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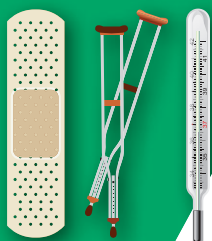
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Members of the Mesilla fire department Eric Miller, Leonidas Somalakis, Mathew Rivera, Lasette Gamboa, Humberto Manriquez, Aaron Cruz and Kevin Hoban, take a photo with Santa and his trusty pony, Friday, Dec. 9, on the Plaza in Mesilla when the town held its annual Christmas tree lighting.

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DASO launches 2017 Winter Citizens Academy

Applications are being accepted for the winter class of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department Citizen's Police Academy, which will kick off Jan. 7, 2017. The academy will span eight consecutive Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon at DASO's Las Cruces headquarters, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

To date, more than 200 Doña Ana County residents have graduated from the program.

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



The academy takes class members through various divisions of the department in an effort to strengthen community partnerships through education and awareness. Academy participants are volunteers who wish to learn more about the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department; it is not the cadet academy for those who wish to become certified law-enforcement officers with DASO.

Classes are interactive and give participants hands-on knowledge of how sheriff's deputies are trained to

handle real-life situations. Class members will examine traffic enforcement, understand the use of force – including the use of deadly force – observe K-9 demonstrations and presentations by the Special Response Team, bomb squad, and Animal Control. Several field trips are included in the academy, including tours of the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority and the Doña Ana County Detention Center.

The winter 2017 Citizen's Academy is free of charge and runs through Feb. 25, 2017.

Applications can be downloaded online at www.goDASO.org, and are also available at the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, 845 N. Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017, and class size is limited to the first 25 people who qualify.

DASO warns of funding scams

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department is warning residents to be cautious about a new fundraising scam that is circulating locally, asking victims to donate to a non-existent fund for fallen officers.

The department has fielded several phone calls from concerned, would-be victims who wanted to verify the legitimacy of the calls. Residents reportedly were asked to donate money over the phone to Patrolman's NPF, the National Patrolman's Foundation, or the National Police Foundation, none of which are legitimate charities.

Callers are reportedly trying to solicit donations for local law enforcement agencies to help "widows and orphans" of police officers who have died in the line of duty.

These calls are not associated with any legitimate charity and are not associated or endorsed by the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department or Sheriff Enrique 'Kiki' Vigil.

Calls originate from a 402 area code, but could be from anywhere if thieves are using ghosting software that masks the true origination of the call. Such software prevents anyone from accurately tracing the call.

Capt. Michael Kinney cautioned against ever giving personal information over the phone, like bank account numbers, credit card numbers or Social Security numbers.

Donations to the families of Hatch Police Officer Jose Chavez or Alamogordo Police Officer Clint Corvinus — both of whom died in the line of duty in 2016 — can be made by contacting their agencies directly or on behalf of their names to the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Fund, Concerns of Police Survivors, the National Sheriff's Association, Fraternal Order of Police, or the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Donations can also be made locally by contacting the agencies directly.

Free flu-shot clinic underway today

The New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Public Health Office will host a free flu-shot clinic today from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at St. Genevieve Parish Hall, 1025 E. Las Cruces Ave. in Las Cruces. Public Health offices throughout the state have vaccines available for those without insurance or who are otherwise not able to get vaccinated. Those with Medicaid or other insurance who go to Public Health Offices are asked to bring their insurance card.

Everyone six months of age and older should get a flu vaccine each flu season, especially people who are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications or because they live with or care for people at high risk for developing flu-related complications.

The seasonal flu vaccine protects against the influenza viruses which are expected to be most common during the upcoming season. Vaccination remains the best protection against influenza.

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Final cut: Tree goes down in front of community theater

BULLETIN REPORT

A tree that had been blocking emergency access to Las Cruces Community Theatre and the theater's marquee has been cut down.

City of Las Cruces workers removed the tree Monday, Dec. 12, along with a number of other trees along Main Street.

Seven Chitalpa trees – two in front of the La Placita and five west of the Bank of the West building – are being removed and replaced. The trees were damaged in a storm in the spring. They are dead and dry and present a hazard. The trees are being cut down and the

root ball will be removed, thus requiring removal of some of the concrete pavers.

“The tree was directly in front of our door which, evidently, is not up with safety codes,” LCCT Board President Janet Beatty-Payne said. “Firetrucks and emergency vehicles would not have full access to the front of our building. Also, the tree was getting too large and was growing into the front facade of our building, which would eventually damage our marquee,” she said.

And, with the tree removed, the theater's marquee is fully visible.

LCCT is located at 313 N. Main St. downtown.



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A tree that had been blocking emergency access to Las Cruces Community Theatre and the theater's marquee has been cut down. City of Las Cruces workers removed the tree at 331 N. Main St. on the Downtown Mall on Dec. 12.

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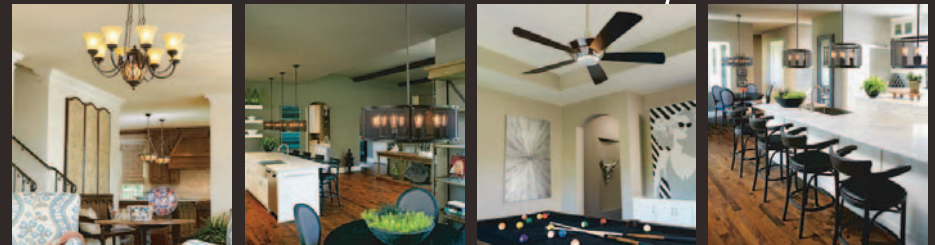
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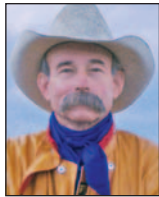
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It was obvious that Dad was in charge and every member of this tight-knit family knew his job. You expected things would move smoothly along, in part due to the up-to-date facilities and reasonably calm livestock. He said a prayer for the gather, then sent us out to bring in the 100 or so cows.

When we got the pairs to the corral we sorted the 250-pound calves off into a separate pen. "We" is defined as the four hired help plus the Dad, the Son and the Daughter, all family members taller than 6-foot-2, and tough! I was assigned to fill the holes, sort of a quality control position. Ropers rotated. We had at least three muggers on the crew that seemed to take pleasure doing the flanking. I got tired just watching them!

By noon it was 96 degrees and the dust was thick as diesel fumes. Dad had a Nord Fork calf holder he wanted to try. It reduces labor by holding the front quarters while the roper holds the hind legs. The muggers ignored him. Every time he attempted to hook up his Nord Fork the muggers stepped in front and dove at the calf!

We were down to the bigger calves. Roper drug a big'un by the hind legs into the sweat-soaked, dirty crew.

I reached down to hold the rope tight so Roper could take up slack.

The rest of the story is still blurry in my memory; visions of Gettysburg, Moby Dick, Star Trek, the Ziegfeld Follies and Jurassic

Park clash, wherein Captain Ahab gets his harpoon line tangled around Dr. Spock's ankle who is fishing for Jaws. Shrek is water skiing, Cat Woman is juggling the vaccine gun, a branding iron, an ear tagger, open pocket knife and a can of fly spray. This whole extravaganza is accompanied by Beethoven playing "Ship My Body Back to Texas if I Die Out on the Trail!"

The calf got one hind foot loose. Daughter dived on top of the calf. From my view looking up, Dad's silhouette is trying to get his Nord Fork on the front end but gets sucked into the vortex and crashes forward onto the growing pile. This is when Son jumps on top of Sister; alias Daughter. Mind you, Brother, alias Son, weighs as much as the calf which makes Sister a 500 lb sandwich!

This is a moment when I stood up and took an imaginary photograph. I titled it "Killer Whales attacking a Writhing Porpoise."

PAUSE.

The calf rose to his feet; castrated, vaccinated, tagged and branded. He stared at the creatures around him. Although he had never seen a coal miner he figured that's what they would look like comin' home from work. All they needed was a light helmet and lunch bucket.

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Two-of-a-kind legends make NMSU proud



HUBBARD

Last Saturday night, at halftime of the Aggies' spanking of in-state rival University of New Mexico in the Pan American Center, New Mexico State University honored its great basketball Coach Lou Henson. Henson amassed 775 victories in his career, including 307 during his two stints at NMSU.

I joined other Aggie fans in standing and cheering "Looooouuuu."

During another stoppage of play, I looked up in the stands and saw another NMSU legend who, like Henson, started working at the Pan Am the day it opened in 1968.

Barbara Hubbard, known as "Mother Hubbard" and other flattering nicknames to folks in the entertainment business worldwide, is a treasure.

Back in the day, when musicians still made most of their money from record sales, Hubbard was instrumental in getting some of the biggest acts of the era to perform in the Pan Am.

The Pan Am is known these days for having some of the greatest current country acts, but performers of all types of music have entertained Las Cruces for nearly 50 years.

Trivia Question: Can you name the first musical act to ever play at the Pan Am? I'll list the answer at the end of this



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

article.

Hubbard, now a spry 89, was a spry 41 back in 1968. She saw how the handlers and agents of those first shows swooped in and conducted things, including renting the building to the acts.

"I saw that and said, 'We need to learn to do this ourselves!'" she says today.

Charley Pride was one of the biggest country-western stars of the late 1960s.

"I saw Charley was going from Dallas to Phoenix, and thought he ought to stop in and do a show here in Las Cruces," Hubbard said. "So I called."

During the phone conversation, Hubbard was asked: "Have you ever done this before?"

"No," she replied. "But I'm going to give it the old college try."

Hubbard's maneuvering earned Pride an additional \$10,000.

Those kinds of things obviously endeared Hubbard to performers.

Current country star Keith Urban has found spots on his tour for Las Cruces, remembering how Hubbard helped him out before he was such a big star.

Hubbard's house is a museum, walls lined with photos with various members of the Rock and Roll and Country Music halls of fame, signed personalized pictures from entertainment legends and awards from all over the world.

She's particularly proud of an honor she earned earlier this year, the "Golden Circle Award," from Billboard Magazine Touring International. She's only the second person to win the award, which she received at a ceremony at New York City's Roosevelt Hotel.

She could talk all day about the celebrities she's hung out with, but she would much prefer to talk about "her kids."

You see, Mother Hubbard resembles another nursery rhyme mom in that she's had so many children she didn't know what to do. In addition to her biological children, she had hundreds of NMSU students work with her during her 30 years at the Pan Am and beyond. She builds in revenues in the concerts to help pay for scholarships and works with community businesses to provide internships. She's worked with the university to create a minor in entertainment business/venue

management that should be available in the fall of 2017.

For the first 20 years of her work directing the Pan Am, Hubbard did not have an assistant, so she used student employees to keep the building going.

Hubbard's biggest satisfaction is hearing from these former students, who are now working literally all over the world, in all facets of the entertainment and venue business.

"They made me proud," she said. "They're in building management, box office, agents - I challenge you to find a college with more kids in the entertainment business than New Mexico State."

Hubbard still has the thick Arkansas twang she brought from her home state when she moved to Las Cruces in 1954. If you sit anywhere near her at an Aggie football or basketball game, you'll sooner or later hear her upbeat chatter.

With Hubbard and Henson prowling the Pan Am, NMSU definitely has two of a kind in the legend department. I could write for pages and pages on each of their accomplishments, but I just learned this week one of the smartest moves Henson ever made.

Back in 1968, Henson hired Hubbard to run the Pan Am.

Oh yeah. The first act to ever play the Pan Am? The Ike & Tina Turner Revue.

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Too much test prep kills curiosity, fun of learning

"It is a miracle that curiosity survives formal education."

— Albert Einstein

Sorry Albert, the first death in a heavily administered public school education system is student curiosity. Most students initially come to school curious about everything but if their curiosity is not nurtured, it dies as does their desire to learn.

To really learn using literacy and numeracy the student must perceive an internal need for those abilities. This is where higher order thinking skills develop. But these activities are on the decline because of testing-fixated administrators.

America has gone on a journey to measure education which is immeasurable for administrators fixated on accountability. The core of education: curiosity, is being ignored so that the administrative testing mission can be achieved.

Example: lately there is a push to constrain teacher absences even when teachers are sick. New Mexico reportedly saved \$3 million dollars last year by strong-arming teachers to come to school even when sick and therefore not use substitute teachers. How does having a teacher with active pneumonia in school help anything?

An army of armchair accountants in the public schools are count-

ing things to be able to say which schools are good or not. They count teacher absences and what parents answer on surveys and how the bulletin boards look and which bubbles children mark on tests.

It's a scam and most people in education realize that public school education has been hijacked by administrators intent only upon gaining power and money. They are enabled by politicians only intent on gaining power and money. If America had enemies, what would they do different in our public schools? Nothing! They are being destroyed as if an enemy were intent on their destruction.

When I judge public schools, I look for active curiosity in that school's students. If they sit in mind-numbing silence preparing for an endless supply of mind-numbing tests, they are intellectually dead. Mostly, the testing-fixated administrators cause the intellectual deaths of the school's students.

Very active student-led classrooms are run by teachers who give lots of items of curiosity to the class and direct gently the students to uses of literacy and numeracy. These isn't one model of a curiosity based classroom, it depends on the students that year in that classroom not the curriculum directors.

Teachers must be agile to find what each

year's students find interesting and tie it back to the need for literacy and numeracy. It can be done but not in schools dominated by top-down testing fixated administrators.

Those administrators who live by the constant use of tests are trying to measure the immeasurable when it comes to education. They focus on tests to induce teachers to juke the system by having students study for the accountability tests rather than spending their time on learning activities.

One of the most stressful jobs is being a bus driver since there is a time schedule but the driver cannot control the

"We must do away with the notion that if students are happy, they are somehow not getting a good education. Nothing could be further from the truth."

traffic. Likewise, teachers are put in a system where curiosity, the core of learning, is removed, yet their job evaluation is put on testing to which the students have no interest. Very stressful.

I would like to see schools return to a curiosity-based curriculum where there are many activities designed to stimulate student curiosity. Return Art and Music to prominence along with having an active garden in each school tended by

students. They will plan and direct the growth then harvest and use the products.

Also, I think that elementary school in the fourth grade should start teaching students to fly using flight simulators. It stimulates geometry and percentages and the language of flight. I also think a virtual zoo should be at every school so that teachers can see which animals capture the attention of their students.

We must do away with the notion that if students are happy, they are somehow not getting a good education. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Walt Disney wrote, "We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."

If this current generation of administrators kill the curiosity in our young people, what will be our nation's future? Very bleak.

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The lights of Mesilla



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The Christmas tree on the plaza in Mesilla shines bright, Friday, Dec. 9, when the town held its annual Christmas tree lighting.

Contentious UDC narrowly passes

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Many people argued for it, several argued passionately against it, but in the end the Doña Ana County Commission approved the Unified Development Code, 3-2, at its regular meeting on Dec. 13.

Billy Garrett, Wayne Hancock and David Garcia were those who voted for the code, which will affect what property owners can and can't do on their land and how development happens across the county.

Leticia Duarte-Benavidez and Benjamin Rawson voted against the code, for different reasons.

"I think that the UDC

document is a good code—I don't disagree with that," Benavidez said.

"My concern is that there are some kinks that need to be (fixed). If we can fix them now (before adoption), it's going to be better for the residents of Doña Ana County."

Rawson said he was concerned how the UDC would affect farmers in rural parts of the county, in particular, rules regarding the keeping of livestock and allowing cows to graze.

Garrett responded that he has never heard from anyone in the county about getting rid of grazing.

More than a dozen amendments to the

UDC were proposed by the county's Planning & Zoning Commission (P & Z), and before the vote on whether to adopt the UDC, the county commission voted, 5-0, in favor of whether to adopt the amendments.

Even amended, "I have a lot of concerns about the unintended consequences of this document and could not support it today," Rawson said.

An example of one such consequence is Tim Sanders, an ETZ commissioner and resident of Dalrymple-Mayfield Lane north of Las Cruces.

Because of how the UDC rezones his neighborhood, "up to seven homes per acre" could be built, increasing the density of the neighborhood.

Sanders' request to be rezoned so that such crowding could not occur was denied by the P & Z.

"Is this a flawed document? Yes," said Garrett. "Is it fundamentally sound? Yes."

A resident who advocated for UDC approval said the code has been tweaked again and again for the last year, and can be amended even more after it is adopted and implemented.

Two representatives from the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR) were present and spoke at the meeting, voicing the organization's opposition to the UDC.

A real estate developer and a real estate agent not with LCAR were present and voiced their

support of the UDC.

"There's a reason home developers and realtors are against the UDC," Rawson said, going on to note the two non-LCAR speakers did not have any active development projects in the county.

Hancock said the UDC, which merges nine sets of zoning codes and eliminates the Extra-territorial Zoning (ETZ) Authority, a city-county board established in 1989 that oversees land-use decisions in a five-mile radius around Las Cruces, "will be a huge boon for economic development in Doña Ana County."

Garcia's was the key vote. At the beginning of the meeting, Garcia had implied he was against—and would vote against—the UDC. But after public comments, which included several audience members appealing to Garcia "to be a leader, to show leadership" and to finish his time on the county commission with a "yes" vote, Garcia said he was swayed.

"There were a lot of good comments made by both sides," he said after the vote.

He said he didn't want development in the county to falter because of the UDC being postponed indefinitely, which Duarte-Benavidez proposed earlier in the morning.

To become final, the UDC now needs the approval of the state.

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Council to consider management of Rio Grande Theatre

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces City Council discussed the management of the city-owned Rio Grande Theatre (RGT) for more than two and a half hours during its Monday, Dec. 12, work session and informally agreed to consider replacing the Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) with the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) as the theater's management organization.

DAAC is in the third year of a five-year contract with the city for the management of RGT, located at

211 N. Main St. The contract year extends through June 30 and calls for the city to pay DAAC \$120,000 for the current year.

City Public Works Department Facilities Administrator Eric Martin presented the council with five options for the theater's future: 1) making no change in current management; 2) sending out a request for proposals for the theater's management; 3) closing the theater; 4) selling the property or converting it into some other use; or 5) bringing management of the theater "in house," meaning it would be turned over to the CVB.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima and the council agreed that closing the theater is not an option.

New City Manager Stuart Ed said he brought forward a proposal to change theater management after touring RGT and meeting with DAAC staff.

"The impression I was given was there was a desire to turn this over to the CVB," Ed said. He said conversations with CVB Executive Director Philip San Filippo convinced him that the CVB wanted to assume management.

Based on his own observations — "a fresh set of eyes" — and attending several events at RGT, "I know we can do a lot better," Ed said.

"There's a lot of things we could do that aren't being done right now to bring a little life to downtown," San Filippo said. "We do have expertise in booking talent, as I think we've proved in the last few years," he said. "We do feel we have the support in the community."

Moving the CVB offices into RGT by March 1, 2017 could also save the city \$60,000 in rent, San Filippo said, as the CVB waits for its new offices in the old Amador Hotel to be completed in October. The city currently rents space at 211 N. Water St. to house the CVB.

"We have a contract until the end of June," DAAC Executive Director Kathleen Albers said. "How can the CVB move in (to the RGT) this March?"

"We're going to honor our contractual arrange-

ment," Ed said. "At no time are we looking to throw anybody out without any options,"

City management will look for ways "to work with DAAC to value their input and find a location for them," Ed said. But, he said, the CVB could address RGT's current budget shortfall, and managing the theater is "critically aligned to the CVB's mission. It's a great solution in my opinion," Ed said.

Albers said the DAAC board of directors probably would be open to working with the CVB to manage the theater. But, "nobody on the arts council wants to completely give it up," she said. RGT has "become a big part of our mission and we want to continue."

"I think there's a way to go forward honoring what we have brought and the expertise we have developed," Albers said. "We've put our heart and soul into this place for the last 15 years," she said.

Having DAAC's offices on the second floor of RGT has been "absolutely wonderful," she said, and the arts council would prefer to stay there. "RGT has been the perfect place to express our mission," Albers said. "We have a lot of data and a lot of expertise in running a theater."

She asked the council to consider continuing its agreement with DAAC for management of the theater, but moving oversight from the city Public Works Department to the CVB.

Albers acknowledged that DAAC has been forced to dip into its investment account to subsidize the funds it receives from the city to manage the theater — about \$30,000 during the first year and \$50,000 the second year. "We can't continue to bleed resources. We need a full partner here," she said.

"If you're running a deficit like that," Councillor Ceil Levatino told Albers, "I have to question the financial management."

San Filippo said he has not done a complete revenue analysis of RGT, but he said the CVB could probably make the theater self-sustaining in three years.

"I love that goal," Levatino said.

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ABOVE: The littlest pilgrim is Peaches, who made the climb with owner Henry Garcia.



RIGHT: Pilgrims approach A Mountain Sunday morning to start the climb up the side.

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As the sun rises Sunday, Dec. 11, pilgrims are silhouetted as they prepare to make the climb.

Tortugas Mountain Pilgrimage

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Downtown Las Cruces Partnership sees progress

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Downtown Las Cruces has seen the opening of the new Plaza de Las Cruces and the addition of several new businesses in 2016, and Downtown Las Cruces Partnership (DLCP) Executive Director Arianna Parsons expects even bigger and better things in 2017.

Parsons is planning for the conversion of Church and Water streets from one- to two-way traffic and how to minimize its impact on the downtown businesses they serve, and she's looking for a vendor to operate a downtown trolley service.

New businesses in downtown Las Cruces

include Dwell Yoga at 424 N. Main St. and the brand new Dwell Fresh Juice inside the yoga studio; and right next door is Berkshire Hathaway Home Services. Southwest Creative Company photographers and videographers are upstairs at 128 Main St., Parsons said. The Class of 2016, she said, includes Downtown Florist, which moved into 295 N. Main St., Suite A, in late 2015.

Parsons said she's also talking to four other businesses right now that are interested in locating downtown.

Trolley tours would be a great addition to the downtown area, Parsons said, and could help connect it to surrounding

neighborhoods and even New Mexico State University.

She has all the specs for a potential trolley operator — see the box.

Over the next 10 years — which is the expected lifespan of the new downtown master plan adopted by the Las Cruces City Council earlier this month — Parsons said she would like to see five new businesses added every year, a tripling of the number of people living downtown (including the “adaptive reuse” of some existing downtown buildings by adding one or more additional stories for apartments) and increased connectivity between the downtown area and its surrounding neighborhoods and other parts of Las Cruces.

The Church and Water streets conversion project, which will begin in early 2017 and take about 18 months to complete, will “expand the boundaries of what we’re going to view as downtown,” Parsons said. It will also make downtown “more attractive to new business owners,” she said. That’s because in addition to converting both streets

Want to operate a downtown trolley service? DLCP has all the specs

BULLETIN REPORT

Downtown Las Cruces Partnership (DLCP) Executive Director Arianna Parsons is looking for an entrepreneur to start up a trolley tour company in downtown Las Cruces.


She has all the specs for anyone interested, and estimates the initial investment would be \$35,000 to \$50,000. That would pay for a renovated historic trolley, maintenance, insurance, fuel and drivers.

Uses would include a variety of downtown events, including the Art Ramble, cultural and historic tours, the Las Cruces Farmers and Crafts Market, weekend and evening attractions, school outings and special events.

Parsons said the trolley could be operated for less than \$1,400 a month, and could break even if it operates for three hours a day, eight days a month for a total of 72 20-minute trips each month. Twenty-eight riders paying \$1 each would generate a monthly income of more than \$2,000, “more than covering the cost of operations,” she said.


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Cooperative Extension Service moves to new office



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Doña Ana County Cooperative Extension Service Program Director Karim Martinez outside CES' new offices on the ground floor of the county health building, 1170 N. Solano Drive. The old Environment Department sign will soon be replaced with CES signage.

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service of Doña Ana County will move to its new offices at 1170 N. Solano Drive on Tuesday, Dec. 20, said CES Director Karim Martinez.

Martinez said the office, currently located at 530 N. Church St., will be closed on Friday, Dec. 16, and Monday, Dec. 19, to complete the move.

Martinez said the move came about after the Las Cruces office of the New Mexico Environment Department moved into new offices, leaving vacant suite 1800 on the first floor on the south side of the county health building.

Moving CES into the county

health building “just made sense,” Martinez said. And, it will save money for Doña Ana County, which provides office space for CES, since the county had to rent the building on Church Street and already owns the county health building. Martinez said CES has been at the Church Street location for about 15 years.

All services provided by CES will continue at the new location, she said. “The only thing that’s changing is our location,” Martinez said.

In addition to Martinez, who is a county family and consumer sciences agent as well as program director, CES staff in Las Cruces includes 4-H and livestock agent Teresa Dean, 4-H agent Eva Madrid, ag agent for agronomy and

horticulture Jeff Anderson, family and consumer sciences agent Diana Magallanez, four nutrition educators and two administrative assistants.

CES also operates the county’s master gardener program and provides space for its training classes and for the master gardener hotline, 575-525-6649.

CES provides “practical, research-based knowledge and programs” in a wide range of areas to help people across New Mexico. CES specializes in nutrition and food safety, health and wellness, gardening, agriculture and youth development. The Doña Ana County master gardeners program trains volunteers to assist CES in providing gardening information.

Martinez said CES is already

partnering with other programs in the county health building, and said their new neighbors have been “so warm and welcoming. We are thankful to Doña Ana County for housing us here,” she said.

“It’s a really good move for us,” Martinez said.

Martinez said she is hopeful that CES signs both outside the building and CES’ new offices will be in place before the end of the year. For now, look for the New Mexico Environment Department sign outside the new CES offices at the county building.

For more information, visit <http://donaanaextension.nmsu.edu/>. Find NMSU Doña Ana Cooperative Extension Service on Facebook.

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Parsons said new way-finding signage is already being placed at about a dozen points in downtown. The metal arches that will hold the signs are in place, and soon maps and facts about the downtown area or points of interest will be added, she said.

And, DLCP has a new downtown walking tour app now available. Visit their Facebook page at Downtown Las Cruces Partnership for more information on the app.

Parsons said DLCP is also seeing success in its efforts to move churches out of the downtown area. There are still six churches downtown, having located there when property values were lower. Helping them to relocate to other parts of

the city has been aided by increased downtown development, Parsons said, because that has reduced available parking for churches.

She said the expected opening of a soundstage in Las Cruces will be mutually beneficial to downtown development. With locations like the historic Amador Hotel, Rio Grande Theatre, the

old post office now used as municipal court, the new downtown plaza and other possible shooting locations, the downtown area “will necessarily lend itself very well to the film industry,” she said.

But, Parsons said, there will also be “a little bit of a learning curve” for businesses to fit film industry expectations.

“If we make the commitment, then we have to work together to make it successful,” she said.

The new plaza, which opened in September, has added “a sense of place that wasn’t there before,” she said. It’s not only become a center for many Las Cruces events like the recent tree lighting,

it’s also getting a lot of day use from people who work in and visit downtown and have lunch and work on their laptops at tables and benches on the plaza.

Jose Coronado, who purchased the Las Cruces Community Theatre building at 313 N. Main St. in May, is “a wonder-

ful advocate for downtown,” Parsons said. “He’s a great asset.”

For more information, contact Parsons at 575-525-1955. The DLCP office is located at 138 S. Water St. Visit <http://downtownlascruces.org/> and find them on Facebook at Downtown Las Cruces Partnership.

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LCPS Board of Education President Maria Flores speaks at the ribbon cutting.

Ewing cuts ribbon on Sierra Middle School renovations

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Gregory Ewing joined LCPS Board of Education President Maria Flores, board member Maury Castro, Principal Maryester Garcia, the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Conquistadores and many others as the ribbon was cut Saturday, Dec. 10, on more than \$5 million in new construction and renovation at Sierra Middle School, 1700 Spruce Ave.

Ewing, whose first day as superintendent was Dec. 5, thanked Las Cruces voters for their support of the 2014 LCPS bond issue, which paid for the \$5.5 million Sierra construction project. He also thanked the board of education for its support, and congratulated LCPS Director of Construction Gloria Martinez on getting the project

done before its final deadline and on budget.

The superintendent also thanked Garza, whom he said “ensured students maintained their same standard of education” during the 14 months of construction necessary to complete the project.

Renovations include a new gymnasium, concession area, weight and fitness rooms, new music classrooms, additional security fencing and gates, upgrades to the school’s administration offices and entryway, landscaping and parking lot improvements.

In the new music wing, “the band area was increased by 20 percent, orchestra by 35 percent, chorus by 25 percent, storage by 150 percent, offices by 62 percent and observable practice rooms were added,” Martinez said.

The project “added 22,000-square-foot of new construction, and renovated ap-



The new Sierra Middle School gymnasium.

proximately 13,600 square feet of the original campus,” according to an LCPS news release.

Flores, whose daughter attended Sierra for two years, said she was happy to see the new construction and renovations at the school. “It’s very gratifying for the board of education,” Flores said.

Sierra’s old gymnasium could seat only 600, Garza said. With a current enrollment of almost

900, the school “could never have a full student body assembly,” she said. The new gym has more than enough space for all students and staff, Garza said.

And, in addition to students and staff at the school, the new facilities have already been used for all-city band tryouts and Bantam-weight basketball.

“Taxpayer money is well spent benefitting not only Sierra students but the entire

community,” she said.

“I have been at this building for 24 of my 28 years” (with LCPS), Garza said. She began her career at Lynn Middle School, where she taught for four years before moving to Sierra. At Sierra, Garza has been a teacher, counselor, assistant principal and principal.

Garza will retire Dec. 20.

“My son is playing for the (New Mexico State University) Aggie baseball team,” she said. “I’m looking forward to watching the team here and on the road.”

Garza’s husband, Robert, retired in May after six years as Las Cruces city manager and nearly 30 years with the city.

