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Soules aims to change liquor laws

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Even though he knows the prospects are not good in a short session with the agenda controlled by a governor of the other party, State Sen. Bill Soules, a Las Cruces Democrat, said he still hopes to introduce a bill in the New Mexico Legislature later this month that could substantially change the state's liquor laws.

This year's 30-day session of the Legislature, which begins Tuesday, Jan. 19 in Santa Fe, is confined to budget matters and items on Gov. Susana Martinez's call. Soules'



SOULES

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StoryCorps ready to record your stories



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NMSU President Garrey Carruthers and his daughter, Carol Owensby, discuss his father during their StoryCorps interview Jan. 4 in the StoryCorps 'MobileBooth,' an Airstream trailer outfitted with a recording studio, that is now parked behind the Las Cruces Museum of Art in Downtown Las Cruces.



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New Mexico State University President Garrey Carruthers and his daughter, Carol Owensby, were the first visitors to the StoryCorps mobile unit Monday morning, Jan. 4, as it began a month-long visit to Las Cruces to record the oral histories of local residents.

Carruthers said he talked to

Owensby, an advanced educational services facilitator at Arrowhead Park Early College High School, about his father and her grandfather, William Carruthers, who died before Owensby was born.

Garrey Carruthers grew up in Cedar Crest, N.M. He served as governor of New Mexico

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Use the web to register to vote

Although the staff of the Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections is always happy to help people register to vote in person, Chief Deputy Clerk Scott Krahlung said the State of New Mexico is making it much easier to register by setting up a website for that purpose.

The website – hosted by the New Mexico Secretary of State's office – allows for first-time registration, as well as re-registrations for people who have moved or who wish to change their party affiliations.

"The whole process takes just a few minutes, and the site sends us a copy of the new or updated information," Krahlung said. The database also will help ensure that people do not register in more than one county."

The website can be accessed at http://www.sos.state.nm.us/Voter_Information/default.aspx.

"We believe the addition of the website to our toolbox adds convenience to the process, and it should be helpful to the political parties as a resource for registering new party members," Krahlung said.

The site also allows people to look up polling sites and sample ballots ahead of Election Day.



In order to register and vote in New Mexico, an applicant must be: 1) A resident of New Mexico; 2) A citizen of the United States; 3) Not legally declared mentally incapacitated; 4) Not a convicted felon, UNLESS one who has completed all of the terms and conditions of sentencing; and 5) 18 years or older at the time of the next election.

To register online, a person must have a New Mexico driver's license or a state-issued identification card obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles. People without state-issued I.D. can register by mail or in person at the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office.

"If you change your name or move," Krahlung said, "you must fill out a new voter registration form and submit it to us or to the Secretary of State's Office. You must also fill out a new form if you want to change your party affiliation."

Krahlung said anyone with questions about voter registration, filing for candidacy or elections in general is advised to call the Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections at (575) 647-7428.

Garrett to host Vado meeting

Doña Ana County Chairman Billy Garrett will host a public meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, to address community concerns regarding roads and capital-outlay funding. The meeting will be held at the Vado-Del Cerro Community Resource Center at 180 La Fe Avenue.

Also expected to attend the meeting is Vice Chair Wayne Hancock. They will be joined by



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ent Services Office.

More information about the scope of the meeting can be obtained from Doña Ana County Community and Constituent Services Manager Liz Reed at (575) 525-5959.

staff from the Engineering/Roads Department, the Community Development Department and the Community and Constituent Services Office.

ETZ applicants sought

Due to a resignation, the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications for an open position on the Extra Territorial Zoning Commission.

The term of appointment will be until Oct. 22, 2016. The Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners will make the appointment at their Jan. 26 regular meeting.

The ETZ Commission meets regularly on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 6 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center.

The ETZ Commission oversees development in a five-mile area that rings the city limits of Las Cruces. The Commission regularly reviews development sketch plans, subdivision plats, zone changes and special-use permit applications within the ETZ zone.

Each applicant should submit a letter of interest, a resume and three letters of reference to the Doña Ana County Community Development Office, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, N.M., 88007. Deadline for receipt of all applications is 5 p.m., today.

For more information about the position, call Chief Planner Janine Divyak at (575) 525-6130. Residents calling from outside the Las Cruces area may call toll-free at 1-877-827-7200 and request extension 6130.

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Assistant AD keeps her finger on the pulse of Cruces athletics

By Susie Ouderkirk
Las Cruces Bulletin

The undulating roar of several thousand voices. The shrill whistles of the referees. The tinny announcements broadcasting yardage. The thud and crack of helmets colliding. The raw testosterone percolating on the turf. It's football, in all its controversial glory. And overseeing the feral brawl at the Field of Dreams every autumn is an unlikely captain.

Michele Oxford-Ponce, the assistant director of athletics for Las Cruces Public Schools, has been guiding, supporting and improving sports in our city for 10 years. As the assistant to Athletics Director Ernest Viramontes, Oxford-Ponce is neck deep in all aspects of school sports, an activity made up of both boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 18, but dominated by men: most of the student athletes, coaches, and officials tend to be of the male persuasion.

In addition to the "big three" sports of football, baseball and basketball, LCPS offers programs in golf, volleyball, cross country, soccer, wrestling, swimming and diving, cheer and pom poms, tennis, track and softball.

More than 5,000 games

Oxford-Ponce's primary duty is to schedule all athletic events (except high school football) at all levels: 8th grade, freshman, junior varsity and varsity in the eight middle schools and four high schools in Las Cruces.

"I counted one year, and I schedule over 5,000 games a year," she said. "Not including schedule changes for a variety of reasons like weather, transportation issues, conflicting school events, and facility issues, to name a few."

Most people have no idea how much work goes into completing schedules for



OXFORD-PONCE

one sport, much less all sports at all levels for the number of schools served by LCPS. Because the district is made up of multiple schools, she starts the scheduling process a year in advance, she explained. "Most scheduling is completed in two-year blocks," she said.

But scheduling is just the tip of Oxford-Ponce's iceberg.

"I work every varsity home football game, which sometimes means three games in one week. I oversee soccer, 8th grade athletics, and work alongside the officials."

She's the expert in residence regarding the New Mexico Athletics Association, Districts 3-5A and 3-6A rules, eligibility and transfers, and for the last two years was the District 3-5A chairperson for Centennial, Santa Teresa, Belen, Los Lunas and Valencia schools. She travels around the area (El Paso, Deming, Gadsden, Alamogordo, Silver City) for scheduling meetings and is responsible for signing off on all officials' pay sheets and coordinating all schedule changes through the various entities involved.

"I work behind the scenes mostly. I don't like to be in the limelight," she admits.

Growing up with sports

Oxford-Ponce was born at a naval hospital in Corona, Calif. Her Navy-sailor father, who is from Anthony, Texas, met her mother in Boston and moved the family to Las Cruces. She grew up playing football and baseball, "in the street with my siblings and the neighborhood kids."

It was a different time then for girls' sports.

"In junior high and high

school, girls only had 'play days' for volleyball, basketball and softball," she said. "We had a Saturday designated for each sport and all the local schools sent a team to play in a round robin setting. We didn't have uniforms, we had to wear pinnies. And we had to get our own transporta-

tion."

Usually it was the parents who drove the girls around.

"I remember that girls were 'allowed' to have an open gym night once a week. It was called GAA Night (Girls Athletics Association) and we could even earn a letter sweater for

participation. But we weren't coached," Oxford-Ponce recalled, "just allowed to play. It was pre-Title IX."

At New Mexico State University, she received a scholarship as a student athletic trainer. It wasn't a degree program at that time, and it was all hands-

on under supervision of the head and assistant athletic trainers.

"I was assigned to cover and travel with the women's basketball team and the women's softball team, all in cars and vans or station wagons," she said. "We

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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

The art (?) of lawmaking

Reserve your legislative guide now

The country's only unpaid state legislature kicks off another session very soon, Jan. 19 in Santa Fe, to be exact.

The New Mexico state representatives and senators get paid for mileage, food and assorted expenses, but not for the work they do creating the laws that govern their fellow citizens.

Our city councillors and county commissioners get paid a little bit for the work they do, but not our state folks.

I won't get into the subject of legislator compensation here, but it is an interesting topic for discussion.

We here at the Las Cruces Bulletin have been thinking a lot about legislators and the legislative process the past several weeks, as we're deep in the process of putting together our annual Southwest New Mexico Legislative Guide.

Our guide will be avail-

able Jan. 22 at locations throughout Las Cruces.

Or you can have it delivered directly to your door. If you live in the greater Las Cruces area, email legislativeguidereservation@lascrucesbulletin.com or call 524-8061 to have the guide delivered to your home.

The old adage goes there are two things you don't want to see being made: sausage and laws. Here in the Land of Enchantment, though, perhaps it's better to compare lawmaking to creating art. You might laugh at that comparison and say art is supposed to be appealing.

Well, like beauty, art is in the eye of the beholder. To some, the finished product is a masterpiece. To others, it's garbage. To still others, it's irrelevant.

That's the way most laws are perceived as well.

Sometimes an artist

will spend incredible time, energy, planning and excruciating detail into creating a piece.

Other times, an artist will literally throw something against the wall to see if it sticks.

Regardless of the method used to create the art, the end results will have both fans and critics.

Same with laws.

We have some laws in New Mexico that are the result of decades of thoughtful discussion and work. Others materialized in the 23rd hour and 59th minute of a session.

In a nation so deeply entrenched in its two-party system, you're guaranteed contradictory perceptions of almost any law that's presented.

It doesn't appear a viable third party is anywhere close on the horizon, but New Mexicans have demonstrated frustration with the current

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system by registering increasingly as independents.

It's the kind of hopeful quote you always hear before a session starts, but Dist. 52 Rep. Doreen Gallegos perhaps recognized that growing number of independents (nearly 20 percent now in New Mexico) when she said this:

"It's very divided right now, and to be effective, we all need to start to pull toward the middle," she said. "We have to

start thinking of the people and how to make things better instead of the political ends."

It's a wonderful sentiment but, of course, the crux of the comment is "how to make things better." It seems most of the disagreements occur when we begin to discuss the best ways to make things better; lots of differing opinions.

With this session being just a 30-day session, geared primarily to the budget, many of the side

discussions about new legislation won't come to the floor in an official vote. However, part of the beauty of the sausage-making – I mean the art-making – is its unpredictability. You just never know what our creative legislative minds will manage to bring to the fore.

It's always intriguing to see what the three-headed hydra of the governor, the House and the Senate are able to forge in a short time.

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Cowboy Christianity

A funny thing happened at the rodeo. I saw the power of prayer.

The National Finals Rodeo (NFR) last December in Las Vegas came at the end of a tumultuous year of savage terrorism around the world and in our own front yard. The news media has been awash with violence. The deliverers of the death and chaos claim that their god, Mohammad, and their 'bible' the Quran, commands Muslims to "kill the infidels" and thus are justified in doing it.

Obviously, most Muslims don't translate it that way, nor do the victims of what is now known as radical Islam. Yet the shootings, bombings and murders continue unabated.

Americans are walkin' circles on the sidewalk waiting for someone in our government to give us marching orders, some direction to protect ourselves, someone willing to take a stand. Washington DC is dizzy. Protesters would have the 1st Amendment selectively eliminated so only they can talk. And amidst all this, our leaders threaten us with politically correct "no, no's" that turn us into liars, deceivers and fools.

What is missing in this picture?

Our government has forsaken the strongest force that unites us...God. It is Christians the terrorists fear the most. Terrorists watch with glee as America continues to des-

ert the bedrock of our country. Christianity is the backbone of our Constitution, our laws, our moral compass and our daily lives. ISIS knows it and is sworn to wipe us out.

The NFR rodeo is a sport borne, supported and loved by primarily rural people. It is the "superbowl" of rodeos. 77 percent of Americans are Christians, three out of four. The belief in God is obvious at the performances. The rodeo begins with a prayer. How many other sporting events from Little League to the World Series begin with a prayer? How many grade school days start with a prayer? How many political speeches begin with a prayer?

Muslims pray publicly five times a day. Are Muslims forced to join Christians in prayer? No. This is a free country. But it is a Christian country. The final night, none other

than the winningest professional rodeo cowboy in the world, reigning All Around Champion Trevor Brazile, in front of 15,000 plus television, spoke for most of us during his acceptance speech. (I paraphrase) He gave thanks to God, said American was built on Christian faith, that we can be merciful and forgiving to others but that does not include forsaking our beliefs just be-

cause it offends somebody. In times of war our armed forces are visible. At the rodeo they are recognized for their service. 15,000 flags were passed out. When Lee Greenwood sings "God Bless the USA" the roof comes off the Thomas & Mack Arena... you can hear it as far away as Tulsa! Iran and Saudi Arabia are described as Muslim countries. In our world the

United States is described as a Christian country. In our world God and Country are inseparable...as are America and Christianity. It is common in rodeo for a rider or roper to genuflect or point upward after his run...do a Tebow, I guess. We don't mock him...we know who he is talkin' to.

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also worked every home football game without exception."

After graduating, Oxford-Ponce taught and coached junior high volleyball, basketball and track, eventually becoming the freshman volleyball and basketball coach at Eastwood High School in El Paso. That was followed by a tenure as junior varsity and varsity girls basketball

coach at Montwood High School. During this time she officiated high school volleyball and softball, and even umpired the Texas State Softball Tournament in Austin two years in a row.

"It was a great experience and quite an honor," she said.

'Work wife'

Ernest Viramontes was a

friend and coworker when they both worked at Las Cruces High School, and when he became the director of athletics for LCPS, Oxford-Ponce applied and got the job as his assistant. They share similar goals and philosophies and, perhaps more importantly, a sense of humor.

"As much time as we spend together, I just tell people that I am his 'work

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Half of all Americans are below average

"For the first time ever, overweight people outnumber average people in America. Doesn't that make overweight the average then?"

— Jay Leno

I salute the wisdom of Jay Leno. My high school nickname was "Slim" since I swam competitively in high school. Today when someone says, "Hey Slim," I know they are just trying to get a rise out of me. But I'm now average.

Since the Clemson-Ala-



Michael Swickard
In My Opinion

bama national championship game is a couple days away, I was thinking of William "The Fridge" Perry who in 1981 played on the national championship Clemson team and then on the Super Bowl Chicago Bears team. Coach Buddy Ryan gave him the nickname of "Biscuit." The coach said, "The Fridge is only one

biscuit away from 350 pounds."

And perhaps we could say I am just one bowl of green chile and beef away from having to buy new clothes. Hence this week is the start of the 2016 annual diet week where I do gerbil-like activity until I get distracted from all of that exercise. However, this year I have a Fitbit activity tracking band that counts my steps, so perhaps I will turn over a new leaf.

Perhaps indeed.

Americans try to understand average. I can safely mention this since we just got by the Thanksgiving-Christmas-New Year's juggernaut of extra calories. After a successful holiday season, I resemble the average American.

We swim in a sea of statistics with very few people understanding what they suggest. When I say that half of all Americans are below average the average American wants to do something about it. We

can't have all of those Americans being below average, or can we?

This notion has been humorously dealt with by Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion" where in the segment "News from Lake Wobegon" he says, "... (Lake Wobegon) where all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average."

In 1987, John Cannell, a Virginia physician, noticed at that time every state claimed their students were above average. Further, the student scores were found to be uniformly above average in all states. This syndrome was then labeled the "Lake Wobegon Effect."

In a recent poll, 95 percent of all drivers rated themselves above average drivers. Go figure. I admit it sounds bad to be below average if we care about whatever we are being judged upon. In public school I was a statistical

average student consistently getting the grade of C. Teachers in exasperation would say, "You could get a B or an A if you tried."

They didn't understand my philosophy: If you turn homework in, they will expect it every time. So the non-existent dog ate my homework. And I cultivated a persona of not being academically inclined. Truth be known I was just not tuned to their radio station as the saying goes.

Should we rate my teachers down because I was not interested in high school except for the things that I found interesting? In a conversation about my lack of achievement since I had just over a 2.0 grade point average, my mother mentioned to the counselor that I owned a couple thousand books.

Yep, I read all of the time when I wasn't doing sports. But I didn't find what they wanted me to

know interesting. As far as students going to go to college I was very much below average. But they just did not understand me since I achieved a Ph.D. when I decided that it was what I wanted.

The great failing of our public schools is that they are focused on the adults, not the kids. Some kids are more compliant than others. All of the measures of public schools are actually only measuring how compliant the kids are in today's schools. Most are just not compliant.

Me, I would purposely get every answer wrong on the accountability test if I was forced to take it. I know myself and how I dealt with public school fifty years ago. And I would be labeled below average. So? What the accountability would measure with me is my engagement with their agenda. I am not.

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from 1987 to 1991, and become NMSU president in 2013.

StoryCorps, a nonprofit that has been gathering Americans' stories for more than a decade, will

have about 130 interview slots available during its Jan. 4 to 31 visit to Las Cruces, said Glen Cerny, executive director of KRWG FM/TV, which is partnering with StoryCorps on the project.

The collected interviews will be archived in the Library of Congress, he said,

with a handful aired on StoryCorps national broadcasts on PBS. Another 20 to 25 of the interviews will be aired locally by KRWG.

"I'm thrilled that we get to be included in this national effort," he said. This is the third time StoryCorps has visited Las Cruces in the past nine years, Cerny said.

The Brooklyn-based StoryCorps crew, comprised

of Stacey Todd, Erika Romero and Felix Lopez, traveled to Las Cruces from Tucson. They head to San Antonio Feb. 1. While in Las Cruces, their "MobileBooth," an Airstream trailer outfitted with a recording studio, will be parked behind the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 490 N. Water St. on the downtown mall.

StoryCorps began with a "StoryBooth" in Grand Central Terminal in New York. It has received two Peabody awards, and founder Dave Isay received the Ted Prize in 2015.

If you want your oral history to be recorded, make a reservation by calling StoryCorps' 24-hour, toll-free reservation line at 1-800-850-4406, or make the reservation online at storycorps.org.

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Every child may have chance to succeed in the future

By Elva K. Österreich
Las Cruces Bulletin

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) has become Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), opening the door to states to start changing the face of education. President Barack Obama signed the revised Elementary and Secondary Education Act into law on Dec. 10, hopefully ending one of the most devastating things the U.S. government has done to children in its history.

“This bill upholds the core value that animated the original Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) signed by President Lyndon Johnson, the value that says education, the key to economic opportunity, is a civil right,” Obama said when he signed it.

While the new bill maintains children be tested yearly for grades three to eight and once in high school, the Adequate Yearly Progress mandate is gone and the bill requires the use of multiple measures in evaluating student success and provides greater access to early childhood education.

The act returns decision-making to the states, no longer mandating academic standards like the Common Core or mandating teachers be evaluated based on things like student test scores.

“NCLB was only about outcomes. There was nothing about how we were supposed to help students get there,” said Julie Hiltz, a teacher and certified media specialist in Florida. “It sounds like we’re now finally addressing that issue. Do students have access to equitable resources? Do they have access to guidance counselors? Do they have art and music classes? It’s all part of educating the whole child, and it’s something that I’m very excited

about.”

The new version of ESEA can open the potential for New Mexico to bring the light back into education. It could change the teacher accountability system, making the bizarre habit of judging, and rewarding, teachers based on their student’s test scores obsolete, thus allowing them to enjoy teaching again.

Remember those teachers who inspired you with their enthusiasm and love for their subjects, the ones who made you want to learn and become who you are? Those teachers will once again have the leeway to teach their students to love their subjects.

The state could allow students, especially the elementary aged ones, to learn to love learning again, opening the door to inspiration. It could allow art, science, history and music to become fascinating again leading to an interest in pursuing fields today lacking in interest. Drop-out rates could fall because when children learn at an early age to love education, they will keep that through their lives.

In New Mexico today, because of intense “teaching to the test” and AYP standards, elementary school children often never get the chance to discover what might they love. For example, while the cost of bussing students for field trips is sometimes prohibitive, there are organizations which can help with those costs. But currently, often the teachers cannot even find time away from teaching to the test to take the children on field trips, even when the resources are available. If the New Mexico Public Education Department will change some of the requirements, allowing for teaching to

the child instead of to the test, some of these essential, inspirational experiences can be returned to the classroom.

The Every Student Succeeds Act is returning control to the state, allowing each state to adapt its guidelines to its individual needs. With New Mexico already operating under an NCLB waiver, allowing flexibility in its programs according to certain guidelines, it is unlikely the state secretary of education, Hanna Skandera, will be willing to change things up in the state. The people and the educators of the state need to make their voices heard if they want things to change here.

One organization continuously working for change in the state’s education policies is the State School Superintendent’s Association. In the past several years I have worked as a journalist in communities across southern New Mexico and have found strong, innovative school superintendents in all the communities are working toward supporting their students and teachers with strong words and active ideas to improve the system. Hopefully the state’s administrators will open their ears more and hear the words of the superintendents better now that NCLB has been left behind.

In Silver City, Superintendent Lon Streib and the school board sent out the following memo to Silver Consolidated Schools teachers in regards to the state’s system of evaluating teachers:

“The Silver Consolidated Schools Superintendent and building administration will not use the current teacher Summative Evaluation as established by the New Mexico Public Education Depart-

ment (NMPED) for any circumstance regarding employment, professional development plans, or professional improvement plans. Because the evaluation system is required by the NMPED, the District will continue its use.”

The voices of these individuals, working for

teacher and student success, need to be bolstered by the population to be heard up in Santa Fe.

According to a White House report ESSA will help schools build on educational progress by:

Ensuring states set high standards so children graduate high school

ready for college and career;

Maintaining accountability by guaranteeing that when students fall behind, states target resources towards what works to help them and their schools improve,

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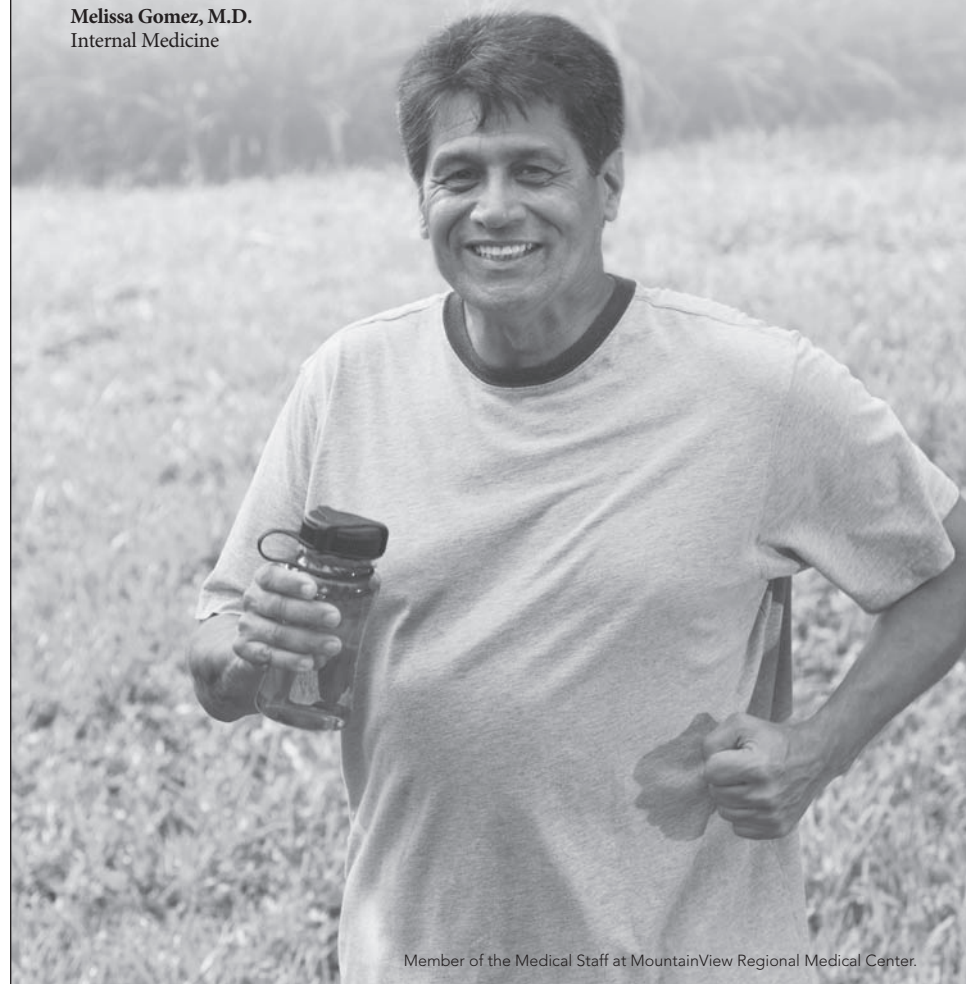


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Gym closure

The League Basketball Gymnasium at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave., has been closed for floor maintenance and will reopen for normal recreational play on Monday, Jan. 11.

Picacho Peak Brewing Company presents musical guest

On Friday, Jan. 8, Picacho Peak Brewing Company presents Sage Gentlewing from 7-9 p.m. at 3900 W. Picacho Ave. Info: 680-6394.

Educational Retirees meeting set

The Las Cruces Association of Educational Re-

tirees will meet 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12 at the NMSU Golf Course restaurant ballroom, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. The speaker will be Bill Soules, his topic will be the New Mexico Teacher Evaluation process. Also all (new and old) members will need to pay their annual dues of \$20.00 for 2016. The cost of the luncheon is \$12.50 per person. For reservations or information contact Barbara Westkot 373-1045 or Linda Morgan 522-0203

Astronomical Society of Las Cruces monthly outreach

The Astronomical Society of Las Cruces (ASLC) will be conducting its monthly outreach. Explore the Universe, at Leasburg Dam State Park in Radium Springs, on

Saturday, Jan. 9 from 3:30-10 p.m. Participate in the astronomy quiz for prizes (3:30-5 p.m.) and learn how to win a telescope at one of the quarterly quizzes. From 5:30-10 p.m. explore the Universe through the observatory's 16-inch telescope and other scopes provided by the Society. Bring a red light flashlight and dress warmly. Weather permitting. From Las Cruces take I-25 north to exit 19 Radium Springs and follow the signs to the park. Contact: outreach@aslc-nm.org or president@aslc-nm.org.

Houseplant Appreciation Day

Join the Branigan Cultural Center, the Museum of Art and the Museum of Nature and Science for "National Houseplant Appreciation Day!" Come to the Cultural Center courtyard Saturday, Jan. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to learn about houseplant care and take home a new plant. Starter plants and unique upcycled planters will be provided so Houseplant Appreciation can last all year! Museums are located at 411-501 N. Main St. and are open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information, visit the website at: <http://las-cruces.org/museums> or call 541-2154. If you

need an accommodation for a disability to enable you to fully participate in this event please contact the museum 48 hours prior to the event.

El Paso Pro-Musica Chamber Music Festival

The Tempest Trio, one of the most exciting trios in the world featuring cellist Amit Peled playing the cello that belonged to the great Pablo Casals will perform in Las Cruces on Saturday, Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at NMSU's Atkinson Recital Hall.

World Renowned cellist and Artistic Director of El Paso Pro-Musica Zuill Bailey will be featured in a special performance on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rio Grande Theater. "Back to Bach" will highlight the amazing Bach Cello Suites from Bailey's No. 1 Billboard topping CD.

Don't miss the Quint Quintet featuring multi-Grammy-nominated violinist Philippe Quint and a special evening of Tango on Friday, Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at NMSU's Atkinson Recital Hall. Every concert is preceded by a talk with Zuill Bailey and the performing artists at 7:00 p.m.

For tickets, log on to www.eppm.org or call 915-833-9400. Tickets also are available at the door.

Las Cruces Academy holds resource open house

The Las Cruces Academy, 4904 Calabazilla Road, opens its doors for a "Resource Open House" on Saturday, Jan. 9, from 9 a.m. to noon. Prospective students for grades early K through 8 are welcomed to explore the great range of unique resources we have at the LCA, from cultural artifacts to scientific equipment to Chinese lessons and can demonstrate their special talents in quizzes and puzzles or take part in a "treasure hunt" to find some of our more exotic resources. Each month on the 2 Saturday the event will highlight a different unique resource, such as our satellite ground station. For information, call <http://lascrucesacademy.org> or call Dr. Vince Gutschick, 571-2269.

Baptiste Group holds job fair

The Baptiste Group will hold a job fair to fill over 100 immediate positions in its organization on Saturday, Jan. 9, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 S. Don Roser Drive. All applicants will apply for positions at the Alamogordo, NM (Holloman Air Force Base) location. Prospective candidates will meet with members of the TBG team, learn about exciting opportunities, and complete an application on site. Open Positions include: Shift Team Leader Youth Care Workers; Youth Care Workers; Lead Case Managers; Case Managers; Licensed Clinical Counselors; Registered Nurse and more.

All applicants must be 21 or older and bi-lingual in English/Spanish. Applicants should bring two copies of their resume and be prepared to complete an application on site. For information, contact hr@thebaptistegroup.com. To learn more about the positions, the qualifi-

cations and to apply, visit <http://thebaptistegroup.workable.com>.

Why So Many Telescopes?

"Why So Many Telescopes?" a seminar conducted by Dave Dooling of the New Mexico Museum of Space History, will be from 2-3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, in the Roadrunner Room at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Find out why astronomers need so many different telescopes, and why they have FITS? See how the universe is a symphony of electromagnetic radiation and peek at and through the many eyes and ears that let us enjoy the composition. For information, call 528-4005.

Denny's celebrates anniversary

On Monday, Jan. 11, the Denny's at 3901 Bataan Memorial Hwy. West will honor its first year with a grand anniversary celebration! Every guest will be a winner with a chance to spin the prize wheel to win coupons for discounted meals, free treats and giveaways of Denny's branded goodies. For information, call 864-672-7164.

Las Cruces Civitan monthly meetings

It's meeting time again! The Las Cruces Civitan Club meets monthly on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. We hope to see you there on Monday, Jan. 11... and bring a friend to Los Compas restaurant, 1120 Commerce Dr. Join us for dinner, a meeting, and fellowship.

Mesilla Valley Garden Club meets Jan. 12

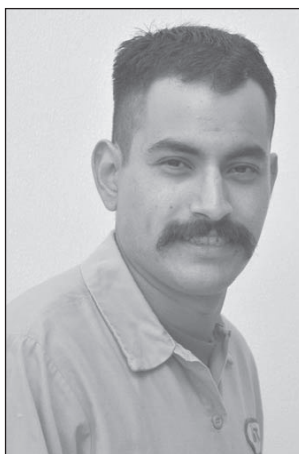
The Mesilla Valley Garden Club will meet on Tues., Jan. 12, at 1 p.m. The program will be Bats Need Love Too. For further information on location of the meeting, please call 527-2688.

