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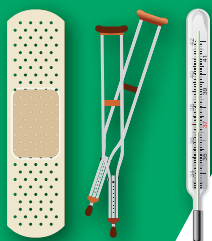
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Toy convoy on the way



Santa Claus shows off some of the toys donated by truck drivers, Saturday, Dec. 17, at Border International's Las Cruces facility at 2701 W. Amador Ave. A convoy of truckers (inset) rode out of the National Truck Stop in Vado, Saturday morning and brought toys collected by truck drivers for youngsters in local hospitals. See Page 25 for more photos.

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Aluminum Overcast, a B-17 owned and operated by the Experimental Aircraft Association, will be treating paying passengers to flights from the Jetport, with proceeds benefitting EAA Chapter 1570.

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"Today, the aircraft serves as a tribute to those known as The Greatest Generation," said Jetport Manager William Provance. "It is a powerful flying memorial to the bold men and women who built and served on the heavy bombers in the 1940s."

To relive the story and join the flight, Provance advises people to reserve their flights now by visiting B17.org or calling 1-(800) 359-6217.

The Doña Ana County Jetport is located in southern Doña Ana County near the Santa Teresa Port of Entry.

Doña Ana County offices will be closed Dec. 23-26.



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Electronic recycling program now subject to new costs, modifications

The city/county owned South Central Solid Waste Authority is still accepting electronics for recycling and disposal, although the program has been modified to include some nominal fees.

"We have modified our collection methods and services, and we're now charging a \$5 electronic surcharge to residents who bring computer monitors and/or television sets to the transfer station and recycling center," said SCSWA Executive Director Patrick Peck. "The limit is three items per household, per day and is \$5 whether it is one CRT/TV or three – and in addition to the cost of regular trash disposal."

Peck said all other acceptable electronics, as noted below, will continue to be accepted through the electronics recycling program at no cost to residents.

Similarly, county residents using the

county's rural collection centers will have their punch card stamped with an additional punch for CRT/TVs whether they bring one or the maximum of three for the day, per household. All other accepted electronics will be accepted at no cost/punch for county residents.

Peck said the list of what is still being accepted for electronics recycling is as follows: Central processing units (CPUs) of desktop computers, laptops and servers; Flash drives and hard drives; Peripherals (mice and keyboards); Network equipment; Cables and wires; Printers, copiers and fax machines (but NO toner cartridges); Cell phones; Gaming systems and consoles; MP3 players, DVD/CD players; and tablets.

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Nine file for three school board seats

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

At 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20, Ray Jaramillo became Las Cruces Public Schools' school board-member elect, as he was the only candidate who filed for the district 1 seat on the LCPS board of education.

District 1 incumbent Chuck Davis, who has served 16 years on the board, did not file for re-election.

In a news release, Jaramillo described himself as "a long-time child advocate, early childhood educator of 22 years, and a parent of two children in the public school system." He ran unsuccessfully in the Democratic primary for New Mexico House of Representatives District 35, losing to Angelica Rubio, who won the seat in November.

Four candidates filed in each of the other two LCPS races on the ballot.

In district 2, Las Cruces entrepreneur and government relations consultant Allison Smith drew the top ballot position. She is married to Las Cruces City Council President Pro Tem Greg Smith and is the daughter of Doña Ana County State Sen. Mary Kay Papen. Both joined her at the county clerk's office for the ballot-position drawing at 5 p.m. on Dec. 20.

Smith's opponents in the district 2 race will be Charles Wendler, whom Papen defeated in the November state Senate District 38 election; Terri Dallman; and Ronald

Fitzherbert.

District 2 incumbent Barbara Hall, who was appointed to the board in 2010 and elected without opposition to a full four-year term on the board in 2012, did not seek re-election.

Current School Board President Maria A. Flores was the only incumbent to file for re-election to the LCPS board. She also drew the top spot on the ballot in district 3. Her opponents will be MaryLou Barrio, Gerald Miller and Wanda Bowman.

Flores was elected to the board by two votes in a three-person race in 2008. She was re-elected by a wide margin against a single opponent in 2012.

Dec. 20 was the only day candidates could file for school board races. The school board election, which is non-partisan, will be held Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017.

Two school board seats are on the ballot in the Gadsden Independent School District. In district 2, incumbent Jennifer Viramontes will face Robert A. Saavedra. In district 5, Laura Salazar Flores will face off against Ricky Little. Incumbent Craig Ford did not file for re-election.

Two seats are also on the ballot for the Hatch Valley Public Schools board of education, with incumbents unopposed in both races. In district 1, the only candidate will be incumbent Elva J. Garay. In district 4, the only candidate will be incumbent Christopher A. Montez.

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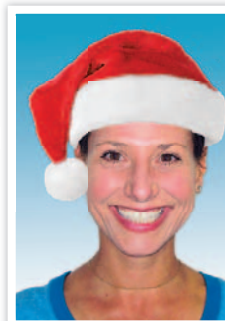
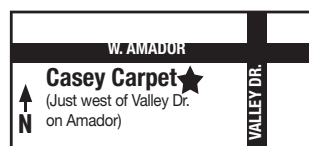


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Gingerbread house builders



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Iysha Anaya competed in the Children's Division and poses for a photo with her dad.



University Hills Elementary third grade teacher Jackee Scarborough shows off her entry.

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'Cause the sheep can always tell. They follow a little tradition and have for quite a spell. On Christmas Eve around midnight, the sheep, where ever they are

All rise in quiet unison and fixate on a star. And from their stirring comes a sound, a chuckling tra, la, la That weaves and builds itself into a soft melodious baaa Which carries like a dove's lament when nights are very still As if they're calling for someone beyond a yonder hill.

The legend herders passed on down attributes this tradition To one late night in Bethlehem. A heavenly petition Wherein a host of angels came and lured them with a song. The herders left in haste, they say, and stayed gone all night long. Well, sheep don't do



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too well alone. They've never comprehended That on that night they waited up, the world was up-ended.

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I make my check at midnight like we've done since days of old. And if I find the flock intent and standing all around I listen for the heavenly host above their throaty sound And scan the dim horizon in an effort discern The sign the sheep are seeking, that their shepherds will return.

And I am but a watchman in this drama that replays Around the earth this time if year, and so I stand and gaze And though I see no special star or hear no sweet noel. I know it must be Christmas, 'cause the sheep can always tell.

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Keeping Christmas

Finding meaning in the stories of the holy day

The old phrase is “keeping Christmas.”



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

It was used to describe the manner in which a person or family practiced the traditions of the holiday season. The idea being if you held the Christmas practices well enough, particularly the ones about treating your fellow man, you can “keep” Christmas and the spirit all year long.

On a recent Saturday morning, I shared the post office lobby with a group of folks waiting for the service windows to open. Conversations varied, but I heard more than twice, from these people waiting to mail packages to loved ones, the phrase “Las Cruces is magical.”

I agreed, even though as we looked outside, everything that

wasn’t nailed down – and some that had been nailed down seconds before – was blowing about 50 miles an hour, parallel to the ground and 20 feet in the air.

There is definitely a magic in Las Cruces, just as there is a magic in Christmas.

The next day, in a local restaurant, I witnessed someone discreetly informing a waitress he would pay for the meal of another diner, an obviously weary traveler who only had enough cash to pay for coffee.

Every year, if you’re quiet enough, and observant enough, you’ll encounter a good Christmas story.

It could be a Good Samaritan gesture, such as the one in the restaurant.

It could be a family story, such as the one in my own family years ago. Due to an Oklahoma ice storm, power was out much of Christmas day. My parents’ home had an all-electric stove and oven, so we had to improvise. We’ll al-

ways remember it as the year we cooked Christmas dinner in the fireplace. At least the baked potatoes were pretty good.

Or it could be the original Christmas story ...

Luke 2: 1-14

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her

firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

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Christmas holiday Constitutional amendment needed

In 1870 our country had 37 states. By then 33 of these states already had done something that the United States Federal Government finally did that year. It was name Christmas an official holiday.



MICHAEL SWICKARD

In My Opinion

Alabama was the first state to name Christmas as an official holiday, doing so in 1836.

On June 28, 1870 President Ulysses Grant signed the legislation to make the federal holiday of Christmas. There wasn't opposition because most politicians didn't want to be known as opposing Christmas.

It still seems Americans are conflicted. People seem glad to have the day off, but the core issue involves the question: is Christmas a religious holiday?

Of course it is, since it celebrates the birth of Jesus. Can this religious federal holiday be allowed by the United States Constitution? We have done it for a very long time and we are doing it this year for certain.

The Supreme Court did not stop Nativity Scenes in 1984 but the high court has not ruled directly on the constitutional issue of the federal holiday of Christmas. I do not want the Supreme Court deciding if Christmas should be a federal holiday. Rather, this should be decided in the legislative process.

The only way to ensure Christmas remains a federal holiday is to pass a Constitutional Amendment naming Dec. 25 as the Christmas federal holiday. When passed by Congress,

then the constitutional amendment must be passed by 38 states.

To take the other side, if enough federal or state legislators vote against the constitutional amendment, then that's the answer

as to if our nation should have a federal Christmas Holiday. But an overwhelming group of federal and state legislators would rather set their hair on fire than be known to have voted against Christmas.

I am willing to see the federal holiday of Christmas be retired if enough members of Congress and members of state legislatures put their name on a vote against the Christmas amendment. This would settle the issue on constitutional grounds.

We must do so because the "Politically Correct" crowd has threatened lawsuits on many government entities including public education. In most public schools, Christmas became "Winter Holiday" without a vote in Congress.

This spilled over into the business community. Citizens quelled it when they announced no Christmas greetings, no shopping from us. The stores caught on. They can also say Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah or anything else but they cannot omit Christmas greetings and still get our business.

When some of our laws are in effect repealed by special interest groups without elected representatives voting, our representative form of government ends. The only way to proceed is a up or down

vote on Christmas in our country.

I do not blame public schools for casting off Christmas songs, plays and pageants when our Representatives and Senators do not stand up for Christmas. They have let unelected people force the issue.

Now I do not have any trouble with the separation of the biblical story of the Baby Jesus in the public schools. Leave that to the parents and Churches. However, in the effort to not say Christmas, traditional songs cannot be sung.

Also, Santa Claus is politically incorrect so students are not permitted a classroom "naughty or nice" song. Teachers are instructed in many schools

to have nothing to do with Christmas.

For me it will always be the Christmas Holidays. Some of my most treasured memories are of Christmas with my fam-

ily. Friends have come and gone, loved ones are around me while others have passed. They still figure brightly in my memory.

I agree with Erma Bom-

beck, "There is nothing sadder in this world than to awake Christmas morning and not be a child."

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Las Cruces City Council honors Amador Hotel donors

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

At their Monday, Dec. 19, meeting, Mayor Ken Miyagishima and the Las Cruces City Council honored members of the community who have supported the renovation of the historic Amador Hotel in downtown Las Cruces.

State Sen. Mary Kay Papen, D-Doña Ana, was recognized for her long-time support of the project in the New Mexico Legislature with a plaque from Miyagishima and Amador Hotel Foundation Board President Heather Pollard

“Because, by law, we cannot name a building or a room after a living elected official, we have

chosen to put the plaque that we gave to Sen. Papen in a prominent place in the lobby of the Amador, because she has brought so much of her capital outlay, her energy, her support to the Amador Hotel,” Pollard said.

The mayor and council also recognized Amador Hotel room donors who each contributed \$10,000 or more. They were Hannah Monsimer, Frances Williams, Jan Altshool, Diana Davidson, Buddy Ritter, Monte Rout, Bill Monsimer, Dr. Sonya Cooper, Lt. Col. (retired) Elsa Baker and U.S. Navy Capt. (retired) Walter Baker.

Most of those honored accepted the awards themselves. Several others received them in

recognition of friends and family members who have died.

The property is now being renovated by developer Max Bower.

Work will include constructing four full-service restaurants, including a tap room, a martini bar and a rooftop lounge, Bower said; along with a 2,200-square-foot kitchen to service all four restaurants; a coffee shop/bakery.

The site will also include live palm trees, an outdoor courtyard that can hold more than 800 people, wide sidewalks and parking, he said.

Bower said construction on the entire 2,100 square-foot site should be completed in late fall 2017.

For more information,

visit <http://amadorfoundation.org/>.

The Amador Foundation also received a collective donation from its board, Pollard said. One board member, who chose to remain anonymous, donated \$5,000. That was matched with another \$5,000 from other board members, “so we have \$10,000 with match to do the final room downstairs,” Pollard said.

In addition to her \$10,000 donation, Creek also donated her entire estate of French repro-

duction furniture to the Amador Foundation. “So much of the lovely furniture that we have at the Amador was Pam’s,” Pollard said.

“Pam returned to Las Cruces from the D.C. area after a very successful career,” Rout said.

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“People have been very generous,” Pollard said. “Every room at the Amador has been subscribed – each of the donors has given \$10,000 for the preservation and restoration of the different bedrooms on the ground floor of the Amador. And with our board gift, that means we will be able to complete all of the bedrooms,” she said.

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City council approves joint powers agreement on unified development code

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

At its Monday, Dec. 19, meeting, the Las Cruces City Council unanimously approved a resolution adopting a new joint powers agreement (JPA) with Doña Ana County for the regulation and administration of land use (planning, zoning and subdivisions) in the Las Cruces extraterritorial zone (ETZ), which

extends 5 miles outside the city limits, excluding the Town of Mesilla.

Under the new JPA, "the county will begin to administer all land use programs and the city will become a reviewing agency for all land use activities within the ETZ," according to city documents. "The new JPA also acknowledges that the county will use their unified development code

(UDC) for regulating ETZ land use."

The county commission adopted the new UDC at its Dec. 13 meeting. It sets zoning provisions and development standards for property within unincorporated areas of the county and outside the limits of any jointly-administered extraterritorial zone.

The resolution terminates the old city-county JPA governing extraterritorial land use that was created in 1987. It also abolishes the ETZ Commission and Authority.

The city is considered a stakeholder in the development process, city Community Development Director David Weir said. "The county will inform the city when cases are coming forward," Weir

said. "It clearly defines us as a review entity."

Weir said the new JPA is supported by city staff, who were part of the consortium that developed the new UDC.

"Everything we do, we want you guys to be a part of for the most part," county Community Development Director Daniel Hortent said. "We will work with the city just as we do now."

Assistant County Manager Chuck McMahon also attended the city council meeting.

The city and county have replaced the old JPA "with something that is tremendously better," Mayor Ken Miyagishima said. "I feel comfortable with it. This was a challenging task. I think you guys did a great job," the

mayor said, noting that work on the UDC dates back to at least 1993, when he was a member of the Doña Ana County Commission.

"This, in my mind, is exactly what we need to do," Councillor Olga Pedroza said. "This one was well done. All that work needs to be acknowledged."

"I have concerns," Councillor Ceil Levatino said. Levatino said she has heard complaints about the new UDC from people who live in the county, but would vote for the revised JPA because she has "not gotten any response, positive or negative, in my district or the city as a whole."

