</i> | |
| SAT JANUARY 28 • 6:30 P.M. | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| <i>Awakening in Taos</i> , an Independent Film about Mabel Dodge Lujan | |
| SUN JANUARY 29 • 2:00 P.M. | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| The American Association of University Women present <i>One For the Girls</i> | |
| FRI FEBRUARY 3 • 7:00 P.M. | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| The Doña Ana Arts Council presents <i>Moon, Mouse, A Space Odyssey</i> | |
| SAT FEBRUARY 11 • 7:00 P.M. | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |
| Chris Waggoner presents <i>Play Me, Neil Diamond Tribute</i> | |

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

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NMSU art faculty, staff to exhibit in 'Impermanent Topography'

BULLETIN REPORT

Featuring works by 11 NMSU Department of Art faculty and staff members, "Impermanent Topography" addresses the social, political, geographical and cultural landscapes that comprise our ever-shifting understandings of contemporary life, according to an NMSU press release. The exhibition grapples with the unwieldy intersections of memory, selfhood and information through human inscriptions of identity in paint, metal, clay, digital media and experimental sculpture. Curated by Michelle Lanteri, "Impermanent Topography" includes artwork by Julia Barello, Tauna Cole-Dorn, Craig Cully, Jessika Edgar,

Motoko Furuhashi, Richard Hesketh, Wes Kline, Adam Labe, Bree Lamb, Jacob Muñoz and Rachel Stevens.

The exhibition will run from Jan. 17 through Feb. 9 with an opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20 at the University Art Gallery, 1390 E. University Ave.


According to the release, a diverse selection of media and style give form to the inquiries put forth by the "Impermanent Topography" artists. Craig Cully's "Slaughter Series" confronts the undoing and reconstruction of life through expressionistic accumulations of oil paint that interrogate the unnatural yet customary process of harvesting livestock for foodstuffs.

Motoko Furuhashi's coiled packing tape sculptures record the artist's performative explorations of select exterior landscapes in her evidencing of the particularity of place in collected earthly material, the release said.

Wes Kline's intermedia installation produced with Erika Lynne Hanson is titled "Varied Choreographies" (desert, dialogue, debris); this work investigates serial movement as a choreographed system that activates community. Through porcelain letters that script prayers for the dead around steel rows, Rachel Stevens' "I Can't Remember My Name" sculpture describes the adaptation, impermanent home and survival of her grandparents and relatives during the Holocaust in the Western Ukraine.

All "Impermanent Topography" programming, as well as admission to the gallery, is free and open to the public. Info: 575-646-2545.



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Reptiles: Saturday, Jan. 14
Birds: Saturday, Jan. 21
Mammals: Saturday, Jan. 28
- **Saturday Workshop, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
Paleontology: Saturday, Jan. 14
- **Today in Space, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14**
Dinosaur Train, 9 a.m.
Brachiosaurus: Thursday, Jan. 19
- **Teen Science Café, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19**
Museum Selfie Day, All Day Friday, Jan. 20
- **Dino Days, 9 to 11 a.m.**
Tuesday - Saturday, January 24-28
- **Nature Kids – Butterflies, 9 a.m.**
Thursday, Jan. 26

Railroad Museum

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- **Coloring Club for Adults**
10 a.m. to noon Fridays Jan. 13 and 27
- **Family Game Day**
10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Jan. 14
- **National Model Railroad Meeting**
1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14
- **Rail Readers Book Club**
11 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Jan. 18
- **Doña Ana Modular Railroad Club**
H-O train layout running, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19
- **Toddler Story Time**
11 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 21

Museum of Art

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- **Artrageous, 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays**
Jan. 14 – Calendars
Jan. 21 – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Jan. 28 – Chinese New Year
- **Artist as Traveler, 11 a.m. to noon, Saturdays**
Jan. 14 – Gail Rieke talk
Jan. 21 – Gail Rieke guided tour

Branigan Cultural Center

Info: 575-541-2000

- **Culture Club, 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays**
Jan. 14 - Dot Art
Jan. 21 - Star Badge Activity
Jan. 28 - Water Color Spray Paint Activity

Hollywood producer returns to Las Cruces for acting workshops

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

If Las Cruces gets its own soundstage, Hollywood producer and Las Cruces-area native Priscilla Moralez wants to make sure it has the actors ready and willing to give casting agents what they're looking for.

The Las Cruces City Council voted in December to give city staff the authority to "negotiate a property acquisition agreement" for a film and media soundstage in Las Cruces.

Once a soundstage is set up, productions coming to Las Cruces local people they can hire for movie and television productions.

As part of the Las Cruces International Film Festival (LCIFF), Moralez will be conducting a seven-week acting seminar that will offer students hands-on training and preparation leading up to the LCIFF's casting seminar on March 11 and 12.

The goal of the workshops is to assure there are enough qualified people to work in Las Cruces, Moralez said. "What we can do is identify who, in the southern part of the state, including El Paso, are available and qualified and know what they are doing and can be hired in all aspects," she said.

Moralez is a 1993 graduate of Gadsden High School who has been a manager and producer in Hollywood since 2000. She has switched from managing to producing movies

and television shows — "that's where my joy lies," she said — but continues to work closely with actor, director, writer Kevin Costner.

The workshop is "a call out to all the area actors, anyone at all who is interested in doing even background in a film," she said.

"I am going to be bringing down a couple of legitimate Hollywood casting directors to put on seminars," Moralez said. They will teach workshop participants "what it takes to get cast" both in Hollywood and in Las Cruces — "how to put their best foot forward, be ready to be hired, know what's being asked of them.

The cost of the workshop is \$200, which is about the same cost as a single acting workshop in Los Angeles, Moralez said. LCIFF is keeping the seminar affordable "so more people can participate," she said.

"Priscilla's involvement in the film festival really elevates the whole event," said LCIFF Executive Director Ross Marks. "Her industry connections, knowledge and passion for Las Cruces is unparalleled. I am extremely grateful to have her on our advisory board. This year's festival is going to be special. Priscilla is a big reason for that."

Marks said the film festival will include "a separate work session where participants will have the chance to perform scenes for the casting directors and get real-world critique and

Workshops are Jan. 14 - March 5

WHAT: Las Cruces International Film Festival acting seminar

WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 14-Monday, March 6; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Sundays, 6 to 8 p.m. for teens and adults; Mondays, 4 to 6 p.m. for children ages six to 13

WHERE: Creative Media Institute for Film and Digital Arts, Milton Hall, NMSU

COST: \$200 per person

MORE INFORMATION: For more information, call us at 575-201-3284 or email info@actorsworkshopsw.com. Visit www.LCIFFEST.com and Actor's Workshop on Facebook.

advice from these industry professionals."

The festival tells movie and television professionals that "we are interested in getting ourselves prepared as a real source of

production for this huge, huge industry, for a state that is so welcoming of it, in a city that is truly capable of helping these productions be what they should be," Moralez said.



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Las Cruces company uses T-shirts to promote local artists

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The high-tech world of modern marketing offers a wide range of ways to promote the works of local artists. But three Las Cruces entrepreneurs are also using an old standard – that classic of American casual dress, the T-shirt.

The artist T-shirt series grew out of a recent local art show, said Christina Ballew, creative director and designer for NewMexi.co, a company she founded along with Jon Foley and Lucky Gonzalez, all of Las Cruces.

The three young artists are partnering with Reviver Printing of Las Cruces on the T-shirt project.

Ballew, Foley and Gonzalez reached out to their artist friends to select the artwork for the first set of T-shirts, which are now for sale at MDC Computers, 2001 E. Lohman Ave., where NewMexi.co has a

shop. You can also buy the T-shirts online at <https://newmexi.co/art/newmexi-co-artist-series/>.

Ballew's work is featured in the T-shirt series, along with designs by Deret Roberts of Art Obscura in Las Cruces and local artist Cassandra Dixon. Dixon's "Hold True" T-shirt design is probably NewMexi.co's top seller to date, Ballew said. Ballew's cactus design is called "Thrive," while Roberts' jackrabbit design is called "The Desert Is for Dreamers."

Other NewMexi.co T-shirts and coffee mugs are also available, along with prints by local artists, including those featured in the T-shirt series.

Ballew said NewMexi.co plans to "regularly introduce new shirts" featuring the works of more local artists. The company will continue to work with Reviver Printing on shirt and ink colors to best present each featured art-



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRISTINA BALLEW

Las Cruces artist Cassandra Dixon with the NewMexi.co tee shirt featuring her artwork, which is called "Hold True."

ist's work, she said.

The T-shirts offer compensation to the artists and "affordable art" to the buyers, Ballew said. "It's a really great experience for anyone in the creative field," she said. "Do what you love and send it to us."

"It's an ongoing project," said Gonzalez, who owns MDC Computers and is NewMexi.co's producing partner and founder.

The art reflected in the T-shirt series is part of NewMexi.co's effort to "start selling goods made by New Mexico in New Mexico for the world," he said.

"I think there's amaz-

ing talent here that's largely untapped," Reviver Printing owner Chris Preciado-Shelton said on Reviver's Facebook page.

NewMexi.co, founded in September 2014, is "a platform for artists," said Foley, who is a photographer and videographer.

The company was created "as a way to showcase and advertise businesses and individuals in the state," Gonzalez said. Its slogan is "What's your New Mexico?"

NewMexi.co's website (<https://newmexi.co/>) has photos, videos and events calendars for Las Cruces and other New Mexico cities. It also has

articles about New Mexico business, entertainment, food and health and fitness, along with a list of state monuments and historic sites, in-state trips and destinations. There's also a "Best of NewMexi.co" that includes the 10 most popular New Mexico images in 2016 and the state's best videos.

Gonzalez, a native of Alamogordo, has lived in Las Cruces since 2011. Ballew, who has also lived in Alamogordo and Alaska, has been here since 2012. Foley was born and raised in Las Cruces.

"We just have a lot of really cool things going on here that I don't think are represented at all,"

Ballew said.

Although Las Cruces is often "undervalued and underappreciated, it's a great community," Gonzalez said. "People need to know that."

NewMexi.co and the artist T-shirt series are also giving "a piece of New Mexico" to visitors, and sharing "the beauty of our state and the talent of our state."

"It's kind of an exciting time to be down here," Gonzalez said. "We love what we do. We love New Mexico."

You can submit a design to be considered for a future NewMexi.co T-shirt to Ballew at art@newmexi.co.



PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Left to right are NewMexi.co's Jon Foley, Christina Ballew and Lucky Gonzalez with the three tee shirts that are part of their new artist series.

'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?' opens Jan. 20

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Edward Albee's Tony-award winning play, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" opens Friday night, Jan. 20 and continues for nine performances at Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. in downtown Las Cruces.

The play will be performed at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 20-21 and 27-28 and Feb. 3 and 4 and at 2 p.m. on Sundays, Jan. 22 and 29 and Feb. 5.

Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$11 for students, senior citizens and military; \$9 for children under age six; and \$10 each for groups of 10 or more. Student "rush" tickets will be sold to students with a valid student ID card for \$5 15 minutes before curtain time if seats are available.

The cast includes Janet Beatty-Payne as Martha, Danny Wade as George, Erica Krauel as Honey and Greg Blackman as Nick.