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Branigan Library offers free computer classes

Do you or someone you know need help learning how to use the new computer or iPad you got for Christmas? Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., is hosting computer literacy classes in January in the second floor Computer Training Lab. Registration is not required, however, only the first five attendees will be guaranteed a computer. Attendees are welcome to bring their own laptops if space permits.

- Introduction to Computers: File Management, Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2–4 p.m.

- Introduction to the Internet, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2–4 p.m.

- iPad Basics, Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2–4 p.m.

For more information, contact the Reference Desk at 528-4005 or library.reference@las-cruces.org. Anyone who will require accommodation for a disability to attend this event, notify the library 48 hours in advance at 528-4005.

Free course in Spanish

“Cuidando con Respeto” is a free course presented in Spanish for

caregivers of people with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. It provides much of the same helpful information as the popular “Savvy Caregiver” Program. It will be presented as a two-day course in two, four-hour sessions. The following options are available: Tuesday, Jan. 12 and 19, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. or Thursday, Jan. 14 and 21, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Classes are held at the Southern Area Health Education Center, 4003 Geothermal Drive. To register or for information, contact Alma Gross, 646-3061 or algross@nmsu.edu.

Elite Business Builders Group meeting

If you’re serious about growing your business using networking, this is the place for you. Elite Business Builders BNI Group meets at Picacho Country Club, 6861 Via Campestre every Wednesday from 8:30-10 a.m. Come early for open networking and plan a few minutes after the meeting to ask questions and get answers. Join this amazing group of business professional who love to work together to help each other grow their business. Call for information and to be a guest at the next meeting: Cheryl 524-1201

or 520-730-4456.

Proposed Mesilla Park Historic District public information meeting

Staff members from the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Cultural Affairs will hold a public information meeting about the proposed Mesilla Park Historic District and the National Register of Historic Places on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. in room 9 of the Frank O’Brien Papen Community Center (formerly the Mesilla Park Community Center), 304 Bell Avenue. See the Bulletin brief on page B19.

Open auditions for unique Masterworks chorus

Come and join a most unique chorus which includes NMSU students and Las Cruces community members. Auditions will be held Wednesday Jan. 13 to Friday Jan. 15 at the Music Building on the NMSU Horseshoe. Please contact Dr. John Flanery, associate professor, at jflanery@nmsu.edu, 646-1306 or 601-434-1977. Flanery, the director of choral studies, will be taking emails and calls to set up an audition time slot or to learn more details.

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with a particular focus on the lowest-performing 5 percent of schools, high schools with high dropout rates, and schools where subgroups of students are struggling;

Empowering state and local decision-makers to develop their own strong systems for school improvement based upon evidence, rather than imposing cookie-cutter federal solutions like No Child Left Behind (NCLB) did;

Preserving annual assessments and reduce the often onerous burden of unnecessary and ineffective testing on students and teachers, making sure that standardized tests don’t crowd out teaching and learning, without sacrificing clear, annual information parents and educators need to make sure our children are learning;

Providing more children access to high-quality preschool, giving them the chance to get a strong start to their education;

And establishing new resources to test promising practices and replicate proven strategies that will drive opportuni-

ty and better outcomes for America’s students.

In the meantime, while we can rejoice that children in the future may have more of the educational quality and opportunity they need to succeed, we have left behind us a generation of students who faced the pressure of NCLB edicts and either shined or failed to thrive in the stressful environment.

There will always be the smart and ambitious students who will achieve and rise to the top and there will always be those who give up, fail to care in a school environment. It is the students in-between who lost out on the caring about learning opportunities for 13 years.

When my first son, who is now 25, went to kinder-

garten it lasted half a day. Students learned to get along, they took naps and they made bag puppets to learn their letters.

When my youngest son, who is now 14, went to kindergarten in the middle of the NCLB years, kindergarten was a full day, involved having to learn to read and there was no time for naps or even to finish an art project. The teacher, who had been teaching for more than 30 years, was so jaded and unable to adapt, she was angry much of the time.

Gone were the days when all Robert Fulghum needed to know was learned in kindergarten because those things were left behind too: “Share everything. Play fair. Don’t hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don’t take things

that aren’t yours. Say you’re sorry when you hurt somebody.

Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life - Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some. Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch out for traf-

fic, hold hands and stick together. Be aware of wonder.”

What happens to those children who didn’t learn those things? Some are ok, children are resilient and hungry for input; some hate school; many in New Mexico dropped right out of school with more than a quarter of high-school students leaving school before graduation.

We have work to do, support your educators with your legislators and things can get better. And for those left behind by NCLB? I don’t know, I guess they were just an experiment.

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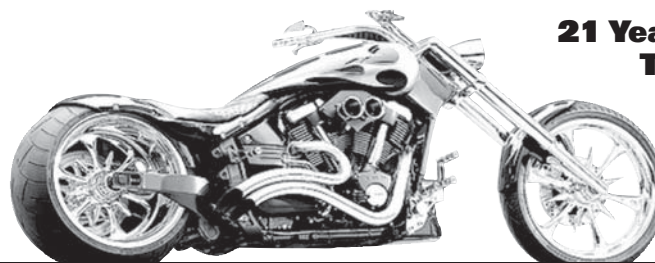
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pub license bill is not on the governor's agenda, and he acknowledges that it might not be germane as a budget bill.

Even so, Soules said he will try to get the bill introduced in the state Senate this year, or at least set the groundwork for its introduction during the 2017 session, when legislators as well as the

governor can introduce bills on any topic.

New Mexico is one of several states which limits the number of liquor licenses issued to full-service restaurants, bars, convenience stores, grocery stores, nightclubs, package liquor stores and other businesses to sell beer, wine and hard liquor.

"New Mexico is a quota state and has a limited number of dispenser type licenses," according to the website of the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the state Regulation and Licensing Department (http://www.rld.state.nm.us/alcoholandgaming/Liquor_License.aspx).

Since no new dispenser licenses are being issued by the state, existing "li-

censes of this type are bought and sold, transferred to new locations or leased, with the prior approval of the Alcohol and Gaming Division," according to the website.

The price for a single license has topped \$800,000 in Las Cruces and \$900,000 in Santa Fe in recent years.

"It's not a free market," Soules said. The state's quota system is "a re-

striction on the amount of goods that are there, and therefore puts an artificial price on those goods and services."

Soules' thinks one way to deal with the issue is to build on the state's restaurant license, which allows restaurants to serve beer and wine, but not hard liquor.

Under Soules' proposal, a restaurant that already has a beer and wine license could get a pub license that would allow it to sell spirits distilled in New Mexico. The restaurant could add vodka, gin, whiskey, brandy and other hard liquors to its menu – but only if they are bottled in New Mexico. He said it could impact about 800 restaurants around the state.

Soules said his draft legislation spells out what would and would not qualify as a New Mexico spirit to prevent anyone from bringing in tanker-trucks filled with any liquor distilled outside the state.

Under his proposal, Soules said a pub license could only be issued in specific areas designated by local governments to boost economic development. Downtown Las Cruces, could be one example, he said, noting that My Brothers Place holds the only full liquor license in the downtown area. "Not having a liquor license holds up downtown development," Soules said.

Limiting pub license availability to restaurants that already have beer and wine licenses, and letting local governments make the final decision would limit the number of licenses, he said, creating a way to "work on the negative impact of our current liquor laws without harming current license holders."

As part of the bill, Soules said he will propose a fee of \$2,000 for a

restaurant to add a pub license. That's "a reasonable amount," Soules said, because it will pay for the necessary inspections, but won't unduly burden restaurants who want it. And, he said, restaurants that hold beer and wine licenses have already qualified for licenses and have trained servers on staff.

Soules said his proposed bill also could benefit rural New Mexico, and promote "responsible alcohol consumption."

Because the value of dispenser licenses is so high, Soules said, many locally owned businesses, including some in sparsely populated areas, can't afford to buy them. National chains "with deep pockets" are buying up liquor licenses all over the state, he said, while "local mom and pop businesses that are the heart of downtown areas" can't afford them.

In some cases, that leaves people in rural areas miles from the nearest full-service liquor distributor, Soules said. And, if they travel a long distance to buy liquor and consume it far from home, the chances of them drinking and driving may increase, he said.

And, whether a pub license was issued in a big city or a small town, Soules said, it would promote New Mexico-made products to local residents and visitors.

His proposal "pushes a whole new industry," Soules said. It would open up a new in-state market for New Mexico-distilled spirits, which could also be marketed outside New Mexico, he said.

Soules said his pub license bill also could be "a huge shot in the arm" for the state's restaurant industry, which he said "took a neutral stand" on

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Highway signs work to deter drunken driving

By Susie Ouder Kirk
Las Cruces Bulletin

If you're of legal driving age, you've probably seen the new bright, flashing signs above Interstates 25 and 10 and Highway 70 in Las Cruces. Most commonly known as "Amber Alerts," the lighted electronic traffic condition signs display current scrolling information about emergencies in and around the area.

Although the signs came about as a national program to assist in the search and rescue of abducted children, they have been valuable as notifications of weather hazards, closed roads, traffic accidents and the like. And now they are being used to combat an especially troublesome public health

issue in New Mexico.

About Amber Alerts

In October 2001, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children launched a campaign to have valuable alert systems established nationwide. The purpose was to provide a fast-moving system that alerted law enforcement en masse to a missing or abducted child and deliver critical information about the people, vehicles, and details surrounding the kidnapping. The first fully automated Alert Notification System (ANS) sent information to radio and television stations, surrounding law enforcement agencies, newspapers and local support organizations. These alerts were sent all at once via pagers, faxes, emails,

and cell phones with the information immediately posted on the Internet for the general public to view.

The road signs came into use in 2003 as a way to further notify the public about an abducted or missing child. Now, if a child goes missing or is kidnapped, information about the type of vehicle, the person or persons involved, the possible location or direction of the vehicle and other pertinent details (age and description of the child) are scrolled above major roadways, allowing for thousands of drivers to be on the lookout. To date, nearly 800 children nationwide have been found alive and returned to their homes and families, due in part to the Amber Alert system. That's 60 children a year

who made it home safely.

Another valuable use

The New Mexico Department of Transportation announced in December that for the first time in New Mexico, electronic highway signs will display strategic messages aimed at deterring drunk driving. In addition to being used for Amber Alerts and traffic conditions, signs around the state will now display the new anti-DWI messages, as well.

"Too often we hear about crashes that are all too avoidable, if only an individual had not made the terrible decision to drink and drive," said NMDOT Secretary Tom Church. "We've seen how effective electronic signage can be for a variety of traffic purposes. Now

we're going to harness that same messaging power to raise awareness of the danger and consequences of drunk driving."

The anti-DWI messages are already running and will continue through next year. Messages warn motorists of the consequences of drinking and driving and display statewide DWI crash statistics, including the number of alcohol-related crashes and fatalities statewide. Some examples of these creative messages include, "Arrive Alive Don't Drink & Drive," "Drive Drunk Meet a Cop," and "Drive Hammered Get Nailed." The signs also encourage motorists to report drunk drivers by dialing 911 or #DWI.

This announcement comes on the heels of Gov-

ernor Susana Martinez announcing a series of new executive proposals to end DWI. The initiatives include inundating the state's deadliest highways with more police officers and innovative patrol strategies to specifically target drunk drivers and establishments that over-serve; a bench warrant roundup program that tasks law enforcement to find and arrest a high-risk group of DWI offenders who refuse to take responsibility for their actions and are more likely to drink and drive again; and, a ramp-up of efforts to locate and capture repeat DWI offenders – including those who have killed or seriously injured families on the road – and have now skipped out on parole or probation and are hiding from the law.

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wife,' and Emily (his wife) jokes that she is happy to have the help!"

Oxford-Ponce and her wife, Kathy, have three small dogs and four cats: "All rescues."

Sports in general, and school athletics in particular, are made up mostly of boys and young men, as are the coaches, staffs and administrations that shepherd them. So how does a woman, who admittedly doesn't relish the spotlight, keep her balance within such a testosterone-heavy environment?

"It's still predominately a man's arena," she said. "Particularly in New Mexico because we have so few women varsity coaches."

She is aware officials are far more critical when a woman varsity coach is vocal.

"I've seen tons of basketball games, and the officials seem to give more leeway to men coaches," Oxford-Ponce said.

The "old boy network" that has molded and nourished high school athletics since its inception, is still there, but, "Most of the peo-

ple I work with, the athletics directors, over the past ten years know me and I don't get the rolling of the eyes anymore," she added.

Role models and friends

Perhaps her ability to hold her own in a male monopoly was cultivated by her time as a police officer at NMSU and in Sierra County. She graduated second in her class from the police academy in Santa Fe.

One of Oxford-Ponce's role models is Karen Fay, who was an assistant athletics director at NMSU during the early days of Title IX.

"She was an iconic leader for women coming into athletics during the 1970s and '80s," she said.

Two other female athletics directors in the area also provide support and friendship when the job gets stressful. Karen Nougues of the Gadsden Independent School District and Maria Kennedy, acting AD in the El Paso district, are both sisters-in-arms.

"Nougues works as the athletic director without an assistant. She deals with a lot of what I deal with," and Kennedy is "very knowledgeable and very well respected. I like working with

her," Oxford-Ponce said.

The three women have bonded because, "there are not a lot of people you can talk to" about the particular challenges of being a woman in a male-dominated arena. "We have learned to laugh it off," she said.

Oxford-Ponce is noticeably proud of the LCPS athletics department.

"Las Cruces Public Schools athletics are one of the most successful in the state," she said. "We consistently have kids qualifying – and winning – at the state level. We have athletes who have to be respected."

The northern part of

New Mexico has learned that Las Cruces, with its small-town aura, can and does compete successfully in high school sports.

This is remarkable, considering less than 1 percent of the Las Cruces public school district operational budget goes to athletics.

The success of a community in any aspect is tied to the character of its citizens. It's people like Michele Oxford-Ponce, who contribute to the quality of that character by working quietly and tirelessly behind the scenes. "I like to do what I do," she said. "I can be behind the scenes."

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City council honors veterans

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces City Council honored Purple Heart recipients and a World War II veteran at its Monday, Jan. 4, 2016 meeting.

The council voted unanimously to accept an appropriation of \$7,000 from the New Mexico Legislature to create and install a Purple Heart monument at Las Cruces' Veterans Memorial Park, 2651 N. Roadrunner Parkway.

City Parks and Recreation Department Director Mark Johnston said the four-foot by six-foot monument will be located just to the west of the garrison flag in the park, and

will be installed by Parks and Recreation Department staff.

Las Cruces veteran and Purple Heart recipient Rod Gajewski said there are more than 200 Purple Heart veterans in the Las Cruces area, including veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Gajewski, a U.S. Army specialist/5 who served from 1965 to 1969, including a year in the Vietnam War, is judge advocate of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Mesilla Valley Chapter #4.

The oldest member of the order, who attended the Jan. 4 council meeting, is Arthur Johnson,

95, a veteran of World War II and the Battle of the Bulge, a nearly seven-week battle in December 1944 and January 1945 between the Allies and Nazi Germany. Johnson was an officer in the 101st Airborne Division Screaming Eagles, and was a demolition specialist.

The youngest member of the chapter is Wil Grumet, 27, who retired as a staff sergeant after serving with the U.S. Army during the Iraq War, Gajewski said.

Another Las Cruces Purple Heart recipient is Col. Paul Roach, who served in World War II, the Korean Conflict (he was a prisoner of war for two years in Korea) and the Vietnam War, Gajewski said.

"Our group is a very diverse group," he said.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart was created in 1932.

It bears the likeness of George Washington, who, as commanding general of the Continental Army,

awarded two Honorary Badges of Distinction and a Badge of Military Merit, on August 7, 1782.

The Badge of Military Merit, the nation's oldest military medal, became the Purple Heart.

Las Cruces became New Mexico second Purple Heart city last August, and approximately the 100th city with the designation nationwide.

"We're proud of all our service men and women," said Mayor Ken Miyagishima.

Members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart are part of "a very exclusive fraternity," he said.

The council also honored World War II veteran Harvey Brown, a private first class in the U.S. Army and a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division.

In introducing Brown, former Las Cruces City Councillor Dolores Archuleta said he spent three years in combat zones during WWII and was wounded in action on



Some of the members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Mesilla Valley Chapter #4 who attended the Jan. 4 Las Cruces City Council meeting, when the council approved a Purple Heart monument in Las Cruces' Veterans Memorial Park.



Former Las Cruces City Councilor Dolores Archuleta honors Las Cruces World War II veteran Harvey Brown at the council's Jan. 4 meeting.

June 9, 1945. She said Brown tried to enlist shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, but was too young. His parents had to sign for him to enable his enlistment at age 17, she said.

Miyagishima placed a

medal from the city honoring Brown around his neck and said, "Thank you for serving our country."

For more information, visit <http://www.purple-heart.org/members/national/ChapterOfficers.aspx?Chapter=2004-NM-5>.

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City council supports mental hospital feasibility study

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

At its Monday, Jan. 4, meeting, the Las Cruces City Council unanimously approved the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Citizen Participation Plan as part of its preparation of its 2016-20 Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in Las Cruces.

As part of the citizen participation plan, HUD has set up several public meetings in Las Cruces to gather input on the plan.

Here is a schedule of

those meetings:

Community meetings

Tuesday, Jan. 12: 6 to 7:30 p.m., Munson Senior Center, 975 Mesquite St.;

Wednesday, Jan. 13: 2 to 3:30 p.m., Henry Benavidez Senior Center, 1045 McClure Road; and 6 to 7:30 p.m., Sage Café, 6121 Reynolds Drive.

Public hearings

Wednesday, April 6: 6 to 7:30 p.m., Sage Café, 6121 Reynolds Drive;

Thursday, April 7: 9 to 10:30 a.m., Las Cruces City Hall Council Chambers, 700 N. Main St.; and 2 to

3:30 p.m., Mesilla Valley Community of Hope Resource Room, Building 3, 999 West Amador Ave.

At the meetings, the city and HUD want to find out how the city should spend federal housing and community development funds it will receive during the next five years, according to the city's website (<http://www.las-cruces.org>).

In general, the funds have to benefit low- and moderate-income residents.

In particular, they want to know what local residents "consider to be the most critical housing needs in their neighbor-

hoods and for the city overall"; the city's most critical community development needs (including sidewalks, street paving, drainage issues); and what the city can do to improve housing opportunities and community development, the website said.

"During these forums,

citizens, social service agencies, developers, homeless and housing providers, health professionals and advocates will come together to discuss the most pressing needs in the city," according to the website.

If you can't attend one of the meetings, you can

complete a survey about housing and community development needs at www.surveymonkey.com/r/LasCrucesCP.

You can send written comments to and request more information from city Housing and Neighborhood Services Manager Vera Zamora at 528-3194

Mesilla commission considers sports complex

By Susie Ouderkirk
Las Cruces Bulletin

The dustup persists in Mesilla as businessman Scott Bannister continues to lobby the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve his application for the development of a private, for-profit sportsplex on a 50-acre lot located on Motel Blvd.

About 50 Mesilla residents, many of whom live on the border of what will be a comprehensive athletic set-up housing 22 sports fields with concession facilities, listened as Bannister addressed concerns of the commission on Monday, Jan. 4 at the Mesilla Community Center.

Commission Chair Russell Hernandez explained more than once that the session was a meeting between the applicant and the board, and that public comment would be taken at the meeting scheduled later in the evening.

Residents spoke up when it became apparent that the discussion between Bannister and the commissioners was not

loud enough to be heard throughout the room.

Hernandez agreed to pass the microphone to whomever was speaking so that members of the audience could hear the conversation.

Commissioners Tamra McLeod, Dan Apodaca, Yolanda Lucero and Roman Prieto were joined at the front table by Hernandez, Community Development Coordinator Larry Shannon and Bannister. It was announced that no decision on Bannister's application would be made at the meeting.

Issues initially brought up by the commissioners included questions about the septic system and how it would tie into the city lines, the status of an active well to be used for all irrigation, trees and fencing to provide a buffer between the sportsplex and nearby homes, and the plan for the parking area.

Bannister fielded the questions by deferring to the expertise of the project's engineer, and offered to come up with ad-

equated answers to any questions not addressed at the time of the meeting.

Bannister advised the commission that the plan for an indoor, Olympic-sized swimming pool has been cancelled.

Questions about a Department of Transportation Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) seemed to bring the issue to a standstill.

Bannister requested that he not pay for the report (approximated to cost between \$4,000-\$7,000) until the project is approved by the commission. However, the commission argued that the TIA is necessary for the approval process to proceed.

The lighting of the facility was discussed at length, and Bannister was advised that the Mesilla codes only allow light poles to be 15 feet high.

Soccer fields require lights to be erected at 30 feet, and baseball fields require 50-foot poles. Bannister said he would be

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Downtown Las Cruces Partnership creating advertising app

The Downtown Las Cruces Partnership (DLCP) is using modern technology to link the old and historic with the new and modern, as it brings together Main Street and the historic Mesquite and Alameda Depot districts with a new mobile app.

Prices for participating businesses to be on the app range from an annual fee of \$30 for a basic listing to \$150 for full account control, said DLCP Executive Director Arianna Parsons. DLCP is targeting early 2016 to launch the new app, which will be available at no cost to Apple and Android smartphone users, she said. Owner Mike Beckett made COAS Bookstore the first downtown business to sign up for the app.

The app will include a searchable directory of downtown businesses, business profiles and maps; a calendar of downtown events; special promotions; and news and information, including advance notice of construction and road and parking lot closures, Parsons said. Later on, it will also include information about cultural and historic sites

in the downtown area, including walking tours.

With the app, she said, no one will ever need to ask again, "What's there to do in downtown Las Cruces?" It certainly will be informative and communicate a ton of information," Parsons said. "I'm really excited."

The app will also "push the boundaries of what is downtown," she said, as it helps to "maintain the cultural significance and independence" of Main Street and the nearby historic districts.

Current projects the app will help downtown residents, business owners and visitors keep track of include the civic plaza that is currently under construction and the upcoming conversion of Water and Church streets from one-way to two-way traffic.

The plaza, located near the intersection of Main Street and Griggs Avenue, just west of the downtown mall, is currently under construction and will cost about \$5.6 million, said City of Las Cruces Downtown Coordinator Andy Hume. Work should be completed by July 2016 on



Banners on streetlights encourage visitors to enjoy the many amenities of downtown Las Cruces.

the 180-foot by 320-foot plaza, which can be enlarged for special events by closing adjoining streets, he said.

The plaza will be another important downtown attraction, Parsons said. Having a "town square is really, really important," she said. It's "the heart of Las Cruces that's been missing for a while."

The city will begin conversion of Church and Water streets from one-way to two-way traffic in early 2017, Hume said. The Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) project is expected to cost \$7.46



The Farmers Market, located downtown, is one of the largest and most popular in the country.



Plans are underway to make downtown's "callecitas" — tiled walkways — into more attractive and welcoming gathering places for children and families, and as channels from Main Street that lead to the Alameda Depot and Mesquite districts.

million, of which \$4.8 million has already been collected, he said. Construction should take about 18 months to complete, and will include the extension of Water Street to Lohman Avenue, Hume said.

Hume said the advantages of returning the streets to two-way traffic, as they were configured before the city's downtown urban renewal project began, will include "better traffic circulation, access to businesses and pedestrian and bicycle facilities."

The current one-way configuration of the two streets creates a loop around the downtown mall, which means "there is no reason to go through Main Street, and that's not what you want," Parsons said. The conversion to two-way traffic will make both streets "more conducive to businesses starting up," she said, and will include diagonal parking, trees, benches and street-scaping. "It's going to be lovely," Parsons said.

These and other major physical changes to the downtown area will help people "to understand what we've been working so hard on," she said.

The city's original downtown master plan was completed in January 2004, Hume told an October 2015 meeting of the Las Cruces City Council. More than two-thirds of the 90-plus projects outlined in the plan have been completed or are in pro-

cess, he said. The city has already allocated \$100,000 to update the plan.

Another downtown master plan project already approved by the council allocates \$100,000 to \$150,000 for improvements to the city-owned Rio Grande Theatre, located at 211 N. Downtown Mall. Upgrades will be made to the historic theatre's dressing

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The City of Las Cruces will spend \$100,000 to \$150,000 to provide internal upgrades to the historic Rio Grande Theatre, which is owned by the city and managed by the Dona Ana Arts Council.

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rooms, security, energy and sound systems and to the lobby. Another \$250,000 to \$300,000 will be spent by the city to enlarge and upgrade restroom facilities located behind the Rio Grande Theatre.

Parsons said the city also will redevelop the callecitas – tiled walkways – next to Main Street Bistro and Ale House, COAS Bookstore and the New America School on the downtown mall.

A design committee is now at work on the callecitas to make them more attractive as “gathering stations” for children and families, and as “channels from Main Street that lead to the Alameda Depot and Mesquite districts,” she said.

Parsons said “way-finding signage” will also soon be a new feature of downtown so people will know where they are and where else they can go to enjoy the unique features of the area. The signs will include step counting and color coding, she said. “It’s going to be fun.”

Parsons said her home town of Columbia, MO is about the same size as Las Cruces and both are university towns. She said she has learned a lot from the success of Columbia’s downtown development. And, she and her husband, Tyrell Thacker, had enough faith in the potential for downtown Las Cruces to buy their own business there. They own Beck’s Coffee at 130 N. Mesquite St. in the Mesquite Historic District.

Parsons said DLCP is “actively seeking” other food and beverage businesses to locate in the downtown area. Space is available in a number of locations, including the ground floor of the huge Bank of the West building that overlooks the plaza between Griggs and Las Cruces avenues; and in the historic Camunez

building at 201 N. Main St., which has received Main Street capital outlay funds for renovation.

“We have the space. We don’t have the infrastructure,” Parsons said. But, “for the right concept, a lot could happen really quickly.” DLCP is looking for entrepreneurs and “people to take the risk,” she said, adding that “every day, that risk is lessening because of all the development that’s happening.”

Parsons said DLCP also has approached a number of churches in the downtown area to help them find other locations so even more properties on Main Street are available for commercial development. Many downtown churches purchased property in the area when prices were low, but they typically are not attractive to shoppers, visitors and business developers.

DLCP also has approached churches about space sharing opportunities, Parsons said. The Center for Spiritual Living on the north end of the downtown mall, for example, wants to partner on a new café, she said.

Bringing more “higher-end, multi-family housing units” to downtown like the recently completed Lofts of Alameda at the corner of Alameda Boulevard and Court Avenue, is also very important, Parsons said. “There’s going to be more of that.”

Continued renovation of the Amador Hotel at 180 W. Amador Ave., is another important downtown project. The building was constructed in 1850 and is now owned by the city, which plans to turn it into a downtown events center, Parsons said.

The nationally ranked Farmers and Crafts Market of Las Cruces continues to be a major draw to the downtown mall every Wednesday and Saturday,



Las Cruces Community Theatre, a long-time fixture of downtown, continues its capital campaign to buy the building it has occupied for decades.

Parsons said. A number of festivals held in the area are also major draws to downtown, including the Country Music Festival that will be held April 29 through May 1 and the Avenue Art New Mexico festival that will be held on Saturday, April 30.

One of the challenges for DLCP, Parsons said, is to convince downtown businesses to adjust their hours of operation so they are open when festivals and special events are going on, and to do more to attract festival goers into their shops through signage and window displays.

Parsons said DLCP, a state and nationally certified Main Street organization, has received strong support from the city for the continued development of downtown Las Cruces. “I couldn’t ask for a more visionary, forward-thinking group of people to work with,” she said. Mayor Ken Miyagishima and members of the city council recognize that “we’re on this path; let’s keep going,” Parsons said.

Councillor Kasandra Gandara, whose district contains the downtown area, took office last month

after winning the District One seat on Nov. 3. Gandara has already met with Parsons, who said, “I’m glad she reached out.”

Craig Buchanan of US Bank is president of the DLCP board of directors. Other members include John Hummer, Kevin Tegmeyer, Matt Dyer, Connie Hines, Patrick Grooms, Mollie McGraw, Jackie Mitchell Edwards and former city councilor Dolores Archuleta.

Parsons said being executive director of DLCP for the past year and “actually working for these things that really can have an impact on people’s lives” has been very rewarding – and a little daunting. At one point, she was a member of seven committees and three boards as she worked to absorb as much information as possible about the history and development of downtown. “There is so much going on,” Parsons said.

For more information on the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership, visit <http://downtownlascruces.org/>. The DLCP office is located at 138 S. Water St. The telephone number is 525-1955.

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seeking a variance on the height limits.

When asked about the financial responsibility that Mesilla might be liable for if the project went bankrupt, Bannister explained that there would be a life insurance policy taken out on him which would cover costs such as those.

Several other issues were raised as the meeting progressed, including the size and location of a buffering walking path; the type and size of trees to be planted; the height of an existing rock wall; the hours that the facility would keep, especially in the eve-

nings; anticipated attendance (approximately 240 child athletes during one tournament); the plans for a house that currently sits on the property (it would be cleaned up and used in the facility); use fees of the facility; a self-contained water feature; long term ownership of the park; the development of a triple A baseball team; the potential gross receipts tax revenues; trash disposal; and the safety of the participants.

The commissioners iterated that the plan would be voted on at the next meeting, which is scheduled for Jan. 19.

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NMSU grads help build nation's first bullet train

By **Tiffany Acosta**
For the Bulletin

The interstate highway system revolutionized travel in the United States in the 1950s, allowing people and cargo to reach their destinations far more efficiently than ever before. Now, more than 60 years later, three New Mexico State University alums are working on a project to help change the face of travel in the country once again.

Jorge Granados, Terry Ogle and David Vallejos, three of the eight members of NMSU's civil engineering graduating class of 1987, are working on the California High-Speed Rail project. This initiative will build the country's first high-speed rail system, which is the largest infrastructure project currently underway in the United States.

The 520-mile, \$68 billion California High-Speed Rail project will connect the major cities in the state. The San Francisco-Los Angeles route is expected to be in operation by 2029, and will travel through Merced, Fresno, Bakersfield and Palmdale. The trip will last less than three hours.

Eventually, the plan is to ex-



For left, New Mexico State University graduates Jorge Granados, David Vallejos and Terry Ogle are helping build a high-speed rail system in California. (Courtesy photo)

tend the project to Sacramento and San Diego, spanning 800 miles with 24 stations. In 2022, the initial section of service is expected to begin operations from Merced to the San Fernando Valley.

"This project is important on a national, statewide and local scale," said Ogle, director of design and construction. "California needs another transportation alternative. California's

population is expected to grow by 25 percent over the next 30 years. That means by 2050, 50 million people will live in California. Anyone living or visiting L.A. or the Bay Area knows how congested the traffic is now; imagine what it'll be like with 50 million people trying to get around."

Granados, the design and construction manager for a 65-mile design-build contract for

the project, agreed.