“The project was designed by Williams Design Group Architects and built by ESA Construction, both of which are local companies that have worked on numerous LCPS projects,” the LCPS news release said.

BCOM will host free community baby shower at NMSU on Dec. 16

BULLETIN REPORT

Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM) will host a free community baby shower from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16, at BCOM, 3501 Arrowhead Drive on the New Mexico State University campus.

The event is for new parents of limited economic means from the area. Please call to confirm attendance, as space and resources are limited.

The BCOM American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians (ACOP) student group is conducting the event in collaboration with Ben Archer Health Center's Welcome Baby program. The event will

include a diaper and baby-wipe drive.

ACOP is also collecting new and gently used car seats, baby clothes and toys during the drive, said Roxanne Waggoner of ACOP.

All donations will be given to families in the community in need of the necessities of child care, according to the BCOM website. "Anything and everything will be beneficial from a small packet of wipes to a large box of diapers."

Boba Café of Las Cruces will donate food for the event.

For more information on the event, call 575-541-5941. To donate to the drive, contact Waggoner at roxanne.waggoner@mybcom.org.

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Handing out the sheepskins at NMSU fall graduation



NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers addresses the school's new graduates.



Carruthers congratulates Gurleen Kaur on her Master of Science degree.



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With her mortarboard hat decorated, Cynthia Garcia is ready to receive her degree during New Mexico State University's graduation ceremony, Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Pan American Center.



NMSU tennis player Strahinja Trecahov takes a photo with Pistol Pete during the graduation ceremony.



NMSU Dean of Agriculture Rolando Flores congratulates Abram Holland who earned a Bachelor of Science in Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism.

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Toy and food drive

The children of Jardin de Los Ninos - which provides daycare for homeless or near homeless children - gather with Santa Claus and the staff from the Telshor and Downtown branch of Bank of the West during Jardin's Toy and Food Drive, Thursday, Dec. 8. Gathered are: Osvaldo Luna, Telshor branch manager; Yanira Rivera; Kelsey Fissel; Santiago Garcia; Najellie Garibay; Brenda Allred, Downtown branch manager; Terri Figueroa and Rachel O'hara.

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School honors Pat and Lou Sisbarro



BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVEN KAEPLER

New Mexico State University Chancellor Garry Carruthers introduces Lou and Pat Sisbarro, as they receive honorary degrees from the university during the doctoral hooding ceremony, Friday, Dec. 9, at the Pan American Center. The couple owns Sisbarro automobile dealerships in Las Cruces and Deming. Pat has spearheaded the establishment of NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink and the creation of the Pat and Lou Sisbarro Community Park on the NMSU campus. The couple has made two transforming gifts to NMSU - the Pat and Lou Sisbarro Current Use Fund and a substantial legacy gift.

Thanks for the papers!



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The special education students at Centennial High School, under the auspices of their teacher Sara Zemler, made a Christmas card poster for the Las Cruces Bulletin in thanks for their weekly supply of Bulletins which Zemler uses for numerous educational projects. Pictured with the poster are special education teacher Sigrid Paulson, Bulletin Managing Editor Brook Stockberger, Centennial student Josuè Reed-Maldonado and Bulletin Distribution Manager Teresa Tolonen.



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NMSU works to build a culture of student philanthropy



New Mexico State University students who made a gift in person during NMSU's GivingTuesday event on Nov. 29 were invited to a special reception at the Club 27 skybox with NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers and men's basketball coach Paul Weir.

By **CASSIE MCCLURE**

For the Bulletin

When Alexandra Tovar, a New Mexico State University senior studying Spanish, walked into NMSU's Corbett Center Student Union on Nov. 29 and made her first Giving Tuesday donation, she was already part of a growing number of NMSU students who are learning that they can make a difference in the lives of future Aggies before they have crossed the graduation stage themselves.

Two new initiatives at NMSU are focused on building a culture of philanthropy that starts in college, but will last beyond graduation. It's a two-pronged approach: reaching out to students online through social media and crowdfunding, and creating a student philanthropy group that's open to students across the NMSU system.

Sponsored by the NMSU Foundation, the Student Foundation was created as a home for students at all campuses who are looking to give back to their campus community. An all-volunteer group of students, the Student Foundation solicits gifts from other students through tabling, regular meetings and social media.

Tovar is the first secretary for the new Student Foundation.

"I am involved in the Student Foundation because I believe it shows that philanthropy is important to my life," Tovar said. "Organizations like

these are stepping stones to achieving a lifelong giving mindset and it's that mindset that will help show that I want to be a part of my community as much as possible."

This year alone, 123 students made a gift on Giving Tuesday, and as an incentive, the NMSU Foundation said "thank you" in person, with the help of Chancellor Garrey Carruthers and men's basketball Head Coach Paul Weir, at an exclusive reception at Club 27.

"We want to empower our students to raise money for the causes they care about right here on campus," said Adrian Bautista, adviser for the Student Foundation and annual giving officer at the NMSU Foundation. "By seeing what impact their donation could make within their program or in their college, they have a chance to get more involved and more invested in NMSU."

Victor Meraz, a senior in mechanical engineering technology with a minor in renewable energy, and president of Aggies Without Limits, was one of the student donors who were invited to the Club 27 reception.

"I had the opportunity to meet and chat with like-minded students and was able to speak with both Chancellor Carruthers and Coach Weir about Aggies Without Limits," said Meraz, whose organization



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Donations sought for homeless, near homeless vets

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Veterans Democratic Council of Doña Ana County (VDC), in conjunction with the local VFW Post 4384, are seeking donations as they put together backpacks filled with useful supplies for local homeless and near-homeless veterans, said VDC President Jeff Dray.

Dray said he's tentatively calling the dona-

tion effort the Veterans Ruck of Preparedness project.

Dray said the veterans who receive the backpacks were identified by Nicole Martinez, executive director of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (MVCH).

The backpacks will be distributed during an event at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 3550 Oak St., a veterans housing complex owned and operated by MVCH. A meal

will be provided to participating veterans at the event, and there will be speakers and live music, Dray said.

Dray said these are the items that are still needed for the backpacks so the group will have at least 50 of each: small flashlights with replaceable batteries, small multi-tools, lighters, 550 cord (paracord), can openers, reusable water bottles, beanies or watch caps and pepper spray.

The group also needs new or gently used backpacks.

"We have dental hygiene supplies being donated already, as well as one MRE (meals ready to eat) per bag," Dray said. Other items already donated in sufficient supply for the backpacks include deodorant, socks, blankets, gloves, hand sanitizer, wet wipes and rain ponchos, he said.

Dray said cash donations are also welcome so

additional items can be purchased for the backpacks. To make a cash donation, contact Roy Maldonado, commander of VFW Post 4384, at 575-640-4285 or rmaldy87@yahoo.com.

Food donations will also be accepted for the event, Dray said, as the group plans to feed veterans on Dec. 17, when the backpacks are handed out.

The Green Chile Paddy Wagon, owned by Patrick

Payne and Janet Beatty-Payne, will also be on hand at the event to provide free meals to the 20 veterans housed at the Oak Street facility. The Paddy Wagon will also have food available for sale to all others attending the event.

For more information, contact Dray at 575-805-7012 or jeff.drays1@gmail.com. Find Veterans Democratic Council of Doña Ana County on Facebook.

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focuses on creating sustainable infrastructure such as water systems, bridges and roads, both locally and for communities around the world.

"I believe in supporting and helping others, and do my best to adhere to altruistic values," Meraz said. "Promoting positive accountability in our communities starts with us."

Another student philanthropy initiative is NMSU's new online crowdfunding platform, Make a STATEment. Crowdfunding is a way to raise money by reaching out to a community of supporters who give online to the specific projects that matter most to them. Some well-known

examples of crowdfunding platforms are GoFundMe or Kickstarter.

What differentiates Make a STATEment from other crowdfunding platforms is that groups don't pay a fee to participate, which helps more of the donor support to go directly to the cause. Student projects also get to keep the donations raised even if their fundraising goal is not completely met. Every donation to Make a STATEment is tax-deductible through the NMSU Foundation.

On the project page, the project champions share their story, and explain how a gift will support their cause, through an interactive video. The groups who participate will be able to post updates demonstrating the impact of each contribu-

tion.

"I donated to ACES in the Hole Foods which is providing a service for students that is unmatched by any organization I've heard of or seen on campus," Meraz said.

ACES in the Hole Foods is a student-run food manufacturing company in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, part of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at NMSU.

Their project seeks funding to purchase a new freezer truck to deliver their wildly successful gelato at locations around Las Cruces: "We have had to stuff the back seat of our Chevy truck with 20 three-gallon containers of gelato and blast the air con-

ditioner. Deliveries are manageable in the colder months, but this summer has really pushed our limits."

Even if you're not a gelato fan, supporting this project encourages

a culture of entrepreneurship for NMSU students. To make a gift to the Student Foundation and view other campus projects that are seeking funding through Make a STATEment, visit

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Jewell takes hike through national monument

BY MARTY RACINE

For the Bulletin

The granite spires of the Organ Mountains have defined the eastern skyline of the Mesilla Valley for millennia, paralleling the Rio Grande and El Camino Real and framing a rich tapestry of native cultures, Spanish settlements and modern-day Las Cruces.

Their rugged beauty – and, some feel, spiritual presence – is protected as the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, established in 2014 through executive action by President Obama. The monument spans 496,000 acres including the Robledo Mountains, Sierra de las Uvas, Doña Ana Mountains and Potrillo Mountains.

Though not without controversy, the designation was supported by both New Mexico U.S. Senators, five local governments – Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, Doña Ana County, City of Las Cruces, Town of Mesilla, and City of El Paso – and a roll call of local businesses. Polls indicated a majority of residents in favor.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, who manages the monument through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), visited Las Cruces Dec. 9 for a mountain hike followed by a business roundtable addressing the monument's impact on the local economy.

"This is an incredible story of success," Jewell said. "It's clear that this has been good for Las Cruces."



Interior Secretary Sally Jewell signs in at Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument near Soledad Canyon, Friday, Dec. 9.



Jewell speaks with members of the media and others who gathered while she made her third visit to the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, Friday, Dec. 9.

This was Jewell's third visit to the Organ Mountains.

"The secretary is winding down her tenure just like all Obama Administration officials," said Jessica Kershaw, communications director for the Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C. "She's sort of taking a look back at some of the progress that we've made in this administration for

collaborative management of public lands, water and wildlife, and our responsibilities to American Indian tribes.

"This is a good place to do that because the community came together, and though Congressman Pearce wasn't in support of the full package that the president signed, he was in favor of some protections."

Kershaw touted the

economic benefits of a nearby national monument. "There's more restaurant-goers, more in coffee shops, bars, hotels, gas stations. And it's a road map that we'd like to provide for the next administration, because you're hearing rhetoric in certain circles about the new administration repealing monument designations."

"This is a very big deal;

for the secretary to be here is an honor," said Ben Gabriel, executive director of Friends of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, which was chartered in 2011.

Friends board member Angel Pena, an NMSU archeology graduate and owner of Outback a'Horseback outfitters, agreed. "We feel very privileged that she's decided to visit."

The three-mile hike, with a moderate elevation gain of about 600 feet, began at the Soledad Canyon Day Use trailhead.

"Typical desert setting," the BLM park ranger McKinney Briske announced to an assemblage of agency officials, local support groups, scientists and security detail. "We do have snakes. It is chilly, so I'm not expecting the snakes to be out, but this time of year is kind of a transition, so they may still be out. But because it's cold they won't rattle. Just make sure to watch where you put your hands and your feet."

The Organs are a sky island, she explained, home to unique plant and wildlife species.

They were home-steaded in the late-19th century. When the hikers reached the remains of a stone house built by a goat herder. Pena thanked Jewell on behalf of NMSU archeology students for protecting "our outdoor laboratory so that we don't have to be shipped out to a bunch of places where we can't afford to live and can be home and do this with our families."

The university is part-

nering with the BLM in geology, anthropology and wildlife programs to collect and monitor data.

Prior to the monument designation, the land could theoretically be subject to a variety of uses such as hunting, farming, ranching, grazing, mining, logging, drilling, recreation and vehicle travel. Now there will be no development.

"I know at the outset there was nervousness from some opponents," Pena said. "But the idea to protect these lands is from the 1970s. There were developments proposed for parts of the Desert Peaks."

"Protections and legislation that have been called for — usually by businesses, the mayor, the council, that sort of thing — went nowhere," Kershaw said. "The monument designation happened after a pretty collaborative process."

During her previous visit, Jewell hiked Dripping Springs and met with about 700 citizens. "We heard all points of view, people that were supportive of the monument designation, people that were concerned about it, issues with the Border Patrol," she said. "I actually met with the Border Patrol to make sure there weren't any concerns about the ability to apprehend as necessary on the border."

Jewell is especially interested in reaching out to youth. Back at the trailhead, she praised young interns for "bringing a young face to these public lands" and for

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being “an inspiration” to their generation.

After the hike, Secretary Jewell visited Beck’s coffee shop in the Mesquite Historic District, which markets an Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks blend. Stephanie Baumann of Let Them Eat Cake made her Organ Mountain cupcakes for the occasion.

Carrie Hamblen, president and CEO of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, sees the tie-in.

“There are businesses



Interior Secretary Sally Jewell stops for a group photo with others who joined her on a three-mile hike that began at the Soledad Canyon Day Use trailhead, Friday, Dec. 9.

like this that are co-branding the monument with their goods and services. I’m encouraging one of the wineries here to do an OMDP wine.

That’s a great example of how businesses can become stewards of the monument and help encourage more people to go out and enjoy it.”

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Students propose NMSU improvements



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NMSU English instructor Gerri E. McCulloh, PhD, center, with students Kurstin Webb and Antonio Salvarrey.

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Their oral and website reports were based on extensive research, interviews and collaboration; the final presentations suggested improving New Mexico State University (NMSU) in a variety of areas, including water ethics, traffic and bicycle safety and food.

These weren't college professors or seasoned professionals. They were freshmen and sophomores in two NMSU English classes taught by Dr. Gerri McCulloh.

The students, some 35 of them, were using language, research, composition and rhetoric to examine important issues at NMSU through

the lens of sustainability.

"I think they're doing a fabulous job of addressing the issues of the place where we live, work, play and learn ... at the living laboratory that is NMSU," McCulloh said.

Through her "unique curriculum design," the students worked in small groups to research and explore specific issues, interviewed university officials and worked with staff from the City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, and then worked together to create websites and a seminar to present their results.

McCulloh said she is "thrilled to be working with the caliber of students I have. Once they take off, they're my teachers in many ways."

Here are some of the findings from McCulloh's English 211 students:

- NMSU and the community would benefit from installing Tesla electric car-charging stations. The students suggested locating a charging station in NMSU lot 35 and even invited Tesla officials to Las Cruces. Electric cars could provide energy security, improved fuel economy and reduced emissions. On the down side, their

range is limited, they are expensive and there isn't a wide range of consumer choice. The students noted that there is a slow change to electric cars in the United States, which will create jobs and provide opportunities for solar-powered recharging stations.

- NMSU is allocated three million gallons of water each day. That water could be conserved indoors and outdoors in a variety of ways, including low-flow toilets, reduced use of paper products, using electricity instead of water for heating and cooling, making better use of grey water and installing subsurface irrigation systems at the university golf course and in residential areas.

- Water banks could help nations without water sources. A high percentage of Navajos in northern New Mexico, for example, do not have running water.

- Vending machines in every building on campus are used often by NMSU students who eat on the go. They provide foods that tends to be unhealthy, but are supplying healthier foods than they used to. Vending machines could be

improved by using LED lights instead of coils to dispense food items, and they could provide more fruits, vegetables and salads.

- Styrofoam is a "silent killer" that fills landfills and makes its way into oceans and ensnares and sometimes kills animals. Instead of using Styrofoam, NMSU should use 100 percent recycled paper products.

- The farmers market at NMSU should be restarted. Students and local farmers could grow and provide the food for an organic farmers market on campus for students who don't have transportation to other farmers markets. Farmers' profits increase sevenfold if what they grow is sold locally, and the money stays in the local economy.

Here are some of the findings from McCulloh's English 111 class, comprised entirely of freshman engineering students:

- The Swainson's hawks that nest near Rentfrow Gymnasium on campus can be aggressive toward pedestrians who come near their nests during breeding season. Students, staff and visitors should be aware of their surroundings in that area, wear hats, carry umbrellas and pay heed to posted signs about the hawks.

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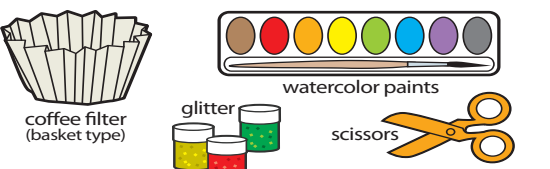
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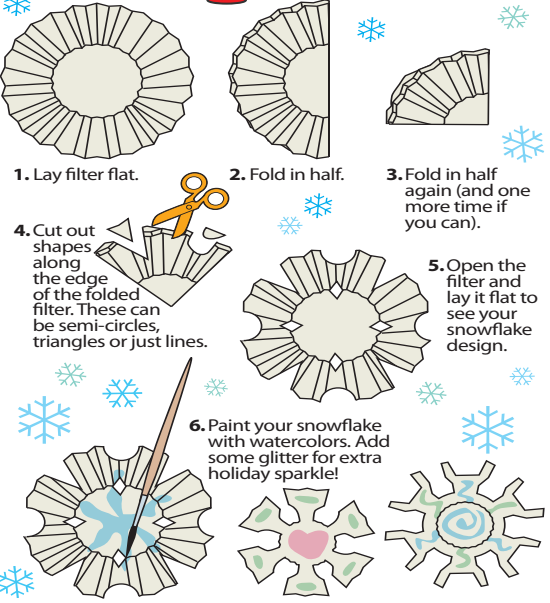
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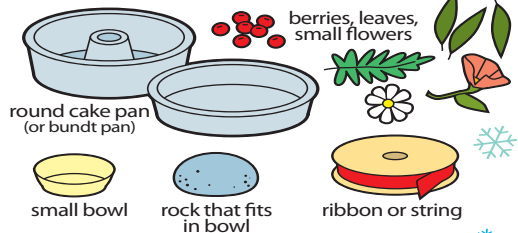
- Lay filter flat.
- Fold in half.
- Fold in half again (and one more time if you can).
- Cut out shapes along the edge of the folded filter. These can be semi-circles, triangles or just lines.
- Open the filter and lay it flat to see your snowflake design.
- Paint your snowflake with watercolors. Add some glitter for extra holiday sparkle!



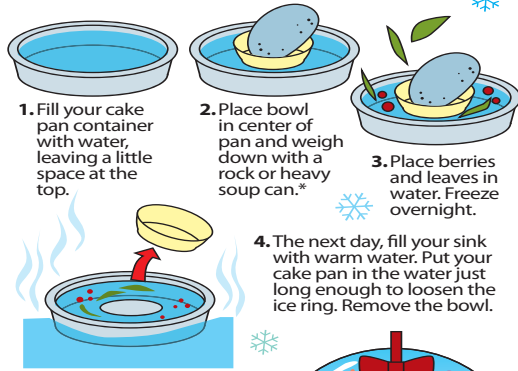
TRY THIS: You can glue several snowflakes to a long strip of red, white, gold or green paper to make a cool holiday table runner.

How to Make an Ice Wreath

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



- Fill your cake pan container with water, leaving a little space at the top.
- Place bowl in center of pan and weigh down with a rock or heavy soup can.*
- Place berries and leaves in water. Freeze overnight.
- The next day, fill your sink with warm water. Put your cake pan in the water just long enough to loosen the ice ring. Remove the bowl.
- Carefully take ice ring out of the cake pan and tie a long ribbon to it to hang it from a tree branch outside.



The ice wreath will melt slowly, but in the meantime, you can enjoy this festive decoration!

*Skip this step if using bundt pan.



Make Mini Christmas Trees

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



- Cut craft sticks into five different lengths with edges angled as shown.
- Paint pieces with a variety of patterns. Let dry completely.
- Glue tree pieces onto a craft stick trunk. Glue a loop of chenille stem to hang ornament.



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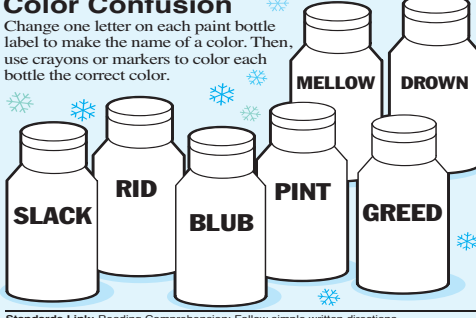
Make your own holiday cards by clipping out words and pictures from your local newspaper. Add a two-line rhyme for a special holiday greeting.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

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Change one letter on each paint bottle label to make the name of a color. Then, use crayons or markers to color each bottle the correct color.



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Standards Link: Letter sequencing, Recognized identical words, Skim and scan reading, Recall spelling patterns.

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- pretzel sticks
- vanilla wafer
- chocolate frosting

- Thread three marshmallows onto each skewer.
- Use frosting as glue to stick on vanilla wafer hat brim.
- Use frosting dots to make eyes, mouth and buttons.
- Slice off the tip of a strawberry to form the top of the hat, using frosting as glue.
- Use a dab of frosting to glue on an orange M&M nose.
- Cut a strip of fruit leather and wrap around to form scarf.
- Insert pretzel sticks for arms.



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NMSU turfgrass researchers focus on irrigation efficiency, outreach efforts

By **KRISTIE GARCIA**

For the Bulletin

We've all seen water from sprinklers land on sidewalks or get whisked away by the wind.

Researchers in the New Mexico State University College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences are determining methods to improve irrigation efficiency. And subsurface irrigation may be the solution to wasted water and high water costs.

NMSU Extension Turfgrass Specialist Bernd Leinauer said subsurface drip irrigation, in particular, is the newest method in turfgrass efficiency.

"Although subsurface drip irrigation has been used in agriculture for decades, it's just making its way into the turfgrass industry," Leinauer said. "And it's the only system that limits irrigation to exactly the area that needs to be irrigated."

Leinauer has been the lead on two recent projects that will further test these research findings.

Last summer, Leinauer and his research team led a project to install a subsurface drip irrigation system in several tee boxes at The Club at Las Campanas in Santa Fe.



New Mexico State University Extension Turfgrass Specialist Bernd Leinauer provides outreach and education throughout the year. In October, Leinauer and fellow researchers educated homeowners, master gardeners, landscape managers and turfgrass professionals at the Southwest Turfgrass Association Recreational Landscape Conference and Expo hosted by NMSU. (NMSU photos by Kristie Garcia)



The NMSU Turfgrass Salinity Research Center is home to several types of turfgrass plots.

The project is a collaboration among NMSU, Las Campanas, United States Golf Association and irrigation manufacturers Toro and Rain Bird. USGA awarded NMSU a grant to assist with the research at the golf course.

At the beginning of this month, it was announced that Leinauer and his team are conducting a study at the City of

Albuquerque's Paradise Meadows Park. While half of the park will use a traditional pop-up sprinkler watering system, NMSU will oversee the other half of the park, on which a subsurface drip irrigation system has been installed.

"This project is interesting from the perspective that we were able

to scale up our research findings," Leinauer said. "We're able to take our research findings and implement them in a park which is significantly larger than test plots or the traditional residential turf areas. For the funding agencies that have supported our research in water conservation, it is particularly important to document that technology not only works in a research setting but can be successfully scaled up to real world situations."

In the next three to five years, NMSU researchers and City of Albuquerque officials should find out if the subsurface drip irrigation system helped conserve water.

In addition to irriga-

tion efficiency, NMSU research also focuses on salt and drought tolerance. Leinauer said there's been a shift to new types of waters with higher salinity levels, such as saline ground water, treated effluent or recycled water.

"In the future, having grasses available that can tolerate higher salt concentrations in the water and in the soil will become paramount to keeping green grass in urban settings," Leinauer said. "Therefore, we need to screen for salt tolerance in addition to screening for drought tolerance in new grasses."

Leinauer's work doesn't end with research. An important factor is outreach and education. What good are the research findings if professional turfgrass managers don't know about them?

In October, Leinauer and fellow researchers educated homeowners, master gardeners, landscape managers and turfgrass professionals at the Southwest Turfgrass Association Recreational Landscape Conference

and Expo hosted by NMSU. The conference included a field trip to the NMSU Turfgrass Salinity Research Center.

"With me being a board member of the Southwest Turfgrass Association, I am closely connected with the industry," Leinauer said. "I think such outreach activities represent some of the core work of an extension specialist. We need to work with the practitioners and the industry, so we always have a close ear on what the problems and the trends are outside the university. We can work closely with each other and design projects together. We can hopefully advance science through real-world applications."

The projects at The Club at Las Campanas and Paradise Meadows Park are in line with one of the college's four pillars of economic development as outlined by Dean Rolando Flores: Better water utilization/conservation system.

In the long run, these research findings may prove that there is a way for all of us to conserve water and cut costs.

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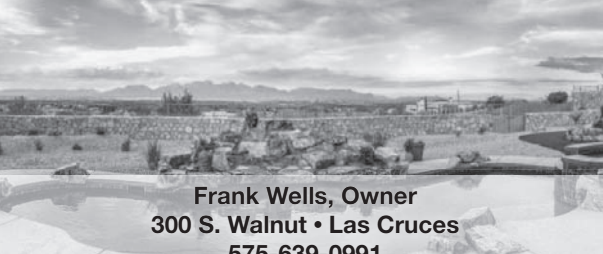
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COMING UP

“The Wizard of Oz” final performances

Remaining performances of “The Wizard of Oz” directed by Janet Beatty-Payne are 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16-17; and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18.

Tickets are \$14/adults; \$13/students, senior citizens and military; \$11/ children under age six; and \$12 per ticket for groups of 10 or more. Las Cruces Community Theatre is located at 313 N. Main St. in downtown Las Cruces. Info: www.lcctnm.org.

Flu shot clinic at St. Genevieve’s

The New Mexico Department of Health’s Las Cruces Public Health Office is hosting a flu shot clinic from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 at St. Genevieve Parish Hall, 1025 E. Las Cruces Ave. There is no charge. Vaccines are available for those without insurance or who are otherwise not able to get vaccinated. Those with Medicaid or other insurance who go to Public Health Offices should bring their insurance card. For more information on the no-charge flu shot clinic, call the Las Cruces Public Health Office at 575-528-5001.

Vos Vaqueros concerts

The “Singing Men of Las Cruces” present two more concerts: 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2900 Elks Drive and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 at Good Samaritan Society Auditorium, 3025 Terrace Drive. Admission is free; donations accepted.

High Tech Consortium year-end meeting Friday

December’s High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico membership meeting will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 at the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course Banquet Room. Year-end meeting includes hosted lunch, overview of 2016 HTC activities and accomplishments, preview of plans for 2017 and presentation of the HTC slate of Board Positions including nominations from the floor. Meetings are open to the public.

December meeting is free for members, prospective members and the public. Info: Terry Jack at 575-522-3868 or Paul Deason at 575-644-8427.

Low-cost dog/cat vaccination clinic Dec. 17

ACTion Programs for Animals (APA) is holding a low-cost dog and cat vaccination clinic from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 17 at the Mesilla Valley Pet Resort, 2500 W. Amador Ave. All vaccines will be \$15; choose between rabies, dog combo (DAPP); and cat combo (FVRCP) vaccines. APA also will provide microchips for \$15. Forms of payment accepted are cash, checks and credit card. Info: 575-644-0505.

Nacimientos open house with J. Paul Taylor

Friends of the Taylor Family Monument announce an open house dedicated to the nativity scenes (nacimientos) of J. Paul and Mary Daniels Taylor from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2346 Calle de Principal on the Mesilla Plaza.

Free orchestra concert at St. Paul’s

The New Horizons Orchestra will present its Christmas concert featuring solos from orchestra members at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave.

Minnesota Club meets

The Minnesota Club will meet at noon Wednesday, Dec. 21 at St. Clair Winery and Bistro, 1720 Avenida de Mesilla.

La Frontera open for holiday shopping

La Frontera Fair Trade store, located in Nopalito’s Galleria, 326 S. Mesquite St. is open 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. every Saturday through December 24 (the store will close at 3:00 p.m. on the 24th). All proceeds go to the women who produce the products. Info: Christine Eber at 575-621-5999 or at ceber@nmsu.edu.

Vital Records Office hours

The Vital Records Office at the Las Cruces Public Health Office is available for registering and acquiring birth or death certificates 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1170 N. Solano Dr. (Office is closed noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.) Info: Las Cruces Vital Records Office at 575-528-5046.

Quilt Guild meets third Monday

Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meets at

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

Gene’s Gesters Toastmaster Club meet on Tuesdays

From 7 to 8 a.m. every Tuesday the Gene’s Gesters Toastmaster Club meets at the Doña Ana Community College (DACC) Workforce Center Solutions, 2345 Nevada Ave.

If you are interested in improving your public speaking and leadership skills, you are cordially invited to attend a meeting to learn how this organization can benefit you. Info: clobato@nmsu.edu, or visit the Toastmasters International website at <http://www.toastmasters.org/>.

Las Cruces Shrine meets second Monday

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

Doña Ana County Republican Party office hours

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

Story time, discounted shopping

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

Toastmaster Club meets every Wednesday

Las Cruces Toastmasters Club meetings are held: at NMSU, from 7 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday; at Good Samaritan, Community Center, Kiva Room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Info: 575-640-8951 or email lascrucestomasters@gmail.com, or visit the Toastmasters International website at www.toastmasters.org.

