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Holiday cheer for homeless students



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Hundreds of bags for LCPS homeless students await transportation. Las Cruces Moms, a local public service organization, became LCM Santa's Little Helpers this holiday season. They sent the word out to members and supporters across the city and collected enough food, toys, stuffed animals, books and clothing and other items to provide Christmas gifts for all 700 students (and their siblings) who are listed as homeless by Las Cruces Public Schools. To read more, see Page 18.



Las Cruces Public Schools McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Public Liaison Yoli Silva, a long-time social worker with the school district, loads gift bags for homeless students donated by Las Cruces Moms on an LCPS truck.



Nancy Sanders and Elmo Padilla of the LCPS McKinney-Vento Homeless Education program load gift bags.

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DWI Awareness Week underway Dec. 4-10

Doña Ana County joins New Mexico's 32 other counties this week in marking DWI Awareness Week, the cornerstone of which is focusing on local programs and personnel dedicated to stemming the plague of DWI.

Doña Ana County's Health and Human Services Department administers the Local DWI Program county-wide, which includes ongoing prevention and educational outreach, as well as compliance monitoring for those who have been convicted of DWI.

"We are responsible for monitoring people convicted of DWI and reporting to the court their compliance with court sanctions," said HHS Director Jamie Michael. "Our eight compliance officers monitor approximately 1,200 people a year, each carrying a case load of more than 150 offenders."

The compliance officers provide referrals, access, and follow-up for treatment and other services in an effort to reduce the risk of re-offending.

Michael said the success of the program is borne out by the numbers.

"In fiscal year 2016, 71 percent of our clients successfully completed their probation," she said. "Without this program, people would be on unsupervised probation, which would be dangerous and leave our communities more vulnerable to alcohol-related accidents and fatalities."

The three prevention staff members provide an evidence-based education program to young people in schools and residents at local community centers. In fiscal year 2016, they had 3,500 encounters in the schools and 2,120 encounters in the community.

The aim of these efforts is to increase knowledge about the negative effects of alcohol, reduce DWI, and target underage drinking and binge drinking. Programs are offered in all three county school districts.

The state allocates funds annually for each county to operate LDWI programs. During the last regular and special sessions of the New Mexico Legislature, the amount for LDWI Programs was reduced by almost \$8

million statewide, forcing personnel cuts and increased workload to keep up with the ongoing issue of DWI offenses.

"The reduction in funds significantly impacts the scope and quality of the local programs," Michael said. "Smaller counties are having to reassess whether they can continue this vital work. Here in Doña Ana County, we've allowed attrition to reduce our compliance staff by two positions, with the remaining personnel taking

on larger caseloads."

Michael said the fear of more funding cuts resonates through the program as New Mexico struggles with a revenue shortage. She said progress statewide – as well as locally – should not be taken for granted, and the programs should be bolstered rather than cut.

"Although great progress has been made in reducing the number of alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes in the past 10 years, our county has seen an increase in cases during 2016," she said. "DWI initiatives aimed at preventing alcohol over-use and reducing recidivism need to be local and state priorities, or we risk losing ground against this menace to public safety."

One popular prevention aspect of the LDWI program proves its value nearly every weekend and holiday. Project HOME provides deeply discounted taxi rides to people who find themselves having had too much to drink and are responsible enough not to attempt driving home.

Michael said that in fiscal year 2016, 1,713 people took advantage of the service through which rides are offered for \$5 for up to two riders and \$10 for up to four riders. The taxi takes participants from a liquor establishment or a house party to their home(s) anywhere in Doña Ana County. A return ride to retrieve the rider's vehicle is also offered the next day for \$5.

She said the service – paid for with grant funding – is available Fridays, Saturdays and holidays from 5:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. The number to call to get the discounted rides is (575) 524-TAXI [8294].

During their Nov. 22 regular meeting, the individual members of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners voiced their concerns about the adverse impacts of further funding cuts by the state."

They then voted unanimously to proclaim the week of Dec. 4-10 as DWI Awareness Week in Doña Ana County, and they encouraged their constituents to lobby their state legislators to guard against any further funding cuts that would undermine the work being done locally to curb DWI and track offenders.

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Sheriff seeks info about accused molester

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A 57-year-old man who lives south of Las Cruces has surrendered to Doña Ana County Sheriff's detectives on accusations he molested a girl under the age of 13.

Gerald Chavez is charged with one count of criminal sexual penetration of a child under 13 and two counts of criminal sexual contact of a child under the age of 13.

The victim disclosed to detectives that the alleged incidents happened at Chavez's home between April and November

of this year. Detectives learned Chavez might have victimized other children and are asking anyone who suspects Chavez

was involved in similar incidents to contact the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department immediately at 575-525-8812.



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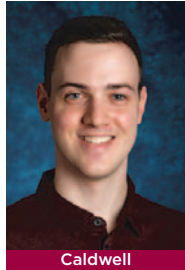
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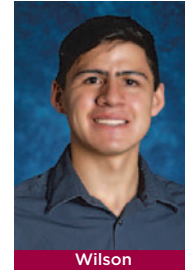
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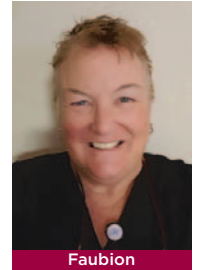
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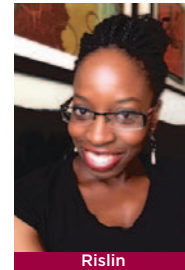
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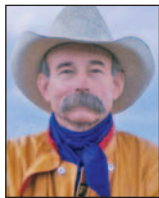
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An imaginary interview with animal rights extremists

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TOPIC 1: Since 2008 when horse slaughter ceased in the U.S., to 2016, 1,151,000 (one million one hundred fifty-one thousand) head have been exported to Mexico and Canada for slaughter for



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human consumption, primarily in Europe. Is it more humane to transport unwanted horses far away for slaughter, or closer?

AN RITE: We expect within 20 years (another 2,000,000 horses exported for slaughter), people all over the world will quit eating horsemeat.

TOPIC 2: In your survey of 1000 random U.S. citizens, 80 percent declared to be anti-slaughter. Less than 2 percent (2 million) actually own a horse. 978 people you surveyed did not own a horse; 20 did. Random surveys in the U.S. show that 97 percent eat meat; 3 percent are vegetarians. If you wanted to get a good recipe for vegetables, who would you ask?

AN RITE: That's like comparing apples to oranges.

TOPIC 3: This fall the Board advising the BLM on Wild Horse and Burro Program voted 8-1 to allow euthanasia to control overpopulation of the 67,000 burros and feral horses today. 27,000 would be an acceptable number to maintain the ecosystem. Today the BLM spends nearly \$50 million (\$50,000,000) annually for upkeep. In ten years since the slaughter ban, adoptions, rescues,

chemical neutering, pleading and even your contributions have not slowed the Unwanted Horse problem. Why have the AN RITES taken opposition to the BLM's plan to save itself?

AN RITES: You don't get it. Do all of you 'animal users' think reason and common sense, even unintended consequences, mean anything to urban America? It's not worth one sad-eyed puppy in the commercials.

TOPIC 4: When they shut down horse slaughter plants in 2007, almost every equine-related association predicted dire consequences. They have all come true, and they've all been to the detriment of America's horses. In good conscience, how much longer can you contribute to this on-going tragedy?

AN RITES: As long as the money keeps rollin' in! Nope, I'm just kiddin'! Really, as long as we can convince the urban donors to feel sorry for other people's horses we've got it made. Oh, and we can't thank enough the truck drivers, sale barns and Indian tribes that still keep the unwanted horse population under control by hauling them out of the country; 150,000 last year! If it weren't for them we'd be in one 'heck of a wreck!'

TOPIC 5: What do you think has been your greatest asset?

AN RITES: Cowardly politicians.

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It's happening in Santa Teresa

Opportunity meets infrastructure meets entrepreneurs

It's called Industrial Road, and just a few years ago, the road didn't exist, and the name certainly wouldn't fit.

In that time, though, this stretch of dirt-turned-asphalt in Santa Teresa has changed dramatically.



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

As I turned down Industrial Dec. 5, to attend the groundbreaking for Valley Cold Storage's expansion, I had to stop at a crossing to wait

for a long train to pass.

At first, I wanted to complain, as most of us do when we get stuck at a railroad crossing.

"Oh wait," I thought. "This is a good thing. This is a giant reason why Santa Teresa's port of entry is expanding, creating great economic opportunity in Doña Ana County."

(I had to wait on another train on the way out.)

With the unmatched asset of the Union Pacific hub, the proximity to the Mexican border, some innovative legislation from the state of New Mexico and some incentives spear-

headed by Gov. Susana Martinez, the value of goods coming through Santa Teresa has increased from \$1 million per year to \$7 billion per year.

Those assets really shine when met by the energy and vision of entrepreneurs such as Clay and Jennifer Bush.

In 2008, while working as a dispatcher with Mesilla Valley Transportation, Clay noticed a lot of those MVT trucks being dispatched to transport agricultural goods from New Mexico to cold-storage facilities in Texas.

"Why can't that be stored in New Mexico?" he asked himself.

It's a simple question, but the kind that separates entrepreneurs from the herd.

Two years later, Clay and wife Jennifer were storing New Mexico's finest green chile in the coldest place in town. That facility, at South Main and Watson Lane, has proven too small for the Bushes' ambition, so they began looking for an additional facility.

One place they looked: Texas. "How dare you consider Texas!" Martinez said at the groundbreaking, a comment which drew laughter, but was also revealing.

Had it been a few years earlier, Texas may have been the Bushes' best choice.

With the expansions and

improvements made at Santa Teresa's Westpark Logistics Center, however, staying in New Mexico has become more than a viable option for entrepreneurs.

Indeed, as Bulletin writer Alta LeCompte explains in an article on the Valley Cold Storage groundbreaking on page 12, this will be the third major expansion at Westpark in the past six months.

By locating there, Valley Cold Storage not only stays in New Mexico, they may even gain some business from Texas, as well.

At its Santa Teresa facility, Valley will be about 35 miles closer to the Texas and Mexico borders, making them a viable option for a whole new pool of potential customers.

In addition to the trains, other prominent sights and sounds at Westpark include construction cranes on the horizon and the engines and backup beepers of giant yellow earth-moving equipment.

Jerry Pacheco, president of the Border Industrial Association, brought up another encouraging item when he spoke at the groundbreaking. Introducing Gadsden Independent School District Superintendent Efren Yturralde, Pacheco noted the GISD has been recognized as one of the top im-

proving schools in the state. Desert View Elementary, for example, ranked better than 97 percent of the elementaries in the state on standardized tests.

Another benefit to the region are state economic development funds and tools, said Davin Lopez, president and CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance.

Clay Bush recognized the multiple business and personal relationships that have helped him and Jennifer get to this point.

This was most evident when, reading from a script, he hit an unscripted pause.

"Most of all, we'd like to thank our friends"

At this point it was clear Bush was getting emotional, before resuming.

"...Our employees and our family for their support."

Pacheco summed it up, again talking about the Bushes' entrepreneurship.

"You look at this land," Pacheco said. "Just recently it was greasewood, jackrabbits and probably a few rattlesnakes. Now they're going to turn it into a building."

And for other entrepreneurs whose minds might be wondering, there's plenty of room for more buildings.

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Good presidents and bad ones, too

"The measure of a man is what he does with power."

— Plato

The first president in my memory was Dwight Eisenhower. I was born when Truman served but don't remember him. My father was a career military man. He happily had a badge, "I like Ike."

As someone who studies presidents, it seems to me that in 100 years, people may consider Eisenhower the best president of the 20th Century. What he did with power was good and he didn't tell the press.

What makes me think of this is social media proclaiming the best and the worst presidents without research. We must agree on how to judge a president. Many presidents were very popular during their lives and subsequently dropped as details of their presidency came out. Warren G. Harding was one.

Here are my five worst presidents: absolute worst was Teddy Roosevelt. Next was James Polk. Then Andrew Johnson. Next was Lyndon Johnson and fifth worst was Herbert Hoover. I can write a thousand words about their actions that landed them on my bad list. Maybe later.

My pick for best presidents involves them doing things others of their generation would not have done. George



MICHAEL SWICKARD

In My Opinion

Washington set the bar high. After him I admire Abraham Lincoln who no one expected to be nominated. He was awful his first year as he tried to grow into the job. Then providence smiled upon him for the ages.

Lincoln almost single-handedly ended slavery in our country. He didn't run to do it but came to understand how he needed to use his presidential powers. Likewise, Thomas Jefferson was bright but there were a dozen bright politicians when he decided to run for president.

Once in office, Jefferson allowed his curiosity of plants and animals to evolve into sending the Corps of Discovery under the command of Lewis and Clark across North America. In a three-year period, what was known about the North American West was increased way beyond anyone's expectations.

Speaking of a good president: Calvin Coolidge agreed to be vice president but did not have greater expectations. He was a quiet effective person who when thrust into the presidency took us out of a bad economic time and give us the "Roaring Twenties." He, like Eisenhower, did not toot his horn so many people do not realize how good both

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School board election filing deadline set

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Three of the five seats on the Las Cruces Public Schools board of education will be on the Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017, election ballot, and two of the three incumbents will not be candidates for re-election.

The only day to file a declaration of candidacy for the school board is Wednesday, Dec. 20. Dec-



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larations must be filed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. that day at the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office in the county government center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. The declarations



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Districts up for election are 1, 2 and 3. LCPS Chief Communications Officer Jo Galvan said the terms are for four years.

Board President Maria

of candidacy must also be notarized, which can be done at the county clerk's office.

A. Flores, who represents District 3, said she is "planning" on running for re-election.

Flores was elected to the school board by a two-vote margin eight years ago and was overwhelmingly re-elected four years ago.

Board Vice President Chuck Davis, who represents District 1, has indicated he will not seek a fifth term, Galvan said. Davis has served 16 years

on the school board, one of the longest tenures since LCPS was created Jan. 1, 1954.

Likewise, board Secretary Barbara Hall, who represents District 2, has indicated she will not seek re-election, Galvan said. Hall was appointed to the board six years ago and re-elected without opposition four years ago.

A candidate, who must be a registered voter,

must physically live in the district he or she would represent. School board members receive no salary for their service, Galvan said.

Board members Maury Castro (District 4) and Ed Frank (District 5) were first elected to the board in 2014. Neither seat is up until 2018.

For more information, contact Galvan at 575-527-5811 or jgalvan@lcps.net.

PRESIDENTS

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were at being president.

Ronald Reagan likewise took our nation out of a bad economic time

and gave us nearly two decades of prosperity. He almost single-handedly took the Soviet Union down when no one thought it could be done. And he inspired many Americans with his

presidency.

Which brings us to Donald Trump. No one can tell how he will be viewed in 100 years and as the saying goes, "A hundred years from now it is all new people." But

there are things we can see both good and bad that give us a framework to watch him as he conducts his four years of being president.

Trump already is someone that does not do like the swarms of politi-

cians do in our nation's capital.

That may be both good and bad. Not many thought he had a chance to win but he did. In that he is like Lincoln who ended up with the nomination while the political

leaders scratched their heads and wondered how he did it.

Lincoln also was a polarizing figure where he was loved or hated. In fact, nine states seceded from the Union before he was inaugurated based on their hatred of him. Trump is also like Jefferson in that he is interested in lots of stuff, but not politics.

We can see that Donald Trump is his own man and no one waving money will get his attention. Like Lincoln, newly elected Donald Trump is hated by the press.

He can grow into the job of the presidency or not. Only time will tell. He may join the others on my list as a great president but he must do things, not just talk. We have had enough talk, it is time for action to get our people back to work and the economy going. Let's see how he uses his power.

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NMSU will not be a sanctuary campus

BULLETIN REPORT

New Mexico State University wants to provide a “supportive, welcoming and respectful” environment for all students, said NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers.

Still, the school reports

it will not be a sanctuary campus for immigrants without legal status and will allow law enforcement officers on campus.

In accordance with state law, qualifying undocumented students are eligible for in-state tuition and other state-funded

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Still, Carruthers wrote the school will not ban federal law enforcement agents because doing so would jeopardize federal funding and NMSU’s ability to issue student visas to international students and visiting scholars.

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Council gives nod to soundstage project

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Mayor Ken Miyagishima was the only “No” vote, as the Las Cruces City Council adopted a resolution authorizing city staff to “negotiate a property acquisition agreement” for a film and media soundstage in Las Cruces.

Miyagishima opposed the agreement because he said it should include a lease between the city and Film Las Cruces (FLC) for the operation of the soundstage.

Film Las Cruces is a nonprofit that has a three-year memorandum of understanding with the city to bring film and television production to Las Cruces.

“I don’t feel it’s in the



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the mayor said. “I don’t know why you’re scared of a lease.”

Miyagishima said he was also concerned because the resolution calls for the city to spend \$3 million for the eventual acquisition of a soundstage, while a figure of \$2.1 million in city funding was discussed at a city council work session held earlier this year.

“It just doesn’t look good,” he said. “It’s a million dollars more reason why we need a lease.”

An amendment to the

best interest of the taxpayer to put that money out there without any means to protect it,”

resolution that would have authorized the city to negotiate a lease with Film Las Cruces for the operation of the building was defeated on a 3-3 vote. Voting “Yes” were Miyagishima and Councilors Jack Eakman (who proposed the amendment) and Olga Pedroza. Voting “No” were Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith and Councilors Gill Sorg and Ceil Levatino. A tie vote means the motion fails. Councilor Kasandra Gandara did not attend the meeting.

After defeating Eakman’s amendment, the council voted 5-1 to adopt the full resolution “to authorize the city manager to negotiate a property acquisition agreement for a location that meets requirements for development of a film and media

soundstage to be owned by the City of Las Cruces.”

The council had previously unanimously approved an amendment to the resolution changing the specifications for the height of the soundstage, its size and the size of the acreage it sits on.

City funding for a soundstage would come from hold-harmless gross receipts tax revenue earmarked for economic development. It would also include nearly \$1 million in state capital outlay money.

Sorg said the resolution does not authorize the purchase of any building to be used as a soundstage. It only allows city staff to do an assessment of available properties, he said.

“We do have at least one property in mind,” City Public Works Department Facilities Administrator Eric Martin said. He did not disclose its location.

State Rep. (and state Sen.-elect) Jeff Steinborn, D-Doña Ana, who also is the president of FLC, said three large film studios in northern New Mexico helped FLC develop cost estimates for a Las Cruces soundstage. Proposed funding would cover property acquisition, improvements to bring the building into compliance with film and television production standards, city-mandated improvements and operating funds, he said.

The film industry produced nearly \$400 million in directing spending New Mexico last year, Steinborn said, which was 25 percent more than the year before. Soundstages in Albuquerque and Santa Fe have run out of space, he said, and the state needs a soundstage in Las Cruces to to continue to expand its film and TV production.

Speaking during public input, Las Cruces International Film Festival (LCIFF) Executive Director Ross Marks said Las Cruces has a “window of opportunity” to present a local soundstage to “150 viable customers” during the March 2017 LCIFF. The festival, he said, is expected to draw about 12,000 visitors, including about 150 professional filmmakers. Marks is also an assistant professor with the New Mexico State University Creative Media Institute for Film and Digital Arts.

“Help us to move forward with the assessment of a property we have been looking at,” said Las Cruces actor and filmmaker Mark Vasconcellos. “This is the best opportunity we have,” he said. “It’s viable.”

Vasconcellos is a member of the FLC board of directors.

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Police investigate fatal shooting

BULLETIN REPORT

Investigators are continuing to look into the Friday, Dec. 2 shooting that claimed the life of 36-year-old Joshua “Josh” Clay Dunne of Las Cruces.

Preliminary information from the investigation indicates that officers were dispatched to Dunne’s residence shortly before 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2. A relative indicated to police that Dunne was possibly suicidal, and could be armed with a 9mm handgun and a hunting knife. Officers began looking for Dunne

who was said to be driving a gray Toyota 4Runner.

About an hour later, an LCPD officer located the 4Runner parked at the Sleep Inn, at 2121 S. Triviz Drive, and learned that Dunne had rented a room on the third floor of the hotel.

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

the hotel room.

Shortly after 10:30 p.m., shots were fired and Dunne was struck at least once. He was transported to Memorial Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries.

No officers were injured during the incident.

Two LCPD officers have been placed on administrative leave which is standard procedure for such an incident.

The joint investigation is being conducted by the Las Cruces Police Department and the Officer-involved Incident Task Force.

City council approves downtown master plan

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

At its Monday, Dec. 5, regular meeting, the Las Cruces City Council unanimously passed a resolution adopting the 2016 Las Cruces Downtown Master Plan.

On a split vote, the council adopted an amendment to the resolution calling on the city to eventually move the Las Cruces Museum of Art (LCMA) into the historic building currently occupied by municipal court at 135 E. Griggs Ave., on the southeast corner of the new downtown plaza.

City Downtown Planning and Development Coordinator Andy Hume said the new master plan will provide strategies for



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the plan, which replaces the city's 2004 downtown revitalization plan.

The update, he said, included "a robust public involvement campaign."

The plan covers four broad categories: healthy community, community character, economic prosperity and sustainable growth.

"This plan is all about economic development ... and how we can move our downtown forward," Hume said.

The city's adoption of

the next 10 years of downtown development. He said city staff have worked for a year on

a 25-year Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) in July 2009 has been a critical part of downtown development, he said.

TIDD has generated more than \$14 million in revenue since it was created and has led to the reopening of Main Street, the new downtown plaza, the Amador redevelopment project and the upcoming conversion of Church and Water streets from one- to two-way traffic.

The LCMA amendment was proposed by Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith, who voted for it, along with Mayor Ken Miyagishima and Councillors Olga Pedroza and Jack Eakman. Councillors Gill Sorg and Ceil Levatino voted

against the amendment. Councillor Kasandra Gandara did not attend the meeting.

Smith said it was appropriate to preserve the nearly 100-year old, city-owned building that at one time was a U.S. post office. "It's been an anchor for downtown for quite a while," he said.

Levatino said she was against the amendment because it would eliminate flexibility for the use of the building and would limit the hours the build-

ing is occupied, creating a safety issue because there would be fewer "eyes on the plaza continuously."

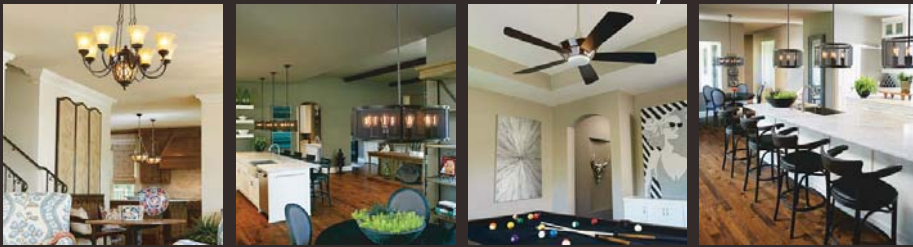
Miyagishima noted that there are no plans to move municipal court out of the building in the near future. He suggested the council hold a work session in 2017 to further discuss moving the LCMA into the building.