"We are becoming a society that wants to have the quality of life that the rural areas have to offer, and will commute through congested roads for hours to work in major cities," Granados said. "High-speed rail will provide the opportunity for individuals to live in rural areas and commute into major cities on the train in half the time it would take to drive, without the stresses involved in traveling congested freeways, and reduce the pollution of our air by replacing the automobile with nonpolluting electric trains."

Heavy construction work started in mid-June on the 29-mile stretch between Madera and Fresno counties.

"The project will relieve traffic congestion, reduce emissions, protect the environment for the future and reduce stress," Vallejos, a project construction engineer, said. "This will change California forever."

So how do three Aggies end up working together on the largest infrastructure project the country has seen in the last 60 years? After graduation, the trio was hired by the California

Department of Transportation. While at NMSU, the three attended many of the same classes.

In addition to their friendship that has spanned nearly 30 years, Granados, Ogle and Vallejos recall the relationships they built in the College of Engineering.

Ogle, a Thoreau, New Mexico, native, reminisced about the time spent working on homework in the civil engineering student lounge in Jett Hall just hours before it was due. He added that William C. McCarthy, Samuel P. Maggard, Ken White, Jesse Lunsford and Conrad Keyes were some of his favorite professors.

Vallejos, who is a Las Cruces native, said his favorite memories from NMSU included the friends he made and the relationship he cultivated with his professor and adviser, Lunsford, who was a driving force in his becoming an engineer.

While most of the NMSU community isn't affected by the daily traffic problems in California, the work of three Aggies will have an impact on how people travel — not only in the Golden State, but maybe also across the country.

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CAFé's Rubio announces campaign

Bulletin Report

Angelica Rubio, a community organizer with community rights group NM Comunidades en Accion y de Fe – better known as CAFé – hopes to win a seat in the New Mexico House of Representatives during the November 2016 election. The Las Cruces formally announced her candidacy for the District 35 seat Wednesday, Jan. 6.

The current District 35



RUBIO

Rep., Jeff Steinborn, a Democrat, will seek a spot in the state senate in November.

Rubio sites her work in the effort to raise the minimum wage in Las Cruces, expand voters' rights throughout Doña Ana County and protect the Organ Mountains

as momentum builders that have given her a mandate to run for office.

"First and foremost, I'm running for this office because my community has asked me to," Rubio said. "I believe that with this opportunity of an open seat in District 35, now is the right moment to step into public life and be the leader that my community wants and needs."

Many of her remarks

can be found on a campaign kickoff video on YouTube.

Rubio was born and raised in New Mexico and holds a bachelor of arts in government from New Mexico State University, as well as a master of arts in Latin American Studies from California State. She has served as an intern on Capital Hill and also managed a municipal campaign.

Sayin' goodbye to 2015



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Las Cruces artist Bob Diven created a figure to burn on New Year's Eve, as he and friends gathered east of Las Cruces to say goodbye to 2015 and welcome 2016. Diven called this figure "The Green Man," and built him out of scrap lumber, paper and pyracantha branches in about two hours. Everyone in the group writes down things he or she wants to let go of from 2015, and those are burned up with the figure. Diven has created a variety of human and animal figures to burn as part of the ceremony over the past several years.

IN THE NEWS

County tabs interim fire chief

Doña Ana County Manager Julia T. Brown has announced the appointment of Eric Crespin as Interim Doña Ana County Fire Chief, stepping to fill the vacancy caused by

Robert Monsivaiz' retirement last week.

Crespin has been assistant chief of the Doña Ana County Fire and Emergency Services Department since May of 2006.

"Eric is the ideal person to act as interim chief while we advertise the position and begin the process of evaluating candi-

dates," Brown said.

"I have absolute confidence in both his skill set and his leadership to keep the department functioning smoothly until a permanent fire chief is on board."

Frenger Pool has reopened

Frenger Indoor Pool, 800

Parkview Dr., will be open to the public starting Monday, Jan. 11.

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NMSU researchers track eye movements to improve visual searches

BY Dana Beasley
For the Bulletin

According to preliminary research conducted by New Mexico State University's Vision Sciences and Memory Laboratory, two heads may not always be better than one.

"We're looking at how working with a teammate affects behavior," said Michael Hout, assistant professor of psychology and lead investigator on the project. "There are certain aspects of search that might be benefited more from working with a partner, relative to other aspects."

So far, researchers found it to be beneficial for subjects to work together on exhaustive searches. In other words, if there is a display – like an X-ray – with multiple items to find, working with a partner is better than working alone. However, in terms of finding things very quickly, working in pairs showed less of an advantage.

Consider a Transportation Security Administration screener looking for belongings that make a bag prohibited: It's best to find one suspicious item on the X-ray as quickly as possible, because the bag will then be removed from the conveyor belt and searched manually for other potentially dangerous items, Hout explained.

"Whereas, with a radiologist, just because you found one tumor doesn't



NMSU psychology professor Michael Hout and graduate assistant Arryn Robbins demonstrate how they use an eye tracker system to conduct experiments that examine eye movements and pupillometry. (NMSU photo by Darren Phillips)

mean that there's not a second one there – you don't have an inclination to search quickly," he said. "In radiology, you want to search slowly and make sure you don't miss anything."

Hout and his team mimic these high-stakes visual search scenarios in the lab to gauge the performances of both independent searchers and search pairs.

For these studies, Hout said, the subject pool typically consists of volunteers from NMSU's introductory psychology classes, as evidence suggests that the way adult human brains function in terms of information processing changes very little across levels of socioeconomic

status or age.

The computer-based experiments allow subjects to tap on a touch-screen monitor to indicate that they've found something or that they've finished searching. To better understand the volunteer's visual search paths, the group uses a desktop eye tracker, which photographs a subject's eyes every millisecond – a thousand times per second.

"We present different objects on a screen, and we have people search for a target object," said Arryn Robbins, a doctoral student in Hout's lab. "The eye tracker gives us information on where people look."

The tool adds a lot of flexibility and strength to

data, Hout explained.

"We can make much more advanced hypotheses about what people are doing when they look for things in their environment," he said.

Like many aspects of cognition, or methods the brain uses to acquire information, visual searches are often conducted so effortlessly that the ability can be taken for granted.

"You don't really think about it when you go look-

ing for your keys in the morning, or your wallet, or whatever the case may be," Hout said. "There's actually a whole lot of information processing going on, outside of conscious awareness; that's the sort of thing that we study here – the machinery that's going on when you're doing these kinds of tasks."

Currently, Hout and a collaborator from Louisiana State University's Department of Psychology, Megan Papesch, have a grant proposal in review by the TSA detailing the lab's preliminary visual search findings and suggesting new methods for creating an automated training procedure for TSA screeners.

"There's a good bit of research that suggests people who are experts in particular tasks exhibit different eye movements than non-experts," Hout said.

For instance, the scan paths of practiced visual searchers may exhibit calmer and more measured eye movements than newer professionals, whose visual scans appear much more erratic.

By assembling the eye movements of experts and novices across visual search tasks using portable eye trackers, Hout's team plans to create a training tool to help professional visual searchers improve their search abilities.

While the realm of high-stakes visual search has been broadly studied, there hasn't been much research on improvement strategies for low-stakes searches, Hout explained. So, for now, for those who can't find their keys in the morning, consider checking your hands to see if you're already holding them.

For more information on NMSU's Vision Sciences and Memory Laboratory, visit <http://michaelhout.com>.

Robbins and Hout co-authored an article for Scientific American Mind last year on the history and applications of eye tracking technology. A preview to the article can be viewed here: <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/new-technologies-track-our-eyes-and-read-our-minds/>.

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a similar bill he introduced during the 2015 legislative session. That bill died in committee, but did get a hearing, Soules said. "We were pleased it got so far; people started listening," he

said. "A lot more people are aware of it."

And, while Soules acknowledged that some current liquor-license holders and "big-time money people who have invested" in the state's

current liquor license system may oppose his plan, he thinks it will draw bi-partisan support in the Legislature. And, Soules said he is hopeful that Martinez will support it because of its economic development value.

State leaders recognize the need for liquor law reform, Soules said, and his proposal would offer "a simple solution (that is) completely under local control." If local government didn't opt for a public-license district, "nothing changes," he said. "This makes sense. This solves a problem without devaluing other licenses."



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MVT installs video safety technology

By Alta LeCompte
Las Cruces Bulletin

Do you pick your nose while you're driving?

If you do, you're in a great deal of company.

According to Royal Jones, president of Mesilla Valley Transportation (MVT), nose picking is the No. 1 secret vice drivers indulge in while cruising along, believing no one can see them.

Why does Jones know this bit of trivia? He's done the research, and his company recently completed a competitive pilot program using video cameras to observe drivers in action.

The objective of video monitoring is to keep MVT drivers (and others on the road) safe.

Data gathered during a two-month trial period confirmed the value of the images recorded inside and outside of MVT cabs, Jones said.

During the pilot program, the company achieved an 80 percent increase in seat belt compliance, an 88 percent reduction in speeding and a 50 percent decrease in distracted driving.

"It's going to change the world," he said. "It's going to protect us from each other."

MVT has contracted with a video sys-

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Andy Martinez assists clients at lunch time in the adult day care section of The Heritage.



SBDC names 2015 Star Client

By Alta LeCompte
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Small Business Development Center at Doña Ana Community College has selected its Star Client of 2015 – The Heritage.

Jay and Julie Robb own the Las Cruces assisted living facility.

"They exemplify everything a star client should be," said Jo Ann Garay, director of the local SBDC. "They're committed to the community. They are wonderful people who really care for their clients."

"The residents just love them."

The Heritage strives to be a business that is both caring and strong. It has been expanding since its founding in 2001.

"When they started, they expanded right away," Garay said, "and they have plans to continue expanding."

Pavla Paiz, SBDC administrative assistant, said Julie Robb initially came to the office with an idea for a senior living fa-

cility, seeking direction on how to turn that idea into a business.

"He (SBDC's first director, Terry Sullivan) walked her through creating a business plan and working on financials," Paiz said.

The SBDC connected the Robbs with a small commercial lender who "really liked our model as part of their portfolio," Jay Robb said.

"Without the SBDC, we would never have gotten the original financing," said Robb, who had previously built a career in the hospitality and assisted living sectors.

He said he knew how to run an operation and care for seniors but was clueless about how to start a business.

"There are not enough good things I can say about the SBDC," Robb said. "The truth is without the SBDC we would not be in business today. It was a combination of a

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PHOTOS BY ALTA LECOMPTE

Jay Robb and his wife, Julie, developed and then grew The Heritage assisted living facility with coaching from the Small Business Development Center at Doña Ana Community College.



Dumitru Popescu, CEO of ARCA Space Corp. takes flight on an ArcaBoard.

Local company markets personal flying machine

Bulletin report

ARCA Space Corp. of Las Cruces has designed and will manufacture ArcaBoard, a personal flying machine the company describes as the most powerful and lightest personal vehicle ever created.

ArcaBoard is able to fly to a height of 1 foot with speeds up to 12.5

mph. Overall performance is limited by the onboard sensors. The maximum endurance is six minutes, according to the company's announcement.

ARCA Space Corp. COO Chris Lang said the target market initially is recreational and extreme users – surfers, snowboarders,

skateboarders and other extreme enthusiasts.

He said additional applications will launch within a month.

ArcaBoard is electric-powered, with 272 horsepower and 203,000 watts of installed power, according to the company's announcement.

"For the first time in history, every person will be able to fly whenever they want, wherever they want."

DUMITRU POPESCU

CEO of ARCA Space Corp

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Celebrating the 2016 Bridge's Leadership Team for the new year

Happy New Year! It's an exciting time here at The Bridge of Southern New Mexico. We look forward to new beginnings, new resolutions and the hope of a successful new year. As we start 2016, The Bridge welcomes some new members to the executive committee and our board of directors.

We are very pleased that the Bridge Executive Committee – the board's leadership team -- will be led by incoming chairman Renay Scott, president of Doña Ana Community College.

Vice-chairman Wanda Mattiace is owner and agent for Adventure Travel & Cruise Center in Mesilla. She will lead The Bridge to Excellence Teacher Recognition



Denni Cheney
From The Bridge



Campaign for the second year in 2016, which will begin in February.

Kiel Hoffman, president of Pioneer Bank of Las Cruces, will join the leadership team as treasurer and Cheryl Nims, a retired English professor for New Mexico State University, will serve as secretary.

George Ruth, president of Citizens Bank of Las

Cruces, has led The Bridge executive committee for the past two years. He will continue to provide leadership as our past chairman.

Additionally, The Bridge welcomes a new board member, Mariette Mealor, to join the work of The Bridge this month. Mealor, who is business development specialist for White Sands Missile Range, is the first federal service employee to serve on The Bridge board of directors.

I would like to express my gratitude to all board members who will be serving during this next year. Our board is composed of very busy and successful members of our community, but they have taken the time to

contribute to the work of The Bridge. The vision of The Bridge is to have 100 percent high school graduation rates and workforce-ready students.

Each member brings a unique perspective and professional expertise to the board, along with a passion for education and the success of every student in Doña Ana County. Every board member serves on many other community organizations, so I appreciate their time and dedication to The Bridge.

It is so important for our students to learn by example and that's what happens when students see our community standing together to help them succeed. Thank you to The Bridge board members and to all of

you who volunteer your time to Doña Ana County.

2016 Teacher Recognition Campaign

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

– Winston Churchill

We will kick off The Bridge to Excellence Teacher Recognition Campaign in February. Please look for nomination forms at your school or online at www.thebridgeofsnm.com. We will be very excited to read every student nomination and we look forward to announcing the winners in May.

We encourage all public school students in Doña Ana County to nominate a teacher who

had a life-changing impact on them. Students in kindergarten through 12th grade may nominate a current or former teacher who is still actively teaching at one of our Doña Ana County public schools. It's an exciting and dynamic time of change for our teachers and students. Let's keep celebrating the successes as we learn about them!

Denni Cheney is president/CEO of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico, whose mission is to facilitate collaboration and leverage resources between public and private sectors to support educational excellence and optimize the Doña Ana County workforce. Cheney can be reached at 541-7325 or at denni@thebridgeofsnm.com.

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"For the first time in history, every person will be able to fly whenever they want, wherever they want," said Dumitru Popescu, CEO of ARCA Space Corp. "ArcaBoard represents a revolution in motion."

The vehicle can move in every direction including upward. It is built from composite materials, it 57 by 30 6 inches with a weight of 180 pounds.

"For the last 17 years we have developed aerospace technologies that looked to the sky," Popescu said.

"We took our knowledge and applied it to everyone's dreams. Dreams of flying."

Shipments will start April 15.

The retail price for an ArcaBoard is \$19,900. For more information, visit www.arcaspace.com

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tems company - SmartDrive Systems - and is installing the devices in its entire fleet of more than 1,300 tractors, including the trucks of independent contractors that drive for MVT, Jones said. MVT's independent drivers will buy the monitoring systems and the company will provide free service for it.

"It may be your truck, but it's my liability insurance," Jones said. "If something happens, they're going to sue me."

Commenting MVT is already the nation's most fuel efficient trucking company, Jones said: "We're always looking to do things better. Our goal is to be No. 1 in safety. This is going to take us a long way toward that goal."

Here's how the technology works. When an unusual driving event occurs, the SmartDrive System captures video from the road and the cab and then integrates it with driving and vehicle data.

Jones explained the cameras run whenever the truck is moving, but the system only sends data to the SmartDrive service center when an incident occurs, such the truck hitting a rough spot in the road.

He said if an incident causes a light to go on, video will be sent to



COURTESY PHOTO

A driver operates a rig equipped with video monitoring technology Mesilla Valley Transportation (MVT) is installing to improve its safety record.

the SmartDrive information center.

If the driver is doing everything right, the video will be destroyed. But if the driver is engaging in risky behavior, the video will be sent to MVT.

"If there's a wreck, it shows everything - whether the driver was not wearing a seat belt or was talking on the phone, so we can talk with them about that," Jones said.

He said according to data from court cases, drivers and trucking companies with cameras were found to be at fault in 20 percent accidents.

When no camera was present, drivers and trucking companies were found to be at fault in 80 percent of cases.

As an example of what can hap-

pen without a camera, Jones described an incident in which a car driver merging onto a freeway whipped onto the highway and hit a truck.

"She tells police the trucker in the right lane of the highway sped up and caused the crash."

The camera on the truck, however, told a different story.

"Thank God she's OK," Jones said. "Now her insurance company has to fix my truck."

Jones said he's been told his company, which specializes in time-sensitive service between major manufacturing centers in the U.S., Canada and the Mexican border region, could save \$1 million a year in insurance claims and lawsuits.

In addition, he said, his insurance costs will probably go down.

MVT drivers were not immediately sold on the benefits of video monitoring, Jones said.

"They liked it once they tested it out," he said. "They would rather know than speculate."

"They can see the lines on the front fender. The camera can see the mirror as well - where is my trailer, who's in what lane."

A SmartDrive front windshield camera captures a 160-degree view, Jones said, the most of any monitoring system currently on the market.



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Gold! Gold! Gold! How the stuff gained its luster

Gold! Coveted since time immemorial by pauper and king alike. Gold! It has launched ships and overthrown empires. Gold! It was even one of the gifts given by the wise men to the baby Jesus.

Gold. There's nothing like it. Or is there?

Gold is portable, durable and can be easily standardized, and it is these traits that make it the ideal substance to serve as money. It is with the invention of the coins that gold began to gain its special luster. Minting was first devised around 700 BCE, most likely in Asia Minor, present day Turkey, in the kingdom of Lydia. It quickly spread along trading routes, first to Greece, then to Rome and on to the rest of Europe.

Over time trade routes expanded – along the Silk Road to

Chris Erickson
State of the Economy



China, the Spice Route to India and Java and the even to far off Timbuktu in Africa. Wherever the trade routes extended, so did the lust for gold. The insatiable European demand for gold drove up gold prices throughout the known world.

By 1492, the entire Afro-Euro-Asia land mass was interconnected by trade routes. Gold coins widely circulated from London to Vienne to Moscow to Timbuktu to Venice to Bagdad to Deli to Java to Peking – all cities on major trading routes. One could find Moslem coins in England and Venetian coins in China.

Yet large areas of the world – the Americas, Australia and Polynesia – remained outside of western trading routes. These areas remained immune from the gold bug. The Aztecs, for example, used cocoa beans and bolts of cloth for money. They treated gold much like we treat tin today – nice for prettying things up because it's shiny but not very valuable for anything else.

With the age of discovery the lust for gold spread to the New World, to Australia and to Polynesia at the point of the sword. Gold fever became a global phenomenon. Ultimately, the empires of the world decided on the gold standard in which the value of each nation's currency was fixed in value relative to gold.

Gold is particularly useful as

money in that it is relatively rare, giving it value, is malleable and is easily made into standardized units. But other metals share these characteristics, especially silver and copper. And sure enough, these two are metals also derive their value historically from their use as coins.

Gold has the desired characteristics in more abundance. It is the most malleable, the most durable, the most rare of the metals used for coins, so is best. By being best it dominated the others metals, hence, its special cultural status.

But there is nothing magical about gold. Something had to be best at making coins, and, whatever that substance was, was destined to become the standard of wealth.

As coinage becomes less im-

portant, as it has during the past 150 years, gold is losing its special status. The ancient role of gold in trade has been taken over by U.S. dollars. When U.S. troops seized Saddam's Bagdad palace in 2003, for example, they found the walls stuffed not with gold coins but with bundles of hundred dollar bills.

As coins become ever less used, gold will begin to recede from cultural memory and ultimately will become as it was to the Aztecs, useful for prettying but not much else.

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Free online tool helps Las Cruces businesses succeed

A new software tool aims to help entrepreneurs succeed by accurately assessing how their business compares to local industry competitors.

The tool, which has been adopted by the City of Las Cruces, gives users immediate access to reliable data from public and private sources that they can use to make informed business decisions and write reality-based business plans.

The Web-based program, SizeUp, has an interactive map that allows businesses to benchmark their performance against that of their competitors, decide where advertising messages are most likely to be seen by their target audience and identify where to find customers, competitors and suppliers.

A business, for example, can learn how much its competitors spend on labor and health insurance, where they get their



supplies and how much revenue they earn. This information can help the owner decide where to open an outlet and what types of benefits to offer to be most competitive.

This is the kind of data large corporations crunch all the time before moving into a new market or introducing a new product or service. It's available at no cost to small businesses in Las Cruces thanks to the city's contractual agreement with the private tech company that created the software.

SizeUp is an alternative for businesses that don't have the resources to hire a consultant or a technician trained in geographic information system (GIS) mapping, said Cruz Ramos, an economic development specialist for the city.

"This tool is a piece of cake," he said. "As you

plug in variables, the data start to appear. You can toggle between (considerations for) a startup and an established business. You can use it for a business you're considering to see if the anticipated revenue is realistic based on what similar businesses are making in Las Cruces, and that helps you develop a business plan in line with what the economy will bear."

Arianna Parsons, director of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership and co-owner of a Downtown coffee shop, sees potential for businesses to benefit from the information they find on SizeUp.

"That level of data can be daunting," she said. "But this opens up a wealth of information that can be used for end-of-year planning and (tracking) sales trends."

Cathie Fern, chairwoman of SCORE, received training in the tool so she could help clients who approach her organization

for mentorship.

SCORE mentors help people all over the skill and experience spectrum, Fern said.

"We can show we have a tool they can use right away online – and how simple it is to use. Planning a business has lots to do with location and how to find your market. SizeUp allows you to do that."

The city's Economic Development Office introduced SizeUp in August

through a series of public events and training sessions.

It's one of many resources in the city's Economic Gardening program, which aims to assist local businesses.

Businesses can find the tool on the city's website at <http://www.las-cruces.org/sizeup>. SizeUp information can also be found on the U.S. Small Business Administration website at www.sba.gov/tools/sizeup, but users are

required to create an account.

For more information about SizeUp or other city business assistance programs, contact econdev@las-cruces.org or Cruz Ramos at cramos@las-cruces.org.

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NM jobless rate highest in nation

While New Mexico's unemployment rate for November 2015 topped the national charts at 6.8 percent, the rate for the Las Cruces metropolitan area was 7.2 percent, according to preliminary data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The local jobless rate was unchanged from October, and has declined from 8.2 percent in June.

The number of New Mexicans in the civilian labor force declined from 932,900 in June 2015 to 914,700 in November. During the same time period, the state's unemployment rate rose from 6.4 percent in June to 6.8 percent in September, October and November.

While most sectors added jobs in the past 12 months, mining and logging lost 10 percent, while construction employment declined by 0.7 percent in New Mexico.

Students, loan applicants can get tax transcript online

The IRS reminds taxpayers that the quickest way to get a copy of their tax transcript is to order it online using the Get Transcript application on IRS.gov.

By planning ahead, they should receive their transcript in the mail within five to 10 days from the time the IRS receives the request online.

Though taxpayers should always keep a copy of their tax return for their records (<https://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc305.html>), some may need the information from filed tax returns for many reasons. This includes college financial aid ap-

plicants or taxpayers who have applied for a loan to buy a home or start a business.

If a taxpayer is returning to college this January and applying for financial aid, they should check with their financial aid department at school to see if they will need a copy of their transcript before they start classes. Frequently, students get all the tax return information they need on the FAFSA application via the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.

If a taxpayer is applying for financial aid, they are encouraged to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool on the FAFSA website to easily import their tax return information to their financial aid application.

If a taxpayer plans to apply for a loan, they should ask their financial institution if a transcript will be necessary so they can plan ahead and have it at the appropriate time.

Most mortgage companies only require a tax return transcript for income verification purposes.

The fastest way to get a transcript is through the Get Transcript tool on IRS.gov. Although the IRS temporarily stopped the online viewing and printing of transcripts, Get Transcript still allows taxpayers to order their transcript online and receive it by mail.

To order by phone, call 800-908-9946 and follow the prompts.

The IRS will mail the transcript to the address of record entered on the prior year's tax return. The mailed transcript is an official document. It does not need to be a "certified" copy as is the case with some other documents.

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hardworking and determined wife, professional and encouraging counselors and my skill set that made it happen."

The facility now has 24 caregivers and has cared for almost 400 clients, Paiz said.

"They've stayed the course," she said.

She attributed the Robbs' success to the level of care, confidentiality and accessibility they provide residents and their families.

"We have hands-on care with a 1:6 ratio, which is much lower than state average of 1:15," Jay Robb said.

Julie and Jay Robb take phone calls 24/7, Paiz said.

"When you go to a corporate-owned assisted living facility, eventually someone answers the phone, but not the person who can make the decisions."

At home

The Heritage is located at the end of a cul-de-sac in a residential Las Cruces neighborhood.

Bedrooms are spacious and each has a private bath. Most residents decorate their rooms with furniture and accessories from home.

The home-like atmosphere offers an alternative to nursing homes and enables people to age in place, Jay Robb said.

The Robbs opened The Heritage in a 12-bedroom building at 846 Lettuce Lane, which had been a private residence and later a senior living center.

They returned to SBDC to develop plans for expansion, and opened a second residence in 2006.

They are now planning to build a third on a vacant lot to the west.

They also have added adult day services and opened Sunset Grove



PHOTO BY ALTA LECOMPTÉ

Bernadette Ferralez, a member of the staff of 24 at The Heritage.

Independent Living Townhomes, where seniors live independently but have access to a licensed nurse.

"Last year we re-invented ourselves to keep up with rising wages, costs and taxes," Robb said. "We streamlined our finances to control costs and did cash flow projections. The next step is going back (to the bank) after we establish stability with what we do have."

Senior care evolves

Robb said The Heritage is in step with the social and economic realities of the 21st century.

"Everybody's retirement planning took a turn during the recession," he said. "More people are living at home for a longer period of time. Boomers are getting older and the question now is how the industry is going to evolve."

He said in the past couple years the concept of assisted living has transformed from housing and housekeeping services for the able-bodied elderly to a continuum of care that extends to end-of-life care.

"I've added a nurse so we're able to provide care to the end of life," he said.

The Heritage also partners with Mesilla Valley Hospice.

Elder care in future will likely include more in-home option for the aging population, Jay Robb said, adding he is looking to be part of that segment of industry.

He said he is partnering with the developers of Picacho Mountain on a project to provide concierge services for patio homes being built west of the city.

People behind the plan

Jay Robb said his wife, Julie, has a bachelor's degree in graphic design and had been a stay-at-home mom to their seven children prior to laying the groundwork for launching the couple's business.

He earned a degree in family and consumer studies from the University of Utah and also studied administration and nursing.

Robb said he began his career at a Marriott assisted living facility, The Colonades, in Charlottesville, Va. He managed Brighton Gardens in Scottsdale, AZ, opened Brighton Gardens in Denver, and then moved to Las Cruces. He served as executive director of the Village at Northrise from 1999 to 2002, when he and Julie opened The Heritage.

He has served on the board of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Las Cruces School District Foundation as well as coaching track and field at Mayfield High School.

Robb, a former bishop with the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, is currently state president, overseeing 13 LDS units in southern New Mexico.

The couple will be honored by the New Mexico Legislature the first week in February, along with the star clients from each of the state's 20 SBDC offices, Garay said.

SAVE THE DATE

**FRI 1/22
6-9 p.m. Chamber Choice Awards & Gala**, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. For more information, call the Chamber at 524-1968.

**SAT 1/30 – MON 2/1
Las Cruces Day Santa Fe, Eldorado Hotel & Spa**, 309 W. San Francisco, Santa Fe. Annual event to focus on the legislative issues of Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico. Hosted by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber

of Commerce and the Council of the Conquistadores. Early bird registration ends Jan. 8. For more information, call the Chamber at 524-1968.

**TUE 2/2 – WED 2/3
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Career Connections Fair**, Corbett Student Union, New Mexico State University. Employers may register by going to www.careerservices.nmsu.edu.

**FRI 2/19
Small Business Development Center** at Doña Ana

Community College social media marketing workshop. The all-day event will feature guest presenter Eric Spellmann. Registration through Feb. 12. For information and an early registration discount, contact Pavla Paiz at 527-7676 or email sbdcinfo@nmsu.edu.

**SAT 3/5-SUN 3/6
10 a.m. Las Cruces Home Builders Association 2016 Home & Garden Show**, Las Cruces Convention Center. Booth spaces and show sponsorship opportunities available. Early

bird registration deadline Feb. 12; late registration deadline Feb. 19. For more information, contact the association at 526-6126 or events@chba.com.

**SAT 3/12 – MON 3/14
Spaceport America Drone Summit** to be held at Spaceport America in Sierra County. For information regarding sponsorship and vendor opportunities, contact info@spaceportdrone-summit.com.

Register at www.spaceportdronesummit.com.

Ag men eye WAC success

Bulletin report

NM State has been up-and-down in its last eight games after falling 54-52 at UC Irvine Saturday, Jan. 2. The Aggies are 4-4 in their last eight contests.

The Aggies are on a 13-game winning streak against WAC opponents dating back to the 2014-15 campaign. NM State won its last 11 WAC games and both WAC Tournament contests.

The Aggies were scheduled to play Wichita State on Dec. 28, but due to flight cancellations caused by Winter Storm Goliath, were not able to travel. The game was postponed until a date to be announced.

NM State fell behind Baylor 18-2 in the first six minutes of the game. The Aggies outscored Bears 68-67 over the next 36 minutes of the game.

NM State's 73-53 win at

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Ag women ride hot streak into WAC play



NMSU's Zaire Williams maintains possession while squaring up with Western New Mexico guard My'Kale French, Monday, Jan. 4 at the Pan American Center. The Aggies beat the Mustangs 68-39.

BULLETIN PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE

Bulletin report

Watch out for the Aggies.

The New Mexico State University women's basketball team is off to a hot start for the 2015-16 season.

In fact, the last time the Aggie women – who've snared victories in 11 of their first 14 games – started a season so well, Bill Clinton was just about to make his first State of the Union address to Congress, a gallon of gas cost \$1.11 per gallon and a dozen of eggs could be had for 87 cents.

That was the 1993-94 season when many of the current Aggies were not even born yet.

Now the time has come for NMSU to build on its historic start and defend its Western Athletic Conference title.

The conference champion Aggies – who whipped Western New Mexico University 68-39 in the final home non-conference game Monday, Jan. 4 – play

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Former Trojan Ehly qualifies for Olympic trials

By **Barbara Boxleitner**
For the Bulletin

Swimmer Jordan Ehly has achieved a long-standing goal for the second time.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln sophomore has qualified in the 200-yard breaststroke for the U.S. Olympic Trials from June 26 to July 3 in Omaha, Neb.