"I hadn't previously done any Albee, and studied the works of Albee while in college, so thought this would be a great project," said the play's director, Patrick Payne. "This show is a classic, and now, with the recent passing of Edward Albee, I'm glad we are getting the chance to tackle this play. I am excited about my cast. Danny Wade is bringing a depth to George that is so incredibly interesting and thought provoking. This has also been a great chance to work with my wife, Janet, on one of the meatiest, challenging female roles out there." Payne most recently directed "The Mercy Seat" at LCCT. He has acted in and directed many plays at LCCT and Black Box Theatre.

"I'm so honored to have the chance to play the incredibly complex role of Martha in this production," said Beatty-Payne, who directed LCCT's December production of "The Wizard of Oz." "Martha is horrible, lovely, detestable, kind, endearing, frightening ... she is the entire gamut of emotions all rolled into one powerhouse character. It's exciting to sink my teeth into such a strong character and to get to create someone so different from myself on



PHOTOS BY VANESSA DABOVICH, LAS CRUCES COMMUNITY THEATRE

Left to right are "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" cast members Danny Wade (George), Janet Beatty-Payne (Martha), Erica Krauel (Honey) and Greg Blackman (Nick).

the stage every night. Rehearsals are coming along great and I'm excited to share this show with our Las Cruces audience."

"If I got to choose the music, 'Highway to Hell' would be part of the preshow," said Wade, who most recently performed as the Watchman in "Agamemnon" at Black Box Theatre. "I'm trying not to think about how much people love this play, because that's intimidating. I'm sure there's stuff in it I haven't recognized yet, but I feel like it has a lot to say about how much people can hate each other and still love each other, and a lot about how screwed up we all are. Of course it's also about illusions and how much we come to integrate them into our stories, and might be exploring the question of whether we're better off without them."

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" won the Tony award and the New York Drama Critics' Circle award for Best Play in 1962, as well as Tonys for best actor and best actress (Arthur Hill and Uta Hagen).

A film adaptation of the stage play, starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton, was released in 1966. Taylor, Burton and co-stars Sandy Dennis and George Segal all received Oscar nominations for their performances, with Taylor winning for best actress in a leading role and Dennis winning for her supporting role.

CALL TO ARTISTS

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 to Oct. 21, 2017. Awards include cash prizes. This year's juror is Steven Hill.

The deadline for submissions is postmark-date April 21, 2017. 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.

Call to Artists: 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.

The Artist in Residence program educates and promotes the appreciation, protection and preservation of natural and cultural resources on public lands. The residency provides an artist and public an opportunity to interact to better enhance the understanding of the public lands as well as the unique qualities an artist's eye can capture.

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@organmntnfriends.org.

Aldo Leopold writing contest open to grades six through 12

The purpose of the Aldo Leopold Writing Contest is to build on the author's legacy by inspiring the next generation of citizens to participate in the evolution of the land ethic through the written word. The Aldo Leopold Writing Contest invites New Mexico students in grades 6-12 to read Leopold's work, especially "A Sand County Almanac," and to write an essay on land ethics. The essays vary in length according to grade category. Students in grades 6-7 write essays no longer than 300 words; grades 8-9 (400 words); grades 10-12 (500 words). Each grade category will be judged separately. A \$500 cash prize will be awarded in each age category with an additional \$250 worth of books awarded to the school of the overall best essayist. The first place essays will be read at the awards ceremony at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 21 at the First

Annual Leopold Lecture at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque. Entries must be emailed to brian@goldenaplenm.org by February 7. Visit www.LeopoldWritingProgram.org for contest and entry information.

Film Crew Training Class offered at DACC

A film crew training class will be offered at Doña Ana Community College (DACC) starting in January. CMT 126 FILM CREW TRAINING I will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays with instructor Dan Williams, IATSE 480 Union Member.

If you're in southern New Mexico and you're interested in working on film crews from the smallest independent documentary shoots all the way up to big-budget features, the best place to start is the CMT 126 course at DACC. You'll get your state law-required, IATSE Local 480-required safety card, other valuable certifications and valuable skills and insights into the industry via hands-on practice with equipment. Info: Creative Media Technology program, 575-528-7310.

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The Girl on the Train

Rated: R
Genre: Thriller
Directors: Tate Taylor

Ouija

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Horror, thriller
Director: Mike Flanagan

Keeping up with the Joneses

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Comedy
Director: Greg Mottola

Come and Find Me

Rated: R
Genre: Drama
Director: Zack Whedon

Top grossing Jan 6.-Jan. 8

- Rogue One**
(Week No. 4) \$21,972,000
- Hidden Figures**
(Week No. 3) \$21,800,000
- Sing**
(Week No. 3) \$19,573,000
- Underworld: Blood Wars**
(Week No. 1) \$13,100,000
- La La Land**
(Week No. 5) \$10,000,000
- Passengers**
(Week 3) \$8,800,000
- Why Him?**
(Week No. 3) \$6,500,000
- Moana**
(Week No. 7) \$86,413,000
- Fences**
(Week 4) \$4,700,000
- Assassin's Creed**
(Week No. 3) \$3,800,000

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Sing



Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A koala named Buster Moon has one final chance to restore his theater to its former glory by producing the world's greatest singing competition.
Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon, Seth MacFarlane

Passengers



Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A spacecraft traveling to a distant colony planet and transporting thousands of people has a malfunction in its sleep chambers. As a result, two passengers are awakened 90 years early.
Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Chris Pratt

La La Land



Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A jazz pianist falls for an aspiring actress in Los Angeles.
Starring: Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone, Rosemarie DeWitt

Fences



Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: An African-American father struggles with race relations in the United States while trying to raise his family in the 1950s and coming to terms with the events of his life.
Starring: Denzel Washington, Viola Davis

Patriot's Day



Rated: R
Plot Overview: An account of Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis's actions in the events leading up to the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing and the aftermath.
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Michelle Monaghan, J.K. Simmons

Moana



Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A young woman uses her navigational talents to set sail for a fabled island. Joining her on the adventure is her hero, the legendary demi-god Maui.
Starring: Auli'i Cravalho, Dwayne Johnson, Rachel House

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Hidden Figures



Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A team of African-American women provide NASA with mathematical data needed to launch the program's first successful space missions.
Starring: Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe

Live by Night



Rated: R
Plot Overview: A story set in the Prohibition Era and centered around a group of individuals and their dealings in the world of organized crime.
Starring: Ben Affleck, Elle Fanning, Brendan Gleeson

Monster Trucks



Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Looking for any way to get away from the life and town he was born into, Tripp (Lucas Till), a high school senior, builds a Monster Truck from bits and pieces of scrapped cars.
Starring: Lucas Till, Jane Levy, Thomas Lennon

A Monster Calls



Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A boy seeks the help of a tree monster to cope with his single mom's terminal illness.
Starring: Lewis MacDougall, Sigourney Weaver, Felicity Jones

Underworld: Blood Wars



Rated: R
Plot Overview: Vampire death dealer, Selene (Kate Beckinsale) fights to end the eternal war between the Lycan clan and the Vampire faction that betrayed her.
Starring: Kate Beckinsale, Theo James, Tobias Menzies

Rogue One



Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The Rebellion makes a risky move to steal the plans for the Death Star, setting up the epic saga to follow.
Starring: Felicity Jones, Diego Luna, Alan Tudyk



COURTESY PHOTO

Lynn Cohen stars as Rose in "The Pickle Recipe." Rose tries to hold on to her most prized possession: her famous top secret dill pickle recipe. And it's a recipe which she has vowed to take to her grave.

Everything is kosher in this dilly of a movie

By JEFF BERG

'The Pickle Recipe' will not be winning any major awards, probably not even any minor accolades either. However, that is not important since it is a rather fun and silly film, kind of a throwback to more innocent comedies that didn't involve the 'F' word being uttered every 11 seconds.

Pickle Recipe's story follows the antics of Joey Miller, a DJ in Detroit, whose equipment is destroyed at the beginning of the film by a Keystone Cop-type accident. Broke and needing more equipment for his livelihood and also for his daugh-

GRADE: B+

The Pickle Recipe will be at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla for a week starting tonight, Friday, Jan. 13.

ter's upcoming Bat-Mitzvah, Joey (played by Jon Dore) makes a deal with his rather shady uncle, Morty, who agrees to help him out but only if he helps Morty get his paws on a secret.

That secret is the recipe to

Morty's Mom's dill pickles, which have made Irv's Deli, THE place to go for pickles and pastrami for many years. Rose is Joey's grandmother; hence Joey is quite reluctant to take part in the meshugganah, but desperation has led to worse things for many people.

Several nitwitted schemes don't pan out, including the funniest one in which the two men pay a low-ball drug dealer to analyze the pickles and tell them what is in them that makes them the best. Another scam has a friend of Joey's masquerading as a Rabbi until Rose gets a 'good' look at the

Rabbi and the caper is up.

A while later, after a bout with amnesia, Rose and the deli crew put together 100 different pickle recipes to try and rekindle Rose's secret, now lost due to her getting bonked on the head.

The film progresses quickly and effortlessly and in most aspects is fresh and clever. The cast, mostly of whom will look familiar to many of you, is mostly made up of strong character actors. Lynn Cohen, as Rose, has been on Sex and the City and appeared in The Hunger Games.

Dore's work for the most part has been on television and he

has done a lot of comedy writing.

Morty is played by David Paymer, who has been in dozens of films and on television quite often as well.

When I spoke with writer/producer Sheldon Cohn while trying to get an advance copy of the film, he was a tad hesitant to share the work, since critics in lesser publications had mostly panned the film, even though festival audiences (and my wife) adored it. But, after a while he relented and I was glad he did.

The Pickle Recipe is gentle and fun and deserves your attention, even if you don't like pickles.

PUZZLES

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 21 Place to spend drams
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 50 River vessel
 51 Unrefined metals
 52 Like sports cars, briefly
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 88 In an unstrict way
 89 Elongated fish
 90 — Sea (Asian body)
 92 Problematic plant swelling
 93 Old Giants great Mel
 94 Vase variety
 95 Shout just before flying

97 Small monastery
 100 During each
 102 Bullfight yell
 103 Decade divs.
 104 Celebrity advocate for UNESCO
 110 Torn apart
 111 DiFranco of folk rock
 112 Play scenery
 113 Semicolon's cousin
 117 Out of port
 118 Hiragana or katakana, in a sense
 123 Injury, in law
 124 Dessert style
 125 Ticketmaster specification
 126 Payment to play cards
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 2 "I love him like —"
 3 "The Eternal City"
 4 — light (filming lamp)
 5 Touch, e.g.
 6 Texter's "Wow!"
 7 Hissy
 8 Boots, e.g.
 9 Bike spokes, say
 10 Before, in poetry
 11 Key with one sharp
 12 Stinging insect
 13 Military foe
 14 Baking pan
 15 Unhappy
 16 Home of St. Francis
 17 Broad street
 18 Stinging insect
 19 Chilly
 24 Airport landing: Abbr.
 29 "It's chilly!"
 31 Avila aunt
 32 Just about
 33 "N'est ce —?"
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 57 Cotton thread type
 59 Pointed a firearm
 60 Knife in old infomercials
 63 "Noah" director Aronofsky

67 Sluggish
 69 "Hud" co-star Patricia
 70 Rural hotels
 72 Wiry
 73 Film director Bergman
 74 Elia pieces
 78 "Fa-a-ancy!"
 80 Mel's brassy waitress
 81 Rodent's last meal, maybe
 82 Gregarious sort
 83 Gem mineral
 84 "The Raven" poet's initials
 85 — Hill (R&B quartet)

87 Bill's film bud
 91 Faith forsaker
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 95 City area, for short
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 101 Key with one sharp
 104 Persona non —
 105 Bolivian city
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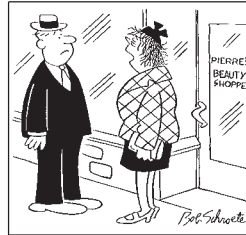
PUZZLES

WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

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

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SCRAMBLERS



"I won't be long - I'm only going in for an
-----."