Ten members of the public spoke about the proposed amendment, with most supporting it, including New Mexico State University Art

Museum Interim Director Michelle Lanteri, NMSU Art Department Academic Head Dr. Julia Barello, Doña Ana Arts Council Executive Director Kathleen Albers and arts activist Irene Oliver-Lewis.

Those speaking against the amendment included Craig Buchanan, president of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership board of directors; and Las Cruces architect Steve Newby of Las Cruces Community Partners, LLC.

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Valley Cold Storage breaks ground in Santa Teresa

By ALTA LeCOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

A chill wind blew under the canopy where dignitaries gathered Monday, Dec. 5, to celebrate groundbreaking for Valley Cold Storage's 105,000-square-foot Santa Teresa facility, prompting co-owner Clay Bush to quip that his hands were frozen.

"I feel like I'm at work," he said.

The company will invest nearly \$14 million, and create 14 jobs when it opens and up to 33 jobs as it grows.

The New Mexico Economic Development Department will contribute \$140,000 in LEDA funds toward the construction of the new cold storage facility. LEDA is New Mexico's closing fund,



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Spreading shovels for the Valley Cold Storage groundbreaking Monday, Dec. 5.

a tool that recruits new businesses to the state while helping those that are already here grow and thrive.

Clay and Jennifer Bush began their cold storage business in the existing warehouse in 2010 on Watson Lane in Las Cru-

ces.

"What precipitated (expanding into Santa Teresa) was for three months we were at 175 percent full," co-owner and vice president Jennifer Bush said in an earlier interview.

"Here — on five acres

— we're tapped out on growing," Clay Bush said.

He said a lot of Valley Cold Storage's business comes out of the El Paso area and farther south.

"Santa Teresa, with its rail infrastructure and good border crossing will be convenient for our customers to the south," he said.

The company's customers from Mexico will have lower freight bills when they use the new warehouse — and their departure from the Las Cruces facility will free up more space in Las Cruces for its more northerly customers, he said.

Phase 1 of the Santa Teresa project will consist of more than 100,000 square-feet of warehouse on 16 acres. It will have 10 docks.

"There's enough acreage to have a 325,000 square-foot facility," Clay Bush said.

Westpark grows businesses

The new facility will be the third major expansion in Santa Teresa's 166-acre Westpark Logistics Center in the last six months.

At the groundbreaking ceremony, Gov. Susana Martinez asked the audience to remember what Santa Teresa looked like six years ago.

"There was nothing here," she said, "just a quiet little town."

Chiding her friend Clay Bush for having considered locating the new facility in Texas, Martinez said: "Now we're competing with states like Texas.

Every time we win and Texas is not getting those jobs, that company, I'm happy."

She said since 2011 New Mexico has lowered its business tax 29 percent and has replenished the LEDA fund — which now totals \$56 million.

Davin Lopez, president and CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, said he remembered walking into the Hotel Encanto seven years ago and telling Clay Bush he didn't have any economic development tools to help open the first Valley Cold Storage facility in Las Cruces.

"Clay asked if we had anything to help this time and I was proud to say, 'Absolutely, we do.'" Lopez said.

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Governor, new superintendent congratulate University Hills

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

University Hills Elementary School, 2005 S. Locust St., received a visit from Gov. Susana Martinez on Monday morning, Dec. 5, as she joined new Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Gregory Ewing in recognizing UHES as the top reading school in New Mexico for the 2016 state Summer Reading Challenge.

“Isn’t it nice to be No. 1?” Martinez asked UHES students, who were gathered in the school cafeteria to welcome here and celebrate the school’s top readers.

Reading “gives you super powers,” the governor said, echoing this year’s summer reading

challenge theme of “Be a Reading Super Hero.”

“I couldn’t have had a better first day,” Ewing told UHES students and staff.

“I want you to keep reading,” he said. “I read every day in English and I read every day in Spanish,” he said.

Ewing challenged UHES students to win next year’s summer reading challenge as well, saying he will invite the governor back a year from now and will host a pizza party at the school.

UHES Principal Kelly Mahres said her school’s students read about 200,000 minutes collectively to win this year’s challenge. Participants in all 50 states and 25 countries read a total of almost 2.6 million minutes,

she said.

UHES top readers by grade – each recognized with a certificate, a gift bag and a cape – were, kindergarten: Kenton Scarborough, first grade: Brooke Shannon, second grade: Allison Humphreys, third grade: Fiona Rossette, fourth grade: Karah Flores and fifth grade: Abbey Charity. The school also recognized a former student, Ethan Maki, who is now a sixth grader.

Also attending the ceremony was interim LCPS Superintendent Dr. Steven Sanchez. He will remain in Las Cruces until the winter holiday break and then return to his home in Belen. He will resume teaching duties at the Family School in Los Lunas in January.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Left to right are LCPS Interim Superintendent Dr. Steven Sanchez, new LCPS Superintendent Dr. Gregory Ewing and Gov. Susana Martinez. The three were at University Hills Elementary School on Monday, Dec. 5 recognizing UHES as the top reading school in New Mexico for the 2016 state Summer Reading Challenge.



Gov. Susana Martinez talks to University Hills Elementary School students about the importance of reading. Looking on, left to right, are UHES Assistant Principal Luis Meza, UHES Principal Kelly Mahres LCPS Interim Superintendent Dr. Steven Sanchez, new LCPS Superintendent Dr.

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UUMC presents 'Believe Again' Dec. 9 and 10

University United Methodist Church presents "Believe Again" at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 and at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2000 S. Locust St. No charge and open to the public. The 90-minute program includes music, dramatic readings and skits. Info: 575-522-8220. Visit UUMC on Facebook and online at uumclas-cruces.org.

Los Pastores set for Dec. 10

Los Pastores del Valle de Mesilla will be performing their traditional Christmas play at the Basilica of San Albino in Mesilla at 7 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 10. Admission is free.

Shop and Drop Holiday Camp at Jazzercise

Las Cruces Junior Jazzercise is holding a Shop and Drop Holiday Camp from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 at Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center, 3217 El Camino Real. The camp is for boys and girls ages four to 12 and includes a dance party, games, relays, crafts, a snack and a performance for families and friends. Cost is \$35 and sibling discounts are available. Info: Amy at 941-705-0800, email las-crucesjuniorjazzercise@yahoo.com or visit Junior Jazzercise Las Cruces on Facebook.

Model railroad association meets

The monthly meeting of the National Model Railroad Association-Roadrunner Division is 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Las Cruces

Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Free and open to anyone interested in model railroading. Info: Dick Schriver at 575-524-2809.

Breakfast with Santa benefits La Piñon

La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services and KidTalk's annual Breakfast with Santa is from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Aztec Masonic Lodge, 180 E. Boutz Road. With a \$5 donation you will receive a pancake breakfast and a picture with Santa. Food, fun and music. Make sure the little ones bring their Christmas lists, so Santa can take them back with him to the North Pole. If you are unable to make it to breakfast, but would like to donate, call 575-526-3437 or visit www.lapinon.org.

Cruces Apple User Group meets

The Cruces Apple User Group (CAUG) group will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, on the second floor at the NMSU Barnes and Noble Bookstore, 1400 University Ave. Agenda includes a "What's New With Apple" discussion and a general help/tech support session. CAUG welcomes anyone interested in learning and sharing information about their Apple Products. CAUG meets on the second Saturday of each month. Info: www.cauglc.org or Louise Foster at louise-foster@mac.com.

Tinsel & Tails shopping event benefits animals

The Tinsel & Tails holiday shopping event is set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Grapevine Plaza, 3900 W. Picacho Ave. Vendors of

all kinds, food, fun to benefit Tails from the Shelter. Info on Facebook.

SNAPpy Critter Christmas is Dec. 11

SNAP (Spay and Neuter Action Program) of Doña Ana County is sponsoring "SNAP"py Critter Christmas from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Tickets are \$50, which includes lunch, silent and live auctions, raffles and a dog-treat buffet. There will be a no-host bar. Well-behaved dogs on leashes are welcome. Live music provided by The Derrick Harris Jazz Band. Info: 575-524-9265. Visit www.snapnewmexico.org or find them on Facebook at Snap Spay Neuter Action Program.

Educational retirees meet Dec. 13

The Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees will meet from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday Dec. 13 at the NMSU Golf Club restaurant ballroom, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. The speaker will be Barbara Hall on the Educational Foundation of LCPS. The holiday meeting includes entertainment by the Young at Heart chorus, a \$5 gift exchange and the installation of officers for 2017. Members are reminded to bring new socks and mens' shoes for Gospel Rescue Mission. Cost of the luncheon is \$12.50 per person. For reservations or more information, contact Navora Richardson at 575-523-6004 or Linda Morgan at 575-522-0203.

ALR sets December program

Doña Ana Community College's Academy for

Learning in Retirement program at Good Samaritan Village has the topic of the 100th anniversary of the U.S. National Park Service (NPS) from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Dec. 13 and 15 in the Good Samaritan auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The cost is \$4 per day for members and \$5 per day for non-members. For more information, visit <https://dacc.nmsu.edu/alr/>.

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.

Free orchestra concert at St. Paul's

The New Horizons Orchestra will present its Christmas concert featuring solos from orchestra members at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave.

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.

'Blast from the Past' discussions

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

Soroptimist International meets 2nd, 4th Wednesday

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

Immunizations available at Dept. of Health

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

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.

Quilt Guild meets third Monday

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

Gene's Gesters 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.

Veterans Theatre presents 'Labels' on Dec. 16

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Veterans Theatre of Las Cruces will present its original production of "Labels" in two performances on Friday, Dec. 16, at Alma d'arte Charter High School, 402 Court St.

The first performance will be at 2:10 p.m., with doors opening at 1 p.m. The second performance will begin at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6 p.m.

The performances will begin with a prayer led by U.S. Army veteran Lawrence Orvis, who is chaplain of American Legion Post 10 of Las Cruces. Act one of the hour-long program is entitled "Viva Las Vegas." Act two is called "Spice Heads Fall Out." Act three is "Forum Theatre event of '999' Label." The performances will be

followed by a roundtable discussion.

"Veterans Theatre is working to get stories of homeless veterans and homelessness on stage," said David Boje, distinguished professor in the New Mexico State University Business College who created Veterans Theatre.

"Our objective is to get the Hobbs Ordinance passed in (the Las Cruces) City Council this fall," Boje said.

The City of Hobbs, New Mexico, passed an ordinance regulating the distribution of synthetic substances known as spice.

Boje was leading a healing-through-storytelling class at an Oak Street apartment complex that serves as transitional housing for veterans in Las Cruces in 2014. When the class ended, Boje said, he and participating veterans asked, "What can we do now with storytelling?" And Veterans Theatre was born.

With a combination of veterans and residents of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope's Camp Hope tent city for the homeless as actors and writers, the group performs what Boje calls the "theater of the oppressed, theater for social and economic change."

Much of each performance is improvised by the actors on stage.

"The stories come from those guys," said Boje, a United States Army veteran who served in Vietnam in 1969 and 1970 and is a member of American Legion Post 10 of Las Cruces and Vietnam Veterans of America.

Watch Veterans Theatre performances at www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNM1zdlxgzI&t=5s. Visit <http://veteranstheater.com/>.

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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 lascrucestoastrmasters@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 Samari-

tan 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 lascrucesmself-help@gmail.com.

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New spaceport head looks to inspire next generation

By **ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Spaceport America's new chief operating officer, Dan Hicks, hit the ground running in mid-November when he came on board at the facility.

"It's been a firehose," he said. "It's been a lot of information to absorb."

But the habit of absorbing information is not new to Hicks.

Little black-and-white images on a small television set left a huge impression on the 10-year-old Hicks' brain in 1969 as pictures flowed out of the first and subsequent Apollo moon walks.

"I was born in 1959 — growing up in the space age," he said. "So those images are ingrained in the back of our minds. The exploration of space has always been in my psyche as a young boy growing up into adulthood."

On top of the space



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dreams, Hicks has always loved the educational disciplines, he said. Through high school he was fascinated by the aeronautics, aerospace and astronomy type fields, so moving into his college days, everything came together.

"I had the good fortune of having a wonderful dad who encouraged me into going into mechanical engineering," he said. "That opens up a lot of doors. I thought one path was going to happen and decided to go down the research and development technical evaluation path instead."

There was a time when Hicks submitted his name to NASA for astronaut openings, three cycles over six years, but was not accepted. The letters told him "thanks" but they needed some other

type of professional.

So Hicks ended up at White Sands Missile Range and worked there for 34 years, until his official retirement in October 2016. Now he stands at the helm of Spaceport America.

From his very beginnings during the infancy of space exploration, Hicks is coming into a new infancy — the age of the commercial race to space — to play his part in what he believes is an exciting time.

"Going to the moon like we did — fast forward now 60 years and the technology has changed so much," he said. "Instead of government sponsored agencies, they are really pushing a lot toward the commercial industries to look at innovative ways and technologies to get up into space."

He said the exceptional altitude of Spaceport America and the resource

of WSMR, where the facility is on the edge of a large block of restricted airspace, provides a unique advantage to commercial clients looking at space-related activities.

Hicks' experience at WSMR has given him exposure as to how to support various customers not only in the defense industry but all the industries closely aligned with the commercial space industry. He said a lot of the big industry names are in both sectors.

"So 34 years at WSMR has given me the experience to get into the commercial launch industry which is really in its infancy," he said.

One of the big things Hicks sees as his role as the spaceport's CEO is to generate excitement for the next generations about space exploration.

The spaceport already reaches out to the 6th graders in the Doña Ana

and Sierra county school systems. The Spaceport Authority's Dr. Bill Guttman works with the youth, taking projects to the schools and inviting students to experience science.

In June, Hicks said, Spaceport America is hosting a college student competition sponsored by the Experimental Sounding Rocket Association which will bring participants from 70 universities around the world to experience New Mexico and the spaceport.

"These will be our future workforce that go on into the commercial space industry," Hicks said of today's students from elementary to college level. "And they already have an exposure to what's on at Spaceport America."

Hicks said the importance of what Spaceport America brings is not only as an economic

engine but job creation potential. The facility has already generated 50 jobs here in the state.

"As engineers and mathematicians are leaving New Mexico colleges, we want them," he said. "Other trades are also needed. We need a technician workforce too."

The vision going forward is to draw more of the 40 existing companies working toward space transport, and to attract the additional 25-30 space operations companies, Hicks said. Those could include companies focusing on commercial exploration of resources or mining debris in space.

"We are going to be fully self-funded by 2019," Hicks said. "It's going to be a team sport going forward. The question is how do we work with everybody to make the most out of the national treasure that is Spaceport America?"

Spaceport America Cup brings aerospace engineering teams together

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Spaceport America and the Experimental Rocket Sounding Association

(ESRA), are bringing an event to New Mexico — the Spaceport America Cup.

The Spaceport America

Cup is designed around IREC — the Intercollegiate Rocket Engineering Competition for student rocketry teams from all over the country and around the world. With over 110 teams from colleges and universities in eleven countries, 2017 will be the competition's biggest year so far.

College students will be launching solid, liquid, and hybrid rockets to target altitudes of 10,000 and 30,000 feet.

The IREC has been an annual occurrence since 2006. The competition

achieved international status in 2011 — when schools from Canada and Brazil joined — and has doubled in size every year since 2013. More than 600 students participated in the 2016 competition, representing over 50 schools from six different continents.

"Together with our outstanding partners at ESRA, we are pleased to launch the first annual Spaceport America Cup, welcoming aerospace engineering students from

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NMSU engineering students design smart homes

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Aggie Innovation Space, a student-managed and Intel-funded program under the Engineering New Mexico Resource Network at New Mexico State University, recently hosted a home-automation design challenge for undergraduate engineering students. The challenge was an opportunity for engineering students to put their skills to use on a real-world application by designing smart

sensors for use within a home.

"Teams of students were challenged to complete a series of innovative solutions for home automation using programmable sensors and other technologies to create smart homes," said Lenny Mendoza, a senior electrical engineering student working as an Aggie Innovator in the AIS. The goal of the home automation challenge was to design model-home prototypes with feasible features that can anticipate an owner's

needs.

"The participants were tasked with placing sensors in various rooms within a model-home prototype," Mendoza said. "For example, they integrated a sensor within a ceiling fan to detect a room's temperature and programmed the sensor to adjust the fan settings to accommodate a person's temperature preference."

Sensors were also integrated in various household light fixtures and programmed to automatically adjust a room's

lighting depending on the person's pre-programmed preference, Mendoza said.

"Another task challenged the students to put sensors on the front door, so that when the door is opened, the bell automatically rings," Mendoza said.

"The Aggie Innovation Space design challenges are part of the College of Engineering's outreach efforts to provide students with opportunities to apply their academic skills in a real-world setting," said Patricia A. Sul-

livan, associate dean for outreach. "Through a variety of outreach efforts like design challenges, we work closely with industry to bridge the gap between classroom and real-world application so that students are ready to enter the workforce on day one. Our outreach programs focus on enhancing multidisciplinary teamwork and many of the soft skills required of today's global workforce."

"The AIS design challenges are open to all

NMSU majors," said Mendoza. "One of the objectives of the AIS is to encourage multidisciplinary projects across all majors."

Winners of the AIS home-automation design challenge were Christian Brieske, Alejandro Quintana and Juan Mendez, all three of whom are students in the engineering technology program at NMSU. They received Arduino development boards donated by the Engineering New Mexico Resource Network at NMSU.

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all over the world for a week of rocketeering and comradery," Chief Executive Officer Spaceport America Daniel Hicks said. "We hope to inspire future generations to consider a career in space exploration and encourage spectators from all walks of life to join in."

"Thank you to the astounding 110 teams who have already entered this year's competition," ESRA President Matthew

Ellengold said. "With an awe-inspiring venue like Spaceport America and the expert support of the Spaceport America Crew, we are taking the International Intercollegiate Rocket Engineering Competition to a whole new level."

Presentation and Conference Day - June 20, 2017

Spectators are invited to see the rockets (unarmed) on display at the Las Cruces Convention Center. The event is free

to the public and attendees can interact with rocket teams, watch team and industry sponsor presentations and speak with recruiters from aerospace companies.

Flight Preparation Day - June 21, 2017

The second day of the Spaceport America Cup takes place at the Spaceport America Vertical Launch Area. Teams will have the entire day to assemble their rocket in the field and test components as needed while

being judged.

Launch Days - June 22 - 24, 2017

Teams will be launching and recovering rockets all three days. Spectators are welcome to join in the excitement. There will be viewing areas set up and teams will be able to show off their rockets after recovery. Spectator passes are available for \$30 for three days or \$10 for a one day.

Rocket team registration is still open

Rocket teams are wel-

come to enter late into the competition. However, in the interest of fairness they will not receive points for their entry

form submission. Visit www.soundingrocket.org and click on Spaceport America Cup for more information.

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Las Cruces Moms provide gifts for homeless students

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Moms (LCM), a local public service organization, became Santa's little helpers this holiday season.

They sent the word out to members and supporters across the city and collected enough food, toys, stuffed animals, books, clothing and other items to provide Christmas gifts for all 700 students (and their siblings) who are listed as homeless by Las Cruces Public Schools.

LCM volunteers sorted and bagged the donations this past weekend, logging hundreds of hours at the Las Cruces Diamondbacks Soccer Club in the industrial area in west



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Las Cruces.

"What this group does for us is a Christmas miracle for all our homeless kids," said LCPS McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Public Liaison Yoli Silva, a long-time social worker with the school district.

Silva, along with Nancy Sanders and Elmo Padilla of the LCPS homeless

education program and other LCPS volunteers, had to make several trips in a large school district truck and several private vehicles to collect all the gift bags.

LCM volunteers will take left-over donations in gift bags to Hatch for more than 100 homeless students in Hatch Valley Public Schools, said LCM

founder and president Brook Roberson.

This is LCM's fifth consecutive year of providing Christmas gifts for homeless students.

"Every kid that we can help, we help," Roberson said. "We try to get everybody covered. LCM is an amazing project, and it's all of us working together to make it happen."

Roberson said this year's major Santa's little helpers sponsors include Las Cruces dentists Drs. David Warren and Michael Law of Quality Dentistry, Canyon Construction, Sonic Drive-Ins, Salud de Mesilla, Allen Theaters, Organ Mountain Outfitters, House of Grafex, Jensen Orthodontics and Coats Creative Photography,

among others.

Roberson said members of the Alma d'arte Charter High School National Honor Society were also a great help with this year's sorting and bagging. "Their parents should be very proud," she said.

Roberson said LCM needed a large space to sort and bag this year's donations before they were delivered. She contacted Amber Jensen at Jensen Orthodontics and got a call a few minutes later from New Mexico State University women's Volleyball assistant Coach Ben Wallis, who told her the Las Cruces Diamondback Volleyball Club facility was available. Wallis is the club's co-director and coach.

"It was a game changer for us," Roberson said.

Roberson said many LCM volunteers helped with the 2016 Christmas project, including Ashley Maki and husband Brian, Shara Satterfield and husband Ryan, Chris Chatterton and Wandy "Chippy" Wong. Roberson said her husband, Ryan, was also a great help.

In addition to donating food and gifts for homeless students, Roberson said many people also brought food and drinks for LCM volunteers during their long hours of sorting and bagging.

"Las Cruces has a very generous heart," she said. "The community has really come together and supported this project."

For more information, contact Roberson at momsllc@gmail.com. Find them on Facebook at Las Cruces Moms.

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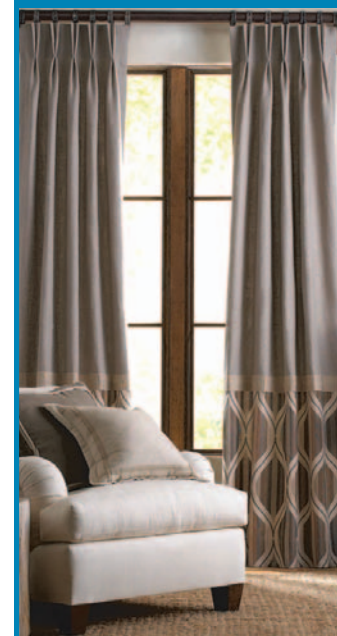


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NMSU Lab releases mobile version of Virtual Labs

By **AMY MUISE SMITH**
For the Bulletin

Even when a school has no physical lab space, students can still learn standard lab techniques with Virtual Labs. The Learning Games Lab at New Mexico State University has released mobile versions of their popular Virtual Labs interactive series, available now for iPad.

Eight modules let students explore laboratory techniques and concepts important in many scientific disciplines, including food science, without the need for a physical laboratory. Each module functions as an electronic lab manual and/or an overview publication to help high school and college students better understand eight basic laboratory concepts.

Because food is important to each one of us, it can serve as a good subject for teaching science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) concepts. The Virtual Labs incorporate real life experiences with food into virtual labs that replicate hands-on laboratory procedures. Not only do students learn STEM concepts, they increase their awareness of food and agriculture issues, which could lead to interesting careers.

Interactivity was the number one priority when creating the modules, and the mobile versions are even more immersive than the previous web versions, thanks to touchscreen

functionality.