The Mayfield High School graduate qualified with a career-best time of 2:33.65, according to the school's online site, during the Dec. 3-5 AT&T USA Winter National Championships in Federal Way, Wash. Among the current Olympians



EHLY

competing at the event were gold medalists Michael Phelps and Missy Franklin.

"It felt really great," said Ehly, who finished second in the 200 breaststroke in helping Nebraska win the Big Challenge meet previous to the winter nationals. "It's something I've been working toward my whole swimming career."

Ehly actually qualified in 2013 for the

Olympic Trials, yet she said that mark expired after one and one half years. In the meantime, the times for qualifying were lowered. "I no longer had the cut," she said.

She is close to qualifying in the 100 breaststroke as well. "I'm hoping I can get that," she said.

The qualifying mark comes in a season that has been especially gratifying thus far, for Ehly has won or placed in multiple events. She won the 200 individual medley and 200 breaststroke during a win over University of Northern Iowa. She also was

part of the winning 200 medley relay.

She won the 200 breaststroke and placed second in the 100 breaststroke against University of Kansas and won the 100 breaststroke against South Dakota State University.

"This season has been really, really awesome," she said.

Ehly was home a week for the holidays before leaving with the team for a training trip to Hawaii.

Send updates about area athletes to [Barbara Boxleitner at bboxleitner@outlook.com](mailto:Barbara.Boxleitner@bboxleitner@outlook.com).

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host to WAC foe Grand Canyon University at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Pan American Center and then take to the road to tangle with Missouri-Kansas City (Thursday, Jan. 14) and Chicago State (Saturday, Jan. 16).

NMSU then returns home to meet Seattle University Thursday, Jan. 21.

Leading ladies

With the non-conference slate concluded, NM State and its players lead the league in several categories or are in the top-10.

As a team NM State leads the league in scoring offense (69.9), scoring margin (+9.4), blocked shots (64), turnover margin (+4.2), 3-point field-goals made (105), steals (155) and defensive boards (26.1).

Sasha Weber's 12.4 points per game is good for sixth while Brianna Freeman's 11.4 points average has her in ninth. Freeman, who is shooting .509 from the field, trails just UVU's Sam Loggins while Weber's 44.5-percent from the field is good for eighth. Freeman's 7.1 boards per game has her in fourth.

In the assist column, Shanice Davis is fourth in the WAC with 3.6 dimes per game while Weber is in ninth with 2.5.

Weber is also second in the conference in 3-point field-goal percentage, checking in at .402 and leads the league in 3-point field-goals made (2.5 per game). Fellow senior, Abby Scott is eight on the list with 1.8 triples per game.

Freeman, who is currently tied for 10th on the Aggies' all-time blocks list with 67, is second in the conference with 1.5 blocks per game. Tamera William's 30 steals has her sitting in third while Davis is in ninth with 1.6 swipes per game.

Trending upward

NM State hopes to see the same upward trend its players had last season once the conference slate begins. Last season, Sasha Weber (13.8) Shanice Davis (11.1) and Brianna Freeman (9.2) combined to average 11.3 points during the non-conference schedule. Once the dust settled, the three combined to average 16.5 points – 5.2 points better – in league play.

Trakh-ing the wins

NM State's victory over Eastern New Mexico gave head coach Mark Trakh his 350th career-win at the helm. The fifth-year head coach has brought the national spotlight back to New Mexico State, leading the Aggies to their first WAC regular-season crown and first WAC Tournament title in 2014-15. He also led the

Aggies to their first NCAA appearance since the 1987-88 season.

In the nation

Through Monday night's games, NM State is tied for 46th in NCAA Division I women's basketball with an 11-3 record. The Aggies are also in the top-75 of several categories.

On the offensive end, NM State's 105 three-pointers has them in 31st-place while their 7.5 shots from downtown per game rank them 42nd.

On the defensive end, NM State's 20.71 turnovers forced average is also good for 30th in the country. Its 155 steals on the year has them in 17th while its 11.1 steals per game puts NM State in 19th. New Mexico State's 4.21 turnover margin is good for 39th in the nation. The Aggies' 64 blocked shots also has them in 59th-place.

The Aggies' 561 boards on the year has them just outside the top-75 at No. 79.

Best of the best

Sasha Weber currently ranks amongst the best of the best in the NCAA. Her 1,298 career points total has her tied 57th in the NCAA Division I active career leaders list in scoring while her 224 made 3-pointers has her checking in at No. 12 amongst active players.

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AG MEN

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UTEP was the largest margin of victory over the Miners in El Paso since a 61-38 triumph on Dec. 30, 1974 and the largest win margin ever at the Don Haskins Center.

The win at UTEP was

also the Aggies first non-conference road win since Dec. 17, 2013 when NM State won at New Mexico 67-61.

NM State has won two straight at home with the 81-61 win over Arizona Christian. The Aggies dropped their second game at home this season with the 62-59 defeat by Wyoming. NM State had its 11-game winning streak at the Pan American Center was snapped with the 83-74 loss to New Mexico on Nov. 15 and had won four more before the loss to the Cowboys. Still, since the start of the 2012-13 season, the Aggies sport a 51-6 record at the Pan Am (.895).

In the last 64 contests played by NM State at the Pan Am, the Aggies are 58-6 (.906).

Setting the pace

Sophomore Pascal

Siakam has three 30-point games this season with career-highs of 35 points against Robert Morris and Oral Roberts, and 30 points against Tennessee Tech. He is the first Aggie to post multiple 30-point games in the same season since Troy Gillenwater had four in 2010-11.

Siakam tallied the first 20-20 game in 13 seasons for the Aggies with his 24 points and 23 rebounds in a win over UTEP on Dec. 2. It's the most rebounds for an Aggie since Chris Jackson's 23 at North Texas on Feb. 1, 2003.

The 6-9 forward from Douala, Cameroon, was named the WAC Player of the Week the first three weeks of this season and added a fourth this season. He leads the nation in field goals made (140) and double-doubles (13), is sixth nationally rebounding (11.7 rpg) and seventh

in scoring.

Selected the WAC Pre-season Player of the Year by the media, Siakam is the leading scorer of the 21 NCAA Division I players averaging a double-double by 4.1 points a game.

Bouncing back

Junior Ian Baker bounced back from being clobbered out of the UNM game with a career-high 26 point game at UTEP. He led the Aggie barrage from the 3-point arc, scoring a career-best six and hitting 6-of-7 from long range. He added 21 points at Baylor.

Baker was selected a Preseason All-WAC First Team by both the coaches and media. Currently, he is second in the WAC in scoring (15.5 ppg), fourth in 3-point field goals (2.47 pg) and eighth in assists (3.53 apg).

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK


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Megan Guadian is a 17-year-old senior at Las Cruces High School. She plays guard and post on the Lady Bulldawg basketball team. Guadian has been a four-year varsity player including a three-year starter. This season she is averaging 10.3 points and 5.6 rebounds per game. She was an all-district selection last season as a junior.

Guadian is a well-liked person who always thinks of others. She works very hard on the court and in the classroom and had a 3.67 GPA. Off the court and out of the classroom, she enjoys reading and spending time with family and friends.



LAS CRUCES HIGH SCHOOL

Ag football inks 6-7 tackle

The NM State football program has added another midyear signee as offensive tackle Sage Doxtater has signed a scholarship agreement with the team, announced head coach Doug Martin. Doxtater will enroll in classes for the

spring 2016 semester, and will join the Aggies for spring practice drills.

Doxtater previously attended Canada Prep Academy. There, the 6-7, 320-pound offensive tackle played football under Geoff McArthur, a former NFL wide receiver and Cal-Berkley great.

Time to set golf goals, action plan

Golfers are like football, baseball, basketball, soccer and hockey players: They look forward to the new season with all the hope and excitement of children anticipating Christmas.

Except, with us amateur golfers, we're mostly on our own, without a bevy of coaches and teammates.

If you're not especially pleased with your performance and results from the past 12 months, you now get a chance to start over again with a fresh, blank slate.

One of your first tasks should be to establish a set of goals for yourself and your golf game.

Maybe you haven't done this for any of your sport activities, but you probably have done goal setting at work with budgets, sales targets, personal earnings and other important milestones.

Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor



Please realize that hardly any everyday golfers set rigorous, specific, detailed goals, let alone action plans, sub-goals, timelines and progress measurements.

Heck, when I was helping coach a D-I college golf team, those student-athletes knew practically nothing about goals until I provided a workable framework and guidelines for them to work on. Setting personal goals is all about self-direction, desire for achievement and commitment. With the KISS rule in mind here are some key to goals.

Your personal major golf goals should number no more than three, otherwise you

won't be able to focus or keep tract. Your goals need to be highly specific, written in brief form and realistic, meaning challenging but reasonably doable.

Goals also need an actual timeline. As one expert has rightly stated, a goal is simply a dream with a deadline.

Here are a couple of examples of goal statements that are probably not going to work: my plan is to lower my handicap by 15 points, to an 8, from a 23, where it's been for the past ten years; I'm not going to three-putt once this year.

Let's say you are a 15 handicapper who plays weekly and are an achiever. You might consider what I call a taking-my-game-to-the-next-level goal such as the following: I will ramp up my game to score four personal best rounds in the coming 12

months.

In order to put together an action plan that is required to reach your goal you will need to brutally dissect and analyze your entire game, from playing stats, meltdowns, attitudes, strengths, weaknesses, tendencies, highlights, occasional choking, lapses and on and on. Don't fool yourself. What do you do best, and worst? If you rarely hit a green in regulation, improving that should be part of your action plan.

You may need to play a different tee, get different clubs, use more club per shot and take more lessons to hit more greens.

If you are taking 39 putts per round, when you ought to be taking 28, make that part of your action plan.

You might need to dedicate yourself to practicing your short game more around the

green, and maybe having a professional look at your technique.

It boils down to goals, plans, action, tracking, progress and success.

I can't emphasize enough the value of organizing a detailed work schedule for your golf game – plan your work and work your plan.

You need a road map to arrive at your number one goal, but make it more than a paper game. Keep in mind that, in order to get where you want to go you will require support from mentors, teachers and loved ones; you won't do it alone.

Write everything down and make your goals measurable. Why? That way you can answer one decisive question: "How will I know when I have achieved my goal?"

Then it may be time to raise the bar.



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IN THE NEWS

Checkpoint, saturation patrols planned

The Las Cruces Police Department will conduct at least one sobriety checkpoint and four saturation patrols in January.

Sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols are intended to reduce and eliminate the number of motorists who drive while intoxicated.

Police will also be on the lookout for other traffic safety violations such as drivers using cell phones while operating a vehicle, and those who fail to properly use seatbelts or child safety seats.

Las Cruces Police en-

courage those who plan on consuming alcoholic beverages to use a designated driver – someone who will not be drinking alcoholic beverages – for their transportation needs.

Anyone in need of a safe ride home on Fridays, Saturdays or holidays between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 3 a.m. can take advantage of Project Home, a program sponsored by Doña Ana County and Las Cruces Shuttle and Taxi.

One or two people can receive a \$5 taxi ride home from anywhere within Doña Ana County. For up to four people the fee is \$10.

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MARIA LUISA SOTO HOLGUIN

July 1, 1925-December 16, 2015

On Wednesday, December 16, 2015 our beloved mother, sister, grandmother and aunt, MARIA LUISA SOTO HOLGUIN, age 90, of Las Cruces entered eternal life at La Posada - Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by her loving family. Maria was born July 1, 1925 in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, to Jose and Juanita Cisneros Soto. She retired from the restaurant industry, and was a mem-

ber of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Holguin Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road 527-2222. For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslas-cruces.com



JUDY M. LOWMAN-SILVA

June 10, 1938 to December 15, 2015

JUDY M. LOWMAN-SILVA, age 77, of La Mesa entered eternal life Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at her home surrounded by loving family. She was born June 10, 1938 in Los Angeles, California to Frederick and Aurora Darbonnier Lowman. Judy retired as a loan officer in the financial industry.

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FAYE CAMILLE HARRIS

We the family of humanity activist, NMSU Black Programs social educator and longtime CPA for the City of Las Cruces Faye Camille Harris want to thank all the many friends, neighbors and co-workers who joined us on January 2, 2016 at the Masonic Cemetery to celebrate the life of a beloved mother, grandmother, sister,

friend and neighbor.

In remembrance also was Demetrius Adrian Thompson/Sanders, a loved father, brother and former Navy man turned DJ. Demetrius was the first African American to host "The Mr. Music Show" on weekend KOBE radio station. He passed on May 16, 2015 and will be missed by many.

EUGENE JAMES LEON

July 31, 1954 to December 24, 2015

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast, and he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past. Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done. In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, everyone.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors, his tales became a joke, all his buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer, for Gino has passed away, and the world's a little poorer for a soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many, just his children and his wife. For he lived an ordinary, very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family, quietly going on his way; and

the world won't note his passing.

He was a common soldier and his ranks were growing thin. But his presence should remind us, we may need his like again. If we cannot do Gino honor, while he's here to hear the praise, then at least let's give him homage, at the ending of his days. Perhaps just a simple headline, in the paper that might say: "OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING, FOR A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."

The Celebration of Gino's Life was held Friday, January 8, 2016 at 2pm at Getz Funeral Home.

Arrangements are with Getz Funeral Home and Getz Family Crematory. To sign the local online guestbook please visit www.GetzCares.com.

STELLA FERRALES

November 16, 1960 to December 21, 2015

STELLA (MICHAELIS) FERRALES, of Las Cruces, died peacefully in her sleep on December 21, 2015. She was born November 16, 1960, the oldest daughter of the late Guadalupe "Pino" Ferrales and Linda (Nulfo) Dominguez. Stella graduated with the class of 1978 from Las Cruces High School. She was a proud Aggie, going to school while raising two young daughters, graduating from New Mexico State University in 1994 with Bachelors of Science in Social Work. A lifelong learner, she went back to school to obtain a Master's of Science in Busi-

ness from Indiana Wesleyan University.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Holy Cross Catholic Church or Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent, 8402 Harcourt Road, Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

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MORLON WRIGHT*March 4, 1940 to December 15, 2015*

Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, MARY LOU ARZABAL, 67, lifelong resident of Las Cruces left her dwelling place on earth and entered eternal life to be with her heavenly Father on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center.

She was born August 24, 1948 to German and Isabel Anapa Ramirez. Mary Lou retired from the State of

New Mexico as a case-worker. She was a member of the Catholic Church.

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**JUANITA B. HOLGUIN***May 19, 1953 to December 16, 2015*

On December 16, 2015 our dear beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother and aunt, JUANITA "JENNY" B. HOLGUIN, age 62, lifelong resident of Las Cruces entered eternal life at her home surrounded by her loving family. "Jenny", as she was fondly known to family and friends, was born May 19, 1953 to Daniel O. and Rosemary Parra Barela. Prior to her illness, Jenny worked in the Housing De-

partment for New Mexico State University, and was a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

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**ROMELIA 'ROMIE' LOPEZ***April 15, 1972 to December 20, 2015*

On Sunday, December 20, 2015 our dear beloved mother, daughter, sister and grandmother, ROMELIA "ROMIE" LOPEZ, age 43, entered eternal life to be with her heavenly Father at her home surrounded by her loving family. "Romie", as she was fondly known to family and friends, was born April 15, 1972 in Mesilla to Bernardo S. and Romelia Camarillo Lopez. She

worked as an administrative assistant in the Human Resources Department for the City of Las Cruces, and was a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

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**CARL WAYNE SCRUGGS***December 20, 2015*

CARL WAYNE SCRUGGS, age 73, of Deming passed away Sunday, December 20, 2015. No services are scheduled

at this time. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory 527-2222.

MORLON WRIGHT*March 4, 1940 to December 15, 2015*

Our dear beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather and uncle, MORLON "E.W." WRIGHT, age 75, of Las Cruces entered eternal life Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at La Posada - Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by his loving family. "E.W.", as he was fondly known to family and friends, was born March 4, 1940 in Milo, Oklahoma to Elmore and Rena Mae Wright. E.W. attended Booker T. Washington Elementary School, Court Jr. High and Las Cruces High

School, where he was a member of the State Champion basketball squad. He also attended NMSU. E.W. retired as a trucker driver, was an excellent mechanic and spoke fluent Spanish.

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**RAUL T. GRANADOS***August 20, 1923 to December 22, 2015*

RAUL T. GRANADOS, age 92, of San Miguel entered eternal life Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born August 20, 1923 in Valle Zaragoza, Chihuahua, Mexico to Francisco and Sara Tarango Granados. Raul worked for Stahmann Farms as a farm equip-

ment operator until his retirement, and was a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

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**JUAN FERNANDO SOLIS***May 30, 1989 to December 16, 2015*

JUAN FERNANDO SOLIS, age 26 of Las Cruces entered eternal life Wednesday, December 16, 2015 in Socorro, New Mexico as the result of an automobile accident. He was born in Las Cruces May 30, 1989, and was employed as a construction worker.

The Solis Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces 527-2222. For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslas-cruces.com.

**WANDA T. SILVERTHORN***December 29, 2015*

WANDA T. SILVERTHORN, 93, of Las Cruces died Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at Mountain View

Regional Medical Center. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

ALFRED J. TRACY*March 21, 1936 to December 21, 2015*

MSG (Ret.) Alfred J. "Jim" Tracy, 79, an American soldier, died on December 21, 2015, at Mountain View Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

He was the first child and the first son born March 21, 1936, in Cortland, NY, to Alfred David and Anna White Tracy.

He attended Cortland schools thereafter he entered the Naval Reserve, and then the US Army.

Even though he left New York at an early age, he kept in touch with his New York family, keeping in close contact with his sister, Shelly, and his close friend and cousin, Anne Doyle.

Jim left Cortland, NY, for White Sands Missile Range in 1959 where he would meet his wife, Ruth, in May of 1959; they were married August 14th of the same year.

From there they moved to Camp Wolters, TX, where Jim was stationed with the Army Security Agency, and there they began their family.

From Camp Wolters they moved to Fort Huachuca, AZ; Helemano Army Base, HI; Fort De-

vens, MA; Sinop, Turkey; Vint Hill Farms, VA; Fort Riley, KS; Camp Page, Korea; and Fort Hood, TX, where he would retire. He was a proud member and retired from the US Army, First Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX, on July 31st, 1976. He also served with the Big Red One and the 24th Armored Division in Ft. Riley, KS. He was an ex-president of the Mesilla Valley Model Airplane Club and a member of the War Eagles War Museum. He was active with the Boy Scouts of America, in his younger years, as a troop leader for his son's units.

A Memorial Services was held at Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico, at 2 PM, Saturday, December 26, 2015, and performed by his favorite priest and nephew, Father Louis Amezaga. Inurnment of cremains will follow at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Las Cruces Special Olympics.

**JENNIE ORTA PORTILLO***December 26, 2015*

JENNIE ORTA PORTILLO, age 84, of Tortugas passed away Saturday, December 26, 2015.

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MARY LOU ARZABAL

August 24, 1948-December 12, 2015

JOHNNY MALDONADO, age 46, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, entered eternal life Thursday, December 17, 2015 in Oklahoma City. He was born December 24, 1968 in Las Cruces to Juan S. Maldonado and Guadalupe A. Anglin. Johnny was a self-employed auto body technician.

The Maldonado Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces 527-2222. For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com.



GUADALUPE ANGLIN

December 3, 1948 to December 20, 2015

GUADALUPE ANGLIN, age 66 of Las Cruces entered eternal life Sunday, December 20, 2015 at her home. She was born December 3, 1948 In Las Cruces to Juan and Angelita Ramos Apodaca. Guadalupe was a homemaker and a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Anglin Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 527-2222. For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com.



JAMES L. BARELA

March 7, 1947 to December 26, 2015

JAMES L. BARELA, age 68, lifelong resident of Las Cruces entered eternal life Saturday, December 26, 2015 at Haciendas At Grace Village surrounded by his loving family. James was born March 7, 1947 to Juan B. Barela and Mary Flores Pena.



liah, Elijah, as well as numerous aunts, cousins, nieces

and nephews. James was preceded in death by his parents, step-father, Ignacio B. Pena, maternal grandmother, Isabel, brother, Daniel Barela, son-in-law, Marc Cano, and extended family members.

Visitation for Mr. Barela was held on Friday, January 1, 2016 from 2 to 4 PM in Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary took place on January 2, 2016 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral, 1240 S. Espina Street with the Funeral Mass to follow immediately thereafter. At his request cremation will take place and inurnment of cremains will be held at a later date. Military Honors will be accorded by a United States Marines Corps Honor Guard and the Marine Corps League - El Perro Diablo Detachment.

Serving as casket bearers will be family and friends.

The Family would like to thank the Staff at Haciendas At Grace Village and Ambercare Hospice of all their kindness and care.

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He served his country honorably in the United States Marines and was the recipient of the Purple Heart with two Stars, the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with one Star and Vietnam Campaign Medal.

After his military service, James graduated from NMSU with a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice. He also received his Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Arizona. He worked as a Federal Probation Officer with the U.S. Courts Southern District of California, San Diego and retired from the New Mexico Federal Probation Office, Las Cruces after 20 years of service.

James was known for his humor, his love for people, and his love for the Dallas Cowboys and his quote "Misunderstood and Underestimated"

Those left to mourn his passing include his loving wife of forty-five years, Teresa Fierro Barela of the family home; one son, Ronald J. Barela, (Linda) of Albuquerque; one daughter, Beverley Cano of Las Cruces; one brother, David W. Pena, of Las Cruces; two sisters, Isabelle P. Pena (Santiago) also of Las Cruces and Martha Pena Cejka (Steve) of Riverside, CA. Other survivors included nine grandchildren, Arielle (Steven), Anzueth, Nazaria, Gregory, Jason Daijah, Zeke, Mer-



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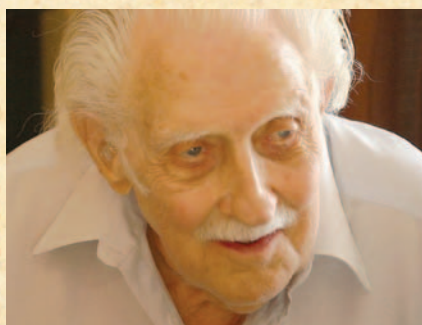


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KRWG-TV picks up locally made 'Pláticas' documentaries

Starting this week, KRWG-TV will broadcast a series of televised pláticas, or “talks,” featuring the rich and unique oral histories of some of the Mesilla Valley’s most illustrious residents and produced right here in Las Cruces.

Produced by PRC productions in association with the Mesquite Historic Preservation Society – which first began holding these public chats some years ago – “Pláticas” presents the true stories of some of Las Cruces’ earliest settlers and founding families, told by their descendants carrying down the oral tradition of storytelling.

“Pláticas” is composed of 12, 27-minute episodes, each featuring interviews along with photos and, when available, archival film footage, giving a true-to-life look at the Las Cruces of yesteryear.

The idea for this series of discussions first began in 2012 during the Land of Enchantment’s yearlong centennial celebration as a way to preserve the history, legend and human drama of the city’s earliest residents, along with the rapidly disappearing art of oral storytelling.

“It’s no secret that oral histories are becoming a thing of the past as technology makes the recording of important moments so much easier,” said PRC Productions head and “Pláticas” producer Troy Scoughton, Sr. “But what about the stories from the past? Somebody has to preserve those wonderful stories of life on the frontier, the obstacles that were overcome and some of the greatest moments of human survival, straight from the mouths of the



people closest to them. These are stories that must be told.”

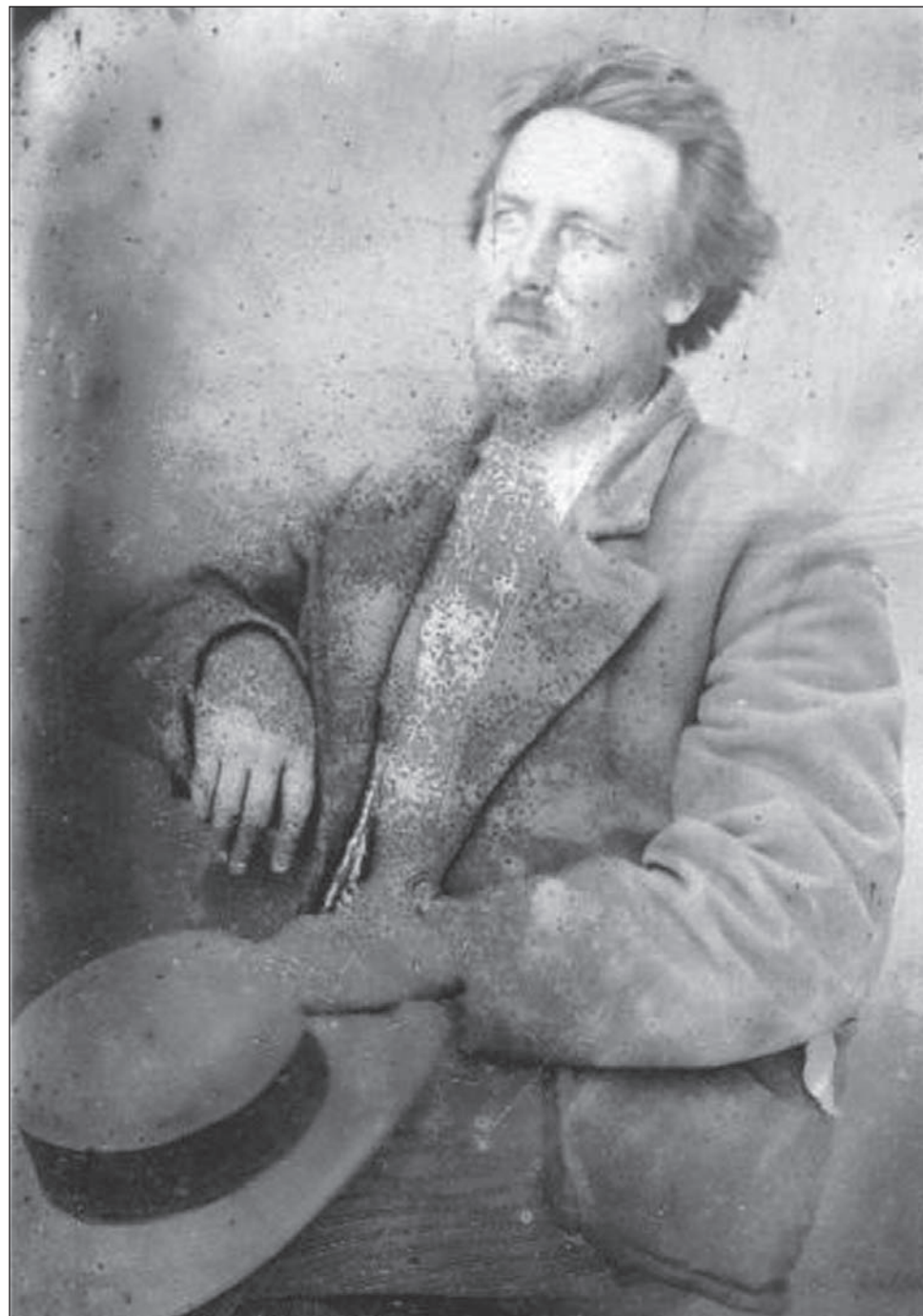
Episodes of “Pláticas” will air at 9:30 p.m. Thursdays and again at 10:30 p.m. Saturdays.

For its premiere episode, “Pláticas” tells the story of the Mesilla Valley as seen through the eyes of the late Clarence Fielder, who was born and raised in Las Cruces, graduated from New Mexico State University, served in the Korean War, where he received the Purple Heart and Silver Star commendations, and taught history for more than 30 years. A unique second episode features Fielder again, speaking at a public Q&A session. This second episode will air at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, and at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16.

Episode 2 of “Pláticas” (Jan. 21 and 23) gives a rare glimpse into the earliest days of Las Cruces

and the life of Daniel Milton Reade, as told by his great grandson, historian Dean C. Reade. The elder Reade came to Las Cruces with the California Column in 1862, where he became a rancher, businessman and, when times required him to do so, a lawyer – a position most notable in that, after legendary outlaw Billy the Kid was tried and convicted in Mesilla, Reade was a member of the posse who escorted The Kid to hang.

Episode 3, titled “Escorting the Kid” (Jan. 28 and 30) continues the story from episode 2. Dean C. Reade is joined by David Wood and George Olinger, descendants of the now-famous posse that escorted Billy the Kid from Mesilla to Lincoln, detailing the harrowing trip in which every precaution was made to ensure The Kid was indeed delivered to



his final destination.

Episode 4 (Feb. 4 and 6) features the memories of Las Cruces and a view of the many changes it’s seen over the past 50 years, as seen through the eyes of former head of the Department of Mathematical Sciences at NMSU, World War II veteran and author Robert “Bob” Wisner.

The large and illustrious Torres family is the subject of episode 5 (Feb. 11 and 13). Spend time with nine siblings born

and raised in Las Cruces between 1930 and 1950, the children of Angel and Carmen Torres, residents of Las Cruces’ historic Mesquite District. What were some of the changes that went through during these turbulent times? Find out from a few of those who lived it.

Lifelong Las Cruces David and Charles Lucero discuss growing up in the Mesilla Valley as homeowners and entrepreneurs in a time before

urban renewal changed the face of Downtown Las Cruces in episode 6 (Feb. 18 and 20). Navigate the changes through the eyes of those who experienced them firsthand, and get a better understanding about what the current Downtown restoration is all about.

Episode 7 (Feb. 25 and 27) introduces Ernestina and Victory Gallegos, the mother-son entrepreneurs and owners of Nopalito’s

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Restaurant for more than 50 years. Originally opened by Ernestina and husband J.R. Gallegos, Nopalito's is still considered one of the finest New Mexican restaurants in the Southwest, but the story behind its foundation is even more amazing.

Episode 8 (March 3 and 5) features Johnny and Isabel Flores, beloved fixtures in Downtown Las Cruces who have been playing music in the city center for more than 40 years, during which time they have seen a multitude of changes, good and bad. Get a firsthand look at what Las Cruces was, and how it came to be the city we know today.

Bill Greenberg is the focus of "Pláticas" episode 9 (March 10 and 12). Though only a Las Cruces resident for six months during World War II, Greenberg's mark on the history of the area cannot be understated. A bombardier navigator who received special training at Deming Air Base in 1944, Greenberg flew training missions over six bombing targets in the Sierra de Las Uvas Mountains north and west of Las Cruces. His memories of this turbulent time shed light on the Mesilla Valley's place in world history.

Episode 10 (March 17 and 19) goes back in time to the founding of Las Cruces through a lecture by Daniel Villa, published author and professor in the Department of Language and Linguistics at NMSU. From the Doña Ana Bend Colony Land Grant in 1840 to the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1948, the establishment of property ownership in southern New Mexico came about in ways no other American state can claim.