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

Outfit **FISHRUN**

Talk **SKAPE**

Gone **BASTEN**

Shame **GAMITS**

TODAY'S WORD

CRYPTOQUIP

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

Clue: F equals I

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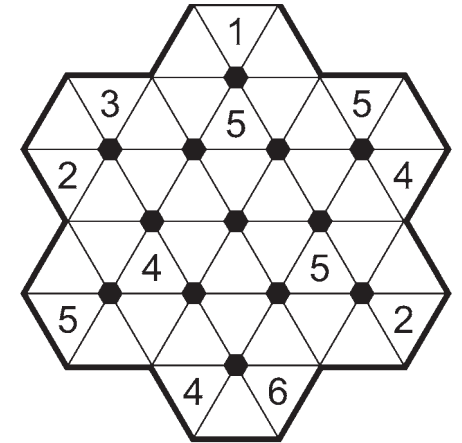
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SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

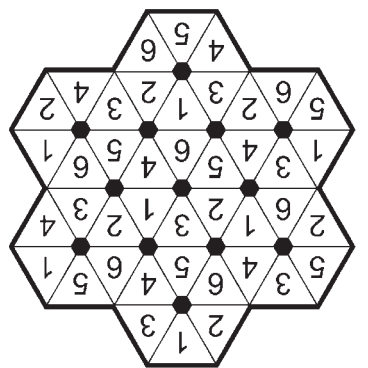
People like it when the clown is heckling swimmer Williams. They enjoy watching the jester pester Esther.

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ESTIMATE

Today's Word
1. Furnish; 2. Speak;
3. Absent; 4. Stigma

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

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SUPER CROSSWORD

EVENTS CALENDAR

Coolside Collective concert Jan. 15

The Coolside Collective will perform for the Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society at the monthly concert series at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15 at First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road across from Las Cruces High School on the third Sunday of the month. Cost is \$5 for Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society members; \$10 non-members and \$1 for students with ID. Dessert social at 6:30 p.m.

According to a Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society press release, The Coolside Collective is a Las Cruces jazz band featuring Josh Carter, alto and tenor saxophone; Dwight Goetz, trumpet; Adriel Hernandez, bass guitar; Andres Hernandez, electric guitar and Robert (OJ) Ojinaga, drums. Adriel and Andres Hernandez were past society music scholarship recipients, the release states.

Info: Cindy M. Brooks, president, Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society, www.mvjazzblues.net or 575-640-8686.

Classical guitarist available for performances, private lessons

Classical guitarist Hunter Beck received his master's degree in classical guitar from Arizona State University, where he taught for several years. He specializes in classical but is available to teach theory, history and technique for all styles of guitar. "I love the process of discovering and nurturing each individual's unique talents," Beck said. Info: 575-522-5181.

Mas Art holds classes with Wayne Carl Huber

Pencil and Pastels art class taught by Wayne Carl Huber is 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. Fee: \$40 for four continuous Saturdays- Jan. 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4.

- Jan. 14: pencil drawing with contour line;
- Jan. 21: pencil still life drawing;
- Jan. 28: pastel still life drawing;
- Feb. 4: pastel landscape drawing.

Enrollment is limited to eight students. Supply list and info: Wayne Carl Huber at 575-647-5684 or wch1966@msn.com.

Raven Art Studio classes in full swing

Art classes for teens 17 and older and adults with Rick Rotante at Raven Art Studio take place at 300 N. Main St. All classes are \$25 per session.

- Drawing in charcoal: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Mondays
- Oil painting: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays
- Pastel painting: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Thursdays



The Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society January concert features local band The Coolside Collective on Sunday, Jan. 15.

- Special 10-week introduction to oil painting class: 6-9 p.m. Fridays. Call for start dates and materials list. \$185.
 - Sunday model workshop: 4-7 p.m. (minimum four artists)
- Info: Rick Rotante at 909-233-0425.

Singer/performer presents an overview of Judaism in China

Robyn Helzner, vocalist and storyteller, shares stories, photos, video and music exploring the extraordinary history of Jewish communities in Beijing, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Kaifeng in a performance entitled "Kreplach and Dim Sum — Yes, There are Jews in China." In addition, she traces the emergence of the fastest growing Jewish region in the world, at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23 at 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave. Info: call the Temple office at 575-524-3380. The program is open to the greater Las Cruces community.

Museum of Art offers spring studio art classes

The Las Cruces Museum of Art, (MoA) offers art classes for children and adults of all experience levels beginning Wednesday, Jan 25 and continuing to Saturday, March 4. Registration is ongoing through Jan. 18. Session one classes include:

- Homeschool Creative Enrichment: 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays (ages 5-7) or Thursdays (ages 7-12), \$50
- Handbuilding (clay), ages 16 and older, Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m., \$80
- Drawing and Painting the Portrait in Oil, ages 18 and older, Wednesdays, 3-5 p.m., \$65
- Youth, Afterschool Group Exploration, ages 8-15, Wednesdays, 4:30-6 p.m., \$50
- Figure Drawing and Painting, ages 18 and older, Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., \$60
- Landscape Painting, ages 16 and older, Thursdays, 4:30-6:30 p.m., \$60
- Ceramics Intermediate/Advanced, ages 18 and older, Thursdays, 6-8:30 p.m., \$110
- Clay for Kids!, ages 8-13, Thursdays, 4-5:30 p.m., \$50

- Mixed Media Layered Composition, ages 18 and older, Saturdays, 10 a.m.-noon, \$60
- Ceramics for Aspiring Potters, ages 18 and older, Saturdays, 1-3:30 p.m., \$110
- Still Life Painting, ages 15 and older, Saturdays, 2-4 p.m., \$55

There will also be open studio times for both sessions for students only, with no instructors. A minimum of four students is required for each class, and classes will be capped at eight to 10 students each. A list of supplies for each class will be provided and, unless noted, students will be responsible for providing their own supplies. Scholarships for some students are available based on need on a first come, first served basis.

Register for classes at the Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Info: LeeAnn Oliver at 575-541-2155 or loliver@las-cruces.org or Museum of Art front desk at 575-541-2137 or moa@las-cruces.org.

NM Vintage Wines offers music

NM Vintage Wines at 2461 Calle de Principal in Mesilla presents:

- Friday, Jan. 13: Cooper CW Ayon, 8-10 p.m., foot drums, guitar, vocals and harmonica
- Saturday, Jan. 14: Paul Walter Kimball, 8-10 p.m., incorporating trumpet, guitar, percussion elements and a deep tenor voice
- Sunday, Jan. 15: Alison Reynolds, 3-5 p.m., classical pieces on cello, folk/pop/rock
- Friday, Jan. 20: Soulshine, 8-10 p.m., all-acoustic mixed genres
- Saturday, Jan. 21: Double Cluthers, 8-10 p.m., bass-slappin' rockabilly act
- Sunday, Jan. 22: The Cajon Brothers, 3-5 p.m., original music, blues/jazz/acoustic rock
- Friday, Jan. 27: Chris Baker, 8-10 p.m., local country star
- Saturday, Jan. 28: Megan Davenport, 8-10 p.m., Straight from Miami, Florida, country/blues/pop, originals
- Sunday, Jan. 29: Alistair M + Steve MacIntyre,

3-5 p.m., indie/rock/folk

• Friday, Feb. 3: Barney Muggers, 3-5 p.m., jazz in a folk/ragtime rhythm

The Black Market Trust concert to benefit 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 is coming back to Las Cruces for a concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 at the Rio Grande Theater, 211 N. Main St. with proceeds benefitting 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 every Wednesday

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Barbershop quartet to sing at library meeting

The Friends of the Branigan Library will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan 19, in the Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3025 Terrace Drive. The agenda will include year-end reports, review of by-laws and nomination and election of officers for the organization for 2017. The evening will also feature refreshments and musical entertainment. The meeting is free and open to the public

Special entertainment for the event is the Cactus Chords barbershop quartet. The popular group performed for the first annual Real Men Sing Concert sponsored by the New Mexico State University Music Department and was named the 2016 gold medalist in the New Mexico Senior Olympics competition in the 65+ class, making them eligible for the national competition in Birmingham, Alabama in June 2017. For more information, visit libraryfriend-slc.org.

Art classes offered

The following art classes will take place at My Place Jewell Studio, 132 B Wyatt Drive:

- Beginning Drawing and Painting: 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays
 - Intermediate and Advanced Drawing and Painting: 1-3:30 p.m. Thursdays
- High School Students are welcome in either class. Payments of \$45 are due every four weeks. Students may begin anytime.
- Home school art classes offered for students between ages of 7 and 12, who may enroll in classes repeated every Wednesday from noon to 12:50 p.m. Price is \$25 for four classes.
- Instructor is 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.

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

NMSU art faculty, staff exhibition opens Jan. 17

Featuring works by 11 NMSU Department of Art faculty and staff members, the exhibition "Impermanent Topography," which opens Tuesday, Jan. 17, addresses the social, political, geographical and cultural landscapes that comprise our ever-shifting understandings of contemporary life. Curated by Michelle Lanteri, "Impermanent Topography" includes artwork by Julia Barelo, Tauna Cole-Dorn, Craig Cully, Jessika Edgar, Motoko Furuhashi, Richard Hesketh, Wes Kline, Adam Labe, Bree Lamb, Jacob Muñoz and Rachel Stevens.

The exhibition runs from Jan. 17 through Feb. 9 with an opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20 at the University Art Gallery, 1390 E. University Ave.

Unsettled Gallery presents C.C. Cunningham

The artist C.C. Cunningham pegs mark making as a primal urge. Facing the blank substrate on which her work is built, she luxuriates in the raw physicality of manipulating paint, texture, found objects and marking tools as she scrapes, scratches, layers and glazes to reveal and veil figures, symbols and words. Her first solo gallery exhibit since returning to Las Cruces from Colorado, opens with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 14 at 905 N. Mesquite St. Cunningham has exhibited her work consistently in many venues throughout New Mexico, Colorado and Texas. Her work is part of public and corporate collections. Info: 575-635-2285; u@unsettledgallery.com; www.unsettledgallery.com and on Facebook as Unsettled Gallery.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts features two artists for January

During the month of January, the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery features two artists: Ruth Ann Sugarman and Yvonne Postelle at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre.

Sugarman, a born New Englander, received a BA from the University of Iowa and came to the Southwest after retiring as an educator. Her love of landscapes fascinated her to communicate in color, shape, line and texture. She is primarily an acrylic landscape painter. She is a member of the local art associations and has participated in both group and juried shows.