At the meeting, the council unanimously accepted state capital outlay funds totaling \$766,000 that

will be used to improve about 2,550 linear feet of Roadrunner Boulevard from U.S. Highway 70 to the north side of Sandhill Arroyo, city Public Works Department Administrator Louis Grijalva said.

The money will be used to acquire rights of way and to plan, design and construct road and flood-control improvements, Grijalva said.

It will be combined with almost \$250,000 in city street and flood control funds and money from street and flood control bonds to complete the project, which will cost a total of \$2.5 million, he said.

The project will include improvements to portions of other streets in the area, including Solaridge and Highridge streets and Eagle Ridge Drive. Improvements will include new pavement, minor sidewalk repairs and the addition of ADA ramps and drive pads.

Construction should begin in the fall of 2017, Grijalva said. Work on Roadrunner Boulevard should be completed by the summer of 2018 and work on the other streets should be finished next fall.

The capital outlay funds for the project came from state Sen. Bill Soules, D-Doña Ana, and state Representative Terry McMillan, R-Doña Ana.

"We've been waiting for this for seven years," Councillor Gill Sorg said. "This is wonderful."

"I think this is great to see moving forward," said Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith.

City Councillor Jack Eakman did not attend the

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Mayor Ken Miyagishima holds up a sign with the words "I support law enforcement," during a City Council meeting on Monday, Dec. 19 at City Hall.

'I support law enforcement' signs available

BULLETIN REPORT

At the end of the Monday, Dec. 19, city council meeting, Mayor Ken Miyagishima held up a sign that included a black-and-white American flag with a thin blue line running through it and the words "I support law enforcement."

Miyagishima said the signs are now available to members of the public at Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main St., and the Las Cruces Police Department, 271 E. Picacho Ave. to show their support for local law enforcement.

"I support law enforcement," the mayor said.

To encourage members of the public in that support, Miyagishima said he will personally put up some of the signs in different parts of the city.

The Thin Blue Line is a symbol by law enforcement throughout the United States to commemorate fallen officers and to show community support for police officers who are on the job.

The term "Thin Blue Line" came into broad use after the release of Errol Morris' 1988 documentary film by the same name, according to Wikipedia. The movie is about the murder of Dallas Police officer Robert W Wood.

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meeting.

The council will not have a work session on Monday, Dec. 26, City Manager Stuart Ed said.

The next regular meeting of the council will be on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017, he said. The council usually meets on Mondays, but the first meeting of the new year is being moved to Tuesday because of the New Year holiday.



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Fairacres Elementary students donate bikes to Toys for Tots



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Left to right are Hector Torres of the Marine Corps League of Las Cruces; Fairacres Elementary School teacher Michelle Scherer; Fairacres Elementary second grader Keeley Scherer, who donated the bike she won in a Fairacres Elementary fundraiser to Toys for Tots of Las Cruces; Fairacres Elementary Parent Teacher Organization President Katrina Selberg; U.S. Marine reservists Cpl. Drake Hall, Cpl. Joshua Vigil, Cpl. Matt Nuñez, Lt. Col. George Knoric IV, Cpl. Zachary Shearer; and Joe Mendiola of the Marine Corps League.

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Three Fairacres Elementary School students donated brand new bikes they just won at school to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program of Las Cruces.

"I already have my own bike," said Fairacres Elementary second grader Keeley Scherer on Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Walmart at 3331 Rinconada Boulevard. "I thought it would be good to give it somebody who needs it. I don't need two bikes," Keeley said.

Keeley and her mother, Michelle Scherer, who is a Fairacres Elementary teacher, and Fairacres Elementary Parent Teacher Organization President Katrina Selberg were at the Walmart to donate Keeley's bike and bikes won by Fairacres first grader John Turner and fifth grader Zachary Madrid, Selberg said. Marine reservists of the El Perro Diablo Marine Corps League Det #478 of Las Cruces were at the Walmart collecting toys and cash donations for the Toys for Tots of Las Cruces program.

The students won the bikes in a Fairacres PTO fundraising fun run. Keeley said her grandparents helped her raise \$250 for the event, making her the top money raiser in her grade and the winner of a bicycle.

Also on hand for the donation were Las Cruces Toys for Tots Co-ordinators Peggy Petrowsky and U.S. Marine (ret.) Joe Montoya, who is commandant of the Marine Corps League in Las Cruces,

along with and other members of the local Marine Corps League

Also helping out Saturday was the NYP Pizza Slice House at 2001 E. Lohman Ave., suite 111, near the Walmart on Rinconada Boulevard, which donated pizzas to feed the toy-collecting Marines. Operations Manager Wade McDonald said NYP Pizza Slice House has been at the location for about five months and supports Toys for Tots.

Petrowsky started the Toys for Tots of Las Cruces program with her late husband, Jack, 20 years ago. After taking a break for two years, she returned to the program this year.

That first year, the program provided toys to 65 needy children. This year, she said, it will provide toys to about 4,500 needy children and their siblings from more than 40 schools in Las Cruces Public Schools, Gadsden Independent School District and Hatch Valley Public Schools.

With support from volunteers and businesses, including Pic Quik stores of Las Cruces, Barnes & Noble Booksellers of Las Cruces and the Marine Corps Reserves Foundation, about 97 percent of all cash donations to Toys for Tots goes to buy toys for children in need.

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Local high school students learn from Aggie Innovators

By TIFFANY ACOSTA

For the Bulletin

The Engineering New Mexico Resource Network in New Mexico State University's College of Engineering partnered with the Las Cruces Public Schools EXCEL program to host five high school students during the fall 2016 semester. The EXCEL students spent the term working in the Aggie Innovation Space learning about innovation, entrepreneurship and the engineering design process.

NMSU's Aggie Innovators mentored the EXCEL students, who worked on projects involving project management, 3-D printing, electronics and programming. The partnership began three years ago when Stuart Schemnitz, LCPS workplace learning specialist and EXCEL coordinator, approached NMSU about on-campus opportunities for students interested in engineering.

"We felt that an immersion in an environment like the Aggie Innovation Space would be an excellent opportunity for these prospective students to get hands-on experience in working on engineering projects," said Patricia A. Sullivan, associate dean for outreach. "The experience would also provide prospective students insight into the life of an NMSU engineering student."

At the Aggie Innovation Space, the EXCEL students utilized critical thinking, communication and time management skills as well as project-based learning in both real work and professional environments in team and individual settings. The EXCEL students were required to work 15 hours per week during the 18-week term.

The EXCEL students working at the Aggie Innovation Space this semester were Michael Contreras, Mayfield High School; Alec Gray, Centennial High School; and Savannah Lozoya, Guillermo Nuñez and Jayde Wamel, Las Cruces High School.

"Most importantly, they are supporting the development of self

confidence and taking ownership of their learning. Students are allowed to work on a specific project of their own and are also learning how to use various engineering software, 3-D printers, and programmable development boards like Arduino," Sullivan said. "We have already seen past EXCEL students enroll in NMSU engineering as a result of their positive experiences in the NMSU-LCPS program."

"The role of near-peer mentors provides a tremendous opportunity to engage students in an inviting learning environment," she said. "The NMSU engineering students serve as topical experts, and the ability to mentor high school students helps them refine their respective skills. The mentorship role also provides leadership and team building skills to NMSU students."

Anthony Rendon, an Aggie Innovation mentor, said he was pleased with the EXCEL students' capabilities.

"This semester we were able to include the EXCEL students as if they were actually Aggie Innovators. We gave them projects and deliverables from the clients that came into the Aggie Innovation Space and were greatly pleased in the outcome," he said.

Rendon said the biggest challenge for the EXCEL students working at the Aggie Innovation Space is having a completed project by semester's end.

"Often when they come in they are able to pick up a project or have an aspect of their life that they are passionate about and turn it into a very innovative project," Rendon said. "But when trying to bring an ambitious idea or concept to life there are often a lot of setbacks, mistakes and originally unconsidered aspects. We are here to help them overcome these aspects of the creative process and ensure that anything they try and accomplish in the future will be with success."



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Guillermo Nuñez (left) from Las Cruces High School and Michael Contreras from Mayfield High School discuss their experience working in New Mexico State University's Aggie Innovation Space this semester as part of the Las Cruces Public Schools EXCEL program.



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La Clinica construction close to completion

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

La Clinica de Familia (LCDF) is getting closer to moving into its new facility, the Cervantes Medical Complex (CMC), at 575 S. Alameda Blvd., LCDF CEO Suzan Martinez de Gonzales said.

Construction should be complete on the \$5 million, 43,000 square-foot site sometime in December, she said. And, because the building first opened as a hospital in 1948, it doesn't have to be completely gutted to meet LCDF's needs, Martinez de Gonzales said.

The facility is expected to house 55 medical professionals when it opens, including three physicians and a certified nurse practitioner, a dentist and a dental hygienist, one behavioral health specialist and ancillary staff, she said.

It also will have a residency program and be a "teaching health center," with a part-time program director and full-time program coordinator, she said. At CMC, LCDF staff

will work with Memorial Medical Center, Mountainview Regional Medical Center and Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine on its family practice, internist and psychiatric programs.

"This has been five years in the making," Martinez de Gonzales said. "We are excited and overwhelmed."

Because CMC is located across the street from the city's Mesilla Valley Intermodal Transit Terminal at 300 W. Lohman Ave., it will help to solve transportation issues that clinic visitors face, which she said is "one of the huge challenges with health care" locally.

Martinez de Gonzales said CMC construction has been funded through a mix of nearly \$650,000 in capital improvement funds from the state Legislature and the donation of 160 acres of land on the East Mesa by Orlando Cervantes of Las Cruces, which LCDF used as collateral for construction loans, along with \$850,000 in tax cred-

its from the New Mexico Finance Authority.

Citizens Bank of Las Cruces bid for and won the right to serve as LCDF's primary lender on the construction project, she said.

And the project has provided many local construction jobs. "A lot of our subs (sub-contractors) are coming from the county," LCDF Chief Operations Officer Virgil Medina said. NMEP Construction of Las Cruces is the project's construction contractor, he said.

"It's been perfect how the pieces fell together," Martinez de Gonzales said, noting that CMC will help LCDF fulfill its mission of making certain "the insured and uninsured receive quality health care."

"Everybody in the community came into this perfect partnership to make this dream a reality," she said.

The project received bipartisan support from New Mexico legislators, Martinez de Gonzales said, with State Sen. Mary Kay Papen and



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Construction is nearing completion on the \$5 million, 43,000 square-foot Cervantes Medical Complex at 575 S. Alameda Blvd.

State Rep. Doreen Gallegos, both D-Doña Ana, serving as chief underwriters. Land donor Cervantes' son, Joseph Cervantes, is a Doña Ana County state senator and was born in the old hospital where the new site is being built.

The project has also received strong support from Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima and members of the city council and from the Doña Ana County Health and Human Services Department and its director, Jaime Michael, Martinez de Gonzales said.

One of the biggest challenges LCDF faces countywide, she said, is the lack of Spanish-speaking health providers. Sunland Park residents, for example are about 90 percent monolingual Spanish speakers, and the figure is about 42 percent at other clinics.

When patients are receiving medical and dental care, nurses can often provide translations, Martinez de Gonzales said. But, that's not possible with behavioral health services, which are very private, she said. "It doesn't work to have a translator in the room."

Recruiting providers of any kind is a particular challenge in rural parts of the county, Martinez de Gonzales said. "We are very fortunate because we are surrounding Las Cruces," she said.

"We have a lot of benefits in our county," Martinez de Gonzales said. "There's some beautiful things about our community."

LCDF, a not-for-profit federally qualified health center, opened in 1978. It provides medical, dental and mental health services in Las Cruces, Anthony, Chaparral, Santa Teresa, Sunland Park and San Miguel. It operates school-based health centers at Centennial High School and Rio Grande Preparatory Institute in Las Cruces and other school-based health centers at high schools in Santa Teresa, Gadsden and Chaparral.

LCDF began providing mental health services in 2015. LCDF also provides Healthy Start and Early Head Start programs that serve children and adults.

LCDF expects to serve about 13,000 patients during the next three years, Martinez de Gonzales said. With the opening of the CMC in January, total LCDF employment will pass 600, she said.

Ninety-three percent of the LCF budget goes directly to patient services, she said.

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DACC recommends \$1.7 million budget reduction

By **EDDIE BINDER**
For the Bulletin

Doña Ana Community College has released its proposed budget for fiscal year 2017. The recommended budget reduction of \$1.7 million is made necessary by cuts enacted by the special session of the New Mexico State Legislature in October, 2016.

The state budget adjustments due to declining oil and gas revenue led to a five percent decrease in higher education.

DACC convened its Budget Committee composed of faculty and staff to examine options and make recommendations to the Executive Leadership Team. Recommendations were also received from the Academic Leadership Team, the Faculty Council and several individuals who submitted ideas. The Executive Leadership Team met numerous times to sculpt the budget.

“When considering recommendations we looked meticulously to find any savings or adjustments that would allow for minimal impact,” President Renay Scott said. “However, when cutting budgets, it is a painful process that affects programs college-wide. Even with these cuts, we will continue to provide an excellent education for our students.”

DACC made these cuts realizing that enrollment is flat and statewide revenue projections are down which means additional cuts



to higher education are possible. These permanent cuts will be effective immediately.

- All individual travel will be reduced from \$1,375 to \$1,000 per person. This is inclusive of faculty and staff allocation.

- Cuts to operations and supplies will total approximately \$400,000. Adjustments will be made to these budgetary lines in the effected divi-

sions and departments immediately.

- Ten total positions will be permanently cut from the budget. Of those ten positions, five are vacant faculty lines and five are staff lines. Four of the staff lines are vacant and one staff line is filled.

- Adjustments were made to course sections based on enrollment changes in programs and/or course efficien-

cies identified by programs.

The college Budget Committee and Executive Leadership Team utilized the following budget principles to arrive at recommendations and decisions.

- Avoid duplication and seek efficiencies
- Preserve full-time filled positions before initiatives
- Preserve initiatives that support completion and enrollment that have demonstrated effectiveness
- Identify investment opportunities: invest in people, programs or initiatives that bring new enrollment or meet an expanding or new workforce training need.
- Identify new sources

of revenue if possible.

These are permanent cuts to be implemented immediately. This cut addresses the 5 percent cut by the legislature and an additional two percent reduction due to recent declines in the statewide revenue projection for fiscal year 2017.

Divisions and departments will be notified by their vice presidential member of the Executive Leadership Team about the specific operational and position cuts in their area. Eliminated, filled positions are covered by New Mexico State University (NMSU) Administrative Rule 4.40 and DACC will work with NMSU Human

Resources to ensure proper implementation of the policy in the case of the one filled position that will be eliminated.

The Executive Leadership Team is still reviewing and will be finalizing the preliminary fiscal year 2018 budget adjustments soon and will provide information when it is available.