Switching things up, "Pláticas" episode 11 (March 24 and 26) features the iconic Rio

Grande Theatre. Originally established in 1926, the Rio Grande Theatre has undergone many changes in the ensuing decades, none more notable that the restoration of the historic landmark by the Doña Ana Arts Council from 1998 to 2005. Catch up with the people who brought the dream back to life in this special episode dedicated to the 10th anniversary of the theater's renovation.

Closing out season one of "Pláticas" is episode 12 (March 31 and April 2) featuring J. Paul Taylor. Few have had the impact of community leader, educator, legislator and benefactor J. Paul Taylor, who was born and raised in Las Cruces but whose influence has been felt throughout the state and beyond. Filmed just days after his 93rd birthday, this episode

documents more than a century of life in the Mesilla Valley through the eyes of a native son. For more information on PRC Productions and its "Pláticas" series, visit www.prc-productions.com.

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Library Lab (Stories/Activities for ages 6-10)
- SAT JANUARY 9 • 1:00 P.M.** Branigan Library
Team Anime ages 12-18
- SUN JANUARY 10 • 1:30 P.M.** Branigan Library
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- TUE JANUARY 12 • 10:30 A.M.** Branigan Library
Read to Me-Storytime ages 1-3
- TUE+THU JANUARY 12+14 • 4:00 P.M.** Branigan Library
Teen Game Night-for ages 12-18
- WED+THU JANUARY 13+14 • 10:00 A.M.** Branigan Library
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- WED JANUARY 13 • 11:00 A.M.** Branigan Library
Mother Goose Time—Activities for Infants
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El Paso Pro Musica Back to Bach
- SAT JANUARY 16 • 7:30 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE
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- TUE JANUARY 19 • 6:30 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE
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- SAT JANUARY 23 • 7:00 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE
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- FRI JANUARY 29 • 7:30 P.M.** RIO GRANDE THEATRE
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7 p.m. Howling Coyote Coffeehouse and Open Mic, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. The "granddaddy" of open mics in Las Cruces is open to acoustic musicians, poets, storytellers and singer-songwriters. Artist sign-up begins at 6:30 p.m. and performances begin at 7 p.m. Free. Call 525-9333.

7 p.m. Live music with singer-songwriter Chris Baker, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

7 to 10 p.m. Live music with Vince Alten, The Game Sports Bar and Grill, 2605 S. Espina St. No cover. Call 524-4263.

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SAT. 1/9

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Daddy's Flea Market, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide variety of items will be available. Call 382-9404.

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, Main Street Downtown. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art, pet adoptions and more. Free. Visit www.fcmlc.org.

9 a.m. to noon, MVM Farm volunteer day, MVM Farm, 2653 Snow Road. Interested in organic farming and local food production? Want to find out more about vermiculture, composting, laying hens, season extension and crop planning in our region? Come and volunteer at the MVM Farm in Mesilla. Free. Call 805-6757 for directions or email info@mvmfarm.com.

10 a.m. to noon, Family Game Day, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. What types of games did families enjoy in the years before electronic games were invented? The Las Cruces Railroad Museum hosts Family Game Day on the second Saturday of each month. Develop hand-eye coordination with Jacks and Cup and Ball Toss, stimulate your mind with jigsaw and wooden puzzles or challenge friends to a game of Dominoes. Free. Call 647-4480.

10 a.m. Family Science Saturday, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Join the museum in August as the museum hosts the BLM Groundworks crew, a nonprofit organization that partners with local businesses to provide local youth with opportunities for personal and professional development by learning new skill sets and participating in community projects. This week's topic is the structure of the Earth. All ages are welcome, from 3 to 93. Free. Call 522-3120.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 1101 S. Solano Drive and 317 S. Main St. This week, Douglas Jackson will be the storyteller at the Downtown location and Judith Ames will be the storyteller at the Solano location. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 524-8471.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Houseplant Appreciation Day, Branigan Cultural Center courtyard, 501 N. Main St. Join the Las Cruces Museums for a discussion about houseplant care, and to take home a new plant for your home! Learn different ways to keep your indoor plants thriving. Starter plants and unique upcycled planters will be provided so houseplant appreciation can last all year. Free. Call 541-2154.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. SNAP, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science and Museum of Art atrium, 491 N. Main St. Recognizing the importance of interdisciplinary learning experiences, the education staff of the Las Cruces Museums system have collaborated on a new program offering SNAP – the Science, Nature and Art Program. The program encourages visitors to embrace their artistic creativity while engaging in educational activities inspired by Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). This week's topic is houseplants. Free. Call 541-2137.

1 p.m. Sketching Workshop, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. This workshop will examine the works and techniques of Ed Smith as demonstrated in the current exhibition "The Beggars of Venice." The suite of drawings "The Beggars of Venice" use graphite and ink on paper. The images create a sense of historical continuity with the great artists Callot, Tintoretto, Tiepolo, Goya and Rembrandt. After a study of the drawings, participants will be led through the techniques and materials used to create their own artwork in a similar style. Local painter and art instructor Patrick Shaffer will lead this

workshop. Free. Call 541-2154.

2 to 6 p.m. Live music, Sombra Antigua Winery, 430 La Viña Road, Chamberino, N.M. No cover. Call 915-241-4349.

3:30 to 4 p.m. Learn to play Middle Eastern rhythms, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. No drum required but must call ahead for loaner drum. Cost \$2 per lesson. Call 693-1616.

5 to 7 p.m. "Steel and Wings" panel discussion, Tombaugh Gallery, Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive. As part of the "Steel and Wings" exhibit by Jill Somoza and John Northcutt, currently on display at Tombaugh Gallery, a panel discussion will be held on the topic "Abstraction." Panelists include Somoza and Northcutt along with fellow artists Raul Dorn and Roy van der Aa. Moderator is Joy Miller. Free. Call 522-7281.

7 to 10 p.m. Live music with The Beaux Peep Show, The Game Sports Bar and Grill, 2605 S. Espina St. No cover. Call 524-4263.

8 to 10 p.m. Live music, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Guadalupe. No cover. Call 523-9463.

8 to 11 p.m. Live rock and alt-country with Gold Hearted Crows, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

9 p.m. Live music, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

SUN. 1/10

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Daddy's Flea Market, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide variety of items will be available. Call 382-9404.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday Farmers Market, Tractor Supply Co., 1440 W. Picacho Ave. This is a true farmers market with produce and food as the primary items, along with some arts and crafts. Free. Call 993-6521.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday Tea Party, Desert Roots Artists' Market and Gallery, 1001 S. Solano Drive. Loose-leaf, perfectly brewed tea by the pot, accompanied by sweet and savory finger foods. Other beverages, snacks and appetizers are also available. Cost is \$7.95 per person. Call 652-7366 to reserve space – seating is limited.

2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Live music, Sombra Antigua Winery, 430 La Viña Road, Chamberino, N.M. No cover. Call 915-241-4349.

MON. 1/11

6:30 p.m. Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meeting, Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meets the second Monday of each month. There is a short business meeting followed by a meeting of interest to quilters and guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Linnea Egbert at 521-0521 or lascolcherasq@aol.com.

9 p.m. Open Mic hosted by Chris Baker and Friends, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 5214-1099.

2 to 3 p.m. Why So Many Telescopes?, Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Dave Dooling of the New Mexico Museum of Space History will lead this seminar. Find out why astronomers need so many different telescopes, and why they have FITS. See how the universe is a symphony of electromagnetic radiation and peek at and through the many eyes and ears that allow us to enjoy the composition. Meeting will be held upstairs in the Roadrunner Room. Free. Call 541-2393.

TUE. 1/12

Noon, Brown Bag Lecture, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. The museum hosts a Brown Bag Lunch Lecture at noon on the second Tuesday of each month. Free. Call 647-4480.

1 to 3:30 p.m. Beginning Drawing and Painting, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. Pencil, pastel, charcoal drawing and watercolor and acrylic painting focusing on the basic and advancing at your own pace. Taught by artist and educator Wayne Carl Huber. Adults and high school home school students are welcome. Enroll any Tuesday for four weeks at \$45. Contact Huber for supplies and more information at 647-5684.

5 to 6 p.m. Belly Dance Club, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. Join one of the longest-running dance groups in the area. Open to ages 11 and older. Great low-impact exercise. Cost \$4 per lesson. Call 639-1616.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango de Las Cruces, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla. Daniel Haverporth will teach a class from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., dances from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. Cost \$5, NMSU students free with ID. Call 620-0377.

WED. 1/13

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, Main Street Downtown. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art, pet adoptions and more. Free. Visit www.fcmlc.org.

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2:30 p.m. Reading Art Book Club, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. This month's Reading Art Book Club selection is "Michelangelo: A Life in Six Masterpieces" by Miles J. Unger. The A&E film "Michelangelo: Artist and Man" will be shown at 1:30 p.m. prior to the regular meeting. Michelangelo stands alone as a master of painting, sculpture, and architecture, a man who reinvented the practice of art itself. Throughout his long career he clashed with patrons by insisting that he had no master but his own demanding muse. Michelangelo was ambitious, egotistical, and difficult, but through the towering force of genius and through sheer pugnaciousness, he transformed the way we think about art. Free. Call 541-2217 or email sabdon@las-cruces.org for more information or details on book selections.

5 to 8 p.m. Open Mic, New Mexico State University Barnes & Noble, University Avenue and Jordan Road. Poetry and musicians alternate. Organized by David Rodriguez. Free. Call 646-4431.

7:30 p.m. Back to Bach, Rio Grande Theater, 211 N. Main St. El Paso Pro Musica presents world-renowned cellist Zuill Bailey and the Tempest Trio, described as "an exciting blend of experience and youthful energy." Cellist Ralph Kirschbaum, called "an upper-echelon cellist" who performs with the world's leading orchestras, is also billed. Pre-concert talk begins at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 adults, \$20 seniors and military and \$5 for students with valid ID. Call 915-833-9400 or visit www.eppm.org.

8 to 10 p.m. Open mic, Q's Steak, Pasta and Brewhouse, 1300 Avenida de Mesilla. No cover. Call 571-4350.

8 to 10 p.m. Old-time fiddle music with Los Cacahuates, Spotted Dog Brewery, 2900 Avenida de Mesilla. No cover. Call 650-2729.

THU. 1/14

9 a.m. Planeteers: The Solar System, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to the museum the second Thursday of each month to learn about the Final Frontier. This month, we will explore the Solar System. We will do an overview of the Solar System from the Sun to the Kuiper Belt. Learn more about the Solar System and create a picture to take home afterwards at "Planeteers." Free. Call 522-3120.

11 a.m. Mrs. Prickett's Story Time, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Join Mrs. Prickett and her delightful puppets as they read books and tell stories that are sure to engage children of all ages. A related activity appropriate for pre-school children will follow the story. Meet the whole gang at second Thursday of each month. Free. Call 647-4480.

1 to 3:30 p.m. Intermediate to Advanced Drawing and Painting, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. This intermediate and advanced class will focus on the unique concerns of each student, working in a variety of media, including watercolor, acrylic, water soluble oil paints, pastels, and colored pencil. Subject matter will comprise of still life, landscape, figure, and architectural space. Students may start classes at any time and proceed at their own pace. Open enrollment starting any Thursday. Cost \$45 for four two and a half hour sessions. Call 647-5684.

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7 p.m. Culture Series: "In a Nutshell: Growing Nuts in New Mexico", New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The monthly Culture Series gives visitors a closer look at the Museum's new exhibit: In a Nutshell: Growing Nuts in New Mexico. Local historian and researcher Chris Schurtz will talk about the variety of nuts grown in New Mexico. The evening will also feature nut samples and a chance to view exhibit, In a Nutshell: Growing Nuts in New Mexico. Schurtz is the author of "Historic Las Cruces: The Story of Las Cruces and the Mesilla Valley" and a contributing scholar for the Branigan Cultural Center's series "Latino Americans: 500 Years of History" that runs through 2016. Admission is a suggested donation of \$2. Call 522-4100 or visit www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

7 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. The Big Band Dance Club invites you to join us to dance ballroom, country, swing and Latin styles. Beginner's group dance lesson begins at 7 p.m., dances from 8 to 10 p.m. Cost \$7 members, \$9 nonmembers. Call 526-6504.

8 to 10 p.m. Live music, Bosque Brewing Company, 901 E. University Ave., Bldg. 985 Suite B. No cover. Call 571-4626.

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7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Contra Dance, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society sponsors a contra dance featuring The Mulettones, a West-Texas band, playing old-time music. Lonnie Ludeman will call dances. No partner is needed. Beginners and newcomers are welcome and should come for instruction at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$6, youth \$4. Visit www.snmmds.org or call 522-1691.

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CAFÉ DE MESILLA presents an exhibit of work from members of the Las Cruces Arts Association for the months of January and February. An opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of February.

Café de Mesilla is located at 2190 Avenida de Mesilla. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. For more information, call 524-0000.

AA STUDIOS presents "Dreams from the Desert," an exhibit of new ceramics and wall constructions by Las Cruces artist Christina Campbell. Campbell is a New Mexico artist who experiments with different media, including painting, drawing and ceramics. Much of her inspiration comes from the Southwestern landscape and dream images. Her imagery reflects plant and mineral forms, ranging from tiny seed pods to monolithic stone formations. Water is also a recurring element. Campbell has shown extensively in the U.S. and has had eight large one person exhibits. Locally, she has shown with the Border Artists and as part of the "State of the Art" exhibit at the New Mexico State University Art Gallery inside D.W. Williams Hall in NMSU. Campbell has served as a past board member for ArtForms and The Bridge Center for the Arts in El Paso. She is also a member of "The Insighters," an art group in Las Cruces with a metaphysical focus. "Dreams from the Desert" opens with a reception from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8.

Aa Studios is located 2645 Doña Ana Road. Gallery hours are 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, and 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, and by appointment. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 520-8752.

ART OBSCURA GALLERY presents "The S— We Like," paintings and drawings by Andrew Martinez and photography by Joe Suarez. The exhibit opens with a reception at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, and will remain on display through the first weekend of February.

Art Obscura Gallery is located at 3206 Harrelson St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 494-7256.

LAST CHANCE

AMARO WINERY features paintings and drawings by Meg G. Freyermuth and a landscape pastel series by Wayne Carl Huber. The show will remain on display through Jan. 10, 2016.

Amaro Winery is located at 402 S. Melendres St. Hours are 3 to 10 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 1 to 10 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 527-5310.

ONGOING

BIG PICTURE DIGITAL IMAGE EXPERTS AND GALLERY presents "Faces, etc. ..." by fine artist Carmen Navar. Navar's mission

statement is to create "peace and beauty" in a stress-filled world, believing the arts are a powerful force for positive change. She communicates her art language through the movement of powerful brushstrokes and mark-making bordering on the realm of emotion, abstraction and figuration. "Faces, etc. ..." will present an array of Navar's newest works of the figure and face, which are whimsical and intense at the same time. "Faces, etc. ..." will remain on display through the end of January.

Big Picture Digital Image Experts and Gallery is located at 311 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 647-0508.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents "Remembering the Mays" and "The Beggars of Venice."

Celebrating local history and one of Las Cruces' pioneering families is the focus of "Remembering the Mays." Settling in Las Cruces in the late nineteenth century, John and Elizabeth May opened and operated the successful Rio Grande Hotel on Main Street. The couple raised six children in Las Cruces, many of whom grew to become important figures in their own right, owning important businesses throughout the City and becoming involved in local and regional politics.

The exhibit will feature historic photographs as well as items from the Museum System's collection that belonged to members of the May family, allowing visitors insight into life in Las Cruces during an exciting period of time in which the city was rapidly developing.

The suite of drawings "The Beggars of Venice" captures the many characters of the most present but often unnoticed residents of Venice, Italy. Utilizing graphite and ink on paper, artist Ed Smith's images create a sense of historical continuity with the great artists Callot, Tintoretto, Tiepolo, Goya and Rembrandt. "The Beggars of Venice" and "Remembering the Mays" will remain on display through Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016.

Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2154.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY presents "Steel and Wings," an exhibit of new works by Las Cruces artists Jill Somoza and John Northcutt. Somoza's paintings capture an ephemeral quality by painting on vinyl sheeting stretched in unusual shapes. The pieces chosen for this show were all done in the past two years and display the simple lines of juxtaposed panels combined with curved wood. These paintings are more accurately described as elaborate sketches of fleeting feelings, drawn in wood, vinyl, color and line. Northcutt's sculpture is minimal kinetic and viewer participatory. He has chosen to explore the concept of the existence of multiple planes within a plane and their interaction. The planes are based on minimal geometric shapes, rectangles, squares, triangles, etc., interacting with each

other. In the past, he has worked thematically drawing ideas from American Indian mythology, art history references, or observations on friends, thus giving the work an allegorical quality. For this show, he draws inspiration from the Sand Hill Cranes and their flight. "Steel and Wings" will remain on display through Friday, Jan. 22.

Tombaugh Gallery is located inside the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and by appointment. For more information, call 522-7281.

COTTONWOOD GALLERY, inside Southwest Environmental Center, presents a new show of artwork by Las Cruces painter Meg G. Freyermuth. Freyermuth recently completed the first Artist-In-Residence program for the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, a program that supports public lands through art. An avid hiker, traveler and gardener since childhood, Freyermuth uses these experiences to display her passion for the environment through brightly colored, dramatic paintings and drawings of the United States' wilderness. Freyermuth's show will remain on display through the end of January.

Cottonwood Gallery is located inside Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 522-5552.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY features two local artists for the month of December, Bonnie MacQuarrie and Kay Susin. In addition, the gallery's 30 member artists offer work in many media.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933.

EL PASO ELECTRIC GALLERY presents an exhibit of work from professional photographer Michael Stephens, featuring dynamic digital photographs originally taken at Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, then subjected to a technique known as "light painting." Stephens' work will remain on display through the end of January.

El Paso Electric Gallery is located inside the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 523-6403 or visit www.riograndetheatre.com.

ART ON EASELS GALLERY, located inside the Community Enterprise Center, features nearly 50 works by members of the Las Cruces Arts Association. January's LCAA featured artist is Judy Licht. "From my first experience watching dye flow from my brush onto silk, I was captivated by this fascinating medium," Licht said. "The dyes penetrate the silk, creating a single entity that is both rich color and soft texture. My lifelong exploration of color and my love for the natural world combine to inform my artwork. I create paintings on silk that hang on the wall as well as wearable art — silk scarves and nuno-felted scarves (wool felted into silk.)"

Art on Easels Gallery, inside the Community Enterprise Center, is located at 125 N. Main St.

Art on Easels Gallery is open from 5 to 7 p.m. during each First Friday Downtown Art Ramble, as well as during the Las Cruces Farmers & Craft Market on the first and third Saturdays of the month. For more information, visit www.lascrucesarts.com.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM presents in its north corridor "In a Nutshell: Growing Nuts in New Mexico," an exhibit centered on nuts grown here in the Land of Enchantment. Few crops are more diverse and individually tied culturally and economically to the various geographic areas of New Mexico's bountiful nut crops. Each of the state's top nuts — piñon, peanuts, pecans and pistachios — has its own story to tell about how and why it is grown and harvested. The exhibit covers everything from the definition of a nut to its health benefits. In between is a fascinating look at the history, research and uses as well as growing and harvesting techniques. "In a Nutshell" will remain on display through Sept. 25.

The museum presents in its arts corridor "Linda Hagen: Light Affects." New Mexico always has been renowned for the effects of its light and its attractiveness to artists. Light affects the way we view this beautiful state, and in this collections of paintings by Las Cruces artist Linda Hagen, she accepts the challenge of capturing light on canvas — on form, distance and color. A love of animals, the West and nature inspire Hagen's work. "Light Affects" will remain on display through April 3.

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Regular museum admission is \$5 adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$3 children ages 4 to 17, \$2 active U.S. military and veterans and free for children age 3 and younger. For more information, visit www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org or call 522-4100.

DESERT ROOTS ARTISTS' MARKET AND GALLERY features works by local artists and a cozy café area.

Desert Roots Artists' Market and Gallery is located at 1001 S. Solano Drive. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 652-7366.

DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER is currently displaying more than 100 pieces of new, original artwork created by students from Las Cruces Public Schools and Gadsden Independent School District in the center's first-floor corridor. The exhibit includes drawings, paintings, photography, etchings and more.

The student art exhibit complements the permanent art collection held inside the center, featuring 41 original acrylics and oils by Joyce T. Macrorie, several historical photographs and landscapes, art from students attending J. Paul Taylor Academy and Hatch Valley Public Schools and more.

The Doña Ana County Government Center is located at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 647-7210.

NMSU students bring 'The Joy of Learning' back to life

By Dana Beasley
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

In its spot on a patch of lawn behind New Mexico State University's Branson Library, a threatening cycle of ice, heat and calcium-rich sprinkler water has gradually worn away "The Joy of Learning" sculpture.

"The bronze sculpture has become very corroded over the years," said Silvia Marinas-Feliner, director of the Museum Conservation Program in NMSU's College of Arts and Sciences. "Corrosion due to water and salt makes the surface very porous. If we don't do anything about it, eventually the corrosion is going to start creating holes and then the metal will start to disappear."

The sculpture, created in 1988 by Grant Kinzer, former chair of the Department of Entomology, Plant Pathology and Weed Science, depicts a cowboy reading to a child. Prior to fall 2015, the large statue had not received any conservation work since its installation.

To preserve the work of art, Marinas-Feliner tasked students in her advanced museum conservation techniques class during the fall 2015 semester with restoring the sculpture. This assignment, however, wasn't something that could be completed in one afternoon – or even one semester.

"The treatment process must be applied over a period of time," said Marinas-Feliner. "It's impossible to 'cure' a bronze sculpture due to the nature of the materials interacting with the environment. Still, with continuing treatments, it should be possible to extend the sculpture's life by slowing down the corrosion. It's never going to look perfect – but it will look much better, especially as the patina forms after each treatment."

The patina, she explained, is a stable coating that develops naturally on some metals due to oxidation. The group's goal is to assist the sculpture in developing this patina, which will help protect the metal from corrosion.

"Think of the patina as the skin of the statue," Marinas-Feliner said. "Our skin protects us from the environment, and the patina is kind of like that."

To start this process, the group removed as much of the existing surface corrosion as possible, cleaned the sculpture and then applied a film of microcrystalline wax. This wax layer will insulate the metal from the environment and deteriorate before the underlying sculpture.

Once a year, over the next three years, a new set of museum conservation students will repeat the treatment process until the entire sculpture is covered with a new and more stable patina.

Working on "The Joy of Learning" introduced stu-



NMSU PHOTO BY SILVIA MARINAS-FELINER

During the fall 2015 semester, students in New Mexico State University's advanced museum conservation techniques class restored "The Joy of Learning" sculpture behind Branson Library.

dents to large-scale outdoor metal restoration techniques; these students then spent the remainder of the semester working on the University Art Gallery's large and unique collection of religious retablos, or Roman Catholic devotional paintings from Mexico.

Although not an alloy like bronze, Marinas-Feliner explained that the retablos consist of a sheet of iron, which is very corrosive, covered with a thin layer of more-stable tin. If the tin is scratched and the iron is exposed, the retablo becomes vulnerable to corrosion.

Metals are also very sensitive to temperature fluctuations, so years of subtle expansion and contraction can cause the paint to crack and flake off, she said. To best understand these processes, museum conservation majors must take and pass one year of both general and organic chemistry.

To satisfy other degree requirements, students in the museum conservation Program apply this knowledge of object restoration and preventative conservation to independent studies or internships with local and regional institutions. Relatedly, in order to be accepted into a graduate program in art conservation, students must have completed a minimum of 450 hours of work on conservation and restoration projects.

"When my students go to intern, they are already trained – they know the best procedures to take care of

collections. The only thing they need is to actually apply that knowledge," Marinas-Feliner said. "For the students, it's wonderful, because they have a place where they can learn how to apply what they learn in my class. For the museums, it's perfect because they have people helping them who are already trained. It's a good combination."

Marinas-Feliner's students have worked with several local institutions, including the City of El Paso's Museum of History and Museum of Art, various units of the City of Las Cruces museums, the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, the Paul and Mary Taylor State Historic Monument, NMSU's Kent Hall Museum and the privately owned Institute of Historical Survey Foundation.

Outside the region, NMSU museum conservation students have interned with the Smithsonian Institution, the Library of Congress, the San Francisco Museum of Art, the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and other prestigious institutions.

On average, the Museum Conservation Program enrolls 30 students each semester. It is one of only three programs nationwide that prepares students for graduate work to become art conservators.

For more information on the NMSU Museum Conservation Program, visit <http://artdepartment.nmsu.edu/museumcons/>.

Call to Artists

A Children's Theatre begins 'The Jungle Book' rehearsals Jan. 19

A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley (ACT) will begin rehearsals for its spring show, "The Jungle Book," on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Please join ACT from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the New Mexico State University Wesley Center, 2425 Jordan Street. Ages 5 to 18 are encouraged to attend. Youth ages 16 to 19 may participate as apprentice directors.

Tuition is \$130 and enrollment is limited. All participants will be cast.

Note there will be no rehearsals during Las Cruces Public Schools spring break, March 14-18.

"The Jungle Book" will be performed Friday and Saturday, April 1-2, at the Rio Grande Theatre. Early reservations for tickets can be made by calling Pinky Kingsley, show coordinator, 644-9561.

ACT is a Las Cruces-based nonprofit corporation, funded in part by an award from New Mexico Arts, a division of Cultural Affairs, and by the National Endowment for the Arts. ACT has provided theatre and film experiences to the youth of Southern New Mexico since 1993.

For more information, contact Artistic Director Kelly King at 571-1413 or visit www.achildrenstheatre.wix.com/achildrenstheatre or find A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley Inc. on Facebook.

Foundation for Las Cruces Museums seeks volunteers

The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums (FLCM) is seeking dynamic, enthusiastic volunteers from the community to help run foundation programs and business. The Foundation supports the four city museums: the Las Cruces Museum of Art, Branigan Cultural Center, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science and Las Cruces Railroad Museum.

Foundation members support the museums by conducting events throughout the year and by managing funds that have been donated to the museum. Members work to support the museums through their popular "Rat on a Stick" food booth at the Renaissance Arts Faire and through their annual Navajo rug sale. They also support museum educational initiatives, such as the evening adult events. Most recently, they are working with the Progress Club to offer listening devices to visitors of the museums.

If you have an interest in supporting the educational efforts of our museums, consider becoming a member of the foundation. The FLCM is a nonprofit organization of individuals who choose to support the museums with financial and volunteer contributions.

The Foundation Board needs members to serve in key leadership positions, including: President, runs the foundation meetings and serves as head of the Foundation board; Secretary, takes notes of meetings and maintains documents for the board; Treasurer prepares monthly financial statements, oversees financial transactions and guides board members in annual budgets; Communications Chair manages social media for the board and writes monthly guest articles in the Las Cruces Bulletin on foundation events; Special Events Chair leads the board in planning, promoting and conducting special activities, such as fundraising events and educational activities; and Development Chair, who works with the community, finding ways to bring businesses and other organizations together to support the museums and related educational initiatives.

The next meeting of the foundation is Wednesday, Jan. 20. Potential board members are invited to participate in this meeting, or to contact current board president Michael Weiss at mikeweiss65@gmail.com.

Fiction book entries sought for NMPW women's book contest

An outstanding New Mexico writer will be honored for her work in fiction in spring 2016 when her book receives the prestigious Zia Award, given by the New

Mexico Press Women.

New Mexico women writers are invited to submit their fiction books for consideration of the award, given each year at the annual New Mexico Press Women spring conference luncheon. The 2016 conference luncheon will be held April 23, 2016 at Bosque Retreat Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Finalists are required to attend the award luncheon to read from their work.

Each year the award rotates to one of three categories: fiction, children's literature, and non-fiction. To accommodate this schedule, a book published in the last three years is eligible. Any fiction book published in 2013, 2014 or 2015 will be accepted for consideration of the 2016 Zia Award.

Publishers or authors may submit a book entry. Membership in the association is not required, but the writer must be a woman. Authors must also live in the state, or have a strong connection to New Mexico, however the book can be published anywhere.

Early bird entry is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members if the entry is postmarked by Thursday, Dec. 31. Regular entry is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Membership in NMPW is \$13 annually.

For consideration please submit: A cover letter with contact information (include email) containing the following: author's biography, author's connection to New Mexico, description of the book, a copy of the book, entry fee and optional membership fee, payable to "New Mexico Press Women."

Mail to the following address: Jessica Savage, Zia Award Contest Chair, 1612 Ralph Dr. Las Cruces, NM 88001.

Entries must be postmarked by Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016. An acknowledgment letter will be emailed upon receipt of the entry.

Book entries are considered a donation to the organization and are not returned. The books will be part of the silent auction, held at the annual spring awards banquet, to raise scholarship funds.

For more information on the contest please send correspondence to the address listed above or email jsavage@cybermesa.com.

Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the gray matter.

Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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

EXPERT

7								2
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				7		5		
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		5		6				
6	2		8		4			
	9				3			
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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

EXPERT

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

BrainGames



Word Salsa

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

THESE WORDS NEED 'US'

ENGLISH	SPANISH
CUSP	CÚSPIDE
FUSION	FUSIÓN
JUST	JUSTO
JUSTICE	JUSTICIA
MUSCLES	MÚSCULA
MUSE	MUSA
RUSSIAN	RUSO
RUSTIC	RÚSTICO
TO FUSE	FUSIONAR
TO USE	USAR
USED	USADA
USER	USUARIO

T F U S I O R U S T I O S E D
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 O P P C H E U P A I Ó N A M U
 F S S U P H S S N Ó J U S T O
 U Ú N Ú S L E P S N H P T S U
 M C C I T S U R A N O I S U F
 C L E A R J U S T I C I A J U
 S E P C Ú S T C E C I T S U J
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 M O I R A U S U S Ú I T S R F

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Crossword Puzzles

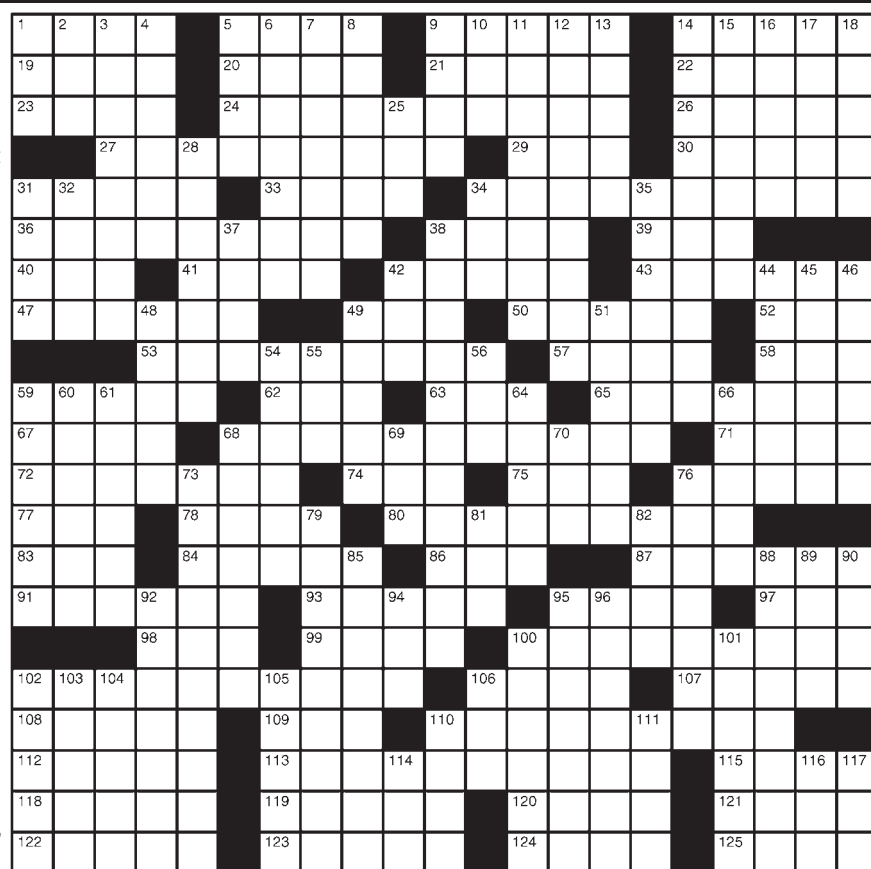
Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Retained
 - 5 Society girl
 - 8 In the sack
 - 9 DNA cousin
 - 10 Planet path
 - 11 Metal corrosion
 - 12 Computer units
 - 14 Floor covering
 - 15 Origin
 - 16 Windway
 - 18 Lemurs
 - 21 Governed
 - 22 Soup holder
 - 23 Metal source
 - 24 Partnership, with in
 - 27 Deuce in hold'em
 - 28 Scuffle
 - 32 Edge
 - 33 None
 - 34 "Historic ___ Tree" painting by Orpha Klinker
 - 35 Cirrus e.g.
 - 37 Type of fish
 - 40 Between
 - 41 Protective covering
 - 43 Roe
 - 44 Omega or flaxseed
 - 45 Renovate
 - 47 A lady
 - 50 Frame-like stand supporting a barrel
 - 53 Turn over the ground
 - 56 Power measurement
 - 57 Time segment
 - 58 Greatest
 - 60 Door part
 - 61 Talk back
 - 62 Pro
 - 63 Fairy tale writer
 - 65 Heed
 - 67 State of utter confusion
 - 69 Greek T
 - 70 Gets a cigarette, maybe
 - 71 Little bit
 - 72 Eye problem
- DOWN**
- 1 Long haired rabbit
 - 2 Wanes
 - 3 Aloha gift
 - 4 Banned insecticide
 - 5 FDA part
 - 6 Lowest commissioned officer (abbr.)
 - 7 Man or mobile?
 - 10 Weasel's cousin
 - 11 Goes with morgue
 - 12 Clingy scarf
 - 13 Stringed toy
 - 14 Litter's littlest
 - 15 Sparks neighbor
 - 16 To's partner
 - 17 Thai member
 - 18 Comedian's repertoire
 - 19 Deviate
 - 20 Ready
 - 24 Firm that is owed money
 - 25 Suffer
 - 26 Under consideration word
 - 29 Waist measurement
 - 30 Folder
 - 31 In a flowery way
 - 36 Vase
 - 38 Field of granular snow
 - 39 University success
 - 41 Tea brewer
 - 42 Tire's need
 - 46 Electrical resistance
 - 47 Overacts
 - 48 Kiwi walk-alike
 - 49 Auto statistic
 - 50 Fashionable clothes
 - 51 Chair part
 - 52 Steal
 - 54 "Midnight at the ____, put your camel to bed" Maria Muldaur song
 - 55 Eye or math?
 - 59 Theory
 - 60 Happiness
 - 62 Spat
 - 63 Spirited
 - 64 Valentine's day gift
 - 65 Pittsburgh catcher, Ed
 - 66 Bleat
 - 67 Soap-airing TV station
 - 68 Small dwelling

PLAY BALL

- ACROSS**
- 1 Relative of ChiPs
 - 5 Merchant's goal
 - 9 Rustler's rope
 - 14 Finnish bath
 - 19 Jacob's twin
 - 20 Israeli statesman
 - 21 Key above G
 - 22 Not yet hardened
 - 23 Hebrew month
 - 24 Two-lane road feature
 - 26 "Common Sense" writer
 - 27 Dispersed
 - 29 Man of old Rome
 - 30 Nine: pref.
 - 31 Actress Garson
 - 33 Lower digits
 - 34 Make no mistakes
 - 36 Quit messing with
 - 38 Garr of "Mr. Mom"
 - 39 Cato's eggs
 - 40 Mil. welfare org.
 - 41 Father of France
 - 42 Vasco ___ de Balboa
 - 43 Exclude
 - 47 Forewarning
 - 49 Geom. figure
 - 50 Instruments of title
 - 52 Former Turkish title
 - 53 Steno's writings
 - 57 Caen's neighbor
 - 58 Mr. Serling
 - 59 Socrates' pupil
 - 62 Initials in want ads
 - 63 Espy
 - 65 Brain areas
 - 67 Portuguese cape
 - 68 Spouted dispenser
 - 71 Paraphernalia
 - 72 Breakfast-time serving
 - 74 Neurological test letters
 - 75 River island
 - 76 Cloys
 - 77 Start of a verse?
 - 78 Hot times in Aix
 - 80 Very soon
 - 83 Tre x due
 - 84 ___ diem (seize the day)
 - 86 Last of a log
 - 87 Wide shots
 - 91 Camera holder
 - 93 Surfers' shopping place
 - 95 Wage-slave's refrain
 - 97 Mai ___ cocktail
 - 98 Gold in the Sierra
- DOWN**
- 18 Bothered
 - 25 Some M.I.T. graduates
 - 28 Plains tribe
 - 31 Oversupply
 - 32 Hebrew letter
 - 34 O.T. book
 - 35 Rug rat
 - 37 Apollo's mother
 - 38 Blinkers
 - 42 Long or Peeples
 - 44 Relative of the toucan
 - 45 Greek malls
 - 46 Detection devices
 - 48 Abbr. on a cornerstone
 - 49 Reduce the air intake
 - 51 Blah, blah, blah...
 - 54 "Misery" director
 - 55 AT&T part
 - 56 NYPD investigator
 - 59 French writer Marcel
 - 60 Repair-shop car
 - 61 End of many plays
 - 64 Online currency
 - 66 Holy smokes!
 - 68 Bullfighter
 - 69 Vegetable sphere
 - 73 Tapes
 - 76 Bloodhound, at times
 - 79 In particular
 - 81 French designer's monogram
 - 82 Leave off the list
 - 85 Worker
 - 88 Shrill
 - 89 Become less intense
 - 90 Poses, as for a portrait
 - 92 Omen
 - 94 Michaels and Hirschfeld
 - 95 I'm open to instruction
 - 96 Elegantly stylish
 - 100 Noisy quarrel
 - 101 Castle and Dunne
 - 102 Boob tube spots
 - 103 Athenian slave
 - 104 Type of ink
 - 105 Classic Michael Caine film
 - 106 Garfunkel or Buchwald
 - 110 Kinship grps.
 - 111 Sky bear
 - 114 Mongrel
 - 116 Misfortune
 - 117 Abbr. in a recipe



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
 Falling in love is awfully simple, yet falling out of love is simply awful.

Author Denise Chávez holds novel-writing workshop

“Just write one Gone with the Wind” was advice to Denise Chávez from her mother, Delfina Faver Chávez.

How do you write that first novel? What do you need? How does one prepare? How do you begin and how to you keep on going?

Pilón in Spanish means a bonus, a blessing or largesse, a sign of generosity. You buy

something and someone gives you a “little extra.” You don’t expect what you get and what you do get is magnified by that extra little something – that touch, that surplus, that sudden abundance that means so much.

Don’t think writing a novel isn’t hard work. It’s good work. Worthwhile work. But it is work – work and more work

– and great blessing. Todo es pilón.

Novelist Denise Chávez will offer a Novel Writing Workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Casa Camino Real, 314 S. Tornillo St. Cost is \$50. Reservations are necessary. Call 523-3988.

Chávez is the author of “The King and Queen of Co-mezón,” winner of the NM-AZ

Book award in Fiction as well as the International Latino Book Award in Fiction. Her work includes “Face of An Angel,” “The Last of the Menu Girls,” “Loving Pedro Infante,” “Descansos: An Interrupted Journey” and “The Woman Who Knew the Language of the Animals.” Her recent novel, “City of Crosses,” was written in November

2015 for National Write a Novel in One Month (www.nanowrimor.com).

Come with your ideas for your novel, your first chapter, an outline, or ideas. Come ready to declare yourself to the Universe. For more information, contact Casa Camino Real Bookstore & Gallery at 523-3988 or by email at casa@casacaminoreal.org.

‘Sharing and Preserving your Family History’ workshop set

New Mexico Historic Sites and the Museum of New Mexico Foundation will host a series of presentations and a workshop on “Sharing and Preserving your Family History” from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Mesilla Community Center.

The day’s program includes presentations by Beth Morgan of Full Circle Heritage Services and Caitlin Wells of the Rio Grande Historical Collections, New Mexico State University Library. With the recent interest in genealogical research, people are looking for ways to learn more about their own family history. This program is an opportunity to learn how to begin the conversation, and create and document your own family history.

Morgan focuses on storytelling as one of the important ways people learn about their families. Participants will be encouraged to tell their own stories and learn

how to organize family histories. Morgan will share insights gained after recent interviews with three long-time Mesilla Valley residents including J. Paul Taylor, Ella Nelson and Emily Guerra. There are tales of coming of age in a rural community, childhood anecdotes and stories about community role models. Wells and staff from the Rio Grande Historical Collections will be available to talk about oral history programs, preserving family photographs and papers and how archives can assist you with your needs.

For more information about this program, call 649-9088. Mesilla Community Center is located at 2251 Calle de Santiago. This program is made possible by support from the New Mexico Historic Sites Division, Department of Cultural Affairs; the Museum of New Mexico Foundation; and the Town of Mesilla.



Thomas Branigan Memorial Library announces Reading Bingo Program

Beginning Jan. 1, Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., began a new reading challenge for adults. Reading Bingo will give participants more flexi-

bility in their reading choices. Adults are encouraged to sign up now for a bingo card. Participants will read books to receive chances in a prize drawing. Game

ends April 30. All programs are free of charge.

For more information contact Lori Batchelor at 528-4012 or lbatchelor@las-cruces.org.

Thomas Branigan Library hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

World-renowned cellist Zuill Bailey along with the Tempest Trio will present "Back to Bach" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the Rio Grande Theatre.



El Paso Pro Musica goes 'Bach to Bach' with renowned cellist

El Paso Pro Musica will present at the Rio Grande Theatre world-renowned cellist Zuill Bailey and the Tempest Trio, described as "an exciting blend of experience and youthful energy," at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 13.

Bailey, considered one of the premiere cellists in the world, is a distinguished soloist, recitalist, teacher and Artistic Director of El Paso Pro Musica. His combination of artistry, technical prowess and engaging personality has secured his place as one of the most sought after and active cellists today.

Bailey has been featured with the symphony orchestras of Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco,

Detroit, Indianapolis, Dallas, Louisville, Honolulu, Milwaukee, Nashville, Toronto, Minnesota, Utah, Israel, Cape Town and the Bruchner Orchestra in Linz, Austria.

International appearances include notable performances with the Moscow Chamber Orchestra in its 50th anniversary tour of Russia as well as concerts in Australia, the Dominican Republic, France, Israel, Spain, South Africa, Hong Kong, Jordan, Mexico, South America and the United Kingdom. Festival appearances include Ravinia, the Interlochen Center for the Arts, Manchester Cello Festival (UK), Wimbledon

(UK), Consonances- St. Nazaire (France), Australian Festival of Chamber Music, Deia Music Festival- Mallorca (Spain), Montreal (Canada), Santa Fe, Caramoor, Chautauqua, Bravo!, Vail Valley, Maverick Concert Series, Brevard, and the Music Academy of the West.

Bailey is an exclusive recording artist on Telarc International. His celebrated "Bach Cello Suites" and recently released "Britten Cello Symphony"/"Sonata" CDs climbed to the No. 1 spot on the Billboard Classical Charts. Other acclaimed recordings include live

NM Film Office holds Las Cruces town hall meeting

New Mexico Film Office Director Nick Maniatis today announced a town hall meeting to take place in Las Cruces on Friday, Jan. 8. Maniatis will discuss the state of the film industry including opportunities available to New Mexico residents. The meetings are intended to provide an open forum for each community to share information about local activity such as educational programs and film related business as well as relaying any issues of concern.

The Las Cruces Town Hall will be held at the historic Rio Grande Theatre, located at 211 N. Main St. The Rio Grande Theatre came to life on July 29, 1926 with the opening of the silent film, "Mare Nostrum." The Theatre has survived both earthquake and fire and is now a 422-seat, state-of-the-art performing arts facility and is also home to the offices of the Doña Ana Arts Council.

Prior to each Town Hall meeting, participants will have an opportunity to have their headshot (photograph) taken which will be given to Extra casting directors in New Mexico. Those who already have a headshot

Agenda

6 p.m. — Submit your headshot and resume for distribution to Extras casting directors

7 p.m. — Welcome and Introductions

7:15 p.m. — State of the NM Film Industry by Director Nick Maniatis

7:30 p.m. — Outreach Programs update by Belle Allen, NMFO State Outreach Coordinator

7:40 p.m. — Film Locations by Don Gray, NMFO contracted Locations Manager

7:45 p.m. — Q & A

are encouraged to bring them to the Town Hall meeting and fill out the casting call registration form. This opportunity is for informational purposes only and is not in response to a particular production.

The Town Hall is free and open to all, including students, local filmmakers, businesses and the general public. The New Mexico State Film Office collaborates with local film liaisons, schools and chambers of commerce in conducting these events.

There is no RSVP necessary to attend the Town Hall meeting and surrounding communities are encouraged to participate in the discussion.

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'Brooklyn' proves you can go home again

Review by Jeff Berg
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Based on a novel by Colm Toibin, "Brooklyn" shares the story of a young woman torn between life and love in her native Ireland and her new home in New York, a lush and smart film for adults.

John Crowley is the director and Nick Hornby (author of "High Fidelity" and "About a Boy") the screenwriter. Crowley's résumé is a bit thin, but includes "Is Anybody There," an interesting look at aging that starred Michael Caine and played at the Fountain a few years ago. Hornby has had a bit more success, including the screenplay for "Wild," a terrific true story picture of a year or so ago.

The film takes place in the 1950s, and it is perfectly rendered as so, although one wonders why directors who show "in the past" always allow all of the cars in their movies to look like they just drove off the showroom floor. That as an aside, the film captures the era quite well, from wardrobe to mores.

Saorise Ronan stars as Eilis Lacey, who lives with her mother and older sister Rose (Fiona Glascott) in Ireland. For reasons that aren't too clear, passage to America and to Brooklyn, a home and a job has been arranged for Eilis by the church. For a while, I was sure that there was some sort of skullduggery afoot, which would account for the church to ship Eilis, a strong, smart, and attractive lass, thousands of miles away.

Eilis, a very innocent woman, though not cloyingly so, is excited about this new opportunity, but very sad about leaving her family. She listens well, which comes in handy at the boardinghouse she is staying at, a place filled with other ambitious young women and run by the very opinionated and exacting landlady, Mrs. Kehoe (Julie Walters).



Saorise Ronan and Emory Cohen star in director John Crowley's lush coming-to-America drama "Brooklyn," now playing at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla.

Eilis will be working in a department store, a job she is very fearful of at first, but slowly works herself into the routine and work. It is not long before she is taking some night classes and helping out the priest who arranged for her passage, at the mission where they are serving Thanksgiving dinner to the poor. Her confidence zooms at the weekend Irish dances that take place and where she meets a happy go lucky Italian lad, Tony (Emory Cohen). He is immediately taken aback by Eilis, knowing his family will disapprove, since she is not Italian. That be damned, they end up courting quietly and carefully.

A fun but telling scene involves Eilis having dinner at Tony's house, where his young brother has no problem in sharing his unedited thoughts on the Irish and the Italians mixing.

"Brooklyn" shows us how Eilis gracefully, swiftly and joyfully acclimates to American life. She also slowly but surely begins to love Tony, who is a kind and pleasant fellow on every level.

As always, tragedy ensues when news arrives that Rose has suddenly died. Although timing won't allow her to attend the funeral, Eilis knows she must return to her homeland.

Tony, a bit insecure, begs her to marry him before

she returns, allowing him to know that she will return if they are married. They secretly wed at City Hall before Eilis boards the ship to go home

It becomes immediately apparent that everyone in

her hometown wants her to return. She extends her stay to attend the wedding of her best friend and also possibly to size up another young man, Jim (Domhnall Gleeson) the head of the rugby team, who also knows how to be a gentleman. She is again smitten with her land of origin, in particular after walking an empty beach with Jim, perhaps subconsciously comparing that to the chaos that is Coney Island back in New York.

She also takes a part time job, using her new accounting skills.

And now it is time for Eilis to make some very important and long lasting decisions; she has the better of two worlds- which would allow her to have the best life?

The film also uses the featured extras and co-stars to good advantage, in particular Jim Broadbent as Father Flood, Eva Birthistle and Glascott as Rose.

Mostly filmed in Ireland and oddly in Montreal, rather than New York, everything works on every level in "Brooklyn." And thankfully, we are not burdened with stereotypical Brooklyn accents.





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One-man '33: A Kabarett' comes to Black Box Theatre on Jan. 9

No Strings Theatre Company will present "'33: A Kabarett," written and performed by Bremner Duthie with original direction by Dave Dawson for one night only, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

The year is 1933. In the destroyed ruins of a German cabaret theatre, a single actor tumbles onto the darkened stage. When the lights come up, he finds himself alone. His friends and colleagues have disappeared, beaten and arrested by authorities with the Security Forces, leaving only their shattered stage props and glittering, torn costumes.

The actor turns to run and vanish into the darkness, but an audience has slipped through the broken door – and they expect a show. So, he gives them the show of their life. He uses all his talents to joyously recreate the acts of the missing company. The Funnyman, the Showgirl, the Song and Dance Man and the rest of his troupe vividly spring to life on stage as the actor pays homage to his disappeared friends, taking on each of their acts as his own and finding the wherewithal to continue on.

At times hilariously funny and bawdy,

at others tragic and bittersweet, "'33: A Kabarett" is performed with breathtaking exuberance and energy by Bremner Duthie. Entertaining and touching, the show evokes the courage and daring it takes to be an artist in times of strife. Duthie sings nine magnificent songs from the era, with new arrangements from his jazz quartet.

Duthie's one-man show has been met with rave reviews. Following the 2015 Dallas Solo Fest, Theatre Jones (www.theatrejones.com) reviewer Mark Lowery said of the production, "amidst the laughter and jaw-dropping physicality, '33: A Kabarett' has a gut-wrenching message about the purification of artists.

"In this case, that meant unspeakable death and destruction, but the thought of what would happen if artists and entertainers stopped doing what they do is frightening. That's a world no one wants to live in. Duthie reminds us that the passion of those who must create will never let that happen."

Tickets for "'33: A Kabarett" are \$12 regular admission and \$10 students and seniors 65 and older. Call 523-1223 for reservations, and visit www.33kabarett.com for more information.



Bremner Duthie brings his acclaimed one-man Weimar Cabaret "'33: A Kabarett" to the Black Box Theatre in Downtown Las Cruces for one show at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9.

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BAILEY

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performances with the Indianapolis Symphony of the Elgar and Dvorak Cello Concertos, described by Gramophone magazine as one that “sweeps the board.”

Zuill Bailey was named the 2014 Johns Hopkins University Distinguished Alumni and was awarded the Classical Recording Foundation Award for 2006 and 2007 for Beethoven’s complete works for Cello and Piano.

Bailey has also held recurring television roles on the HBO series “Oz,” NBC’s “Homicide,” A&E, NHK TV in Japan, a live broadcast and DVD release of the Beethoven Triple Concerto performed in Tel Aviv with Itzhak Perlman conducting the Israel Philharmonic and a performance with the National Symphony Orchestra of Mexico City. He is also featured in the televised production of the Cuban premiere of Victor Herbert’s Cello Concerto No. 2 with the National Orchestra of Cuba. He has been heard on NPR’s “Morning Edition,” “Tiny Desk Concert,” “Performance Today,” “Saint Paul Sunday,” BBC’s “In Tune,” XM Radio’s “Live from Studio II,” Sirius Satellite Radio’s “Virtuoso Voices,” the KDFC Concert Series, KUSC, Minnesota Public Radio, WFMT and RTHK Radio Hong Kong.

Cellist Ralph Kirschbaum, called an “upper-echelon” who performs with the world’s leading orchestras, is also on the bill.

A pre-concert talk with Bailey will begin at 7 p.m., with the performance to follow at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and military and \$5 for students with ID. For tickets and more information, visit www.eppm.org or call 915-833-9400.



Leonardo DiCaprio stars in director Alejandro G. Iñárritu’s masterful survival epic “The Revenant,” now playing at Allen Theatres.

‘The Revenant’ might just be DiCaprio’s finest

Review by Zak Hansen
Las Cruces Bulletin

The year is 1823. Legendary frontiersman Hugh Glass (Leonardo DiCaprio) acts as guide to a quasi-military fur-trapping expedition through the frozen, unsettled wilds of the northern Louisiana Purchase, in present-day South Dakota and Wyoming, under the command of Captain Andrew Henry (Domhnall Gleeson).

On a brief respite, the group, numbering 40-some, comes under siege by a band of indigenous Arikara Native Americans; by the time the siege is over, they number just one dozen, retreating downriver on a salvaged raft, loaded down with only what they can carry.

With the Arikara in pursuit and his thinning charges sitting ducks on the river, Glass convinces Captain Henry to disembark, much to the chagrin of the crew, none more so than John Fitzgerald (Tom Hardy), a survival-hungry career trapper with a chip on his shoulder, long, stringy hair combed over a vicious cranial scar, a regular reminder of a scalping years before.

Trudging their way through mud, snow and rain, across frozen plains and through cragged mountain ridges, dissent, especially from Fitzgerald, begins to stir. The party’s trek to Fort Kiowa, some 200 miles away, is further slowed when Glass, scouting ahead, finds himself caught between a pair of grizzly bear cubs and their hulking mother. He’s viciously attacked and left clinging for life, alone and pinned under the leaden ursine corpse.

When the remainder of the party finds

THE REVENANT

Rated: R

Running time: 156 minutes

Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hardy

Director: Alejandro G. Iñárritu

Film Review

Part revenge film, part survival epic, Alejandro G. Iñárritu’s “The Revenant” is bleak, brutal and beautiful, anchored by what may be Leonardo DiCaprio’s finest performance.

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him, a rift develops: half feel compelled to leave him or to quickly end his suffering, while the remainder feel it is their duty to return him safely home. When it becomes clear the party cannot carry him along, two boys elect to stay – Glass’ half-Pawnee son Hawk (Forrest Goodluck) and Jim Bridger (Will Poulter) – and Fitzgerald, enticed by the promise of extra pay, volunteers along with them.

As the party continues on, Fitzgerald sets to work to end Glass’ suffering and save his own skin – and his pelts – first attempting to suffocate him. A struggle ensues, and Hawk is killed. Fitzgerald leave Glass panting and alone in a shallow grave, not long for the world.

Or so he thinks.

Remarkably, Glass survives, somehow completing the 200-mile excursion all-but alone to exact revenge on the man who left him for dead.

This is, however, Leo’s picture. The actor, the elusive Oscar still somehow evading

him, turns in a wholly committed, visceral performance, perhaps the finest of his impressive career. It may not always show, but DiCaprio’s inarguably one of the most physical performers of his generation – think Jordan Belfort, red-faced and screaming behind dark Ray Bans or dragging himself from the wrecked Lamborghini, slurring through a bellyful of Lemmon 714s – and in “The Revenant,” Hugh Glass seems to fully inhabit the actor, the agony of his circumstance tearing its way out of him through gnashed teeth, strained neck, blue eyes bulging from their sockets.

DiCaprio commits fully here – that’s really him dragging himself across the frozen ground, tumbling into icy Alberta rivers, gnashing his teeth through raw bison liver (despite his strict vegetarianism) and seeking shelter inside a steaming carcass, a la Luke on the ice planet Hoth.

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AtTheMovies


Picking the Flicks



Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Movie reel based on a 5-point scale.


Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The Rebel Alliance and the Galactic Empire – now the Resistance and First Order – square off once again.
Starring: Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill
Director: J.J. Abrams



Concussion

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Talented pathologist Dr. Bennet Omalu discovers the damage done to football players during the course of normal play.
Starring: Will Smith, Luke Wilson
Director: Peter Landesman



Point Break

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A young FBI agent goes undercover inside a group of professional criminals and extreme athletes.
Starring: Édgar Ramírez, Luke Bracey
Director: Ericson Core



The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: As the war of Panem escalates and the Capital destroys other districts, Katniss Everdeen must bring together an army against President Snow, with everything she loves hanging in the balance.
Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson



The Good Dinosaur

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: In an alternate timeline where dinosaurs never went extinct, Arlo the Apatosaurus makes an unlikely friend in a young human caveboy named Spot.
Starring: Jeffrey Wright, Frances McDormand (voices)
Director: Peter Sohn




The Big Short

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Four outsiders in the high-finance industry who predict the housing bubble burst of the 2000s take on the big banks.
Starring: Christian Bale, Steve Carell
Director: Adam McKay




Daddy's Home

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A mild-mannered executive and stepfather is forced to compete for his children's affection upon the arrival of his wife's freeloading ex-husband.
Starring: Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg
Director: Sean Anders



Joy

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The four-generation true story of the family of Joy Mangano, who founded a business dynasty by inventing the Miracle Mop.
Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Bradley Cooper
Director: David O. Russell



Sisters

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Two sisters throw one final house party before their parents sell the childhood home.
Starring: Tina Fey, Amy Poehler
Director: Jason Moore
Starring: Kaley Cuoco, Bella Thorne




Creed

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Rocky Balboa steps into the role of trainer to promising young boxer Adonis Johnson – the son of Rocky's late friend and former rival Apollo Creed.
Starring: Sylvester Stallone, Michael B. Jordan




The Revenant

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Legendary frontiersman Hugh Glass, mauled by a bear and left for dead, treks across the wild to take revenge on the men who abandoned him.
Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hardy
Director: Alejandro G. Iñárritu
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The Hateful Eight

Rated: R
Plot Overview: After the Civil War, a bounty hunter and his prisoner take shelter in a stopover cabin – along with a host of nefarious characters.
Starring: Kurt Russell, Samuel L. Jackson
Director: Quentin Tarantino
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The Forest

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A young American searching for her missing sister in Japan discovers the awful supernatural truth about Aokigahara Forest.
Starring: Natalie Dormer, Taylor Kinney
Director: Jason Zada
OPENS FRIDAY, JAN. 8



The Masked Saint

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A pastor eager to help his community returns to his former life as a wrestler.
Starring: Brett Granstaff, Lara Jean Chorostecki
Director: Warren P. Sonoda
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Coming soon on DVD Jan. 12

Hotel Transylvania 2
Rated: PG
Genre: Family, comedy
Starring: Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg (voices)
Director: Genndy Tartakovsky

The Martian
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Science fiction
Starring: Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain
Director: Ridley Scott

Irrational Man
Rated: R
Genre: Comedy, drama
Starring: Joaquin Phoenix, Emma Stone
Director: Woody Allen

Sinister 2
Rated: R
Genre: Horror
Starring: Shannyn Sossamon, James Ransone
Director: Ciaran Foy

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| 1 Star Wars: The Force Awakens (Week No. 3) \$90,241,673 | 6 Joy (Week No. 2) \$10,210,971 |
| 2 Daddy's Home (Week No. 2) \$29,205,583 | 7 The Big Short (Week No. 4) \$9,060,303 |
| 3 The Hateful Eight (Week No. 2) \$15,706,645 | 8 Concussion (Week No. 2) \$7,846,281 |
| 4 Sisters (Week No. 3) \$12,760,730 | 9 The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2 (Week No. 7) \$4,616,274 |
| 5 Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip (Week No. 3) \$12,071,523 | 10 The Good Dinosaur (Week No. 6) \$4,050,462 |


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'Christmas love' should be remembered all year

All the Christmas items on the shelves have been marked down to a shadow of their "recommended retail price." So it seems that the common reference point as to where we are in the year is ushered in by what is for sale these days. Our entire year is segmented into the seasonal promotions of a panoply of marketers attempting to draw us to their stores to purchase these seasonal wares. And of course, we are drawn to them like moths to the flame. A tour of the stores will tell you Valentine's Day is on its way.

Yes, another Christmas has come and gone. Another New Year has come and is well on its way. We find ourselves lazily trying to take ourselves out of the lackadaisical temperament of the Christmas-New Year cycle: the parties, the celebrations, the jubilation, the togetherness, the food etc. etc. We awake in warm beds without the Christmas cheer. The frozen-over landscape of winter urges us to begin the process of our daily schedules of home to work and home again. I've heard it described as the seasonal hangover.

It would not be this way if we truly integrated the memory of Jesus' birth into our lives so that Christmas was not seasonal and certainly not defined by what's for sale on the store shelves. We have domesticated the wildness and radical nature of that first Christmas morning. And while the Gospels tell us of angels singing songs of great joy, there was still the reality of the child being born homeless, in a cave, in the cold, already rejected and sought after for death.

We are so far removed from the reality of a kind of depravity that has existed within us since the beginning of time. While I don't want to dwell on the negativity of that, I do want to point out that Jesus' coming was anything but the kind of sentimental event we evoke year after year. And what is that depravity? It is that unwillingness to answer the door of a poor family knocking and seeking safe harbor, food, and brotherly love. It is that depravity that would allow a woman with child to give birth in a dirty stable and in freezing conditions that make us more than shiver. It is the depravity that is the center of our need for a savior. It is that depravity of our fall-



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en nature that cries out for a God to save us. Our response? Would I have done the same as the inn keepers that night?

For Christmas to have any meaning other than fake trees, presents, and festive parties, we must ask that question set before all generations since the first Christmas. What will you do if a stranger, perhaps an immigrant, in need knocks and asks for help on a cold winter day? How we answer this will answer the question, "am I saved?"