Postelle works primarily in oils and mixed media oil pastel as a landscape painter. The love of art has been a constant passion as long as she can remember. She retired from the business world in 1989, to pursue her art. She has attended extensive art classes and workshops, exhibiting regularly in both group and juried shows.

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts gallery will hold its annual Love of Art Month/My Masterpiece contest and reception in February. More information in February.

The First American Bank, Mesilla, is well represented by gallery members who continue to rotate their artwork monthly. Additionally, the 30 artists of the Gallery offer art in various mediums, including original paintings, oil, acrylics, pastels, fused glass art jewelry, one-of-a-kind woodturning objects, stained glass, photography, mixed media, decorated gourds, handmade textile weavings, art tile, natural quality gemstone jewelry, handcrafted basket weavings, pencil, charcoal and ink, prints, cards and miniature paintings.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Info: call 575-522-2933 or visit: www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

Tombaugh Gallery shows 'Moons, Mandalas & Meditations'

The exhibit, "Moons, Mandalas & Meditations" continues at the



Yvonne Postelle works primarily in oils and mixed media oil pastel.

Tombaugh Gallery through Jan. 27. Inspired by the beauty and magic of the moon, artist Corina traveled a "wondrous journey into the mystical, universal, and divine circle - the Mandala," discovering the sacred circle residing in herself. Her exhibit includes acrylic, gold leaf and India ink mandala paintings, full moon photographs, and inspirational meditations. She states "The sacred circle, or mandala, can assist us in opening our hearts to create that space within us, which we can fill with peace, wholeness and harmony, and then reflect it back into the world."

The Tombaugh Gallery is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday inside the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Dr. Info: call the church at 575-522-7281.

Branigan Cultural Center exhibit closes Jan. 21

Three new exhibits have opened at the Branigan Cultural Center at 501 N. Main St.

The new exhibits are: "An Enduring Tradition: 20th Century Navajo Weaving"; "Howard Clinton Tibbitts: Historic Advertising Photography of the Southwest"; "In Service to Country: Military Equipment 1860 to Present".

All will be on display through Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017. Admission is free to the Branigan Cultural Center. Info: 575-541-2154.

Gallery features Tugel, Hendrickson

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre, will feature local artists Arlene J. Tugel and Sylvia Hendrickson.

Tugel likes the pure, glowing color that can be achieved with water-color, her preferred medium. Hendrickson works with gourds and

her technique includes carving and wood burning, using dyes, inks, paints, beads, feathers and leather with a variety of other natural products. She also conducts classes on the subject.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Sunday. For information, call 575-522-2933 or visit the web site at www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

Blue Gate showing Estelle's works

Donnie Estelle's art works are on display at the Blue Gate gallery. She is a self-taught artist Estelle's working surfaces usually have textures, often weathered wood.

Also featured at Blue Gate will be paintings by Flo Hosa Dougherty. Both exhibits will continue through December by appointment, 575-523-2950 or bluegateflodoc@aol.com.

Woodcut exhibit

Artist Nancy Frost Begin has an exhibit at Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road. Her exhibit features woodcuts, architectural images, and the "Avian Fashion Show," where she has taken favorite persons in history, art, science, music and made wood cuts with birds. Info: 575-541-0658.

Linda Lundeen Gallery showing Jeri Desrochers

Jeri Desrochers is joining the other artists at the Linda Lundeen Gallery at the Lundeen Inn of the Arts. Desrochers is known for her electric style and using vibrant shades and colorful splashes portraying the chile fields of the Mesilla Valley. The gallery is located at Lundeen Inn of the Arts, 618 S. Alameda Blvd. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 575-526-3326.

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Beyond Cinderella's midnight crisis

There is something magical about clocks and their ticking sound. It's not that they are doing much other than ticking and tocking. In many ways, in their ticking, they actually are talking. It's not that they have mouths or vocal cords or anything like that. Clocks catch our attention and become the reference point during any given day, hour, minute or second. Like the hour glass of ages past, the clock references more than the generality of the passing of the broad spectrum of time.

So it is that the hour that captures the attention



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Dwelling Places

of the world is the last hour of Brother Year at the end of a 365-day cycle. There seems to be no human condition that escapes the awareness of that last hour. The clock speaks to us of the passing of

Brother Year's life and his burial in the sands of the graveyard of history.

We look back at the record of success and failure during Brother Year's span of life and, though Brother Year yielded much success, he, nonetheless, simply wanes away as did his sibling of the previous year. It

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Chanukah lights up the night

Congregants and community members joined together in lighting Chanukah candles at the Temple Beth-El Las Cruces celebration of the Seventh Night of Chanukah on Friday, Dec. 30.

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all ends at the tick of a clock at the stroke of midnight as in the case of Cinderella whose carriage becomes a pumpkin. But unlike the carriage that reverts to pumpkin-hood, the Brother Year just fades away ignominiously. It becomes invisible although it is the launch-pad for the birth of Sister New Year.

So, are time and life reduced to sands in an hour glass or the ticking of a clock? This reduction would indeed render a caricature of the simple magnitude of living. Notice I say "living," not life.

"Living" is the infinitive form of the noun "life." The magic is in the "living." This thing called "living" is kind of like a soft breeze through the pines.

And, so you ask, "What's this all about? Why is he waxing so poetic and vague?" Let's get back to the solid ticking of a clock. It represents the movement from one second to another, one minute to another, one hour to another, one day to another, etc. But if we didn't have them, perhaps we'd suddenly find ourselves arriving at the point when our "year of living" is on its deathbed. I used to have a nightmare about showing up to the classroom thinking it was the first day of class. I'd wake to a frantic gasp as I'd sud-

denly find that the teacher was handing out the final exam.

That is the point of all this: there is, in the molecular structure of all of us, a magic that is both smaller and larger than any molecule, atom, electron or quark. The death of old Brother Year and the birth of Sister New Year appear grandiose in the scheme of the nature of mankind as noted by all the attention given to celebrations for the mere clicking of the final second before midnight. We see the dropping of the famous ball in Times Square in New York City. "Happy New Year," we all yell, wearing pointy glittered hats and carrying on, singing "Auld Lang Syne." We think in terms of endings and beginnings.

So, you ask: "So what?" For Christians, there are no longer endings; there are only transitions. Or better, "transfigurations." For Christians there is only a resurrection mentality. The pumpkin in us is gone and the stately carriage to the higher realms never magically fades away.

After the resurrection of Jesus, the stroke of midnight is no more. For Christians, the only Happy New Year was on an Easter morning almost 2000 years ago when death faded away and the clock of mortality stopped and the breath of eternity was born. But we must relive that resurrection moment each breath of our being.

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Events at Unity

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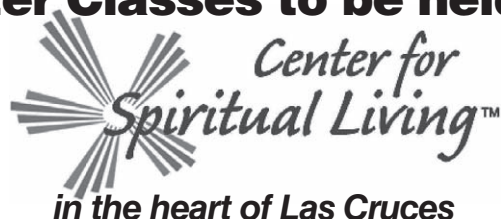
At 9 a.m. Sundays learn and study God's Word for fellowship, coffee and snacks, followed at 9:15 a.m. by Sunday School and adult Bible study, and at 10:30 a.m. divine worship. At 10 a.m. on Saturdays join the "Discover the Faith" class for newcomers at 2752 N. Roadrunner Pkwy. Info: 575-522-0465.

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Performer presents an overview of Judaism in China

BULLETIN REPORT

Robyn Helzner, vocalist and storyteller, shares stories, photos, video and music exploring the extraordinary history of Jewish communities in Beijing, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Kaifeng in a performance entitled “Kreplach and Dim Sum — Yes, There are Jews in China.” In addition, she traces the emergence of the fastest growing Jewish region in the world, at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, at 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave. according to a Temple Beth-El press release.

Helzner served as the Cantor for the United Jewish Congregation of Hong Kong and officiated at the first bar Mitzvah celebrated in Beijing. She also leads Jewish Heritage Tours to China.

Helzner “radiates a passion for Jewish music that captivates listeners. A leading interpreter of World Jewish Music, Robyn has appeared in concerts in Amsterdam, Hong Kong, Tokyo, and throughout North America. The moving



COURTESY PHOTO

Vocalist and storyteller Robyn Helzner presents “Kreplach and Dim Sum — Yes, There are Jews in China” at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23 at Temple Beth-El.

Live in the City” are beloved by children worldwide. For more information on Robyn Helzner, visit: www.helzner.com.

According to the release, for more information about this program, call the Temple office at 575-524-3380. The program is open to the greater Las Cruces community and is sponsored by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso.



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Events at Center for Spiritual Living

Sunday service: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Shamanic Drumming & Meditation 1:30 – 3 p.m. the first Friday of the month. Newcomers or seasoned practitioners are all welcome; participants must be 18 years or older.

Yoga-9-10 a.m. Mondays; 4-5 p.m. Wednesdays; 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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Sacred Living Circle-A group that discusses articles from the Science of Mind magazine meets from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays.

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needed. Rehearsal 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Single Parents Support Group- 7-8 p.m. Thursdays.

A Course In Miracles discussion- 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays.

All activities held at the Center, 575 N. Main St. Info: 575-523-4847.

Men's prayer breakfast at First Baptist

From 7 to 9 a.m. every Tuesday at First Baptist is a men's prayer breakfast in the fellowship hall. Info: 575-524-3691.

Non-denominational service at New Agape


At 5:45 p.m., Sundays at the Dream Center, Sixth and Wilson streets, the New Agape Christian Church offers a scriptural, theological, historical and scientific look at the Prophets. Agape is an all-people's church; everyone welcome. Children's church provided. Info: Pastor Herb 575-650-3915.

Mission Lutheran Sunday school, services and education

Events at Mission Lutheran include: 9 a.m. Sundays fellowship, followed at 9:15 a.m. with Sunday school for adults and children. At 10:30 a.m. are worship services at 2752 Roadrunner Parkway. Mission Lutheran Church and School welcomes all. Mission Lutheran has an accredited day school for preschool through fifth grade, where the children receive a solid Christian education in a loving, supportive environment. Info: (church activities) 575-522-0465; info (school) 575-532-5489.

Discover the Faith classes at Mission Lutheran

All are welcome 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays at Mission Lutheran Church, at 2752 Roadrunner Parkway for a class for people who are new to the faith or who would like a refresher course on what being a Lutheran is all about. The class continues for several weeks. Info: 575-522-0465.



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Spicy New Year's resolutions

Are you keeping your New Year's resolutions? One that I annually make and proudly keep, is to sample new dishes and to try new recipes.

While dining out recently, I ordered a bowl of barbacoa, a likeness to beef stew but rather than cubed, the meat is shredded and steeped in a spicy meld smoking with the deep richness of chipotle. The dish wasn't new to me; I've ordered it off menus before but have never stirred up a batch myself until recently. I share the recipe this week.

A perk —the works can be put in a slow cooker set on low all day. "Chile" winter days and "knights" will make this dish, I'm certain, a favorite on your comfort food list. I scattered my serving with shredded jack cheese, and for crunch, thinly sliced cabbage and radish. Need I add, bowls of chile always look extra inviting (and tasty) with a dollop or two of sour cream. Mop the bowl with a warm tortilla. You won't want to miss a drop!