It is difficult to predict exactly what reductions will be required for fiscal year 2018. Final budgets will not be available until the New Mexico Legislature session is completed on March 18, 2017.

The proposed 2017 budget will go to the DACC Advisory Board and then on to the NMSU Board of Regents for final approval.

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NMSU honors fallen Hatch police officer with posthumous degree

By JANE MOORMAN

For the Bulletin

New Mexico State University awarded late Hatch Police Officer Jose Chavez with a posthumous degree during the university's fall 2016 commencement ceremony Dec. 10 at the Pan American Center. Chavez, an NMSU student, died Aug. 12 after being shot during a traffic stop. "Officer Chavez was a dedicated student and gave his life serving this community," NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers said during the commencement attended by more than 1,000 graduates. "He absolutely earned this degree and we were proud to present it to his family. He's a perfect example of how NMSU is a caring

community."

Carruthers presented a certificate to Chavez's mother, Maria Chavez, and his daughters Janiley, 14, and Aryan, 6, as Maria carried a photo of Chavez across the commencement stage.

Maria Chavez said she was already proud of her son, but now even more so after receiving the posthumous degree.

"His death has changed my life," Maria Chavez said. "It destroyed my life, but receiving this helps with the pain which I will feel for the rest of my life."

"We are very thankful to NMSU for presenting this degree to us in his honor," Janiley Chavez said. "We are very proud of him.

Chavez was somebody



PHOTO BY ANDRES LEIGHTON

New Mexico State University Chancellor Garrey Carruthers and Board of Regents Chair Debra Hicks join the family of Hatch Police officer Jose Chavez, from left, mother Maria Chavez and daughters Aryan, 6, and Janiley, 14, while receiving his posthumous degree during the 2016 fall commencement at the Pan American Center. Officer Chavez died last August after being shot during a traffic stop.

his colleagues say embodied an American success story. The 33-year-old officer was a first-generation college student who had always dreamed of serving his community as a police officer.

At the time of his death he was studying criminal justice and had nearly

completed his degree. Chavez had just registered for his last semester of classes a few days before he was killed.

As Chavez's adviser, NMSU criminal justice Associate Professor Carlos Posadas had visited with him two days before the tragic event

took place.

"He already had a career, but it was clear that education was important to him," Posadas said of Chavez. He described Chavez as very friendly, professional, respectful and humble. "When we talked, he expressed his eagerness to finish his degree."

Upon hearing about Chavez's death, Posadas notified department head Jeff Amato and College of Arts and Sciences Interim Dean Enrico Pontelli that Chavez had been an NMSU student and deserved being awarded the bachelor's degree in criminal justice posthumously. They concurred and the process for awarding the degree began.

The recognition of Chavez at commencement followed other events in which the NMSU community reached out to show respect and gratitude for the fallen officer.

During the fall, the

NMSU football program held the Aggie Badge Bowl to raise money for Chavez's family. The event, featuring current NMSU players and members of the law enforcement community playing a flag-football game, raised more than \$4,300.

"I'm glad we could be a part of such a special occasion," Dominic Johnson said at the time. Johnson, the Aggies' freshman quarterback, added, "If it wasn't for law enforcement officers like Officer Chavez, our safety would be in jeopardy. They make a lot of sacrifices and help our community tremendously."

Born in Juarez, Mexico, Chavez became a U.S. citizen in 2011, which was a stepping stone to his real passion: law enforcement.


He interviewed with the Hatch police department to be an officer in 2014. His fellow officers said he exceeded all expectations, and his infectious smile made him stand out from the five other officers.

NMSU's Pan American Center served as the gathering place for the officer's funeral Aug. 21.

During his funeral, attended by thousands of people, Gov. Susana Martinez said, "Jose worked hard to earn his American citizenship. But for him that wasn't enough. He insisted on giving back, on serving the community and country that he loved."

Love was Chavez's final thought. Diocese of Las Cruces Bishop Oscar Cantu said during the funeral that his last words were, "Tell my mother that I love her; tell my girls that I love them."

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ENLACE continues to graduate Latino students

By **EDDIE BINDER**
For the Bulletin

The ENgaging LATino Communities in Education (ENLACE) Program has found a new home at Doña Ana Community College.

The mid- and high school through college retention program began as a Kellogg Grant in 2002 to improve the rate of Latino and Latina students staying in middle and high school and then attending and graduating from institutions of higher learning. The program targets multicultural/multilinguistic populations and provides support that proves effective in graduating students.

The ENLACE pathway is based on different but equally important processes.

1. Parent involvement: Parents are made a part of the children's education by identifying and linking local resources to help families assist their children in attending and graduating. ENLACE also works with school staff to address needs of the family and make technology training available for parents to help them with computer literacy. This part of the program results in students helping their parents master computer skills.

2. ENLACE curricula is implemented in both middle and high school through faculty and peer mentoring. The training is designed to increase academic success through critical multicultural education, social justice education, youth action research and youth lead-

Schools served by ENLACE

- Centennial High School
- Deming High School
- La Academia Dolores Huerta Charter School (grades 6-8)
- Las Cruces High School
- Las Montañas Charter School
- Mayfield High School
- New Americas High School
- Oñate High School
- Ruidoso Middle School
- Ruidoso High School

ership development. The high school curriculum increases access to higher education opportunities, college preparations, peer and professional mentorship, expert teachers and professionals.

3. A college level course in identity and success includes strategic support for students entering college. The ÉXITO! component which trains students in leadership is implemented at New Mexico State University (NMSU). The ÉXITO! curriculum is culturally relevant and culturally responsive.

Formerly housed in the NMSU College of Education, the program has seen an increase in the number of students attending DACC before entering NMSU.

"It just made sense for us to follow the students to DACC," said ENLACE Director Dr. Federico Marquez.

Eddie Binder is the Doña Ana Community College Director of Public Relations and Development. He can be reached at abinder@dacc.nmsu.edu

NMSU faculty get nearly \$2M in NSF grants

By **MINERVA BAUMANN**
For the Bulletin

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

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

The process started four years ago and culminated in an 18-month review and evaluation over the summer, after which

the accreditation was granted. The ABET accreditation lasts for seven years.

"We really wanted to do it for our students because when they can say they've graduated from an ABET accredited program it really helps them," said Jonathan Cook, computer science professor and interim department head.

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

"We as a small department have been extremely successful in being able to fund our research," said Jonathan Cook, computer science professor and interim department head. "This year's awards are wonderful examples of the strengths of our faculty and the quality of our faculty and the research they are already produc-

ing. It will allow them to continue doing great things."

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

"This REU site will provide students with problem solving skills for conducting research in big data analytics and presenting scientific findings verbally and in writing," Misra said. "The students will be mentored by researchers to disseminate their research findings at professional conferences and through the REU website."



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Environment-friendly farming programs receive \$250,000 grant

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Four Las Cruces, currently engaged in developing a farm using sustainable agriculture methods and who hope to spread awareness of sustainable farming to the rest of Doña Ana County, recently received a \$250,000 grant to expand their efforts.

Shelly and Bryce Richard and Patrick and Lea Sophiliazo are the organizers of the Meetings for Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture (MESA)

project, which was one of 29 projects to receive funding from ArtPlace America, through the National Creative Placemaking Fund, after more than 1,400 were submitted nationwide.

“The creative placemaking fund looks to leverage the arts to achieve societal change and improvement,” said Patrick, who serves as the farm’s marketing manager. “And, in this case, we decided to go with the culinary arts to help protect the environment.”

Issues the four are

looking to address in this project include educating local farmers how to get the best yields from their crops without eroding their land’s topsoil and salinizing—salting—the soil with traditional irrigation.

The farm is also using specialized compost that David Johnson, an agricultural scientist at New Mexico State University, has shown can retain large amounts of carbon each year, reducing the harm to the atmosphere, said Patrick.

They will receive the

grant in January and will start construction on a “Southwest greenhouse,” which will allow more control of the inside’s climate than typical greenhouses, shortly thereafter, Patrick said.

They also want to spread awareness of how to farm without using chemicals, some of which can have harmful side effects, such as Bryce’s uncle, who developed leukemia from exposure to such chemicals, said Bryce, the farm manager.

“(Those kind of risks are) pushing people out of agriculture because nobody wants to live that way,” Bryce said.

The farm will hold a series of five community dinners from July 2017 to October 2018. Up to 300 culinary students, chefs, farmers and agricultural/environmental scientists are welcome at each. Each dinner will be made with produce from the three-and-a-half-acre farm and at the end of 2017 and again at the end of 2018, attendants will be eligible to win \$10,000 in farming equipment, said Lea, the event/community organizer.

“The goal for these meals is to bring the farming community, the culinary arts community, the agricultural science community together to share knowledge in their mutually beneficial ways,” said Patrick.

The farm has three priorities: 1) to prove that sustainable farming techniques, as recommended by agricultural scientists such as Johnson, are economically worthwhile for local farmers, 2) to encourage people to adopt these methods, so instal-



PHOTO BY BILLY HUNTSMAN

Shelly Richard stands with a turken (a naked-necked chicken), called simply Turken. The farm houses several dozen chickens and roosters in large open pens.

lations are cheaper with bulk purchases, and 3) create best management practices technical manuals, as well as multimedia materials.

The four are currently leasing the farmland from Steve Zins, whose late wife had wanted to create a sustainable farm. The two couples pay rent in the form of milk, eggs and produce, and hope to purchase the farm outright from Zins over the next five years with revenue from the farm’s production, Bryce said.

“(Zins is) an incredibly gracious individual,” said Bryce.

The Richards and the Sophiliazos met through NMSU’s Organization of Aggie Students Inspiring Sustainability (OASIS) club, of which all four have previously served as president and have facili-

tated Earth Day celebrations for the city. These events attract about 2,000 people, said Lea.

They currently sell eggs and produce at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market. After setting up at 8 a.m., they usually sell out around 9 a.m., said Shelly, the farm’s record and data manager.

“So there’s definitely plenty of demand we’ll be trying to meet,” said Bryce.

People with WIC and EBT benefits can buy produce at the market, said Shelly, so they can try things they never would otherwise, such as bok choy, while keeping their money in the local economy.

To learn more, or to sign up for the first dinner in July 2017, visit mesanm.org.

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Emporium needs furniture donations

BULLETIN REPORT

The Emporium, 106 Water St. in Downtown Las Cruces, needs furniture.

The antiques and gift shop needs “every kind of furniture donation because it sells very well,” said Emporium volunteer Heather Pollard.

The Emporium relies entirely on donations for its stock of antiques, collectibles, fine furniture, gifts and unusual items, Pollard said.

One hundred percent of the proceeds of Emporium sales goes to

Mesilla Valley Hospice, she said. Since the Emporium opened in June 2015, it has generated about \$5,000 a month for the hospice.



Pollard said mid-century (1950s and '60s) furniture is especially popular right now, but the

Emporium welcomes all donations. Any items that don't go in the store go to the Tuesday Rotary Club for its huge hospice garage sale in May, she said.

The Emporium does not accept appliances, and does not purchase



Heather Pollard, a volunteer with The Emporium, shows some of the items the store offers. The antiques and gift shop needs “every kind of furniture donation because it sells very well,” Pollard said.

BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

items or take consignments.

Pollard is one of eight volunteers who run the Emporium. “We are all ladies of a certain age,” she said.

The Emporium is open

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

For more information, call 575-523-4700. Visit <http://mvhospice.org/emporium/>.

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Why do polar bears have white fur coats?
ANSWER: Because they'd look kind of silly in Hawaiian shirts!

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POLAR BEARS

Big and white, fluffy and furry, these are adjectives that describe a polar bear! Can you think of other adjectives that would describe this animal?

Polar bears love fish! How many fish can you catch on this page?



Polar Bear Fur Is NOT White!
Each hair shaft is transparent with a hollow core that scatters and reflects visible light, much like what happens with ice and snow, giving it a bright white appearance.

How Polar Bears Stay Warm
Polar bears live on ice near the North Pole in the Arctic, which is covered in ice and surrounded by very cold water. But that doesn't bother a polar bear.
In each box, write the letter that comes before the letter at the bottom of each box to find a couple of cool ways these fluffy fellows stay warm.

G	A	U	A	O	D
B	B	B	V	S	E

Average Temperatures in the Arctic

	JANUARY	JULY
30°C		
20°C		
10°C		
0°		
-10°C		
-20°C		
-30°C		
-40°C		
-50°C		

In January, the average temperature in the Arctic ranges from a chilly 0°C to -34°C (32°F to -40°F).
In July, the average temperature range is from -10°C to 10°C (14°F to 50°F).
Color the graph to show the temperature range in each month using Celsius.

Kid Scoop Puzzler
Polar Bear True or False
These statements are either all true or all false. Check your answers by adding up the numbers next to each of your answers. If the total is 33, you've got it right!

- Polar bear young are called cubs. TRUE (10) FALSE (8)
- Polar bear cubs are born without hair and are blind and deaf. TRUE (16) FALSE (7)
- A polar bear's nose can smell a seal on the ice 20 miles away! TRUE (5) FALSE (9)
- Polar bear skin is black. TRUE (2) FALSE (12)

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Together
Life of a Polar Bear Cub
This little cub has taken some of the words out of this article. Can you find where each one belongs? Have a parent check your work.

CAVE
FUR
WIND
SPACE
SURVIVE
DUG
MONTHS
POUND

A polar bear starts its life in a den or ice _____ that its mother _____ into the snow. The den protects the mother and the cubs from _____, cold and predators. The den stays warm inside as heat from the mother bear warms the tight _____ and the frozen _____ walls trap the warm air.

A polar bear cub weighs only about one _____ when it is born and are about 12 to 14 inches long.

These little guys grow up to be BIG. A male polar bear can grow to be 1,200 pounds. A female about 650 pounds.

They start to get _____ at about eight weeks. They stay in the den drinking mama bear's nutritious milk for about three to four _____.

Young polar bears stay with their mothers until they are around 30 months old. By then, they have learned how to _____ in the cold and find food on their own.

Double Double Word Search
Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

REFLECTS
FOOTPADS
THERMAL
HOLLOW
ARCTIC
POLAR
BEARS
LAYER
WHITE
GUARD
HAIRS
DENSE
TUFTS
OILY
PAWS

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

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

Polar Bear Paws
Polar bear paws can grow to be 12 inches across (31 centimeters) and help distribute weight when treading on thin ice.



When swimming, their broad forepaws act like large paddles and the hind paws serve as rudders for steering.
Black footpads on the bottom of each paw are covered by small, soft bumps known as papillae. Papillae grip the ice and keep the bear from slipping. Tufts of fur between their toes and footpads may help with purchase as well as can their claws.

Very Special Fur
Polar bears have two types of fur: long oily guard hairs and short insulating hairs.
The long, oily guard hairs are tiny, hollow tubes that trap warmth and hold it close to the skin. Their oily surface keeps polar bears dry.
Under the guard hairs is a layer of dense, short, soft hairs that trap heat close to the skin, like thermal underwear.