It is difficult to see through all the adornments that have been latched on to that almost feral scene to somehow domesticate the true radicalness of the first Christmas. How we live our lives for the rest of the year will indicate whether or not we have integrated the true nature of Christmas.

The shock value of the poverty and baseness of the scene should stay with us, making us resolve to be different, to be aware that under the Christmas decorations, foil and flurries of laughter, is the reality of the homeless family wandering the streets on a cold winter's night. And should they find shelter, know it's likely not a feather bed, but a hard cold dirty floor and a kind of regimentation smacking of the sin of marginalization. The same goes for the immigrants whose dignity is incarcerated by man-made borders, or even merciless implementation of human laws.

The manger scene was the uncompromising borderless love of a God who became one of us, being ushered into the reality of rejection, inconvenience and selfishness. This love is not sentimental. This love is not a box of chocolates. This love, this Christmas love, is a map of repentance and reconciliation between God and man and between the fortunate and the unfortunate. Put away the tree and the decorations but never the little child so overlooked and underestimated. As they say, "don't throw out the baby with the bathwater." He was meant to be with us every day all year long ready to be inconvenienced at His knocking at the door.

RELIGION LISTINGS

Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Breakfast Fundraiser

Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1240 S. Espina, is holding a breakfast fundraiser at Finley Hall on Sunday, Jan. 24, after all masses for the benefit of our parish hall improvements. For information, contact the Cathedral office manager at 524-8563.

GriefShare recovery support group meets Sundays, gives hope

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling or other family member, or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage as a slave to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.

Join us Sundays from 4 to 6 p.m. in Room 229, First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda. For registration and information call Penny Baca at 635-9696. Cost: \$15 for participant workbook.

Men's Prayer Meeting held Saturdays at Heart of the World

Join us on Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. at the church for our weekly men's prayer meeting. Manny Howie leads the prayer. Men, we hope to see you there. Located at 1605 S. Valley Dr. Call 523-1113 for information.

Men's Prayer Breakfast held Tuesdays at First Baptist Church

Join us every Tuesday from 7 to 9 a.m. for a breakfast in the fellowship hall. For information, call 524-3691.

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Trinity Lutheran welcomes young worshippers

You are invited to join Trinity Lutheran for the regular Sunday worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m. at the church at 2900 Elks Dr. Children and families are encouraged and welcome. Sunday school for children and youth is also held each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. In a child-friendly

environment, children meet and worship God through songs, prayer and Bible stories. All are welcome to join. Please call 523-4232 for information or visit the church's website www.trinitylutheranlc.org.

Ladies of Luther Potluck Dinner

At 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2900 Elks Dr., the Ladies of Luther are having a potluck dinner with two speakers from the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, Executive Director Nicole Martinez and Matt Holt, attorney and law professor. The theme of the luncheon is To Serve. Guests are welcome. Please RSVP at 523-4232.

Mesilla Park Community Youth Ministry Parent & Student retreat

On Friday and Saturday, Jan 22-23, Mesilla Park Community Church will host a fun overnight to study how to live out Deuteronomy 6:4-9. You will learn more about yourself and your student by creating ways to connect with each other though biblical principles and fun techniques. The event takes place at 6:30 p.m. at Bonita Park Campground in Ruidoso. For the first 55 to sign up, the cost is \$33 per person. Regular cost is \$63. Contact Terrie Williams, terriekww@gmail.com for more information. Register & pay online at getrealchurch.org/events.

Spiritual Group Discussion set for Jan. 23 at Funky Karma

Eckankar, religion of sound and light of God, is a practical spiritual teaching which can be used to better understand the ordinary and miraculous events in our lives. Eckankar will host a spiritual discussion on the topic of "Becoming a Creator," from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Jan. 23, at Funky Karma, 3207 S. Main St. For information, call 654-0071.

4th Annual NMSU Bel Canto Concert offers variety of music

The New Mexico State University Department of Music and Doña Ana Lyric Opera present the fourth annual Bel Canto Scholarship Concert at Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., on Sunday, Jan. 31, at 2 p.m. The eclectic program includes selections from operas by Handel, Donizetti, and Leoncavallo, as well as Broadway standards by Rodgers and Hart, the Gershwins, Bernstein, Lloyd Webber, and more. The four scholarship winners — Amanda Ronquillo, Lara Zel Hartman, Ejerson Balabas, and Cory Gasparich — will be joined by pianist, Flor de la Garza. DALO director, Dr. John Carlo Pierce, will moderate the program. This is a free concert. Refreshments will be served, and all donations benefit DALO's Bel Canto Scholarship fund. The event is sponsored by Temple Beth-El's Adult Education Committee.

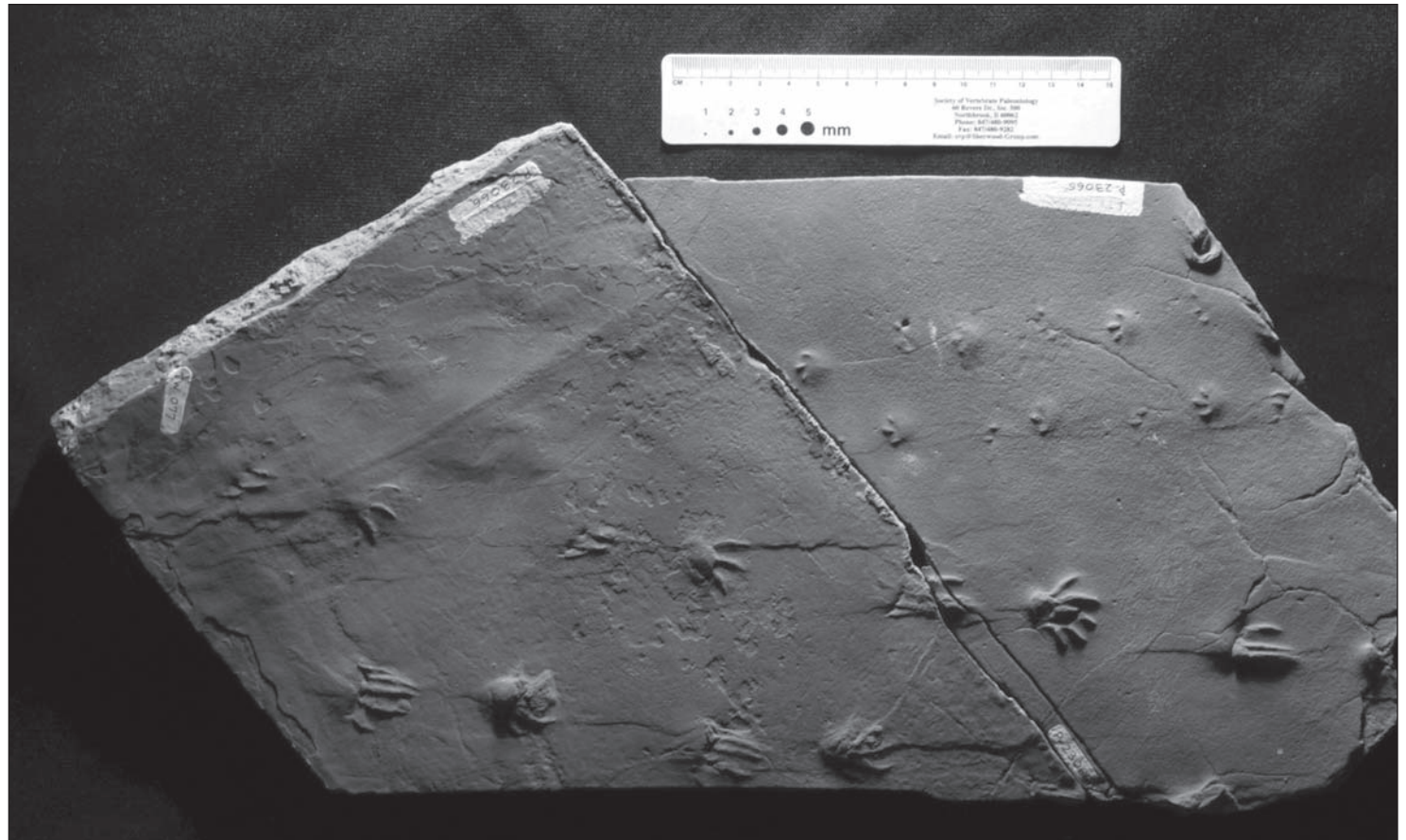
BLM Las Cruces District receives national grant to support student field trips to parks

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Las Cruces District, in partnership with Friends of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks (Friends), is one of 186 Federal sites selected to receive a 2015 field trip grant from the National Park Foundation, the official charity of America's national parks. The grant was awarded to the BLM and the Friends to support efforts in educating and creating the next generation of public land ambassadors.

The grant, part of the Foundation's Open Outdoors for Kids program, supports the White House youth initiative Every Kid in a Park. Excited with the District's grant selection, BLM Las Cruces District Manager Bill Childress said, "The grant will support the BLM Ambassador Program, which consists of three educational segments targeting about 800 fourth-graders in the Las Cruces, Deming, and Gadsden (Independent) Public Schools."

"It is inspiring to see the National Park Foundation and many other partners step up to support our goal of getting fourth-graders and their families into parks, public lands and waters that belong to all Americans," said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell. "These generous grants will ensure children across the country have an opportunity to experience the great outdoors in their community while developing a lifelong connection to our nation's land, water and wildlife." Foundation grants have made it possible for more than 400,000 students (including this year's grantees) to visit national parks and other public lands and waters.

"We want to help people everywhere, from all backgrounds, discover how national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, and other public lands and waters are relevant to their lives, and the best way to do that is to give people the opportunity to experience them firsthand," said Will Shafroth, president of the Foundation. "Through our grants that provide funding for transportation and in-park learning, we are able to connect youth and their families to these special places and inspire people across the country to find their park which, in turn, can foster a lifelong



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Tracks left by animals older than dinosaurs, right, can be seen at the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument in the Robledo Mountains. This national monument is the 100th of its kind in the United States. Above are Dimetrodon tracks and small amphibian tracks.

connection to all that public lands and waters have to offer."

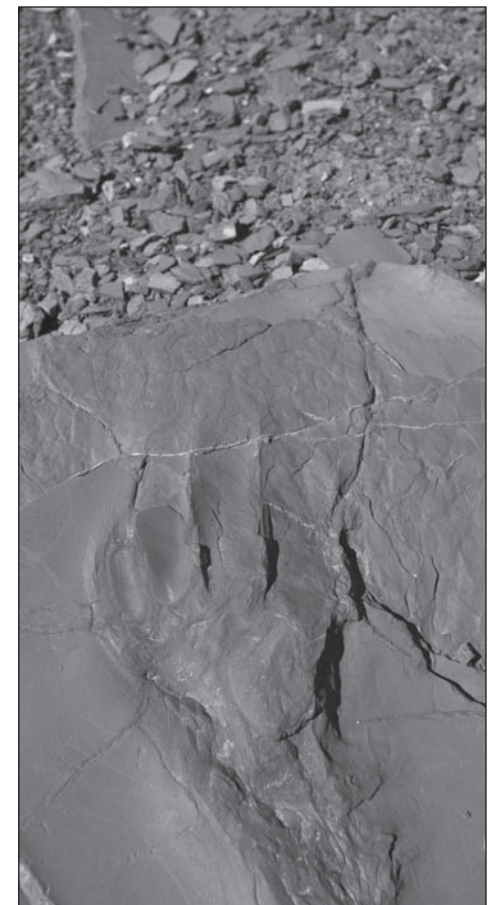
In the BLM Las Cruces District, the first educational segment consists of several field trips to the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks and Prehistoric Trackways National Monuments, both a short distance from the City of Las Cruces. The students will be introduced to "Leave No Trace" principals, utilizing maps during their guided hikes and scavenger hunts.

The BLM will also host 400 students from three schools for a Cultural and Environmental Education Day at BLM's Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument. The field trip will include a guided hike, with a living history interpreter. In this segment, the students will also participate in hands-on learning activities with BLM staff and partners, including archaeologists, geologists,

biologists, and local artists and historians.

The BLM and the Friends of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks will also conduct a week-long day camp for 14 female fourth-graders. The camp will include transportation, meals, learning materials and hiking equipment. In this educational segment, the students will visit and explore the BLM Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks and Prehistoric Trackways Monuments, Lincoln National Forest and the White Sands National Monument. Students will also be engaged in activities to explore science, technology, engineering, math and conservation career opportunities, as well as build their literacy in these fields.

For more information on the program, the public can contact BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner McKinney Briske at 575-525-4334.





Mesilla Park Historic District proposal to be discussed Jan. 13

On Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 6 p.m. there will be a public meeting to discuss the proposed Mesilla Park Historic District. The meeting will be in Room 9 at the Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center (formerly the Mesilla Park Community Center), 304 Bell Ave.

The meeting will be led by Steven Moffson, State and National Register Coordinator of the New Mexico Historic Preservation

Division in Santa Fe. Moffson toured Mesilla Park in September and was surprised and pleased that there are so many "contributing" buildings within the district boundaries. (A building may be "non-contributing" if it is less than 50 years old and/or its historic integrity has been affected due to modifications.)

After Moffson's visit, the paperwork to nominate Mesilla Park to the

National Register of Historic Places was prepared.

This meeting will be the last official function before the Cultural Properties Review Committee (CPRC) meets in February in Santa Fe to make a final determination on the nomination of the Mesilla Park Historic District. The CPRC meeting is open to the public, and the specific date is to be determined. For information, call 524-0500.

Tombaugh Elementary plans 25th anniversary open house

Tombaugh Elementary School, 226 Carver Road, will celebrate its 25th anniversary with an open house on Thursday, Jan. 14, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. A reception will be at 6 p.m. Administration is inviting past and present Tombaugh students and staff, and LCPS administration.

One of the largest elementary schools in Las Cruces, Tombaugh opened for the 1990-91 school year. It was named in honor of Dr. Clyde W. Tombaugh, renowned astronomer, Las Cruces resident and founder of NMSU's Astronomy program who discovered Pluto in 1930. Stu-

dents have recognized Dr. Tombaugh's contribution to the scientific world throughout the years by celebrating his birthday and his discovery of Pluto with annual stargazing nights.

At the open house and reception, guests may walk through the school and view displays of the past and present, time capsule items, student displays, and pictures and videos of the past 25 years. There will be a presentation and introduction of special guests at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 527-9575.

Home Depot hosts kids' workshops



Clara Ash, 3, pounds some nails into a Kung Fu Panda 3 Spinning Box at Home Depot on Jan. 2. Clara was with her mom, dad and sisters at the free workshop. The workshops are held the first Saturday of each month. Register online at <http://workshops.homedepot.com/workshops/home>.

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Avoid being a victim of vehicle warm-up theft

Las Cruces Police are reminding drivers who warm up their vehicles to refrain from leaving them unattended for an extended period of time and potentially susceptible to theft.

Many drivers start their vehicles remotely or with a key, and leave them running for extended periods of time. That makes those vehicles vulnerable to auto theft.

Most modern vehicles require only a few seconds to 'warm-up' prior

to driving.

Many automobile owners also carry keys to their home, business or other vehicles on the same keychain, meaning stolen keys could give a thief access to other properties. And some people leave garage door remote openers in their vehicle which, if stolen, could give the perpetrator easy access to the garage and residence.

Follow these tips:

- Refrain from leaving vehicles running unat-

tended.

- Do not leave children or pets unattended in a vehicle.

- Do not leave garage

door remote openers in open view inside vehicles.

- Remove or conceal personal property such as purses and electronics.

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 LC Pet Image
 Las Cruces Association of
 Realtors
 LCDF Medical And
 Dental Services
 Le Rendezvous
 Lohman Atrium Suites
 Lorenzo's (Pan Am)
 Lowe's Grocery
 Main Street Bistro
 Mark Mumper Munson Sr.
 Center
 McDonalds
 (most locations)

Meerscheidt Rec. Center
 Memorial Medical Center
 Mesilla Valley Hospice
 Mesilla Valley Kitchen
 Metropolitan Deli
 Milagro Coffee y
 Espresso
 Millennium Health &
 Wellness
 Mira Vista Apts
 Montana Meadows
 Montana Senior Center
 Moonbow
 Moongate Café
 Moongate Water Co.
 Mountain View Market
 Mountain View Urgent Care
 Murphy Express
 Museum of Nature and
 Science
 NM Cardiac Care
 NM Dept. Of Workforce
 Solutions
 NM Farm and Ranch
 Museum
 Nopalito's Restaurant
 Old Town Restaurant
 Organ General Store
 Pic Quik (most locations)
 Picacho Butterfield 1 & 2
 Picacho Hills Country
 Club
 Pioneer Bank
 Porter Chevron (Chucky's)
 Positive Energy Solutions
 Ramada Palms
 Red Brick Pizza
 Remax
 Rene Gutierrez (District
 Office)
 Renoo
 Restore
 Rio Grand Theatre
 Roberto's
 Rosie's Café
 Safe Haven
 Sage Café
 Sagecrest Nursing Home
 Save Mart
 Shorty's Hwy 28
 Si Señor
 Siesta RV

Sisbarro Administration
 Office
 Sisbarro New & Used
 Cars
 Sonoma Ranch
 Apartments
 Southwest Sport & Spine
 Starbucks
 State Farm - Mike
 Apodaca
 TA Truck Stop
 The Casitas at
 Morningstar
 The Shed
 Tiffany's
 Toucan Market
 Trails West
 US Bank
 Valero
 Value Place Hotel
 Vascular Diagnostic
 Village At Northrise
 Village Inn
 Walgreen's
 White Sands Federal
 Credit Union
 White Sands Missile
 Range Commisary
 White Sands Missile
 Range PX

New Mexico State University
 NMSU Golf Course / Pro
 Shop
 NMSU Activity Center
 NMSU Anderson Hall
 NMSU Branson Library
 NMSU Business Complex
 NMSU Computer Center
 NMSU Corbett Center
 NMSU DACC
 NMSU Express
 NMSU Fulton Center
 NMSU Gerald Thomas
 NMSU Milton Hall
 NMSU O'Donnell Hall
 NMSU Pan Am Center
 Permit Office
 Roberts Hall
 Zuhl Library

LEGAL NOTICES

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

Legal Notice

"NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Section 73-13-4 NMSA, the Board of Directors of Elephant Butte Irrigation District (District) will consider a Resolution to transfer water rights appurtenant to lands within the District which are not suitable for irrigation or capable of being properly irrigated to other lands within the District, if in the Board's judgement the land may be profitably irrigated and advantageously irrigated. The request is made by JOE JR & LISA M HERMANDEZ who requests that the Board suspend a total of 2.38 acres of water rights from lands located in Section 9, Twp. 24S, Range 2E NMPM, and being a part of USRS Map 13-31A1A LT 2 and transfer them to lands owned by MICHAEL E SMITH located in Section 14, Twp. 25S, Range 2E, NMPM, being a part of USRS Map 20-8C1. The place of the hearing is the offices of the District located at 530 S. Melendres, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the date of the hearing is January 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Protest or protests from any person or persons interested may be heard at the hearing. At the end of the hearing, the Board of Directors shall take formal action upon the Resolution. Any protestant or protestant's may appeal the decision of the Board directly to District Court within 10 days of the adoption or rejection of the Resolution."

Dates: 01/08, 2016

Celco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to construct a 75-foot Monopole Communications Tower at the approx. vicinity of 4251 Del Rey Boulevard, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, 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, Katie Rodriguez, 2121 W. Chandler Blvd., Suite 203, Chandler, AZ 85224; k.rodriguez@trileaf.com, 480-850-0575.

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

No. 15-0332

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY A. BLOOMINGBURG a/k/a MARY ANN BLOOMINGBURG DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY

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

DATED: December 4, 2015.

ZIA TRUST, INC.
KATHY KITCHENS,
Senior Trust Officer
4131 Camino Coyote,
Ste. A
Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88011

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

Dates: 01/08, 01/15, 2016

MESILLA VALLEY PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

JOB POSTING

The Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority is accepting applications for a full-time Senior Housing Choice Voucher Program Specialist. Duties include review of HQS inspection reports for quality control, monthly review of files processed for quality control, assisting eligible families with subsidized rental programs, assists in the monthly and annual SEMAP Certification review, etc. Requirements include Associate Degree in business-related field from an accredited college or 60 hours of undergraduate coursework and two (2) years related experience, or equivalent combination of education and experience; proficiency in Word and Excel, ability to meet deadlines, pay attention to details, produce accurate work, and valid NM Driver's License. Bilingual (English/ Spanish) preferred. Salary range is \$29,369 - \$31,200 plus excellent benefits including medical, dental, vision and retirement.

Job descriptions and application packets are available at 926 S. San Pedro Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001 between the hours of 7:30 am - 3 pm starting on January 8, 2016 or by email at MVPHAPERSONNEL@GMAIL.COM. (A complete application requires the MVPHA Application for Employment, signed

letter of interest and current resume.) Applications will be accepted in person or by email. Position will remain open until filled.

MVPHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Dates: 01/08, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on August 5, 2015, Royal Jones, 4263 Escondido Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-16062-POD1, OSE File Nos.: LRG-16061-1 and LRG-16062-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-16062-POD1 to a depth of 160 feet with a 6-inch casing, in a location within the NE¼ of projected Section 21, Township 23S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where X=1,457,953.64 ft., Y = 471,928 ft. NMSA, Central Zone NAD83 on land owned by the applicant, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-09028, located on land owned by Robbie C. Kuykendall located within the NE¼ of projected Section 21, Township 23S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically located where X = 1,458,654 ft., Y = 473,059.6 ft. NMSA, Central Zone 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 5.37 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE¼ of projected Section 21, Township 23S, Range 01E (NMPM) as described in Subfile Nos.: LRN-28-012-0028 and LRN-28-012-8001 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed well LRG-16062-POD1 will be located west of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 368 feet southeast of the intersection of Wagon Wheel Trail and N Fairacres Rd, Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-09028 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conser-

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

Dates: 12/25, 2015
01/01, 01/08, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 16, 2015, David Salopek Farms, LLC, 1985 Salopek Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-16067 POD3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-16067 POD 1 (also known as LRS02-0126), located within the NW¼ NW¼ of projected Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 13' 41.39"N, 106° 44' 57.78"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 500 feet for 67/8 — inch casing, to be located within the NW¼ NW¼ of said projected Section 16, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 13' 40.99"N, 106° 44' 58.06"W (WGS84) for the continued combined diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum from said replacement well and existing well LRG-16067 POD2 (also known as LRS02-0127), located within the NW¼ NW¼ of said projected Section 16, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 13' 41.12"N, 106° 44' 57.99"W (WGS84) for domestic multiple household purposes, as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-002-0090 Right B of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The replacement well is to be located south of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address of 715 Addington Road. Well LRG-16067 POD1 will be properly plugged. The applicant has requested emergen-

cy 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 facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 12/25, 2015
01/01, 01/08, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on July 15, 2015, Talavera MDWC, PO Box 3576, Las Cruces, NM 88003 on behalf of the A.B. Cox Trust, PO Box 247, Organ, NM 88052, filed application numbered LRG-4745-POD5, OSE File No. LRG-4745, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio

Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-4745-POD5 to a depth of 500 feet with an 8-inch casing, in a location within the SW¼ SE¼ of Section 21, Township 23S, Range 3E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X: 1,520,854.48 ft. & Y: 468,592.66 ft. (NMSA Central NAD83), on land owned by Robert Peticolas & Lynda St. Clair, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-4745-S-2, located on land owned by Robert Peticolas & Lynda St. Clair located within the SW¼ SE¼ of said Section 21 and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X: 1,520,854 & Y: 468,582 (NMSA Central NAD83), for the continued diversion of up to 32.5 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for use in a subdivision described in Subfile No. LRO-28-030-9005 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The service area of the subdivision includes Talavera Subdivision Unit 2: Tracts 1, 2, & 3, and Lots 4 through 8, 13 through 16, 21 through 24, 29 through 32, 37 through 40, 45 through 48, 65 through 67, and 73 through 75 of Tract 4, all within said Section 21, and within Lots 27 through 50 of Tract 4, Unit 3 in the NE¼ of Section 22, Township 23S, Range 3E (NMPM). The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. The site of proposed well LRG-4745-POD5 will be located east of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 400 feet north of the intersection of Achenbach Canyon Rd. and Minnie Rd. Existing well LRG-4745-S-2 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in


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

Dates: 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 23, 2015, The Garcia Family Trust (Francisco A. Garcia & Ester S. Garcia), PO Box 931, Anthony, NM 88021, filed application numbered LRG-11437-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-11437, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-11437-POD3 to a depth of 650 feet with a 16-inch casing, in a location within the SE¼ NW¼ of Section 27, Township 26S, Range 03E (NMPM) and

more specifically located at or near X = 1,523,371.12 ft., Y = 370,620.89 ft. (NMSA, Central Zone NAD83), on land owned by the applicants, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-11437, located on land owned by the applicants located within the NW¼ of Section 27, Township 26S, Range 03E (NMPM) and more specifically described at or near X = 1,523,377 ft., Y = 370,593.1 ft. (NMSA, Central Zone 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 19.45 acres of land, owned by the applicants; located within the SE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 27, Township 26S, Range 03E and the SW 1/4 of said Section 27 (NMPM) as described in Subfile No.: LRS-28-014-0172 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed well LRG-11437-POD3 will be located northwest of Anthony, NM and may be found approximately 0.32 miles northwest of the intersection of Whispering Dove Ave and Green Meadows Rd. Anthony, NM. Existing well LRG-11437 will properly plugged.

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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
Graphic Design & Layout Services	15-16-118	N/A	January 26, 2016 / 2:00pm
2017 International WorkStar 7600 SFA 6x4 with 14' Dump Body (Equal or Better)	15-16-121	N/A	January 28, 2016 / 2:00pm

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 1/8/16

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

Dates: 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 2016

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
LAS CRUCES, NM 88007
575 382-0000**

**ON SATURDAY,
JANUARY 16, 2016
BEGINNING AT 10 AM
SIGN IN AT 9:30 AM**

THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS: 117, 122, 130, 160, 257, 264, 294, 406, 413, 442, 468, 693, 705, 801, 825
Tenant addresses are "last known."

**Unit 117
Lorenza Agnetti**
999 S Telshor Blvd #503
Las Cruces NM 88011
Unit items consist of:
STEREO SYSTEM,
SPEAKERS, MISC. ITEMS

**Unit 122
Priscilla Birner**
4045 Capital Dome SE
Deming NM 88030
Unit items consist of:
TV, BAGS, MISC.
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

**Unit 130
Lorraine Nevarez**
2940 Dona Ana #4
Las Cruces NM 88007
Unit items consist of:
DINING TABLE WITH
CHAIRS, MISC. ITEMS

**Unit 160
Mona Rivera**
1205 Encino
Las Cruces NM 88001
Unit items consist of:
SOFA CHAIR,
ROOM DIVIDER

**Unit 257
Kevin Altamirano**
2330 E Nevada #307
Las Cruces NM 88001
Unit items consist of:
WASHER, TV, STEREO,
CHEST OF DRAWERS,
CLOTHES, MISC. KIDS'
ITEMS

**Unit 264
Jacob Martinez**

4000 N Valley
Las Cruces NM 88007
Unit items consist of:
DELL COMPUTER, MISC.
KIDS' ITEMS

**Unit 294
Erika Rodriguez**
1643 Ash
Las Cruces NM 88001
Unit items consist of:
WASHER, DRYER,
VACUUM, HEADBOARD,
MISC. HOUSEHOLD
ITEMS

**Unit 406
Alice Mares**
2450 Hagerty #12
Las Cruces NM 88005
Unit items consist of:
WASHER, DRYER,
MATTRESSES, MISC.
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

**Unit 413
Ruel Ramirez**
1815 N Valley
Las Cruces NM 88007
Unit items consist of:
MILITARY DUFFEL BAG,
FOLDING TABLE, MISC.
ITEMS

**Unit 442
Stephanie R Moore**
1300 Hwy 287
Claude TX 79019
Unit items consist of:
BED RAILS, MATTRESSES,
SOFA RECLINER,
COUCH, MISC. ITEMS

**Unit 468
Juana Silva**
4592 Ampere
Las Cruces NM, 88007
Unit items consist of:
ENTERTAINMENT
CENTER, CHEST OF
DRAWERS, MATTRESSES,
MISC. ITEMS

**Unit 693
Roberto Aguirre**
2720 Glass
Las Cruces NM 88005
Unit items consist of:
FISHING RODS, TOOLS,
WHEELBARROW,
WELDER, LADDER,
WORK TABLE, MISC.
ITEMS

**Unit 705
Jason Rodriguez**
1725 Wade
Las Cruces NM 88001
Unit items consist of:
MATTRESSES, COFFEE
TABLE, WOODEN DESK,
MISC. HOUSEHOLD
ITEMS

**Unit 801
Ruben Rojas**
206 Las Flores
La Mesa NM 88044
Unit items consist of:
FLAT SCREEN TV,
COFFEE TABLE, TWO
CHAIRS, MISC. CLOTH-
ING

**Unit 825
Noel Calderon**
5993 Las Alturas #27
Las Cruces NM 88011
Unit items consist of:
WASHER, DRYER, KIDS'
TOYS, MATTRESSES,
DINING TABLE, CRIB,
MISC. ITEMS

Dates: 01/08, 01/15, 2016

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

NO. CV 2015-2595
Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF

**THE PETITION OF
Ruben Daniel Ortiz FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that Ruben Daniel Ortiz, a resident of the City of Chaparral, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from **Ruben Daniel Ortiz** to **Ruben Daniel Invictus**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the 18 day of February 2016, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ruben Daniel Ortiz
Ruben Daniel Ortiz
630 Golden Eagle Trl
Chaparral, NM 88081
Mailing Address:
9920 Dolerite Dr.
Fort Worth, TX 76131
915-412-9102

Dates: 01/08, 01/15, 2016

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

No. PB 2015-106
Judge Driggers

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
DONALD C. HENSLEY,
Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that BEATRICE CHISMAR has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.

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

Dates: 01/01, 01/08, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2013-02105
WASHINGTON FEDER-

Las Cruces Bulletin

**AL SAVINGS, Successor
by Merger to First Federal
Bank, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**THOMAS SOTOMAYOR
II, and if married, JANE
DOE SOTOMAYOR (true
name unknown), his
spouse; and WASHING-
TON FEDERAL SAV-
INGS, Successor by Merg-
er to First Federal Bank,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that on **January 27, 2016, 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 4106 Tres Infantes, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 9, BLOCK F, MISSION SANTA CLARA, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 1, 2006, IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 730-734 OF PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 8, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$284,701.69 and the same bears interest at 6.250% per annum from September 4, 2015, 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 contamina-

tion on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

Dates: 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00298

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

vs.