Ukulele kids club meets second, fourth Saturday

The Las Cruces Ukes Kids Club meets from 10:30-11:15 a.m. the second and fourth Saturday of the month at El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo Street, just east of the downtown post office.

The club is free to elementary-school-age children who want to learn to play the ukulele and loaner ukuleles are available for those who don’t have their own.

No experience is necessary. Info: www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com, www.facebook.com/lascrucesukes, or by calling 575-405-7133.

Business Builders meet Wednesdays

Elite Business Builders BNI Group meets from 8:30 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Sonoma Ranch Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road.

Open networking, questions and answers, coffee and water with food available to order. Bring business cards. Info: Cheryl 575-524-1201 or 520-730-4456.

Brown Bag lecture at Las Cruces Railroad Museum

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

MS Support/Education group meets first Thursday

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

‘Blast from the Past’ discussions

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

COMING UP

Soroptimist International meets 2nd, 4th Wednesday

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

Immunizations available at Dept. of Health

The New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public

Health Office provides immunization services for children and adults on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1170 N. Solano Drive. Info: 575-528-5017.

Las Cruces Civitan Club meets

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

IMPROVEMENTS

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benefit from more bike racks, increased police patrols around biking areas and bike-only designated pathways and street lanes. Sixty five percent of NMSU roadways and paths are bike-friendly, and NMSU is the 11th most bike-friendly campus in the country.

• Fifty-one bike thefts have been reported on campus to date in 2016, down from more than 100 in 2015. Bike riders should park their bikes in lockable bike racks, designated parking lots and

near buildings and light posts.

• Bike sharing, which began in the Netherlands in 1965, should be considered at NMSU. A bicycle rental program should also be considered to reduce traffic and auto emissions and create healthier lifestyles on campus.

• Bike and pedestrian paths should be separated to make it safer for both groups, and more trees, benches and gravel should be added to the paths.

• Runoff water from rainstorms, although infrequent, causes traffic jams on some campus

streets and makes certain areas impassable for pedestrians and bikers. The installation of rain gardens (depressions that collect water and channel it into the ground) would solve the problem and could be inexpensively built and filled with attractive native plants to remove toxins from the water. Students worked with city and county officials to determine the appropriate "meandering slope" for a rain garden, and where one or more gardens could be located on campus.

For more information, contact McCulloh at gemcculloh@gmail.com.

IN THE NEWS

City Councilor receives award

Olga Pedroza, Las Cruces city councilor on Dec. 4 received a "Best in Government" award from Common Cause New Mexico at the annual meeting in Albuquerque.

The award recognizes individuals who have made a contribution to good government and transparency in public office.

Pedroza was recognized for her work toward public financing in local elections to help broaden the pool of possible candidates and reduce the effect of money on election results.

Administration and Finance names Hoskins associate controller

Michael Hoskins will serve as the associate controller for NMSU, effective Jan. 1. Hoskins will oversee the Accounting and Finance department, which includes Accounting and Financial Reporting, Cost Accounting and Reporting, Treasury Services and Financial Information Processing.

Hoskins graduated with a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in accounting from Illinois State University.

He is a licensed CPA and holds the Chartered Global Management Accountant designation. Before joining NMSU as the assistant director of accounting and financial report-

ing in 2014, Hoskins was an audit manager at the Big 4 accounting firm KPMG. He has held positions at other CPA firms and private companies where he worked in accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll and tax preparation.

Military and Veterans Programs honor faculty and staff

New Mexico State University (NMSU) Military and Veterans Programs in November hosted its second annual faculty and staff banquet to honor all the men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Two outstanding individuals were honored for making major contributions to the lives of military and veteran students at NMSU.

Kenneth Hacker was honored for his research relating to the military family and veterans.

Hacker is a Distinguished Achievement Professor and department head of the College of Arts and Sciences Communication Studies Department.

Patti Alarcon was honored for her contributions in supporting both the ROTC Cadre and cadets for both the Air Force and Army. Alarcon is an administrative assistant and coordinates many of the special activities of both units.

For more information about the Military and Veterans Programs, call 575-646-4524, email mvp@nmsu.edu or visit mvp.nmsu.edu.

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Fern named SCORE district director

By ALTA LECOMPTE

Las Cruces Bulletin

Cathie Fern has stepped down as chair of SCORE Las Cruces and stepped up to the position of district director. On Dec. 1, Marc Suri took over as Las Cruces chair.

In her new role, Fern oversees operations at the El Paso, Las Cruces, Albuquerque and Santa Fe chapters.

During the past six years, Fern, a former employment and training specialist with the U.S.



FERN

Department of Labor, brought a nonprofit management perspective to SCORE Las Cruces.

Although anyone over 18 can apply to become a SCORE mentor, the volunteer organization is composed primarily of former high-powered, private sector executives who mentor local businesses.

When Fern became “boss” to 20 retired men ac-

customed to running their own businesses, she may have felt a bit like Wendy in “Peter Pan.”

“This is a nonprofit organization, and it has to be run as a nonprofit organization. It is a service delivery system — and you have to know how to manage it and roll with the punches,” Fern said.

The guys she worked with were accustomed to calling the shots rather than rolling with the punches.

“I won them over gradually,” she said.

“I was in the unique position of never having run a business myself. The personality mix worked. I was always aware they knew more about what they should do for their clients than I would ever know.”

SCORE's cultural shift

Fern said before she came on board, SCORE volunteers had been working as individuals, not

talking to each other as mentors.

“Mentors here have tried really hard to get to know each others' skills,” she said. “They've done a lot of that lately. You see a lot of co-mentoring. And our mentoring has become a lot more effective.”

“When you're collaborating, the thing is your performance just goes up. You build a sense of com-

munity where everybody respects each other.”

Another change she helped implement was collaboration with other Las Cruces nonprofits that, like SCORE, mentor business and nonprofit executives.

“In the last three or four years, we've formed liai-

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I-10 Hampton Inn hosts ribbon cutting



BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA LECOMPTE

The Hampton Inn at 1641 Hickory Loop, completed in February, showed off its modern style and facilities, including an indoor pool, at a Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremony Dec. 2. Cutting the ribbon were Imesh Vaidya of Premier Hospitality; Amy Hartley, director of sales for the new Hampton Inn; Randi Castaneda, general manager of the first Las Cruces Hampton Inn built in 2007 at Interstate 25. Mark Terrazas, the new general manager for the hotel, held the chamber proclamation marking the occasion.

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Commercial space a team effort at Spaceport America

By ALTA LECOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

Being out in the middle of nowhere is Spaceport America's greatest asset — and its new CEO Daniel Hicks is implementing a vision for capitalizing on that asset.

The spaceport is working with White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) and Boeing on drop tests for a crew transportation capsule for the International Space Station, Hicks told attendees at the December meeting of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MNEDA).

Hicks, an Army civilian with 34 years' experience at WSMR, said the collaboration between the missile base and the spaceport where New Mexico is developing its commercial space industry is a natural.

"From an Army perspective, Spaceport America has a lot of synergy with what the Army is planning to do," said Hicks, who was involved with the early phases of the development of the New Mexico Office

of Commercial Space, which preceded the N.M. Spaceport Authority.

"I saw that synergy," he said. He said WSMR was the birthplace of U.S. space activities.

"On the other side of the mountain is Spaceport America," he said. "This is going to be the birthplace of the commercial space industry."

Spaceport today

Hicks said the spaceport's successes to date include public events and educational outreach as well as development of the aerospace business sector.

"Spaceport is up and ongoing," he said. "Aerospace is up and going very well. We have great tenants. We have a great staff, a great future with that staff and we're going to grow."

Spaceport America has been the site of 31 vertical launches and six horizontal launches to date, Hicks said.

He noted Virgin Galactic, the spaceport's best-known tenant with plans to take passengers on suborbital flights, on Dec. 3 completed a successful glide

test in Mojave, California.

He called the test flight a "fantastic major achievement," adding it was the first time the glide vehicle flew free, independent of the space ship.

"They're right on target with a very focused, methodical process," Hicks said.

He said Virgin Galactic will continue testing all next year and, depending on its success, more specific information would become available on its commercial flights from Spaceport America.

He said he is scheduled to meet this month with Virgin Galactic's CEO George Whitesides to learn more about the company's plans and explore ways the two entities can work together.

"I look forward to a very productive and successful relationship," he said.

Dividing the pie

Hicks said Spaceport America is one of 11 in the U.S., each of which will be developing unique niche markets.

"All of them are focusing on

a niche. California and Cape Canaveral already have established markets."

Hicks said Spaceport America is partnering with MVEDA to bring its assets to the marketplace.

Its niche is suborbital flight and low earth orbital flight, including the placement of satellites.

Pointing to a map of the U.S. covered with white dots where planes are permitted to fly, he indicated a huge blank spot in the middle of the country that aircraft can't get into. It has 6,000-square-miles of restricted air space, he said.

That asset is "part of the vision of what we can attract," Hicks said. "It's strategically located. It's in the right place. We're a national treasure."

"It's not a coincidence that 60 years ago, White Sands was the origin of space flight," he said.

Succeeding with teamwork

Hicks said the spaceport's evolution is going to be a team sport.

He cited partnerships with

White Sands and the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau (Visit Las Cruces), which made a video of spaceport's drone summit in November, as well as with schools, business leaders, city and county officials and the public.

In response to a question about planned upgrades to the southern road that would provide more convenient access to the spaceport from Las Cruces and southern Doña Ana County, Hicks said he expects work to begin in spring 2017.

"The first time we drove out ... we had a flat tire, so we're very attuned to the need for that," he said.

Returning to his theme that the success of Spaceport America is a team sport, Hicks said the southern road can be completed very quickly "if everyone goes to meetings and says, 'Hey, businesses aren't coming here because there's no southern road.'"

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Tuesday, Jan. 17

11th annual Agricultural Employer Conference in Las Cruces. Info: www.ag-growers.com or call Angela at New Mexico Workforce Connection, 575-740-6484.

Friday, Jan. 20

6 to 9 p.m. Chamber Choice Awards & Gala. Info: Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, 575-524-1968.

Saturday, Jan. 28- Monday, Jan. 30

2017 Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe, an annual event held in Santa Fe 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. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Eldorado Hotel & Spa, 309 W. San Francisco, for Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe guests. Hotel reservations: 800-955-4455. Event info: www.lascruces.org; 575-524-1968.

Greedy capitalists and envious socialists are problem

Charity is the secret to a better society

AS ADAM SMITH LONG AGO POINTED OUT, greed is the invisible hand that drives people to do good for their fellows. And it's this insight — that what is considered a deadly sin in the individual results in a public virtual — is a basic insight that inspires much of economics.

Why does the butcher sell chops? The butcher is motivated by greed for profits. Similarly, with the baker and the candlestick maker.

While greed powers the invisible hand, it also can be a force for destruction.

Markets can malfunction, and when they do, the result can be very bad.

The most obvious example is global warming, but child labor, danger-



CHRIS ERICKSON

ous workplaces, unfair labor practices, among other ills, can also be attributed to market failures. When greed runs amok, capitalists use unchecked power for per-

sonal gain at the cost of society.

But capitalists are not the only group motivated by a deadly sin. In fact, as greed is to capitalism so is envy to socialism. The envy of socialists drives them to cut down the tall stalks that are the rich

capitalists.

Envy can be a powerful force for good when the socialist enacts government policies that help the poor, such as public education, aid to the poor and environmental regulation. The result is a more just society — and also a more efficient society — as socialist policies can result in a productive workforce.

Take those most typical of socialist programs: SNAP and TANF. A basic characteristic of a just society is one that ensures its citizens adequate resources to meet their basic needs. By ensuring adequate childhood nutrition, SNAP also ensures that these children remain healthy and grow up to be productive workers.

Nevertheless, just as capitalist greed can become destructive, so too can envy. Excessive taxation can eliminate incentives, rendering markets ineffective. The collapse of the old Soviet Union illustrates what can happen in the extreme.

Capitalist greed and socialist envy share a common theme. They involve a lust for material objects, which reflects a belief in materialism. For the capitalist, it's the accumulation of more and more wealth without regard for others. For the socialist it is the desire for the goods of others.

Both greed and envy raise material objects to fetish objects, even to the point of displacing Providence.

Both greed and envy, if not correctly channeled, can reap great destruction. On the one hand, exploiting the planet

beyond its capacity to regenerate; on the other hand, eliminating the incentives that are the basic motive driving human effort.

The key to moderating these destructives is charity.

A capitalist who is motivated by charity will tamp down their greed if doing so helps others. Similarly, a socialist motivated by charity will not want to destroy the ability of the talented to get ahead by dint of hard work if the efforts of the talented can help society.

There is reason for optimism.

Many capitalists aren't motivated primarily by greed, but by a desire to help others by providing a service that makes the life of their consumers better. The desire to do good works motivates them. They choose to engage in good works that

are also profitable.

Similarly, many socialists are primarily motivated not by envy but by a true desire to help the less fortunate. They seek to use the power of government to redirect resources to those who need it.

This time of year especially, we become more aware of the power of charity. It is charity that makes the holiday season a time of peace, joy and good will toward our fellow humans.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at New Mexico State University. He wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday. The opinions expressed may not be shared by the regents and administration of NMSU. Erickson can be reached at chrerick@nmsu.edu.

An honest talk about shopping small this holiday season

The holiday shopping season is upon us.

Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday and Giving Tuesday have all come and gone and I'll bet you still have some gifts to purchase. From workplace Secret Santa to gifts for your children's teachers to your in-laws — this time of year can get stressful as we search for the perfect gift.

Due to the pressure we put on ourselves for finding just the right thing,



ARIANNA PARSONS
Downtown
Lowdown

I understand the draw of big box stores. After all, these stores are designed to put you in the holiday spirit, from the festive displays to the piped in music — and the sales aren't bad

either.

It would be hypocritical of me to say that I believe all gifts should be handmade or locally sourced. Without getting into too much detail, my husband's big gift this year is a KitchenAid product and I got a great

deal on it on Cyber Monday.

What I do believe is that, for all of the calculated and manufactured spirit found in the big boxes, there is still something truly magical about shopping locally all season long, and not just on a designated Saturday.

For me, holiday shopping is about the nip in the air in the evening as you shop with a friend. It is about going in to small shop after shop, drinking in the holiday lights, oohing and aahing at great window displays and the

thrill of finding that one-of-kind item that is just perfect.

It's also about being a part of a community.

An added bonus? I revel in the knowledge that this is the season where all of that hard work also pays off for the small business owners — they might even get to take home some profit this month. While I don't know what large corporations do with their end-of-year profits, I know that most of your local shop owners probably have their own wish list. For my husband and

me, we are counting on this season's profits from our business to complete our soon-to-be baby's nursery.

There is something really lovely in our fellow community members — through the act of buying gifts for those they love — providing the income for us to create a welcoming space for our little boy. Your small purchases have a seriously big impact.

Downtown, the Mesquite Historic District and the Alameda Depot District have a variety of shops to explore this hol-

iday season. I hope you each take one afternoon or evening out of the next month to discover what they have to offer, to spread some holiday cheer and maybe, just maybe, to find THE gift.

No manufactured holiday spirit needed — it's the real deal and it's what being a member of this amazing community is all about.

Arianna Parsons is the executive director of Downtown Las Cruces, co-owner of Beck's Coffee and first time mother-to-be.

Local buying gets boost from internet platform

Bill Foster is a digital marketing master. The serial entrepreneur developed keyword and search-engine ad revenue for pioneering companies such as Infoseek and Excite. Now Foster wants to use his experience and knowledge to help local businesses compete with national chains and internet behemoths.

Foster is a founder of yellCast, a New Mexico startup that connects buyers with local merchants by providing search-engine results that go a step beyond Yelp, Google and Bing and offer an interactive portal where buyers and sellers communicate directly. With this service, consumers who want to shop locally don't need to call multiple merchants to find a specific product; yellCast provides the platform that allows merchants to respond to specific requests.



Turning the tide

Foster's interest is more than philanthropic — he intends to fill a market need and make money doing it. But for him, yellCast is also a way to reverse the trend of money leaving local communities when consumers purchase products online from companies thousands of miles away — a trend he helped create.

"This is our apology," he said about the startup.

Shopping locally keeps money circulating at home and generates tax revenue that supports public services such as parks, community centers and essential services. According to the American Indepen-

dent Business Alliance, every dollar spent at an independent local business returns an average of three times more money to the local community than a dollar spent at a chain store.

Local shopping also reduces environmental impacts associated with packaging, processing and shipping goods over long distances. And local businesses are job creators, hiring local workers. According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, small businesses created 63 percent of the new jobs created in the United States between 1993 and 2013.

The yellCast method

Using yellCast, consumers can send a query to multiple merchants that appear in their search results. For example, a Santa Fe shopper looking for a specific coat — say a men's wa-

terproof down jacket — uses yellCast to scan the internet for those keywords plus the place-name "Santa Fe." The shopper then selects the merchants she wants to contact for more information or to obtain a specific size.

Local merchants receive the request and respond based on inventory and accessibility. A local merchant might not have the product but can offer to order it.

Searchers remain anonymous until their order is placed, and they avoid the unwanted advertising that typically follows searches on better-known platforms because yellCast doesn't sell or even save the information it collects.

Businesses can register on yellCast at no charge, and they only pay for the service if they

respond to an inquiry. The service is currently free during the pilot in Santa Fe.

Santa Fe is the test market for the yellCast platform, and Santa Fe city officials hope merchants and consumers embrace the platform this holiday season. Founders expect to expand the service to other cities in early 2017.

To use yellCast, start a search at <https://yellcast.com/indexb.php/>. Merchants can sign up by clicking on the Business Sign-Up link in the upper right corner of the website after scrolling to the bottom of the page.

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

FERN

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sons with partners," she said. "We decided in Las Cruces one of the problems was this group (of nonprofits mentoring businesses) was asked by their national agencies to perform on such a level that we were competitive with one another," she said.

Local agencies got credit for work they did independently but not for work they did in cooperation with another organization, she said.

"We've changed that policy. Now we can double count. Yeah, we do ask — and if we push hard enough to get things changed. When you have anything substantive to say ... you can make the case and the people in Washington want to hear

from you."

Inter-agency collaboration began at the local level when SCORE shifted clients to WESST or the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) if those nonprofits had more relevant expertise.

Now SCORE and WESST give joint workshops and together collaborate with the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce on First Friday Lunch and Learn programs at noon each month at Branigan Memorial Library.

National ups its game

Fern said the national SCORE organization, which is federally funded, has "spent a lot of time and energy fixing their data system."

She said SCORE has a clear mission: "to enable people to succeed and to have a viable business

community."

To ensure that the 320 national chapters are successfully addressing that mission, SCORE collects data from multiple sources and rates each chapter.

The national office emails every client, and clients rank the mentors on a one to 10 scale on 10 subjects, Fern said.

"Our mentors get a 100 percent ranking all the time," she said.

A key criterion is fast service delivery.

Mentors are mandated to call each prospective client within four hours of the time they seek out SCORE services.

"If you call within four hours, there's an 80 percent chance they'll become a permanent client," she said. "If you wait two days, it goes down to 40 percent — it's cut in half."

The objective is to en-

gage clients for a long enough period to help them define and address their challenges, she said.

Heroes on the team

Fern said she simplified the client service tracking system for SCORE Las Cruces.

"When you monitor staff, they start monitoring themselves," she said. "They know you know, and when you acknowledge their work they know you appreciate them."

She said mentors have contributed to a lot of unheralded successes among businesses and nonprofits in the Las Cruces area.

"People who work here are not at all concerned with self-aggrandizement," Fern said,

She also expressed admiration for SCORE clients.

"I never cease to be amazed by the courage our

clients have," she said.

A passion for jobs

Fern said her passion — jobs — dates back to her days as a student at Oberlin College.

She and other students bicycled out to tutor kids at a halfway house.

The young people they tutored worked part time and earned a paycheck.

"The pregnancy rate went down, school performance went up," she said. "Counselors made sure the kids showed up for work and that their supervisors gave them something meaningful to do."

She said she's passionate about people getting into "jobs that fit their personalities and skills so they can go to work for the rest of their days."

While her passion for jobs led her to a career with the Department of

Labor, the values she brought to her life's work can be traced to her childhood in Washington, D.C. as the daughter of an assistant to the Secretary of the Interior, the appointee of seven presidents.

"He had the same phone number for 30 years," she said.

When she expressed interest in a government career, her father advised her to learn the law she was responsible for upholding and to do "good technical work."

"My father told me if I wanted to stay in Washington, D.C. and work for the government, don't get attached to any particular group of people, because they're only there temporarily."

Alta LeCompte can be reached at lcompte.alta@gmail.com or 575-343-7478.



Bottom Line

We Mean BUSINESS

The official publication of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce includes community updates and business news and can be found each month in the Bulletin and throughout Las Cruces every month.

For advertising opportunities, contact a Bulletin representative at 575-524-8061.



Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce



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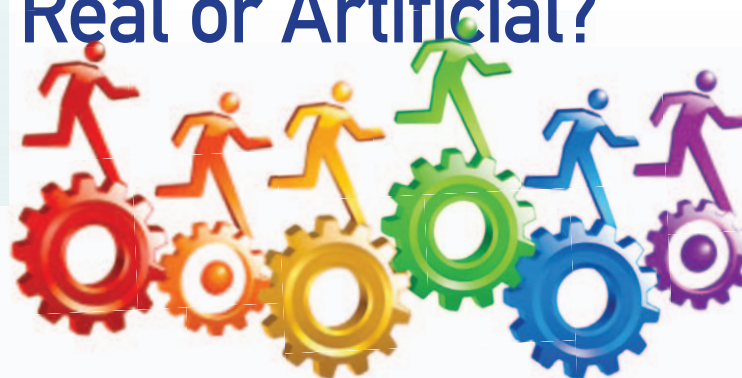
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Reshaping of our community: Real or Artificial?



Over the past few weeks there has been an increased level of coverage appearing in various social media and local news outlets on Doña Ana County's proposed Unified Development Code (UDC), currently in its final version. Both the comprehensive plan and the UDC are to be guiding documents for all future development in Doña Ana County.

Each document is hundreds of pages. Having read multiple drafts, and now in final version, we conclude it is neither an easy nor entertaining read. Perhaps one of the end results of all the reading is a deep appreciation of County staff that has been charged with this very difficult and complex task.

The Chamber supports and commends the efforts made by the County to create an environment where business can grow and thrive. Sincere appreciation also goes to the Planning and Zoning Commissioners who have been working on this issue over the past many months. Not only reading the various drafts, additions, etc., but also attending many meetings regarding the subject.

It is obvious that with growth and changing times there must be careful forethought on how we progress in an effective manner.

The question is do these documents truly represent where we as a community want to be in the years ahead? While the

Chamber appreciates all the efforts, the Chamber Board recently approved a position of recommending no approval on the current version of the UDC.

Over the past five years, the County has been in the process of updating and potentially adopting the UDC. According to the County, the proposed UDC will directly reflect the County as a whole, to include infill and redevelopment.

Additionally, the document would incorporate elements of existing zoning, while offering different development options, including smart growth options. The current version has created much disagree-

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Advertise your auction in 24 New Mexico newspapers for only \$100. Your 25-word classified ad will reach more than 148,500 readers. Call this newspaper for more details. Or log onto www.nmpress.org for a list of participating newspapers.

Help Wanted Full-Time

United Way of Southwest NM of looking for a Communications Coordinator to join the SUCCESS! Partnership. The SUCCESS! Partnership is a "prenatal to career" education initiative working towards helping children flourish into their full potential.

Minimum Qualifications:
· Minimum bachelor's degree; Master's degree preferred in communication, public relations, education, or another relevant field
· Experience working in communication, public relations, marketing, or other related work experience

Please visit www.uwswnm.org/success for full job description.

Date: 12/16, 2016

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Legal Notice

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

No. 16-0283

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON R. WILEY a/k/a SHARON RUTH WILEY DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VALERIE JEANNE LUGO has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All

persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: November 29, 2016.

VALERIE JEANNE LUGO
155 Pinehurst
Santa Teresa,



Mountain Music

2330 S. Valley Drive
523-0603

NEW & USED MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

New Amatas Maestro 4/4 violin, case, bow \$400
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Dates: 12/09, 12/16, 12/23, 2016

NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

DM-2016-900
Judge: Rosner

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR GRAND-PARENT VISITATION PRIVILEGES OF TERRI AND SCOTT KINNEY

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO RESPONDENT, JOSEPH LACKEY:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioners, requesting grandparent privileges of the minor child, Terralyn Rose Kinney.

You must file a response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the petition will be granted.

Law Office of Jill V Johnson
Vigil
1475 N Main St Ste E
Las Cruces, NM 88001
575.527.5405
Attorney for Petitioners

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 6th day of December, 2016.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

BY: /s/ Joe M Martinez
Deputy - Joe M Martinez

Dates: 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 10, 2016, Dona Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association, PO Box 866, Dona Ana, NM 88032, filed application numbered LRG-23-2 into LRG-1905 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well and Place and Purpose of Use within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Dona Ana County by transferring the consumptive use of 10,426 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater, from well LRG-23 located within the NE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ of Section 25, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude in-

tersect at 32° 27' 2.75"N, 106° 53' 52.62"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, historically used for the irrigation of 4.01 acres of land located within the E¹/₂ SW¹/₄ of Section 25, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM, owned by the applicant.

Said transferred 10,426 acre-feet per annum consumptive use of shallow groundwater is to instead be exercised from the following wells

Well	Subdivision	Section	Township	Range
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LRG-1905	SW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄	36	22 South	1 East
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LRG-1905-S	NW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	14	22 South	1 East
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LRG-1905-S-2	NW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	36	22 South	1 East
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LRG-1905-S-4	NW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	26	22 South	1 East
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LRG-1905-S-5	SW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	22	22 South	1 East
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LRG-1905 POD10	NE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	25	22 South	1 East
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for domestic, municipal, industrial, and commercial purposes within the Dona Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association

service area described as within all or part of Sections 1 through 6, 8 through 17, 20 through 28, and 33 through 36, Township 22 South, Range 1 East; all or part of Section 30, Township 22 South, Range 2 East; and all or part of Sections 1 through 4, 10 and 15, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, as described by records on file with the Office of the State Engineer. Well LRG-1905 may be found at the physical address of 3881 El Camino Real, Las Cruces, NM. Well LRG-1905-S may be found at the physical address of 5535 Ledesma Drive, Las Cruces, NM. Well LRG-1905-S-2 may be found at the physical address of 3420 Dona Ana Road, Las Cruces, NM. Well LRG-1905-S-4 may be found at the physical address of 211 W. Taylor Road, Las Cruces, NM. Well LRG-1905-S-5 may be found at the physical address of 5416 Dona Ana Road, Las Cruces, NM. Well LRG-1905 POD10 may be found at the physical address of 4280 Elks Drive, Las Cruces, NM.

Well LRG-23 will be 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 applica-



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
Pavement Replacement 2016-2017	16-17-071	*Mandatory Pre-Bid* December 29, 2016 2:00pm / 700 N Main, Rm 3138, Las Cruces, NM	January 12, 2017 2:00pm / 700 N Main, Rm 3138, Las Cruces, NM

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

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

Dates 12/16/16

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tion 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: 12/09, 12/16, 12/23, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 16, 2016, Salopek Tree Service LLC, c/o: Sam Salopek, 4915 Snow Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-14243-POD2, OSE File No.: LRG-14243-1, 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-14243-POD2 to a depth of 600 feet with a 18-inch casing, in a location within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 25S, Range 02E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where X = 1,495,262 ft., Y = 404,113 ft., NMSA, Central NAD83 on land owned by Salopek Tree Service, LLC, which will supplement existing well LRG-14243-POD1, located on property owned by Salopek Tree Service LLC within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 27, and more specifically described where X = 1,495,267 ft., Y = 403,947 ft., NMSA, Central NAD83 for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial

District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 99.08 acres of land, owned by Salopek Tree Service LLC, located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 27 as described in Subfile No.: LRS-28-008-0048 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24. The site of proposed well LRG-14243-POD2 will be located southwest of La Mesa, NM and may be found approximately 0.61 mile south of the intersection of W. San Miguel St. and County Road B 10.

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: 12/09, 12/16, 12/23, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 28, 2016, Fletcher Farms, Inc. c/o: Leslie Fletcher, President, 6105 Shalem Colony Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-864-POD3, OSE File No.: LRG-864 & LRG-6603-31, 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-864-POD3 to a depth of 500 feet with a 16-inch casing, in a location within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 16, Township 22S, Range 01E (NMPM) & more specifically located at or near where 1,456,020.76 ft., Y = 508,733.12 ft. NMSA, Central NAD83 on land owned by Fletcher Farms, Inc., which will supplement existing well LRG-864-POD2, located on property owned by Fletcher Farms, Inc. within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 16, Township 22S, Range 01E (NMPM) & more specifically described where X = 1,456,381.07 ft., X = 508,789.76 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 122.04 acres of land, owned by Fletcher Farms, Inc., located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ & SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 16, Township 22S, Range 01E (NMPM) as described in Subfile No.: LRN-28-004-0008 Rights B & C of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed well LRG-864-POD3 will be located northwest of Las Cruces, NM & may be found approximately 0.41 mile northwest of the intersection of Trails End Rd & N Valley Dr.