What's another name for a polar bear's layer of fat?
The letters along the correct ice path reveal the answer.

Verbs and Adjectives
Look through the newspaper and find five adjectives that describe a polar bear. Then find five verbs that describe how a polar bear moves. Write one or more sentences about a polar bear using your adjectives and verbs.

Write the answer here:

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


FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY
News Article Mix-Up
Cut out an article from the newspaper. Cut the article into four pieces. Give the pieces to a friend to see if he or she can put the article back together in the right order.

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

Write On!
Bears: Fact and Opinion
Write at least two facts and two opinions about bears.

Movies and books sometimes show polar bears and penguins together. But they actually live on opposite ends of the earth. Polar bears only live in the Arctic and penguins live in the Antarctic.

ARCTIC



ANTARCTIC

NMSU ranks as a leading degree producer for minorities

By **TIFFANY ACOSTA**

For the Bulletin

New Mexico State University has been honored as a top university for awarding degrees to minority students. In its annual ranking, Diverse: Issues in Higher Education publishes the Top 100 producers of associate, bachelor's and graduate degrees issued to minority students.

NMSU ranks in the top 10 in bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics for communications technologies/technicians

and support services (seventh); agriculture, agriculture operations and related sciences (eighth); hospitality administration/management (ninth); engineering technologies and engineering-related fields (10th); and education (10th).

NMSU ranks in the top 10 in bachelor's degrees awarded to Native Americans for marketing (fourth); engineering (fourth); agriculture, agriculture operations and related sciences (fourth); physical sciences (fifth); engineering technologies

and engineering-related fields (fifth); and computer and information sciences and support services (ninth). Additionally, NMSU is ninth for conferring bachelor's degrees to total minorities for agriculture, agriculture operations and related sciences.

Diverse utilizes U.S. Department of Education reports for its Top 100 lists.

For a complete list of the rankings, along with the methodology used, visit <http://diverseeducation.com/top100/>.



NMSU PHOTO BY ANDRES LEIGHTON

New Mexico State University ranks among the nation's best for awarding degrees to minority students.

COMING UP

Espina Street project ongoing

The Espina Street restriping and installation of bicycle lanes is ongoing and is expected to be done by Jan. 10. Espina Street will be narrowed to three lanes and two bike lanes from just north of the first crosswalk between the ASNMSU Center for the Arts and the Music Building to Wells Street during the winter holiday break.

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. – 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 24). All proceeds go to the women who produce the products. Info: Christine Eber at 575-621-5999 or at ceber@nmsu.edu.

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 lascrucestoastmasters@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.

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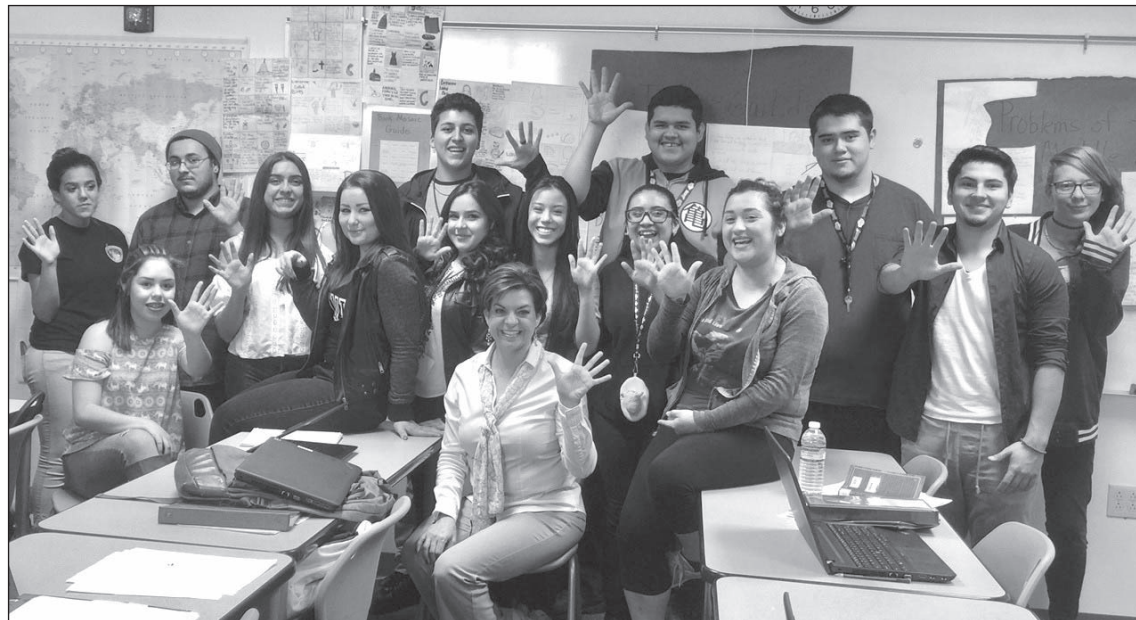
IN THE NEWS

New America High School receives renewed charter

The New America School-Las Cruces has been awarded a 5-year renewal from the New Mexico Public Education Commission following an extensive review of the school's academic program, teacher certification, student achievement and assessment data, fiscal management and facilities oversight. Principal Margarita Porter said, "This unanimous action by the PEC is a wonderful affirmation of the educational experience the school provides and ensures that it will continue operations through 2022." John Munoz, chair of the board of directors of the school, said, "Our students face exceptional challenges. However, despite those challenges and due to school's strong leadership, staff, and teachers, our students are thriving. We appreciate this opportunity to serve our community and to make a difference and succeed, one student at a time."

NMSU highlighted on list of Top 100 Colleges and Universities for Hispanics

According to the Top 100 Colleges and Universities for Hispanics list in the August 2016 edition of The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education magazine, New Mexico State University has been recognized as one of the best institutions for Hispanics in the country.



COURTESY PHOTO

Margarita Porter, principal of the New America School, (center) is surrounded by New America high school students. They are giving "high 5s" to the school, which just received a new five-year charter.

Using data from the Department of Education (2014), NMSU ranked in the top 30 in both first major bachelor's degrees granted (26th) and first major master's degrees granted (21st). NMSU awarded 1,302 bachelor's degrees (48 percent) to Hispanics, and 305 Hispanic students (38 percent) were awarded master's degrees.

Additionally, NMSU ranked 32nd in undergraduate enrollment for four-year schools with 7,738 Hispanic students (49 percent).

The Top 100 Colleges and Universities for Hispanics article also included lists of the top

10 bachelor's degrees awarded by academic programs. NMSU was ranked ninth in bachelor's degrees in education with 108 of 200, or 54 percent, awarded to Hispanics.

To view the Top 100 edition of Hispanic Outlook visit <https://www.hispanicoutlook.com/top-100/>.

This fall, for the fourth time in the last five years, NMSU has been recognized as a top tier university and listed on the U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges for 2017 National Universities rankings. U.S. News & World Report also ranked NMSU among its Best Gradu-

ate Schools 2017.

For the ninth year, Forbes has recognized NMSU as one of America's Top Colleges. NMSU was named to the 2016 Center for World University Rankings list and was named one of the 50 most underrated colleges in America by Business Insider. For the eighth consecutive year, NMSU was named a top military-friendly school by Victory Media.

NMSU's Throneberry to retire; search launched for new senior VP

Angela Throneberry, New Mexico State University's

senior vice president for administration and finance, has announced her retirement, effective Aug. 1, 2017. Throneberry is an NMSU graduate and has worked for the university for the past 25 years.

"I am extremely grateful for the opportunities afforded to me to work in numerous challenging administrative positions over many years," Throneberry said.

"I am hopeful I have been a positive contributor to this premier institution for which I hold such great pride. Working with the outstanding and dedicated executive management, staff, faculty and students has been especially rewarding."

Throneberry began her career with NMSU in 1991 in the Financial Reporting Office.

During her time at the university, she has worked as assistant athletics director for business, director of financial operations, director of auxiliary business services, assistant vice president for auxiliary services, and associate vice president for administration and finance.

Before joining NMSU, she worked in public accounting as an auditor for both KPMG Peat Marwick and Arthur Andersen.

She is a certified public accountant and graduate of the NMSU College of Business, earning her bachelor's in accounting.

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COMING UP CONTINUED FROM 21**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://lascruces.org/museums> or call 575-647-4480.

MS Support/Education group meets first Thursday

Group meets from 4:30 to 6 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the Social Center Creative Arts Room, Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle for emotional support and MS education. Date, time, location

subject to change. Info: 575-373-5130 or lascrucesmssselfhelp@gmail.com.

'Blast from the Past' discussions

Take a walk down memory lane when Stan Blitz and Jim Gibson lead discussions about the movies, music, television and stars of the 1950s and 60s from 2 to 3 p.m., every Friday at Mountain View 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 Department 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: 575-522-5017.

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.

Vital Records Office hours

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

Quilt Guild meets third Monday

Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the American Legion Post 10 Hall, 1185 Madrid Ave. Guests

are welcome. Meetings consist of brief business announcements, a program, show and tell and door prizes. Starting in November, the guild meets at 1:30 p.m. for six months of daytime meetings. Info: Linnea Egbert at 575-521-0521, linneanfce@aol.com or visit www.lcgg.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 meet-

ing 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.

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Wreaths Across America



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Fort Bayard, in Grant County, had 3,024 wreaths sponsored this year for Wreaths Across America which were placed by hundreds of volunteers on Friday Dec. 16. Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the organization's mission is to "Remember, Honor and Teach" and is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as more than 1,100 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad.



Culinary arts students serve holiday meal

Alma D'arte charter high school in Las Cruces culinary arts students serve a holiday meal for parents to share on Dec. 16. The culinary arts students also prepare and serve the meals every day at the school.

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ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

NMSU plans to partner with service dog organization

By **KRISTIE GARCIA**

For the Bulletin

The New Mexico State University College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences is in the process of es-

tablishing a partnership with Paws and Stripes, a nonprofit organization in Albuquerque that provides service dogs to wounded military veterans.

Gaylene Fassenko, as-

sociate professor in the NMSU Department of Animal and Range Sciences, first learned about Paws and Stripes when she arrived at the university in 2010, the same year the nonprofit opened its doors.

The organization, which only takes dogs from local rescues, specifically provides service dogs for wounded military veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. Paws and Stripes integrates service dog training and educa-

tion with mental health support.

Fassenko and the college invited Paws and Stripes to take part in her companion animal and human-animal interaction (HAI) class, as well as in a lecture for the public at Atkinson Recital Hall last month.

Both the class lecture and the public lecture were on Veterans Day and were part of NMSU Military and Veterans Appreciation Week. The featured speaker was military veteran Rachael Thompson, accompanied by her service dog, Myrna.



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OBITUARIES

Bruce G. Call

Bruce G. Call, 64, passed away on December 13, 2016. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.

Donald E. Blowers

Donald Eugene Blowers, 89, passed away on December 7, 2016. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.



Truckers bring toys to town



Dressed as Santa Claus, C. Williamson shows off the Jolly Green Giant's stocking stuffed with toys donated by Kleine Towing.



Santa Claus – the only name he will give – poses with two of the organizers of the Toy Drive: Emilio Campos, salesman with Border International, and Ray Garces of Garces & Son Trucking



Christmas Teddy Bear hood ornament graces one of the trucks.



Don Kleine, Christopher and Brian Kleine pose with some of the toys donated by Kleine Towing.



ABOVE: Santa and the Kleine Towing crew deliver stockings under a rainbow.



RIGHT: Estella Leyja, left, Mercedes Leyja and Jorge Leyja are ready to start the Toy Drive.

BULLETIN PHOTOS BY STEVEN KAEPLER

Central Elementary students, families jingle all the way to school

BULLETIN REPORT

During their Jingle Bell Walk to school on Wednesday, Dec. 14, students, staff and families of Central Elementary School, 150 S. Alameda Blvd., participated in the Las Cruces Railroad Museum's Warm and Fuzzy and Canned Goods drive donation, Central Elementary Principal Eloisa Solis said.

"Donations go to Gospel Rescue Mission in an effort to support communities that are in transition," Solis said. Mittens, beanies and canned goods were collected.

The students were greeted by Santa Claus and one of his elves during the event, which was coordinated by Central Elementary teacher Sandra Apuan and Central

Elementary's Safe Routes to Schools champion, Ananaliza Grijalva.

With help from some of the adults, students were able to run a few of the trains at the museum before making their way to school, Solis said. They enjoyed hot chocolate during their visit with Santa.

They sang Christmas carols during the walk, she said.

The special holiday-season walk is part of Central Elementary's regular Wednesday Walking School Bus and the school's Safe Routes to Schools program.

The Railroad Museum, which is part of the City of Las Cruces museum system, is located at 351 N. Mesilla St.

For more information, contact Solis at 575-527-9496 or esolis@lcpes.net.



All the photos are of Central Elementary School students, staff and teachers during the school's Dec. 14 Jingle Bell Walk to Central Elementary from the nearby Las Cruces Railroad Museum.

COURTESY PHOTOS

THE LAS CRUCES
Bulletin

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!

We at the Las Cruces Bulletin wish you and yours a joyous and safe holiday season and a most prosperous and productive year to come.

Cruces museums offer wide range of exhibits, activities

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

The City of Las Cruces' four museums cover nearly 10,000-square feet in the downtown area and offer a wide array of exhibits, lectures, special events, classes and activities for visitors of all ages.

At the Las Cruces Museum of Art, Museum of Nature and Science, Branigan Cultural Center and the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, you will find the history, heritage and culture of the Southwest, the natural environment (and some of the live animals) of the Chihuahuan Desert, the story of our skies and fossil trackways, the tales of the railroads that helped create Las Cruces, Mesilla and many neighboring communities and the creations of talented artists from Las Cruces and throughout the region.

In January alone, the museums will feature lectures by local and national experts on military equipment, masonic murals and Black art; classes and activities — many of them free of charge — for children and adults on drawing and painting, ceramics, sculpting and clay for kids; events like Animal Encounters (featuring amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals), Grandma MoNa's Science Storytime, Teen Science Café, a Saturday Workshop on Paleontology; and special events like Museum Selfie Day,



Museum of Nature and Science Educator Curator Kimberly Hanson with one of the museum's interactive exhibits.

Dino Days, the downtown Arts Ramble and even Houseplant Appreciation Day.

The museums work closely with other city departments, New Mexico State University and the Las Cruces police and fire departments on events for Earth Day, the Water Festival, National Night Out and the annual Christmas-tree lighting, said MoNaS Educator Curator Kimberly Hanson.

"We have deep connections in the community," said museums Administrator Rebecca Slaughter.

And, thanks to the Museum Foundation and the GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces, the museums now have assisted living devices to make exhibits more accessible to people with hearing issues," Slaughter said.

With a staff of only 18 full- and part-time em-

ployees, Slaughter relies on local instructors and about 85 dedicated volunteers (including museum board members) to help bring all the system has to offer to museum visitors.

"We do a lot with the space we have," she said. "I'm pretty proud of what we do."