**ARLEY WEATHER-
FORD, if living, if de-
ceased, THE ESTATE OF
ARLEY WEATHER-
FORD, DECEASED; and
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEWISEES OR LEGA-
TEES OF ARLEY
WEATHERFORD, DE-
CEASED, Defendants.**

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GIVEN** that on **January 27, 2016, 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 1207 Hall Ave, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 11, Block 2, W.B. HALL ADDITION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 4, 1947, in Book 6 Page(s) 54 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 14, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$76,637.87 and the same bears interest at 5.750% per annum from November 14, 2015, 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 A. Carmody,
Special Master
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Dates: 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 01/22, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-01740

**DEUTSCHE BANK NA-
TIONAL TRUST COM-
PANY, AS TRUSTEE
FOR SOUNDVIEW
HOME LOAN TRUST
2006-WF2, ASSET-
BACKED CERTIFI-
C A T E S , S E R I E S
2006-WF2, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ISELA B. PEREZ, and if
married, THE UN-
KNOWN SPOUSE OF
ISELA B. PEREZ (true
name unknown); MOUN-
TAIN VIEW REGIONAL
MEDICAL CENTER; and
NEW MEXICO DEPART-
MENT OF WORKFORCE
SOLUTIONS, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that on **January 27, 2016, 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 2921 Fountain Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 117 of Legends West Subdivision, Phase IV, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico,

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as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Legends West Subdivision, Phase IV, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on September 20, 2005 in Plat Book 21, Folio 344-346.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 17, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$110,803.96 and the same bears interest at 2.25% per annum from November 20, 2015, 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
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Dates: 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 01/22, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2013-00698

**DEUTSCHE BANK NA-
TIONAL TRUST COM-
PANY, AS TRUSTEE
FOR RBSGC MORT-
GAGE LOAN TRUST
2007-A, Plaintiff,**

v.

**JEFFREY S. DAVIS, HEI-
DI LEANNE SEELBACH,
THE U N K N O W N
SPOUSE OF JEFFREY S.
DAVIS, IF ANY AND**

**THE U N K N O W N
SPOUSE OF HEIDI
LEANNE SEELBACH, IF
ANY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLO-
SURE SALE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4955 Galina Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 18, BLOCK 18, LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPEMENT PHASE V-B, AMENDED, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 2, 1994, IN BOOK 18 PAGE(S) 27-30 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:00 AM on January 12, 2016**, 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 Judgment granted Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for R BSGC Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-A . Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for RBSGC Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-A was awarded a Judgment on August 14, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 171,552.28, with interest at the rate of 7.125 % per annum from March 7, 2014 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$22,637.85 .

**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 . Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for RBSGC Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-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 .

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

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

By: Margaret Lake,
Special Master
Pro Legal Services, LLC
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-02241

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

JUAN FLORES, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN S. FLORES, DECEASED; JANE DOE FLORES, the unknown spouse of Juan Flores; JANE DOE FLORES, the unknown spouse of John S. Flores; ABC CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND JANE DOES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; 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 1655 Country Club Cir, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 17 IN BLOCK NUMBERED A OF COUNTRY CLUB PARK SUBDIVISION NUMBER ONE (REVISED), LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID COUNTRY CLUB PARK SUBDIVISION NUMBER ONE (REVISED), FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON APRIL 7, 1959 IN PLAT BOOK 8, FOLIO 44.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on January 14, 2016,**

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 Judgment granted **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.** . **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.** was awarded a Judgment on September 22, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 94,943.53, with interest at the rate of 4.25 % per annum fro m July 21, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$1,956.75 .

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

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-02027

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

JUSTIN J. RODRIGUEZ, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUSTIN J. RODRIGUEZ, (true name unknown), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **February 3, 2016, 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 5013 Calle Princesa, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 19A, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST CO. SUBDIVISION "A", REPLAT NO. 6, in the County of Doña Ana, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 2974 thereof, filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on June 26, 1997, and recorded in Book 18, Page 708, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico,

including, but not limited to, the manufactured home permanently attached thereto. A 1999 CAVC Doublewide, VIN No. CAV-AZL2984592XU, title to which has been deactivated in the records of the Motor Vehicle Department of the State of New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 28, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$69,917.84 and the same bears interest at 3.750% per annum from December 13, 2015, 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.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-01579

BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff

vs.

HENRY ROMERO JR AKA HENRY ROMERO, RACHEL P. ROMERO AKA RACHEL ROMERO, AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL

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

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s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
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Dates: 01/08, 01/15, 01/22,
01/29, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-00863

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

v.

CLINT DELONG, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY; ALAN D. VASEY AND SHELLY J. VASEY, HUSBAND AND WIFE; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 112 Lytton Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 2, BLOCK 3, LOS NOGALES, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 21, 1980, IN BOOK 13 PAGE(S) 30-31 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on January 14, 2016,** 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 Judgment granted **WELLS FARGO BANK, NA.** **WELLS FARGO BANK, NA** was awarded a Judgment on August 20, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 288,591.20, with interest at the rate of 4.25 % per annum fro m July 27, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$5,746.13.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, ease-

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

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-01579

BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff

vs.

MARIO H. CABRAL, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Sandoval County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3956 Sombra Prieta Court, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 3, BLOCK D, MONTE SOMBRA, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 4564 THEREOF, FILED

FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON APRIL 18, 2007, AND RECORDED ON BOOK 22, PAGES 191 - 193, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 a.m. on February 5, 2016,** outside the front entrance of the Third Judicial Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, #A, Las Cruces, 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 Judgment granted **BOKF, N.A.**.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded in rem Judgment on December 18, 2015, in the principal sum of \$127,768.29, plus interest due on the Note through October 1, 2015, in the amount of \$5,536.60, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 5.200% per annum (\$18.20 per diem) until paid, plus late charges in the amount of \$242.58, plus escrow advances for property taxes in the amount of \$208.93, plus hazard insurance in the amount of \$995.00, plus FHA/HUD premiums in the amount of \$342.69, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through September 30, 2015, in the amount of \$578.53, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 5.200% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

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

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

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

Dates: 01/08, 01/15, 01/22,
01/29, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00307

BEAL BANK AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHARTER BANK, PLAINTIFF,

v.

HENRY ROMERO JR AKA HENRY ROMERO, RACHEL P. ROMERO AKA RACHEL ROMERO, AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL

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SERVICES, INC., A DEL-AWARE CORPORATION, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RACHEL P. ROMERO AKA RACHEL ROMERO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on **January 12, 2016 at 11:00 am**, outside the front entrance of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 West Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005, 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 7, Block A of COLLEGE HILL ANNEX, 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 October 22, 1952 and recorded in Book 7 at Page 30, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1307 Branson Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on June 8, 2015 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 \$55,250.72 plus interest from May 1, 2015 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.625% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the

mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

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

Margaret Lake
Special Master
Pro Legal Services, LLC
201 Eubank Blvd. NE,
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NM 87123
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Dates: 12/18, 12/25, 01/01,
01/08, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-01914

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

CURTIS FLORES; NICHOLE FLORES; and WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **January 27, 2016, 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 9776 Corralones Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate Southeast of Radium Springs, Doña Ana County, New Mexico being part of Lot 13, Section 30, T.21S., R.1E., N.M.P.M., of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, also being part of Tract "C" of a plat of survey filed April 25, 1985, in Deed Book 295, Page 581 Doña Ana County Records and more particu-

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/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
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larly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at an iron rod set for the Northwest corner of this tract; whence the Northwest corner of Lot 13, Section 30, T.21S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. bears S. 89 deg. 32'W., a distance of 633.14 feet;

THENCE from the point of beginning and along the North line of Lot 13, N. 89 deg. 32'E., 119.20 feet to an iron rod found at the Northeast corner of the mentioned Tract "C" for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 0 deg. 49'W., 365.53 feet to an iron rod found at the Southeast corner of Tract "C" for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 89 deg. 32'W., 119.20 feet to an iron rod set for the Southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 0 deg. 49'E., 365.53 feet to the point of beginning containing 1.000 acre of land more or less.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 17, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$183,140.46 and the same bears interest at 6.125% per annum from November 20, 2015, 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.

Dates: 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 01/22, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-01924

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

v.

Robin R Tillett and John Doe Tillett, wife and husband; ABC Corporations I-X, XYZ Partnerships I-X, John Does I-X and Jane Does I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; 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 611 DYNE AVE, LAS CRUCES, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO BEING LOT 4, AND PART OF LOT 3, BLOCK L, COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES REPLAT NO. 1, FILED FEBRUARY 10, 1964, IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 14, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A PAINTED CROSS FOUND ON THE NORTH LINE OF DYNE AVENUE FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED BEING IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 4, BLOCK L, COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES REPLAT NO. 1, FILED FEBRUARY 10, 1964, IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 14, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS;

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND LEAVING THE NORTH LINE OF DYNE AVENUE, N.30° 02'00"W., 110.00 FEET TO A CROSS SET FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT BEING IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4, BLOCK L AND A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF A 5 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID 5 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT, N.59°

58°00"E., 107.00 FEET TO A PAINT MARK FOUND FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE LEAVING THE NORTH LINE OF SAID 5 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT, S.26° 23'30"E., 110.22 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND ON THE NORTH LINE OF DYNE AVENUE FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF DYNE AVENUE, S.59° 58'00"W., 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.2614 ACRE OF LAND, .

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on January 14, 2016**, 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 Judgment granted **WELLS FARGO BANK, NA** . **WELLS FARGO BANK, NA** was awarded a Judgment on May 18, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 166,895.24, with interest at the rate of 5.5 % per annum from April 28, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$6,653.78.

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

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-00441

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

v.

PAUL M. MONTOYA AKA PAUL MARTIN MONTOYA AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PAUL M. MONTOYA AKA PAUL MARTIN MONTOYA, IF ANY, 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 635 S Weirich Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE WEST OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE N1/2 SW1/4 NW1/4 SE1/4 OF SECTION 20, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A SHINER FOUND ON THE CENTERLINE OF WEINRICH ROAD FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT BEING IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE N1/2 SW 1/4 NW1/4 SE1/4 OF SECTION 20, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS;

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF WEINRICH ROAD, S.00°05'31"W., 181.55 FEET TO A SHINER SET ON CENTERLINE OF SAID ROAD FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE LEAVING SAID ROAD, S.89°58'30"W., 253.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N.00°05'31"E., 181.55 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF A 33 FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF A 33

FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILILY EASEMENT, N.89°58'30"E., 253.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.054 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO A 33 FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT BEING PARALLEL AND ADJACENT TO THE NORTH AND EAST BOUNDARY LINES. ALSO SUBJECT TO ANY OTHER EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

The sale is to begin at **11:45am on January 14, 2016**, at the main entrance 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 Judgment granted **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.** was awarded a Default Judgment on July 6, 2015 in the total amount of \$ 96,755.70 with interest at the rate of 5.875 % per annum from November 7, 2014 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$6,743.41. 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 Mortgagee, 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, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due . **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.**, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any .

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-01869

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC fka Centex Home Equity Company, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF SHARON MARTINEZ, Deceased; ALBERT MARTINEZ, Individually and as Personal Representative of The Estate of Sharon Martinez, Deceased, and if married THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALBERT MARTINEZ, (true name unknown); THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF SHARON MARTINEZ, Deceased; WESTERN BANK, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) The Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of Sharon Martinez, Deceased is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 5059 Churchill Avenue, which may also be known as 5227 Lee Avenue, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lot 230, HACIENDA ACRES, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 560 on 08/22/1961 in Book 8 Page(s) 77 of Plat Records.

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

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

Little, Bradley & Nesbitt, P.A.
1700 Louisiana Blvd NE,
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(505) 248-2400
FAX: 254-4722

December 11, 2015

By Electronically signed
/s/ Rachel M. Chiado
Karen H. Bradley

Deborah A. Nesbitt
Rachel M. Chiado
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable MARY 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 11 day of December, 2015.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
NORMAN E. OSBORNE
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
/s/Paluma Nava

Dates: 01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00043

BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff

vs.

JESSE W. FORAND, NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendants,

SECOND NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1804 Beverly Place, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING PART OF LOT 11, BLOCK 12, UNIT NO. 5 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, FILED FEBRUARY 12, 1968, IN BOOK 10, PAGES 22-23, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT A NAIL SET ON THE EAST LINE OF BEVERLY PLACE FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, BEING IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 11, BLOCK 12, UNIT NO. 5 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, FILED FEBRUARY 12, 1968, IN BOOK 10, PAGES 22- 23, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS;

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND LEAVING THE

EAST LINE OF BEVERLY PLACE, N. 66°07'00" E., 116.00 FEET TO A NAIL SET FOR THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT, BEING IDENTICAL TO THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 11, BLOCK 12;

THENCE S. 32°00'00" E., 27.62 FEET TO A CROSS SET FOR AN ANGLE POINT OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S.05°36'05"E., 67.48 FEET TO A CROSS SET FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S. 67°14'11" W., 107.19 FEET TO A CROSS SET ON THE EAST LINE OF BEVERLY PLACE FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE AROUND THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 474.71 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 89.85 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 10°50'42" AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS N. 18°29'15" W., 89.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.241 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT A 5' UTILITY EASEMENT WEST OF AND PARALLEL TO THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE. ALSO SUBJECT TO ANY OTHER EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

INFORMATION IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS DESCRIPTION DERIVES FROM WARRANTY DEED FILED IN DEED BOOK 217, PAGE 16, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS. FIELD NOTES BY MOY SURVEYING INC., LICENSE # 5939

The sale is to begin at **11:45 a.m. on January 22, 2016**, outside the front entrance of the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, #A, Las Cruces, 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 Judgment granted **BOKF, N.A..**

BOKF, N.A. was awarded in rem Judgment on August 6, 2015, in the principal sum of \$106,880.67, plus interest due on the Note through April 1, 2015, in the amount of \$4,987.78, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 4.00% per annum (\$11.71 per diem) until paid, plus late charges of \$160.98, plus escrow advances for property taxes in the amount of \$857.58, plus hazard insurance in the amount of \$666.95, plus FHA/HUD premiums in the amount of \$482.08 plus property preservation of \$465.00, plus differed loan modification in the amount of \$6,879.04, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through July 15, 2015, in the amount of \$1,500.00 and costs through July 15, 2015, in the amount of \$1,271.43, with interest on the aforesaid

amounts at the rate of 4.00% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

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

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

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani
Faisal Sukhyani
Special Master
c/o 5120 San Francisco
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Dates: 12/25, 2015
01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2013-02644

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ISABEL P. HERNANDEZ, IF ANY, 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 1140 E Poplar, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows: LOT NUMBERED 3 IN BLOCK NUMBERED F OF WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JULY 25, 1957 IN PLAT BOOK 7, FOLIO 57.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on January 14, 2016**, 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 Judgment granted WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. . WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on September 22, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 131,287.99, with interest at the rate of \$6.11 per diem from April 6, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$1,729.13 .

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

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00645

BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSEPH L. DUNN AND SUSAN S. DUNN, HUSBAND AND WIFE; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled

Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 6662 Vista Del Reino, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 43A, ALTO ESTATES UNIT 3, REPLAT NO. 3, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 12, 1995, IN BOOK 18 PAGE (S) 249 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on February 11, 2016**, at the main entrance of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at w hich time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A. . BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on October 15, 2015, in the total amount of \$344,134.85, with interest at the rate o f 6.125% per annum fro m July 1, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount o f \$12,993.45 . 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 purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption .

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00645

BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, 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, environ-

mental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-00135

NATIONSTAR MORT G AGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

CRAIG STOOKEY, BRENDA STOOKEY AND MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 383 & 385 Fossil View Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA AND COUNTY, NEW MEXICO IN SECTION 24, T.21S., R.1W., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O SURVEYS AS PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 1-9A1UI AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD SET AT THE SOUTH LINE OF A ROAD EASEMENT FOR THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; WHENCE THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 24, T.21S., R.1W., BEARS N 59°48'05"E., A DISTANCE OF 2625.85 FEET;

THENCE FROM THE PLACE OF BEGINNING S.30°35'30"E., 1022.15 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE BACA LATERAL FOR THE SOUTHEAST

CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE B A C A L A T E R A L S.88°42'15"W., 7.66 FEET; THENCE LEAVING BACA LATERAL N.41°30'W., 486.84 FEET TO ANGLE POINT OF THIS TRACT; THENCE N.40°03'17"W., 198.18 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND;

THENCE S.73°45'16"W., 172.46 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND; THENCE S.45°15'W., 60.51 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE ROAD EASEMENT N.30°35'30"E., 369.68 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTH LINE OF A ROAD EASEMENT;

THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE ROAD N.67°52'30"E., 90.24 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF A PREVIOUSLY CONVEYED 0.3404 ACRE TRACT;

THENCE AROUND THE 0.3404 ACRE TRACT THE THREE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES S.28°54'30", 136.89 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND;

THENCE N.67°34'43"E., 110.84 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND;

THENCE N.29°37'07"W., 136.53 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTH LINE OF A ROAD EASEMENT; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE ROAD N.67°52'30"E., 160.95 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 3.645 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

The sale is to begin at **12:00 PM on January 28, 2016**, 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 Judgment granted NATIONSTAR MORT G AGE, LLC. NATIONSTAR MORT G AGE, LLC was awarded a Judgment on July 6, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 252,683.18 with interest at the rate of 2.625% per annum from December 31, 2014 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$7,141.76. 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 .

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cerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due . NATIONSTAR MORT G AGE, LLC, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any .

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Five behaviors that help teens learn to bounce back

Bulletin report

It's no secret that adolescence is a time of high stress for many teens.

Although some young people navigate these difficult years with reasonable aplomb, many struggle and are unable to cope as they run into troubles in school, at home or in their neighborhoods.

That's where adults can step in and aid them in cultivating the mental tools they need to bounce back from life's most trying moments.

"It's our job as parents and educators to help our young people develop the flexibility and resiliency to withstand the challenges they face on their path to adulthood," says Linda Mornell (www.Lindamornell.com), an adolescent therapist and author of the book "Forever Changed: How Summer Programs and Insight Mentoring Challenge Adolescents and Transform Lives."

Mornell has worked with teenagers for more than 38 years, both through her private counseling practice and as founder of the highly effective nonprofit organization Summer Search, which provides disadvantaged young people with challenging and even life changing mentoring and summer opportunities.

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LINDA MORSELL

Adolescent therapist and author

She says that encouraging the following five behaviors can help teens learn to bounce back rather than fold under the stresses of the adolescent years.

- Reach out rather than retreat. According to recent research, the adolescent brain is flexible and highly sensitive to stress. Teens who isolate, withdraw into themselves, when stressed rather than reach out to others miss the opportunity of learning different ways of handling and relieving those stresses as well as diffusing intense feelings in a more positive ways. "Adolescents routinely say the opposite of what they feel," Mornell says. "Go away often means please stay. Sit down and wait."

- Tell their story. The ability to put

one's story into coherent words is the chance to see it from a distance and gain perspective as well as compare it with others, which creates a sense of community. Everyone has a story to tell. Avoid interrupting when your adolescent suddenly feels like talking. Listen longer.

- Separate from home and parents. In order to gain autonomy and confidence in themselves as individuals it is essential that adolescents find appropriate ways to separate physically and psychologically from their parents. This is increasingly hard in today's world of constant connection through telecommunication. For teenagers this over communication often creates dependency and reinforces that the world is a challenging and even dangerous place and that they are not capable of learning to handle those challenges and dangers on their own. Mornell advises parents to, "Avoid constant texting and other forms of telecommunication. Give your teen room to make their own decisions and choices."

- Engage in exploration and positive risk-taking. It is hard to learn to bounce back from challenges if there have been no significant difficulties, no walls to hit to bounce back from. Encourage your teen to reach out of familiar and safe comfort zones and take positive risks like

meeting new people, exploring different activities, and participating in scary sounding summer opportunities like wilderness expeditions. Research opportunities for independent activities and challenging programs.

- Take responsibility for others. Care-taking whether it's babysitting, volunteering in a home for elders, or standing up for kids who are bullied in school is one of the very best ways to increase resiliency. When teenagers lend their hand and their strengths to help, empower, protect, and care for others they experience and support eternal values as well as enhance the sense of their own worth. "Make talking about family values a part of dinner table conversation," Mornell advises. "Remember, it's our job as parents and educators to help our young people develop the flexibility and resiliency to withstand the inevitable challenges they will face on their path to adulthood and... learn how to bounce, bounce, b-o-u-n-c-e!"

Linda Mornell (www.Lindamornell.com) is the founder of Summer Search, a nonprofit organization that provides disadvantaged young people with challenging summer opportunities and life-changing mentoring.

And the top 10 baby names are ...

The following is the list of the top 10 baby names in New Mexico in 2015 as compiled by the Department of Health's Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics:

	Females	Males
1	Mia	Noah
2	Sophia	Elijah
3	Isabella	Liam
4	Ava	Michael
5	Olivia	Josiah
6	Emma	Alexander
7	Sofia	Gabriel
8	Abigail	Aiden
9	Aria	Jacob
10	Emily	Daniel



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Healthy Happenings



50-Plus Walking Program continues

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department offers a program to build stamina and maintain cardiovascular health in 12 weeks.

The 50-Plus Walking Program /0-60 in 12 weeks, is designed to get you walking up to 60 minutes in 12 weeks! It begins with 20-minute walks, three times a week and works up to 60 minutes. Distance is not the priority, movement is. No racing or competition, just a focus on health and well-being.

Walkers are free to join in the program at any time at \$12/month.

If you are already an active walker, this is a great way to meet new people, to walk and socialize. Participants walk at their own pace for a set time. Distance will be tracked every day in order to monitor individual improvement. All participants will meet at Frank O'Brien Papen Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., and every fourth week will be an optional "Field Trip Walk" at another location.

Registration is ongoing and the program is held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m. at Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center through March 30. The fee includes tracking of progress for the weeks of the program. For more information, call 541-2455. The TTY number is 541-2772.

Breastfeeding support group meets Fridays

Mama's Milk Club Breastfeeding Support Group meets 10 to 11:30 a.m.

every Friday at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex, Piñon A meeting room. Refreshments are provided. There is no charge for attending. For more information, call 521-5393.

Deadline for Channel Sizing class Jan. 8

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will provide Channel Sizing classes during the month of January at the Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. The class will offer cardio-based channel walking exercises that are low impact and fun. The class will consist of nine sessions beginning Jan. 11 and ending Jan. 29. Classes will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; cost is \$20 per person for the nine sessions.

Registration extends through Jan. 8 at the Regional Aquatic Center, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information contact the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center at 541-2782.

Free course in Spanish for Alzheimer's caregivers

"Cuidando con Respeto" is a free course presented in Spanish for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. It provides much of the same helpful information as the popular "Savvy Caregiver" Program. It will be presented as a two-day course in two four-hour sessions. The following options are available: Tuesday, Jan. 12

and 19, from 1 to 5 p.m. or Thursday, Jan. 14 and 21, from 1 to 5 p.m. All classes will be held at the Southern Area Health Education Center, 4003 Geothermal Dr. To register or for more information, please contact Alma Gross, 646-3061 or algross@nmsu.edu.

National Alliance for Mental Illness to meet

NAMI meetings in January for the families who have a loved one suffering from mental illness will be Wednesday, Jan. 13, and Wednesday, Jan. 27, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. For information, call Susan at 649-6766.

Overeaters Anonymous women's meeting

Overeaters Anonymous Women's Group meets on Mondays from 7 to 8 p.m. at Unity Church, 125 Wyatt Dr. Back entrance. For more information, call Wayne at 647-5684 or Barbara at 405-9128.

Water Safety class geared toward children

The City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a Water Safety class at the Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave., from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 25-29. The class will allow children ages 4-8 the opportunity to learn basic water safety and will include the topics of home, public and open water safety. All topics

are geared toward children. (This is not a swimming lesson.) Classes will include activities in and out of the water. Registration is ongoing until Jan. 22 at the Regional Aquatic Center during normal operating hours: Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$20. For more information, contact the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center at 541-2782.

Breast Cancer support group is open to all

The next meeting of the Community Foundation Breast Cancer support group is Saturday, Jan. 23, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor, in the Annex Building on the west side of the main entrance. Meetings are free and open to all who are interested in health and wellness. No registration is required. For information, call 524-4373.

Kitchen Creations cooking school for diabetics

This Kitchen Creations cooking school is a series of four classes for adults with type 2 diabetes which meets every Tuesday in February from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Tierra Madre, 1955 N. Valley Dr. Learn how to plan and prepare meals that are tasty and balanced to manage diabetes. Participants will receive a manual, cookbooks and other useful items to keep. The cooking school is free of charge. For information, call (575) 525-6649.

SeniorScene



Study: Glaucoma on the rise in Hispanics

Nearly 3 million people ages 40 and older have glaucoma, according to the Prevent Blindness "Future of Vision: Forecasting the Prevalence and Costs of Vision Problems" report. As the population ages, the number is projected to grow, increasing to 4.3 million by 2032 and by more than 90 percent to 5.5 million by 2050. Glaucoma is an eye disease that currently has no cure. It causes loss of sight by damaging a part of the eye called the optic nerve.

January is National Glaucoma Awareness Month, sponsored by Prevent Blindness and other leading eye

health organizations, to help educate the public on the disease. Prevent Blindness offers the online Glaucoma Learning Center providing patients and caregivers with free information.

The study also found that although more than 60 percent of glaucoma patients today are white, by 2050, most glaucoma patients will be non-white, due primarily to the rapid increase in Hispanic glaucoma patients. By 2050, blacks and Hispanics will each constitute about 20 percent of all glaucoma patients.

Glaucoma is often referred to as the "sneak thief of sight" because most people notice no early symptoms or pain. However, vision loss may be de-

creased if detected and treated early, which is why it is imperative for adults to get a complete, dilated eye exam from an eye care professional for the best chance of saving their sight.

For more information on glaucoma, call Prevent Blindness at (800) 331-2020 or visit www.preventblindness.org/glaucoma-learning-center.

City cancels all 2016 Aqua Strength Fitness Classes

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will be removing the Aqua Strength fitness class indefinitely from the fitness schedule. For more information, call 541-2782.



Pets and People



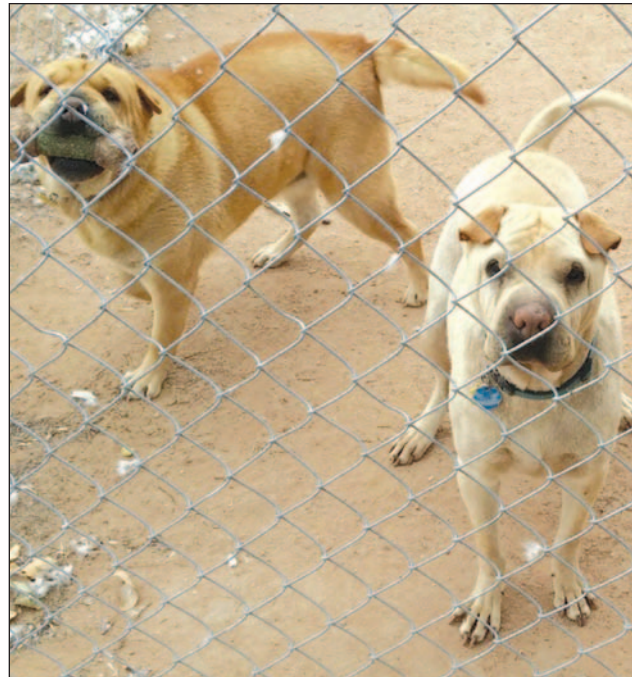
Draco is a 5-year-old Boxer/Great Dane mix.



Sam is a 4-year-old Dalmatian mix.



Jake is a 4 year-old Blue Heeler.



Amy and Dex are 4-year-old Sharpei mix litter mates.



Spike is a 5-year-old Labrador mix.

Animal sanctuary seeks homes for dogs, cats

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

During its nearly two decade history, Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary (SHAS) has found homes for up to 200 dogs and cats in a single year, said manager Jeff Barker.

But, he said that number has been going down the last few years because of the many local organizations working to find homes for owner-relinquished pets and strays.

So, SHAS is always on the lookout for good homes for the 80 to 90 dogs and cats it houses at any one time at its no-kill sanctuary at 6890 Eagle

Road, about 10 miles northeast of Las Cruces, Harris said.

About 90 percent of the animals it cares for are owner relinquished; the other 10 percent are strays.

Barker said it costs \$85 to adopt a dog from the sanctuary, \$75 for a kitten and \$50 for adult cats.

The price includes vaccinations, spaying or neutering, microchipping and heartworm testing for dogs and feline leukemia virus (FeLV) testing for cats.

The sanctuary has “a cattery, dog kennels, isolation units and a play area,” according to <http://shaspets.com>.

You can visit the sanctuary 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and other times by appointment, according to the website.

But it is always a good idea to call before you make the trip, especially during holidays. You can reach Barker at 805-5338, and you can find step-by-step directions to the sanctuary at www.shaspets.com/contact-us.

Barker, who has been sanctuary manager since 2010, lives on the three-acre sanctuary grounds with his wife, along with four dogs and four cats, half of which are rescue animals, he said.

The sanctuary has about 40 regular volunteers, but is always on the lookout for more, Barker said. You can sign up to be a volunteer on the SHAS website; click on the “Get Involved” link near the top of the page.

To make an online donation to SHAS, click on the “Donate” button in the bottom left-hand corner of any page when you visit www.shaspets.com. Or, you can mail a donation to SHAS at 840-D El Paseo Road, Las Cruces, N.M. 88001.

You can contact the sanctuary at 805-5338 or safehaven.pets@yahoo.com.

Pet blessing will be held at St. Anthony of the Desert

At 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16, in the parking lot at the corner of Alameda and Hadley, St. Anthony of the Desert will hold the eighth annual pet blessing.

This service is offered to the community in honor of two Orthodox

saints, Seraphim of Sarov from the North of Russia, and Anthony the Great, our patron from the Egyptian desert.

Both saints were friends of animals and, in turn, were befriended by the animals in

their surroundings. So bring your cherished animals for their annual blessing.

Goodie bags will be provided for pets from Better Life natural pet foods.

For more information, call 323-1038.

PET BRIEF

Pet of the Week

Meet the Boss man. The eight-pound-ten-ounce Boss is full of energy, and demands belly rubs on a daily basis. Though he is only four months old, he has a huge heart.

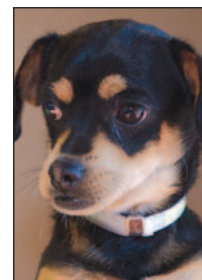
Boss loves going on long walks that eventually end up at

Caliche's. He sure does love his Poochie Cones!

He is looking for his forever home, so come meet him today. Boss is a black and tan Chihuahua/Dachshund mix.

He has been at our shelter over two months.

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley is open Monday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Call 382-0018.



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