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, & include the writer's complete name, phone number & mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify

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Dates: 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 17, 2016, Charles J. and Sharalyn S. Otero, 1350 Carver Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-16210-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-16210-1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-16210-POD1 located at X = 1,478,900 Y = 457,347 ft. NMSA, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant and adjudicated for domestic one-household purposes and drilling replacement well LRG-16210-POD2 to a depth of 260 feet with 4-inch casing to be located at approximately X = 1,478,903.7 Y = 457,341.9 on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic one-household and livestock purposes as described in part by Subfile Order No.: LRS-28-001-1072 of the Third Judicial District Court, Dona Ana County, State of New Mexico. Proposed replacement well LRG-16210-POD2 will be located at the physical address of 1350 Carver Road, Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-16210-POD1 will be properly plugged. The appli-

cant has requested emergency authorization to drill and use replacement 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.

Date: 12/09, 12/16, 12/23, 2016

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt the Following Ordinance(s) at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on January 17, 2017:

(1) Council Bill No. 17-015; Ordinance No. 2801: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a \$3,700,000.00 Loan Agreement to Purchase Public Safety Vehicles and Heavy Equipment with Such Loan Agreement to be Secured by a Lien on State-Shared Gross Receipts Tax Revenues.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 13th day of December, 2016.

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

Date: 12/16, 2016

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

At the regular meeting of the South Central Solid Waste Authority held November 17, 2016, the Board has by Resolution 2016-20 adopted the following policy regarding public meetings and meeting times for 2017 until further notice.

1. Resolution 2016-20 establishes the Open Public Meetings Policy; and

2. The following is hereby determined to be reasonable notice for any public meetings of the South Central Solid Waste Authority for the 2017 calendar year.

TYPE OF MEETING

The issuance and posting of an agenda three (3) working days prior to the meeting. The agenda to be made available to the news media through the City's Public Information Office and posted on bulletin boards located in the Doña Ana County Government Building, City Hall, Joint Utilities and Transfer Station facility.

The issuance and posting of an agenda one (1) calendar day (24 hours) prior to the meeting. The agenda to be made available to the news media through the City's Public Information Office and posted on bulletin boards located in the Doña Ana County Government Building, City Hall, Joint Utilities and Transfer Station facility.

The issuance and posting of an agenda three (3) hours prior to the meeting. The agenda will be posted on bulletin boards located in the Doña Ana County Government Building, City Hall, Joint Utilities and Transfer Station facility and as many of the news media notified as possible.

The regular meetings of the

South Central Solid Waste Authority will be held monthly on the third Thursday at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Transfer Station, 2865 W. Amador Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Date: 12/16, 2016

NOTICE OF VEHICLE SEIZURE

TO REGISTERED OWNERS, AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS: You are hereby notified that the Doña Ana Sheriff's Office has seized the following vehicles and intends to proceed with forfeiture of each vehicle to the County of Doña Ana pursuant to DAC Ordinance #232-07 pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles related to DWI Offenses: The below listed vehicles and contents will be auctioned to the highest bidder at our upcoming auction set for the Month of MARCH 25, 2017, the event location, 2821-B LAS VEGAS COURT, LAS CRUCES, NM

VIN# DESCRIPTION REGISTERED OWNER

1FTRX08L8YKA00460
2000 RED
FORD F-150 P-K
ARMANDO CHAVEZ

4C3AG52H04E128069
2004 GRAY
CHRYSLER 2D
MARIA VANEGAS

WBFAFF800E9475486
1984 WHITE BMW 4D
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**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-00235

**BANK OF AMERICA,
N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**PEGGY A. WHITAKER;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
PEGGY A. WHITAKER;
NEW MEXICO MORT-
GAGE FINANCE AU-
THORITY; POND-S-
SCAPES, LLC, Defend-
ants.**

**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 Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 7890 Inca Dove Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 1, BLOCK B, INSPIRATION HEIGHTS, PHASE 1, IN DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON APRIL 25, 2007, IN BOOK 22 PAGE(S) 202-203 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15pm on January 12, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on November 3, 2016, in the total amount of \$180,606.63, with interest at the rate of 5.8400% per annum from April 29, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and

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

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

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

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

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

Cause No. 16-0275
Judge Diana Bustamante,
PhD

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
THELMA LOUISE
WHITELEY**

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at 1206 Shalem Colony Trail,

**RESOLUCIÓN Y PROCLAMACIÓN DE ELECCIÓN
REGULAR DE DISTRITO ESCOLAR**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sección 6. Una persona es un elector calificado del Distrito si en el día de la Elección él o ella es ciudadano(a) de los Estados Unidos, tiene por lo menos 18 años de edad, y es residente del Distrito. Para votar, electores calificados del Distrito deben haberse registrado previamente con el Doña Ana County Clerk, el Otero County Clerk, o cualquier agente de registración conforme a la ley. Cualquier elector calificado del Distrito que no está registrado ahora y que desea votar

en la Elección debe registrarse antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 10 de enero, 2017, siendo el vigésimo octavo (28th) día inmediatamente antes de la Elección, durante las horas regulares y los días hábiles en la oficina del Doña Ana County Clerk en el Doña Ana County Government Center en Las Cruces, Nuevo México, en la oficina del Otero County Clerk en el Otero County Courthouse en Alamogordo, Nuevo México, o por cualquier agente de registro de votante en una agencia designada según lo dispuesto en NMSA 1978, §§ 1-4-48 y 1-4-49.

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

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

DISTRITO ELECTORAL	RECINTO DE ELECCIÓN	SITIO DE VOTACIÓN
2	Para votantes que votan en Recinto 14 de Doña Ana y la parte norte de 13	Santa Teresa Middle School 4800 McNutt Road Sunland Park, NM
2	Para votantes que votan en Recinto 15 de Doña Ana	La Union Elementary School 875 Mercantile Avenue La Union, NM
5	Para votantes que votan en Recintos 75 y 76 de Doña Ana; partes de Doña Ana Recintos 6 y 74; Recinto 1 de Otero, y partes de 35 dentro del Distrito	Chaparral Middle School 290 E. Lisa Dr. Chaparral, NM

Conforme a NMSA 1978, § 1-22-6(B), si sólo un candidato ha presentado una declaración de candidatura para cada posición que se llenará en la Elección, no hay candidatos por escrito para ninguna posición, y no hay cuestiones o emisiones de bonos en la balota, el Doña Ana County Clerk ejercerá las funciones de la junta de recintos y ninguna otra junta de recintos será nombrada. La votación en el día de la Elección se llevará a cabo usando balotas de papel según lo dispuesto en § 1-22-10-(G).

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

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

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

APROBADA Y ADOPTADA este día 10 de noviembre, 2016.
Presidente, Junta de Educación
Atestiguado:
Secretaría, Junta de Educación

1GNDV23E15D141575
2005 WHITE
CHEVROLET VAN
JORGE CORRAL

1N4AL21E57C140318
2007 GRAY NISSAN 4D
MEGAN ADELL

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1995 WHITE JEEP SUV
CHARLIE JACQUEZ

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1981 WHITE
CHEVROLET P-K
ALBERTO VALLEJOS

1B7GL22N11S205875
2001 RED DODGE P-K
ROSA APODACA

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1987 GRAY ISUZU P-K
MANUEL MEDINA

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1999 WHITE
CHEVROLET 4D
TERESA MORENO -
GONZALEZ

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1998 RED FORD P-K
SERGIO VAQUERA

1GCCS1446R8227394
1994 RED
CHEVROLET P-K
IRMA MARTINEZ

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1990 BLUE DODGE P-K
MONIKA BANNISTER

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1984 GRAY
DODGE OMNI
MONIKA BANNISTER

1FMYU22X0WUD27783
1998 WHITE
FORD EXPLORER
MARCOS CABRERA

1G1JC5241Y7268768
2000 GOLD
CHEVROLET 4D
DARLENE LUCERO

JT8BF12G9T0179892
1996 WHITE LEXUS 4D
TIMOTHY DAVIS

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

Date: 12/09, 12/16, 2016

Las Cruces, NM 88007, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

Dated this 28 day of November, 2016.

/s/Ron Whiteley
Roy Whiteley,
Personal Representative

Dates: 12/02, 12/09, 12/16, 2016

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

NO. CV-2016-2498
Manuel I. Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION OF Scott
Wesley Webb FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Scott Wesley Webb**, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from **Scott Wesley Webb** to **Swan Webb**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the 10th day of January 2017, at the hour of 10:00 am, at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Scott Webb
Scott Wesley Webb
539 North Park Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88005
PO Box 71
Mesilla, NM 88046
575-520-1717

Dates: 12/16, 12/23, 2016

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

**No.D-307-PB-2016-00116
Judge: Manuel I. Arrieta**

**In the Matter of the Estate
Mary Elizabeth Burguete**

Deceased.

**AMENDED NOTICE
TO CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sharon Louise

Carrillo has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address shown in this notice or filed within the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is William L. Lutz of the law firm of Martin & Lutz, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88001.

DATED this 8th day of December, 2016.

/s/Sharon Louise Carrillo
Sharon Louise Carrillo
Personal Representative
3915 Powers Dr.
Las Cruces, N.M. 88012

Date: 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2016

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

No. PB 2016-127
Judge James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
ANN M. PALORMO,
Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

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

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.

/s/M Reves 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: 12/09, 12/16, 12/23, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00747

**BANK OF AMERICA,
N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

ERIC MARTINEZ AYALA; LORENA H. BARRAZA; SUNPORT FINANCIAL, LLC; and LAS CRUCES MEDICAL CENTER LLC d/b/a MOUNTAIN VIEW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **January 4, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 5536 Patagonia Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 8 in Block numbered B of DESERT BREEZE SUBDIVISION, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said DESERT BREEZE SUBDIVISION, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on July 26, 2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 714-717.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 18, 2016, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$149,077.66 and the same bears interest at 4.750% per annum from March 4, 2016, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees

**RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF
REGULAR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5:00 p.m. on January 10, 2017, being the twenty-eighth (28th) day immediately preceding the Election, during regular business hours and days of business, at the office of the Doña Ana County Clerk at the Doña Ana County Government Center, in Las Cruces, New Mexico, at the office of the Otero County Clerk at the Otero County Courthouse, in Alamogordo, New Mexico, or by any voter registration agent at a designated agency, as provided in NMSA 1978, §§ 1-4-48 and 1-4-49.

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

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

VOTING DISTRICT	ELECTION PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE
2	For voters who vote in Doña Ana Precinct 14 and the northern portion of 13	Santa Teresa Middle School 4800 McNutt Road Sunland Park, NM
2	For voters who vote in Doña Ana Precinct 15	La Union Elementary School 875 Mercantile Avenue La Union, NM
5	For voters who vote in Doña Ana Precincts 75 and 76; portions of Doña Ana Precincts 6 and 74; Otero Precinct 1, and portions of 35 within the District	Chaparral Middle School 290 E. Lisa Dr. Chaparral, NM

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 1-22-6(B), in the event that only one candidate has filed a declaration of candidacy for each position to be filled at the Election, no declared write-ins have filed for any position and there are no questions or bond issues on the ballot, the Doña Ana County Clerk shall perform the duties of the precinct board and no other precinct board shall be appointed. Voting on the day of the Election shall be by paper ballot as provided in § 1-22-10(G).

Absentee voting will be as described in Section 10 herein.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of November, 2016.
President, Board of Education
Attest:
Secretary, Board of Education

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
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 12/02, 12/09, 12/16,
12/23, 2016

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

NO. D-307-CV-2016-01849

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

**JEANETTE NEVAREZ,
NEW MEXICO WORK-
FORCE SOLUTIONS
BENEFIT PAYMENT
CONTROL SECTION
FKA NEW MEXICO DE-
PARTMENT OF LABOR
EMPLOYMENT SECUR-
ITY DIVISION, AND
THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF JEANETTE
NEVAREZ, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SUIT

**STATE OF NEW MEXI-
CO to the above-named**

**Defendants Jeanette Ne-
varez and The Unknown
Spouse of Jeanette Nevare-
z,**

GREETINGS:

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

LOT NUMBERED 14 IN
BLOCK NUMBERED 7 OF
DALE BELLAMAH MAN-
OR SECTION 1, PLAT NO.
4, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA
ANA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO, AS THE SAME
IS SHOWN AND DESIG-
NATED ON THE PLAT OF
SAID DALE BELLAMAH
MANOR SECTION 1,
PLAT NO. 4, FILED IN
THE OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY CLERK OF DO-
ÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO ON AUGUST 8,
1959 IN PLAT BOOK 8,
FOLIO 46.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
WEINSTEIN &
RILEY, P.S.

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Dates: 12/09, 12/16, 12/23,
2016

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

No. CV-2015-01601
Judge: MARTIN

**STATE OF NEW MEXI-
CO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS
CRUCES, on behalf of the
LAS CRUCES POLICE
DEPARTMENT,
Petitioner,**

vs.

**MAGDALENA T. CAL-
DERON, BRIANA ENRI-
QUEZ, CORONADO FI-
NANCE INC., AND 1993**

RESOLUCIÓN Y PROCLAMACIÓN DE ELECCIÓN REGULAR DE DISTRITO ESCOLAR Y ELECCIÓN DE BONOS ESCOLARES

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Público Núm. 11 de Hatch Valley ("Junta" y "Distrito" respectivamente), en el Condado de Doña Ana y el Estado de Nuevo México, ha determinado que se llevará a cabo una elección regular de distrito escolar y una elección de bonos escolares ("Elección") el 7 de febrero, 2017, conforme a la Ley de Elecciones Escolares, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-22-1 a 1-22-19, la Ley de Elecciones de Bonos, NMSA 1978, §§ 6-15-23 a 6-15-28, y el Código de Escuelas Públicas, NMSA 1978, §§ 22-18-1 a 22-18-8;

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

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

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta ha determinado por iniciativa propia someter a votación en la Elección, la cuestión de la emisión de bonos de obligación general en la suma máxima y para los fines que más adelante se especifican, según lo permito por NMSA 1978, § 22-18-2 y la Ley de Elecciones de Bonos; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, ni la cuestión relacionada a los bonos que aquí se somete a votación ni ninguna otra cuestión de bonos escolares ha sido derrotada por los votantes del Distrito en una elección de bonos escolares convocada dentro de un período de dos años antes de la Elección.

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR PÚBLICO NÚM. 11 DE HATCH VALLEY, EL CUAL CONSTITUYE EL CUERPO GOBERNANTE DE DICHO DISTRITO, EN EL CONDADO DE DOÑA ANA Y EL ESTADO DE NUEVO MÉXICO, RESUELVE:

Sección 1. El 7 de febrero del 2017, se llevará a cabo en el Distrito Escolar Público Núm. 11 de Hatch Valley, Condado de Doña Ana, Nuevo México, una elección regular de distrito escolar con el fin de someterles a los electores calificados, registrados del Distrito los nombres de los candidatos para las dos (2) posiciones para ser llenados en la Junta y una elección de bonos escolares con el fin de someterles a los electores registrados calificados del Distrito la cuestión si se puede crear una deuda con la emisión de bonos de obligación general.

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

Posición 1: por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo, 2017.
Posición 4: por un plazo de cuatro años comenzando el 1 de marzo, 2017.

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

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

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

Sección 6. En la Elección, la cuestión siguiente será sometida a los electores calificados, registrados del Distrito:

CUESTIÓN DE BONOS DE OBLIGACIÓN GENERAL

¿Se le concederá a la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Público Núm. 11 de Hatch Valley, Condado de Doña Ana, Estado de Nuevo México, la autorización para emitir bonos de obligación general del Distrito en una serie o más, en la suma agregada principal que no exceda \$2,500,000 con el fin de: construir, remodelar, agregar anexos

y amueblar edificios escolares; comprar o mejorar terrenos escolares; comprar software y equipo de computadora para el uso estudiantil en las escuelas públicas; proveer fondos iguales para los proyectos de desembolso de capital financiados conforme a la Ley de Desembolso de Capital de Escuelas Públicas; o cualquiera combinación de estos propósitos, los dichos bonos pagados de los fondos derivados de los impuestos generales (ad valorem) y emisibles y vendidos en tal fecha o en tales fechas y conforme a los términos y condiciones que la Junta determine?

Sección 7. El impuesto que contempla la propuesta de bonos de obligación general se agregarán también a cualquier impuesto que se imponga conforme a otras leyes para pagar el servicio de la deuda o para cualquier otro fin. Dicho impuesto será autorizado conforme a la Ley de Elecciones de Bonos.

Sección 8. Una persona es un elector calificado del Distrito si en el día de la Elección él o ella es ciudadano(a) de los Estados Unidos, tiene por lo menos 18 años de edad, y es residente del Distrito. Para votar, electores calificados del Distrito deben haberse registrado previamente con el Doña Ana County Clerk o cualquier agente de registro de votante conforme a la ley. Cualquier elector calificado del Distrito que no esta registrado ahora y que desea votar en la Elección debe registrarse antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 10 de enero, 2017, siendo el vigésimo octavo (28th) día inmediatamente antes de la Elección, durante las horas regulares y los días hábiles en la oficina del Doña Ana County Clerk en el Doña Ana County Government Complex en Las Cruces, Nuevo México, o por cualquier agente de registro de votante en una agencia designada según lo dispuesto en NMSA 1978, §§ 1-4-48 y 1-4-49.

Sección 9. Los sitios de votación para la Elección permanecerán abiertos entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. el día de la Elección.

Sección 10. Los Distritos Electorales para la Elección serán como sigue:

RECINTO DE ELECCIÓN	SITIO DE VOTACIÓN
Garfield/East Salem	Garfield Elementary School Highway 187 Garfield, NM
North Hatch, Rincon	Doña Ana Community College Hatch Learning Center 219 E. Hill Street Hatch, NM
West Salem, West Hatch	Doña Ana Community College Hatch Learning Center 219 E. Hill Street Hatch, NM
Hatch	Doña Ana Community College Hatch Learning Center 219 E. Hill Street Hatch, NM
Rodey, South Rincon, South Hatch	Doña Ana Community College Hatch Learning Center 219 E. Hill Street Hatch, NM

La votación ausente será según se describe en la Sección 12 aquí.

Sección 11. La votación en el día de la Elección se llevará a cabo usando un sistema de votación definido en NMSA 1978, § 1-9-1(B). Por lo menos un sistema de votación se utilizará en el sitio de votación para cada Distrito Electoral.

Sección 12. Conforme a la Ley de la Votación Ausente, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-1 a 1-6-18, la Ley de Recinto de Votante Ausente, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-19 a 1-6-23, y § 1-22-19, electores calificados, registrados también podrán votar ausente en la oficina del Doña Ana County Clerk durante las horas regulares y en los días hábiles desde las 8:00 a.m. el 13 de enero, 2017, siendo el vigésimo quinto (25th) día antes de la Elección, hasta las 5:00 p.m. el 3 de febrero, 2017, siendo el día viernes que antecede inmediatamente la Elección. Conforme a la Ley Uniforme de Votantes Militares y en El Extranjero, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6B-1 a 1-6B-17, un votante federal calificado o votante en el extranjero puede votar en ausencia según lo dispuesto en dicha ley. La votación ausente será por balota de papel conforme a §§ 1-6-8, 1-6-9, y 1-22-19, o por los procedimientos autorizados por la Ley Uniforme de Votantes Militares y en El Extranjero.

APROBADA Y ADOPTADA este día 12 de octubre, 2016.
Presidente, Junta de Educación
Atestiguado:Secretaría, Junta de Educación

CHEVY CAPRICE, RED; **BUICK CENTURY,**
VIN: **SAND; VIN:**
1G1BN53E1PR106714; **2G4WS52J631143790;**
NEW MEXICO LICENSE **NEW MEXICO LICENSE**
PLATE NO. LZJ 993, **PLATE NO. NHB978,**
Respondents. **Respondents.**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Respondent Briana Enriquez:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1993 Chevy Caprice, Red; VIN: 1G1BN53E1PR106714; New Mexico License Plate No. LZJ 993.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Robert A. Cabello
 Robert A. Cabello
 Assistant City Attorney
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 (575) 541-2017 Fax
 Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 4TH day of March, 2016.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
 COURT EXECUTIVE
 OFFICER

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

Dates: 12/09, 12/16, 12/23,
 2016

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

No. CV-2016-02251
 Judge: Martin

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

vs.

SABRINA H. THEIS, NATIONWIDE BUDGET FINANCE, AND 2003

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Respondent Sabrina H. Theis:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2003 Buick Century, Sand; VIN: 2G4WS52J631143790; New Mexico License Plate No. NHB978.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
 CITY OF LAS CRUCES

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

WITNESS the Honorable Martin, James T., District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 2nd day of December, 2016.

(Seal)

COURT EXECUTIVE
 OFFICER

By: Rocío Delgado
 DEPUTY Rocío Delgado

Dates: 12/16, 12/23, 12/30,
 2016

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

No. CV-2016-02252
 Judge: Arrieta

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

vs.

ROMAN VASQUEZ, BRIAN VASQUEZ AND 2000 MAZDA, BLACK; VIN:

RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF REGULARSCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Hatch Valley Public School District No. 11 (“Board” and “District,” respectively), in the County of Doña Ana and the State of New Mexico, has determined that a regular school district election and a school bond election (“Election”) be held on the 7th day of February 2017, pursuant to the School Election Law, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-22-1 through 1-22-19, Bond Election Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 6-15-23 through 6-15-28, and the Public School Code NMSA 1978, §§ 22-18-1 through 22-18-8;

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board has determined upon its own initiative to submit to vote at the Election, the question of the issuance of its general obligation bonds in the maximum amount and for the purpose hereinafter specified, as permitted by NMSA 1978, § 22-18-2, and the Bond Election Act; and

WHEREAS, neither the bond question herein submitted, nor any other school bond question has been defeated by the voters of the District at a school bond election held within a period of two years prior to the date of the Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE HATCH VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11, CONSTITUTING THE GOVERNING BODY OF SAID DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA AND THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. On the 7th day of February, 2017, there will be held in the Hatch Valley Public School District No. 11, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, a regular school district election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified, registered electors of the District the names of the candidates for the two (2) positions to be filled on the Board, and a school bond election for the purpose of submitting to the registered qualified electors of the District the question of creating a debt by the issuing of general obligation bonds.

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

Position 1: for a four year term commencing on March 1, 2017.
 Position 4: for a four year term commencing on March 1, 2017.

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

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

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

Section 6. At the Election, the following question shall be submitted to such qualified, registered electors of the District:

GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BOND QUESTION

Shall the Board of Education of the Hatch Valley Public School District No. 11, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the District, in one series or more, in the aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$2,500,000, for the purpose of: erecting, remodeling, making additions to and furnishing school buildings; purchasing or improving school grounds; purchasing computer software and hardware for student use in public schools; providing matching funds for capital outlay projects funded pursuant to the Public School Capital Outlay Act; or any combination of these purposes, said bonds to be payable from general (ad valorem)

taxes and to be issued and sold at such time or times upon such terms and conditions as the Board may determine?

Section 7. The taxes contemplated by the general obligation school bond question shall be in addition to any tax imposed to pay debt service on any outstanding bonds or for any other purpose. Such taxes shall be authorized pursuant to the Bond Election Act.

Section 8. A person is a qualified elector of the District if on the day of the Election he or she is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the District. In order to vote, qualified electors of the District must have previously registered with the Doña Ana County Clerk or any voter registration agent, in accordance with law. Any qualified elector of the District who is not now registered and who wishes to vote at the Election should register prior to 5:00 p.m. on January 10, 2017, being the twenty-eighth (28th) day immediately preceding the Election, during regular business hours and days of business, at the office of the Doña Ana County Clerk at the Doña Ana County Government Center, in Las Cruces, New Mexico, or by any voter registration agent at a designated agency, as provided in NMSA 1978, §§ 1-4-48 and 1-4-49.

Section 9. The polls for the Election will be open between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

Section 10. The Voting Districts for the Election shall be as follows:

ELECTION PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE
Garfield/East Salem	Garfield Elementary School Highway 187 Garfield, NM
North Hatch, Rincon	Doña Ana Community College Hatch Learning Center 219 E. Hill Street Hatch, NM
West Salem, West Hatch	Doña Ana Community College Hatch Learning Center 219 E. Hill Street Hatch, NM
Hatch	Doña Ana Community College Hatch Learning Center 219 E. Hill Street Hatch, NM
Rodey, South Rincon, South Hatch	Doña Ana Community College Hatch Learning Center 219 E. Hill Street Hatch, NM

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 1-22-6(B), in the event that only one candidate has filed a declaration of candidacy for each position to be filled at the Election, no declared write-ins have filed for any position and there are no questions or bond issues on the ballot, the Doña Ana County Clerk shall perform the duties of the precinct board and no other precinct board shall be appointed. Voting on the day of the Election shall be by paper ballot as provided in § 1-22-10(G).

Absentee voting will be as described in Section 10 herein.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of October, 2016.

President, Board of Education
 Attest:
 Secretary, Board of Education

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JM1TA2211Y1600611;
NEW MEXICO LICENSE
PLATE NO. 226TMS,
Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Respondents
**Roman Vasquez and
Brian Vasquez:**

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2000 Mazda, B l a c k ; V I N : JM1TA2211Y1600611; New Mexico License Plate No. 226TMS.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

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

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL ARRIETA, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 3rd day of November, 2016.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

By: Wendy Cousler
DEPUTY - Wendy Cousler

Dates: 12/09, 12/16, 12/23,
2016

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

No. CV-2016-02013
Judge Beyer

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

vs.

TINA M. ACEVES, 1992
HONDA ACCORD,
TEAL; VIN:
1HGCB7159NA016338;

NEW MEXICO LICENSE
PLATE NO. NJL905,
Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Respondent
Tina M. Aceves:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1992 HONDA ACCORD, TEAL; VIN: 1HGCB7159NA016338; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. NJL905.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: /s/ Robert A. Cabello
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Assistant City Attorney
PO Box 20000
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Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Beyer, Marci, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 1st day of December, 2016.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

By: Joe M. Martinez
Deputy - Joe M Martinez

Dates: 12/16, 12/23, 12/30,
2016

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2016-01733

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

**THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF JOHN P. DOLAN, DECEASED,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, or Lega-

tees of John P. Dolan, deceased,

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 200 Princeton Dr, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING PART OF LOTS 13 AND 14, ALAMEDA TERRACE, FILED JANUARY 26, 1955, IN PLAT BOOK 7 PAGE 59, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD FOUND ON THE NORTH LINE OF HARVARD DRIVE FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, WHENCE THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 13, AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 14, OF THE MENTIONED ALAMEDA TERRACE, BEARS SOUTH 78°50'00" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 19.91 FEET;

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF HARVARD DRIVE, SOUTH 78°50'00" WEST, 32.91 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND ON A POINT ON A CURVE;

THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF HARVARD DRIVE AND ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1246.91 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 2°29'45" WITH AN ARC LENGTH OF 54.32 FEET AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS SOUTH 80°04'53" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 54.31 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE;

THENCE AROUND THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 15.00 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 82°56'24" WITH AN ARC LENGTH OF 21.71 FEET AND WHOSE LONG CHORD

Las Cruces Bulletin

RESOLUCION Y NOTIFICACION PUBLICA DE LA ELECCION REGULAR DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR

CONSIDERANDO QUE la junta educativa del distrito escolar número 2 de Las Cruces (a continuación se refieren a tales como "la junta" y "el distrito"), en el condado de Doña Ana y el estado de Nuevo México, ha ordenado que una elección regular del distrito escolar ("elección") tendrá lugar el 7 de febrero, 2017, conforme al NMSA 1978, §§ 1-22-1 a 1-22-19 ("la ley de elecciones escolares"); y

CONSIDERANDO QUE la junta ha decidido que tres (3) puestos en la junta serán elegidos en la elección mediante la presentación de los nombres de los candidatos calificados para ser incluidos en la lista de candidatos ratificados en la boleta a los electores calificados del distrito; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE las personas quienes deseen desempeñar tales puestos en la junta serán obligadas presentar una declaración de candidatura o una declaración de ser un candidato que no figure en la boleta pero por el cual se puede votar escribiendo su nombre, todo conforme con la ley de elecciones escolares.

AHORA, POR ENDE, LA JUNTA EDUCATIVA DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR NUMERO 2 DE LAS CRUCES ORDENA QUE LA SIGUIENTE RESOLUCION Y NOTIFICACION SERA, Y POR LA PRESENTE ES, EMITIDA:

Sección 1. El 7 de febrero 2017, en el distrito escolar número 2 de Las Cruces, condado de Doña Ana, Nuevo México, una elección regular del distrito escolar tendrá lugar con el propósito de presentar a los electores calificados e inscritos del distrito los nombres de los candidatos para los tres (3) puestos vacantes en la junta.

Sección 2. En la elección los electores calificados e inscritos del distrito elegirán a personas para ocupar los siguientes puestos en la junta:

La posición 1: un término de cuatro años que empieza el 1 de marzo 2017

La posición 2: un término de cuatro años que empieza el 1 de marzo 2017

La posición 3: un término de cuatro años que empieza el 1 de marzo 2017

Solo electores calificados residiendo en el distrito del miembro de la junta 1 tendrán el derecho de votar para uno de los candidatos a la posición 1. Solo electores calificados residiendo en el distrito del miembro de la junta 2 tendrán el derecho de votar para uno de los candidatos a la posición 2. Solo electores calificados residiendo en el distrito del miembro de la junta 3 tendrán el derecho de votar para uno de los candidatos a la posición 3.

Sección 3. Toda declaración de candidatura a una posición en la junta se deberá de presentar en la oficina de la secretaria del condado de Doña Ana, el funcionario encargado de recibir tales declaraciones durante el plazo que comienza a las 9:00 de la mañana el 20 de diciembre 2016, el tercer martes en diciembre, y que termina a las 5:00 de la tarde en la misma fecha, conforme a NMSA 1978, § 1-22-7.