Students can turn the focus dials on a microscope, use droppers and pipettes to sample bacteria, light Bunsen burners, look at corn under UV light, calibrate a pH meter, and much more. After experiencing the Virtual Labs, moving over to a physical lab will feel seamless for students because they're already familiar with pertinent equipment and the steps of common laboratory procedures.

These apps were created with high school and college educators in mind, and each module includes a curriculum package, available via myfoodsciencelab.com. During initial testing of the Virtual Labs series, teachers participating in food safety education workshops rated the series on average 4.5 out of 5 on factors such as "engaging for students" and "useful in the classroom."

The new iPad versions of the modules are available at the Apple App Store for \$0.99-\$1.99, or as a bundle of eight for \$4.99.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Fall Showcase at Alma d'arte set

Alma d'arte Charter High School will present the Fall Showcase starting at 5 p.m. Friday Dec. 9 at 402 W. Court Ave. The Fall Showcase is a free concert and open house with visual art exhibits and food samples from the culinary arts department featured throughout the building from 5 to 5:30 p.m. The concert will begin at 6 p.m. featuring the choir, orchestra, drama students, musicians, Chinese and dance ensembles. There also will be a silent auction raising funds for the school prom. The school is located at in Las Cruces. Contact Alan Kuncel at 575-649-1259 for more information.

Las Cruces Academy open house Dec. 13

The Las Cruces Academy at 1755 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla invites the public to visit the school from a morning session from 8:30 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Visitors can watch classes in Chinese and in grades early K through 2, talk with teachers, and view the facilities. Visitors in the afternoon,

5:30-7 p.m., may speak with teachers and view the classrooms.

LCA is a private school serving academically advanced or motivated students. Current openings are for early K through grade 8. More information at lascrucesacademy.org or by calling Lou Ellen Kay at 575-521-9384.

Cancer research internships for undergrads and grads

The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, in collaboration with NMSU, will sponsor cancer research

summer internships for undergraduate and graduate students.

The paid nine-week programs run Monday, June 12, through Friday, Aug. 11, 2017. Students must be able to commit to this entire period to participate.

For the undergraduate internship program, eligible students must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident currently enrolled in a U.S. university or college, entering the summer before the final year (or semester or quarter) of undergraduate studies, and

must have a strong background in the sciences or related areas of interest. The deadline for all undergraduate applications is Jan. 13, 2017. To apply, submit an application at <http://www.fredhutch.org/en/education-training/undergraduate-students.html>. For more information, visit

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Solidarity with Standing Rock prayer vigil



Alex Hawk and his father John Hawk played the drums on Sunday, Dec. 4 as Las Cruces gathered at Albert Johnson Park in prayer and solidarity with the Native Nations in camps at Standing Rock, North Dakota, protesting the pipeline being constructed. The prayer, songs and candlelight called for a change of heart among political leaders and law enforcement officers from protecting oil and business interests to protecting and respecting the sacred lands.

Carla Campbell holds a sign that promotes love.



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Those gathered take a moment for prayer.

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After delivering boxes of toys at Casa de Peregrinos food bank at Community of Hope, Monday, Dec. 5, The Classy Ladies of Mayfield High's 1971 graduating class stop for a photo. Left to right Elizabeth Olayo, Maria Molina Counsman, Christina Kelly, Bea Trujillo. Left to right back row Bernice Barela, Mary Carmen Rocha, Eileen Davis.

Classy Ladies help out Casa de Peregrinos



Eileen Davis brings in a box of dolls for Casa de Peregrinos.



Bea Trujillo helped unload the truck full of food to Community of Hope.



Bernice Barela and Christina Kelly bring in toys and blankets for the kids at Casa de Peregrinos.

Dress the Child



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY TABITHA ROSSMAN

Volunteers sign in to help shoppers on Sunday, Dec. 4 at Kohl's. Volunteers for the Las Cruces Dress the Child program took children shopping for new clothes and shoes at department stores in Las Cruces during three dates in November and December. At least 450 children selected because of financial need by Las Cruces Public Schools and the Gadsden Independent School District got to shop for new clothes.



One of the volunteers helps a father pick out clothes for his son.



A volunteer helps a child pick out new shoes.



Santa talks to kids and their parents before the event starts.



One of the mothers of the shoppers gets a photo with Santa.



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY TRACY ROY AND ELVA ÖSTERREICH

Ryan Roy, and children Gavin (foreground) and Gwen, drag a tree out of the Lincoln National Forest Saturday, Dec. 5. Permits can be purchased for \$10 and maps of designated cutting areas in Cloudcroft and Ruidoso are provided at the ranger station.

Time for annual trek to the forest for a Christmas tree

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Permits for cutting Christmas trees on New Mexico National Forests are available at all Ranger District offices. Those interested can travel north to Sacramento or Lincoln forests or west to the Gila National Forest for their trees.

Permits sell for \$10 each with a limit of one permit per household and free permits are available for the aromatic piñon trees. Any tree species up to 10' high may be cut.

A Christmas tree tag, an information sheet on cutting regulations, and maps of designated cutting sites are included with the permits. To protect forest resources, tree cutting activities are not allowed within wilderness areas, riparian (river and stream) areas, and areas within 200 feet of paved roads and developed recreation sites.

It is advisable for harvesters to check with local Ranger Districts for road and weather conditions prior to going into the forest. During this time of year, the weather can be unpredictable with rain or snow storms making dirt roads muddy, snow packed, or impassable. Forest



A young man cuts a tree down for his grandmother's Christmas corner on Dec. 3 in the Sacramento Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest.

users are also asked to respect forest and private lands, dispose of litter in trashcans or "pack it out," and close all forest gates after passing through them.

Forest offices are open Monday through Friday (except on holidays). Contact the local ranger district offices for further information on Christmas tree cutting.

Retired NMSU professor pens children's books

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin



Can you imagine a college professor who researches and lectures about global terrorism also writing picture books about a snowman, a little boy and his dog? Meet Yosef

LAPID

Lapid.

For this recently retired New Mexico State University (NMSU) international relations professor writing children's books is a dream come true.

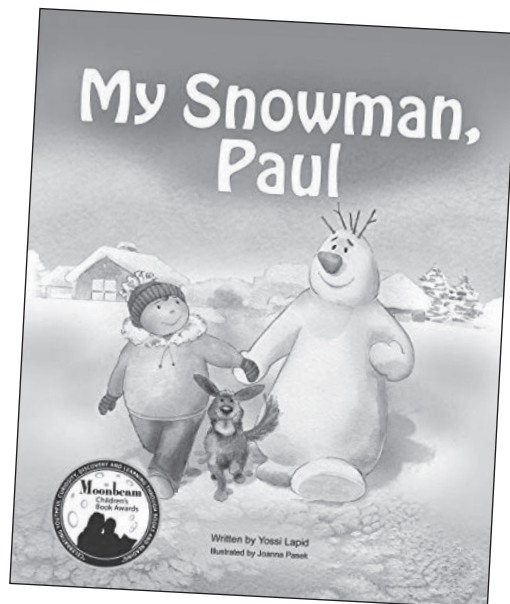
Lapid and his family have lived in Las Cruces for the past 26 years, but he grew up in Transylvania. Snowman Paul, the main character in Lapid's children stories, came to life in the Carpathian Mountains inspired by the transformative power of first snowfalls.

"First snow falls cover the ground with an immaculate carpet," said Lapid. "You can start telling your stories on that page with your footprints."

During a childhood that was "beautiful but difficult," Lapid frequently invented imaginary companions with magical powers that he could trust completely. The urge to come up with new stories continued when he became an adult and a father.

"Telling stories to my kids has always been a special joy for me," he said.

"I grew up in a family that puts great value on creativity and storytelling, and following your dreams," said Lapid's daughter, Ilana Lapid, an assistant professor at the NMSU Creative Media Institute for Film and Digital Arts. "This has really impacted my own life as a filmmaker. My father has always been a role model for me in the way in which he engages with the world, through his insight and critical analysis and through stories. I am so inspired now to see him make his dream of publishing children's books a reality. Snowman Paul



is an enchanting character, full of charisma, and young Dan is a boy with a big heart and a moral compass. Their relationship is truly magical."

"The idea to write for children has been with me for a very long time," Yosef said. "Writing academic articles was not always easy for me, but writing children's books has always been a joy."

Lapid, 69, retired from NMSU in 2014, but continues to identify himself as a professor and academic. He's editing a book series on culture, religion and identity in international relations for

Palgrave Press and he will be teaching an honors class on dilemmas of war and peace at NMSU next semester.

Retiring was not an easy decision for Lapid.

"It was a privilege to teach on a campus and be in touch with students and plug into their youth and enthusiasm," he said. But, "after 40 years of teaching, I was ready to try something else."

This year, he has self-published four books, and has more on the way. The response has been encouraging.

In October, the series won the silver medal in the Moonbeam Children's Books Awards competition in the best picture books series category.

That award, Lapid said, gave him "the confidence to enter into a new identity and feel good about it." Lapid said there were more than 1,000 entrants in 42 categories in this competition. (Visit www.moonbeamawards.com.)

The books have also received glowing reviews, including this one from Emily-Jane Hills Orford of Reader's Favorite book reviews: "Filled with a little touch of humor, each story also teaches young readers

important lessons: don't let others dictate your pleasures; work hard to achieve success in music, in sports or in anything else; don't take what isn't yours and then try to hide your error; stand up for what you believe in; and don't cheat. This is a great, charming collection of stories for young children."

NMSU English professor Cindy Murrell said Lapid inspired the students in her children's literature class in November.

"I was especially surprised and delighted by how professional the words, illustrations and layout of the books are," Murrell said. "They perfectly illustrate some of the concepts discussed in our children's literature textbook, such as the use of rhyme to provide order and a pattern to help children predict what will happen next and remember the story. The pace of the

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102 years young



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Grace Shelton blows out the candles on her cake as she celebrates her 102nd birthday at Haciendas at Grace Village, Monday, Dec. 2.

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NMSU's Porter writes book about Tortugas traditions

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For more than a century, Tortugas Pueblo has hosted its vibrant Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe each Dec. 10-12, when Roman Catholic and Native American rituals meld for a three-day event devoted to the Virgin of Guadalupe, patron saint of the Americas.

This year, the Pueblo will also celebrate a book that details its history, enriched with personal stories and photography: "Tortugas at 100: Steps in Time & Grace." The book

recognizes current participants and remembers the "antepasados," the ancestors who built the foundation for the fiesta and instilled a reverence for traditions carried out the entire year.

A collaborative effort by Los Indigenes de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, the organization created in 1914 to protect Native



PORTER

"It has never been my intention to write about the people of Tortugas, but with them," said Porter, who is both writer and photographer. After connecting with a few tribal elders years ago, she sought permission to document the Pueblo's complex heritage, with a book in mind. A committee of Pueblo members met regularly with Porter in an effort to combine images and text that reflect Tortugas at this point in time.

"For me this process was truly inspiring. Looking through all the photos, I realized what our

American traditions, and NMSU journalism college professor Pamela Porter, the 150-page book contains 225 black-and-white photographs, several contributed by Pueblo member Jose Luis Nevarez

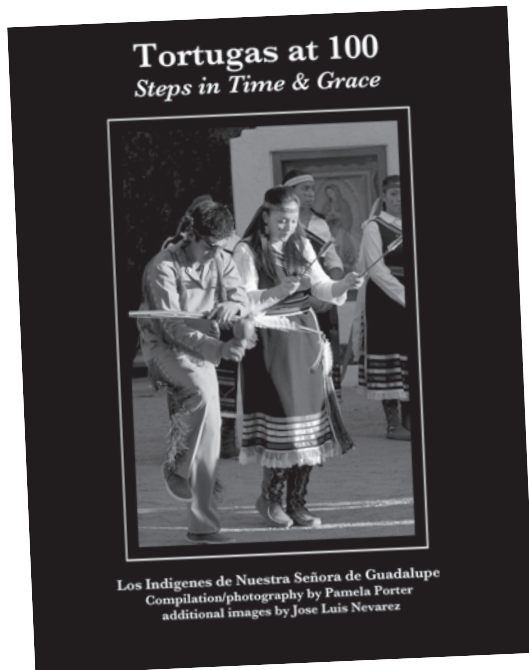
Pueblo has accomplished throughout the years," said Arianna Fierro, current president for Los Indigenes de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. "In a time of constant change, it is reassuring to know that our Pueblo continues to uphold the customs and traditions that our elders and ancestors have entrusted us with. Every year I look forward to sharing these sacred traditions with our children and our community, and this book will give others an opportunity to see just how special Tortugas Pueblo is."

"For some, this book will provide a glimpse of who we are, what we do and what we believe in," wrote Dominic Fierro, 2012-2015 president of the Pueblo's organization, in the book's

introduction. "For others, it will bring back memories of a time long forgotten, while for others it provides an opportunity to show their family, friends and acquaintances a place where they may have visited and were a part of our annual three-day December fiesta."

"Tortugas at 100" is also available from the Pueblo. A book signing is scheduled at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4 at La Escuelita, which is located at the intersection of Tigua and Guadalupe. Signs will be posted to help visitors find it.

The book is also offered on amazon.com (type in Tortugas at 100) The publisher provides a link on enduring-journey.com as well.



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books is perfect, with some sentences stretching over several pages, providing children beautiful, uncluttered illustrations that give lots of fun details to look at and talk about on each page and leading to expectations of what will be on the next page."

Once Lapid began writing his books, he knew he needed a quality artist to illustrate them.

He began an internet search and found Joanna Pasek, a contemporary watercolor artist from Ryczow, Poland.

Pasek is "absolutely amazing," Lapid said.

"I was so fortunate to find her."

The two have never met, always communicating by email, he said.

"We have found an amazing common language."

Pasek's pictures, Lapid said, "are more than half the story. They complement, enhance and add a new and fascinating dimension."

"The purpose of my books is to tell good stories that both delight and empower young children," Lapid said.

You can find Lapid's Snowman Paul books at www.snowmanpaul.com and www.amazon.com/Yossi-Lapid/e/B01M6WJFZ9/ref=sr_ntt_srch_lnk_1?qid=1480882276&sr=8-1-fkmr0.

Look for "Yossi" Lapid (the author uses his nickname for the books).

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HOWARD E. SELLERS

Howard E. Sellers, age 69, of El Paso, TX died Friday, December 2, 2016 at his home. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

PHYLLIS C. SCOTT

Phyllis C. Scott, age 59 of Las Cruces died Friday, December 2, 2016 at La Posada - Mesilla Valley Hospice. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

ALDINA CABRERA

Aldina Cabrera, age 88, of Las Cruces died Thursday, December 1, 2016 at Arbors of Del Rey. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

RITA LEE FLORES

Rita Lee Flores, age 45, of Las Cruces died Friday, December 2, 2016 at her home. Service are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

PHYLLIS GUTIERREZ

Phyllis Gutierrez, age 58, of Las Cruces died

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at Gentiva Hospice - Lovelace Hospice in Albuquerque.

LUISA L. SILVA

Luisa L. Silva, age 87, OF Las Cruces died Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at La Posada - Mesilla Valley Hospice. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

ALFREDO M. GARCIA

Alfredo M. Garcia, age 86, of Las Cruces entered eternal life on Friday, November 11, 2016.

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DIANNA LYNN WEATHERBY

Dianna Lynn Weatherby, 61, passed away on December 5, 2016. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.

Steve Francis LeDuc, 65, passed away on November 29, 2016. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.



Se comunica el sensible fallecimiento de nuestra querida madre, esposa y abuelita.

MARIA TERESA "CHITA" NAJERA DE PALLARES

Maria Teresa Pallares fallecio el 3 de diciembre del año 2016 en la ciudad de Las Cruces, NM a los 81 años de edad.

"Chita" nacio el 7 de julio del año 1935 a Maria

Teresa Reyes y Joaquin Najera. Ella es sobrevivida por su amado esposo, Luis Ramirez Pallares, al igual su hijo Jesus Pallares y sus hijas Luisa Aguirre, Leticia Ordaz, Rosa E. Martinez, Isabel Cardenas, Marisela Hernandez y Martha Pallares. Tambien, deja atraz sus hermanos Ramon Najera, Salvador Najera y Jesus Chao en adiccion a sus 27 nietos, 49 bisnietos y un tataranieta.

"Chita" dedico su vida a su esposo y su familia y ahorra pedimos que agan una oracion por su alma para que descanse en paz. La velacion se llebara acabo el miercoles, 7 de diciembre del año 2016 a las 6 de la tarde en la Iglesia Apostolica de Dios en Cristo localizada en el 902. S. Alamo en Las Cruces, NM. Los servicios fúnebres comenzaran a las 10 a.m. el 8 de diciembre 2016 y el sepelio tomara acabo en el cementerio Masonic.

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**CONSUELO BALDONADO SALINAS**

Our dear beloved mother, sister, grand-

mother and great-grandmother, Consuelo Baldonado Salinas, age 89, of La Mesa passed away Sunday, December 4, 2016 at La Posada—Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by her loving family. "Chelo", as she was fondly known to family and friends was born September 14, 1927 in Helena, Montana to Santiago and Zenaida Espinoza Maldonado. She was a homemaker, a member of the Roman Catholic Church, The Sacred Heart League and was an avid Bingo player.

Survivors include her nine children, Cenaida Duran, Alberto Salinas, Emma Salinas, Susie Garcia, Connie Rios, Maria Elva Salinas, Luis Salinas, Jr, Jose Salinas, and Tamara Lopez; her brother, Gilbert Maldonado of Albuquerque; a sister, Gloria Maldonado of Las Vegas, NM and brother-in-law, Marcelo Salinas. Other survivors include twenty-two grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Chelo was preceded in death by her husband of forty-four year, Luis Salinas, her parents, and the lady that raised her, Carla Maldonado; her brothers, Raul and David Maldonado; two sisters, Esperanza Carrillo and Sophie Dominguez, and a grandson, Andres Salinas.

Visitation for Mrs. Salinas will begin at 2 PM Thursday, December 8, 2016 in San Jose Catholic Church, 353 E. Josephine Street in La Mesa, where the Prayer Vigil is scheduled for 2:30 PM.

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated immediately thereafter. Cremation will follow and Inurnment of cremains will take place at a later date.

Serving as casket bearers will be Isaac Garcia, Aram D. Sanchez, Luis Salinas III, Diego Salinas, Aiden Milam and Andrew Salinas. Honorary bearers will be Joseph J. Salinas, Aram D. Sanchez, Jr, Jeremy Garcia, Isaac Garcia, Jr, Gavin Sanchez, Matthew Sanchez, Angel Salinas, Mathew Salinas, Josiah Sanchez, Jaybin Sanchez, Gabriel Sanchez, Wright Sloan, Eli Duran, Erick Lopez, Erick Lopez, Jr and Javier Delgado.

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**JUAN V. BALDERRAMA**

Juan V. Balderrama, age 95, lifelong resident of Las Cruces passed away Saturday, December 3, 2016 at La Posada-Mesilla Valley Hospice



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surrounded by his loving family. Juan was July 11, 1921 in Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico to Ruperto and Mercedes Valerino Balderrama. He retired from the City of Las Cruces in 1986. Juan was a man that loved life and taught his family that it's not about being rich, popular, highly educated or perfect. Life is all about being real, humble and kind. He was a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Those left to mourn his passing include two sons, Greg Balderrama (Mary Lou) and Ruperto Balderrama (Norma) all of Las Cruces; two daughters, Teresa Quesada (Rudy) also of Las Cruces and Maria "Chayo" Roberts (George) of Buffalo, TX; one brother, and three sisters. Other survivors included ten grandchildren twenty-five great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews, and his beloved four legged dog, "Thomas". Juan was preceded in death by his wife of sixty-two years Maria S. Balderrama on December 30, 2007, and numerous brothers and sisters.

Visitation for Mr. Balderrama will begin at 9:30 AM Friday, December 9, 2016 in Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral, 1240 S. Espina Street where the Prayer Vigil is scheduled for 10 AM. The Funeral Mass will follow immediately thereafter. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow

in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5140 W. Picacho Avenue where he will be laid to rest alongside his wife in the family plot.

Serving as casket bearers will be Gregg and Adam Balderrama, Rudy Quesada, Andrew Roberts, Steven Castañeda and Nicolas Lucero. Honorary bearers will be his granddaughters, Linda Quesada-Davila, Catherine Banegas and Erika Balderrama.

The Balderrama Families have entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222. For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslas Cruces.com



ARMANDO ARREDONDO SR.

It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, Armando Arredondo Sr. age 75, of Las Cruces on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. He was born July 27, 1941 in El Paso, Texas to Ignacio Cirris and Refugio Ar-

rendondo. Armando retired from White Sands Missile Range as a maintenance worker and was a member of the Catholic Church.

Those left to mourn her passing include his loving wife, Rosemary Rovitto Arredondo of the family home; two sons, Anthony Arredondo of Los Angeles, CA, Armando Arredondo Jr. (Susie) of Las Cruces; a daughter, Roseann Barela (Jimmy) of Las Cruces; a brother, Victor Garcia; a sister, Celia Garcia both of El Paso, TX. Other survivors include nine grandchildren, Cheyenne, Thomas, Frankie and Christian Arredondo, Nicholas, Stephanie, Johnny Ray, Ariana and Briana Vallejos; his beloved great granddaughter, Ariyah "Rosie" Vallejos and eight other great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and an uncle, Ruben Arredondo.

Visitation for Mr. Arredondo will begin at 2 PM Friday, December 9, 2016 in Baca's Funeral Chapel, 300 E. Boutz Road where the Funeral Service is scheduled for 3 PM. Cremation will follow and Inurnment of Remains will take place at a later date

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Students in the Service Learning for Educational Distinction, or SLED, program at New Mexico State University hosted the first Aggies Kick for Kids kickball tournament Saturday, Dec. 3, to provide sports equipment to students at La Academia Dolores Huerta, a dual language charter middle school in Las Cruces.

NMSU students host Aggies Kick for Kids tournament

By ADRIANA M. CHAVEZ

For the Bulletin

Students in the Service Learning for Educational Distinction program at New Mexico State University are doing their part to help children in need.

SLED students sought donations to provide sports equipment for students at La Academia Dolores Huerta, a dual language charter middle school in Las Cruces. The SLED program is housed in NMSU's College of Education.

Twenty-four students in the ELA 305V class, which incorporates a service learning component, helped with the project, which was developed over the fall semester with the guidance of instructor Denise Rodriguez-Strawn. At the beginning of the semester, the students formed groups and came up with community service projects that were eventually voted on by the rest of the class. Students unanimously approved the project involving La Academia Dolores Huerta.

Patricia Smith was part of the group of students who thought of the project, and said she was thrilled by the way the entire class embraced it.

"Each one of us knows what it's like to be a middle school student and have standard equipment," Smith said. "It's a charter middle school that serves the needs of Las Cruces but it's small, so they don't get many grants and funds."

The students combined the La Academia Dolores Huerta project with an idea from another project to create a kickball tournament. To make the tournament successful, students recruited their friends, relatives and other students to participate in the tournament, which took place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the NMSU Intramural Fields off Wells and Locust streets.

"We all love sports and we all love working with kids," said Devon Vallejos, a student and one of two team leaders who organized the tournament. "Once we decided to do this, we hit the ground running and we were able to organize it in three weeks."