All four museums have free admission and are open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Total attendance at Las Cruces museums during the past 10-plus years is more than 2.25 million, and the numbers continue to climb. "Attendance has actively been up this year," Slaughter said.

The Las Cruces Museum of Art (MoA)

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A pelycosaur Dimetrodon skeleton at the Museum of Nature and Science.



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

Students visiting the Museum of Nature and Science's interactive exhibit about the makeup of a carbon atom.

Become a Friend of the Las Cruces Museums

BULLETIN REPORT

Friends of the Las Cruces Museums (FLCM) are members of the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums, a nonprofit and education organization supporting the city's museum system, according to a foundation brochure.

The cost of becoming an FLCM, which includes Smithsonian affiliate membership, is \$40 for individuals, \$60 for families, \$25 full-time students and

senior citizens (age 65 and older), \$100 to \$249 for supporters, \$250 to \$499 for patrons and \$500 or more for benefactors.

Make checks payable to Foundation for Las Cruces Museums and mail them to the foundation at P.O. Box 2783, Las Cruces, N.M. 88004-2783.

You can pick up an FLCM brochure and fill out the membership segment to join.

For more information, email info@foundationlcm.com.

MUSEUM

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opened in 2000, and is located at 491 N. Main St. The MoA doesn't have a permanent art exhibit, Slaughter said. "We do try to keep things fresh," It features the popular All-High School Art Show each year, along with the work of local, national and international artists. Call 575-522-3120.

The Museum of Nature and Science (MoNaS), 411 N. Main St., has three permanent exhibits: Desert Life, Permian Trackways and Light and Space. Live animals in the museum include snakes, lizards and tarantulas. There's also The Big Picture and New Mexico exhibits and a number of interactive science stations like a carbon atom and What is Nano?, a pelycosaur Dimetrodon skeleton and a giant amethyst geode from the collection of Ken Teshima. Call 575-541-2137.

Branigan Cultural Center (BCC), at 501 N. Main St., will continue three exhibits through Jan. 21: "Howard Clinton Tibbits 1910 to 1915: Advertising Photography in the Southwest"; "In Service to Country: Military Equipment 1860-Present" by Kevin Dasing; and "An Enduring Tradition: 20th Century Weaving."

Public programs at BCC in January include Houseplant Appreciation Day and a celebration of Chinese New Year.

BCC is housed in a pueblo-revival style home built in 1935 that was Las Cruces' first public library. Call 575-541-2154.

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum makes its home in Las Cruces' historic 1910 Santa Fe train

depot at 351 N. Mesilla St. In addition to exhibits and the history of railroads throughout the area, its regular public programming includes monthly Family Game Day, Rail Readers Book Club and Brown Bag lectures along with Story Time three times each month, the Coloring Club twice each month and model-building classes for children and adults throughout the year. Call 575-647-4480.

In October, the Las Cruces City Council approved an amended museum fee schedule that Slaughter said "is designed to offer cost-effective services to the general public, encourage participation in museum system offerings and lessen the financial burden on the city."

Fee changes include lower fees for some museum classes and services, she said, including summer camp and spring break camp at the Nature and Science Museum.

Many museum programs are already free, Slaughter said, including everything from Animal Encounters, Winterfest and World Animal Day to the Coloring Club, Cultural Bazaar and behind-the-scenes tours.

There's also a scholarship program that will pay for tuition and supplies for needy children to participate in museum programs. The program is offered each semester on a first come, first served basis.

Slaughter said one of the most popular museum events is the Cultural Bazaar that was started several years ago in partnership with New Mexico State University's International Student Department. It brings people from all parts of the



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

Visitors to the Light and Space exhibit, which includes New Mexico Skies and the Big Picture.



Students visiting the Museum of Nature and Science and the What is Nano? interactive exhibit.

world to meet with museum visitors and discuss their native languages, foods, dress, geography and culture. The bazaar is held outside BCC each October.

"It's a great way to start a conversation that can sometimes be scary and show that people are people," Hanson said. "We would love to include more community groups."

Slaughter, who has been with Las Cruces museums for about 10 years, said one of her favorite exhibits was one on tattoo culture in 2009. "We got great collaboration from local tattoo artists," she said.

Hanson said she especially liked an exhibit

called "Patterned Wizardry" that was offered when the city's Natural History Museum was still at Mesilla Valley Mall. It was a "bright, colorful tactile" exhibit that helped diffuse the fear of math, she said. "People didn't realize they were learning math because, oh, my God, it was so much fun."

Slaughter said the museums are always looking for new volunteers and board members to help with programming, fundraising, volunteering and technology. Contact her at 575-541-2156 or rslaughter@las-cruces.org.

For more information on all four museums, visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

Museum of Art offers spring studio art classes

The Las Cruces Museum of Art, (MoA) will offer a number of art classes for children and adults of all experience levels in two sessions that begin in late January and late March.

The first session begins Wednesday, Jan 25 and continues until Saturday, March 4. Registration is Dec. 27 through Jan. 18. Session one classes include:

- Homeschool Creative Enrichment, 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays (ages 5-7) or Thursdays (ages 7-12); \$50
- Hand building (clay), ages 16 and older, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays; \$80
- Drawing and Painting the Portrait in Oil, ages 18 and older, 3-5 p.m. Wednesdays; \$65
- Youth, Afterschool Group Exploration, ages 8-15, 4:30-6 p.m. Wednesdays; \$50
- Figure Drawing and Painting, ages 18 and older, 2-4 p.m. Thursdays; \$60
- Landscape Painting, ages 16 and older, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays; \$60
- Ceramics Intermediate/Advanced, ages 18 and older, 6-8:30 p.m. Thursdays; \$110
- Clay for Kids!, ages 8-13, 4-5:30 p.m. Thursdays; \$50
- Mixed Media Layered Composition, ages 18 and older, 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays; \$60
- Ceramics for Aspiring Potters, ages 18 and older, 1-3:30 p.m. Saturdays; \$110
- Still Life Painting, ages 15 and older, 2-4 p.m. Saturdays; \$55

Session two begins Wednesday, March 22 and continues through Saturday, April 29. Registration is Dec. 27 through March 15; Session two classes include:

- Homeschool Creative Enrichment, 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays (ages 5-7) or Thursdays (ages 7-12); \$50
- Portrait Sculpting, ages 15 and older, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays; \$70

- Painting and Drawing the Portrait in Oils, ages 18 and older, 3-5 p.m. Wednesdays; \$65

- Fundamentals of Drawing, ages 15 and older, 4-6 p.m. Wednesdays; \$55

- Figure Drawing and Painting, ages 18 and older, 3-5 p.m. Thursdays; \$60

- Clay for Kids!, ages 8-13, 4-5:30 p.m. Thursdays; \$50

- Youth Beginning Drawing, ages 8-15, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays; \$55

- Urban Sketch, ages 18 and older, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays; \$60

- Ceramics Intermediate/Advanced, ages 18 and older, 6-8:30 p.m. Thursdays; \$110

- Still Life Painting, ages 15 and older, 2-4 p.m. Saturdays; \$55

- Ceramics for Aspiring Potters, ages 18 and older, 1-3:30 p.m. Saturdays; \$110
- Young Artist Exploration, ages 7-13, 1-3 p.m. Saturdays; \$50

There will also be open studio times for both sessions for students only, with no instructors.

A minimum of four students is required for each class, and classes will be capped at eight to 10 students each.

A list of supplies for each class will be provided and, unless noted, students will be responsible for providing their own supplies.

Register for classes at the Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Scholarships for some students are available based on need on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, contact LeeAnn Oliver at 575-541-2155 or loliver@las-cruces.org or Museum of Art front desk at 575-541-2137 or moa@las-cruces.org.

THE PLAZA AT PICACHO PEAK

Steakhouse joins new businesses on Picacho Mountain

By ALTA LeCOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

If the name The Plaza at Picacho Hills doesn't ring a bell, you're not alone.

It's located part way up Picacho Peak.

You may, however, know the name UMP 88, an eatery in The Plaza at Picacho Hills that has been vacant since July 2015. Locals say the venue initially was a pub complete with a massive dark wooden bar reminiscent of Irish taverns.

In its next incarnation, MLB umpire Doug Eddings took over the business and named it Ump 88 Grill.

During the football season Ump 88 served killer NFL nachos and rang with the cheers of Green Bay Packer fans.

It was the anchor attraction in a complex of four commercial buildings lining Picacho Hills Drive.

Now the restaurant is about to reopen as Great American Steak Burgers.

Felix Moreno and Arturo Artunez have signed a new lease on the location — maybe a new lease on life for The Plaza at Picacho Hills, the little complex time

sometimes forgets.

Several of the buildings have new owners and the occupancy rate is rising.

Could it be an upturn in Las Cruces business activity is rolling west and climbing up the mountain?

Businesses that have bought or leased space in The Plaza at Picacho Hills include Denton Ventures, Inc., Brazito Barbershop and Picacho Hills Massage — all on the lower level of the restaurant building at 1338 Picacho Hills Drive.

Financial planner Tom Chaney of Chaney-Marin Financial Planning LLC and attorney Michelle Ungvarsky of Estrada Law have bought the building across the way from the restaurant at 1340 Picacho Hills Drive.

Insurance entrepreneur and motivational author David Dean and his psychologist wife Barbara Dean now own and work at 1320 Picacho Hills Drive.

Each of the new arrivals at the plaza has a story to tell about how and why they opted to open a business part way up an extinct volcano west of the city.



PHOTO BY ALTA LeCOMPTE

The bar at Great American Steak Burger is ready to serve clients when the new restaurant opens at 1338 Picacho Hills Drive.

Las Cruces market attracts El Paso restauranteurs

By ALTA LeCOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

Felix Moreno and Arturo Artunez are bringing an El Paso tradition to Las Cruces: a Great American steak and burger restaurant.

Every day, curious West Mesa residents drop by to see if the duo has set an opening date. As of Dec. 16, they were awaiting receipt of their beer and wine license — and were set to open immediately.

There are several El Paso

eateries in the Great American family, independently owned and operating with variations on the name, Moreno said.

Moreno and Artunez both worked for Great American restaurants for 20 years.

“We found this location through Dennis Rochford, a part owner of Great American (in El Paso). In Las Cruces, we believe there is a lot of potential — and not a lot of steakhouses,” Moreno said. “It’s a growing city.”

He envisions the restaurant being a convenient choice for

residents of the neighborhood and also a destination for people who enjoy good food.

“It’s a family restaurant,” he said. “You come in here because you want to enjoy your meal and have good food.”

“Our motto is food, mood, service and consistency.”

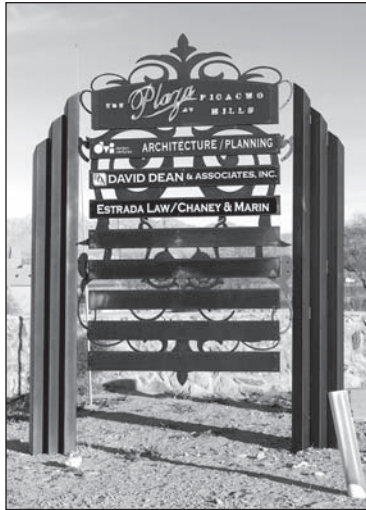
Moreno said the restaurant will seat a total of about 110. A banquet room that can be reserved for private parties will accommodate more than 50.

The décor is western.

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THE PLAZA AT PICACHO PEAK

Architect rediscovers The Plaza at Picacho Peak



By ALTA LeCOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

About a year and a half ago, Barbara and Harold Denton of denton ventures inc. purchased the lower level of the restaurant building and moved their architectural business from Roadrunner Parkway.

For them the move was a money-making opportunity. They rented out their space on the far side of town and moved to a smaller office at 1338 Picacho Hills Drive.

“We thought it would be a good idea to have a building for

services for the Picacho Hills and Picacho Mountain communities,” said Barbara, systems manager and accountant.

The Dentons, however, are far from new to the neighborhood.

Barb said her husband, an architect and land planner, worked on development of the plaza back in 2003 when it was just a plot of vacant land.

“Our construction management company built this building,” Harold said.

The plaza consists of 11 lots with four buildings.

The couple’s connection with the neighborhood dates back to

the early ‘90s.

“He worked to develop, to plan and to create all the subdivisions in Picacho Hills except one since 1992,” Barb said.

Harold said the entire area has been depressed for eight or 10 years.

He recalled an earlier time when more than 100 houses were built each year on the mountain.

“In recent years, we’ve been able to count new housing starts on the fingers of our hands,” he said.

The Dentons plan to be part of a renaissance for the plaza,

which many Picacho Hills residents anticipate as more people are able to sell their homes in places like Arizona and California and move into a more relaxed and affordable lifestyle on the west side of Las Cruces.

Two more businesses — Brazito Barbershop and Picacho Hills Massage — have opened in Dentons’ space.

In addition, the Dentons have 2,400 feet of unfinished space they think would make a great fitness center for residents who don’t want to drive into town to work out.

RESTAURANT

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Moreno said Great American Steak Burger serves steaks “aged four to six weeks before we even get them.”

“One of the main secrets is Great American seasoning,” he said. “We salt with it before we grill. It’s been our model for over 35 years.”

They use a slotted, vertical grill that enables them to cook the meet to the desired degree of doneness, he said.

Moreno said he majored in business at El Paso Community College and started with Great American as a dishwasher.

“I just like what I did,” he said. “Once I became a manager, I loved taking care of our customers.”

HOURS: 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday

INFO: amrsteakburger@gmail.com or 575-526-6771

Brazito, Picacho Peak Massage serve neighborhood

By ALTA LeCOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

Gabriel Acosta, owner of Brazito Barbershop, opened his first shop on South Main Street in Mesilla Park in 2008 and expanded into the Picacho Hills location in 2013.

He heard about the opportunity at 1338 Picacho Hills Drive from another barber.

“I took a cruise around the neighborhood and found there were a lot of houses up here,” Acosta said.

He said people in the Picacho Hills/Picacho Mountain neighborhood need services in their own community.

“There’s an opportunity for growth,” he said. “Everybody needs a haircut, and in a recession people still need a haircut. You don’t make a million, but you’ll still be employed.”

In addition to the locals, Brazito draws clients from Legends West and Fairacres, he said.

Prior to becoming a barber, Acosta owned an auto body shop. Charles Hernandez, his “right hand man” and fellow barber at Brazito, in previous careers was an auto mechanic and a cook.

The appeal of barbering?

“I love to interact with people and see the world through a different perspec-



PHOTO BY ALTA LeCOMPTE

Raquel Emanuel of Picacho Peak Massage poses with Gabriel Acosta and Charles Hernandez of Brazito Barbershop.

tive,” Hernandez said. “It allows me to keep creative.

“If you want a stick figure on your head, I can draw it,” he said.

Acosta said Hernandez is indeed the artist who creates specialty haircuts.