Sección 4. Al presentar su declaración de candidatura, el candidato a una posición en la junta incluida en la elección debe de someter una declaración de intención bajo juramento utilizando el mismo formato provisto en NMSA 1978, § 1-22-8.

Sección 5. Toda persona que desee ser un candidato que no figure en la boleta pero por el cual se podrá votar escribiendo su nombre deberá de presentar a la secretaria del condado de Doña Ana una declaración de su intención de ser un candidato cuyo nombre tendrá que ser escrito en la boleta antes de las 5:00 de la tarde el 3 de enero 2017, el trigésimo quinto día antes de la fecha de la elección, conforme a NMSA 1978, § 1-22-18(C).

Sección 6. Una persona es un elector calificado del distrito si, en la fecha de la elección, es un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos, tiene por lo menos 18 años de edad, y es residente del distrito. Para poder votar, electores calificados deberían de haberse inscrito con la secretaria del condado de Doña Ana o con un agente de inscripción de electores,

conforme a la ley estatal. Todo elector del distrito quien no esté inscrito y desee votar en la elección deberá de inscribirse antes de las 5:00 de la tarde el 10 de enero 2017, siendo el vigésimo octavo día precedente a la elección, durante las horas regulares de días hábiles, en la oficina de la secretaria del condado de Doña Ana en el centro gubernamental del condado de Doña Ana en Las Cruces, Nuevo México, o mediante un agente de inscripción de electores en una agencia designada, tal como se dispone en NMSA 1978, §§ 1-4-48 y 1-4-49.

Sección 7. Los lugares de votación estarán abiertos el día de la elección entre las 7:00 de la mañana a las 7:00 de la noche.

Sección 8. Los distritos electorales para votación serán:

DISTRITO ELECTORAL	LUGAR DE VOTACION
1	Jornada Elementary 3400 Elks Drive
2	Mayfield High School 1955 N. Valley Drive
3	Thomas Branigan Library 200 E. Picacho
4	Doña Ana County Government Center 845 N. Motel Blvd.
5	Lynn Middle School 950 S. Walnut
6	Tombaugh Elementary School 226 Carver Road
7	Las Alturas Fire Station 4145 Cholla Road
8	Hillrise Elementary School 1400 South Curnutt
9	University Hills Elementary School 2005 S. Locust Street

Conforme a NMSA 1978, § 1-22-12 (C), si resulta que solo un candidato presenta una declaración de candidatura para cada posición vacante, si no se ha presentado ninguna declaración de candidatura por un candidato cuyo nombre tendrá que ser escrito en la boleta, y si la boleta no incluye ninguna cuestión ni bono escolar, entonces la secretaria del condado desempeñará los deberes de la junta del distrito electoral y no se nombrará otra junta del distrito electoral. En la fecha de la elección la votación será por boleta de papel si es permitido por el NMSA 1978, § 1-22-10 (G).

La votación en ausencia se realizará de la forma descrita en la sección 10 a continuación.

Sección 9. La votación en la fecha de la elección será de acuerdo con un sistema de votación definido en NMSA 1978, § 1-9-1 (B). Se deberá de utilizar por lo menos un sistema de votación en el lugar de votación para cada distrito electoral.

Sección 10. Conforme a la ley de votantes ausentes, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-1 a 1-6-18, la ley de distritos electorales para votación en ausencia, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-19 a 1-6-23, y la sección 1-22-19, electores calificados inscritos también pueden votar en ausencia en la oficina de la secretaria del condado de Doña Ana durante las horas y días hábiles a partir de las 8:00 de la mañana el 13 de enero 2017, el vigésimo quinto día antes de la elección, hasta las 5:00 de la tarde el 3 de febrero 2017, el viernes inmediatamente anterior a la elección. La votación en ausencia se realizará mediante boleta de papel, conforme a NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-8 y 1-22-19.

APROBADO Y ADOPTADO el 15th de noviembre 2016.

María A. Flores
Presidenta, Junta Educativa
Distrito Escolar de Las Cruces

Atestiguado:
Barbara Hall
Secretaria de la Junta Educativa
Distrito Escolar de Las Cruces

BEARS NORTH 57°13'33" WEST, 19.87 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST SIDE OF PRINCETON DRIVE;

THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF PRINCETON DRIVE, NORTH 15°35'00" WEST, 103.65 FEET TO A CHISELED CROSS FOUND FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT, WHENCE THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 14, OF SAID ALAMEDA TERRACE BEARS NORTH 15°35'00" WEST, 5.09 FEET;

THENCE LEAVING PRINCETON DRIVE, NORTH 73°24'00" EAST, 109.98 FEET TO A SHINER SET FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE SOUTH 11°10'14" EAST, 128.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
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RILEY, P.S.

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Dates: 12/09, 12/16, 12/23,
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STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

No. CV-2016-02254
Judge: Martin

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

vs.

RACHEL L. ZAMORA, MARTIN ZAMORA, AND 2007 FORD FUSION, BLACK; VIN: 3FAHP06Z47R186145; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. 497SHK,
Respondents

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Respondent
Rachel L. Zamora:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2007 Ford Fusion, Black; VIN: 3FAHP06Z47R186145; New Mexico License Plate No. 497SHK.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
CITY OF LAS CRUCES

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

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 9th day of December, 2016.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
COURT EXECUTIVE
OFFICER

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

Dates: 12/16, 12/23, 12/30,
2016

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
DOÑA ANA COUNTY
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB-2016-00118
HON MARTIN, JAMES T.

IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE
OF SUE ROBERT,
DECEASED.

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

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

personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the District Court of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 201 W. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Dated: December 02, 2016.

Lorraine Sue
2084 Wagon Mound Trail
Las Cruces, NM 88012
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SUBMITTED:

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of Sue Robert, deceased.

Dates: 12/09, 12/16, 12/23,
2016

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

No.: D-307-CV-2016-01823

WELLS FARGO BANK,
N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

ORVILLE E. PRIESTLEY JR.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ORVILLE E. PRIESTLEY JR.; JOSEPH SHORE PRIESTLEY, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF JOSEPH SHORE PRIESTLEY, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF JOSEPH SHORE PRIESTLEY, DECEASED:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 426 N. Miranda, Las Cruces, NM 88005. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is

RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF REGULAR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Las Cruces School District No. 2 ("Board" and "District," respectively), in the County of Doña Ana and the State of New Mexico, has determined that a Regular School District Election ("Election") shall be held on February 7, 2017, pursuant to NMSA 1978, §§ 1-22-1 through 1-22-19 ("School Election Law"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that three (3) positions on the Board are to be filled at the Election by submitting to the qualified electors of the District the names of the candidates qualified to appear on the ballot for election to such positions; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LAS CRUCES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION BE, AND HEREBY IS, ISSUED:

Section 1. On the 7th day of February 2017, there will be held in the Las Cruces School District No. 2, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, a regular school district election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified, registered electors of the District the names of the candidates for the three (3) positions to be filled on the Board.

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

Position 1: for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2017
Position 2: for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2017
Position 3: for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2017

Only those qualified electors residing in Board Member District 1 shall be eligible to vote for one of the candidates for Position 1. Only those qualified electors residing in Board Member District 2 shall be eligible to vote for one of the candidates for Position 2. Only those qualified electors residing in Board Member District 3 shall be eligible to vote for one of the candidates for Position 3.

Section 3. A declaration of candidacy to fill a Board position at the Election shall be filed with the Doña Ana County Clerk, the proper filing officer, during the period commencing at 9:00 a.m. on December 20, 2016, the third Tuesday in December, and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the same day, pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 1-22-7.

Section 4. In making a declaration of candidacy, the candidate for a position on the Board to be filled at the Election shall submit a sworn statement of intent in substantially the same form as provided in NMSA 1978, § 1-22-8.

Section 5. A person who desires to be a write-in candidate for a Board position to be filled at the Election shall file with the Doña Ana County Clerk, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate before 5:00 p.m. on January 3, 2017, the thirty-fifth (35th) day preceding the date of the Election, pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 1-22-18(C).

Section 6. A person is a qualified elector of the District if on the day of the Election he or she is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the District. In order to vote, qualified electors of the District must have previously registered with the Doña Ana County Clerk or any voter

registration agent, in accordance with state law. Any qualified elector of the District who is not now registered and who wishes to vote at the Election should register prior to 5:00 p.m. on January 10, 2017, being the twenty-eighth (28th) day immediately preceding the Election, during regular business hours and days of business, at the office of the Doña Ana County Clerk at the Doña Ana County Government Center in Las Cruces, New Mexico, or by any voter registration agent at a designated agency, as provided in NMSA 1978, §§ 1-4-48 and 1-4-49.

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

Section 8. The voting districts for the Election shall be as follows:

VOTING LOCATION	POLLING PLACE
1	Jornada Elementary 3400 Elks Drive
2	Mayfield High School 1955 N. Valley Drive
3	Thomas Branigan Library 200 E. Picacho
4	Doña Ana County Government Center 845 N. Motel Blvd.
5	Lynn Middle School 950 S. Walnut
6	Tombaugh Elementary School 226 Carver Road
7	Las Alturas Fire Station 4145 Cholla Road
8	Hillrise Elementary School 1400 South Curnutt
9	University Hills Elementary School 2005 S. Locust Street

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 1-22-12 (C), in the event that only one candidate has filed a declaration of candidacy for each position to be filled at the Election, no declared write-ins have filed for any position and there are no questions or bond issues on the ballot, the county clerk shall perform the duties of the precinct board and no other precinct board shall be appointed. Voting on the day of the Election shall be by paper ballot if allowed by NMSA 1978, § 1-22-10(G).

Absentee voting will be as described in Section 10 herein.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of November, 2016.
Maria A. Flores
President, Board of Education
Las Cruces School District

Attest:
Barbara Hall
Secretary, Board of Education
Las Cruces School District

LEGAL NOTICES

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legally described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING THE SOUTH 67 FEET OF LOT 13-18, BLOCK 9, NEW MEXICO TOWN COMPANY ADDITION, FILED SEPTEMBER 9, 1887, IN BOOK 2, PAGE 9, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS AND THE WEST 8 FEET OF A VACATED 16 FOOT WIDE ALLEY AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIPE FOUND ON THE NORTH LINE OF A 16 FOOT WIDE ALLEY AND THE EAST LINE OF MIRANDA STREET, BEING IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 18, BLOCK 9, NEW MEXICO TOWN COMPANY ADDITION, FILED SEPTEMBER 9, 1887, IN BOOK 2, PAGE 9, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND ALONG THE EAST LINE OF MIRANDA STREET N.23°38' 00"W., 67.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE FOUND FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE LEAVING THE EAST LINE OF MIRANDA STREET, N.66°22'00"E., 158.00 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET ON THE CENTERLINE OF A VACATED 16 FOOT WIDE ALLEY FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID VACATED 16 FOOT WIDE ALLEY, S.23°38'00"E., 67.00 FEET TO A POINT FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF A 16 FOOT WIDE ALLEY, S.66°22'00"W., 158.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.243 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD. INFORMATION IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS DESCRIPTION DERIVES FROM WARRANTY DEED FILED APRIL 4, 1999, IN CLERKS BOOK 174, PAGE 1046, AND RESOLUTION NO. 95-152, STATEMENT OF VACATION, DOÑA ANA COUN-

TY RECORD. FIELD NOTES BY MOY SURVEYING INC., LICENSE #5939.

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

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Dates: 12/02, 12/09, 12/16, 2016

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-00957

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

BEATRICE SMITH; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BEATRICE SMITH; OCCUPANTS OF 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 3815 Laminite Court, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 64, Block 24, LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PHASE VI-C SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of The County Clerk of said County on December 19, 2002, in Book 20 Pages 204-206 of Plat Records.

The sale is to begin at

12:15pm on January 12, 2017, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on October 21, 2016, in the total amount of \$187,363.54, with interest at the rate of 3.75% per annum from August 25, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

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

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

By: Robert A. Doyle,
Special Master

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2013-02433

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

KRISTINE D. HANSEN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KRISTINE D. HANSEN IF ANY; CITIBANK FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4130 Campana Court, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 7, BLOCK A, TWILIGHT CAMPANA ESTATES, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 30, 2004, IN BOOK 20 PAGE(S) 775-776 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15pm on January 12, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on November 1, 2016, in the total amount

of \$231,474.93, with interest at the rate of 6.375% per annum from December 29, 2015 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

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

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-00950

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

LACHLAN S. DEEMER, JENNIFER DEEMER; FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.; 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 659 Sunny Sands Road, Chaparral, NM 88081, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 13, BLOCK 1, DELARA ESTATES NORTH UNIT 1, REPLAT A, 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. 1711 ON DECEMBER 31, 1987 IN BOOK 15 PAGE(S) 127-128 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 PM on January 12, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on October 28, 2016, in the total amount of \$137,019.36, with interest at the rate of 6.750% per annum from December 8, 2015 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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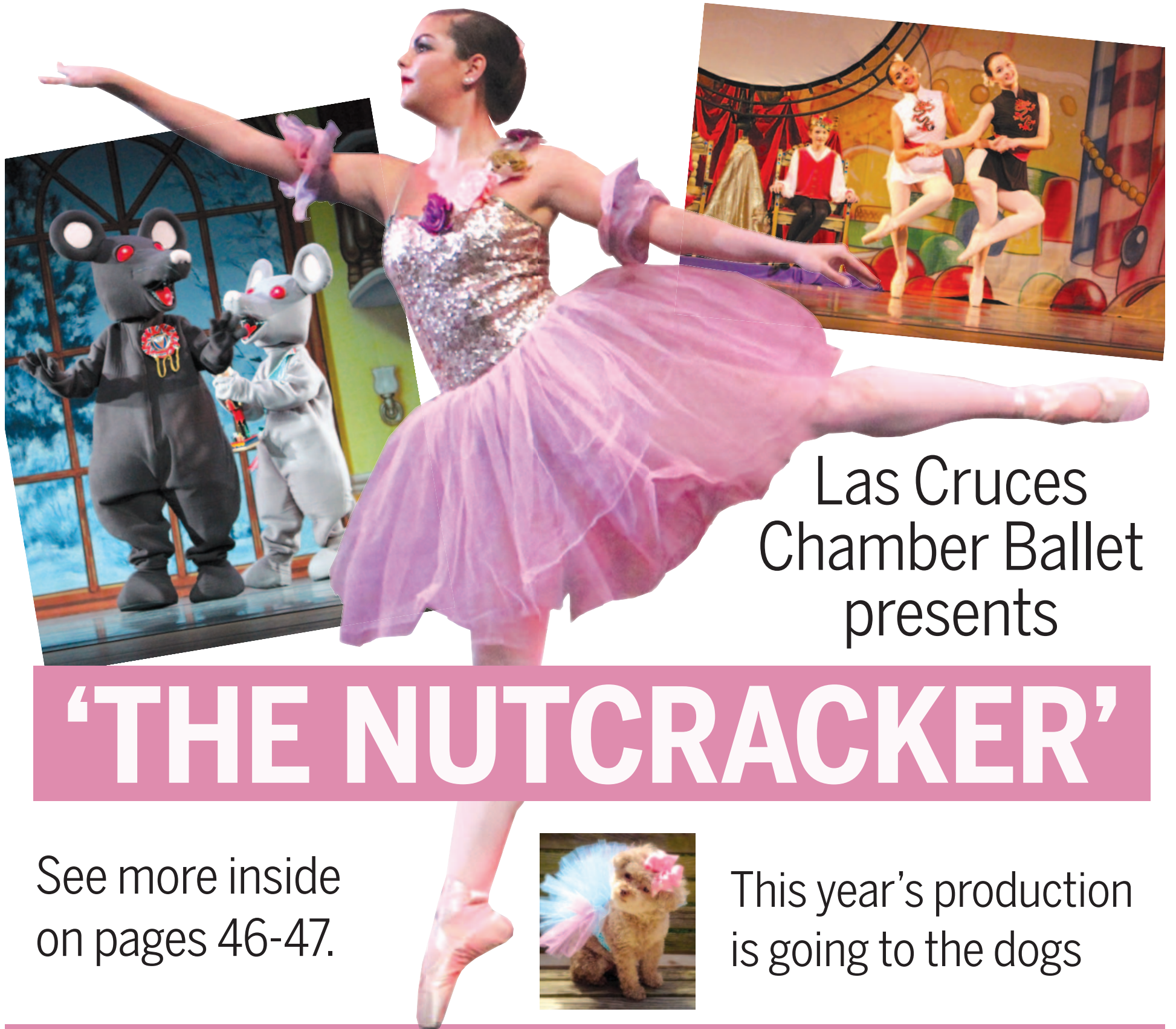
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Chamber ballet's seasonal 'Nutcracker' going to the dogs

By **SUSIE OUDERKIRK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Chamber Ballet's seasonal production of the Nutcracker always showcases the beauty and talent of the city's finest dancers in breathtaking costumes, lighting up a magical stage at the Atkinson Recital Hall on the NMSU campus. But this year, along with the Nutcracker prince, a pack of mice and their king, dolls, candies,

33rd Annual Nutcracker Ballet with special guest

WHO: Las Cruces Chamber Ballet

WHEN: 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16 & 17; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18.

WHERE: Atkinson Music Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe Drive.

TICKETS: \$20 and can be purchased at the Pan Am ticket office and online at ticketmaster.com.

INFO: Michele's Dance Academy; 575-527-1893

soldiers and fairies, a special ingénue will join the dancers on stage.

One lucky dog, who currently lives at Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary, will make a cameo in several scenes of the ballet in an effort to find a loving forever home from an audience member.

Juliana Garcia, who

owns Pet Planet Hotel and Day Camp with her husband, David, was brought on board by Las Cruces Chamber Ballet Artistic Director Kevin Self because the Garcia's daughters are performing in the ballet this year.

"They know we share the passion of pet-loving," Garcia said.

Earlier in the fall, the Las Cruces Chamber Ballet did a fundraiser called Nutcracker for Spay and Neuter Action Program (SNAP) at their studio, said Self. "Contestants dressed as their favorite Nutcracker character — a natural lead-in to our ballet production."

Tricia Quillen, volunteer coordinator for SHAS, was approached by Garcia and asked to locate a suitable dog for the actual Nutcracker performance.

"A medium-to-large-size dog was



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requested so as to not blend into the set and actors," Quillen said. "Our choice was also based on ability to handle a large crowd of people and multiple handlers."

The dog will be managed by Safe

Haven Animal Sanctuary (SHAS) and someone will be backstage with them at all times, said Self.

"I told them that we would accommodate to any dog," said Garcia, "but to keep in mind that they will be show-

cased as part of the show so they have to be comfortable with being "the star of the show," i.e. large crowds."

"Our star is being exposed to a variety of people and crowds," Quillen said, and

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is getting a spa day and potential fitting for a costume.

The dog participated in dress rehearsals on the days before the show, Garcia said.

"Two members of the cast have been assigned specific choreography as to when the dogs are to be introduced on stage," said Self. "They will be interjected several times throughout the 45-minute first act."

According to Garcia, the choreographers and dancers prepared various scenarios, not knowing if the chosen K-9 would be a small, medium or large dog. And, based on whether the dog is comfortable wearing a costume, "Tricia and I have discussed various exciting options. We will at least have a fancy collar and leash for the party scene," she said. "It all depends on whether or not he or she likes to wear clothing and is not distracted by it or uncomfortable in it."

Quillen is keeping the dog's identity a secret for now. The best way to see the newest character in the Las Cruces Chamber Ballet's "Nutcracker" is to buy a ticket and see the show. You won't be disappointed.

Pet Planet will provide a gift certificate for the adopters who give the dog a new home.

"We have many other adoptable dogs waiting to find their forever homes," Quillen said. Hint, hint.

Potential adopters should complete an application at shaspets.com or contact Quillen at 408-529-1065 for more information.

Las Cruces Chamber Ballet and Michele's Dance Academy

By **SUSIE OUDERKIRK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Chamber Ballet is a product of the iconic company Michele's Dance Academy, which has been supporting and promoting classic ballet and various dance forms in the city since 1983. Owner Kevin Self and his late wife, Michele, have provided serious dance students with opportunities to develop their talents and have professional performance experience, according to the ballet's website.

The company offers training in

classical ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, contemporary and musical theatre for all levels of advancement in a 7,000-square-foot building which includes two studios, wood floors, dressing room facilities, viewing windows and closed circuit television in the lobby area. According to the website, class placement is determined by age, individual potential, technical proficiency, maturity and self-discipline. It has become the longest continuously running semi-professional ballet company in New Mexico and is located at 1195 E. Madrid Ave. Info: 575-527-1893.

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El Paso Pro Musica presents *The Complete Beethoven Trio*

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Friends of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks present *Telluride Mountainfilm*

SAT JANUARY 21 • 7:30 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
The NM Heritage Series continues with Randy Granger & Friends
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SAT JANUARY 28 • 6:30 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
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The band Blue Gramas plays old-time Appalachian fiddle music, bluegrass and country favorites and original songs. They'll perform at 8 p.m., Saturday Dec. 17 at NM Vintage Wines at 2461 Calle de Principal in Mesilla.

EVENTS CALENDAR

NM Vintage Wines offers music

NM Vintage Wines at 2461 Calle de Principal in Mesilla has a full slate of entertainment set for December:

- Friday, Dec. 16, from 8-10 p.m. Christopher Smith-Escarcega, Singer and guitarist
- Saturday, Dec. 17, from 8-10 p.m. Blue Gramas, Old-time Appalachian fiddle music, bluegrass and country favorites and original songs.
- Sunday, Dec. 18, from 3-5 p.m. Chris Baker, Local country performer
- Friday, Dec. 23, from 8-10 p.m. Tom Foster Morris & Friends, Country artist.
- Saturday, Dec. 24, from 8-10 p.m. Luminaria Night Celebration: Danny Graves & the DAMN Union, Singers/songwriters/guitars/strings/and more.
- Friday, Dec. 30, from 7-10 p.m. Coolside Collective, An eclectic jazz collective featuring three musicians

Film screening scheduled

Volunteers with Weaving for Justice will present a film screening

by Janet Darrow titled "A Maya Celebration" at 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16, followed by a talk by Janet Darrow and Christine Eber. Weaving for Justice is a nonprofit organization that works with Maya weavers in Chiapas, Mexico. The organization specifically works with the Maya women's weaving cooperatives in highland Chiapas, Mexico. The goal of the organization is to assist the cooperatives to continue living in their lands in sustainable ways that respects the land, language and traditions. The film features the inauguration of the first meeting house of Tsojol Antzetik (Women United) which is one of the cooperatives. It was built in April 2016 with money raised by "Weaving for Justice."

Admission to the Branigan Cultural Center is free. The museum is located at 501 N. Main St. For additional information, visit the website museums.las-cruces.org or call 575-541.2154.

Art exhibit

The Las Colinas Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announces an art exhibit featuring work by artists of all faiths and backgrounds at the Festival event starting at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 at the LDS Church, 3210 Venus St. All artwork submit-

ted reflects the theme of the show, which is "Our Heavenly Father's Mercy," or will be Christ-centered in some way. For more information, call or text Rick Thurston at 575-636-9619 or email Kimball Hakes at kimball76@hotmail.com.

Art classes offered

The following art classes will take place at My Place Jewell Studio, 132 B Wyatt Drive:

- Beginning Drawing and Painting: Tuesdays 1-3:30 p.m.
- Intermediate and Advanced Drawing and Painting: Thursdays 1-3:30 p.m.

High School Students are welcome in either class. Payments of \$45 are due every four weeks. Students may begin anytime.

In addition, home school art classes offered for students between ages of 7 and 12, who may enroll in classes repeated every Wednesday from noon to 12:50 p.m. Price is \$25 for four classes.

Instructor is Wayne Carl Huber, MFA, is licensed in art education in New Mexico and has 50 years of teaching art nationally. Info: 575-647-5684 or www.waynecarlhuber.com.

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

Three new exhibits open

Three new exhibits have opened at the Branigan Cultural Center at 501 N. Main St.

The new exhibits are: "An Enduring Tradition: 20th Century Navajo Weaving"; "Howard Clinton Tibbitts: Historic Advertising Photography of the Southwest"; "In Service to Country: Military Equipment 1860 to Present".

All will be on display through Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017. Admission is free to the Branigan Cultural Center.

Info: 575-541-2154.

Shopping at Nopalito's Galeria

Fabric crafts in brilliant shades of red, yellow, green and blue and warm tones of pumpkin and purple hang in every tiny room of Nopalito's Galeria at 326 S. Mesquite St.

The gallery has been transformed into La Frontera, a fair trade shop where the work of women artisans from northern Mexico is on display and on sale.

The shop will be open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Christmas.

For those who enjoy the exhilaration of last-minute gift shopping, La Frontera will be open until 3 p.m. Christmas Eve.

Gallery features Tugel, Hendrickson

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre, will feature local artists Arlene J. Tugel and Sylvia Hendrickson.

Tugel likes the pure, glowing color that can be achieved with watercolor, her preferred medium. Hendrickson works with gourds and her technique includes carving and wood burning, using dyes, inks, paints, beads, feathers and leather with a variety of other natural products. She also conducts classes on the subject.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Sunday. For information, call 575-522-2933 or visit the web site at www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

Blue Gate to show Estelle's works

Donnie Estelle's art works are on display at the Blue Gate gallery A

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self-taught artist Estelle's working surfaces usually have textures, often weathered wood.

Also featured at Blue Gate will be paintings by Flo Hosa Dougherty. Both exhibits will continue through December by appointment, 575-523-2950 or bluegateflodoc@aol.com.

Woodcut exhibit

Artist Nancy Frost Begin has an exhibit at Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road. Her exhibit features woodcuts, architectural images, and the "Avian Fashion Show," where she has taken favorite persons in history, art, science, music and made wood cuts with birds. Info: 575-541-0658.

Linda Lundeen Gallery announces new artist

Jeri Desrochers is joining the other artists at the Linda Lundeen Gallery at the Lundeen Inn of the Arts. Desrochers is known for her electric style and using vibrant shades and colorful splashes portraying the chili fields of the Mesilla Valley. The gallery is located at Lundeen Inn of the Arts, 618 S. Alameda Blvd. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 575-526-3326.

University Art Gallery NEA award exhibit to blend art and science

Natural science and contemporary art will be on display when the University Art Gallery at New Mexico State University presents "GEOMAGIC: Art, Science and the Zuhl Collection" through Wednesday, Dec. 21.

"GEOMAGIC" pairs objects from NMSU's Zuhl Collection of more than 1,800 specimens of petrified wood, fossils and minerals with works by ten internationally renowned artists. A student exhibition at the Zuhl Museum, titled "NEOMAGIC," runs concurrently.

Las Cruces Winter Festival is Dec. 21

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The winter solstice is on Wednesday, Dec. 21, this year. That's also the day of the Las Cruces Winter Festival on the downtown plaza.

The event will be held from 5 to 9 p.m.

Project MainStreet and the Food Truck Fiesta are working together on Winter Festival, which will include 13 food trucks and about 30 arts and crafts vendors for last-minute Christmas shopping, said Janet Beatty-Payne. She is a member of Project MainStreet, and, she and her husband, Patrick Payne, own the Green Chile Paddy Wagon.



The event will include holiday carolers, pictures with Santa Claus in exchange for a donated canned good for the needy and a holiday movie on the plaza.

"This will be a fun opportunity to bring your holiday guests, friends and family out for dinner from a huge sampling of the unique food trucks in Las Cruces, as well as time to shop the vendor market we are putting together for holiday gifts in our beautifully decorated new plaza," Beatty-Payne said.

For more information, visit Las Cruces Food Truck Fiesta on Facebook.



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Schutz transformed school district's music program

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

"You're going to be a music teacher someday, John."

That's what John Schutz's mother told him when he was growing up in Nebraska. Today, Schutz, who recently turned 70, is one of the most revered music educators in Las Cruces and the entire state of New Mexico.

"John Schutz continues to leave his mark on the fine arts in our community," Las Cruces Public Schools Chief Communications Officer Jo Galvan said. "Since his early teaching days as a young school band director, John has always been on the soap box encouraging others

to support music, dance, choir, art and theater. And, his energy has been the catalyst for



SCHUTZ

many programs that benefit our youth," she said. He taught band at Lynn Middle School (then Lynn Junior High) and Mayfield High School, and was Las Cruces Public Schools' first visual and performing arts coordinator.

Under Schutz' leadership, with support from the LCPS Board of Education and voter approval of school district bond issues, music buildings were "renovated, remodeled or

Tuba Christmas performs free concert

The Las Cruces Tuba Christmas ensemble will perform a free holiday concert beginning at noon on Saturday, Dec. 17, on the new downtown plaza.

Tuba Christmas is comprised of 30 to 40 tuba and euphonium players from Las Cruces and throughout southern New Mexico, and is directed by John Schutz.

There is no charge to attend the concert, which will last approximately 35 minutes, Schutz said.

rebuilt" at every LCPS middle and high school during a 15-year period.

The Sierra Middle School music building renovation is the last project to be completed, and that happened a few weeks ago. Schutz said he expected to be at the Dec. 10 ribbon cutting.

Before Schutz became part-time arts coordina-

tor for the school district in the early 1990s, elementary school students in grades five and six attended music classes once or twice a week. Before Schutz retired, there was a full-time music teacher for grades kindergarten through fifth at every LCPS elementary school, including White Sands Elementary. And, visual arts teachers were also added.

"Just about all the music teachers in town I was involved in hiring," he said.

Schutz also has led successful efforts to keep arts teaching positions from being eliminated during budget cuts mandated by shrinking state funding.

"You can't invest 40 years of your life in the school district and not care about it," he said. "I keep my ear to the ground.

"As an interested, retired music educator, I have an obligation to offer meaningful creative and academic opportunities through the arts," Schutz said.