Rodriguez-Strawn said the project, including the tournament, was entirely student based. Students created committees and subcommittees to help with marketing, publicity, concessions and social media.

Several NMSU athletic teams are also represented in the project, Rodriguez-Strawn said. Students include members of the football, baseball, volleyball, softball, track, cheer and equestrian teams. The students who participated also come from diverse backgrounds.

"That's what has made this group very special," Rodriguez-Strawn said. "By far they are some of the most amazing students that I have had the pleasure of teaching."

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Jacob Neria works in the Monk Drums LLC shop, a commercial enterprise that is part of the intentional community.

Drumming up a business in Anthony

By ALTA LeCOMPTE

Las Cruces Bulletin

Monasticism takes a modern-day twist at Monk Drums LLC in Anthony, New Mexico.

A growing business that has yet to turn a profit, the drum-making workshop was established to help support a community of second-generation Christian Pentecostals.

The goal of Desert Rain Community, located down a long dirt drive in rural Anthony, is to help those who are in need and hurting.

“We should really get ourselves in there and make the changes we want to see,” said drum maker Jacob Neria.

For now, sponsorships sustain the life and work of the group of four families that form the nucleus of the community.

“From day one, the outlook of the folks that invest in us was for us to be profitable,” Neria said.

In addition to Neria, the residents of Desert Rain include a geologist, a computer programmer, a spiritual director who studied with a Franciscan and is an expert on mysticism, and a business student who guides the group’s entrepreneurial ambitions.

To date, the only commercial activity turning a profit for Desert Rain Community is that of computer programmer Greg Steele.

But Monk Drums, officially es-



John Laweka pauses at the entrance of a walking labyrinth members of the Desert Rain Community built on their land in rural Anthony, New Mexico.

tablished in 2014, is growing, Neria said, and its financial outlook is positive.

“The business and friendship relationships we’ve established are really solid,” he said. “Our reputation is as a good instrument maker. We’ve really been solid. It’s been slow, but we’re seeing some good growth.”

Building a better drum

Neria said Monk Drums started when Eric Bosman brought some drums in and asked if he could fix them.

“I told him, ‘I’m going to make a better drum,’” Neria said.

“I made the Monk Drum design, introduced a sound baffle that redirects the sound to create a real big bass tone.”

The drums are constructed from birch planks and finished by hand.

Professional musicians coast to coast — whom they had known from their “hippie church upbringing” — were the first customers.

“Our friends said, ‘Wow, you’ve got a real instrument here.’”

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To give or not to give: A taxing question

By ALTA LeCOMPTE

Las Cruces Bulletin

As the calendar year draws to an end, many take stock of whether to increase their spending or charitable giving by Dec. 31.

They’re looking ahead to April 15, 2017, mulling whether they need to spend a little more on equipment or give a little more to charity in order to reduce their 2016 taxable income.

“You always want to determine if you want to accelerate or defer

expenses,” said Merle Schwalm of Schwalm, Martos & Co.

To do so requires “estimating your income for the year and consulting with your accountant to see

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if you should try to reduce your income or if you can stand to bring income in," he said.

This year, however, making that call may be especially difficult, according to local accountants.

The reason: uncertainty about the tax policies of the incoming Trump administration.

"This year, with a change in administration, we're a little uncertain about what we might expect," said Lisa Willman of Lisa J O Willman CPA.

The president-elect campaigned on a promise of reducing rates for some taxpayers, but whether those promises will be implemented is anyone's guess at this point.

"It's a bit of a hard sell being very aggressive with regard to reducing your 2016 tax rate," Willman said, noting it could be a mistake to spend or give this year to reduce your 2016 federal income tax rate if there's a chance rates will be cut in 2017.

Pointers from a pro

Schwalm advised talking with a tax accountant now and doing a tax estimate in order to determine whether to take steps in December 2016 to reduce income for the year — or whether the taxpayer can stand to bring in additional income before the close of the year.

"For the individual, that might be paying charitable contributions before the end of the year — or pay all your property tax now instead of half now and half later," Schwalm said.

Some taxpayers have the option to increase their IRA contributions now to reduce their 2016 taxable income, he said.

Additional options for reducing 2016 taxable income include:

- Pay 2016 property taxes in full instead of half now and half later
- Make estimated state income tax payments in December instead of January
- If you have high medical ex-

penses this year, incur additional discretionary medical costs, such as buying eyeglasses, in order to qualify for a deduction. To qualify for a deduction, your medical expenses must be at least 10 percent of gross income.

- If you must take a required minimum deduction from an IRA, consider directly transferring that deduction to a charity so it doesn't show up on your tax return as income.

- If you have stocks that are losing money, consider selling to generate a capital loss.

- Pay spring semester tuition in 2016 instead of 2017.

- Donate appreciated stocks to a charity.

"Talk to your tax adviser," Schwalm said, "because not all the tips apply to everybody — and they may not be helpful to you."

Options for small businesses

Schwalm said consulting a tax adviser is important for small business owners as well as individuals.

He said his firm sends out reminders to its business clients each year, reminding them to schedule an end-of-year evaluation.

"Small businesses need to know if they might have more cash flow issues due to a minimum wage increase taking effect in Las Cruces in January," he said. "Businesses have a little more control over their tax costs — and it's even more important for them to be pro active."

He said tax planning should be done over a period of years, not just one year at a time.

"We believe taxes are a cost of doing business. A prudent business person will evaluate and try to reduce tax costs when possible, and to do that you need to plan ahead.

"It's just like the cost of this pencil," he said, holding up a yellow No. 2. "I'm not going to pay any more for this pencil than necessary."

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Jacob Neria works in the Monk Drums LLC shop, a commercial enterprise that is part of the intentional community.

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The customer base has expanded to include clients at University of Texas-El Paso (UTEP), El Paso Public Schools and worship pastors, who get their drums for free or at a discount, Neria said.

"We're in every school in the El Paso School District except Canutillo," he said. "In Isleta, they're used in the high school. In other schools for the little kids."

In answer to a request, Neria designed a log drum kids can hit with mallets.

"This is always an experience," he said of the drum business. "We get so many requests we could never have anticipated."

In addition to creating custom drums, the workshop maintains an inventory of standard product.

"We carry enough standard drums to fill our orders," Neria said.

John Laweka markets the drums. Neria said Laweka got a tax ID number for

Monk Drums and helped organize it as a business. Currently a student at El Paso Community College, Laweka said he will continue his business studies at UTEP in the spring.

"I do a lot of driving," said Laweka, who regularly delivers drums to Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

Friendship and outreach

The Desert Rain Community was founded 15 years ago; Neria has been a part of it for nine years.

He said some members of the community met as children in the 1980s at a church in northeast El Paso.

"It was a church plant from the 1960s — from Vineyard Churches. My dad was associate pastor," Neria said.

He said distaste for the power of churches and government led some of the younger church members to pursue monastic studies and they committed to living as a community helping others.

Society depends too much on government to do what people should do

themselves, he said.

Members of the community are attempting to walk their talk, helping widows and orphans and offering shelter, mentorship and friendship to people who were imprisoned for minor drug offenses and are in the process of figuring out what their next step in life will be.

Neria's wife, Mireya, is the group's community liaison, who volunteers for a number of organizations in El Paso. David Morrison also works in El Paso, bringing assorted denominations together to collaborate.

"We're not an institution, we're a community. We're friends," Neria said. "We are very normal. We learn, work and pray."

"It can get really chaotic — that's what community is about. We don't spend our days meditating. We meditate so we won't kill each other."

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Connecting the dots for a strong future

By TRACEY BRYAN

There are two things that never changed during the three years I was away from The Bridge of Southern New Mexico:

- My love for this community.

- My firm belief in the promise and potential of the young people of Doña Ana County, and what they can teach the rest of the state when we rally our resources to support them.

And while I was Washington D.C., reading and hearing from leading national policymakers and think tanks, I learned something else:

- The conversations between leaders in business, education, economic development and government that built The Bridge — about increasing graduation rates and building a highly-skilled workforce — were ahead of their time.

- Now that the rest of



the country is catching up, there is a growing wealth of resources and support to help us succeed.

That's why the leadership of The Bridge is so passionate about making sure we continue to connect the dots for students, their families, employers, industry leaders and policymakers to propel New Mexico into a very different future than the one we may see now. It's also why we approach this work with such urgency.

The decline in the state's oil-industry-fueled economy reinforces the need to spur the cultivation and development of new, more diverse industries, while using this moment in time to direct

tight resources to support increased alignment and proven best practices.

Key to our success moving forward is a skilled and ready workforce. Every study and economic development plan hinges on this single factor.

In the short term, we need to build bridges into the workforce for our "opportunity youth," those who are 16-24 years old and not in school or working. Through Doña Ana Community College (DACC), we have a number of premier training programs to help them get there.

The Workforce Investment Opportunities Act board, which oversees significant federal workforce development assets, is currently developing its four-year plan to support a more diversified economy, investing in programs that help opportunity youth and unemployed, under-skilled

workers over 25 gain highly-needed 21st Century skills.

Building on the lessons learned from the Early College High School model, which was launched here at Arrowhead Park and proliferated statewide, we now know and can prove career-focused, aligned coursework between high school and college can propel first-generation, low-income, and students of color toward 100 percent graduation rates and readiness for college and work. Scaling up this success will help even more students through aligned career and technical education pathways — and that work is already underway be-

tween the Las Cruces and Gadsden school districts and DACC.

The dots are connecting like never before, and it's imperative we continue to strengthen these connections.

The great thing about New Mexico is that it doesn't take a lot of change to make a lot of change. If just over 3,100 additional students graduate each year, New Mexico will vault from the bottom of the country in graduation rates to meeting the national rate of 81 percent.

Their success brings with it collective increased earnings of at least \$30 million every year, if all they do is graduate high school.

That number goes up proportionately if they earn career certifications and associate, bachelor and post-graduate degrees.

That's why proper alignment of our resources, and prioritizing funding throughout the workforce development pipeline, is critical and well within our grasp.

We at the Bridge will continue to do exactly as our name states — build bridges and partnerships focused on boosting education, opportunity and the economy to fully realize the great potential and promise of our youth, our county and our state.

Tracey Bryan is the president/CEO of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico.

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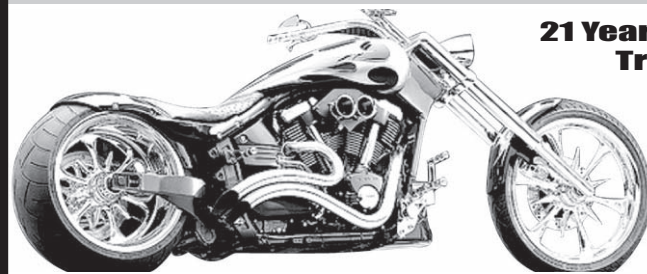


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Tom and Ashley Springer hold proclamations from the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce respectively while Jeanine Springer cuts the chamber ribbons celebrating the opening of Pecan Grill and Brewery's new Tap Room. Ashley Springer, director of operations, said the space, which is available for private parties, contains seven TVs.

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Tax havens under attack: Even Switzerland now cooperates

Recently, several insider data leaks — most famously the Panama Papers — have turned the spotlight on tax evasion previously concealed by the opacity of offshore tax havens.

Tax havens, as the name implies, are jurisdictions that use secrecy to protect clients from having to pay taxes to their home countries.

An estimated eight percent of all global private financial wealth is held in tax havens, reducing global tax revenues by about \$200 billion annually.

Various international policy initiatives have taken aim at this issue and tried pressuring tax havens into compliance with international standards of transparency. The EU, G-20 and OECD all developed agreements and protocols to promote sharing of tax information. Even Switzerland, a country whose bank secrecy was considered part of its national identity, has implemented automatic exchange of tax information in accordance with OECD standards.



CHRIS ERICKSON

State of the Economy

The Swiss reforms arose in the wake of a scandal involving the Swiss bank UBS. A whistleblower disclosed that UBS had directed its North American sales force to market financial vehicles specifically designed to hide assets and evade taxes. This was in contradiction to U.S. law.

In an effort to prosecute wrong-doers and to collect back taxes, the U.S. in conjunction with allies placed unprecedented pressure on the Swiss government to cooperate. Ultimately, the result was erosion of Switzerland's bank secrecy laws. Now Switzerland complies with OECD standards.

Despite the successes, further progress may be difficult. International cooperation is needed to further rein in tax havens, but the incentive for individual nations to cheat is enormous. The more successful the cooperation,

the greater the incentive for the remaining holdouts to resist complying.

As more and more countries come into compliance with international standards, the incentive to continue as a tax haven increases.

There is a sort of "last-tax-haven-standing" effect. Better compliance by others makes being a tax haven more lucrative. The profits from being one of the last few tax havens left makes compliance less and less appealing.

In the end, it becomes a game of whack-a-mole. A crackdown in one tax haven results in assets moving on to the next. After all, funds can be moved from account to account at virtually no cost and at the speed of light.

Switzerland shares information. How about Dominica in the Caribbean? Well, how about Vanuatu in the South Pacific? There is always another jurisdiction.

If it was just taxes, then one might think tax havens less of an issue. After all, tax avoidance is a pursuit with a long pedigree. But it's not just taxes — it's also organized crime and terrorists

who take advantage of havens. And much of the effort aimed a reining in tax havens is really more about anti-terrorism than tax collection.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at New Mexico State University. He wishes he had assets that needed hiding. The opinions expressed may not be shared by the regents and administration of NMSU. Erickson can be reached at chrerick@nmsu.edu.

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2010 Toyota Camry Stk# S4250.

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2006 Honda Odyssey Stk# S4293.

\$8,999 Sale Price. \$1,000 Down, 7.5% APR, OAC @ 45 months.

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2006 Ford Explorer Stk# S4312.

\$8,999 Sale Price. \$1,000 Down, 7.5% APR, OAC @ 45 months.

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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,
New Mexico 88008

Prepared by:
ALAN D. GLUTH
New Mexico Bar #14980
Gluth Law, LLC
2455 East Missouri,
Suite A Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88001
Telephone: (575) 556-8449
Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

Dates: 12/08, 12/16, 12/23, 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 intersect 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
LRG-1905	SW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄	36	22 South	1 East
LRG-1905-S	NW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	14	22 South	1 East
LRG-1905-S-2	NW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	36	22 South	1 East
LRG-1905-S-4	NW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	26	22 South	1 East
LRG-1905-S-5	SW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	22	22 South	1 East
LRG-1905 POD10	NE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄			

25 22 South 1 East

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; 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 in 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 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 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 Dona 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 NE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ 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., NMS, Central NAD83 for 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 NE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ of said Section 27, and more specifically described where X = 1,495,267 ft., Y = 403,947 ft., NMS, 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 NE¹/₄ and the SE¹/₄ 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 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 Dona Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-16210-POD1 located at X = 1,478,900 Y = 457,347 ft. NMS, 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

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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 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 applicant 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

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

NOTICE is hereby given that on September 2, 2016, Mary Ann Pavia, 5624 Buckley Drive, El Paso, TX 79912, filed application numbered LRG-16151-POD2, OSE File LRG-16151-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Dona Ana County by discontinuing the use of domestic well LRG-16151-POD1, located within the NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ of projected Section 17, Township 27 South, Range 03 East, and more specifically described where X = 1,514,501(Easting) and Y = 348,876 (Northing) NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by the applicant, and utilizing unpermitted existing domestic well LRG-16151-POD2, located within the NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ of projected

Section 17, Township 27 South, Range 03 East, and more specifically described where X = 1,514,492.290 (Easting) and Y = 348,875.0626 (Northing) NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic one household purposes, as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-018-1064 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for well LRG-16151-POD2 is located east of La Union, NM, and may be found at approximately 2,510 feet northeast of the intersection of Gabaldon Road and Mercantil Avenue. Well LRG-16151-POD 1 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 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: 11/25, 12/02, 12/09, 2016

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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

To be held at:
HOLIDAY SELF STORAGE
2190 Holiday Ave.
Las Cruces, NM, 88005
575-525-9056

On Saturday, December 10, 2016 BEGINNING AT 10 A.M. Registration Begins @ 9:30am
\$25.00 cleaning deposit per each unit purchased
THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS
56,6871,A09,C04,C18,C

35,C59,D14,E58,G24,G 27,H32,J13,K08,L27L28,N 08,P02
Tenant addresses are 'last known'

Unit # 56
Salina Morales
2100 Isaacks #22
Las Cruces, NM 88007
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Several items, house hold misc. items

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

Unit # A09
Amber Gomez
2200 Holiday Ave. #226
Las Cruces NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Sofa, love seat, kids bike, futon, misc. items

Unit # C04
Sherman Gaytan
810 Quesenberry St
Las Cruces, NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Food warmer, plastic bins, misc. items

Unit # C18
Shannon Silva
PO Box 1752
Las Cruces, NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Washer, bed, TV, misc items

Unit # C35
Brandy Vasquez
2200 Holiday Ave. #188
Las Cruces, NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Go cart, dresser, misc items

Unit #C59

Jilleen Godlewski
330 Montana
Las Cruces, NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Vacuum cleaner, TV, 2 electric heaters, misc items

Unit # D14
Jeffrey Loosemore
341 N. Armijo St
Las Cruces, NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Two Organs, wheelchair, couches, misc. items

Unit #E58
Violeta Sosa
1095 Van Patten
Mesilla Park, NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Bedroom set, couches, water dispenser, misc. items

Unit #G24
Marcella Malm
809 E. May
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Camping gear, large aquarium, sinks, shelves, misc items

Unit #G27
Nancy Giovanini
820 Luna St
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Tile saw, paintings, hot wheels, misc items

Unit #H32
Natalie Delajandro
2306 S. Espina D7
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Vacuum cleaner, desk, printer, misc. boxes, and misc items

Unit #J13
Genevieve Sanders
131 W. Willoughby Ave

Las Cruces, NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Wooden table, chest of drawers, large rod iron frame

Unit #K08
Lucille Garcia
1420 Almendra #10
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Bicycles, bed frames, ice chest, bakers rack, misc items

Unit #L27L28
Steven Montoya
2200 Corley Dr. #11-H
Las Cruces, NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Luggage, plastic bins, boxes

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

Unit #P02
Sulie Young
910 Calle Del Encanto
Las Cruces, NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Antique sofa, table, chairs, wood chest, cabinet, misc boxes, plastic bins, books

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Dates: 12/02, 12/09, 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

WBFAFF8400E9475486
1984 WHITE BMW 4D
ROD SIDNEY

1GNDDV23E15D141575
2005 WHITE
CHEVROLET VAN
JORGE CORRAL

1N4AL21E57C140318
2007 GRAY NISSAN 4D
MEGAN ADELL



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NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of the Following Ordinance(s) at the **Regular City Council Meeting Held on December 5, 2016:**

(1) Council Bill No. 17-014; Ordinance No. 2800: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, Article I - Fair Housing, Section 13-5 of the City's Fair Housing Ordinance within the Las Cruces Municipal Code, 1997, as Amended. The Amendment is to Add the Protected Class of Spousal Affiliation to Ensure Compliance with New Mexico State Law and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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 6th day of December, 2016.

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk



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

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Due Date / Time
Multifunction Copiers / Managed Print Services	Corrected 16-17-003		December 28, 2016 4:00 PM 700 N Main, Rm 3138, Las Cruces, NM

Please use this link to access all City of Las Cruces solicitations: <https://www.newmexicobidssystem.com/Registration.asp?ID=1757Sealed> 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 12/9/16

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CHARLIE JACQUEZ

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1981 WHITE
CHEVROLET P-K
ALBERTO VALLEJO

1B7GL22N11S205875
2001 RED DODGE P-K
ROSA APODACA

JAABL14A9H0745857
1987 GRAY ISUZU P-K
MANUEL MEDINA

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1999 WHITE
CHEVROLET 4D
TERESA MORENO -
GONZALEZ

1FTRF1763WKA78971
1998 RED FORD P-K
SERGIO VAQUERA

1GCCS1446R8227394
1994 RED
CHEVROLET P-K
IRMA MARTINEZ

1B7GL23XXLS676460
1990 BLUE DODGE P-K
MONIKA BANNISTER

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1984 GRAY
DODGE OMNI
MONIKA BANNISTER

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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

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 proper-

ty 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
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

NO. CV 2016-2504

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION OF
Joan Bustamante
FOR CHANGE OF
NAME**

**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Joan Bustamante 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 3rd Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from **Joan Bustamante** to **Debra Joan Bustamante**, 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 a.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Joan Bustamante
Joan Bustamante
630 Shadow Valley Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Dates: 12/02, 12/09, 2016

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, 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
DONA 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
DONA 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 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 on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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
DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-02185

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES 2006-3 TRUST, HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff,

vs.

ADRIAN L. PADILLA and REBECCA A. PADILLA, Defendants.

**FIRST AMENDED
NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **December 14, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 3336 Green Ridge Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 5, LENOX PLACE SUBDIVISION REPLAT NO 1, 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. 4056 on 12/02/2004 in Book 21 Page(s) 46-47 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 19, 2016, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$267,046.86 and the same bears interest at 3.000% per annum from December 4, 2015, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental 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
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(575) 642-5567

Dates: 11/18, 11/25, 12/02,
12/09, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-00209

**WELLS FARGO BANK,
NA, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MICHAEL E. MORRILL
and ELIZABETH R.
PARROTT, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **December 14, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4715 Zeno Place, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 15 in Block K of Del Rey Estates Phase 1, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Del Rey Estates Phase 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on October 25, 2007 in Plat Book 22, Folio 363-365.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 8, 2016, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$165,454.63 and the same bears interest at 3.750% per annum from September 21, 2016, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real proper-

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

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

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

Dates: 11/18, 11/25, 12/02,
12/09, 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 MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Jeanette Nevarez and The Unknown Spouse of Jeanette Nevarez,

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 MANOR SECTION 1, PLAT NO. 4, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID DALE BELLAMAH MANOR SECTION 1, PLAT NO. 4, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA 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.

By: /s/ Elizabeth V.
Friedenstein
Elizabeth V. Friedenstein
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Albuquerque, NM 87109
505-348-3200
ElizabethF@w-legal.com
Attorney for Plaintiff

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-01111

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff

vs.

CONSTANCE F. BIERNER AKA CONSTANCE BIERNER, IF LIVING, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CONSTANCE F. BIERNER AKA CONSTANCE BIERNER, IF DECEASED, AND OTERO FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: CONSTANCE F. BIERNER AKA CONSTANCE BIERNER, IF LIVING, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CONSTANCE F. BIERNER, IF DECEASED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named Plaintiff filed a Complaint for Foreclosure in the above Court on May 18, 2016 and Amended Complaint on October 10, 2016, against the above-named Defendants. The general object of the Complaint is to foreclose a lien of Plaintiff against certain real property located in Torrance County, New Mexico, commonly known as 985 La Vida Nueva Court, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 15, PUEBLITOS DE LAS CRUCES, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNED ON PLAT NO. 3421, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY OF DECEMBER 11, 2000, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 19, PAGES 557-558, PLAT RECORDS,

and to foreclose the interests of the above named Defendants and any other parties bound by the notice of lis pendens in the Property, all as more specifically stated in the Complaint filed in this cause of action.