Serve barbacoa with a favorite salad side, or sweet potato fries seasoned with chili powder and cayenne pepper. I vote sweet potato fries dipped into an enchanting chili-cilantro sour cream sauce. I didn't forget dessert. Let's make this three-course meal a three-chile affair. Dessert—a chocolate-ancho cookie (or two).

Smokin' Hot Barbacoa in a Slow Cooker (Serves: 8)

4 pounds beef chuck roast
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
3-4 chipotle chiles in adobo sauce (from can)

1¼ cups beef broth
4 teaspoons minced garlic
1½ tablespoons ground cumin
1 tablespoon dried oregano
¾ teaspoon salt, then more to taste
½ teaspoon ground black pepper
¼ teaspoon ground cloves
¼ cup fresh lime juice

Cut the beef into large cubes. In a large skillet over medium high heat add the vegetable oil and sear the beef on each side. Transfer to your slow cooker.

In a food processor add adobo chiles, beef broth, garlic, cumin, oregano, salt, pepper, cloves, and lime juice. Pulse until blended and pour on top of the meat.

Cook on low for 8-9 hours or high for 6 hours. Shred the meat with two forks and turn on warm.

Southwestern Spiced Sweet Potato Fries (Serves 4)

2 large sweet potatoes cut in large matchsticks pieces about 1/4 inches x 2 inches
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
½-1 teaspoon cayenne pepper, or to taste
Chile-Cilantro Sour Cream, recipe below

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Toss sweet potatoes and olive oil in a large bowl.

Combine salt, cumin, chili powder, paprika, pepper, and cayenne in a small bowl. Add spices to potatoes and toss to coat. Arrange potatoes in one layer on baking sheet.

Bake in oven on lowest rack until bottoms of matchsticks are browned, 12-15 minutes. Turn potatoes with a spatula and bake an additional 10 minutes.

Remove from oven and serve with Sweet Chili-Cilantro Sour Cream.

Sweet Chili-Cilantro Sour Cream

1 cup sour cream
1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lime juice
2 teaspoons sweet chili sauce
1 small garlic clove, minced
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1 heaping tablespoon chopped cilantro
Combine all the ingredients except the cilantro in a medium bowl and whisk together. Stir in cilantro.

Chocolate-Ancho Cookies (Yield: 3 dozen cookies)

2/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1½ teaspoons ancho chile powder, plus more for garnish
½ teaspoon salt
2½ cups all purpose flour
1½ cups sugar
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, room temperature
2 large eggs
Confectioner's sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease two baking sheets.

In a medium bowl, whisk together cocoa powder, flour, salt, and chile powder. In a large bowl, beat together butter and sugar until light and fluffy, about 4 minutes. Mix in eggs and beat for another minute. Beat in flour mixture and continue to beat until dough has become smooth and cohesive, about two minutes.

Separate dough in two equal parts. Roll each half into a 1½ -inch wide log. Wrap each log in plastic wrap. Let dough chill in refrigerator for 1 hour.

Cut dough logs into ½ -inch thick rounds and arrange on baking sheets. Bake until evenly lightened in color but still chewy in texture, about 16 minutes. Let cookies cool before dusting with confectioners sugar and extra ancho chile powder, if desired. (Adapted from seriouseats.com)

MEET THE COLUMNISTS

You read them every week, but what do you really know about them? What makes Sunny Conley an expert on cooking? Why does Gary Guzman work in the dirt? We're confident that Father Gabriel Rochelle, Rabbi Larry Karol, Reverend Carol Carnes and Reverend Tom Baca are above reproach, but are they really? You decide.

In our series "Meet the Columnists," Susie Ouderkirk will profile each of our columnists so you'll know more about them. This week, we reintroduce our food columnist, Sunny Conley.

The Bulletin's foodie has a spicy monkey on her back

By **SUSIE OUDERKIRK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

"I became addicted," Sunny Conley, the Bulletin's food columnist, told me recently.

Originally from Michigan, she moved to Las Cruces in 1988. "Chile pepper was a little-known spice to me," she said. "Chile pepper flakes sprinkled on pizza come to mind."

Former Bulletin publisher David McCollum invited her to be the paper's food columnist and her chile journey began: "Excited to share my pod-pourri adventures as a novice, I launched Chile Knights, now in its 18th year," she said.

Conley started sampling chile: the "fresh variety—from the mild to off-the-charts-Scoville hot," she said. "Each variety delivered its own unique flavor along with many side perks, including, with some, a mysterious endorphin-like high. Meals soon weren't complete without at least one dish spirited and seasoned with this enchanting spice. My taste buds demanded and craved—to this day—a daily chile fix."

Writing about chile came easy with her master's degree in English from NMSU. Now, as a seller and promoter of licensed collectible gifts and decor at the new Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation Store (<http://shop.franklloydwright.org>), she lives in Arizona and is a coordinator at a private residential home where the residents who play and win at Bingo are rewarded with chocolate,

Sunny Conley

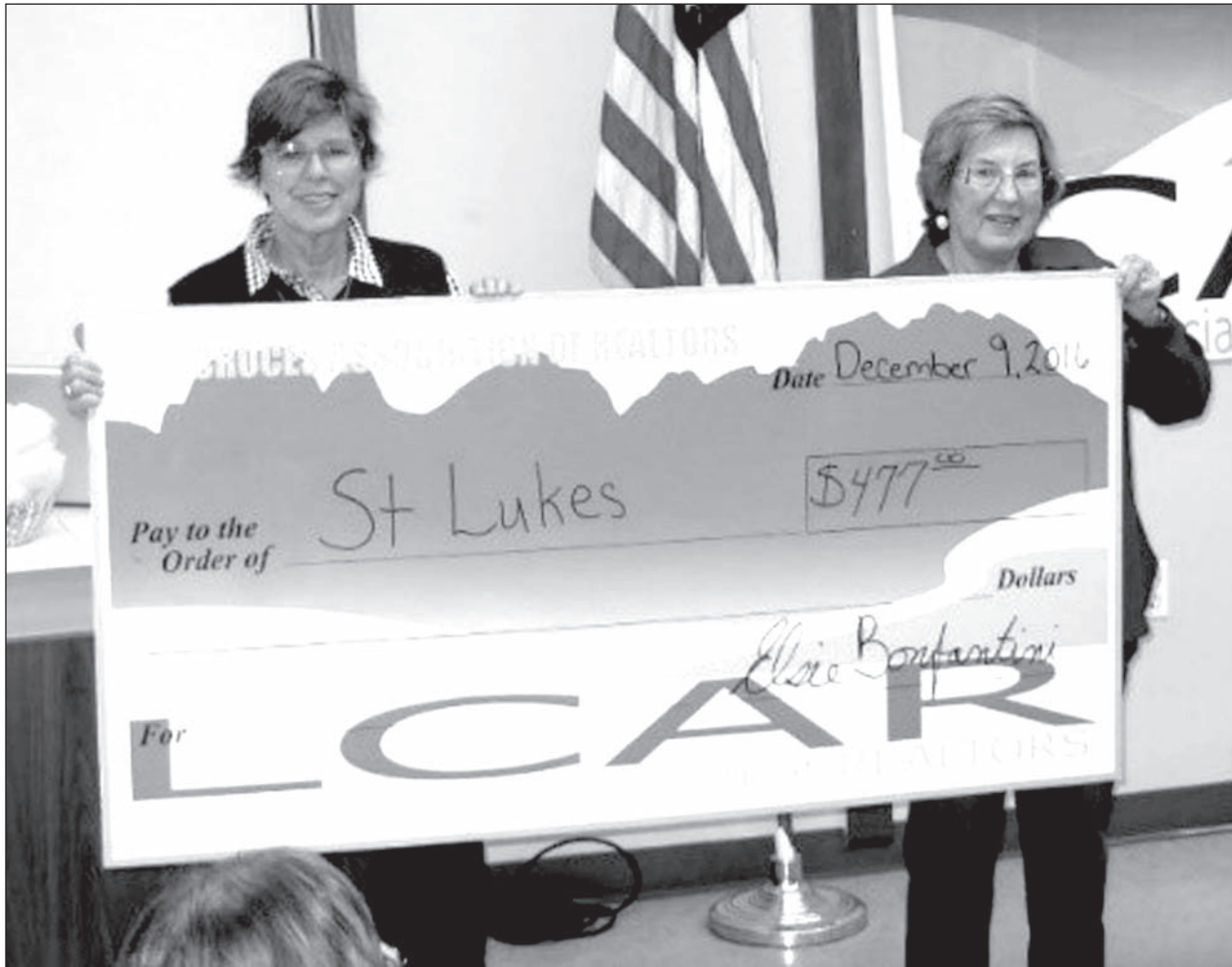
AGE: 66

CURRENT LOCATION: Arizona

EDUCATION: Master's degree in English from New Mexico State University

FAVORITE QUOTATION: "Life is made better sprinkled and spiced with chile pepper."

LCAR donates to St. Luke's Health Care Clinic



COURTESY PHOTO

On Friday, Dec. 9, members of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR) donated \$477 to St. Luke's Health Care Clinic at 999 W. Amador Ave. The donation was collected at the winter Realtor Rally held at the LCAR meeting hall. A check was presented by LCAR Community Service Chairperson Elsie Bonfantini to St. Luke's CEO Pamela Angell.

"We are thrilled with the commitment to community made by the Las Cruces Association of Realtors and all of its Realtors and affiliates," said Angell.

The mission of the clinic is to provide health care for the homeless and indigent. The clinic is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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preferably dark, Conley told me.

She fills her time with "power walking, whacking tennis balls, photography, daytrips, sunset gazing, cooking, dining out, dabbling in watercolor painting, listening to jazz, writing, volunteering at community events and (harmlessly) teasing friends and coworkers," she said.

If she were stranded on a desert island, and could only have three foods/beverages, she told me: "Well, fresh water of course; but also habanero cheddar cheese and crusty artisan bread. If fresh water were available, I'd fancy a large pot of bottomless hot, fresh-roasted ground coffee, preferably Sumatra."

Because she's not stranded on said desert island, she favors the following:

Slow cooker chicken breasts

smothered in crushed pineapple, spiked with one or two minced seeds-in habaneros; spicy barbacoa; hot green chile stew; red and green tamales with rice and refried beans; grilled filet mignon (medium rare, please) topped with a hot slab of green chile drizzled with red enchilada sauce.

"And one more if I may," she said. "Stir fry tossed and toasted in chile oil and then piled high over a bed of fluffy jasmine rice."

LCAR Monthly Home Sales Report for December, 2016

"The number of homes sold in December 2016 was higher than December 2015, but the total dollars volume was lower. This is because the sales for homes priced below \$250,000 were way up while sales for homes priced above \$250,000 had decreased. For the entire year of 2016 sales improved in all categories with an increase in the home average sale price. Projections for 2017 look forward to a continuation of the positive trends in the Las Cruces area."

—Janina Carlona, SNMMLS President

Single Family Home Sales in the Las Cruces area* for Dec., 2016 were \$23,453,762. For Dec., 2015, sales were \$25,072,179. Dec. dollar volume was down \$1.6m (-6.4%).

The number of homes sold in Dec, 2016 was 129, compared to 124 last year. The increase was 4.0%.