Growing up in rural Nebraska, Schutz attended a one-room coun-

try schoolhouse. He took his first piano lessons in second and third grade from the school's traveling music teacher. When he was in fourth grade, Schutz's dad bought him a cornet. He learned to play it during private lessons with the same itinerant music teacher.

Schutz attended junior high in Colorado after his family moved there.

"I knew then that I wanted to be a music teacher," he said.

As a senior in high school, Schutz auditioned on the trumpet for then New Mexico State University Band Director Ray Tross in 1964 and got a full scholarship to NMSU. He was a member of the Aggie Pride Band until 1969, earning a BA in music education and a masters in music.

Schutz began his teaching career in Anthony, New Mexico, working for the Gadsden Independent School District as he completed his MA. He spent 14 years (1972-86) as band director at Lynn and 10 more at Mayfield, including the last several as part-time arts coordinator for the entire school district.

Former LCPS Superintendent Jesse Gonzales convinced Schutz to move to central office and become LCPS' first full-time arts coordinator in 1996. Schutz retired from the position in 2006, but returned to the district as a part-time fine arts consultant in 2008 for four more years before finally retiring.

And he's still keeping busy playing and conducting.

Schutz has played the trumpet in Ray Tillman's High Society Orchestra for more than 20 years. His wife, Diane, plays the piano and sings with the nine-piece orchestra, which has performed in Las Cruces, El Paso and throughout southern New Mexico. "We play wherever the jobs are," Schutz said.

"I still enjoy playing a lot," Schutz said. "That's what got me into the business."

He also is conductor of the New Horizons Band, and is the assistant conductor of the Mesilla Valley Concert Band. Both community bands perform several free concerts each year at NMSU and are comprised of local musicians of all ages and experience levels – including a number of Schutz's former students.

He also directs Tuba Christmas, a 30- to 40-member ensemble of tuba and euphonium players that performs a single concert each year during the holidays.

"It's a good-sounding group," Schutz said.

Schutz served two years as president of the New Mexico Music Educators Association (NMMEA) and was NMMEA educator of the year in 1996, won its emeritus teacher award in 2014 and is a member of the NMMEA hall of fame. He received the Arts in Education award from the Doña Ana Arts Council in 1997.



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Sign up now for NMSU theater auditions

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University theater students and community members are invited to sign up to audition for the productions the NMSU Theatre Arts Department will present during the 2017 spring semester.

Auditions will be held from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21, in the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. Call backs will be held on Sunday, Jan. 22

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sign up for a time slot Jan. 21 to audition at www.nmsutheatre.com/auditions.

Auditioners should prepare a one- to two-minute contemporary monologue (either comic or dramatic) and 16 bars of a song. NMSU Theatre Arts recommends that you audition with a monologue that is age appropriate and one that you “connect with.”

Additional information about and tips for auditioning at NMSU can be

found at www.nmsutheatre.com/auditions.php.

For the musical portion of the audition, prepare either 1) one of the vocal excerpts from “Urinetown:” “Look at the Sky,” “Don’t Be the Bunny,” “It’s a Privilege to Pee” or “Follow Your Heart” (find links to the excerpts at www.nmsutheatre.com/audition/55/spring_2017); or 2) a 16-bar (approximately minute long) excerpt from a song “that is of a similar tone and style for which you must bring sheet music for the pia-

nist,” according to NMSU Theatre Arts.

NMSU theater majors are often given priority in casting, but no roles for any production have been pre-cast for the 2017 spring semester, and roles span all ages, according to the NMSU Theatre Arts Department.

Shows for the 2017 season are: “Truth/Dare,” “Urinetown” and “Broadway Today,” a song and dance fundraiser for the American Southwest Theatre Company (ASTC).

“Truth/Dare” will be

directed by award-winning assistant professor Larissa Lury. The new play was written by Tori Keenan-Zelt and performed at NMSU in April as part of ASTC’s High Desert Play Development program. Keenan-Zelt is co-artistic director at Panglossian Productions, Inc. in Williamsburg, Virginia.

“Urinetown” will be directed by Theatre Arts Department Academic Head Wil Kilroy, with Assistant Director Megan McQueen as musical director. The comic musical was writ-

ten by Mark Hollmann and Greg Kotis. It opened at the New York International Fringe Festival in 2001 before premiering Off-Broadway and then on Broadway, where it won Tony awards for best book and best score.

Auditioners are urged to sign up for a time slot as soon as possible, as they fill up quickly.

For more information, contact NMSU Theatre Arts Department Production Coordinator Mike Wise at 575-646-5418 or mwise@nmsu.edu.

Doña Ana Photography Club announces awards

BULLETIN REPORT

For the third time in four years Lisa Mandelkern has been chosen 2016 Photographer of the Year by the Doña Ana Photography Club. The award is based on the quality and excellence of her photos submitted throughout the year in three quarterly print competitions and the digital Photo of the Year contest.

Mandelkern has been the DAPC’s Program Chair for the last four years and frequently gives illustrated lectures on how to create better photos. One of Lisa’s night sky photographs is currently on the cover of the New Mexico State University’s Library 2017 Calendar.

Her photo titled “A Time Before the Latest” won the DAPC Members’ Choice Award and was created using HDR by combining three photos with different



COURTESY PHOTO

“A Time Before the Latest” by Lisa Mandelkern, won the Members’ Choice Award.

light exposures to capture all of the details.

“This photo was taken in Germany at the Beuren open air museum,” Mandelkern said about the winning image. “There, one can visit about 10 or so historic farmers’ houses from the southwestern region of Germany. The houses come from different counties, and were reassembled stone by stone at the museum site. Each house is slightly different, but most have one

thing in common. This kitchen bears a striking resemblance to a kitchen my family had in the late 1950s. The sink, faucet, dishes, furniture and tablecloth are the standard of the day. My memories are sketchy at best, but they look a lot like this photo: it is summer and the kitchen is filled with mellow light and with wonderful aromas.”

In the November digital Photo of the Year Contest, Ben Tyson took top honors

for his black and white photo “Foggy Forest.” Ben is a former Las Cruces resident now living in California, who participates remotely.

Others taking top honors in the digital Photo of the Year Contest were Wayne Suggs, Lisa Mandelkern, Seth Madell, Diana Powell and Debbie Hands. Also in the blue ribbon category are Jim Rodgers, Michael Chastain, Bob Peticolas, Catherine Lucas, Cathy Day, Tom Devine, Tabitha Rossman and Robert Kitey. More than a hundred photos were evaluated by the judges.

Educational programs are held by the DAPC on the first and third Tuesdays every month at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. as well as photo field trips and beginner Saturday workshops throughout the year. For current activities and more information see

www.daphotoclub.org or Facebook.

For information contact

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Cruces actress travels for movie roles



Rochelle Fetters

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By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces actress Rochelle Fetters, 27, is taking classes in film and media studies and psychology online while waiting for her big break as an actress and model.

The Florida native relocated to Las Cruces with her five-year-old daughter, Callie, about a year ago and supplements her income by working at the Starbucks on Valley Drive as she travels regularly to Albuquerque and Santa Fe for film and television work.

Fetters did background work in “Cowboys and Aliens,” a 2011 feature film shot in Albuquerque, and said it was a “really fun introduction” to movies, especially standing close to Harrison Ford. “There’s nothing that really compares to that,” Fetters said.

In 2013’s “The Lone Ranger,” Fetters said she was “treated well” as she was covered with tattoos and played a prostitute. “The experience alone was really special,” she said.

Fetters is also in the movie “Hostiles,” which filmed in Santa Fe this year and is set for a 2017 release, and remembers actor Christian Bale coming up to talk to her and a group of extras. “He was very nice,” she said, as he asked how they were doing after an entire day and most of the night on the set. “It was very sweet,” Fetters said. “It’s not every day you get to talk to Batman.”

A move to the foreground

Fetters is now looking to move beyond background parts. She has an agent in Albuquerque and has landed a speaking role – the part of Helga, a model, in an upcoming short film called “Red Nail Polish,” Fetters said. The first table reading of the script was Nov. 21 in Albuquerque.

She also played a prison guard in an upcoming movie about Joyce Mitchell, the woman who helped two inmates escape from an upstate New York prison in

2015. “Usually, I’m a damsel in distress or a prostitute,” Fetters said. “It was kind of cool to play a guard.”

“It’s a very exciting time,” she said.

Fetters also has an acting coach – professional actor and acting teacher Michelle Tomlinson, a New Mexico native who moved to Los Angeles 15 years ago. Fetters and Tomlinson hook up once a week online to work on Fetters’ acting technique.

“She’s exactly what I need right now,” Fetters said of Tomlinson. “I need to know what to fix to move forward.”

“Rochelle has so much dedication and passion for learning and moving her career forward that she drove all the way to Albuquerque to take my Fearless Actor Workshop,” Tomlinson said. “After working with her in that capacity, we’ve started private coaching via FaceTime and Skype. Rochelle is truly fearless in her approach to the craft and I’m excited to see where she will go next and am thrilled to be part of her journey.”

Las Cruces film industry

Fetters also regularly attends Film Las Cruces and local Tune Up Tuesdays monthly meetings.

Film Las Cruces is a nonprofit that has a three-year agreement with the City of Las Cruces to bring film and television production to southern New Mexico. Tune Up Tuesdays are regular monthly meetings held in Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Las Cruces to discuss the state’s film industry, hear guest speakers and network.

“I am extremely excited for the growth of film in Las Cruces,” Fetters said. “The soundstage will bring a multitude of film jobs to Las Cruces. Personally, I would love to be able to work from Las Cruces instead of travel up to Albuquerque and Santa Fe constantly.”

Although Callie doesn’t like

how often Fetters is gone to work on movies up north, she did enjoy working with her mom on a recent movie. They appeared together as mother and daughter in the sequel to the 2015 film “Sicario.”

Callie’s dad and Fetters’ ex-husband, Danny Edmo, is a movie stuntman who lives in Montana but works regularly in northern New Mexico. So, “both her mom and dad are in the movies,” Fetters said. “She thinks it’s really cool.”

Doing background work and playing small parts has been very rewarding so far, she said. “It’s not about the money for me. I get to be on set. I want to watch movies getting made. That’s what I love.”

Behind the camera

Eventually, Fetters would like to write and direct her own films. She’s currently writing a musical about a young man who moves to Los Angeles to start a band and becomes addicted to heroin. She said the finished product will feature all Red Hot Chile Peppers songs.

Fetters said she did a lot of musical theater in high school, but became a pre-med student in college because it was more practical. She dropped out of med school and found herself working 70 hours a week managing several bakeries in Seattle as a single mom trying to make ends meet.

“It wasn’t what I was supposed to be doing,” she said. So, she quit the bakery job and moved to Las Cruces where her mother and step-father already lived so she could “do what I want.”

Fetters is also building her portfolio as a model. At just under six feet tall, she already has “a leg up, literally,” she said. “It’s really fun. I really like runway a lot,” Fetters said. “There’s a performance quality to it.”

“Right now, I’m just working as hard as I can to cover all my bases so when my opportunity comes along, I’ll shine,” she said.

'Coming Through the Rye'

By **JEFF BERG**

For the Bulletin

"Coming Through the Rye" is based on the true story of the attempt by director James Sadwith to contact author J.D. Salinger in the late '60s, while Sadwith attended school. The film is a friendly and spirited and mild drama with a bit of romance on the side that benefits greatly from Sadwith's directing and writing.

Sadwith's previous works are mostly in television and he won an Emmy for his directing work in the mini-series, "Sinatra" in 1993.

The film also benefits from the low key but appealing performances from the two leads, Alex Wolff (Jamie) and Stephania LaVie Owen (Deedee).

The film is at once a road movie blended with a tribute of sorts to one of the greatest books ever written, "Catcher in the Rye." Jamie, who envisions himself as a Holden Caulfield, the hero of the book, has had not a friendly time at Crampton Prep and soon he decides it is time to do something different.

Jamie has written a play based on the book and wants Salinger's approval of same before presenting it. Deedee, a true friend, accompanies him, thus adding the romance angle.

Salinger was especially protective of his copyrights and always against a movie being made from "The Catcher in the Rye," and as it



Alex Wolff and Stephania LaVie Owen star in the movie "Coming Through the Rye," based on director James Sadwith's real-life attempt to contact author J.D. Salinger in the late '60s.

COURTESY PHOTOS

GRADE: A

The Fountain Theatre at 2469 Calle De Guadalupe, Mesilla, will show the film "Coming Through the Rye" for a week to play 7:30 p.m. daily, with a 1:30 p.m., Saturday matinee and a 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee, starting Friday, Dec. 16.

turns out, he is certainly not going to change this for a disgruntled prep school student.

When Sadwith has Jamie speaking to the camera in Caulfield-ish monologues, we learn that he is just a kid from Jersey whose older brother inspired his adventures, including those with the fairer sex. But at Crampton, he finds an outsider at a school that is all male, cliquish and somewhat hostile. It

doesn't help when Jamie tells a faculty member about his concerns about his closest friend's drug usage

Jamie becomes so unpopular that when he plays Mercutio in a school production of "Romeo and Juliet," his schoolmates applaud his demise. This show is also where Jamie and Deedee meet.

At first Jamie attempts to contact Salinger through his agent and publisher, with expected results. And the last straw for him at school is when some classmates attack him late one night with firecrackers and an attempted assault. Deedee offers her services as a driver in her wonderful Rambler American and off they go to New Hampshire.

The romance blooms along the way, but it stays tentative and interesting especially since there is a nice chemistry between

Owen and Wolff.

Upon arrival in the town where Salinger may or may not live, they come across a lot of protective and distant locals who claim no knowledge of who Salinger is or where he may live. But some kids spill the beans, with their somewhat frazzled mother providing the missing pieces for directions to the reclusive (and strange) author's home.

Although actor Chris Cooper is not a Salinger lookalike, he does a terrific job in the small role – at once annoyed and ticked off, while showing a spark of interest in what Jamie is doing, although refusing permission, noting (director) "Elia Kazan offered me a million dollars for "The Catcher in the Rye," he tells Jamie.

If I didn't give it to him, why would I give it to you? To that, Jamie offers that his play "was writ-



Chris Cooper portrays famously reclusive author J.D. Salinger in the movie "Coming Through the Rye."

ten with a pure heart and because 99 percent of its dialogue came from Salinger, it renders the book exactly."

Salinger responds "that the book is meant to play in the theater of every reader's mind, and thus any stage or film version would inevitably involve an interpretation that would dilute and distort the reader's relationship to the original." This is a grand retort and Jamie is stuck for an answer.

Jamie and Deedee return to Salinger's home sometime later, which leads to an interesting if not unexpected conclusion to this interesting and handsome picture.

It is probably a good thing that Salinger didn't allow his work to become films, since there would probably be a dozen versions, high and low budget, and few worth seeing. "Coming Through the Rye" doesn't try to be "Catcher in the Rye" and that is a good thing.



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AT THE MOVIES Your guide to the latest films

Coming to DVD on Dec. 20

Sully

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama, history
Directors: Clint Eastwood

The Magnificent Seven

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Action, Western
Director: Antoine Fuqua

Storks

Rated: PG
Genre: Comedy, animation
Director: Doug Sweetland, Nicholas Stoller

The Disappointments Room

Rated: R
Genre: Thriller, drama
Director: D.J. Caruso

Top grossing Dec. 29-11

- 1. Moana**
(Week No. 3) \$18,533,804
- 2. Office Christmas Party**
(Week No. 1) \$16,809,204
- 3. Fantastic Beasts**
(Week No. 4) \$10,421,251
- 4. Arrival**
(Week No. 3) \$5,587,109
- 5. Dr. Strange**
(Week No. 6) \$4,535,827
- 6. Allied**
(Week 3) \$3,955,705
- 7. Nocturnal Animals**
(Week No. 4) \$3,161,381
- 8. Manchester by the Sea**
(Week No. 4) \$3,131,588
- 9. Trolls**
(Week 6) \$3,020,165
- 10. Hacksaw Ridge**
(Week No. 6) \$2,288,401

Now playing From rottentomatoes.com. Reel based on a 5-point scale.

Almost Christmas



Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A dysfunctional family gathers together for their first Christmas since their mom died.
Starring: Kimberly Elise, Omar Epps, Danny Glover

Trolls



Rated: PG
Plot Overview: After the Bergens invade Troll Village, Poppy, the happiest Troll ever born, and the curmudgeonly Branch set off on a journey to rescue her friends.
Starring: Anna Kendrick, Justin Timberlake, Zoey Deschanel

Fantastic Beasts



Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The adventures of writer Newt Scamander in New York's secret community of witches and wizards seventy years before Harry Potter reads his book.
Starring: Eddie Redmayne, Katherine Waterston, Alison Sudol

Allied



Rated: R
Plot Overview: In 1942, an intelligence officer in North Africa encounters a female French Resistance fighter on a deadly mission. When they reunite in London, their relationship is tested by the pressures of war.
Starring: Brad Pitt, Vincent Ebrahim

Manchester by the Sea



Rated: R
Plot Overview: An uncle is forced to take care of his teenage nephew after the boy's father dies.
Starring: Casey Affleck, Michelle Williams, Kyle Chandler

Moana



Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A young woman uses her navigational talents to set sail for a fabled island. Joining her on the adventure is her hero, the legendary demi-god Maui.
Starring: Auli'i Cravalho, Dwayne Johnson, Rachel House

Hacksaw Ridge



Rated: R
Plot Overview: WWII American Army Medic Desmond T. Doss becomes the first man in American history to win the Medal of Honor without firing a shot.
Starring: Andrew Garfield, Sam Worthington, Luke Bracey

Doctor Strange



Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A former neurosurgeon embarks on a journey of healing only to be drawn into the world of the mystic arts.
Starring: Benedict Cumberbatch, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Rachel McAdams

Miss Sloane



Rated: R
Plot Overview: In the world of political power-brokers, Sloane takes on the most powerful opponent of her career and will do whatever is required to win.
Starring: Jessica Chastain, Mark Strong, Gugu Mbatha-Raw

Office Christmas Party



Rated: R
Plot Overview: When his uptight CEO sister threatens to shut down his branch, the branch manager throws an epic Christmas party in order to land a big client and save the day, but the party gets way out of hand.
Starring: Jason Bateman, Olivia Munn, T.J. Miller

Nocturnal Animals



Rated: R
Plot Overview: An art gallery owner is haunted by her ex-husband's novel, a violent thriller she interprets as a veiled threat and a symbolic revenge tale.
Starring: Amy Adams, Jake Gyllenhaal, Michael Shannon

Rogue One



Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The Rebellion makes a risky move to steal the plans for the Death Star, setting up the epic saga to follow.
Starring: Felicity Jones, Diego Luna, Alan Tudyk

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DACHS issues challenge to get shelter animals 'A Home for the Holidays'

By KATHY LAWITZ

For the Bulletin

All pets deserve to have a home to call their own for the holidays, and for those who wish to give a pet a home, it's easy and best of all, free the weekend before Christmas. Anybody who adopts a pet from the Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley, 3551 Bataan Memorial West, or from an off-site adoption location on Dec. 17 and 18 will have their adoption fee covered courtesy of the Doña Ana County Humane Society (DACHS), which is raising money for this event. Currently \$2,500 is available to help cover adoption fees.

The idea is to raise money to help get animals out of cages and into homes in time for Christmas. We challenge business owners and anybody who loves animals to donate to this cause. I can't think of a greater gift to give a homeless animal.

"I think it's outstanding that members of the DACHS board realize the importance of adoptions and getting animals in homes with love rather than

sitting in a cage or a kennel," said ASCMV Executive Director Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock. "We at the ASCMV greatly appreciate the effort, and hope many animals get into homes for the holidays."

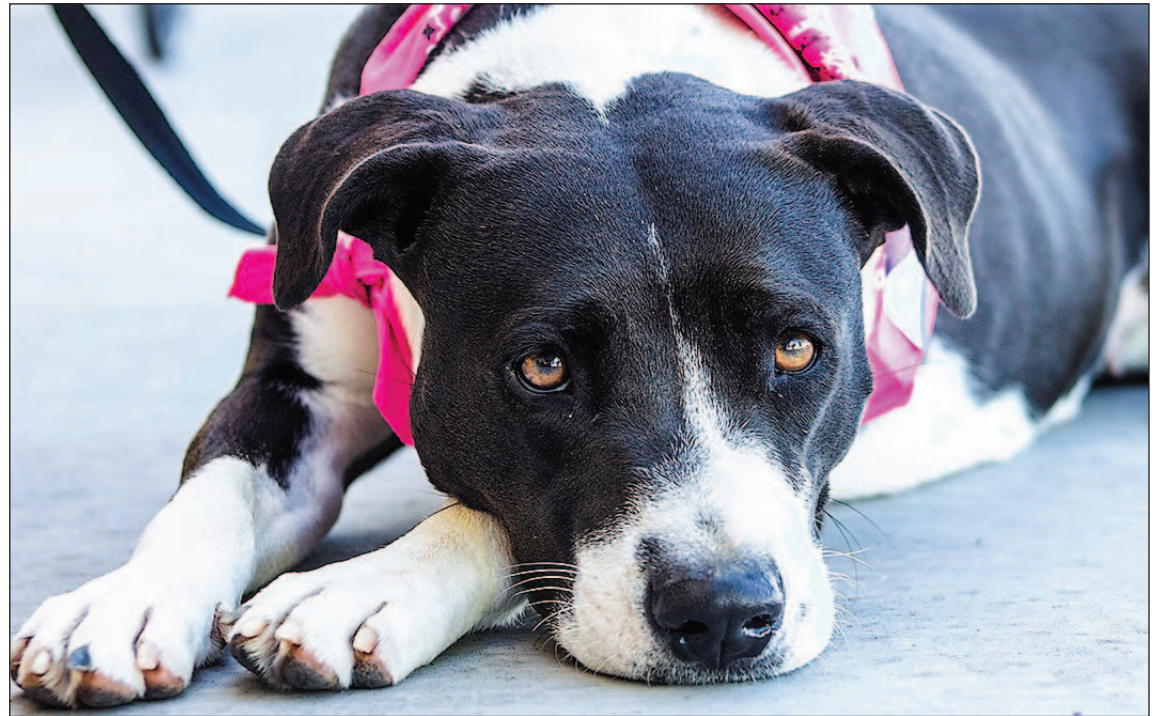
Off-site adoptions will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Farmer's Market in downtown Las Cruces. Dogs available for adoption will be located at the north end of the mall. Cats can be adopted from the offices of the Center for Spiritual Living at the north end of the mall, across from the site where the dog adoptions take place.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, adoptions also will be facilitated at PetCo, 3050 E. Lohman Ave.

The ASCMV is open both Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

Adoption fees are normally \$75 for dogs/puppies and \$50 for cats/kittens. The fee includes the first set of vaccinations, spay/neuter and microchip.

To donate to the "A Home for the Holidays" fund via Paypal,



BULLETIN PHOTO BY TABITHA ROSSMAN

Loving shelter dogs are in need of homes year 'round, but adoption is especially meaningful at holiday time, when families come together to celebrate. The Doña Ana County Humane Society is offering free adoptions during the weekend before Christmas.

go to www.dachslc.org and click the "donate" button. It will take you a form, and in the comment field please write "A Home for the Holidays." You

will then be redirected to the DACHS PayPal site.

To donate via check, please make out check to DACHS and write "A Home for the Holi-

days" in the memo field and mail to DACHS at P.O. Box 1176, Las Cruces NM 88004.

For more information, call 575-647-4808.

ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER OF THE MESILLA VALLEY PET OF THE WEEK

LAUPER

Are you looking for a playful pup to take out to the park? Meet Lauper. He loves playing tug-of-war, fetch and any other game you can think of. He's been living at the ASCMV for 10 months waiting for his new best friend to come in. He gets along great with other dogs, so if you have some in your family, bring them with you to meet him today.

Hours of operation are noon to 6 p.m., Monday thru Friday; noon to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Call: 575-382-0018.



Low-cost dog, cat vaccination clinic Dec. 17

ACTion Programs for Animals (APA) is holding a low-cost dog and cat vaccination clinic from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 17 at the Mesilla Valley Pet Resort, 2500 W. Amador Ave. All vaccines will be \$15; choose between rabies, dog combo (DAPP); and cat combo (FVRCP) vaccines.

APA also will provide microchips for \$15. Forms of payment accepted are cash, checks and credit card. Info: 575-644-0505 or visit www.actionprogramsforanimals.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/APALasCruces and www.facebook.com/DonaAnaPetsAlive.

PUZZLES

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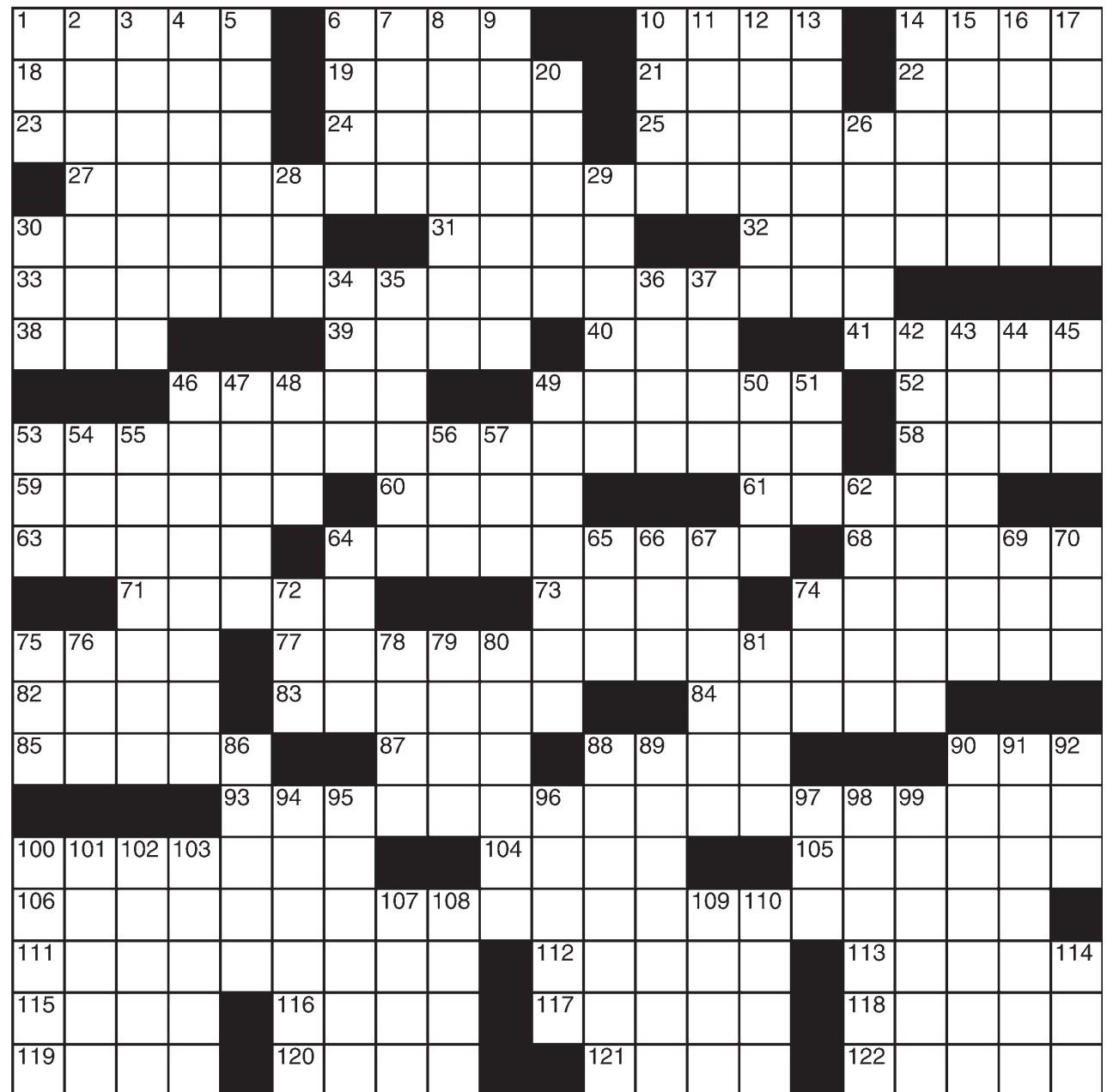
ACROSS

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 6 "I'm just sayin'," in a text
 10 Letters after chis
 14 Apple variety
 18 — de Mayo
 19 Indian melodies
 21 "Don't say it!"
 22 Famed flood figure
 23 Challenges
 24 School, in France
 25 Card game for one
 27 Start of a riddle
 30 Popular Eli Lilly brand
 31 Sacred vow
 32 Tidies
 33 Riddle, part 2
 38 Fit — bill
 39 Sodium hydroxide, chemically
 40 Lean- — (shacks)
 41 Octet count
 46 "You Got It" singer Bonnie
 49 Ghostly spirit
 52 Trivial lies
 53 Riddle, part 3
 58 Cozy spot
 59 Publishes
 60 Morales of Hollywood
 61 Citrate, e.g.
 63 Burrito topper
 64 Riddle, part 4
 68 Like a king
 71 Pupa-to-be
 73 Microwave, informally
 74 Islamic holy city
 75 Turn liquid
 77 Riddle, part 5
 82 "— Lama Ding Dong" (1961 hit)
 83 Like a scornful villain's face
 84 "Fuer —" (piano classic)
 85 Annual sports awards
 87 TV actress Arthur
 88 Roosevelt's terrier
 90 — West (life jacket)
 93 End of the riddle
 100 Devotee
 104 Tombstone lawman
 105 Theater area
 106 Riddle's answer

111 Sent by plane, as a letter
 112 Ghostly
 113 Pop singer Lopez
 115 Word after a noun, often
 116 Snow glider
 117 "Fear Street" author R.L. —
 118 Perfect spots
 119 Big ice cream brand
 120 Old fast jets, for short
 121 Finger sound
 122 TV "explorer" and others

DOWN

1 Have a role on stage
 2 Depend upon, as a decision
 3 Physically fit
 4 "Blind Willie —" (Bob Dylan song)
 5 Partner of Herzegovina
 6 At no charge
 7 1993 siege site in Texas
 8 1952 Walt Kelly comic strip collection
 9 "The Misfits" actor Eli
 10 Swank
 11 "Flee, fly!"
 12 Off the coast
 13 Evening do
 14 Out of place
 15 Silk pattern
 16 RBI king Hank
 17 The mating game?
 20 Catches sight of, biblically
 26 Josh
 28 —Ops (CIA mind games)
 29 "— ya up to?"
 30 Curious pet
 34 See 70-Down
 35 "Taboo" cable chan.
 36 Copy a tiger
 37 "Keep dreaming!"
 42 Assuming it's necessary
 43 Fashion's Armani
 44 "Veep" cable channel
 45 "Tut" relative
 46 Flees
 47 Perfume from flower petals
 48 "— my fault"
 49 Singer Houston
 50 Stocking tips
 51 168 in a wk.