FURTHER, the above-named Defendants Constance F. Bierner, if living, and The Unknown Heirs of Constance F. Bierner, deceased, are hereby notified that they have until thirty (30) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice in which to file an answer or other pleading responsive to the Complaint and should said Defendants choose not to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint on or before thirty (30) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment or other appropriate relief may be rendered against the above-named Defendants.

Richard M. Leverick of the law firm of Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C., whose address and phone number is 5120 San Francisco Rd. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, (505) 858-3303, is the attorney for the Plaintiff.

WITNESS the Honorable Mary W. Rosner, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the Seal of the District Court of said County, on November 17, 2016.

CLAUDE BOWMAN

CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

(SEAL)

By: /s/ Victor A. Eres
Deputy

Dates: 11/25, 12/02, 12/09,
2016

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

No. CV-2015-01601
Judge: MARTIN

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

vs.

MAGDALENA T. CALDERON, BRIANA ENRIQUEZ, CORONADO FINANCE INC., AND 1993 CHEVY CAPRICE, RED; VIN: 1G1BN53E1PR106714; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. LZJ 993, 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
P.O. Box 20000
(575) 541-2128
(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-2016-02017
Judge: Martin

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

vs.

LISA E. BUSTAMANTE, LAS CRUCES USA TITLE LOAN 2007 NISSAN XTERRA, BLUE; VIN: 5N1AN08U97C505830; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. MND767, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Respondent Lisa E. Bustamante:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2007 NISSAN XTERRA, BLUE; VIN: 5N1AN08U97C505830; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. MND767.

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
Robert A. Cabello
Assistant City Attorney
PO Box 20000
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable 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 day of , 2016.

COURT EXECUTIVE
OFFICER

By:
DEPUTY

Dates: 11/25, 12/02, 12/09,
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: 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, Black; VIN: 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
Las Cruces, NM 88004
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 Coulsler
DEPUTY - Wendy Coulsler

Dates: 12/09, 12/16, 12/23,
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 Legatees 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 Priceton Dr, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New

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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 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,
WEINSTEIN &
RILEY, P.S.

By: /s/ Elizabeth V. Friedenstein
Elizabeth V. Friedenstein
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ElizabethF@w-legal.com
Attorney for Plaintiff

Dates: 12/09, 12/16, 12/23, 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
(301)529-4658

SUBMITTED:

ESTRADA LAW, P.C.

By Michele Ungvarsky
Michele Ungvarsky, Esq.
4611 Research Park
Circle #A-112
Las Cruces, NM 88001
575.556.2462
Attorneys for the Estate
of Sue Robert, deceased.

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, SITTING AS THE JUVENILE COURT In the Matter of: Baby Girl Kempthorne Minor born: 06/28/16 Case No.: 237386

PUBLISHED CITATION WELFARE AND INSTI- TUTIONS CODE SEC- TIONS 294 & 366.26

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO: ALMA NOEL KEMPTHORNE OR ANYONE CLAIMING TO BE THE MOTHER OF THE ABOVE-NAMED, BABY GIRL KEMPTHORNE, FEMALE CHILD BORN ON, 06/28/16, TO ALMANOEL KEMPTHORNE PUBLISHED NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO PARENT OF RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTIONS 294 and 366.26

1. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT on 01/17/17, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 131 of the Sacramento County Juvenile Court, Superior Court of California, located at 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826, a hearing will take place pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 366.26, to either terminate your parental rights or to establish a guardianship for your child or to place your child in long-term foster care. 2. You are further notified that the Sacramento County

Department of Health and Human Services, Petitioner, will recommend the following action: termination of parental rights permanently and a court order that the above-named minor be placed for adoption.

3. You have the right to personally appear in court and be heard in this matter.

4. On the above date the Court will determine the best permanent plan for your child. Evidence will be presented. After hearing the evidence presented by the parties, the Court will make one of the following orders:

a. Terminate your parental rights permanently and order that the child be placed for adoption;

b. Without permanently terminating your parental rights, identify adoption as the permanent placement goal and order that efforts be made to locate an appropriate adoptive family for your child for a period not to exceed 60 days;

c. Without permanently terminating your parental rights appoint a legal guardian for your child and issue letters of guardianship; or,

d. Order that your child be placed in long-term foster care, subject to the regular review of the Juvenile Court.

5. You may have the right to have an attorney represent you at the hearing. If you cannot afford an attorney, the Court will appoint an attorney for you, unless you knowingly and willingly waive your right to representation by an attorney. You have the right to present evidence at the hearing.

6. You have the right to request a trial on the issue of what permanent plan is best for your child. You have the right to present evidence. You have the right to use the Court's power to compel the attendance of witnesses to testify on your behalf. You have the right to confront and cross-examine any adverse witnesses. You have the right to confront and cross-examine the preparers of any reports submitted to the Court by the Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services, Petitioner. You have the right to assert the privilege against self-incrimination.

7. Any order of the Court permanently terminating your parental rights shall be final and you shall have no legal rights to the care, control or custody of the child.

8. Ten (10) days prior to the hearing, the Sacramento

County Department of Health and Human Services, Petitioner will prepare an assessment report containing its recommendation in this matter. You have the right to read the report and obtain a copy of the report. You should immediately contact the social worker assigned to your child dependency case or your attorney if you have any questions or if you would like to read and obtain a copy of the report.

9. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court will proceed in your absence to adopt one of the above-mentioned permanent plans.

Such proceedings may include the termination of your parental rights so that your child may be placed for adoption.

If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please contact the specified below or an attorney.

DATE: November 15, 2016
SHERRI Z. HELLER,
Ph.D
Director
PENELOPE PETERS,
Paralegal
Department of Health and Human Services
Paralegal Services (916)
875-8422
11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9/16
CNS-2947831#

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, SITTING AS THE JUVENILE COURT In the Matter of: baby girl kempthorne Minor born: 06/28/16 Case No.: 237386

PUBLISHED CITATION WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTIONS 294 & 366.26

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO: TAJOE RAMON NEVAREZ, SR. OR ANYONE CLAIMING TO BE THE FATHER OF THE ABOVE-NAMED, BABY GIRL KEMPTHORNE, FEMALE CHILD BORN ON, 06/28/16, TO ALMA NOEL KEMPTHORNE, THE MOTHER

PUBLISHED NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO PARENT OF RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTIONS 294 and 366.26

1. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT on 01/17/17, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 131 of the Sacramento County Juvenile Court, Superior Court of California, located at 3341

Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826, a hearing will take place pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 366.26, to either terminate your parental rights or to establish a guardianship for your child or to place your child in long-term foster care.

2. You are further notified that the Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services, Petitioner, will recommend the following action: termination of parental rights permanently and a court order that the above-named minor be placed for adoption.

3. You have the right to personally appear in court and be heard in this matter.

4. On the above date the Court will determine the best permanent plan for your child. Evidence will be presented. After hearing the evidence presented by the parties, the Court will make one of the following orders:

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Petitioner. You have the right to assert the privilege against self-incrimination.

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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 DE-

VELOPMENT; 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 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

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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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Attorneys for Plaintiff

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,
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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.

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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.

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Gold-Hearted Crows



Las Cruces rockers will play a record-release party Saturday, Dec. 10, at High Desert Brewing Company

Get the lowdown on the band's new album, *The Last Train*, on pages 38-39.

Mesilla Valley
Concert Band Sunday, December 11,
3:00PM
NMSU Atkinson Hall
FREE Admission



Our second concert of our 2016-17 season, our 29th, will be Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. in the Atkinson Recital Hall, Music Center, New Mexico State University. The concert is free and seating is first come, first served. (The hall tends to fill up fast so come early!)

In addition to the regular program, the Borderland Bones, a trombone ensemble, will perform holiday tunes midway through the concert.

Please note: this concert has some holiday highlights but it is not a Christmas concert, per se. Its music is diverse and designed to please a wide audience who appreciate concert band music.

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Crows take flight with album release

BY MARTY RACINE

For the Bulletin

The music sweeps across the grandeur of a Southwestern sky, hopping a ride toward distant sands on spare imagery, cascading rhythms and shimmering guitar.

It's Las Cruces rock & roll. It's the Gold-Hearted Crows.

The Crows play a record-release party Saturday, Dec. 10 at High Desert Brewing Company, 1201 W. Hadley Ave., celebrating their new album, "The Last Train". There's no cover charge. Expect up to three sets between 8 and 11 p.m.

"The Last Train" whistles through with seven originals written by vocalist/guitarist Peter Kopp that fall like an evening shadow between alt-country and Americana roots-rock.

Kopp, originally from Portland, Oregon, had written dozens of songs by the time he joined the history department at New Mexico State University after completing his Ph.D. at the University of Nevada-Reno.

There, he met colleague Jerry Wallace, a bassist and Las Cruces native who was gigging in a punk band with drummer/guitarist Reed Elliott.

"Jerry said, 'I got this guy, Pete, who's got some songs, and wants to get together,'" Elliott said. "So, we did, and Pete showed up with a library of (original) songs. I was immediately into them."

The trio's first practice was in June 2013, and their first show was that November at The Game, on a cold night opening for Las Cruces' Mother Tuckers, who had an avid following.

"We were pretty fortunate," Wallace

said. "It exposed us to a lot of people."

Elliott felt they were ready.

"What we were doing (in practice) was no pressure; we were just exploring space," he said. "So, there's expectations when you go live. You want to make sure your chops are up. I remember having a bit of anxiety, taking this to the next level."

In early 2014, the Crows played a show with Cruces act Alister M, whose guitarist was Chris Schurtz, an Army brat who's lived all over, arrived in Las Cruces and has played in numerous local bands.

"He just kind of sat in with us, and it was like, he never left," Wallace said.

Schurtz's reputation preceded him.

"I've been involved in the Cruces music scene since I was about 19; I'm 42 now," Wallace said. "Chris is a couple years older. I can remember watching him play and sort of aspiring to be in that (position). Being a teenager, early 20s, music and everything about it is so exciting."

At that point, the Crows were a four-piece, and the music was evolving from acoustic-based folk rock to edgy jams. That fall, they banged out a four-song promotional demo in one weekend, "The Great Western", at Electric Lazyland studio in Las Cruces. But the band considers "The Last Train" their first "real" release.

Recorded live at Studio 603 in a historical home in Las Cruces, the music reflects Kopp's latest compositions.

"Some of my songs I wrote when I was 18 – half a life ago," he said. "I still have a bunch from that time period. When Chris joined the band, though, my songwriting hit another degree. I started writing songs for Chris to figure





COURTESY PHOTO

The Gold-Hearted Crows perform on the Downtown Mall.

CROWS

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out, for all to figure out. That first year (together) I wrote 10 or 15 new songs, and a lot of those are on the record.”

Two of them, “Voyager” and “The Lake, The Body and the Wishing Well,” are captured on YouTube from the historic Rio Grande Theatre.

Ideally, the album will propel the Crows into a regional attraction. Regardless, for guys with “real” jobs, just making music is its own reward.

“That’s enough,” Schurtz said. “Go out and play music for a few hours, make a few bucks, pay for your beers, get a meal, what can be a better goal? It’s almost achievable.”

“That’s what we’re all looking for in this band,” Elliott said. “We all work nine to five, then get together and have that release.”

Or, as Wallace put it: “Playing music with these guys is cheaper than therapy.”



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WED DECEMBER 8 • 11:00 A.M. Mother Goose Time (Activities for Infants)	BRANIGAN LIBRARY
WED DECEMBER 8 • 7:00 P.M. KRWG presents <i>El Paso Brass Holiday Show</i>	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
THU DECEMBER 9 • 7:30 P.M. Gone Girls "Merry Christmas Darlings"	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
SAT DECEMBER 11 • 3:00 P.M. Mesilla Valley Chorale presents <i>Holiday Fanfare</i>	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
WED DECEMBER 14 • 6:30 P.M. Every 2nd Wednesday presents the <i>Las Cruces Ukes</i>	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
SAT DECEMBER 17 • 7:00 P.M. <i>Home for the Holidays, A Josh Grider Family Christmas Show</i>	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
SAT JANUARY 7 • 7:30 P.M. El Paso Pro Musica presents <i>The Complete Beethoven Trio</i>	RIO GRANDE THEATRE

ONGOING EVENTS:

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

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Annual holiday bazaar benefits La Casa domestic violence shelter

BULLETIN REPORT

The 26th annual La Casa Holiday Bazaar was held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2, 3 and 4, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, and benefited Las Cruces' domestic violence shelter.

The event included a wide range of vendors and many holiday shoppers.

La Casa was founded in 1981 and serves about 550 unduplicated (that means not counting those who come back to the shelter within the same year) clients each year. About two-thirds of its clients are children, La Casa Ex-



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Shoppers check out the vendors at La Casa's Holiday Bazaar on Sunday, Dec. 4.

ecutive Director Theresa Armendariz said.

Women and children can stay in the shelter from one to 90 days, Armendariz said, with 39 days being the average stay.

For the holidays, La

Casa is seeking donations of non-perishable food items, food baskets, coats, blankets, toys, gifts for children of all ages and adults, household items, furniture, gift cards in any amount, clothing, toi-

leties and used vehicles.

You can also adopt a La Casa family to buy holiday gifts for during the holidays.

Take donations to 800 S. Walnut St. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Contact Sara at 526.2819 or sarmijo@lacasainc.org. Visit <http://lacasainc.org/bazaar.php>. Mail cash donations to La Casa, Inc. P.O. Box 2463, Las Cruces, N.M. 88004. Donate online at www.lacasainc.org.

For more information, contact Armendariz at 526-2819 or tarmendariz@lacasainc.org. Find them on Facebook at La Casa Inc.



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A wide range of vendors were on hand for the United Military Women of the Southwest's Christmas Bonanza on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Christmas Bonanza benefits women veterans monument

BULLETIN REPORT

The United Military Women of the Southwest (UMWSW) first ever Christmas Bonanza was held Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Eagles Lodge, 907 N 17th St., and benefited the women veterans monument that will be constructed at Las Cruces Veterans Park.

A wide range of vendors were on hand for the event, selling everything from pecans to jewelry, quilts to artwork.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the monument was held Sept. 10, and was hosted by UMWSW. The Las Cruces City Council accepted \$406,500 in state capital appropriation funding in November 2014 to construct the monument.

"The monument will include (bronze) sculptures of six service women representing all the branches of service and several eras during which women served in the military," according to city documents. "Two shade structures will frame the monument and cultured stone will clad the walls. Construction is anticipated to start in early September, with completion, including installation of the sculp-

Women vets host bingo

The United Military Women of the Southwest (UMWSW) with host their fifth annual bingo event beginning at 5 p.m. (doors open at 1 p.m.) on Saturday, Dec. 10, at St. Genevieve's Parish Hall, 1025 E. Las Cruces Ave.

Tickets are \$20 each, and food will be available.

For each, new unwrapped toy you bring, you will receive five extra door-prize tickets.

For tickets and information, call 575-639-1265.

tures, anticipated in late summer 2017."

There were about 215,000 women on active-military duty at the end of 2015, Doña Ana County Manager Julia Brown (a retired lieutenant colonel in the United States Army) said at the groundbreaking, representing about 14 percent of the entire U.S. military force.

For more information, call Debra Tallent at 521-3831 or 640-3902 or email her at deb_tallent@hotmail.com. You can also call 575-639-1265. Visit <http://umsw.weebly.com/> and find them on Facebook.

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'The Wizard of Oz' is a 'do-not-miss' at LCCT

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Janet Beatty-Payne took on a huge challenge when she decided to direct "The Wizard of Oz" for Las Cruces Community Theatre.

The musical has 21 actors, a huge crew and major costume and scenery changes. It's also based on one of the most enduringly popular movies of all time, which means audience members' expectations are high. They know many of the songs and lines, all of the characters and costumes and most of the special effects.

But, with an amazing cast and crew, Beatty-Payne has created a show that will surely go down in LCCT history as one of its best.

You have to start with the cast.

Clarivel Garcia, 14 and a freshman at Oñate High School, is simply delightful as Dorothy. It's as though she was made to wear ruby slippers and carry a small dog wherever she goes. Clarivel was innocent, charming, brave and endearing.

And who could possibly imagine a better Scarecrow on a Las Cruces stage or anywhere else than Brandon Brown? Every word he spoke or sang, every step he took — walking, wobbling or waltzing — he was Dorothy's iconic fellow traveler on the yellow brick road.

Matthew Esqueda gets a "10" as the Tin Man. Esqueda is such a versatile actor and performer.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Residents of Munchkin Land pose for a photo during a rehearsal of the Las Cruces Community Theatre's production of "The Wizard of Oz."

He segues brilliantly from the evil "Lennie" in LCCT's recent production, "The Homecoming," to L. Frank Baum's legendary woodsman. The Tin Man may not have a heart, but Esqueda does.

Jason Wyatt was a roaring success as the Cowardly Lion. In every way, he completed this dazzling quartet — the final furry, tail-wagging piece in the fabled foursome bound for the Emerald City.

As both the ill-tempered bicyclist Miss Gulch and the broom-wielding, fire-throwing, Wicked Witch of the West, Cindy Pitts was masterful. Green is definitely her color! And, her melting scene is one of the absolute highlights of this show.

Megan Higgins was sweetness itself as Glinda, the Good Witch. She calmed the Munchkins, stood up to the Wicked Witch and charmed the audience, all with a few waves of her magic wand.

Fresh off his stunning performance as Betty Davis at LCCT, Norman Lewis was a terrifying, then slightly milk-toast, then deeply compassionate and insightful wizard.

Another bravo to this outstanding actor.

Other actors in this show were also just wonderful. I loved Isac Quezada as both the Emerald City guard and the mayor of Munchkinland. Susie Ouder Kirk not only wrangled the two dogs playing Toto and made most of the show's costumes, she was terrific as Auntie Em and in several other parts. Doug Roby, who made many of the show's incredible set pieces (he, too, is a genius), was a wonderful Uncle Henry.

I wish I had room to do more than simply mention the names of the chorus members, because they were also outstanding and added so much to this show. They included Jazmin Ibarra, Jessica Montoya Ortega, Gus Sanchez, Sarah Sayles and Luke Tumblin.

Members of the children's chorus as the Munchkins, (including the Lollipop Guild and Lullaby League) were Heidi Brown, Jenifer Brouhard, Erika Gonzalez, Kaylee Stevenson, Kylar Ives and Jolene Peabody. They were all so

amazing.

And let's not forget the invaluable musicians: Barry Shaw and Karen Warren (on crutches!) playing keyboards and Brian Theodorson on percussion.

This is a show where a great deal of credit has to go to the backstage crew. I mentioned Susie Ouder Kirk as a costumer, but that hardly gives her due. She made more than 50 costumes for this show and they are wonderful and magical. Robert "Bobcat" Young also lent his great talents to costume making for this production.

Teddy Aspen Sanchez stepped into the show well into production to serve as stage manager. Helping Ouder Kirk deal with small dogs and riding herd on all the actors and crew is nothing short of amazing. I saw the show opening night, and if there was even one single technical glitch, I didn't see it.

Credit also goes to Beatty-Payne and the multi-talented Karlos Saucedo as choreographers, Chris Lininger for his terrific light design, Erica

Krauel as assistant stage manager, Charley Davis as light and soundboard operator, Monti Moroni as spotlight operator and Megan Higgins, who was able to double up as Glinda and the show's music director.

The stage crew included Karen Buerdsell, Jesse Jimenez, Debbie Kocab and Kaylin Berglund. How they managed all those set, costume and makeup changes is beyond me.

The set construction crew included many of the show's actors and crew members, along with larrychandler, Chris Campbell, Zeke Wyatt, David Dickson and Justin Williams.

The visual effects were the work of New Mexico

State University Creative Media Institute for Film and Digital Arts students.

Remaining performances of "The Wizard of Oz" are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, Dec. 9-10 and 16-17, 2 p.m. on Sundays, Dec. 11 and 18 and a single Thursday night performance on Dec. 15, which begins at 7 p.m. The theater is located at 331 N. Main St.

Tickets are \$14 for adults; \$13 for students, senior citizens and military; \$11 for children under age six; and \$12 per ticket for groups of 10 or more.

Many of these performances will sell out, so reservations are recommended.

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CALENDAR & EVENTS

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. 9, from 8-10 p.m. La Maldita Union, Bailar Latin Music - Dancing Cumbia Bolero Flamenco Folkie-Foxtrot

Saturday, Dec. 10, from 8-10 p.m. Paul Walter Kimball, Incorporating trumpet, guitar, percussion elements and a deep tenor voice.

Sunday, Dec. 11, from 3-5 p.m. Alison Reynolds, Playing classical pieces on cello as well as folk, pop and rock music.

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/abdcountry 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

Mesilla Valley Chorale

Mesilla Valley Chorale, directed by Nancy Ritchey, celebrates Christmas with "Holiday Fanfare" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The program will include holiday favorites such as "Gesu Bambino," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "Sleigh Ride" and variations on "Deck the Halls." Open seating tickets are \$10. For information, call 575-647-2560 or visit www.mesillavalleychorale.org.

MV Concert Band has free performance

The Mesilla Valley Concert Band (MVCB) will have a free performance beginning at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11, at Atkinson Recital Hall in the New Mexico State University music building, 1075 N. Horseshoe on the NMSU campus.

The concert will include music that is "diverse and designed to please a wide audience who appreciate concert band music," said MVCB member Nena Singleton.

"In addition to the regular program, the Borderland Bones, a trombone ensemble, will perform holiday tunes midway through the concert," Singleton said.

The concert is free and seating is first come, first served.

The band is a nonprofit and was founded in 1987 by Clark, Schutz and White's Music Box owner Mike White. MVCB will also have free performances on Saturdays, Feb. 19, and May 14, 2017, and on Tuesday, July 4.

For more information, visit www.mesillavalleyconcertband.org.

'A New Brain' has final weekend

The musical "A New Brain" has its final weekend at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. in downtown Las Cruces, Friday through Sunday, Dec. 9, 10 and 11.

The Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9 and 10 shows are at 8 p.m. The Sunday, Dec. 11 performance is at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 regular admission and \$12 for students and seniors over age 65.

The musical is based on the experiences of its author, American composer and lyricist William Finn, who suffered an arteriovenous malformation in his brain stem in 1992. The resulting surgery left him feeling like he had "a new brain," Finn said.

Six years later, he had a new musical by the same name. Producer



COURTESY PHOTO

Alison Reynolds plays folk, pop and rock music as well as classical pieces on a cello. She will perform at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11 at NM Vintage Wines at 2461 Calle de Principal in Mesilla.

Ceil Herman and director Nora Q. Thomas brought it to the Las Cruces stage. For reservations, call 575-523-1223. Visit www.no-strings.org.

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 Tsobol 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.

Call to artists

The Las Colinas Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is taking submissions from artists of all faiths and backgrounds for its upcoming art festival event. Artwork submitted should reflect the theme of the show, "Our Heavenly Father's Mercy," or should be Christ-centered in some way.

Submit a clear photograph of your artwork to Kimball Hakes at kimball76@hotmail.com by Friday, Dec. 9 in order to be considered. All approved artwork should be ready to hang or display at

the festival by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at the LDS Church at 3210 Venus St.