Picacho Hills Massage

Also located in Picacho Hills Plaza is licensed massage therapist Raquel Emanuel, who is available by appointment from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

“I’m licensed in 50 states and three countries,” Emanuel said.

A physical therapist for 10 years, she specializes in injury cases and neuromuscular, lymphatic, sports and pregnancy massage.

Emanuel said she located in the plaza because a Picacho Hills client told her about Acosta.

Info: 602-770-4526.

Acosta said the shop cuts both men’s and women’s hair and offers other salon services, such as hair coloring and perms.

He said dads and granddads bring their little kids in for haircuts.

“We’re a family-oriented business,” he said. “We don’t have a pool table in the middle of the shop, and we don’t have loud music.”

HOURS: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. – noon Saturday

INFO: facebook.com/brazitobarber; 575-621-9902.

THE PLAZA AT PICACHO PEAK

Attorney, financial planner like to assist elders in community

By ALTA LeCOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

Attorney Michelle Ungvarsky and her husband, Tom Chaney, a financial planner, moved to the neighborhood for the ambiance.

Her firm is Estrada Law; his is Chaney-Marin financial Planning LLC.

"We like the rural feeling," Chaney said. "We live in Anthony and prefer not to be in a high-rise," adding their new location is only three miles from town — not too far out for clients to travel from anywhere in greater Las Cruces.

Their building, which resembles a well-appointed home complete with a high-end kitchen, offers comfort for clients as well as space for hosting Rotary meetings and other events.

"We became aware of the building through an internet search," Ungvar-

sky said. "The amenities probably are above what we otherwise would have done — but it has more of a homey feel."

In their new space, they have an opportunity to concentrate on helping those in the elder community who are facing legal and financial problems.

Focusing their practices on elders and their adult children who are helping them manage their financial decisions was a conscious choice for Ungvarsky and Chaney.

"We don't think we can be all things to all people," Chaney said.

"When people come to me for help, we can manipulate their retirement plans so they can get the help they need without causing tax consequences or other government intervention," Ungvarsky said.

"My practice has expanded since

baby boomers have hit retirement age."

Both Ungvarsky and Chaney said they wished people would ask them for help earlier in their lives when more options are available.

"We all feel kind of invincible until something bad happens," Ungvarsky said.

She said she markets mostly to women ages 45 to 65 who are part of the sandwich generation and "the driving force in most families."

"We often have children of elderly couples visit us because mom had a stroke and is on her way to a nursing home and the kids visit us because they want to preserve and protect their parents' assets," Chaney said.

"Nursing homes can gobble up all a couple's retirement savings," Ungvarsky added. "What's dad going to do to survive?"

Options may include converting an IRA or life insurance policy to a health account, Ungvarsky said.

"A lot of financial planners are not willing to do this (work) because they want big accounts," she said, "but I feel if you make a change in one life the ripples go out."

"Michelle and I agree there's great satisfaction in helping people. Clients leave the office so thankful," Chaney said. "It helps me sleep at night."

He said he has always worked in financial services, while Ungvarsky turned to law when she became disenchanted with her career as a pharmacist for the military.

"I found a friendlier, happier way to work," she said.

ESTRADA LAW INFO: 575-556-2462

CHANNEY-MARIN FINANCIAL PLANNING INFO: 575-556-2463.

Location attracts Deans to plaza

By ALTA LeCOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

Starting in 1966, David Dean began a direct sales career that led to a radio show and book that have inspired several generations to succeed in sales and in life.

Today, Dean owns David Dean & Associates, a national direct sales firm specializing in supplemental health insurance.

He works at 1320 Picacho Hills Drive, an office building he bought in June and shares with his wife, psychologist Barbara Dean.

The Deans are anything but isolated on the

West Mesa.

"We're excited about the area, Las Cruces, and continuing to expand what we do in different states," Dean said. "We can be in 48 states. We continue to develop El Paso and Arizona pretty heavily."

There's no walk-in business, so Dean can choose any spot that suits him.

"This location is fantastic for us because we only live two miles from the office, and we're buying a home in Picacho," he said.

Dean has 5,000 clients in 17 states and agents in four states.

The agents are in-

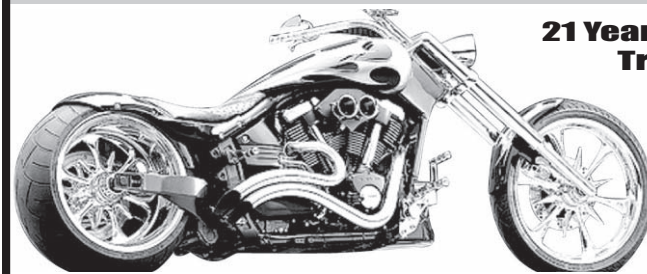
dependent contractors. Their product is a CIGNA lump-sum health insurance policy that can be used to meet any need associated with health-related crises such as cancer, heart disease or accident.

"The policies cover indirect costs," Dean said.

"This supplemental insurance doesn't compete with major medical insurance. Major medical is not going to get you to Houston (for treatment)," he said. "Once you drive out of their driveway, you're spending your own

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2 to 4 p.m. Small Business Development Center workshop, Steps to Starting Your Business, at the Small Business Development Center, Doña Ana Community College (DACC) Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave., Room 101 E. Free. Register at www.nmsbdc.org/lascruces/ or 575-527-7676.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

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

Friday, Jan. 20

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

Saturday, Jan. 28 - Monday, Jan. 30

2017 Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe, an annual event held in Santa Fe to focus on the legislative issues of Las Cruces and southern New Mexico. Hosted by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Council of the Conquistadores. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Eldorado Hotel & Spa, 309 W. San Francisco, for Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe guests. Hotel reservations: 800-955-4455. Event info: www.lascruces.org; 575-524-1968.

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money.”

Dean began his career as an 18-year-old selling books 80 hours a week for The Southwestern Co., which he said is the oldest direct sales company in the U.S.

He succeeded in sales, made a disastrous investment while still in college, accepted his situation and came back to set high goals and break sales records.

He remained with the Nashville company 17 years and became vice president of sales.

In the 1980s, he hosted a radio show in Phoenix, interviewing outstanding

business leaders and coaches. Among them were basketball coach John Wooten, who won 10 national championships.

Dean's interviews — and his “7 Principles of Selling and Living” — became the foundation for his book, “Now Is Your Time to Win.” The book sold more than 100,000 copies.

In 1991, his old company recruited him to build direct sales supplemental health insurance agencies in Arizona and Texas for a new insurance company Southwestern had formed.

He moved to Las Cruces in 2006 and continues to grow his company.

INFO: 575-523-9038

Tax on out-of-state business purchases aims to keep New Mexico competitive

By FINANCE NEW MEXICO

Lots of New Mexico business owners don't realize they're required to pay a “compensating tax” for business-related purchases they make on the internet or in a state that doesn't charge sales tax.

Some know they're supposed to but they ignore it, assuming the state will never discover the nonpayment.

Most of the time, that's a safe assumption because the state can't monitor everything a business does. But it's risky, nevertheless, because an audit could uncover the nonpayment and this discovery could result in a hefty fine — especially if the business acquires much of its raw materials from out of state, depriving New Mexico of significant tax revenue.

Leveling the playing field

The compensating tax is a “use” tax that's imposed on the value of property that a company acquires from an out-of-state business — typically through an internet-based vendor — that would have been subject to the gross receipts tax (GRT) if it had been purchased in New Mexico. It doesn't apply to purchases made by individuals for personal use.

Businesses are required to report such purchases on the New Mexico Tax & Revenue Department's combined reporting system — the same place they report and pay GRT — and they're supposed to pay 5.125 percent for goods and 5 percent for services. If the business paid sales taxes to the vendor's state, that amount can be deducted from what the business would owe New Mexico, and if the business paid more than New Mexico's top GRT rate of 5.125 percent, the compensating tax would be waived.

From the state's perspective, when a business evades this tax, it's giving a competitive advantage to companies from states that don't assess gross receipts or sales taxes and thus undermining economic development at home. It also deprives the state's general fund of vital revenue and shrinks the funds the state uses to help small cities and counties.



Businesses that follow the law contribute \$47 million to the state's annual revenues. While that's a fraction of New Mexico's total tax revenue, it might be more significant if all businesses — especially those that source much of their raw materials out of state — declared and paid taxes on eligible purchases.

It's hard for the state to know what it might be missing out on, according to Richard Anklam, president and executive director at the New Mexico Tax Research Institute, because compliance is “voluntary,” just as it is for reporting GRT. Businesses are required to pay the tax, but it's up to them to initiate that process.

Cost of getting caught

Getting the best deal on the purchase of office equipment, furnishings and supplies makes business sense, and it's understandably tempting to buy from a seller that doesn't add sales taxes or GRT to the final bill.

While tax officials don't have the resources to track such purchases by businesses or to enforce the law before the fact, when they audit a business they suspect of GRT tax evasion, they also check for compliance with the compensating-tax law.

“The biggest offenders are small businesses,” Anklam said, either because they don't understand the compensating tax or don't believe it applies to them.

Info: <http://www.tax.newmexico.gov/Businesses/compensating-tax.aspx>.


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Legal Notice

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
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LRG-1905	SW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄	36	22 South	1 East
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LRG-1905-S	NW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	14	22 South	1 East
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LRG-1905-S-2	NW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	36	22 South	1 East
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LRG-1905-S-4	NW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	26	22 South	1 East
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LRG-1905-S-5	SW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	22	22 South	1 East
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LRG-1905 POD10	NE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	25	22 South	1 East
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for domestic, municipal, industrial, and commercial purposes within the Dona Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association service area described as within all or part of Sections 1 through 6, 8 through 17, 20 through 28, and 33 through 36, Township 22 South, Range 1 East; all or part of Section 30, Township 22 South, Range 2 East; and all or part of Sections 1 through 4, 10 and 15, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, as described by records on file with 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

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:
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New Mexico Bar #14980
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New Mexico 88001
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Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

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

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 16, 2016, Salopek Tree Service LLC, c/o: Sam Salopek, 4915 Snow Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-14243-POD2, OSE File No.: LRG-14243-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-14243-POD2 to a depth of 600 feet with a 18-inch casing, in a location within the 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., NMSA, Central NAD83 on land owned by Salopek Tree Service, LLC, which will supplement existing well LRG-14243-POD1, located on property owned by Salopek Tree Service LLC within the NE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ of said Section 27, and more specifically described where X = 1,495,262 ft., Y = 403,947 ft., NMSA, Central NAD83 for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 99.08 acres of land, owned by Salopek Tree Service LLC, located within the 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 Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-16210-POD1 located at X = 1,478,900 Y = 457,347 ft. NMSA, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant and adjudicated for domestic one-household purposes and drilling replacement well LRG-16210-POD2 to a depth of 260 feet with 4-inch casing to be located at approximately X = 1,478,903.7 Y = 457,341.9 on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic one-household and livestock purposes as described in part by Subfile Order No.: LRS-28-001-1072 of the 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

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

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

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 28, 2016, Fletcher Farms, Inc. c/o: Leslie Fletcher, President, 6105 Shalem Colony Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-864-POD3, OSE File No.: LRG-864 & LRG-6603-31, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-864-POD3 to a depth of 500 feet with a 16-inch casing, in a location within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 16, Township 22S, Range 01E (NMPM) & more specifically located at or near where 1.456,020.76 ft., Y = 508,733.12 ft. NMSA,

Central NAD83 on land owned by Fletcher Farms, Inc., which will supplement existing well LRG-864-POD2, located on property owned by Fletcher Farms, Inc. within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 16, Township 22S, Range 01E (NMPM) & more specifically described where X = 1,456,381.07 ft., X = 508,789.76 ft. NMSA, Central Zone NAD83 for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 122.04 acres of land, owned by Fletcher Farms, Inc., located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ & SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 16, Township 22S, Range 01E NMPM as described in Subfile No.: LRN-28-004-0008 Rights B & C of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed well LRG-864-POD3 will be located northwest of Las Cruces, NM & may be found approximately 0.41 mile northwest of the intersection of Trails End Rd & N Valley Dr.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, & include the writer's complete name, phone number & mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; &/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 & 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 & 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: 12/16, 12/23, 12/30,
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NOTICE is hereby given that on October 11, 2016 Halsell Farm LTD Partnership, PO Box 695, Hatch, NM, filed application numbered LRG-4053-POD12, OSE File No. LRG-4053 & LRG-4053-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County to begin using existing exploratory well LRG-4053-POD12 for irrigation purposes which is located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 19S, Range 02W (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°37'52.544"N and 107°1'30.31"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, & which will supplement existing wells, located on land owned by the applicant described as follows:

Well number
Where Latitude
and Longitude intersect
LRG-5348-S-2
32°37'29.368"N
107°1'33.911"W

LRG-5348-S-3
32°37'24.16"N
107°1'27.879"W

LRG-4053
32°37'57.084"N
107°21.011"W

LRG-4053-S
32°37'50.812"N
107°20.793"W

LRG-4053-A
32°38'16.254"N
107°1'50.864"W

LRG-4053-POD6
32°37'37.694"N
107°1'28.312"W

LRG-4053-POD7
32°38'6.621"N
107°1'40.618"W

LRG-4053-POD8
32°37'59.233"N
107°1'19.2"W

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 593.83 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located in the following:

Section, Township & Range (PLSS)
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 22 Twn 19S,
R2W,
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 23 Twn 19S,
R2W
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 25 Twn 19S,
R2W
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 26 Twn 19S,
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NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 26 Twn 19S,
R2W
S $\frac{1}{2}$ Sect. 26 Twn 19S,
R2W
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 27 Twn 19S,
R2W
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 27 Twn 19S,
R2W

as described in part by Subfile No.: LRR-28-010-0013 Right A, & LRR-28-010-0017-A Right A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey, and also described by Subfile Order No., LRR-28-010-0013-A & LRR-28-010-0017, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to use existing exploratory well LRG-4053-POD12 for irrigation purposes under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of existing exploratory well LRG-4053-POD12 is located south of Hatch, NM and may be found approximately 3.7 miles southeast of the intersection of Rincon Rd. & Kit Carson Rd & further described at the property address of 4000 & 4205 Kit Carson Rd, Rincon, NM.

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

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Dates: 12/23, 12/30, 2016
01/06, 2017

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

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

**In the Matter of the Estate
Mary Elizabeth Bргуete
Deceased.**

**AMENDED NOTICE
TO CREDITORS**

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

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

DATED this 8th day of December, 2016.