53 Car navig. aid
 54 Man-mouse link
 55 Old indoor light source
 56 "Go back" PC key
 57 "... we'll — a cup o' kindness ...": Burns
 62 Deuce beaters
 64 Lyricist Sammy
 65 Neighbor of Switz.
 66 34th prez
 67 Lowest tier of a parking

garage, perhaps
 69 "Further ..."
 70 With 34-Down, chew out
 72 Beetles, e.g., briefly
 74 CAT scan relative
 75 Three, in Milan
 76 — -been
 78 "Judge not, lest — judged"
 79 Roe, e.g.
 80 Spouts forth
 81 Biblical kingdom

86 "Yes and no"
 88 Mink cousins
 89 Pain-relief pill
 90 More clouded
 91 Insect feeler
 92 Conceit
 94 Careless
 95 Boring tools
 96 Devil's place
 97 Notable time
 98 Leaning

99 Afro, e.g.
 100 Tequila plant
 101 Dehydrated
 102 Cheerful
 103 Feet, in verse
 107 Cross paths
 108 Roush and Byrnes
 109 Singer Simone
 110 Don't discard
 114 Mag. printing

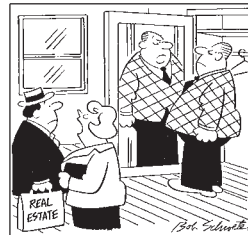
PUZZLES

WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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SCRAMBLERS



"A bit of advice — if you want to sell my husband, the _____ has to go!"

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Somber
ROMEOS _____

Fury
GEAR _____

Fairy
PRIEST _____

Cavort
PROM _____

TODAY'S WORD

CRYPTOQUIP

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: N equals R

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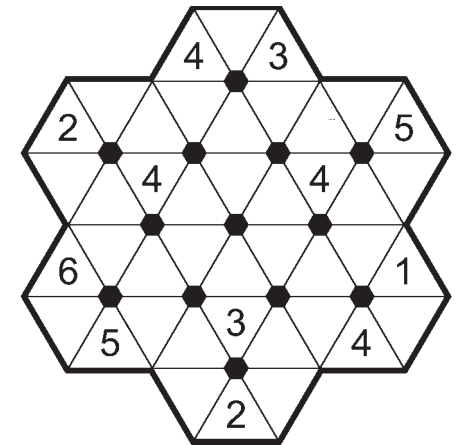
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SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

PUZZLE ANSWERS

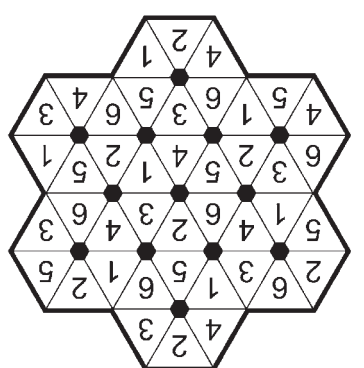
If you're surrounded by several wisecracking folks, then I guess you have your wits about you.

CRYPTOQUIP

MIRROR

Today's Word
 3. Sprite; 4. Romp
 1. Morose; 2. Rage;

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

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WEEKLY SUDOKU

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SUPER CROSSWORD

WORSHIP SERVICES

The metaphor is still relevant today

Dear Dr. Carol,
I left my traditional religion years ago, but I feel the need to connect with something greater than my little experience of reality. Do you have any suggestions?



CAROL CARNES
Living Consciously

our relationship with the source of everything. It appears to be our own perception that colors our experience. For example, if we feel that life is "for" us and never "against" us, we

— A friend

Dear friend,
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Dr. Carol is the spiritual leader of the Mesilla Valley Center for Spiritual Living. They meet to hear her message at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday at the Town of Mesilla Community Center.

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Temple Beth-El celebrates Hanukkah Friday Dec. 30

The community is welcome at Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., to celebrate Hanukkah beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 30 with a festive dinner and family worship experience, the lighting of Hanukkah candles, dessert, and games and activities, according to a press release.

A dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. featuring latkes/potato pancakes, one of the signa-

ture foods of this Festival of Lights. At 6:15 p.m. a service for Sabbath of Hanukkah will include families lighting Hanukkah candles for the sixth night of the holiday (bring a menorah to light) and special music. Following the service, "dreidels and dessert" will include a sampling of Hanukkah delicacies and games.

For more information, call the Temple office at 575-524-3380.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Tanakh study group at Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El's Bible (Tanakh) study group is now focusing on the Book of Isaiah (currently in Chapter 22). The sessions include reading in both Hebrew and English, setting a text in its historical context, and understanding each passage as part of the prophetic message. The group meets on most Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. at 3980 Sonoma Springs Avenue. Interested community members can call Rabbi Larry Karol at 575-524-3380 or email rabbi@tbelc.org.

Community Christmas sing-along at Peace Lutheran

All ages are welcome at the Community Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Admission is free for this one-hour musical event, followed by cider and biscochitos, sponsored

by the Las Cruces Chapter-American Guild of Organists. Info: 575-521-4318, 575-522-7119, www.lascrucesago.org or www.peachlutheranlc.com.

Roundtable Discussions set for December

Education never ends. The goal of the Roundtable Discussion Group is to learn more about all sides of an issue and meets from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in the Library of the Unitarian Church located at 2000 S. Solano Ave.

Topics for the remainder of December include: Dec. 18 - "How will the November election results affect New Mexico?" by New Mexico State Senator Bill Soules.

There is no Roundtable Discussion on Dec. 25. Info: email roundtable@uuchurchlc.org.

Wednesday Advent at Peace Lutheran

Peace Lutheran Church announces Wednesday evening Advent and soup supper starting at

5:15 p.m., followed at 6 p.m. by an evening prayer service on Dec. 21 at 1701 Missouri Ave. Info: 575-522-7119.

Unity of Las Cruces holiday schedule

Worship celebration 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 18.

Shared service with Center for Spiritual Living 6 p.m. Sat. Dec. 24 at 575 N. Main St. Music, candlelight service and inspiring message.

Sunday, Dec. 25 - No service.

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Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017 - No service.

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Unity of Las Cruces weekly events

From 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday is a book study; all are welcome. 11 to 11:30 a.m. is a Meditation Service. 10:30 a.m. all Sunday worship celebrations at 125 Wyatt Drive. Info: 575-523-5592 or www.unityoflascruces.org.

Genesis Bible Study at Revival Fire Bookstore

Bible study 6:30 p.m. every Thursday (except the fourth week of the month) at Revival Fire Bookstore, 2645 Missouri Ave., Suite 5. All are welcome to the Book of Genesis Bible Study. This book of beginnings lays out foundational principles for life on earth and beyond. Info: Bev at 575-642-1003.

International Association for Near-Death Studies

Near-death experiences are discussed at 1:30 p.m. the third Monday of every month at Unitarian Universalist Church great room, 2000 S. Solano Drive. A peer to peer group for understanding near-death experience. Info: 928-897-0933.

Bible school and more at Agape Christian

Events at Agape begin at 4:30 p.m. Sundays at 1400 6th street (6th and Wilson). The New Agape Christian Church in partnership with the Dream Center offers Sunday Bible School for all ages for those who work Sunday morning, or those who like to sleep late on Sunday and for folks whose church no longer offers Bible School, at Bible School is followed at 5:45 p.m. with Secret Church and Children's church. The adult study is a Biblical, historical, scientific, theological study. Communion served to all believers. Info: Herb Pinney 575-650-3915.

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Wisconsin Synod

At 10 a.m. Sundays at 2541 El Paseo Road is worship and fellowship, Sun-

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Course in Miracles at Tesoro Integrative Health Center

From 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays at 1605 S. Main St. is a complete self-study spiritual thought system with Edward Alvarez. A \$5 donation is suggested. Info: 575-541-5660.

Holy Family America National Catholic events

At 10 a.m. Tuesday through Friday at 702 Parker Road is Liturgy of the Hours-Morning Prayer in the St. Francis Chapel. 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday Evening prayer with mass; 6 p.m. Thursday Community meeting followed by dinner. Open to all. Info: 575-644-5025.

Men's prayer meeting at Heart of the World

Heart of the World announces a 7 a.m. Saturday morning prayer meeting at 1605 S. Valley Dr. Manny Howie leads the prayer. Info: 575-523-1113.

Seventh Day Adventist worship service

Sunday services include: 9:30 a.m. worship service; 11 a.m. Sabbath School; 6 p.m. Wednesdays Bible study at 240 Three Crosses.

Info: 575-526-5623.

Science of Mind Magazine weekly discussion

From 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Center for Spiritual Living Sacred Living Circle, 575 N. Main St. ask yourself: do you enjoy the monthly magazine 'Science of Mind?' Join to discuss the articles with like-minded people. Bring a lunch and come to the center. Info: 575-523-4847.

Memorial Medical Center Holy Mass

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Unity Talk series continues

Unity of Las Cruces will present seven Sundays of talks on "The Seven Steps to Creation," covering how it affects life today, what our roles as individuals are and what influences we have in creation. Talks continue through Nov. 20. Sunday Worship Celebration is at 10:30 a.m. at 125 Wyatt Drive in Las Cruces. Info: www.unityoflascruces.org.

Christian Men's Fellowship meets at IHOP

At noon every Tuesday at IHOP, 2900 Del Rey, come to better know Jesus Christ and the Holy Scripture. Open discussion. All men welcome. Info: 575-621-2350.

Book study Tuesdays at Unity

From 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at 125 Wyatt Drive is Unity Book Study. Join any time for discussion related to the book. All are welcome. Info: 575-523-5592 or www.unityoflascruces.org.

Mountain View Baptist Sunday services

Events at Mountain View Baptist begin at 10 a.m. Sundays with Bible study; 11 a.m. worship services at Mountain View Baptist, 705 N. Main St. Nursery available. Info: 575-680-6247.

Cowboys for Christ

At 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month, this non-denominational outreach organization meets for those involved in livestock and agriculture. For meeting place information: 575-571-6367 or cfc.lcnm@yahoo.com.

Unity announces Thursday silent meditation services

From 11 to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays at 125 Wyatt Drive recharge your batteries at a silent meditation service. Info: 575-523-5592 or www.unityoflascruces.org.

GriefShare at First Baptist

From 4 to 6 p.m., Sundays in room 229, First Baptist Church Las Cruces, 106 S. Miranda, GriefShare is held. This is a weekly seminar and support group designed to help rebuild life after losing a loved one. Bereavement experience may be recent or not so. The seminars offer encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member or friend. Cost: \$10 for participant workbook. Info: Penny Baca 575-635-9696.

Services, class at Mission Lutheran

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a.m. Saturdays "Discover the Faith" class for newcomers. Info: 575-522-0465.

Communion Service every Sunday at St. John's CCOA

St. John's Catholic Church of Antioch holds a Communion service at 10:15 a.m. every Sunday, located in the side chapel of First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Rd. Open to all. Info: 575-621-0255 or www.stjohnscatholic-churchofantioch.org.

Events at Center for Spiritual Living

Sunday service: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Shamanic Drumming & Meditation 1:30 - 3 p.m. the first Friday of the month. Newcomers or seasoned practitioners are all welcome; participants must be 18 years or older. If you have rattles or drums, please bring them. If not, it's still okay to attend

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From the ground up

By **SUSIE OUDERKIRK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

This is the eighth installment in a series that chronicles the building of a New Mexican home, from the ground up.

If you've been good this year, Santa just might read your Christmas wish list. And if you've been exceptionally good, he might bring you the finest gift in Las Cruces: 6915 Lazo del Norte in the La Tierra Escondida gated community off south Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

Our "From the Ground Up" house, which started as a non-descript, though pretty, plot of desert in southeast Las Cruces, is now an impressive showplace ready for a new family, just in time for the holidays. Builder Daniel Kolson of Homes of the Southwest by Kolson shared the building journey which started in February of this year.

Bulletin readers have watched the house grow as workers from all disciplines added layer after layer of concrete, infrastructure, wood,

ductwork, pipe, tile, metal, stucco and more.

Walls went up, cradling the soul of the traditional pueblo-style house. Tile went down, ensuring a cool base during the heat of the Las Cruces summer. Windows went in, showcasing an unbeatable view of the Organ Mountains (Kolson chose the site because of the view.)

"I don't have just one thing I like best about the house," Kolson said. "There's so much. The views, the lot, the quiet neighborhood."

Softly curving interior

walls in creamy eggshell give the home a fluidity apropos of the rolling desert surrounding it. When the sun hits them, the walls glow. Ruggedly elegant metal light fixtures and sturdy viga beams draw the eye up to the high New Mexican ceilings.

Kolson's wife, Sarah, chose a warm titian orange for the tile work which invites a visitor to explore. But it's the large windows, looking out to the mountains that make this house a treasure.

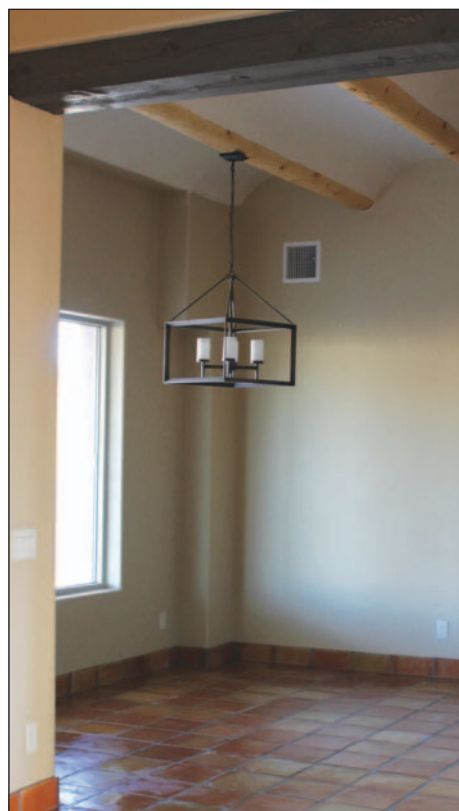
"To me, the house feels like a mission style home with a

modern touch," Kolson said.

Crystal Lay at Steinborn Realty is listing the home, and with just one more coat of sealant on the Saltillo tile floor, a quick paint touch up and installation of appliances, the house will be on the market as a one-of-a-kind stocking stuffer this holiday season.

The home is listed in the low \$400,000s, and Kolson welcomes calls at 575-639-4031.

Susie Ouderkirk can be reached at susie@lascrucesbulletin.com or at 575-680-1983.



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LCAR Monthly Home Sales Report for November, 2016

The Las Cruces market continues its positive trend with a healthy 13.3% gain in dollar volume and 24.7% in sales volume over 2015 as smart consumers take advantage of record low interest rates. Lower price points are seeing the vast majority of this activity as buyers become increasingly aware that the FED is about to embark on increasing borrowing costs.—Debbie Garrett, SNMMLS President

Single Family Home Sales in the Las Cruces area* for Nov., 2016 were \$18,029,169. For Nov., 2015, sales were \$15,829,926. Nov. dollar volume was up \$2.1m (+13.3%).

The number of homes sold in Nov, 2016 was 101, compared to 81 last year. The increase was 24.7%.

The average sale price in Nov., 2016 was \$178,506. Last year the average was \$195,431. The decrease in average home sale price was 8.7%.

Sales broken down into price categories:

PRICE RANGE	Sold 2016	Sold 2015	# sold + or -	% sold + or -
Up to 100k	15	10	+5	+50%
100k to 150k	34	25	+9	+36%
150k to 250k	37	29	+8	+28%
250k to 400k	11	13	-2	-15%
Over 400k	4	5	-1	-20%

*All sales figures supplied by the SNMMLS. Homes sold that are not included in the SNMMLS are not calculated. Figures are for single family homes and permanent mobile homes. Target area extends south to Vado, north to Radium Springs, east to Organ and west to the West Mesa.



COURTESY PHOTOS

A variety of more than 150 nativity scenes collected from all over the world by J. Paul and Mary Daniels Taylor are on exhibit for a self-guided walking tour on Sunday, Dec. 18 in Mesilla.

Nacimientos open house with J. Paul Taylor

BULLETIN REPORT

Christmas with J. Paul and Mary Daniels Taylor always included decorating with nacimientos (nativity scenes) and welcoming people into their home. Since 2010, Friends of the Taylor Family Monument have helped Taylor maintain this tradition as a public event. This year, the Nacimiento Open House, a self-guided walking tour will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at 2345 Calle de Principal on the Mesilla Plaza according to a press release.

The Taylor collection of nacimientos includes pieces from around the world. Represented countries include Mexico, Guatemala, Ecuador, Peru, Costa Rica, Brazil, Italy, Spain, China, Ethiopia, Poland, Israel, India, Kyrgyzstan, Indonesia and the United States. Materials and style vary from traditional to contemporary, clay to wood, plain to colorful. Many of the nacimientos were gifts from fam-

ily and friends.

Spanish settlers brought the nacimiento tradition to the Americas and the charming nativity scenes remain an important holiday custom in New Mexico to this day.

"We're honored to provide another opportunity for people to learn about the cultural traditions of our community," said Cynthia Garrett, president of the Friends of the Taylor Family Monument (the Friends), in a news release.

The Nacimiento Open House is free to annual members of the Friends group. Non-members also are welcome and will have the choice of joining the organization or making a \$5 donation at the door.

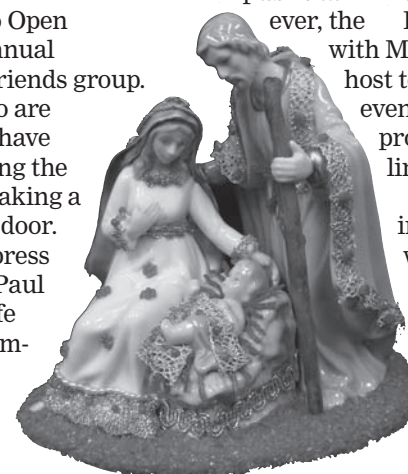
According to a press release, in 2003 J. Paul Taylor, his late wife Mary, and their family donated their historic adobe home and two adjoining stores

to the Museum of New Mexico. The Taylor-Barela-Reynolds-Mesilla Historic Site provides an exceptional setting for visitors to understand and appreciate the history, culture and architecture of Mesilla and the borderland.

The Friends group is a non-profit, tax exempt charitable organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the historic site. Because Mr. Taylor still lives in the home, the monument is not open to the public at this time. However, the Friends work

with Mr. Taylor to host tours, special events and school programs on a limited basis.

For more information: www.ftfm-mesilla-nm.org, ftfm_mesilla_nm@gmail.com or call 575-915-5756.



Café A Go Go is something to talk about

Restaurant shows off new bar addition

By **SUSIE OUDERKIRK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

A Las Cruces favorite, Café A Go Go, has made some changes in atmosphere while still offering its eclectic mix of dishes. To accent its wine and beer menu, the café now boasts a bar and TVs for watching sports.

Located at 1120 Commerce Drive, (east across the street from Sam's Club) the café is well known for its specialty burgers, fresh seafood and Asian flair, and owners Jose Sanchez and Katherine Velasco want to establish the "gastropub" as a place grown-ups will want to go to for relaxation and to watch the big game.

Sanchez (affectionately known as "Chef") and Velasco bought the restaurant almost five years ago to offer "higher quality food and craft beers," Sanchez said.

And with the addition of the new bar, they hope to appeal to a mature crowd who want a comfortable bistro atmosphere where they can enjoy a beer, "good quality bar-style food" and watch sports.

"We wanted to make a place where we would go," Sanchez said, referring to himself and Velasco.

The new bar is an attraction in itself. Sanchez, Velasco and Café a Go Go staff built the thick, substantial centerpiece themselves, and it blends perfectly with the dark décor. The bar seats 15

and the restaurant still has 16 tables for diners who prefer more elbow room. The six tables on the patio are being prepped for a make-over as well, and will continue to allow well-behaved pets.

Chef, who went to Scottsdale Culinary Institute, embraces the restaurant's Asian-influenced reputation. "We inherited the Asian style when we bought the restaurant," Velasco said.

"I've always liked Asian-style food, and it kind of fits the architecture," Sanchez said. "I don't want to ever be labeled as a Mexican restaurant or an Italian restaurant or an Asian restaurant."

"We want to be known as 'eclectic,'" Velasco said.

And not only is the bistro just that, but it's something to talk about.

I was treated to a new appetizer the café is promoting called "Hog Wings," which are similar to buffalo wings except made of pork shank. Each lightly fried chunk of flavored pork is about the size of a shot glass and is wonderfully bold, with a slightly crispy shell.

I ordered a bowl of Wonton Soup, which was delightfully spicy, thanks to the surprise green chiles floating among the hand-made wontons. It's a meal all by itself; I ate most of it with a fork.

The food was so different in such a comfortable way (I wasn't presented

with anything uncomfortably unique) that I kept wanting to share my experience with a fellow diner and discuss it, a good reason to treat a friend to lunch at Café A Go Go.

For the future, Sanchez and Velasco are focusing on unique offerings that feel like good-time bar food.

"We're working on a Sonoran Hot Dog, which is a third-pound all-beef hot dog stuffed with jalapenos and asadero, wrapped in bacon, grilled or fried, topped with pico de gallo and served on a hoagie roll with chips or fries," Sanchez said.

The café is already well-known for its hamburgers which are made with natural, local, grass-fed, hormone-free beef from Bakka Ranch in Anthony. Café A Go Go and Double Eagle are the only restaurants in Las Cruces to use the Bakka Ranch beef, Sanchez said.

"Were going back to more seafood on the dinner menu, more steaks. And we'll have oysters on Sundays," he said. They plan to open the restaurant on Sundays in the near future.

Chef encourages all Las Cruces to shop—and dine—locally to keep money in town. "It really matters," he said.

An added bonus to mention to your friends is the reasonable prices for the meals. Burgers are on the menu in the \$11 range, and full meals with fish or steak are about \$15. Appetizers run between \$5 and \$9, salads are about \$10, beer is in the \$4.50 range and wine is \$5 to \$7 a glass.

Restaurant hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11:30 a.m. to whenever the football games are over on Sundays. Call Café A Go Go at 575-621-7016 or email to info@cafeagognm.com.




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The new bar at Café A Go Go offers front row seating for a meal and a football game.

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The design of the horse

OFTEN, WE ARE PRESENTED WITH A HORSE in some degree of distress that requires us to focus upon one organ; one body system to start repair and healing. Most other times, it serves us well to consider the horse as a group of interactive systems working as a whole. A single glitch in one part will affect other parts and good health in one will support good health in others.

The skeleton is a structure of great complexity that is the armature onto which the rest of the physical body is attached. The bones are made of minerals (supplied by the diet) and are not static. This means that if other body systems require a mineral that is not being given sufficiently in the food (such as calcium for a gestating or lactating mother), the bones will release the mineral into the bloodstream.

Flat bones protect vital organs. Long bones support the body. The tail (part of the complex spine) is a barometer of how the back feels. Tightness on one side of the tail generally indicates which side of the back is sore. The ribs are considered “true” when they meet and are attached and “false” when they are separate.

A joint is a moveable union between two or more bones. Articular cartilage covers the surfaces between bones and synovial fluid (formed by a membrane protected by the capsular ligament) lubricates the unions to reduce friction. Horses’ long bones in the legs are not fully formed until the age of three and a half years. The equine spine does not calcify until age six!



**KATHARINE
LARK
CHRISLEY**
Stable Woman

The circulatory systems are the delivery routes for nutrients and oxygen and the excretory routes for toxin release. Blood is composed of red blood cells (convey oxygen) and white cells (defense and healing organisms) floating in serum. Arteries take blood away from the heart and have no valves.

Veins bring blood back to the heart and have valves. The heart is the master pump maintaining life’s rhythm, while the horse’s hooves and legs work as circulatory assist in the simple act of moving around.

When blood reaches capillaries (minute vessels connecting the smallest arteries and veins), the serum oozes through their walls and becomes lymph. It nourishes tissues and takes up worn-out materials. The spaces assemble into vessels of their own (lymphatics). Through them flows surplus lymph full of waste products. Glands separate substances in the blood to be used by the body or excreted as waste. Lymphatic vessels pass through lymphatic glands, which act as filters. Lymph is moved through the body by external massage, stretching and exercising. These are profound reasons to keep horses active at



all times possible.

Respiration is a remarkable kind of alchemy where oxygen is taken to the bloodstream and waste/carbon dioxide is expelled. Our horses cannot breathe through their mouths, so their nostrils must remain open and lungs healthy to keep the blood oxygenated. Horses require air flow when in buildings. They create large amounts of exhaled moisture and air exchange is vital to good health.

The mouth is the first organ of digestion. The horse has incisors at the front of his jaw used for biting off pieces of grass. In the back of the jaw are molars used to grind his food in “mastication” and mix it with saliva. The horse’s teeth continuously become longer by “erupting” (they do not grow, there is a limit to the amount of tooth through a lifetime) and we can determine age by the shape, condition and length of an equine’s teeth.

The esophagus of the horse prevents vomiting – everything he eats must pass all the way through a long and turning sys-

tem. His stomach is small and food passes through it quickly. Only about 10% of his digestion occurs in the stomach. Its capacity is about 3 gallons.

The small intestine and large intestine are where the pre-dominance of digestion occurs and are lined with villi which absorb nutrients from food. The hair-like villi are more numerous in the small intestine than in the large. The abdominal cavity is lined throughout by a protective membrane called the peritoneum. Horses do not have gallbladders. Bile salts are secreted constantly into the small intestine by the liver.

The horse’s liver performs many functions including secretion of bile, storage of fat-soluble vitamins and as a filter to eliminate toxins (paired with the kidneys that regulate fluid and filter out proteins, salts and toxins).

When we think of the horse’s systems of nourishment and elimination as a well connected, interdependent design, we can see how to support their proper functioning with clean

air, simple natural foods, pure water and daily exercise. It is the cumulative effect of proper management that assures good health and the cumulative effect of neglect that creates disease.

Muscles are voluntary (neck, legs, tail, etc.) and involuntary (heart, intestines, etc.). Muscles form about 50% of the weight of the equine body. They are long (found in limbs), wide (stretched beneath skin) and short (around irregular bones). Tendons are round or flattened cords attaching long muscles to other structures. Ligaments are strong bands of inelastic tissue used to bind joints together.

A muscle never works as a sole unit, think of your horse as a whole.

Static work fatigues muscles rapidly (think of how it feels when you hold up a box in one position and your arms start to ache), active work assures circulatory assistance.

Our horses are creating their physical bodies each day using the foods and water that they ingest, the air that they breathe and the use of their musculature in exercise and stretching. When we provide for them an environment that is as close to a natural condition as possible, we give them the best chance for building strong and healthy physical bodies.

Katharine is a Natural Health Consultant and Equine Specialist who is the founder and president of Dharmahorse Equine Sanctuary. She teaches riding and equine assisted learning for all ages on the “now wanted” horses in her care.

Local charity reaches out to incarcerated New Mexican youth

New Mexico-based charity LifeQuest is reaching out to a forgotten segment of New Mexican society: young people spending the holiday in jail.

According to John Jones, executive director of LifeQuest, in a press release, "It's an incredibly difficult time of the year to be incarcerated," and through the charity every young man and woman incarcerated in the state of New Mexico receives a gift, a Christmas Care Kit and the knowledge they are not alone, he said.

This is the fourth year LifeQuest will be providing gifts and kits to over 500 children incarcerated in local, county and state institutions. The Christmas Care Kits include a variety of gifts such as activity books, sketch pads,

bookmarks, Bible and gospel tracks as well as a day planner, snacks and a personalized Christmas card. LifeQuest began distributing the kits through pizza parties in Las Cruces on Dec. 9 and will continue throughout the state, culminating at the Albuquerque Youth Diagnostic Development Center on Dec. 20.

LifeQuest serves incarcerated youth in eight different facilities in Albuquerque, Las Cruces and Eagle Nest. With over 70 staff and active volunteers, LifeQuest meets with hundreds of incarcerated young men and women every week of the year.

The Las Cruces LifeQuest is located at 2315 S. Valley Drive. Info: Fred at 575-636-3389 or fred.espinosa@lifequestusa.org



A LETTER FROM A GRATEFUL CHILD

This is an excerpt from a letter sent to LifeQuest after Christmas last year.

My name is (omitted) and I am 17 years old. This is my third time in (facility omitted). I started coming in here at the age of 15.