For more information, call or text Rick Thurston at 575-636-9619 or email Kimball Hakes at kimball76@hotmail.com.

Photography Boot Camp Workshop

The Doña Ana Photography Club of Las Cruces offers the Photography Boot Camp Workshops to the community. The courses are 9 a.m. to noon, at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Space is limited.

Saturday, Dec. 10 – Image Critique and Question and Answer Register at www.dapcphotobootcampclass1.eventbrite.com. Info: Rob Peinert at education@daphotoclub.org.

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.

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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.

Like other businesses in the Mesquite Street Historical Preservation District, the fair trade shop will take part in Small Business Saturday Nov. 26, welcoming visitors with refreshments and music.

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,

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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 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 bluegate-floodoc@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

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.

New Horizons Band free concert Dec. 10

BULLETIN REPORT

You can enjoy some great holiday tunes and other beautiful and patriotic music during New Horizons Band of Las Cruces' free holiday concert, which begins at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10 in the music building (Atkinson Recital Hall), 1075 N. Horseshoe, on the New Mexico State University campus.

The program will

include a performance of The Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key, arranged by Michael Sweeney; "Air (for Band)" and "Balladair," both by Frank Erickson; "Suite from Bohemia" by Vaclav Nelhybel, including "Procession to the Castle," "Folk Tale," "Tournament" and "Round Dance"; "An English Christmas" by Clare Grundman; "Burma

Patrol" by Karl King, arranged by James Swearingen; "Sleigh Ride," by Leroy Anderson; and "Bell Carol a La Big Band" by Rob Romeyn.

For more information, contact Nora Yaryan at 575-649-1465 or ndyaryan68@gmail.com. Visit www.la-tierra.net/nhband/ and <http://newhorizonsmusic.org/new-horizons-groups/new-mexico-new-horizons/>.

New Horizons Band is sponsored by the NMSU Music Department and White's Music Box of Las Cruces. It is comprised of more than 50 musicians, mostly of retirement age, but with a few younger players who are home schooled or attend LCPS' Arrowhead Park Early College High School, which does not offer music as an elective option.



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Suicide Squad

Rated: R
Genre: Action, fantasy
Directors: David Ayer

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Fantasy
Director: Tim Burton

Florence Foster Jenkins

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Comedy, drama
Director: Stephens Frears

Ben-Hur

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Adventure, drama
Director: Timur Bekmambetov

Top grossing Dec. 2-4

- 1. Moana**
(Week No. 2) \$28,270,989
- 2. Fantastic Beasts**
(Week No. 3) \$18,118,111
- 3. Arrival**
(Week No. 4) \$7,267,029
- 4. Allied**
(Week No. 5) \$7,026,066
- 5. Dr. Strange**
(Week No. 5) \$6,687,552
- 6. Trolls**
(Week 5) \$4,688,393
- 7. Hacksaw Ridge**
(Week No. 5) \$3,341,027
- 8. Bad Santa 2**
(Week No. 2) \$3,286,338
- 9. Incarnate**
(Week 1) \$2,534,884
- 10. Almost Christmas**
(Week No. 4) \$2,532,050

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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

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

Incarnate

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A scientist with the ability to enter the subconscious minds of the possessed must save a young boy from the grips of a demon with powers never seen before, while facing the horrors of his past.
Starring: Carice van Houten, Aaron Eckhart, David Mazouz

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

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

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

Shut In

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A widowed child psychologist who lives in an isolated existence is caught in a deadly winter storm, and must find a way to rescue a young boy before he disappears forever.
Starring: Naomi Watts, Charlie Heaton, Jacob Tremblay

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

Bad Santa 2

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Fueled by cheap whiskey, greed and hatred, Willie teams up once again with his angry little sidekick, Marcus, to knock off a Chicago charity on Christmas Eve.
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'Ove' offers delightful dark comedy

By **JEFF BERG**
For the Bulletin

"A Man Called Ove" offers the familiar story of a cantankerous old man whose grumpy and meticulous life is brightened by forces beyond his usual control.

Ove (Rolf Lassgård) is head of the committee in his housing district and he makes no bones about making life miserable for those around him, surviving on moribund rules while secretly pining for his departed wife as he fails in his suicide attempts.

It sounds all rather rash and morbid, but all in all, the film is a gracious and

GRADE: B+

The Fountain Theatre at 2469 Calle De Guadalupe, Mesilla, will show the film "A Man Called Ove" 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. 9.

actually meant to fulfill his last promise to her - that he would soon join her) and their loving and caring relationship.

But when a new family moves into the development, they become a true distraction. It starts with the father/husband smashing Ove's mailbox while carelessly backing into the housing complex with a trailer filled with household goods.

This is not the best way to get on Ove's good side.

But as the film progresses each of Ove's somewhat half-hearted attempts to knock himself off are interrupted in some way by the new family and soon, he begrudgingly befriends them. At one point he even sticks up for the feral kitty that he himself chases, in a

delightful dark comedy.

About half the film is shown in flashback, as we share how Ove met his beloved wife (Ove's attempts at suicide are



Rolf Lassgård stars as the title character in the dark comedy "A Man Called Ove."

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fun scene that even the cat appreciates. And then there is the other neighbor with the annoying little dog who pees

everywhere. He soon befriends the wife of the newcomers (Bahar Pars) which becomes a father-daughter type rela-

tionship, while reminding her that he thinks that her husband is an idiot. Ove also teaches her to drive and helps her build her self-confidence through this and several other scenarios.

Another fun side story is how Ove lost his coveted "head of the housing complex" title to his friend with whom he has car competitions, with Ove staying loyal to Saabs, while his friend gives him more grief due to his loyalty to Volvos.

You can tell right off where this movie is going, but pay that no never-mind, since Ove, my new hero, makes life quietly miserable for everyone around him until he just can't do so anymore.

"A Man Called Ove" plays like the great Clint Eastwood film of a few years back, "Gran Torino," only with humor and a much better ending.

Ove might just be this year's best look at a new sort of Ebenezer Scrooge.

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What do you call a pig with three eyes?
ANSWER: Piiiig!

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The Greatest Gift

One year Beatrice, a young girl in Uganda, received a goat as a gift. At first she didn't think it was such a great gift. What she really wanted was money to go to school.

That's ME!

But Beatrice's family was very poor. There was little money for medicine, clothes, blankets or food. School was simply a dream.

Much to Beatrice's surprise, the goat changed all that! Drinking the goat's milk made Beatrice and her five younger sisters and brothers healthier. The manure from the goat fertilized the garden and made it more productive. And, the one little goat gave more milk than her family could drink, so they could sell it and make money.

After a few months of selling the goat's milk, Beatrice had enough money to go to school!

Beatrice named her goat **Mugisa**. Use the code to find out what that means. Do you think that was a good name for her goat?

+ = C
■ = K
■ = L
▲ = U

□ = □
▲ = ▲
+ = +
■ = ■

How Beatrice Got Her Goat

Beatrice's goat was a gift from an organization called **Heifer International**. Children and adults can both help Heifer International give farm animals and training to needy families around the world.

The gift of a goat is \$120. Or you can share the cost with others for a \$10 donation.

Unscramble these words to find out the other kinds of gift animals Heifer International can provide to people in need.

- SCIECK
- UDCSK
- ESEGE
- BITSBAR
- EPESH


To find out how you can give a goat to a family visit www.heifer.org.

Extra! Extra!
Helpful Hunt
Look through today's newspaper and find five or more ways people are helping others.
Standards Link: Civics: Understand the role of volunteerism and organized groups in social and political life.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

In addition to farm animals, people can give the gift of trees at www.heifer.org. Young trees, called seedlings, can be planted to create a small family orchard of fruit or nut trees. The fruit of the trees provides good nutrition and extra fruit can be sold at market to provide income for a family, too.

Draw a line between each identical apple.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

HEIFER
MEDICINE
MARKET
MILK
MANURE
MONEY
SURPRISE
MUGISA
FARM
GOAT
ANIMAL
COINS
GIFT
BEATRICE
UGANDA

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop standards and activities.

H	S	N	I	O	C	E	Y	B	L
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E	N	I	C	I	D	E	M	R	N
K	D	G	E	E	F	I	T	I	A
R	A	U	R	H	L	A	G	C	I
A	V	M	E	K	O	S	R	E	S
M	H	E	E	G	P	T	O	M	O

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

Kid Scoop Together: Missing Letters

When we typed this press release we made some mistakes in letter combinations. Can you match the correct letter combinations to the correct words? Some combinations belong in more than one place.

ck gn ou ai ei
ea ee ch rt
nt io sk sc pr
ia ei ui st

From Dog Biscuits to a Water Buffalo, 4th Graders Make a Difference

Kathy Zeichman's fourth-grade class in Ida, Michigan, decided to raise \$250 to donate to Heifer International by selling homemade, all-natural dog biscuits.

The students worked in small groups to take care of the tasks of contacting medics, designing packaging, preparing order forms, creating an informative insert, making personalized dog tags and using computers to design and print labels for the packages.

After producing 2,172 dog biscuits to fill 181 orders, the students sent Heifer International \$250 to purchase a water buffalo for a needy family.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to understand the meaning of words.

Gifts that MULTIPLY!

When Heifer International gives a goat or other animal to a family, the family must "pass on the gift." Recipient families give the animal's first female offspring to another family in need. That family, in turn, passes on the gift to another family. So one gift multiplies throughout the community!



Find the two identical goats.

Standards Link: Geography: Understand the patterns and networks of economic interdependence.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

It's a Numbers Game

Find a partner. Each partner takes a different color pen or crayon. Circle as many numbers as you can in one minute on the front page. Who circled the most numbers over 50? Whose numbers add up to the highest sum?

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums.

Write On!

Creepy Animal Facts

Which animal do you think is the creepiest? Why? Write three facts about your chosen creature.

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Holiday pet photos with Santa benefit Safe Haven

Families with leashed pets are invited to take pictures with Santa from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 at Safe Haven Thrift Store, 840 El Paseo Road.

The photos will be printed while you wait and all proceed benefit SHAS. Prices: 1 for \$10; 2 for \$16; 4 for \$25. Info: 575-541-4942.



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SASHA

Once a stray, Sasha found a loving home where she lived for 12 years until her family had to give her to the ASCMV in March due to personal health issues. It's been eight months for this black and white domestic short hair, but she knows her new family is coming any day now. She is still as lively and curious as a kitten and makes friends with children, cats and even dogs. Come visit her today.

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Tinsel and Tails Dec. 11 at Grapevine Plaza

Tails from the Shelter, a nonprofit animal rescue organization, is the benefactor of a holiday shopping event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11 at Grapevine Plaza, 3900 W. Picacho Ave. "Tinsel

& Tails" will include both indoor and outdoor vendors and will feature gifts, crafts, food and entertainment, including an appearance by the two Totos from the Las Cruces Community The-

atre's production of "The Wizard of Oz." There also will be dog adoption opportunities at the event.

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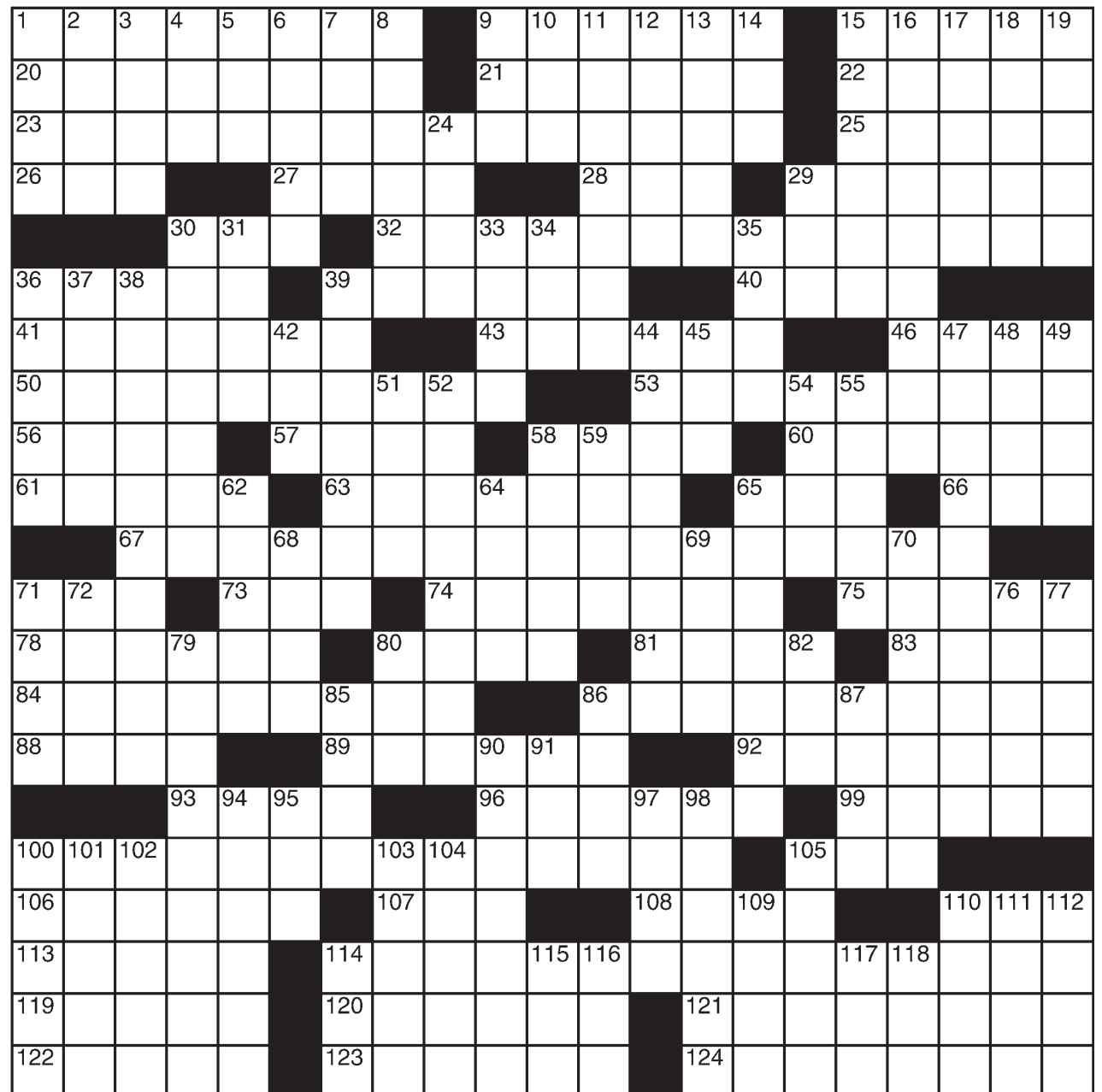
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1 Capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina
 9 Super deals
 15 Stage backdrop
 20 Aired in installments
 21 Martial arts instructor
 22 City near Dallas
 23 Focus applied when covering a surface with concrete?
 25 Styx setting
 26 Ill, to Italians
 27 Jai —
 28 Solo in sci-fi
 29 Hanker for
 30 Prefix for tax or charge
 32 Colledge between two hills?
 36 Suggest
 39 Puts forward as fact
 40 Bakery decorator
 41 Try to be like
 43 "Pinball Wizard" band
 46 Shrek is one
 50 Great review from the wife of George Washington?
 53 Scandinavian king's lubricant?
 56 Certain iPad
 57 German coin
 58 Harvest yield
 60 Crooner Vic
 61 Tailor, e.g.
 63 Cut, as a 58-Across
 65 Hitter Gehrig
 66 Cause trouble to
 67 Question to an animal doc at an amusement park?
 71 Star, e.g.
 73 "Illmatic" rapper
 74 Drop-leaf table supporter
 75 Chief city of the Ruhr
 78 Butlers
 80 Ruby and scarlet
 81 See 31-Down
 83 Crooner Perry
 84 Caesar's hail to a mariner?
 86 Buck that's toiling away?
 88 Enumeration
 89 Loafer liner
 92 Grand Slam tennis events
 93 Completely engrossed
 96 President before Bush

99 — lance (pit viper variety)
 100 Seamstress who was Adam's mate?
 105 Downed
 106 Italian cry at a dinner table
 107 Canon — (camera line)
 108 Caspian Sea feeder
 110 "Attack, mutt!"
 113 Not as young
 114 Tennis great Rod who keeps everyone safe?
 119 Pixar figures
 120 "In this way"
 121 1970s-90s carrier to Lima
 122 Collagist Max
 123 Positive responses
 124 Eased up on

DOWN

1 Month after Aug.
 2 On — with (equal to)
 3 Paris' — Gauche
 4 "— already said ..."
 5 Actor Voight
 6 First name of Poe
 7 Perfumery bottle
 8 6x9-inch book size
 9 One-eighty from NNW
 10 "X" amount
 11 Psych up
 12 Like a Thai
 13 Tea on TV
 14 Moral error
 15 Ball
 16 School unit
 17 Arm bones
 18 Nonreactive
 19 Amble along
 24 Aunts, in Baja
 29 Month after Nov.
 30 More briny
 31 With 81-Across, Beehive State NCAA team
 33 Lo-fat
 34 Suffix of ordinals
 35 Cello forerunner
 36 "Byzantium" actress
 Arterton
 37 AOL letter
 38 Hip-hop DJ's equipment
 39 Scrutinizes
 42 — kwon do



(martial art)
 44 Carpenter's adhesive
 45 Clued in
 47 Is a little too proud of
 48 Queen in a sari
 49 Stunt master Knievel
 51 Boot part
 52 Sailors, say
 54 Take too much of, for short
 55 Member of an early-1900s art movement
 58 Debt memos
 59 Director Clair

62 "— -Cop" (1988 film)
 64 Commercial on the tube
 65 Olympic sled course
 68 "How -- to know?"
 69 Celebration
 70 Jailbreaker
 72 Shankar on the sitar
 76 Edit, as text
 77 Scandinavian
 79 Hormones in some replacement therapies
 80 Harry Potter pal Weasley
 82 Draft inits.
 85 Its cap. is Vilnius

86 Kaput
 87 Toss high up
 90 Brother of Iphigenia
 91 Director Ang
 94 Something novel
 97 Supply that's too abundant
 98 Operating skyward
 100 Theatricalize
 101 Courage
 102 Finish with
 103 Weird
 104 Out-of-the-way corners
 105 Bygone Olds

109 Bygone Chevy
 110 Swedish film shooter Nykvist
 111 French noun suffix
 112 Gunky stuff
 114 Use skillfully
 115 Ending for Br116
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 117 Part of L.A.
 118 Lemur cousin

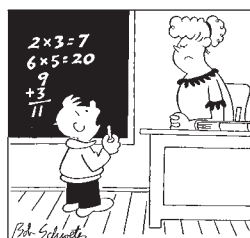
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WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

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.

1				8		9		
		9			3		6	
	4		7					5
		3	2	8				6
	6			9		5		
5			4					1
	8				4			2
		4	3				8	
9				6		1		

SCRAMBLERS



"So what if my answers are all wrong — when I grow up I'm going to be a forecaster!"

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!

Shrewd
PRETUND

Awry
WAKES

Escort
SHURE

Emerge
PAPARE

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: P equals E

JGPE CVM ZPP DEKLC HNZZG ZWVJX

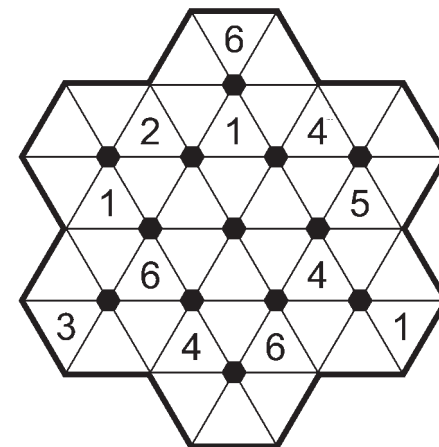
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ANKGQ POWXDNA "NH XVO WVMXU

RNXX!"

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

When you see angry fish scow
darkly at each other, you
might exclaim "If I could
kill!"

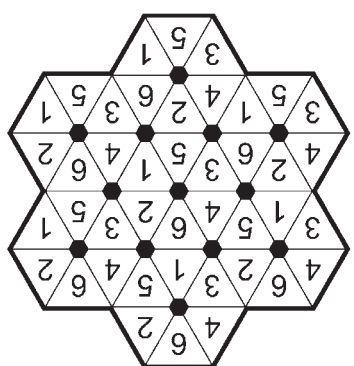
CRYPTOQUIP

WEATHER

Today's Word

1. Prudent; 2. Askept; 3. Usher; 4. Appeal

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

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WEEKLY SUDOKU

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Panelists from a variety of Las Cruces religious organizations came together Nov. 20 for conversation and interaction at Temple Beth-El.

Interfaith conversation draws panelists into cooperative discussion



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Rabbi Larry Karol of Temple Beth-El (standing center) introduced panel members who spoke at the "Humble Enough? An Interfaith Conversation" program on Sunday, Nov. 20 at Temple. Panelists included (seated left to right): Father Gabriel Rochelle, St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Christian Mission; Micki Pittsenbargar, Islamic Center of Las Cruces; Rev. Carol Tuck, United Methodist; Tim Reed, Las Cruces Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends; and Rev. Sue Redfern-Campbell, Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces. The event began with presentations by the panel, followed by small group discussion about the nature and meaning of the value of humility.

Listening to Our Better Angels

THERE IS A PHOTOGRAPH OF AN ELDERLY COUPLE. SURROUNDING THEM ARE THEIR 10 CHILDREN and their spouses and literally hundreds of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. It's a picture custom-made for the Christmas holidays.

The photograph radiates the jubilancy of togetherness. And so the question arises, how did this beautiful situation come to be? Was it simply chance, hapstance, or luck? This houseful of family and the doctors, lawyers, nurses, teachers, a priest, a couple of nuns, construction workers and even a mayor looked radiantly at Joe and Martha at the center of



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Dwelling Places

the photograph. Was this life-filled photograph simply the random occurrence of life events that began with a man and a woman? Was this testament of every person's dream photograph simply a phenomenon of biological reproduction? Let me put a little flesh into the picture. Joe had just come back from the beaches of Okinawa. He

took a bullet to the leg and was indeed fortunate to have escaped a more serious injury. He was the operator of an amphibious vehicle that carried marines onto the beaches. When the carrier door opened, a bullet ricocheted off the inner steel wall of the vessel and took a chunk out of Joe's leg.

So, Joe was back in the states after convalescence. In downtown San Diego, Joe would stop to do what he'd done since his military discharge from the Army. He would catch a bus at Fourth and Beech streets on his way to work as a bank teller. But on a particular day, the behemoth of a

bus roared to a stop and opened the door. Joe climbed aboard, a little limp in his step; he got a nickel from his pocket to clink into the metal fee slot.

In the meantime, outside were the typical throngs of people walking by. Men and women clicked down Fourth Street on the way to work—men wearing fedora hats, and women in their black patent-leather heels. The mood in the country was jubilant following the end of the war with Japan. Joe was ready to drop his nickel in the slot. The bus driver was about to close the door. People on the bus were impatiently seated with the normal

expectation that in a few seconds the monster bus would move on to the next bus stop and, eventually, their final destinations.