The average sale price in Dec., 2016 was \$181,812. Last year the average was \$202,194. The decrease in average home sale price was 10.1%.

Sales broken down into price categories:

PRICE RANGE	Sold 2016	Sold 2015	# sold + or -	% sold + or -
Up to 100k	13	15	-2	-13%
100k to 150k	48	30	+18	+60%
150k to 250k	49	47	+2	+4%
250k to 400k	15	25	-10	-40%
Over 400k	4	7	-3	-43%

*All sales figures supplied by the SNMMLS. Figures are for single family homes and permanent mobile homes sold in the Las Cruces metro area extending south to Vado, north to Radium Springs, east to Organ and west to the West Mesa.

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Just another plain, yellow puppy

Fostering can save a life

By WYNONA PITTIE

For the Bulletin

His picture kept popping up on my newsfeed on social media and it burned its way into my thoughts and when I closed my eyes at night. Others commented on him, about how sad he looked, how pitiful the picture was. But he was just another plain, yellow puppy.

He was afraid to lift his head to look at the camera. He was the saddest dog I had ever seen in a shelter picture. At closer glance, I could see his ribs, a gunshot wound that hadn't healed, large scratches on his muzzle. He had yet to be given the opportunity to play, romp around or even rest his head on something soft. He had been surrendered to a high-kill shelter, and being just a plain, yellow puppy wasn't going to get him out of there.

As part of a rescue called Tails from the Shelter, I thought about this puppy every day, but I had to be realistic. He was cities away and our foster homes were at capacity.

Then it happened. The little yellow puppy was saved. Not because he was adopted. Not because his owner came for him. Not because a rescue freed him. He was saved when a foster offered to take him in. She would treat him as one of her own by feeding him, teaching him and showing him love.

The day we received word that the plain, yellow puppy had been freed from his kennel was a happy one for our rescue. The pictures of him in the "getaway car" were not only rewarding, but were the true meaning of free.

Fosters are critical in the animal rescue world and in the lives of shelter pets. Every animal who goes into a foster home reduces the number of shelter pets euthanized every year, by making those animals adoptable. Fosters save animals that need it the most: those in high-kill shelters with limited time, or those that would have been euthanized because of poor socialization, fear, aggression, lack of trust or neglect.

Because a foster came forward, the plain yellow puppy was given a place to



decompress, his personality emerged, he regained his confidence, he played, he loved, he got healthy, but most importantly, he was made adoptable.

Fosters are resting places for shelter animals where they can learn to be adoptable. The need for fosters never disappears. Tails from the Shelter is a "foster-based" rescue, meaning that all our dogs are currently in foster homes. We are limited by the number of fosters we have available.

We encourage anyone who wants to help but is unable to adopt, to foster. If you are interested in fostering and saving a life like the plain yellow puppy's, join us from 4 to 7 p.m. at Farley's, 3499 Foothills Road or contact us at www.tailsfromtheshelter.org, www.facebook.com/Tailsfromtheshelter/ or at 575-520-3759.

Wynona Pittie is an animal advocate and writer who is involved in the success of Tails from the Shelter. She can be reached at 575-520-3759.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The plain, yellow puppy before his foster experience, above, and after, left.

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Sandy

This fun-loving female Collie mix is named Sandy, and she's all about smiles! With an upbeat personality, she would make the perfect companion for anyone who lives an active lifestyle. Her only wish is to find a family to call her own. Hours of operation are noon to 6 p.m., Monday thru Friday; noon to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Call: 575-382-0018.

Over the Rainbow

'Wizard of Oz' Totos find forever homes

By **SUSIE OUDERKIRK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Two rescued shelter dogs, who took a journey from death's door to the glow of the theater footlights, have forever homes for the new year.

Las Cruces Community Theatre Board President and director of *The Wizard of Oz* Janet Beatty-Payne requested a live dog to play the role of Toto in the December 2016 production of the classic play. Kelly Barker of Tails from the Shelter coordinated a search and found two black dogs, similar in type to the original Toto from the famous *Wiz of Oz* movie—a Cairn terrier—and the story began.

Tori, a two-year-old poodle mix from the streets of Artesia, and Moto, a one-year-old terrier picked up as a stray in Roswell, were located by Barker and transported to Las Cruces to begin training for *The Wizard of Oz*. The end result was to get both dogs adopted.

I fostered the dogs starting in July where they learned the basics: walking on a leash, house training, sit, stay, no, good dog. They both blossomed with the proper care; Tori especially. She surprised us by being pregnant, and delivered two puppies on Aug. 3.

Kelly jumped into action and found a foster

home for mom and pups, and eventually got them adopted by Gina and her son, Timmy.

Both dogs were spayed/neutered, chipped and vaccinated and started coming to rehearsals of "Wiz of Oz" at the theater, 331 N. Main St., Downtown.

There was confusion, noise, special effects and a lot of activity, but the dogs both blended in with the rest of the cast, with no indoor accidents, no throwing up, no biting (well, Tori snapped at stage manager Teddy Aspen-Sanchez' big black work boots, for which he forgave her but the dogs were sweet, approachable and brave.)

If you didn't see the December production of the play, you missed a great show! The dogs, who swapped out between scenes during the production, were terrific. Moto, at nine pounds, got the majority of stage time, being the one Dorothy (Clarivel Garcia) carried in most of the scenes. For the scene in which Toto steals a hot dog from Professor Marvel's skewer, or when he jumps out of the basket in the witch's castle and runs away, Tori got the call.

Because the underlying purpose of having these dogs in the play was to find them homes, Beatty-Payne allowed the switch—which could have been seen as a

weakness in the overall "magic" of the play. It was worth it. About half the audience noticed that the dogs were switched, but the other half was blissfully ignorant.

Sign-up sheets for adoption of the dogs were available in the lobby during intermission and after the production, and a dozen potential adopters were identified. Barker and I poured through the applicants, using a stringent check list to pick out the most suitable. We included three other animal advocates in the decision-making process, and picked the ones that felt "right."

One of the families turned out to be the Garcias, and Dorothy's bond with Toto was cemented on Christmas Eve when we brought Moto to Clarivel for his forever home.

Tori was adopted by Rhondla Hardin and moved in with her new sister, Phoebe, on New Year's Eve.

Missed out on being a part of the adoption? Kelly Barker and Tails from the Shelter are planning more adoption events, including Paws on the Patio at Farley's on Saturday, Jan. 14. Read the *Bulletin* for more information about time and schedule.

Susie Ouderkirk is a staff writer for the Bulletin. She can be reached at 575-680-1983 or at susie@lascrucesbulletin.com.



COURTESY PHOTO

Clarivel Garcia, who played Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*, was surprised on Christmas Eve with the adoption of Moto, who played Toto. The Garcias applied to adopt Moto, and a panel of five animal advocates chose them to be the dog's forever family, based on his having bonded with Clarivel during the run of the show, and the fact that he was already comfortable and friendly with their dog.

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NM Department of Health announces state's improvement in ranking of overdose deaths

State improves from 49th in nation to 42nd

By PAUL RHIE
For the Bulletin

On Dec. 29, the New Mexico Department of Health (DOH) announced that the state's drug overdose death rate improved from 49th worst in the nation to 42nd. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, New Mexico also saw a 7 percent decline in overdose deaths from 2014 to 2015. Meanwhile, overdose deaths increased nationwide by nearly 11 percent.

"This is an issue that we've been focused on since day one of my administration. While we've made important strides, we still have a lot of work to do," said Gov. Susana Martinez. "One overdose death is one too many, which is why we're going to continue doing everything in our power to end this epidemic."

The Department of Health and the Human Services Department (HSD) announced in September, 2016 that it had secured more than \$11 million in grants to reduce opioid-related deaths, strengthen prevention efforts and im-

prove opioid surveillance data. DOH's Epidemiology and Response Division also received two grants from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, totaling \$3.7 million over three years to aid in preventing prescription drug overdoses and to enhance tracking and reporting of overdoses. This is in addition to \$3.4 million received in September 2015 over four years for preventing prescription drug overdoses.

"Over the course of this administration, we've been working hard to address this serious issue. This improvement shows that we've made progress, but we are still behind the national rate," said Department of Health Secretary Lynn Gallagher. "Our goal is to have the fewest possible overdose deaths. And until we achieve this, we're going to continue doing all we can to address the issue with our partners."

NMDOH continues to promote the use of Medication Assisted Treatment, which includes use of methadone or buprenorphine/naloxone, while HSD has greatly expanded availability of Medicaid coverage for

Preventing drug misuse

In 2016, the governor signed two pieces of legislation that take important steps to prevent drug misuse and combat overdose:

- SB 263 requires practitioners to check the Prescription Monitoring Program database when prescribing opioids. The database allows prescribers and pharmacists to check the controlled substance prescription history of their patients.
- The Governor also signed legislation that increases the availability of naloxone, a medication that reverses opioid overdoses. Medicaid claims for naloxone among outpatient pharmacies in New Mexico increased 83 percent between the first three months (January-March) and the second three months (April-June) of 2016.

The New Mexico Department of Health saw improvements in the following areas:

The number of opioid prescriptions by health care providers decreased during the past year by 7.2 percent.

- The number of patients with overlapping opioid prescriptions from more than one provider decreased by 16 percent in the past year, and the number of patients with overlapping opioid and benzodiazepine prescriptions decreased by 14.2 percent.
- The number of patients prescribed opioids for over three months had health care providers who checked the New Mexico Board of Pharmacy's Prescription Monitoring Program at least once increased 20.1 percent over the last year.

this important service.

For information on prescription opioid safety visit: <http://nmhealth.org/about/erd/ibeb/pos/>. Information on the DOH Harm Reduction Program is available at <http://nmhealth.org/about/phd/idb/hrp/>.

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The spice of life: Novelty makes all the difference

Variety is the spice of life. True for reading, too. Think of all the things you enjoy reading. All those topics enrich your life for sure, and through conversation, they also influence the people around you.

What we read and talk about and the way we talk about the books we read has a big impact on our children and their development.

Research suggests that a variety of read-aloud experiences in a young child's life provide multiple benefits in language and behavioral development.

According to Elisabeth Dursma of the Early Start Research Institute, "Research with 500 low-income fathers in the U.S. suggests that when fathers read frequently to their



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children at a young age, there is an impact on their language development one year later and their literacy development two years later. We were quite surprised by this finding. When we looked more closely at what was happening during book

reading interactions, we found that fathers used more abstract and complex language.

"When sharing a book with their child, dads would often link events in the book to a child's own experience. For

example, when a ladder was discussed in the book, many fathers mentioned the last time they had used a ladder to climb up on the roof or use it for their work. Mothers focused more on the details in the book and often asked children to label or count objects or identify colors."

According to research findings, dads elicit more imaginative discussions and are instrumental to their children's language development because of the way they read to their kids.

Unfortunately, a recent poll in Britain of 1,000 parents found that young parents are reading less to their children than older generations. Nineteen percent of dads under age 25 years said they enjoyed a bedtime read with their chil-

dren, while 78 percent of older fathers said it was their favorite part of the day.