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

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

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

NO. CV-2016-2498
Manuel I. Arrieta

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

**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dates: 12/16, 12/23, 2016

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

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 MORTGAGE
FINANCE AUTHORITY;
POND-S-
SCAPES, LLC,
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 7890 Inca Dove Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No. PB 2016-127
Judge James T. Martin

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-00747

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **January 4, 2017, at the hour of 10:00**

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

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

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 18, 2016, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$149,077.66 and the same bears interest at 4.750% per annum from March 4, 2016, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

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

DM-2016-900
Judge: Rosner

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

NOTICE OF SUIT TO RESPONDENT, JOSEPH LACKEY:

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

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

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

WITNESS the Honorable Mary Rosner, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 6th day of December, 2016.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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

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

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 WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS BENEFIT PAYMENT CONTROL SECTION FKA NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT SECURITY 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
5801 Osuna Road NE,
Suite A-103
Albuquerque, NM 87109
505-348-3200
ElizabethF@w-legal.com
Attorney for Plaintiff

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

No. CV-2015-01601
Judge: MARTIN

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

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:

- 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.
- You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.
- 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-2016-02251
Judge: Martin

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

vs.

SABRINA H. THEIS, NATIONWIDE BUDGET FINANCE, AND 2003 BUICK CENTURY, SAND; VIN: 2G4WS52J631143790; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. NHB978, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Respondent Sabrina H. Theis:

- The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2003 Buick Century, Sand; VIN: 2G4WS52J631143790; New Mexico License Plate No. NHB978.
- You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.
- A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
CITY OF LAS CRUCES

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CITY OF LAS CRUCES

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

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

(Seal)

COURT EXECUTIVE
OFFICER

By: Rocío Delgado
DEPUTY Rocío Delgado

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

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

No. CV-2016-02252
Judge: Arrieta

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

vs.

ROMAN VASQUEZ,
BRIAN VASQUEZ AND
2000 MAZDA, BLACK;
VIN:
JMITA2211Y1600611;
NEW MEXICO LICENSE
PLATE NO. 226TMS,
Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION

To: Respondents
Roman Vasquez and
Brian Vasquez:

1. The City of Las Cruces,
New Mexico, seeks to forfeit
all interest you may have in
the following described motor
vehicle: 2000 Mazda,
B I a c k ; V I N :
JMITA2211Y1600611;
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, Dis-
trict 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 OF-
FICER

By: Wendy Cousler
DEPUTY - Wendy Cousler

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

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

No. CV-2016-02013
Judge Beyer

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

vs.

TINA M. ACEVES, 1992
HONDA ACCORD,
TEAL; VIN:
1HGCB7159NA016338;
NEW MEXICO LICENSE
PLATE NO. NJL905,
Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION

To: Respondent
Tina M. Aceves:

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

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

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

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
COURT EXECUTIVE OF-
FICER

By: Joe M. Martinez
Deputy - Joe M Martinez

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

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

No. CV-2016-02254
Judge: Martin

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

vs.

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

NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION

To: Respondent
Rachel L. Zamora:

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

2. You are the named
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
JAMES T. MARTIN, Dis-
trict Judge of the Third
Judicial District Court of the
State of New Mexico and
the seal of the District Court
of Doña Ana County, this
9th day of December, 2016.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
COURT EXECUTIVE
OFFICER

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-01733

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEWISEES, OR LEGA-
TEES OF JOHN P. DO-
LAN, DECEASED,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
to the above-named
Defendants The Unknown
Heirs, Devises, or Lega-
tees of John P. Dolan,
deceased,

GREETINGS:

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

more particularly described
as:

A TRACT OF LAND SIT-
UATE WITHIN THE COR-
PORATE 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 PARTICU-
LARLY DESCRIBED AS
FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON
ROD FOUND ON THE
NORTH LINE OF HAR-
VARD DRIVE FOR THE
SOUTHEAST CORNER OF
THE TRACT HEREIN DE-
SCRIBED, WHENCE THE
SOUTHWEST CORNER
OF LOT 13, AND THE
SOUTHEAST CORNER OF
LOT 14, OF THE MENTIONED
ALAMEDA TER-
RACE, BEARS SOUTH
78°50'00" WEST, A DIS-
TANCE OF 19.91 FEET;

THENCE FROM THE
POINT OF BEGINNING
AND ALONG THE
NORTH LINE OF HAR-
VARD 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 PRINCE-
TON DRIVE, NORTH
15°35'00" WEST, 103.65
FEET TO A CHISELED
CROSS FOUND FOR THE
NORTHWEST CORNER
OF THIS TRACT,
WHENCE THE NORTH-
WEST 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 SHIN-
ER 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 re-
sponse to the complaint in
said cause on or before 30
days after the last publica-

tion date, judgment by
default will be entered
against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
WEINSTEIN &
RILEY, P.S.

By: /s/ Elizabeth V.
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5801 Osuna Road NE,
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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 re-
quired to present their claims
within four (4) months after
the date of the first publica-
tion of this notice, or the
claims will be forever bar-
red. Claims must be presen-
ted 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, loca-
ted 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
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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

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-00957

NATIONSTAR MORT-
GAGE LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

BEATRICE SMITH; THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
BEATRICE SMITH; OC-
CUPANTS OF PROPER-
TY; Defendants.

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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.

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

No.: D-307-CV-2016-01478

**LSF8 MASTER PARTICI-
PATION TRUST,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**RAUL ESTRADA; TERE-
SA ESTRADA; BENEFI-
CIAL NEW MEXICO
INC. DBA BENEFICIAL
MORTGAGE CO.; BANK
OF AMERICA, N.A.; OC-
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Case No.:
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**NATIONSTAR MORT-
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Case No.:
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**WELLS FARGO BANK,
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**LACHLAN S. DEEMER,
JENNIFER DEEMER;
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Defendants.**

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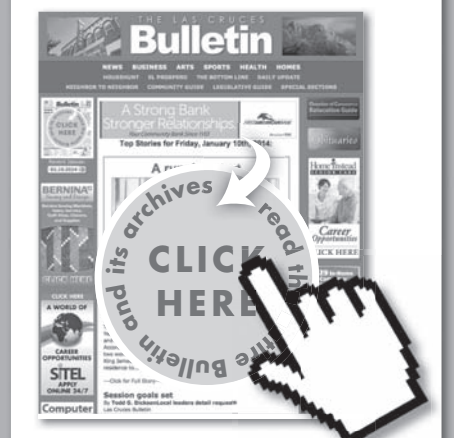
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Local theaters have big plans for 2017

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

After many successful productions in 2016, New Mexico State University's Theatre Arts Department, Scaffolding Theatre Company, the Las Cruces Community Theatre and Black Box Theatre have big plans for shows during the first half of 2017.

NMSU Theatre

The New Mexico State University (NMSU) Theatre Arts Department spring 2017 semester will include performances of "Truth/Dare," a new play by Tori Kennan-Zelt. It will be performed Feb. 24 through March 5 in the Mark and Stephanie Medoff Theatre of the ASNMU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. The plot involves Sisters Urea, Hannah, Linnet and Maeve who "live in a world built on secrets, loves and backyard ghosts, until a traumatic accident forever changes things," according to the NMSU Theatre Arts website.

The play will be directed by NMSU Theatre associate professor Larissa Lury.

A staged reading of the play was presented in April as part of the American Southwest Theatre Company's (ASTC) High Desert Play Development program.

NMSU also will present the Tony award-winning musical "Urinetown" April 28 through May 7. The musical comedy tells



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ABOVE: From left are "Beauty and the Beast" cast members Cameron Lang, Amanda Bradford and Algernon D'Amassa.

RIGHT: The entire cast of Scaffolding Theatre Company's 2017 production of "Beauty and the Beast."

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the story of a government-enforced ban on private toilets because of a 20-year drought.

"Urinetown" will be directed by college assistant professor Theatre Arts Department Head Wil Kilroy, with college assistant professor Megan McQueen serving as musical director.

The American Southwest Theatre Company, the nonprofit that supports NMSU theater, will present "Broadway Today," a song and dance fundraiser on Friday, March 10 at the Center for the Arts.

NMSU students and community members can try out for parts in these shows during auditions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21, with callbacks to follow on Sunday, Jan. 22. Sign up for a time slot on that day to audition (sign up required). Sign up at www.nmsu-theatre.com/auditions.

Buy tickets online at http://www.ticketmaster.com/NMSU-Center-for-the-Arts-tickets-Las-Cruces/venue/99210#focus_event_table?camefrom=CFC_NEWMEXICOSU or at the box office beginning one hour before each performance.

For more information, contact NMSU Theatre Arts Department Production Coordinator Mike Wise at 575-646-5418 or mwise@nmsu.edu. Visit www.nmsutheatre.com/audition/55/spring_2017. Visit www.nmsutheatre.com/current.php to see the 2017 NMSU theater arts season.

Scaffolding Theatre Company

Scaffolding Theatre Company, founded by McQueen and El Paso director/actor Justin Lucero, will present the musical "Beauty and the Beast" in Las Cruces, El Paso and Socorro in January and February.

Scaffolding will partner with the NMSU Theatre Arts Department, which is hosting the Las Cruces performances Friday through

Sunday, Jan. 13, 14 and 15 at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts in Las Cruces. The show will then be performed Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Macey Center, 801 Leroy Place, in Socorro as part of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology's Performing Arts Series; and at the Philanthropy Theatre, 125 Pioneer Plaza, in El Paso on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 11 and 12.

The musical will star Brandon Brown, Algernon D'Amassa, Cameron Lang, Rio Raggazone, Amanda Bradford, Harmony Schlesinger, Brianna Chavez Chacon, Xodia Choate, Daniela Castarena and Veronica Bissell.

McQueen and Lucero formed Scaffolding Theatre Company in 2014. Its previous productions are "Nine" and "Chicago" at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts in 2014 and "Passion" at Rio Grande Theatre in Downtown Las Cruces in 2015.

For more information, call

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Rafael Medina and Nora Thomas of Black Box Theatre's "Out of Sterno."

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Las Cruces Community Theatre

Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT), 313 N. Main St. in Downtown Las Cruces, will open 2017 with a production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" by Edward Albee. The Tony-winning drama will be performed Jan. 20 through Feb. 5 and will be directed by Patrick Payne. The play will star Janet Beatty-Payne and Danny Wade, along with Erica Krauel and Greg Blackman. The play is already in rehearsal.

The comedy "No Sex Please, We're British" will be performed at LCCT March 3 to 19. It will be directed by Norman Lewis. This farce ran for eight years in London.

LCCT's annual One-Act Play Festival will be held March 30 through April 2 and will include short plays by seasoned authors as well as some brand new works by local play-

wrights.

The classic comedy "You Can't Take it With You" will be performed May 5 through 21 at LCCT and will be directed by veteran Larry Chandler.

The Tony-award winning musical "Pippin" will end LCCT's 2016-17 season with performances from June 23 through July 9.

For tickets and other information, visit <https://www.lcctnm.org/>.

Black Box Theatre

The No Strings Theatre Company at Black Box Theatre (BBT), 430 N. Main St. Downtown, opens the new year with "Out of Sterno" by Deborah Zoe Laffer and directed by Ceil Herman, who owns the theatre with her husband, Peter. The show will run Jan. 27 through Feb. 12.

"Out of Sterno" is an entertaining and thought-provoking play that's been a pleasure to direct," Herman said. "My cast is comprised of Las Cruces theater veterans Nora Thomas, Rafael Medina, Marissa Bond and David Reyes," who portrays seven different characters, both male and female. "It is uplifting and wonderful," Herman said.

Singer, songwriter T. J. George will perform in concert at BBT on Sunday, Jan. 29.

Mesilla Valley Dance Collective's performance of "A Reimagining of Pandora's Box" will have two performances on Feb. 25 and 26 at BBT.

"The Conference of the Birds" by Peter Brook and Jean-Claude Carriere, and based on the poem by Farid ud-Din Attar, will be performed from March 17 through April 2 at the theater. It will be directed by Karen Caroe. In the play, "a nation of birds is in crisis, and urged on by one of their flock, the Hoopoe, they chart a path to find their king," according to the Times of London.

"Seagulls in a Cherry Tree" by William Missouri Downs will be performed May 12 through 28 at BBT. It will be directed by Ceil Herman. The comedy is a new play by Downs, whose other works, "Cockeyed" and "Mad Gravity," have previously been performed at BBT.

The BBT 2016-17 season concludes with a production of "Baggage" by Sam Bobrick and directed by Nikka Zimmer. It will be performed June 23 through July 8. The play follows two 30-somethings who confuse their luggage at JFK Airport.

For tickets and additional information, visit www.no-strings.org.



Nora Thomas, left, and Marissa Bond of Black Box Theatre's "Out of Sterno."

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Bond money means new NMSU art building

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

“Thank God we got the bond passed,” said New Mexico State University Department of Art (DoA) Academic Head Julia Barello.

She and other department and University Art Gallery staff had been dealing earlier this month with the aftermath of a steam heater pressure relief valve blowing on two successive nights, which released steam into the gallery and threatened to damage “a lot of expensive artwork” that is “very sensitive to moisture in the air,” Barello said.

Art students were in the building when the first malfunction occurred at about 10:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9. They alerted Barello and other department staff, along with plumbers, HVAC personnel and the NMSU Fire Department.

Fortunately, Barello said they were able to cool the gallery down before

there was any damage to the art.

Even more fortunate, one of the four general obligation bonds passed by New Mexico voters during the Nov. 8 general election allocates \$22.5 million to build a new art building in the parking lot just west of D.W. Williams Hall, the 78-year-old building on University Avenue near Solano Drive that has housed DoA since 1974.

A former gymnasium (the Aggies played there from 1938 until the Pan American Center opened in 1968), nearly one-third of Williams Hall’s square footage is taken up by concrete bleachers. It also lacks proper ventilation for students and staff using chemical processing in art programs. It doesn’t have enough classroom space and doesn’t provide adequate storage for NMSU’s 4,000-piece art collection, including its world-class 1,700-piece collection of retablos that date to the 1890s.



Left to right are NMSU Department of Art Academic Head Julia Barello and NMSU Art Gallery Interim Director Michelle Lanteri. Behind them is a piece of art called “Once Again a Version of Nature Through My Eyes,” which artist Jason Middlebook of Hudson, New York created in 2011 and loaned to NMSU for the Geomagic show at the NMSU Art Gallery. The artwork, valued at \$60,000, is made of unsealed wood and is a living piece that continues to shift and settle.

As the heater issue demonstrated, the pieces need better protection from water damage, humidity and dust, NMSU Art Gallery Interim Director Michelle Lanteri said.

With bond money, a new home for the art collection – which staff is now valuing – and the entire department will soon become a reality. That includes the NMSU Museum Conservation Program, one of only three art conservation programs in the United States.

“We serve about 200 undergraduate and graduate majors and another couple hundred students who are non-majors each semester,” Barello said.

The department offers bachelor’s and master’s degrees in arts and fine arts, minors in art, art

history and museum conservation; and a graduate certificate in museum studies. It includes ceramics, drawing and painting, graphic design and media arts, metals, photography, printmaking and sculpture.

The Geomagic exhibit that opened in September and closes Dec. 21, drew more than 1,800 visitors to the NMSU Art Museum, Barello said. A much-anticipated faculty art show will move into the museum in mid-January.

The new art building will also provide a room for researchers to examine the department’s collection, and it will provide space for at least two concurrent exhibitions at all times as well as a modeling lab.