But before Joe released the coin into the slot, and before the stern bus driver with a "come on, hurry up I'm late" look on his face could close the door, Joe heard something extremely beautiful nearby. Joe was always aware of his surroundings, and he was always aware of surrounding influences that were more subtle. Before getting on the bus, Joe would spend five minutes in the back of St. Joseph's Cathedral where he would thank God for allowing him to survive, and in sorrow for the men he saw lose their lives on the bloody beaches of Okinawa. That's when he heard this sound that he

would later describe as music.

To the chagrin of the bus driver, Joe turned around to see the source of the music was outside the bus. It was a beautiful woman engaging in laughter with her workmates waiting to catch a different bus. Joe looked at the disgruntled bus driver, withheld clinking the coin into the slot and motioned for the driver to open the door so he could exit.

Joe exited, and as the bus angrily puffed out its plume of carbon monoxide and roared away to other destinations, he emerged from the residual smoke and smiled at the laughing woman.

Martha hardly noticed him in the raucous downtown bustling of

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(Lucas 19:10)

"For the Son of Man came to
seek and to save the lost"
(Luke 19:10)

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ANGELS

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the moment. She seemed a little annoyed at this man standing there staring at her with a grin and asked, "Can I help you?" Joe introduced himself to Martha and that was the first "light bulb" event that went off, catching the first Kodak moment of a chain reaction of thousands to come.

As they say, the rest is history.

Was Joe's awareness of that moment on the bus influenced by better angels? Perhaps, but let's not discount Joe's time at St. Joseph's — those precious moments in which he allowed those angels to whisper and they, in turn, allowed Joe's ears to hear music outside the bus. Imagine if Joe had stayed on the bus. What would his life have become?

Really, it's senseless to imagine alternatives since we have before us the wonderful photograph of Joe and Martha and their gift of life and family. But what was the one inescapable moment that set off the chain reaction? Was it luck that Joe heard Martha's laugh?

Divine providence works that way; but I would propose that it was a more subtle choice Joe made in his life. Joe's individual action of presenting himself before the divine in those daily five minutes at St. Joseph's allowed him to hear a calling that was an answer to his prayers like those of Abraham of old. That was the moment that set off the chain of events resulting in a charmed life revealed by the photograph years later.

Perhaps Joe's secret is to pray, be aware of our better angels, and then listen! Merry Christmas!

RELIGION BRIEFS

Christmas Bazaar Dec. 10

First Assembly of God announces its 2016 Christmas Bazaar from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 at 5605 Bataan Memorial West. Info: call 575 524-0654, Ext. 101

Wednesday Advent at Peace Lutheran

Peace Lutheran Church announces Wednesday evening Advent and soup suppers starting at 5:15 p.m., followed at 6 p.m. by an evening prayer service on Dec. 14 and 21 at 1701 Missouri Ave. Info: 575-522-7119.

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.

ONGOING

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

At 9 a.m. Sundays learn and study God's

Word for fellowship, coffee and snacks, followed at 9:15 a.m. by Sunday School and adult Bible study, and at 10:30 a.m. divine worship at 2752 N. Roadrunner Pkwy. 10 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.stjohnscatholicchurchofantioch.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

Yoga-9-10 a.m. Mondays; 4-5 p.m. Wednesdays; 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

Gentle Yoga- 6:15-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 5:15-6:30 p.m. Thursdays

Spirit Dance- Express your spirit through free dancing. No experience necessary. This is the only free dancing in Las Cruces. 2-3 p.m. Wednesdays.

Sacred Living Circle-A group that discusses articles from the Science of Mind magazine meets from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays.

Onefold (formally SoulShine)- musical group. Instrumentalists needed. Rehearsal 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays

Single Parents Support Group- 7-8 p.m. Thursdays

A Course In Miracles discussion- 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays

All activities held at the Center, 575 N. Main St. Info: 575-523-4847.

Men's prayer breakfast at First Baptist

From 7 to 9 a.m. every Tuesday at First Baptist is a men's prayer breakfast in the fellowship hall. Info: 575-524-3691.

Non-denominational service at New Agape

At 5:45 p.m., Sundays at the Dream Center, Sixth and Wilson streets, the New Agape Christian Church offers a scriptural, theological, historical and scientific look at the Prophets. Agape is an all-people's church; everyone welcome. Children's church provided. Info: Pastor

Herb 575-650-3915.

Mission Lutheran Sunday school, services and education

Events at Mission Lutheran include: 9 a.m. Sundays fellowship, followed at 9:15 a.m. with Sunday school for adults and children. At 10:30 a.m. are worship services at 2752 Roadrunner Parkway. Mission Lutheran Church and School welcomes all. Mission Lutheran has an accredited day school for preschool through fifth grade, where the children receive a solid Christian education in a loving, supportive environment. Info: (church activities) 575-522-0465; info (school) 575-532-5489.

Discover the Faith classes at Mission Lutheran

All are welcome 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays at Mission Lutheran Church, at 2752 Roadrunner Parkway for a class for people who are new to the faith or who would like a refresher course on what being a Lutheran is all about. The class continues for several weeks. Info: 575-522-0465.

Peace Lutheran prayer groups

Peace Lutheran announces 9 a.m. on Saturdays is a 20-to-30-minute Centering Prayer. From 4 to 5 p.m. Women Gather for Prayer meets at Peace Lutheran, 1701 E. Missouri. Info: 575-522-7119.

Fusion Youth Fellowship at Morning Star United Methodist

From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at 2941 Morningstar Drive, join the youth's small group for music, family events and workshops. Info: 575-521-3770.

Trinity Lutheran welcomes young worshippers

Events at Trinity Lutheran include: 9 a.m. regular Sunday worship with Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for children and youth at the church at 2900 Elks Dr. A child-friendly environment, children meet and worship God through songs, prayer and Bible stories. All are welcome to join. Info: 575-523-4232 or www.trinitylutheranlc.org.

Church Bingo

Bingo games start at 7 p.m. every Monday and Tuesday in the multipurpose room at Holy Cross School, 1327 N. Miranda St. (doors open at 5:30.) All games can be played for \$5. At 7 p.m. every Thursday night is Bingo at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Tortugas. Doors open at 5:30. Food, fun, prizes. Info: 575-646-5860.

Aggies Without Limits build houses for homeless vets Donations from the community sought

BULLETIN REPORT

Formerly known as Engineering without Boundaries, Aggies Without Limits is currently asking for support as they build homes for homeless veterans. Through a partnership with Foxhole Homes, the students of Aggies Without Limits have partnered with members of the Las Cruces community to make a lasting impact through infrastructure projects.



Foxhole Homes is a nonprofit out of Alamogordo that provides sustainable housing and community for veterans in need, according to its website at www.foxhole.org.

“Our goal is to build a sustainable research community that will provide housing with little or no utility bills, and provide jobs for veterans using regenerative agricultural practices that will make the land throughout

the community more fertile as time goes on,” said CEO Ted Brinegar via email.

The members of the community are integral to the project’s development and the goal, once it is completed, is to be self-sustaining, it said on the website.

Gifts of any amount—even as little as \$25— will empower the students of Aggies Without Limits to make a difference in the local community. As of Dec. 1, about \$4,000 of the \$6,000 goal had been raised via the internet campaign. Visit <https://makeastatement.nmsu.edu/project/3049> to make a gift today.



COURTESY PHOTO

A foxhole house being constructed out of recycled and repurposed materials.

Frequently asked questions about Foxhole Homes

Q. What is a Foxhole Home?

A. An off-grid home built from recycled and repurposed materials such as tires that are adjusted for climate and region.

are done curing are used. And, the tires are sealed inside the walls with adobe or cement. For old tires to break down they would have to be exposed to extreme sunlight or lots of water.

dollars in materials, or roughly \$20/square foot. Fancier materials, robust/redundant systems and paid labor can increase the amount to as much as \$200/square foot.

a family of four with \$100 for propane and \$200 for additional water monthly. Counting the growth of food that can be a byproduct of the operation of the home, as much as \$1,000 of produce per year could be possible.

Q. Do the tires give off gas or odor into the living space?

A. No, for two reasons: only old tires that

Q. How much does a Foxhole house cost?

A. The company can build a tiny house with limited systems for as little as a few thousand

Q. What does it cost to operate a Foxhole Home?

A. A specific example in New Mexico is \$300 for

Foxhole Homes is located at 3431 Shenandoah Place in Alamogordo and can be reached at 575-491-8116. www.foxhole.org



Do you know how to identify a natural gas leak? You might smell sulfur or rotten eggs, you may notice dirt or debris shooting up out of a hole in the ground, dead or dying vegetation in an otherwise green area, and a loud hissing or roaring sound near pipeline markers. These and many more are all telltale signs of a natural gas or pipeline leak. Use all your senses, even common sense and report any possible leaks to Zia Natural Gas Company. When in doubt call us out!

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Realtor receives RCE designation



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BULLETIN REPORT

William "Bill" Arnold, association executive of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors is being honored by the National Association of Realtor with the Certified Executive

(RCE) designation, which recognizes exceptional efforts made by real estate agents. Arnold is one of only 450 association executives who have achieved this mark of excellence in the last 25 years.

"This is truly an honor

and I am very proud to be receiving this designation," Arnold said. "It is a high point in my career as an association executive."

Prior to becoming a candidate for the RCE designation, applicants must document their

association management and academic experiences. Eligible candidates must then successfully complete a multiple choice exam, which is based on a comprehensive understanding of association operations and management

practices. Candidates must demonstrate knowledge of areas critical to Realtor association management, including association law, governance and issues related to member services. RCEs must be recertified every four years.

Mayfield High School Band sells fruit

Boxes of oranges and grapefruits, or a mix of both, are on sale by the Mayfield High School Band as a fundraiser just in time for the holidays. A box of Sunkist Navels (approximately 24-30 oranges) or a box of Texas Rio Stars (18 to 24 grapefruits)

are \$16 each. Pick up starts at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 at Field of Dreams, 2501 Tashiro Drive. Payment is due at time of pick-up by credit/debit card, cash, or check payable to "MHS Band Parents Association." Call or text 575-644-7344 to reserve your fruit.





Observatory open house Friday night

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico State University (NMSU) Department of Astronomy will hold an Observatory Open House at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 at the NMSU campus observatory. Astronomy personnel

on hand will be Dr. Moire Prescott and graduate assistants Laura Mayorga, Sean Markert and Carlos Vargas.

Objects that may be viewed include: the moon, Mars, double star clusters M2 and M15, the Andromeda galaxy M31 and more celestial objects.

Everyone is welcome to come and spend an evening of stargazing.

Admission is free and children are especially encouraged to attend. Please contact the NMSU Astronomy Department at 575-646-4438 with questions.

Annual Christmas bird tally seeking counters

Beginners, experts invited to take part

BULLETIN REPORT

The Mesilla Valley Audubon Society is conducting its 42nd annual Las Cruces Christmas Bird Count (CBC) on Saturday, Dec. 17. During the CBC, 14 teams of birders will be identifying and counting birds within the Las Cruces CBC circle from sunrise to sunset. The CBC circle is 15 miles in diameter. It stretches from Fairacres east to the foothills of the Organ Mountains and from Doña Ana south to the Rio Grande.

The December meeting of the Mesilla Valley Audubon Society will help prepare birders for the count. The pre-CBC meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the Southwest Environmental Center office, 275 N. Main St. on the Downtown Mall.

During the meeting, presentations will be made concerning local bird ID and logistics for the CBC. Also, team leaders and their members will have an opportunity to get together to finalize plans for the

count day.

For several years, the Las Cruces CBC has led all CBC circles in the U.S. and Canada for the highest number of White-winged Doves. Last year, birders counted 8,859 White-winged Doves within the Las Cruces CBC circle. During Las Cruces CBC's 41-year history, the highest number of White-winged Doves counted was 42,521 in 2003.

Of course, White-winged Doves are just one species that can be spotted on this important counting day. Teams will gather data on a wide range of species, from those migrating through the area to year-round residents.

Whether you are a beginner birder or an experienced birder, there is still room for more volunteers on the teams. If you're interested in participating in this citizen scientist endeavor, contact Wayne Treers (coordinator/compiler) for the Las Cruces CBC at way1mike@yahoo.com or call 575-528-8696.

Homemade holiday gifts budget-friendly fun



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HOMEMADE HOLIDAY GIFTS ARE NOT ONLY FUN TO MAKE BUT THEY ARE BUDGET FRIENDLY.

Some may take longer to craft; others are quite simple. Let's stick with simple! Popular this season is a recipe in a jar. The quart-sized glass jar contains a dry mix and the

lucky recipient simply follows the directions included to complete the recipe. A quick Google search for "recipes in a jar" populates a host of possibilities but I include three here that can be thrown together almost last minute.

Jar recipes make ideal gifts for hosts, co-workers, teachers, neighbors, and friends and relatives. Get creative by decorating the jars with fabric, ribbon curls, bells, Santa hats, angels, stickers, and yes, even hot chile peppers!

Spicy Mexican Hot Cocoa Recipe (Yield: 3 quart-sized wide mouth Mason or Ball glass jars)

1 cup powdered milk
1 cup unsweetened cocoa
1 cup sugar
1 heaping tablespoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon chili powder
½ teaspoon kosher salt
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 (12-ounce) bag semi-sweet chocolate mini morsels
1 (10-ounce) bag Hershey's Cinnamon Chips
Mini marshmallows

Combine first seven ingredients in a large bowl and mix well. Fill quart-size mason jars 2/3 full of cocoa mix. Top with chocolate mini morsels, cinnamon chips, and marshmallows. Pack ingredients tightly to prevent ingredients from shifting.

On a tag attached to the jar, write the following instructions: Spicy Mexican Hot Cocoa Recipe 1) Add two heaping tablespoons of dry mix to the bottom



of a large mug. 2) Fill with boiling water and mix. 3) Top with mini chocolate chips, cinnamon chips, and marshmallows. 4) Let cool to a comfortable sip and enjoy!

Spicy 5 Bean Soup in a Jar (Yield: 1 Wide Mouth Mason or Ball glass jar)

1 pound pinto beans
1 pound split green peas
1 pound great northern beans
1 pound black beans
1 pound kidney beans
1 tablespoon black pepper
1 tablespoon paprika
1 tablespoon red chile pepper powder
1 tablespoon dry mustard
2 tablespoons dehydrated onions
2 tablespoons sea salt
2 tablespoons garlic powder
2 tablespoons dried oregano
1 teaspoon dried rosemary

8 bay leaves
4 vegetable bouillon cubes

In each of the four mason jars, layer 2/3 cup of pinto beans, shaking jar gently to level the beans. Repeat with 2/3 cup of the green peas and remaining beans.

In a small bowl, combine spices except bay leaves and bouillon cubes. In a snack-sized baggie, add 3 tablespoons of the spice mixture, two bay leaves, and one bouillon cube. Seal. Repeat three more times. Put packet into the top of each of the four bean jars. Place lids on jars and decorate as desired. Include a tag with the following instructions: Spicy 5 Bean Soup in a Jar 1) Remove spice packet. 2) Rinse beans and place in a Dutch oven. Cover beans with 1 inch of water. 3) Bring to a boil. 4) Remove from heat and let soak for one hour. 4) Drain and rinse beans. 5) Return beans to Dutch oven, adding ingredients from spice packet, 1 (14-ounce) can diced tomatoes with jalapeños and 6 cups of water. 6) Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for about 1 ½ hours or until beans are tender and soup has thickened.

Chipotle Brownies In A Jar (Yield: 1 Wide-Mouth Mason or Ball glass jar)

2 ¼ cups white sugar
2/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
½ cup chopped pecans
1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 tablespoon chipotle powder
1 teaspoon salt

Pour sugar into a one-quart jar. Press down firmly with the back of a spoon.

Add cocoa powder and press down firmly again with back of spoon. Add chopped pecans evenly layered in the jar. Combine flour, baking powder, chipotle powder, and salt. Pour into jar and seal.

Include a card or attach a tag with the following instructions: Chipotle Brownies 1) Empty mix into large bowl. Using clean hands, mix thoroughly. 2) Add ¾ cup of butter or margarine and 4 slightly beaten eggs. Mix until completely blended. 3) Spread batter into a lightly greased or sprayed 9 x 13 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees F for 30 minutes or until done. Cool in pan. Cut into 2-inch squares.

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HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

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.

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 hand-made 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 in the meeting room of Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave. 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 and 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays 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

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Senator announces \$3 million grant for Doña Ana County mental health Assisted outpatient treatment to get a boost

BULLETIN REPORT

After efforts by Senator Mary Kay Papen (D38 - Doña Ana), Jamie Michael, director of Doña Ana County Health and Human Services (HHS) Department, and others on Dec. 1, the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded a nearly \$3 million grant to Doña Ana County for improving mental health services.

SAMHSA chose Doña Ana County to be one of only five communities in the U.S. to implement a new Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) program. The grant will help persons with serious mental illness to stick with treatment long enough to experience wellness, rather than cycle in and out of jails and hospitals if left to their own devices. Doña Ana County will receive approximately \$700,000 each year for four years under the grant.

"SAMHSA selected only five communities for this grant," said Jim Farrell, a spokesman for the Senate Democrats. "Doña Ana County beat out larger cities all over the country, such as Seattle."

"This grant will go a long way to help families and individuals in our community who need help," Papen said in a news release. "It could not have happened without the close partner-



PAPEN

I am very grateful to them all, especially Professor Joe Tomaka of NMSU, and Brian Stettin at The Treatment Advocacy Center in Washington, D.C."

The program in Doña Ana County will be up and running by mid-2017, and will focus on people that have been hospitalized two or more times, or have repeated interaction with the courts as a result of a mental illness. It is anticipated the program will serve 30 to 40 people a year, for a minimum of 150 people after four years.

"The only reason Doña Ana County was eligible to get these funds was because Sen. Papen got the AOT legislation into law, which was a requirement of SAMHSA," Farrell said. "This is a huge win for Doña Ana County. When we passed the bill, everyone said, 'fine, but we don't have the money, and Sen. Papen went out and got this federal money in form of the grant.'"

"Without Senator Papen's work on the AOT legislation, we would not have even been eligible for these funds. We thank Senator Papen for carrying the

ship and cooperation of many great advocates for New Mexicans suffering from mental illness.

legislation creating AOT programs in our State and assisting us with this application. She is a real champion for vulnerable New Mexicans suffering with mental health issues," said Jamie Michael, director of Doña Ana County Health and Human Services Department in a press release.

The 4-year pilot federal grant program is intended to implement new AOT programs nation-wide and identify evidence-based practices to reduce the incidence and duration of psychiatric hospitalization, homelessness, incarcerations and interactions with the criminal justice system while improving the health and social outcomes of individuals with a serious mental illness. The program will work with families and courts to allow these individuals to obtain treatment while continuing to live in the community and their homes.

The program will formalize the relationship among the county, court, treatment providers, and the evaluator to create a process for identifying participants, holding hearings, accessing treatment, and monitoring progress. It is anticipated to reduce the number of hospital readmissions and civil inpatient commitments, while enhancing available intensive treatment

services and quality of life indicators; ultimately reducing the number of people at the detention center with mental illness and law enforcement responses.

Partners that collaboratively put together the application and will implement the program include the 3rd Judicial District Court, New Mexico State University, La Clinica de Familia, Inc., National Alliance on Mental Illness - Doña Ana Chapter, 3rd Judicial District Attorney's Office, Mesilla Valley Hospital and the Doña Ana County Government.

Papen has long prioritized investing in mental health treatment for New Mexicans. She is the sponsor of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Act (Senate Bill 113), 'Kendra's Law', to mandate treatment of mentally ill individuals in crisis when a court determines they otherwise would be a threat to others or themselves. It was signed into law by Gov. Susana Martinez, and took effect July 1. Papen has frequently spoken out against the dislocation in mental health services caused in New Mexico after the state's 15 behavioral health providers were falsely accused of fraud three years ago by the Governor's administration.

Ngage New Mexico focuses on early childhood education, community collaboration

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

“Education is a shared responsibility,” said David Greenberg, assistant director of Ngage New Mexico. “It’s a ‘we’; it’s all of us,” said NgageNM Executive Director Frank Lopez.

NgageNM provides logistical support for the SUCCESS! Partnership of Doña Ana County education initiative, which is working to “bring together representatives from all sectors to discuss mutual goals on how education can be improved,” according to ngagenm.org.

The SUCCESS! Partnership grew out of a public forum in 2014 that brought together parents, teachers and other education professionals; childcare providers; staff from agencies that included Head Start, Early Head Start and the Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico; and New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College to “develop a common agenda for education in our community,” Greenberg said.



Ngage New Mexico

“The SUCCESS! Partnership is now focusing on early childhood education and community schools,” he said.

The overarching goal is to nurture brain development in very young children, Lopez said. Most brain development occurs from the ages of birth to three years, and then continues at a slower pace until age five, he said.

“How do we impact the lives of 15,000 children ages zero to five?” Lopez asked, which is about the total number of children in that age group county-wide. “If we don’t nourish the brains of our community children, we lose an opportunity.”

“We’re facilitators,” Lopez said about NgageNM. “We build bridges, relationships, networks

so that new and great things can happen.”

NgageNM is also working on is a children’s museum and one-stop shop for early childhood intervention services so parents can learn about programs like Head Start and Early Start and the importance of brain development while their children participate in interactive adventures at the same site, Lopez said.

That way, “the child brings the parent,” he said.

NgageNM is also working on an interactive app and website to provide parents with information about programs to aid their children’s early brain development, Lopez said.

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Ngage New Mexico’s first Quesadilla Run rated a big success

“We felt that for the first year ever doing it, it was very successful,” Ngage New Mexico Assistant Director David Greenberg said of the first ever Quesadilla Run, which NgageNM sponsored Saturday, Nov. 5 at La Llorona Park. “The logistics of the run were smooth and without complications, the turnout was very good for a first-year run during such a busy time of year, and the quesadillas were delicious,” he said. “We got good feedback from the participants after the event, and appreciate all of the volunteers who pulled it together.”

HERE ARE THE EVENT WINNERS, BY CATEGORY:

WOMEN’S DIVISION

WOMEN’S OPEN: 1 Sara Ruvalcaba, Cypress, Texas

AGES 19 AND UNDER: first: Taylor Proffitt; second: Jordyn Champion, both of El Paso

20 TO 29: first: Alexis Tirado, Las Cruces; second: Andreina Zambrano, El Paso

30 TO 39: first: Vanessa Garcia,

Houston, Texas; second: Natalia Martinez, Las Cruces

40 TO 49: first: Tammy Revesz, El Paso

50 TO 59: first: Barbara Deleon; second: Judi Partlo, both of Las Cruces

60 TO 69: first: Penny Wilson, Las Cruces; second: Martha Roche, El Paso

MEN’S DIVISION

MEN’S OPEN: first: Befekadu Habteyes, Las Cruces

AGES 19 AND UNDER: first: Daniel Saldivar, Las Cruces; second: Steven Fraga, Mesilla

20 TO 29: Alajandro Alviride, El Paso; second: Million Tesfai, Las Cruces

30 TO 39: Dustin Vendrely, Mesilla Park; second: Richard Paredes, El Paso

40 TO 49: Rene Aranda, El Paso; second: Tomas Diego La Mesa, New Mexico

50 TO 59: first: Javier Soliz, Las Cruces; second: Federico Barrio, El Paso

60 TO 69: Tom Roche, El Paso

Books are gifts that keep giving



RORIE MEASURE

The Reading Solution

IN THIS SEASON OF SHARING, I received an unexpectedly lovely gift. Five siblings under the age of eight showed up with their mom, Rebecca Sutphin, at the Children’s Reading Alliance warehouse with big smiles and a box of books that they had outgrown. Each family member had picked out their favorites to pass on to other children.