This study was limited to traditional two-parent families. By accident or design, a large number of families were left out. For me, the important take away from the research is that kids respond to multiple readers in their lives. I doubt that the sex of the parent is as important as the novelty of having different readers. Any loving adult or older sibling who provides a sense of security will positively impact a child's interest in reading and discussing books because each of us brings our unique talents to the job.

During the summer, Children's Reading Alliance volunteers share books and read

stories to children in an effort to keep kids engaged in reading during their long school break. I am always impressed with the range of interests and abilities each volunteer brings. Different books resonate with each of us and even when we choose the same title, our presentations vary a great deal. The key is the enthusiasm that brings stories alive. Sincerity naturally stimulates all-important conversations.

Novelty and change of pace are what interests all of us. Every adult in a child's life can expand their repertoire of reading skills to make connections, use silly words and voices, and ask probing questions. Go for it! And, when you get the chance, tell me what happens.

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Breast Cancer Support Group hosts reconstructive surgeon

The January meeting is from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 at Memorial Medical Center West Side Annex Bldg., 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. The speaker will be Paul M. Phillips, MD, plastic and reconstructive surgeon presenting "Breast Cancer Reconstruction at MMC." The group meets the fourth Saturday of each month, excluding December. No pre-registration, no charge and open to all who are interested. Info: 575-524-4373.

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

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. Overeaters Anonymous meets. 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

At 7 p.m. Mondays at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor (behind the T Mobile building) Sexual Compulsives Anonymous meets. 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

From 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department Tai Chi classes are held for adults. 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.

Meditation classes at Tesoro

At 6 p.m. Thursdays at 1605 S. Main St. Zen Buddhist meditation and study group with the Rev. K. Hilbert. Walk-ins welcome. Cost: \$7 drop-in, five classes for \$30 or 10 classes for \$60. Info: 575-541-5660.

Events at Center for Spiritual Living

Spirit Dance: 2-3 p.m. Wednesdays.

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; 4-5 p.m. Wednesdays; 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

Gentle Yoga: 6:15-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 5:15-6:30 p.m. Thursdays

All activities held at the Center, 575 N. Main St. Info: 575-523-4847.

Cancer support group meets at UUMC

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.

Positive attitude in life and in the new year

It seems that as thoughts of a brand-new year shine brightly on our future, many of us take the time to reflect on the positives and negatives of the closing year. This reflection usually gives way to new resolutions on how to enjoy life more, be a better friend, learn new things, travel more, smile more, etc. These resolutions are usually part of a grand plan to be healthier and live a long, happy and fulfilling life.

With this goal in mind, it seems that a positive attitude may be part of the solution to enhancing not only the quality of one's life but also the length. Researchers have found those with a positive attitude and sense of humor tend to live longer and enjoy a healthier life than those who did not.

I agree with this research as two of the



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Good Samaritans

most positive individuals I know are both over 100 and certainly have a good sense of humor as well as a positive attitude. Those who live and work at the Good Samaritan – Las Cruces Village are privileged to have interactions with both these gracious ladies on a continual basis.

My friend Trudy, who proudly states that she is 100 years and four

months, has had her share of trials and tribulations through her life. She lost her husband, soul mate, and love of her life two years after he retired. Reflecting on their life together, she states that she is grateful for the time they had together. She reminisces about the good times and is grateful to have so many fond memories along with the two beautiful and amazing daughters she and her husband were blessed with. She shared that her

husband was a wonderful dancer and how much fun they had when they went out dancing in their retirement years.

At 85 she began losing her eyesight. With a positive attitude and strong will she has not let that deter her from living life to its fullest. You would never know that she has little to no eyesight as she looks directly at you when you are speaking. She is always dressed impeccably and is quite sociable and quick to say hello and offer a warm and friendly smile.

Symie is another gracious lady I am blessed to know. She is currently 104. When I clarified her age today, she made me chuckle as she stated, "104 doesn't really mean any-

thing. When I'm 105 then I'm going to get excited." Symie has a warmth and wonderful sense of humor. She makes everyone feel comfortable and is always quick to share a good laugh.

Symie won a weight lifting contest in 2008. She let us know that this was quite an accomplishment at her age, stating "No one else had to compete with people who were a quarter of a century younger than they were." Finally, she shared the story about why she still sports beautiful red locks of hair at 104. She said she started dying her hair red after her husband, who also had a tremendous sense of humor, stated that going to the grocery store could be a dangerous

endeavor. It seems that at the time, Symie and all the other ladies at the store had the same beautiful grey hair. As told by Symie, he one day stated that he would likely pinch the backside of the wrong woman and therefore she needed to change the color of her hair. She has been a red head ever since that day.

So, as we look forward to 2017, let the examples of these two positive individuals be your inspiration to staying positive, enjoying life and living longer.

Penney McClarin is the director of resource development and marketing at Good Samaritan. She's lived in Las Cruces for 11 years.

Cancer survivor McClarin brings positivity to Good Sam

You read them every week, but what do you really know about them? Why does Gary Guzman work in the dirt? Why is Katharine Chrisley always horsin' around? We're confident that Father Gabriel Rochelle, Rabbi Larry Karol and Reverends Carol Carnes and Tom Baca are above reproach, but are they really? You decide.

In our series "Meet the Columnists," Susie Ouderkirk will profile each of our columnists so you'll know more about them. This week, we introduce our senior life "Good Samaritans" columnist, Penney McClarin.

By **SUSIE OUDERKIRK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Penney McClarin is a believer. Her own experience with cancer—and the influence of good friends—makes her uniquely qualified to write the Bulletin's column on senior life. Originally from Honolulu, Hawaii, she has worked as an

MEET THE COLUMNISTS

Penney McClarin

AGE: 54

CURRENT LOCATION: Las Cruces

EDUCATION: Associates Degree in Business – Certification in gerontology

FAVORITE QUOTATION:

When you're worried about taking a leap of faith, Always Remember, An amateur built the Ark, Professionals built the Titanic!

— Author Unknown

advocate for seniors for the past 11 years and currently is the Senior Living Manager at Good Samaritan Society – Las Cruces Village, a senior housing and assisted living service organization. She's sat on the board of the Las Cruces Senior

Citizens Corporation "for about eight years," McClarin told me.

She hooked up with the Bulletin by writing "positive stories for Good Samaritan," about the residents, the lifestyle and the relationships that make the Lutheran care organization such an important asset to Las Cruces.

McClarin is married to her high school sweetheart. "We have four grown children and five grandchildren," she said, which is made sweeter by her brush with—and victory over—cancer.

"Working at Good Samaritan has cemented the importance of good friendships and camaraderie of human beings who have been through similar situations. This may sound like a mouthful, but it saved my life and helped me through a significant challenge," McClarin said. "I am one of those people who puts off going to the doctor.

She was having a few small health issues and was scheduled to have a mam-

mogram. "I hadn't had one since 2008. I thought I was too busy," she said.

Had it not been for the persistence of her coworker and friend Juana, she wouldn't have gone.

"Thank God she was such a pest, as I had ductal carcinoma," McClarin said. "Early detection was a gift, as I only needed a lumpectomy, and early detection saved my life."

She credits her many coworkers for support, and a few Good Sam residents shared with her that they too had gone through breast cancer. The outpouring of support from everyone was tremendous, McClarin said. "I was not alone."

She shares her upbeat attitude with the residents and staff at Good Sam, and enjoys community outreach, gardening and cooking in her free time.

McClarin's take-away message? "If I can make an impact in even one's woman's life, I implore you, do not put off your mammograms."

Ags ride 13-game winning streak



COURTESY PHOTO

NMSU guard Ian Baker, the only senior on the squad, is showing his experience in recent games. He dished out 10 assists at Chicago State.

BY MARTY RACINE

Las Cruces Bulletin

Riding a 13-game winning streak entering Thursday's home contest against Grand Canyon University, the New Mexico State men's basketball team is beginning to receive national recognition.

The Aggies, 15-2, received 10 votes in the latest USA Today Coaches Poll. And though they are not yet among the poll's top 25 teams, only six schools have a better record than NMSU.

Fresh off two road victories to open Western Athletic Conference play, the Aggies face conference foe Cal State University-Bakersfield in the Pan American Center Saturday. Tipoff is at 7 p.m. (KXPZ, 99.5 FM).

The Roadrunners, a perennial conference power, are 10-6, 1-0 in the WAC after beating Seattle University at home 78-71. On the season, they're outscoring opponents by nearly 10 points a game and are led by 6-4 red-

shirt sophomore guard Damiyne Durham, averaging 16.3 points a game. Jalyn Airington (14.7 ppg) and Dedrick Basile (13.4) are the other top scorers.

Basile, a 5-10 senior guard from Houston, is the team's assist leader at 3.7 per game. Matt Smith, a 6-6 senior forward, is the Roadrunners' top rebounder at 5.5 boards a game. Fallou NDoye, a 6-11 junior from Senegal, averages 5.4.

Entering Thursday's game against Grand Canyon, NMSU was undefeated at home this season. Yet, five of the Aggies' 13-straight wins have been on the road, including at Tempe against PAC-12 opponent Arizona State, and opening conference victories over the University of Missouri-Kansas City Jan. 5 (77-64) and Chicago State Jan. 7 (78-62).

Victories in those large markets have raised the Aggies' profile around the country.

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Salas named WAC Player of the Week for the second time this season



SALAS

BULLETIN REPORT

NM State sophomore guard Brooke Salas was named Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week on Monday, Jan. 9, after leading the Aggies to two victories, while averaging 15 points and seven assists per game,

to go along with three steals and one block, over 49 minutes of play.

The Placentia, California, native led the Aggies to a pair of wins to open conference play. In the WAC-opener against UMKC, she scored 17 points and brought down seven rebounds to go with three assists and a pair of

steals as the team defeated UMKC, 78-72, the fifth straight win over the Roos.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, the sophomore finished with 13 points and seven rebounds, adding four assists, one block and one steal, in a dominant win over Chicago State, 100-63. Salas' play helped the Aggies hit the century

mark, the first time a WAC team has done so since NM State accomplished the feat in a 106-77 win over UMKC on Jan. 18, 2014.

This is the second time this season that Brooke Salas has received the WAC Player of the Week honor and the third time of her career.

Challenging 2017 awaits NMSU baseball team

BULLETIN REPORT

New Mexico State baseball coach Brian Green looks to challenge his team this spring as he unveiled the 2017 schedule Tuesday afternoon.

The 2017 slate for NM State baseball features 52 regular-season games against eight teams that went on to play in last year's NCAA Tournament as well as three teams that advanced to Omaha to play in the College World Series – including an Arizona squad that lost in the championship series.

“We are really excited about the 2017 season,” Green said. “When we sat down a couple of years ago, it was really important for us to put together as competitive as a schedule as we could. We are confident that we have done that. We will compete outside of conference in 19 games against NCAA post season participants, as well as eight games versus 2016 College World Series participants.

The Aggies are coming off a 2016 campaign where they were a win from tying for the regular-season championship thanks to a 23 win improvement from the previous season. Its improvement number of 19 was also the second-best turnaround in the coun-

try last season.

“We are excited at the opportunity to play top competition in preparing us for an opportunity to chase down a WAC championship,” Green said. “We know the WAC will be really strong this year and this schedule puts us in the best position possible to prepare to play our most competitive baseball come conference time. With trips to Santa Barbara, Tucson, Tempe, Lubbock, Salt Lake City and Provo, we are excited and look forward to a great schedule of opponents.”