I have been in acute treatment for substance abuse, suicide intervention and self-harm. I want to thank you for the Christmas gifts you gave us. I received mine today.

And, if it's not too much to ask, could you pray for me? My little brother tried to commit suicide and is now on life support. My family is waiting until I can hopefully go home this week to disconnect his life support.

Thanks again for everything you sent us. I don't know who Chris is but his name was on the little Christmas card that came with the gifts. Please tell him I said thank you.

Here's a stocking stuffer: safety tips for holiday travel

NMSU FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

It is always important to be safe when driving and the New Mexico State University Fire Department would like to remind you that you must be even more cautious during holiday times.

Typically, there are more drivers sharing the roads and a higher possibility of hazardous road conditions.

Take a look at these tips and share them with friends.

- Leave early! Give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination.

- Don't drive with an attitude. If you are upset, pull over and cool down or better yet, let

someone else drive.

- Don't drink and drive.

- Don't use your cell-phone while driving. Pull off the road if you need to use it. Driving requires your full attention.

- Keep your eyes on the road at all times. Stay fresh and alert.

- Maintain your vehicle. Get that tune up!

- Use extreme caution in work zones. Keep your speed down.

- Keep your windshield and lights clean.

- Know when to use your bright lights.

- Pull over and stop your vehicle if you do not feel comfortable driving in bad weather conditions.

- Be flexible in your driving plans.

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Branigan Library sponsors annual Mitten Tree Drive

BULLETIN REPORT

In support of National Mitten Tree Day celebrated on Dec. 6, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library sponsors its annual Mitten Tree Drive through Monday, Dec. 26, according to a press release.

Las Cruces residents and library patrons are invited to donate mittens, hats, scarves and other warm clothing items to decorate the holiday tree in the library. All items will be donated to local community organizations such as the Community of Hope, La Casa, and Gospel Rescue Mission.

"We are excited to offer a 2016 Mitten Tree Drive. During the past three years, more than 1,000 clothing items were donated by our generous community.

"Branigan Library wants to continue to do its part to give back to the community and make sure that people who need



warm winter items have them," said Renee Franckel, library administrator in the release.

Donations will be accepted at the Library now through Monday, Dec. 26 during regular library hours.

Last year, Branigan Library served more

than 250,000 visitors who checked out more than 400,000 items. The Library is located at 200 E. Picacho Ave. and is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 575-528-4000.

Take a polar plunge at 'Chilly Dash and Splash'

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will conduct the Third annual "Chilly Dash and Splash" starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive.

The 5k run, (3.2 miles), around Frenger Park will begin at 9 a.m. followed by a polar plunge-style dive into the cold waters of Frenger pool at 11 a.m.

This year's event will include a Holiday Fun Bike

Ride. Guest are invited to bring their decorated bicycles and ride a predetermined distance around Frenger Park.

Registration is ongoing through Friday, Dec. 16 at the Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave., during normal operating hours, 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday – Friday; 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Late entries will be taken from 7 – 8 a.m. the day of the event, Dec. 17, at

Frenger Pool.

First 50 entries receive a free event t-shirt.

Early Registration Fees: Run and Plunge - \$20. Run only - \$15. Plunge only - \$5. Holiday Fun Bike Ride - \$15.

Late registration Fees: Run and Plunge - \$25. Run only - \$20. Plunge only - \$10. Holiday Fun Bike Ride - \$20.

For more information contact the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center at 575-541-2782.

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Safe needle disposal/syringe exchange

The Las Cruces Public Health office provides safe needle disposal and syringe exchange from 8:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. every weekday at 1170 N. Solano Drive. Info: 575-528-5090.

Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach support group

Diabetes Educational Support Group meetings provide open discussion and short teaching regarding diabetes, and a question and answer period from 10 – 11:15 a.m. the third Thursday of each month in the meeting room of Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave.

Overeaters Anonymous

At noon Wednesdays in the library of St. James Episcopal Church, 1102 St. James Ave. and at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Overeaters Anonymous meets. OA is a fellowship of those individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from a compulsive relationship with food. Info: www.oa.org or call Barbara at 575-405-0128 or Wayne at 575-647-5684.

Kiwanis seeking donations for blanket drive

The Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces blanket drive to support the pediatric units at Memorial Medical Center and Mountain View Regional Hospital is asking for donations of handmade blankets or quilts to give to the children, aka Cupid's Cuties, for Valentine's Day.

Blankets can be crocheted, knitted, quilted or made of cloth and can be dropped off any time at First New Mexico Bank on East Lohman Ave. (next to Pier 1). Info or to schedule a pickup: Debra Melcher at 575-202-6366 or Nancy Miller at 575-628-7186.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous

At 7 p.m. Mondays at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor (behind the T Mobile building) Sexual Compulsives Anonymous meets. SCA is a 12-step fellowship of men and women who share experience, strength and hope to solve common

problems and help each other recover from sexual compulsion. Info: www.sca-recovery.org or 575-526-9535.

Tai Chi class

From 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department Tai Chi classes are held for adults. Cost: \$30 for a four-week session, \$15 for those 60 and older. Limited space available on a first-come, first-served basis. Info: 575-541-2455.

Meditation classes at Tesoro

At 6 p.m. Thursdays at 1605 S. Main St. Zen Buddhist meditation and study group with the Rev. K. Hilbert. Walk-ins welcome. Cost: \$7 drop-in, five classes for \$30 or 10 classes for \$60. Info: 575-541-5660.

Yoga at the Center for Spiritual Living

From 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays, 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays and 9:00-10:00 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, yoga classes meet at 575 N. Main St. \$5. Info: 575-523-4847.

Cancer support group meets at UUMC

From 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Cancer Care, a support group for those dealing with cancer, (patients, survivors, caregivers, family and friends) meets. Info: Betty Harris at 575-524-3994 or the church office at 575-522-8220.

Alzheimer's and dementia support group meets

At 11:30 a.m. every Thursday, Arbors of Del Rey Assisted Living Community holds a support meeting at Uno Pizzeria & Grill, 2102 Telshor Court. Arbors of Del Rey experts offer information and interventions. Info: 575-382-5200.

Tesoro Integrative Health Center yoga classes

At 10 a.m. Monday/Wednesday/Friday is Gentle Yoga; 7:15 a.m. Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. Saturday

Hemp, hemp hurray!

THE ELECTION OF 2016 WAS SIGNIFICANT IN MANY WAYS. Among other things, a few more states are now providing safe access to medical marijuana.

Prior to Nov. 8, 2016, there were three states with legal recreational access and 23 states with some type of medical cannabis program. According to the Americans for Safe Access website, six more states legalized the use of medical cannabis and three states – including California – legalized for recreational use.

I advocate for legal and safe access. The war on drugs and prohibition of this natural remedio, has ruined too many lives and has only benefited the judicial and prison systems.

Having said that, we must learn to count our blessings. We have much to be thankful for.

New Mexicans are wonderful people: lovers of nature with big hearts. We still greet each other with authenticity, we help each other when we can, we love to grow things: cotton, pecans, chile, pistachios, etc.

Perhaps with God's help and the governor's blessing, someday soon we can grow our own hemp. New Mexicans deserve to prosper and hemp could very well be the cash crop that takes us into abundance and prosperity. Could 2017 be the year?

Granted, we have made some strides with cannabis use in New Mexico. I thank all the advocates throughout the state who have worked tirelessly for years to ensure that medical can-



HILDA LUZ CHAVEZ
The Good Herb

nabis patients have safe access. Thanks to the staff at the New Mexico Department of Health Medical Cannabis Program in Santa Fe for the positive changes from 2015 to 2016.

Applications were opened for more production facilities: 88 applied, 12 licenses were granted. There are currently 34 producers in the state, but only two in Doña Ana County, so we are underserved in southern New Mexico.

Pain patients no longer need two certifications to be accepted in the program; only one certification is needed for all conditions.

Prescribing psychologists can now certify patients.

All medical practitioners with New Mexico medical licenses can now certify any patient with an acceptable condition.

Opioid addiction recently was approved for and (I believe) will be added as a qualifying condition.

Mil gracias to Gov. Susana Martinez for supporting the NM medical cannabis patients. The truth is, we are legitimate patients, not criminals. We seek relief from pain and want improved quality of life.

There are still issues that must be addressed going forward.

Better regulation of dis-

pensaries, insuring consistency, testing and ethics

Credentialing of employees of dispensaries to include certification to work with medical patients

Proper labeling needs to be regulated regarding amounts of THC and CBD

Education of practitioners is still lacking state wide

Education of patients should be improved

Separate protocols and education for non-smoking medical patients vs. smoking medical patients.

Recognition and inclusion of naturopaths and herbalists on the advisory board.

A hotline for patients to leave feedback or complaints without fear of reprisal.

Receipt of cards promptly as stated on the NMDOH website (within 30 days).

Immediate access for terminal and cancer patients

Re-certification every two years

High CBD hemp seeds accessible and available to patients who prefer to grow their own and do not want THC.

I look forward to growing with you and sharing more in 2017! Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year to all.

Hilda Luz Chavez, ND, is a third-generation healer and curandera. Her work in the Las Cruces community is all about educating and awakening the interest of the younger generations to herbal medicine and supporting the older generations with remedies they remember.

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is Kundalini Yoga; 6:15 Tuesday/Thursday, 10 a.m. Saturday is Hatha Yoga; 6:15 Monday/Wednesday is Gentle Yoga at Tesoro Integrative Health Center, 1605 S. Main St. Walk-ins welcome. Drop-in fee is \$7; five classes for \$30; and 10 for \$60. Info: 575-541-5660.

Parkinson's Support Group meets third Tuesday

At 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. the Parkinson's disease Support Group of Southern New Mexico (PDSGSNM) meets.

MS Support/Education group meets first Thursday

From 4:30 to 6 p.m. the first Thursday of each month in the Social Center Creative Arts Room at Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, join a multiple sclerosis support/education group. Date, time and location are subject to change. Info/RSVP: 575-373-5130 or lascrucesmsselfhelp@gmail.com.

Activities at Center for Spiritual Living

Spirit Dance – 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays.

Coloring for Peace - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7 (first Wednesday of the month.)

Single Parents Support Group – 7 to 8 p.m. every Thursday.

Shamanic Drumming & Meditation – first Friday of the month. Newcomers or seasoned practitioners welcome; participants must be 18 or older. 1:30 to 3 p.m.

All activities held at 575 N. Main St. Info: 575-523-4847.

Breast Cancer Support Group set for January

The group meets the fourth Saturday of each month, excluding December. The next monthly meeting is from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 at Memorial Medical Center West Side Annex Bldg., 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. The speaker will be Paul M. Phillips, MD, plastic and reconstructive surgeon. No pre-registration, no charge and open to all who are interested

in health and wellness. For info, call 575-524-4373

Birth, death certificates available at Public Health Office

From 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, the Vital Records Office at the Las Cruces Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive. is available for registering and acquiring birth or death certificates. Closed noon to 1 p.m. for lunch. Info: 575-528-5046.

Breastfeeding support group

From 10 to 11:30 a.m. every Friday at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex, Piñon A meeting room Mama's Milk Club Breastfeeding Support Group meets. Refreshments provided. Free. Info: 575-521-5393.

Zumba class at aquatic center

From 10 to 11 a.m. every Saturday the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department holds Zumba class at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Info: 575-541-2782.

Zumba at Mountain View Senior Circle

At 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Mountain View Senior Circle, 3948 Lohman Ave., Suite 1, Zumba classes are held. Info: 575-522-0503.

Flu vaccines available

Flu vaccines are offered in many locations, including doctor's offices, hospitals, public health offices, and pharmacies, as well as by many employers and some schools. New Mexico Department of Health encourages those with health insurance to contact their healthcare provider or pharmacist about getting the flu vaccine. The Department offers vaccinations for people without insurance or who are otherwise not able to get vaccinated. Those with Medicaid or other insurance who go to Public Health Offices are asked to bring their insurance card. To find out about flu vaccination clinics throughout the state, call the Immunization Hotline toll free at 866-681-5872 or visit <http://flushot.healthmap.org/> to see where the vaccine is being offered.

State auditor releases special audit of untested sexual assault evidence kits

Identifies factors that led to backlog of over 5,000 untested kits

By JUSTINE FREEMAN

For the Bulletin

On Dec. 6, New Mexico State Auditor Tim Keller released a statewide special audit of untested sexual assault evidence kits, commonly known as “rape kits.” The Office of the State Auditor (OSA) conducted the special audit to determine why a backlog of 5,440 untested kits amassed in New Mexico.

In New Mexico, one in four women and one in 20 men have experienced sexual assault in their lifetime and 65 percent of sexual assault victims are minors. Although rape kit backlogs are unfortunately common throughout the country, New Mexico has the highest per capita backlog, which is almost double that of the next worst state, Michigan.

“Protecting the public is one of the most basic functions of government,” said Keller. “The audit provides a roadmap for our state to both clear



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all comes down to a question of priorities. With policies to overcome troubling long-held attitudes about victims, support for service providers and adequate funding, New Mexico can help lead the way by taking a concrete stand against sexual assault.”

Last year, OSA worked with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and law enforcement agencies to complete the first-ever statewide count of untested kits. There were 5,440 untested kits sitting on the shelves in evidence rooms and crime labs. Of those kits, 3,948 (73%) would ordinarily be tested in the City of Albuquerque’s Forensic Lab. The remaining kits from other local law en-

forcement agencies and the State Police would ordinarily be tested at the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Forensic Lab in Santa Fe.

The backlog speaks to troubling long-held attitudes about victims. Over half of the documented reasons for not submitting a kit for testing were based on the credibility of, cooperation from or contact with the victim. This suggests a disconnect with the realities of sexual assault victims and with research indicating that sexual assault is not falsely reported more frequently than other crimes.

As part of the special audit, the OSA conducted a statewide survey of law enforcement agencies to find out more about their policies and procedures for handling the kits.

“We appreciate the efforts of the State Auditor’s Office to take a close look at the procedures in handling our state’s untested Sexual Assault

Evidence Kits,” said Connie Monahan, the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) coordinator at NM Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs. “Many survivors consent to having evidence collected because they trust that the kits will be examined. We owe it to them to uphold that promise.”

The audit identified the following information:

In the last year, the backlog has decreased by 138 kits from 5,440 to 5,302, due to testing at the State Forensic Lab.

The inventory of historically untested kits has not been reduced materially, but many untested kits have shifted from local law enforcement to the State Forensic Lab, where tangible funding and planning progress has been made.

The number of historically untested kits in Albuquerque remains the same, accounting for roughly 75 percent of the untested kits in the state.

Risk factors

Risk factors that contributed to the amassing of untested kits include:

The decision of some law enforcement agencies not to test all kits as they were received. Hundreds of kits, some two decades old, sat on the shelves in local law enforcement evidence rooms.

Lack of financial resources for law enforcement agencies, forensic labs, and services providers like Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) programs and rape crisis centers that play a critical role through the process of reporting, investigation and prosecuting sexual abuse.

Lack of systems to track and monitor the testing of kits. While guns, drugs and money tend to be

subject to specialized handling procedures, Sexual Assault Evidence Kits are not.

The keys to preventing this problem from occurring in the future include:

Law enforcement agencies should submit for testing every kit for which a police report is filed, as required by law.

The State and City of Albuquerque must fund the forensic labs to meet these demands. In addition, we must fund the service providers like SANE programs and rape crisis centers.

Training on the handling of kits, using kits in investigations, trauma-informed interview techniques and sexual assault issues for all law enforcement agencies and district attorneys.

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Immunizations available at Dept. of Health

The New Mexico Department of Health’s Las Cruces Central Public Health Office at 1170 N. Solano Drive provides

immunization services for children (0-18 years of age) on Monday mornings, Wednesdays and Fridays. Info: 575-528-5006.

BCOM sponsors MCAT prep

The Department of Biomedical Sciences at Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine

(BCOM) is offering a one-semester MCAT prep course for individuals interested in going to medical school. Dates and times of the spring course are 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 18 to April 28, 2017. Application deadline is Jan. 10. For more information and to register visit:

<https://bcomnm.org/academics/bcom-mcat-prep-course/>

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Ags top rivals; remain perfect at home

By **MARTY RACINE**
For the Bulletin

The Aggies swept Rivalry Week — 84-71 over the University of New Mexico (UNM) Dec. 10, and 79-68 over Texas-El Paso (UTEP) Dec. 13 — to extend its winning streak to seven.

The crimson-and-white are 9-2 on the season heading into Saturday's game at Arizona State in Tempe (6 p.m., KXPZ FM 99.5). Their next home game in the Pan American Center, where they are undefeated this year, is at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, against UC-Irvine.

The Aggie victory, before 6,298 at the Pan Am Center, avenged an earlier 13-point loss to UNM in Albuquerque. The Aggies were led by senior guard Ian Baker, who had a breakout game with 26 points. Reserve Jemerrio Jones (15 points) and Braxton Huggins (14 points), who started the season on the bench, again demonstrated the Aggies' depth.

The emotional victory left NMSU a little flat three nights later in El Paso, but they rode a big first-half lead to gut out a win that "wasn't pretty," in the words of first-year coach Paul Weir. Baker again came up big with 20 points, five rebounds and two steals. And Jones continued to shine off the pine for 18 points, 13 re-

bounds, three assists, a steal and a block. It was Jones' third consecutive double-double.

Redshirt freshman Jermaine Haley, starting for only the second time, had his best game with nine points, three rebounds and three assists.

Nevertheless, sloppy ball-handling continues to plague NMSU — 18 turnovers against UNM, 20 against UTEP. It's an Aggie trademark that Weir had hoped to reverse coming into the season.

"Yeah, no question, if you look at our team over the last three, four years, that's been consistently our worst category," he said in November. "We just turn the ball over too much and have been very careless with it."

If the Aggies clean that up and continue their dominance on the boards, they'll have a solid season that could land an NCAA berth regardless of conference play.

Arizona State, 6-4, is an enigma. Few of their games have been close, and they've lost by as many as 46 (Kentucky) and won by 24 (UNLV). They scored 127 points against The Citadel and 60 against Davidson. The Sun Devils are balanced among their three top scorers: Shannon Evans II (16.8 ppg), Torian Graham (16.7) and Tra Holder (15.9).



ABOVE: NMSU's Jemerrio Jones drives to the basket against the UNM defense.

LEFT: To honor Aggie coaching legend Lou Henson, the Men's Basketball NCAA Final Four Banner from 1970 is lowered from the ceiling of the Pan American Center.

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Butler Named Phil Steele All-American

BULLETIN REPORT

NM State football senior linebacker Rodney Butler was recently named a Phil Steele Fourth-Team All-American while Jaden Wright and Kourtland Busby were named to the publication's All-Sun Belt Conference Team.

"The honors that Rodney has received are a great reward for a great young man and player," Aggie head coach Doug Martin said. "Leading the nation in tackles is an extraordinary accomplishment and we could not be more proud of Rodney."

This is the first All-American honor for Butler and the second in as many years for the Aggie football program. He joins former Aggie wide receiver and Rio Rancho, N.M., native Chris Williams (2008) as the only other



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player to earn All-American honors from the Phil Steele publication. Butler, a Palm Springs, Calif., product led the nation in tackles in all but two weeks that he played in this season and finished as the NCAA regular-season leader in tackles with 13.8 per game (165 total). The 6-1 linebacker is the third Aggie in program history to finish the season as the NCAA leader in tackles, joining Jimmy Cottrell (2005, 179) and Derrick Richardson (2008, 137).

At season's end, his 165 total tackles tied Steve Campbell (1991) for third-most in a single-season at New Mexico State while his 379 career tackles rank him fifth on the all-time list. His 379 total

tackles were also good for fourth-best amongst active FBS players in 2016 and 19th in Division I. Meanwhile, his career-average of 8.06 tackles was eighth-most amongst active players in FBS. In addition, his 216 assisted tackles led all active FBS players and 10th in Division I. His 163 solo tackles was good for 37th in the football bowl subdivision while his 44 assisted tackles for loss is good for 27th.

A captain chosen by his peers and the vocal leader for NM State on defense, Butler recorded double-digit tackles in 11-of-12 games this season and was just short of the NCAA single-game tackles record when he posted 24 tackles against Battle of I-25 rival New Mexico at home – a 32-31 victory.

In addition, Butler was named to the Phil Steele All-SBC First-Team while Wright

and Busby earned second and third-team distinction, respectively.

"Having Jaden and Kourtland receive second and third team honors is also a great achievement," Martin said. "These things also point to the growth of our program and how in only three recruiting classes our coaches have begun to change this program. In three classes we have produced Larry Rose, a SBC Off player of year and AP All American, and now Rodney leads nation in tackles and is First-Team SBC and getting some All-American honors. Great things are ahead for these guys and NM State football."

Wright finished the year with five interceptions, joining Winston Rose as the last Aggie to record five picks in a single season – also tying for eighth-best in a single-

season at NM State. Wright's five picks was also ninth-best in the nation at the end of the regular-season. The junior now has eight career interceptions to his name and needs just one more to crack the top-10 career leaderboard at New Mexico State. The 6-0 defensive back concluded the season fifth on the team with 81 tackles (32 solo). His team-leading four forced fumbles also topped the Sun Belt Conference and good for 12th in the country.

Busby, a junior defensive lineman, nearly tripled his number of tackles this season, tallying 44 in 2016 compared to last season. He has been a mainstay on the Aggie defensive line and was seventh on the team with 44 tackles to go along with his 5.5 tackles for loss, seven quarterback hurries and a fumble recovery.

Butler, Wright lead Aggies in postseason honors

BULLETIN REPORT

New Mexico State football's Rodney Butler and Jaden Wright highlight the group of seven Aggies that earned postseason honors as announced by the Sun Belt Conference Wednesday afternoon.

The seven award winners for NM State are the most since the Aggies joined the SBC in 2013.

Joining Butler and Wright on the all-conference award list are Sage Doxtater, Tyler Rogers, Anthony McMeans, Greg Hogan and Kourtland Busby.

Butler, the nation's



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leading tackler with 13.8 tackles per game (165 total), was named a first-teamer on defense. This is the second all-conference honor for Butler after earning honorable mention accolades back in 2014 as a sophomore. He also led the nation in tackles 12 of the 14 weeks since the season started on Sept. 3 for NM State. His 24 tackles against Battle of I-25 rival New Mexico were two shy of tying the NCAA single-game

tackles record. The Palm Springs, Calif., product recorded double-digit tackles in all but one game this season.

His three forced fumbles on the year led the Sun Belt Conference and was good for 28th in the nation while his 63 solo tackles is good for third in conference action and 30th in the country. Butler wrapped up his senior campaign with 165 tackles, three forced fumbles and an interception.

Wright earned second-team honors on defense after a breakout junior season that included 81 tackles, 2.5 tackles for

loss, four forced fumbles and a fumble recovery. The Lewisville, Texas, native led the conference with four forced fumbles, which was tied for 12th in the country. His five picks this season were second-most in the SBC and ranked ninth amongst FBS players.

He recorded a career-high 15 tackles in NM State's final home game against Appalachian State while adding one TFL and a forced fumble.

Doxtater, a 6-7 tackle from Welland, Ontario, Canada, was named to the Sun Belt Conference Newcomer Team. The freshman started in the

first nine games of his collegiate career at left tackle before missing the final three games with an injury. Doxtater became the second Aggie to be named to the SBC newcomer team after Terrill Hanks earned it in 2015.

This is the second-straight all-conference honorable-mention award for McMeans, who was recognized on the honorable mention team last season after blocking for Larry Rose III to a Third-Team AP All-American award. Shaq, as he is known to teammates and close friends, was a captain for NM

State alongside fellow senior Butler.

Rogers had a great offensive year for the Aggies, leading the team to 414.7 total yards of offense per game.

The Peoria, Ariz., product threw for 16 touchdowns while rushing in four touchdowns himself along with a receiving TD.

He finished the season second in passing TDs, third in points responsible for (126), third in total offense (266.9/game) and third in completions (20.36). His 445 yards through the air at Troy

As industry consolidates, future is uncertain

AS WE CONTINUE TO EXAMINE THE CONTRACTION OF GOLF COURSES and the decline of golf in general we need to take a look at what the future may hold for the game we love.

Of course, golf is one of the biggest recreational sports in America, as well as one of the biggest businesses.

Golf is an industry. In addition to golfers themselves and golf courses (both private and public), here are some of the sectors that make up the golf industry: equipment and clothing producers and importers together with their distributors and retailers; domestic and international travel and tourism; golf course home properties in the neighborhood; retirement communities; employment in the industry; all the professional golf tours with television revenues and sponsorships; and not to be left out, government tax revenues.

There have been a lot of winners in the in-



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

dustry since the start of the boom around 1990; now there may be some very big losers if things continue the way they have been going since 2005.

As an indicator of the fallout in the last couple of years let's take a peek at the golf product and retail market. Edwin Watts Golf stores have closed. Golfsmith stores have closed.

Golf Galaxy stores, owned by Dick's Sporting Goods have closed. Dick's Sporting Goods has gotten rid of nearly 500 PGA pros (about 2 percent of total PGA membership) nationwide that were at their main stores to help customers pick the right merchandise and provide much-needed advice.

And those are just the "big box" retailers. A

few months ago Nike announced that it was exiting the golf equipment market, while concentrating on shoes, apparel and related stuff.

Tiger Woods has already started using a TaylorMade driver.

Whereas golf courses were wildly over-built, expecting a never-ending influx of millions taking to golf, and therefore billions in revenues, manufacturers and retailers were quick to join the rush to cash in on what they thought was a Tiger-like sure bet.

But the millions who have quit golf, the hundreds of vacant golf courses, and the plethora of store closures are just more examples of post-bubble "consolidation" in this troubled industry.

Looking into the future of golf itself looms as a monstrously complicated and daunting issue.

It will take numerous more writings to give readers an accurate

picture. One thing is indisputable: golf needs to change and is changing; but perhaps not swiftly enough.

The keepers of the game should definitely avoid rushing to adopt more wild and cockamamie schemes like Hack Golf, Foot Golf and FlingGolf, in an attempt to lure youth to the links.

Golf has always managed itself by a cautious, deliberate, thoughtful approach to growing the game.

Some worry whether the suits in the corporate boardrooms and in the halls at Far Hills (those who run the game) are too lost in the past to move golf into a new era.

Others feel that millennials may be too disenchanted by the "old school" nature of the game of golf to be attracted to it.

According to Supreme Golf (which is basically the kayak.com of tee-time bookings) only 25 percent of golfers book tee-times online, compared to the travel industry where 65 percent of consumers book online.

Golf has to recognize that the younger generation is far more comfortable with doing things from their browser and/or phone app.

I personally am more concerned about the decline of the middle class than anything else.

Many Americans can't

justify golf at any price. Retired Baby Boomers have not flocked to the fairways as developers and golf gurus forecasted they would, except at The Villages in Central Florida, where 115,000 of them enjoy a golfing (and much more) community.

A couple of years ago The Economist did an article entitled "Handicapped" concerning golf's future in which this quote was featured: "To some extent, golf's appeal has become its undoing. Its calm, meditative quality does not suit the frenetic pace of modern life."

Still to come (in this series): more insights on securing golf's resurgence and future.

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tied him for the 10th-best for passing yards in a single game. Against Texas State at home, Rogers became just the third player in 2016 to have rushed, thrown and caught a touchdown in a game.

This is the first post-season honor for both Hogan and Busby after

posting solid numbers for the Aggies in 2016. Hogan finished the season with three receiving touchdowns for 377 yards on 32 receptions. His best game came against Louisiana at home when he caught 11 passes for a career-high 1172 yards – including a touchdown in overtime.

Busby was one of the anchors for the NM State defense, playing all but one game this season.

The 6-3, 255 pound defensive lineman registered 44 tackles on the year, including 5.5 tackles for loss (16 yards).

He also picked up a sack in the final game of the season at South Alabama for a loss of eight yards.

The Pflugerville, Texas, product also completed his junior campaign with a fumble recovery and seven quarterback hurries.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Yvette Juarez is a 16-year-old junior at Mayfield High School. She plays midfield on the Lady Trojan soccer team. So far this season, Juarez has scored 13 goals, six assists and 32 points. She was Las Cruces Public Schools Tournament MVP, 2016 2nd team Midfield All District 6A. Juarez is a leader, hard-working and a team player. She is the type of person and player who wants others to shine. Sometimes she is quiet, but her actions speak loudly. Juarez is a dedicated student with a 3.80 GPA, and when off the field and out of the classroom, she enjoys watching movies, playing with her dog and eating her favorite food - pizza.

Cameron Roberts is a 17-year-old senior at Mayfield High School. He plays guard on the Trojan basketball team and has averaged 6.6 points this season. Roberts is a hard-working, very determined and responsible young man and is a Fellowship of Christian Athletes leader at Mayfield High School. He is a dedicated student, with a 3.40 GPA. Off the court and out of the classroom, Roberts enjoys working out and spending time with his family and friends and said he has the best family he could ever ask for; they're his biggest supporters and he wouldn't be able to do what he does without them.

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Aggies declaw rival Lobos



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NMSU Aggies' Jonathon Wilkins and Eli Chuha try to bring down a rebound against UNM's Tim Williams.



NMSU's Ian Baker brings the ball up the court.



ABOVE: Some of the more than 6,000 fans on hand Saturday, Dec. 10, help cheer New Mexico State University's men's basketball team to victory against rival New Mexico.



RIGHT: Beating the defense of UNM's Damien Jefferson, NMSU's Joe Garza shoots for 3.



NMSU's Jemerrio Jones, and UNM's Conor McDougall, square up at the post in the second half of the I-25 rivalry.