Their donation came at a fortuitous time. Social service agencies have been calling us looking for books to give young clients for Christmas. Children’s Reading Alliance tries to provide new books as often as we can, but some-

times the demand exceeds our supply. That’s when gently loved books are placed in new homes.

Perhaps you too are considering books as gifts this holiday season. With families spread across continents, a

book can make a personal connection to a loved one far away. There are so many beautiful books available on every subject that it is often hard to choose. Here are a few general guidelines to keep in mind.

There are tons of good

choices for babies and toddlers. Sturdy books with washable surfaces are always a good bet. Wordless books with bold, simple pictures or photographs of objects in their world provide information and stimulate imagination. Remember that babies learn about the environment through their senses so books with textures to touch are popular with little ones. Don’t be surprised if your recipient shows appreciation by chew-

ing on the corners; that’s just an expression of exploration and enjoyment. Brightly colored pictures accompanied by simple rhythmic texts are also popular with this age group.

Preschoolers and non-readers enjoy lots of rhythm, rhyming, and repetition in their books. Nursery rhymes, poems, finger plays and songs provide opportunity for lots of repeated pleasure. Brace

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“These are community ideas,” he said. “We’re getting this from our community partners.”

Within a year, Lopez said, the community will see “some things that have never happened before” as a result of this collaboration.

Another goal for NgageNM is challenging the notion that, because New Mexico ranks near the bottom among states in student proficiency, its teachers, parents and students “are not trying hard enough,” he said.

The state also ranks at or near the bottom nationally for childhood poverty.

Only by “coming together as a community ... can we move up,” he said, noting that 80 percent of a child’s waking hours are spent outside of school. And, because of “the challenges of poverty,” Lopez said, many children are “not ready to learn” at school and are “not able to succeed.”

That’s why NgageNM is partnering with Las Cruces Public Schools on a community schools program.

Lynn Middle School, 905 S. Walnut St., is Las Cruces’ first community school.

It received that designation from the LCPS board of education in April.

At an October joint LCPS-Las Cruces City Council work session, Board of Education President Maria Flores said LCPS is working with NgageNM and NMSU on the

community schools project, and wants the city as a partner. The city, she said, would be able to make greater use of Lynn for extra-curricular activities for youth, “wrap around services,” teaching English as a second language, public meetings and other services for children, adults and families living in the Lynn community to help them “confront poverty” and address the achievement gap.

At the city council meeting, Greenberg said there are about 5,000 community schools nationwide, which means NgageNM doesn’t have to “re-invent the wheel.”

By creating a “neighborhood hub,” Greenberg said, community schools contribute to higher student reading and math scores, a better school climate, more parent engagement and lower rates of neighborhood crime and violence.

Lopez said NgageNM hopes Lynn is “the first of many community schools through the whole county” to give community members a “voice at the table and reflect the vision the community has for education.”

“We haven’t even scratched the surface of what’s possible,” Lopez said.

NgageNM currently has a staff of four, including Lopez and Greenberg, and is looking to add one more. Eight people currently serve on its board of directors.

For more information, visit ngagenm.org.

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yourself and go with the flow by remembering that repetition of sounds is an important developmental pre-reading skill. Books with sturdy pop-ups or moving parts provide intriguing surprises.

Beginning readers, usually ages 5 through 8, still enjoy being read to, so if you will be together for the holidays, this can be a great time to share your old favorites during read aloud story times together. Funny poems and riddles are favorites too. By this age, the best present may be the act of shopping and purchasing the book together. It’s hard to know what size font, amount of text on the page and special interests will be a just right fit.

For older children, remember to pay attention to the preferences of the recipient. Consider the child’s

personality and expressed interests. You don’t want your gift to have the allure of a pair of socks because you don’t know the current hot topic. There are books on almost any subject that appeals to your young reader.

Perhaps you remember a special book from your own childhood that will resonate and give both the giver and the recipient something to discuss. Don’t overlook the appeal of beautifully rendered wordless books. These stories, told completely in pictures, provide mysteries to solve and stimulate the imagination at every age.

No money? No problem! Your gift of time is priceless. Trips to the library or bookstore for story time will become special treats for both of you. A library card, and regularly scheduled visits to check out books are fun and provide long cherished memories. Even if you and your child are not together often, a private

story time that is a tradition for just the two of you is a real memory maker.

No child in your life to share your love of reading? There’s a solution for that too! Children’s Reading Alliance can help you give the gift of literacy to a child. A donation of ten dollars provides 3 paperback books for struggling readers. Thirty dollars will send an age appropriate quality children’s book each month for a year to a preschooler at home. Through your contributions CRA supports literacy opportunities for families with limited resources. Visit our website childrensreadingalliance.org to learn more.

Rorie Measure is the president of Children’s Reading Alliance, a grassroots citizen-led initiative to encourage family literacy throughout Dona Ana County. Rorie is a reader, writer, teacher, reading specialist and literacy trainer.

International Quantum Storytelling Conference is Dec. 15-16

BULLETIN REPORT

The Sixth Annual International Quantum Storytelling Conference is Thursday, Dec. 15, and Friday, Dec. 16, in the NMSU Corbett Center Student Union Aggie Lounge. The theme of the conference is Ethics, Entrepreneurship and Quantum Indigenous Storytelling.

The registration fee is \$20 for full-time NMSU faculty. Doctoral students

and community members are free.

The event features the following speakers:

Greg Cajete (University of New Mexico), Cora Voyageur (University of Calgary) and Brian Calliou (Banff Leadership Center) as well as NMSU’s own indigenous scholars Don Pepion, Lisa Grayshield, Jeanette Writer and Joe Gladstone speaking on topics such as Indigenous

Women, Ethics and Indigenous Leadership, Blackfeet Leadership, Indigenous Community, IWOK - Seven Directions in Song.

Additional speakers include:

Monica Jojola (2016 Entrepreneurship Award 2016, National Center

for American Indian Enterprise Development); Ron Solimon (director of the Center for Lifelong Learning of the Institute of American Indian Arts); NMSU’s Grace Ann Rosile, David M. Boje and Carma Claw Nez will present “Ensemble Leadership Theory.”

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HERB OF THE WEEK

Black Walnut supports the digestive system, eases skin disorders

By **TRISH MCCAUL**
For the Bulletin

Black walnut is a deciduous tree which grows to heights of 30 to 80 feet. It is a North American native belonging to the Juglandaceae (walnut) plant family. Many parts of the plant have been used in various regional folk medicine systems, including the hulls, leaves and bark. Today the green hulls are most commonly used among herbalists, though there are some in the south who use the dried, black hulls. Fresh or dried, care must be taken when handling the hulls, however. They will

Black Walnut

LATIN NAME:
Juglans nigra

PART USED:
seed hull

dye the skin for months if handled without gloves.

Black walnut is well-known for its anti-parasitic and anti-fungal properties. It is commonly used both internally and externally for treating athlete's foot, candida, ringworm, parasites and worms. It is often used by those who are traveling to prevent digestive mayhem result-



ing from unfamiliar microbes in foreign water.

Black walnut is also an effective medicine for the digestive system. It cleanses and tones the intestines and aids in the assimilation of nutrients, particularly fats and proteins. Its astringent properties

also make it an effective treatment for diarrhea, and it helps prevent the absorption of toxins resulting from constipation and leaky gut syndrome. Often, when toxins in the digestive system are absorbed into the bloodstream, it will result in "bad blood." These toxins, having missed the chance to be eliminated in the digestive system, will often be eliminated by the body through another channel of elimination: the skin. Hence, black walnut can be effective in treating acne, eczema and rashes resulting from this situation. It is also a traditional remedy for

constipation.

Black walnut hulls are also rich in iodine, making it an effective plant medicine for goiter and hypothyroid disorders resulting from low iodine levels. Iodine is also an excellent antiseptic and black walnut is often used to disinfect and heal cuts, impetigo, boils, cold sores and abscesses. Iodine is also concentrated in breast tissues, and is sometimes taken to support breast health.

Black walnut is used in folk medicine to tone the cardiovascular system, and to reduce the amount of unhealthy fats circulating in it. In southern folk medicine,

it is used to remove fat deposits from the arteries. If you have a heart condition, it is a good idea to work with a professional herbalist if you wish to try black walnut.

If you are pregnant or nursing, refrain from using black walnut. Again, remember to wear gloves when handling the hulls, as they will dye the skin for months, and can sometimes cause skin irritation.

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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 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 lascrucemssselfhelp@

gmail.com.

Activities at Center for Spiritual Living

Yoga – 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays; 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays; 9 to 10:00 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Spirit Dance – 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays.

Coloring for Peace -first Wednesday of the month. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7.

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.

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.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE

New Mexico State University guard Sidy N'Dir attempts to make a shot after being fouled by Long Beach State's Javonte Jackson. N'Dir scored 18 points in the Aggie victory. Now NMSU faces rivals New Mexico and UTEP.

Rivalry week looms for NMSU men's basketball

BY MARTY RACINE

For the Bulletin

After a promising start to the season, the New Mexico State men's basketball team has more reasons to get fired up: upcoming games against the school's biggest rivals.

The Aggies host the University of New Mexico, Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Pan Am

Center, then play at UTEP Tuesday, Dec. 13 — the Battle of I-25 and the Battle of I-10. Tip-off is 7:30 p.m. Saturday Dec. 10 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13 with both games on KXPZ, 99.5 FM.

The UNM contest offers extra incentive. The Lobos beat the Aggies 72-59 Nov. 18 in Albuquerque. The win improved UNM to 3-0,

but they've gone 2-3 since, dropping to 5-3 before facing UTEP Dec. 7.

Two players usually dominate New Mexico's scoring — senior forward Tim Williams, a 6-8, 240-pound bruiser averaging 19 points (and 6.9 rebounds) a game, and junior guard Elijah Brown, averaging 15.8 points.

The Miners (2-4 before UNM) sport three players in double figures: senior guard Dominic Artis (15.7 ppg), junior guard Omega Harris (15.6) and 7-1 junior center Matt Willms (12.7). Artis also leads UTEP in rebounding and assists at more than seven a game each.

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William snares WAC Player of the Week honors

BULLETIN REPORT



WILLIAM

New Mexico State women's basketball guard Tamera William was named the College Sports Madness WAC Player of the Week on Monday, Dec. 5, after leading the women's bas-

ketball team through two games the week of Nov. 28 including a win over Battle of I-25 rival, New Mexico.

The senior averaged 20.0 points, 8.5 rebounds and 3.0 steals over 74 minutes of play.

This is the second College Sports Madness WAC Player of the Week honor for an Aggies player this season as Brooke Salas earned the recognition last week.

William earned her first double-double of the season against New Mexico on Nov. 30, as she dropped 23 points and corralled 12 rebounds.

The 77-70 victory over the Lobos saw the guard put up two blocks, one steal and go 12-12 from the free throw line on the night, as well.

During the second contest of the week, NM State squared off against Arizona on Dec. 4, as they lost in over-time, 74-63. The contest saw the Las Vegas, Nev. native total 17 points to go along with five rebounds, four steals and another strong night from the line, shooting 9-11.

After the week, New Mexico State women's basketball moved to 5-3 on the year. William has started in all eight games and has averaged 12.5 points and 7.1 rebounds and 2.8 steals over that time.

After the four-game home stand, the Aggies will now hit the road as they travel to Flagstaff, to take on Northern Arizona, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m.

Are golfers losing interest? Game may be in a hazard

THE PLETHORA OF GOLF COURSE CLOSINGS, leading to some serious economic consequences, has been attributed to a number of factors, not the least of which is the decline in the overall popularity of golf itself. During the past 10 years the number of golfers has fallen significantly nationwide.

The true count of golfers in the U.S. is a number that is hard to come by accurately, somewhat like polls measuring voter preferences. I personally discount a statistical definition of "golfer" as anyone who has played one round of golf in the last 12 months.

The National Golf Foundation reported the most realistic number in 2014 as just shy of 25 million golfers, which is 17 percent



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

lower than the "Tiger woods era" of 30 million in 2005. So, how can that be? And what are the implications of such a decline?

American Golf Corp., a company that manages

many golf courses, says the average golfer in this country is 54 years old, and three quarters are men; two-thirds are college educated, half are white-collar workers and

have an average household income of over \$95,000. Oh, and they annually spend an average of about \$2,800 on their golf. "Golf Digest" reports that beginning golfers, age 18 to 39 playing golf for the first time, accounted for only 2 million of the total golfing population, while golfers in the 30 to 49 age group (considered "core golfers") make up over a third of the total.

Stay with me here. Most "golfers" play fewer than 10 times a year, and half of those account for just 6 percent of the rounds played annually. Conversely, avid golfers make up just 26 percent of all golfers, but they play 76 percent of all rounds. Surprised? What happened to golf?

Golf as an elitist recre-

ational sport has long been regarded, in this country anyway, as a pastime enjoyed by older, established, upper-class, waspy people, who could well afford a time-gobbling, expensive leisure activity, played over hundreds of acres of finely manicured turf so groomed by hourly laborers, and later catered to in their exclusive grills and clubhouses by servants. Think Francis Ouimet, a caddie, playing (and winning) the 1913 U.S. Open at the Country Club at Brookline, Massachusetts. Think "Caddyshack," the greatest and funniest golf movie ever. Think Lee Trevino, who was finally admitted to the PGA of America only after a letter of endorsement was sent in by (NMSU Hall of Fame Coach) Herb Wimberly. Think Charlie Sifford ... I could go on and on; but you get the point.

The great Arnold Palmer was the champion of the blue-collar crowd that not only wanted to join Arnie's Army, but also wanted to play his game.

Then in 1997, Tiger Woods, who that year won the Masters, opened the flood gates to everyone who wanted to be like Tiger, sort of like years earlier when everyone wanted to be like Michael Jordan, but they couldn't play basketball. But golf? What's so hard – a white ball, a golf club, grass, sunshine, couple of beers, shouts, high-fives, a long putt – oh my, that's fun!

But alas, a wildly over-extended housing market, a criminal mortgage bubble and bust, a property crisis all set in, and then a long recession begins. Folks became hard-pressed for discretionary cash, except on Black Friday and deals

on electronic devices and pickup trucks and SUVs. Then Tiger flattened a fire hydrant! Golf gradually lost its luster. I digress; but the golf decline, while palpable, is complicated, and I can offer only part of the information.

Let me get personal – maybe you can relate. The game of golf is not for everyone. It combines fine motor skills (feel and touch) along with gross motor skills (strength and agility). It's cerebral. It's not cheap. It's a game that is impossible to do well at (which is the secret to the fun) without lessons, many long hours of practice and lots of time on the golf course. We have all felt infuriated by groups of non-golfers occupying space on our precious golf course. So why do we care about the decline in the numbers of golfers? I'll save that for my next column.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Makaela Velarde is a 15-year-old sophomore at Mesilla Valley Christian School. She plays volleyball and is post on the Lady Blazers basketball team. Velarde is averaging 7-10 rebounds per game this season. She always has a great attitude both on and off the court and is willing to listen and learn from coaches' critiques. Velarde plays both sports while maintaining a 4.0 GPA and volunteers at the Gospel Rescue Mission's clothing room. She loves to read and travel, enjoys music and plays the flute, clarinet and piano. She attends Mesilla Park Community Church and youth group at Bethel Bible.



Hunter Conn is a 16-year-old junior at Mesilla Valley Christian School. He plays guard on the Son Blazer basketball team. For the first games of the season, Conn scored 15 points with two assists against Cobre High School and scored 17 points, had four steals and two rebounds against Hondo Valley. He is a good team player, is enthusiastic, committed and works hard to become a better player. Conn is encouraging and inspires confidence in his teammates and has a great understanding of the game. He is a great shooter and competitive player. Conn is a dedicated student, with a 3.20 GPA and when out of the classroom and off the court, he enjoys hiking, camping with his family, and spending time with friends. Conn attends Grace Covenant Church.

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Kaur takes home monthly WAC honor

BULLETIN REPORT

New Mexico State women's tennis junior Rimpledeep Kaur was named the Western Athletic Conference Women's Tennis Player of the Month Dec. 6.

This is the first honor for Kaur this season and the third since she won back-to-back weekly honors this past spring.

Kaur captured the singles title at the GCU Invitational with three-straight victories in Flight 1 of the tournament. In addition, she also won 2-of-3 doubles matches with teammate Vanessa Valdez.

New Mexico State will open its dual season at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13, against Central Oklahoma at the NM State Tennis Center.



COURTESY PHOTO

NM State women's tennis junior Rimpledeep Kaur was named the WAC Player of the Month for November.

Aggie football drops final game of season

BULLETIN REPORT

New Mexico State University's football team finished its season with a winning record at home, 3-2. But the Aggies failed to pick up a single victory on the road and completed their 2016 campaign with a 35-28 loss to South Alabama, Saturday, Dec. 3.

NMSU finished the season 3-9.

"I am very proud of how this team played," coach Doug Martin said. "We always play with a chip on our shoulder and if we come out like we did tonight and realize it's us against the world, we will definitely improve and play great football next year."

The first quarter opened up with back-to-

back punts as the Aggie defense held the Jaguars to a three-and-out and then a flag on NM State's first drive forced them to punt, as well. South Alabama tried to get things rolling on their next possession as a two-play drive culminated in a 51-yard rush to put the Jaguars up 7-0 just 3:19 into the first quarter.

The Aggies looked to respond after three consecutive 10-plus yard rushes by Xavier Hall, Tyler Rogers and Larry Rose III on their next drive, but another penalty forced NM State to punt. South Alabama then began to march down the field as they got the ball down to the Aggies 10-yard line, but a Demarcus Owens interception on the goal-line

kept the Jaguars out of the end zone. When the first quarter had ended, the Aggies trailed 7-0.

The second quarter featured strong defense from both teams as just fewer than ten minutes passed until there was a change on the scoreboard. The drive that added to the score total began when the Aggie defense forced another three-and-out and the Aggies took over on their own 20 yard line for their second drive of the quarter. The first play of this drive saw Alabama native Conner Cramer come into the game at quarterback and break off a 50-yard rush on his first play. On the very next rush, Larry Rose III found a hole and was not touched as he ran in for a

20-yard touchdown to tie the game up.

The defense used this momentum and on South Alabama's ensuing drive as Jaden Wright forced a fumble and recovered it at midfield. Larry Rose III then did what Larry Rose does and took off for a 51-yard rush, the longest rush by an Aggie this season. Unfortunately, the Jaguar defense recovered a fumble by the Aggies on their own six yard line and used the next drive to run the clock out as the

first half ended with a tie score, 7-7.

As each team emerged from the locker room, the tide turned very quickly in favor of South Alabama as they intercepted a deep pass by Conner Cramer and turned the resulting drive into a touchdown as the home team went up 14-7. However, the Aggies came out on their next possession and a nine-play drive saw Cramer take a 41-yard rush to the house and tie the game up, 14-14.

South Alabama looked

to counter with a score of their own but a pass to the end zone was picked off by Jaden Wright, as he forced his second turnover and the Aggies marched down to the Jaguars side of the field as the third quarter ended, 14-14.

Beginning the quarter in enemy territory, the Aggies ran the ball right up the middle as Larry Rose III finished the drive with a one-yard touchdown rush to give the

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BASKETBALL

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The Aggies left Albuquerque at 2-2 on the season but have won five straight to improve to 7-2. First-year head coach Paul Weir might point to their Nov. 20 home game against Bethune-Cookman as the turnaround. Two days following the Lobo game the Aggies were playing their fifth in nine days to begin the season. Fatigue was setting in and the squad was stuck at .500.

All they needed was an early scuffle resulting in the ejection of six Aggies, four of them starters. After the dust cleared, NMSU trailed 13-6. From there, the resurgent crim-

son-and-white went on a 44-16 tear, eventually winning by 16, with the bench contributing 58 of their 89 points in 155 combined minutes.

Weir was substituting like a mad scientist.

"Unfortunately, we knew we were going to have some guys play different positions," he said after the game. "We were just rotating those guys through, being the next man up."

The shuffling actually played into Weir's up-tempo offensive philosophy. "When you play up-tempo, you inevitably end up playing more players," he said prior to the season.

The bench has continued to shine, consuming up to 90 combined min-

utes a game, helping to wear opponents down. Junior forward Jemerio Jones is averaging 15.8 points off the pine the past four games on nearly 67 percent field goal shooting. Jones is also rebounding, assisting and racking up steals.

Also coming on strong is junior guard Braxton Huggins, starting every game since coming off the bench to burn Bethune-Cookman for 28 points, five rebounds and three assists.

Elsewhere, NMSU is led by sophomore guard Sidy N'Dir with 13.7 points a game, senior guard Ian Baker (12.5) and sophomore forward Eli Chuha (9.6). Chuha is also the rebounding leader at 6.6.

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Bulldawgs in the Class 6A State Final



Brandon Baeza was ruled down at the Rams' 1-yard-line on this great first-half catch in front of Josh Foley. Payton Ball scored a 1-yard TD on the next play.



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Las Cruces High Bulldawgs AJ Marquez (8), Zayne Alley (27) and Kennedy Aleman (2) corral Josh Foley in the first half. LCHS fell to the Rio Rancho Rams 39-17, Saturday, Dec. 3 in the State Class 6A football championship game. The Bulldawgs finished the season with an 11-2 record.



Payton Ball runs for a few yards in the first half. He eventually scored the Bulldawgs' first TD on a 1-yard run with 2:05 to go in the first quarter.

AGGIES

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Aggies their first lead of the game, 21-14. The lead did not last long, unfortunately, as a 76-yard pass on the Jaguars first play

of their next drive tied the game up at 21, with 14:10 left in the game.

Following the score, another three-and-out gave South Alabama the ball back as they took 5:52 off the clock with a 12-play, 86-yard drive

which resulted in another touchdown to put the opposition back on top, 28-21.

As the clock wound down, the Aggies found the end zone one more time as Jonathan Boone had a 35-yard reception,

but time was their biggest opponent as the clock hit 0:00 and the Aggies were defeated, 35-28.

This was the final game of the season for the Aggies as they finished at 3-9, tied for the most single-season wins during

the Doug Martin era.

POSTGAME NOTES

Larry Rose III had the longest run of the season (51 yards) for the Aggies in the second quarter

Jaden Wright forced two turnovers (one inter-

ception, one fumble) for the first time this season

Larry Rose III moved into fourth all-time for all-purpose yards with 4,259

NM State ran for the most single-game net rush yards this season (359).