NM State opens the season at home with a four-game series against a Bryant (Feb. 17-19) team that won 47 games last year and went to the NCAA Regionals. The Bulldogs also return All-American pitcher James Karinchak, who went 12-3 as a starter with a 2.00 ERA and 112 strikeouts. The Bulldogs are one of five teams NM State will play that won the regular-season in their respective league.

Green and company are once again playing in three-game set against Battle of I-25 rival New Mexico spread throughout the season, beginning with a 6:30 p.m. (MT) first-pitch on Tuesday, March 7, at Southwest University Park – home of the 2016 Pacific Coast League

NM STATE BASEBALL
2017 SCHEDULE

QUICK FACTS:

- 16 SERIES
- 26 HOME GAMES
- 3 TEAMS THAT PLAYED IN THE 2016 COLLEGE WORLD SERIES
- 8 TEAMS THAT PLAYED IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT
- 2 GAMES IN MINOR LEAGUE BALLPARKS

WEEKEND SERIES FEB 17-19 vs BRYANT	MIDWEEK MATCHUP MAR 21 AT ARIZONA	WEEKEND SERIES APR 21-23 vs UNC*
MIDWEEK MATCHUP FEB 21 AT TEXAS TECH	WEEKEND SERIES MAR 24-26 AT UCSB	MIDWEEK MATCHUP APR 25 AT ARIZONA
WEEKEND SERIES FEB 24-26 vs MOUNT ST. MARY'S	MIDWEEK MATCHUP MAR 28 vs UNM	WEEKEND SERIES APR 28-30 vs GRAND CANYON*
MIDWEEK MATCHUP FEB 28 AT ARIZONA ST	WEEKEND SERIES MAR 31 - APR 2 AT SEATTLE U*	MIDWEEK MATCHUP MAY 2 AT UNM
WEEKEND SERIES MAR 3-5 vs YALE	MIDWEEK MATCHUP APR 4 vs TEXAS TECH	WEEKEND SERIES MAY 5-7 AT UTAH VALLEY*
MIDWEEK MATCHUP MAR 7 vs UNM AT SOUTHWEST UNIVERSITY PARK	WEEKEND SERIES APR 7-9 vs UTRGV*	WEEKEND SERIES MAY 12-14 AT CHICAGO ST*
WEEKEND SERIES MAR 10-12 AT UTAH	WEEKEND SERIES APR 13-15 AT SAC STATE*	WEEKEND SERIES MAY 18-20 vs CSU BAKERSFIELD*
MIDWEEK MATCHUP MAR 14 AT BYU	MIDWEEK MATCHUP APR 18 AT TTU AT SECURITY BANK BALLPARK IN MIDLAND, TX	STARTS MAY 23 MESA, AZ WAC TOURNAMENT

Champions El Paso Chihuahuas, the Triple-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres.

The Aggies are also set to square off against Texas Tech in a three-game series spaced out over the season, including a neutral field contest in Midland, Texas, on Tuesday, April 18, in Security Bank Ballpark – home of the Midland Rockhounds, a Double-A affiliate of the Oakland Athletics. The Red Raiders are coming off a 47-win campaign that saw them compete in the College World Series for the second time in three years.

This year's campaign also pits NM State against Arizona State in a single-game match-up in Tempe, Ariz. First pitch is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. (MT) on Tuesday, Feb. 28, just two days after a four-game home series against Mount St. Mary's. The Sun Devils made their 16th-consecutive post-

season appearance last year and has the sixth-most appearances in NCAA history at 39.

On top of playing 15 games in 31 days in the month of March, the Aggies embark on a nine-game road trip that has them facing UNM (March 7), Utah (March 10-12), BYU (March 14), Arizona (March 21) and UC Santa Barbara (March 24-26) – all of which appeared in the NCAA Tournament except for BYU.

Utah, the reigning Pac-12 Champs, captured its first-ever conference title last season and return a pair of First-Team All-Pac-12 players. NM State then travels from Salt Lake City to Provo for a mid-week game at BYU. The Cougars were tri-champions from the West Coast Conference and started the 2016 season 16-1 before finishing with a .325 team batting average was good for second-

best in the nation.

The murderous road swing for New Mexico State concludes with UC Santa Barbara. The Gauchos went 43-20 overall last year as they powered their way into their first-ever CWS appearance. UCSB is ranked 18th the preseason poll for Collegiate Baseball and have been ranked in the top-25 preseason poll for the third time in four years.

NM State opens Western Athletic Conference play on Friday, March 31, against Seattle U – the 2016 regular-season champions – on the road before returning home for four games. TTU returns to Presley Askew Field for the first time since 2012 for a 6 p.m. first pitch on April 4 before UT Rio Grande Valley (April 7-9) comes to town.

After a series at Sacramento State (April 13-15) and the neutral site game with Texas Tech (April 18), New Mexico

State returns home to face Northern Colorado (April 21-23) followed with a three-game set versus Grand Canyon (April 28-30) to wrap up a 17 games in 30 days. The second of two contests against Arizona, who lost in the national championship to Coastal Carolina, is sandwiched between the UNC and GCU series in Tucson.

A seven game road trip then ensues, beginning with a mid-week showdown with UNM on Tuesday, May 2, before playing the defending WAC Tournament champions Utah Valley (May 5-7). The road swing finishes with a three-game set against Chicago State before wrapping up the regular-season against Bakersfield (May 18-20).

NM State then looks to make a run in the WAC Tournament (May 23-26) at Hohokam Stadium in Mesa, Arizona, and earn the automatic bid for the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2012.

New Year's resolutions can be a trap, so be smart

Everyone has probably made their New Year's Resolutions. The start of the new year is really the perfect time to vow to do something more, better, different; or stop doing something. We start out with a blank slate on January first. We have the chance to be proud of no backsliding early in our resolution. But let's be especially careful not to make wild, impractical wishes as the new year begins, lest we quickly become sorely disappointed when we can't even get it right the first week. An example of this sort of misguided idea would be "no more three putts in 2017." C'mon man! Personally I have chosen the "more-or-less" route to my 2017 resolutions.

More tolerant. I resolve to be more tolerant of folks who wear denim jeans out on the golf course to play golf. Some of the maintenance people are better dressed than the golfers I see. I have always believed that a golfer should dress like a golfer and respect the traditions of golf, like wearing proper attire. Then a respected golfing friend of mine took me aside and informed me that, here in Southern New Mexico, this is still the "wild west" and there are folks that love and re-



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Golf Doctor

spect the Cowboy tradition – hats, boots and yes, jeans. And they still enjoy their golf. Ok, just no t-shirts. On the other hand, I refuse to become more tolerant of discourteous

bozos who ignore golf etiquette, cop-killers, riots, looters and perpetrators of road-rage fatalities.

Now I have to face my even bigger challenge, becoming more tolerant of slow players, who think a five-hour round is alright and who move along at a snail's pace, regardless of groups who

wish they would follow their golf ball in to the pond. This is going to be a hard one and I'm not sure I have a strategy beyond playing soothing classical music on my Pandora.

Other, less emotional tolerance challenges will be to have more tolerance to massive tattoos (both men and women) that I routinely see at my gym; to give some leeway to old guys with beards who seem to fantasize they are Papa Hemingway look-alikes; to up my tolerance of sports betting, since it is destined to grow by the trillions, despite the ever

present probability – no, certainty – that betting leads to games that are thrown.

The MORE word for me, as we enter the new year, also means resolving to acquire more club head speed and therefore more distance off the tee. Can anyone out there older than 60 relate? I find that my body strength has increased over the past five years, despite some serious setbacks, like open heart surgery in 2014. I'm religious about my workouts at the gym, but I'm resolving to gain more flexibility early in the now-current year. The first order of business is to get my personal trainer to come up with a new workout and

then stick to it. Flexibility and wrist-release are the keys to distance among the aging golfing group; trust me, I'm the Golf Doctor. Oh, one other thing, I'm resolving to practice more. After a solid practice session on the range and putting green I find that I perform better out on the golf course the next day. Go figure. So I'm not looking to play more golf, but I'm looking to play more better golf.

The LESS part for my 2017 new year's golfing resolutions comes mostly with reducing my own failures to do things I preach about the most. Things like permitting too many lapses in concentration.

Who knows what demon causes bizarre, extraneous thoughts to occupy one's brain just as one stands over a 3-wood shot that has no margin of error! Also, less means squashing the failures in neglecting to specifically visualize certain shots and every putt. I'm vowing to spend less emotional energy dwelling on mistakes on the previous hole and mistakes made in the previous round. As they say, "forget the blunder but remember the lesson." In addition I'm vowing to do less complaining about over-watered and soggy bunker sand, infrequent changes of hole locations and ragged and damaged cup edges. Happy New Year.

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Where first-year coach Paul Weir experimented with his roster earlier in the season, he has tightened his rotation lately. Redshirt freshman guard Jermaine Haley has been starting in place of the injured Sidy N'Dir, and Braxton Huggins has emerged as the team's scoring leader (15.7 ppg) since entering the starting lineup about halfway through the season. He scored 31 against UMKC and 27 versus Chicago State.

The Aggies have also benefited from the play of Jemerrio Jones off the bench, shooting a high percentage from the floor and proving to be a deft passer and op-

portunistic rebounder. And, after a slow start, last year's top guard Ian Baker, the only senior on the squad, is showing his experience in recent games. He dished out 10 assists at Chicago State.


Baker is also starting to loosen up from 3-point range. He is 8-of-16 from behind the arc in his last two games, including 6-of-10 against UTEP on Dec. 30.

As expected, rebounding has been an Aggies' strength. Turnovers have dogged this team for much of the year but they've cleaned that up lately, committing only 11 against Chicago State. If they continue to take care of the ball, NMSU might eventually find itself ranked nationally. Bakersfield, however, will have plenty to say about that.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Anni Conn is a 15-year-old sophomore at Mesilla Valley Christian School. She plays on the Lady Son Blazers volleyball team as right side hitter and shooting and point guard on the basketball team. In their last game, Conn had a double-double, 10+ steals and 16 points. She makes the most out of practice and game time and is always encouraging and cheers on her teammates. Conn is very coachable and willing to adapt to instruction. She has a fun attitude both on and off the court and she hustles and plays hard every game. Conn is an excellent student, with a 4.0 GPA. Her interests outside of school and sports are camping with her family, watching movies, making jewelry, drawing and spending time with her friends. Conn attends Grace Covenant Church and Calvary Baptist Youth Group.



Hunter Coyle is a 17-year-old senior at Mesilla Valley Christian School. He plays on the Son Blazer baseball and basketball teams. As small forward, in two games Coyle had an EFF of 21 and 19 with 10 rebounds in one game and 15 points in another. He has a great attitude and good sportsmanship. Coyle is a dedicated student, with a 3.4 GPA. Outside of school and sports he enjoys flying and hopes to become a missionary pilot. He attends Grace Covenant Church and is very active in his youth group.

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One of the Harlem Globetrotters showing off some tricks before the game.



Best making a slam dunk.



Cheese setting up to make a shot.

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Globetrotters lead all the kids from the audience doing the YMCA.



Globe running off with the last chairs in musical chairs while the globe crew tries to take it back.