“It will further our teaching mission,” Barello said.

And it will allow DoA to collaborate more with its partners in Las Cruces, regionally, nationally and internationally.

It puts NMSU “on a global art stage,” Lanteri said.

“The discipline of art is bigger and more multi-layered and more complex than it was 20 years ago,” Barello said.

Both Barello and Lanteri said they were concerned about the bond passing on Election Day.

“I was really nervous about it,” Lanteri said. “I was putting all of my positive energy into it.”

Barello said the department and NMSU as a whole did a lot of outreach in support of the bond, but she wondered, “Have we really made our case clear?”

Voters said “Yes,” passing the higher edu-

cation bond that includes DoA construction funds with more than 63 percent of the vote.

“We have a lot of community backing,” Lanteri said.

Art is valuable not only because of the dollar amount attached to it, but because it provides an important cultural record and is “the visual expression of our culture,” Barello said.

The department already has artists’ renderings of what the inside and the outside of the new building will look like.

“A great deal of the credit for the success of Bond Issue C goes to Ammu and Rama Devasthali and their many good friends who raised over \$800,000 as the initial investment in the Art Department building, thus garnering much needed support from the Legislature,” NMSU Provost Garrey Carruthers said. “This same group, supported by Ricardo Rel, Aggie Saltman, Dr. Gerald Burke and the Bond Issue C campaign, formed the winning team and the issue passed comfortably.”

Carruthers said NMSU will issue bid specifications for the DoA construction in mid-2017 and expects to begin construction in late 2017.

For more information, contact DoA at 575-646-1705. Contact Barello at jbarello@ad.nmsu.edu and Lanteri at mlanteri@nmsu.edu. Visit <https://artdepartment.nmsu>.

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Chile Drop set for New Year's Eve on Downtown plaza

BULLETIN REPORT

Project MainStreet will host the Las Cruces Chile Drop from 9 p.m. to midnight on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, on the new Downtown plaza as the city welcomes 2017.

Live music will be provided by the band Caliente, the Hot Chile Dancers will perform, and there will be food trucks, a beer garden hosted by High Desert Brewery and the chile drop at midnight. There also will be an evening fashion shoot for anyone interested in a professional photo sitting.

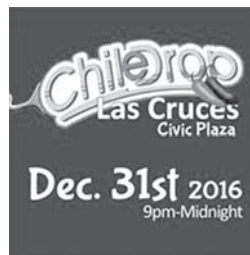
Grand Marshal Jamie Warren of

KVIA New Mexico will be the event host, said Project MainStreet Las Cruces Chair Russ Smith.

The reigning Chile Drop queen will be introduced for the first time at 9 p.m. She "will represent Project MainStreet at upcoming 2017 events," Smith said.

Here is the schedule of events for the Chile Drop:

- 9 p.m.: grand opening ceremony, including introduction of Chile Drop queen
- 10 p.m.: Caliente begins performing
- 11 p.m.: Hot Chile Dancers perform on



the main stage

- Midnight: Chile drop – will it be red or green?

"The overall character of the evening revolves around an urban funk idea," Smith said. "The song 'Uptown Funk,' popularized by contemporary artists, is going to be played (covered) live by

Caliente. Urban sounds, urban fashion and a slice of urban R&B dance will carry the night."

PRC Productions of Las Cruces will film the event.

Weaver's Crane Service of Las Cruces

will lift "the large chrome LED-lighted chile high into the air" for the chile drop," Smith said. "The controlled midnight descent is managed with simultaneous lights programming, sound programming and media display for the countdown. Emcees from the radio booths of Bravo Mic Communications will again gather in the energy of the crowd and the ongoing stage programming throughout the night."

For more information, contact Russ Smith at Project MainStreet Las Cruces at 575-640-8283 or russshbs@yahoo.com. Go to Facebook at Las Cruces Chile Drop and Project Mainstreet.

Original 'Beasts' casts own spell

By ADAM PALOMINO

For the Bulletin

GRADE: A-

I had my initial reservations when it was announced J. K. Rowling, author of the best-selling Harry Potter series, would be penning a spin-off film. Yes, she has proven herself to be an extraordinary writer, yet I couldn't shake the feeling this was another attempt from Hollywood to squeeze money out of a beloved franchise.

Boy, was I wrong.

Neither a prequel nor a sequel, "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" takes place 70 years before Harry's adventures at Hogwarts, smack dab in the middle of the Roaring Twenties, and successfully stands on its own merits as an original story.

Stepping in for Harry in the role of the protagonist is Newt Scamander

(Eddie Redmayne), a quirky wizard who's been gathering his own collection of "fantastic beasts" from around the world to study and conserve. He keeps these beasts in a magical briefcase, which, while making a stopover in New York City, ends up getting confused with the briefcase of an aspiring baker.

The baker, Jacob Kowalski (Dan Fogler), unknowingly sets a number of the creatures loose on the city. Now Newt must track down and apprehend the creatures or else risk exposing the wizarding world.

From the opening credits to the final scene,



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Eddie Redmayne stars in the J.K. Rowling fantasy "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them."

"Fantastic Beasts" kept me enthralled. Whether it's the story, which feels like an old classic or the stellar performances from the main cast, the magnificent and — for the most part adorable — creatures, or the truly breathtaking visuals, there's something for everyone.

Bringing Rowling's script to life is David Yates, director of the last four Potter films, who knows just how to create the right sense of splendor, without diluting the overall story or the characters.

Like every other blockbuster these days, there are multiple planned sequels coming down the pipeline, and "Fantastic Beasts" is merely the stepping stone to what Warner Bros. and J. K. Rowling have planned for this franchise.

While I can't say who, a character from Harry Potter lore shows up in the final moments of the film and his presence gives the clearest clue where this story might be headed.

It gives me an immense sense of joy to say I'm no

longer concerned with the fate of this franchise, and am now eagerly an-

icipating the sequel, and the many more that are sure to follow.



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<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">December 23-29</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">The Eagle Huntress</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">In Kazakh w/subtitles "There's a spirit that soars in this nature doc about a 13-year-old who becomes Mongolia's first female eagle hunter in 12 generations." Rolling Stone **The theatre will be closed Dec. 24-25</p>	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">December 30-Jan 5</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">The Handmaiden</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">In Korean & Japanese w/ subtitles "A potent combination of larceny, taboo sexuality, and steamy love scenes enhanced by Seong-hie Ryu's sumptuous set decor." Chicago Reader **This movie is free for current members. **The theatre will be closed Dec. 31</p>
<p style="margin: 0;">Nightly 7:30 Saturday matinee 1:30 Sunday matinee 2:30 Digital Cinema! Like us on Facebook! LC1-LV33755</p>	



COURTESY PHOTO

Tom Foster Morris & Friends will perform at 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 23, at NM Vintage Wines at 2461 Calle de Principal in Mesilla.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Call to Artists: Monument Artist in Residence program

The Friends of Organ Mountains Desert Peaks and Bureau of Land Management announce a call to artists to apply for the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument Artist in Residence Program to take place May 1-31, 2017.

The Artist in Residence program educates and promotes the appreciation, protection and preservation of natural and cultural resources on public lands. The residency provides an artist and public an opportunity to interact to better enhance the understanding of the public lands as well as the unique qualities an artist's eye can capture.

Entries for the 2017 Spring Residency must be received via email on or before Feb. 28.

2017. For more information, see program details and application materials at: organmountainsdesertpeaks.org/artist-in-residence/ or contact Ben Gabriel at 575-323-1423 or email info@organmntfriends.org.

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. 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

Free spirit dance offered

Spirit Dance - Express your spirit through free dancing. No experience necessary. Takes place from 2-3 p.m., every Wednesday at the Center for Spiritual Living in the Heart of Las Cruces at 575 N. Main St. Info: 575-523-4847.

TV show premieres Jan. 7 on channel 98

Las Cruces promoter Stan Blitz and partner Alfred Gutierrez will premiere the first viewing of their new cable television show at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7, with a repeat at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 8, Blitz said.

The half-hour show is called "What You Don't Know," and is produced by Blitz and Gutierrez's S & A Productions. The show will cover a wide range of topics, Blitz said. The first program, taped in December will be about

identity theft, Blitz said.

"People don't know anything about identity theft until it hits home," Blitz said, adding that it happens "every two seconds" nationwide.

"We want to help people, and that's why we're creating the show," Blitz said.

The show airs on Comcast Cable public access channel 98. For more information, contact Blitz at saprinting06@gmail.com.

Barbershop quartet to sing at library meeting

The Friends of the Branigan Library will hold its Annual Meeting at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 19, in the Good Samaritan Auditorium. The agenda will include year-end reports, review of by-laws and nomination and election of officers for the organization for 2017. The evening will also feature refreshments and musical entertainment. The meeting is

free and open to the public.

Special entertainment for the event is the Cactus Chords barbershop quartet. The popular group performed for the first annual Real Men Sing Concert sponsored by the New Mexico State University Music Department and was named the 2016 gold medalist in the New Mexico Senior Olympics competition in the 65+ class, making them eligible for the national competition in Birmingham, Alabama in June 2017.

The Friends organization looks forward to providing new opportunities and services as the Branigan Library moves through the 21st century. The Friends consist of more than 200 members, including individuals, families and businesses. For more information about becoming a Branigan Library Friend or giving to the library, visit the website, libraryfriendslc.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.
- Intermediate and Advanced Drawing and Painting: Thursdays 1-3:30 p.m.

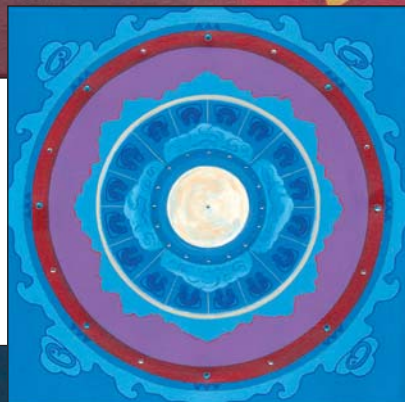
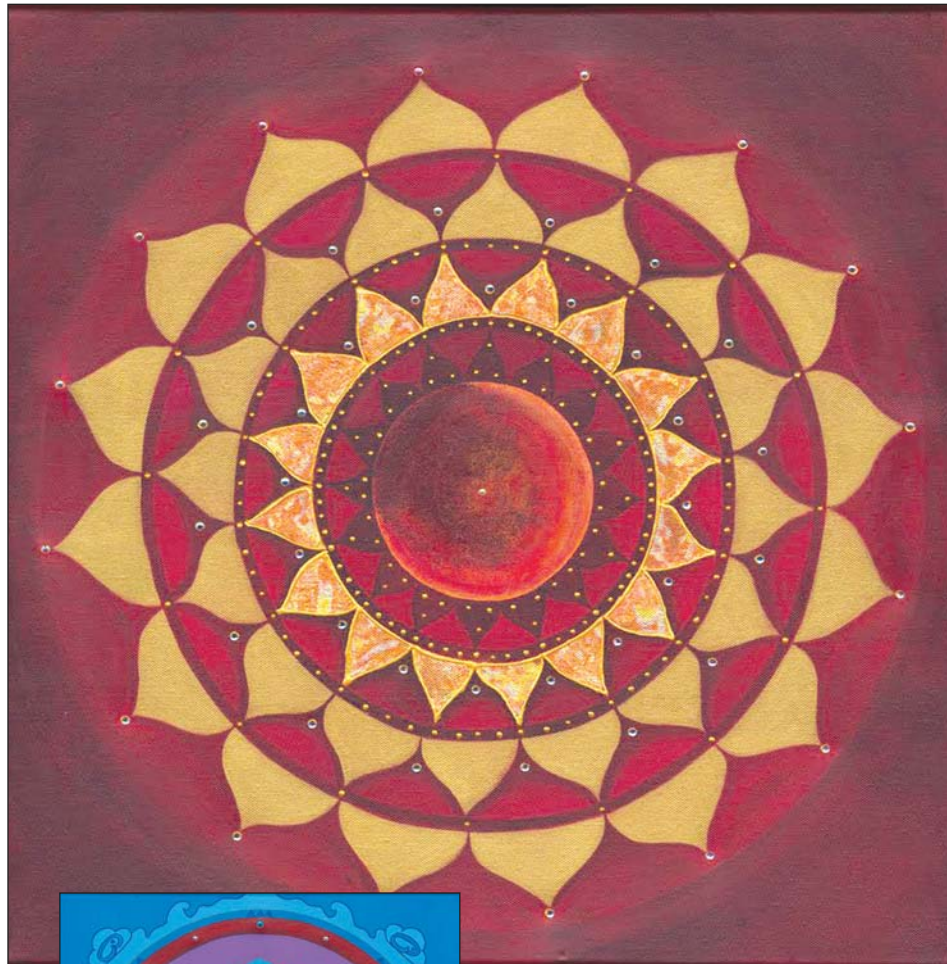
High School Students are welcome in either class.

Payments of \$45 are due every four weeks. Students may begin anytime.

In addition, home school art classes offered for students between ages of 7 and 12, who may enroll in classes repeated every Wednesday from noon to 12:50 p.m. Price is \$25 for four classes.

Instructor is Wayne Carl Huber, MFA, is licensed in art education in New Mexico and has 50 years of teaching art nationally.

Info: 575-647-5684 or www.waynecarlhuber.com.



Paintings and photographs make up the display, "Moons, Mandalas & Meditations" at the Tombaugh Gallery.

COURTESY PHOTOS



GALLERIES & OPENINGS

'Moons' exhibit continues at Tombaugh Gallery

The exhibit, "Moons, Mandalas & Meditations" continues at the Tombaugh Gallery, with a second opening at 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 6. The artist Corina's exhibit includes acrylic, gold leaf and India ink mandala paintings, full moon photographs and inspirational meditations.

The Tombaugh Gallery is located inside the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano, and is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The gallery will be closed Dec. 24 to Jan. 3. The exhibit continues through Jan. 27. For details call the church at 575-522-7281.

Three new exhibits open

Three new exhibits have opened at the Branigan Cultural Center at 501 N. Main St.

The new exhibits are: "An Enduring Tradition: 20th Century Navajo Weaving"; "Howard Clinton Tibbitts: Historic Advertising Photography of the Southwest"; "In Service to Country: Military Equipment 1860 to Present".

All will be on display through Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017. Admission is free to the Branigan Cultural Center. Info: 575-541-2154.

Shopping at Nopalito's Galeria

Fabric crafts in brilliant shades of red, yellow, green and blue and warm tones of pumpkin and purple hang in every tiny room of Nopalito's Galeria at 326 S. Mesquite St.

The gallery has been transformed into La Frontera, a fair trade shop where the work of women artisans from northern Mexico is on display and on sale.

The shop will be open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Christmas.

For those who enjoy the exhilaration of last-minute gift shopping, La Frontera will be open until 3 p.m. Christmas Eve.

Gallery features Tugel, Hendrickson

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre, will feature local artists Arlene J. Tugel and Sylvia Hendrickson.

Tugel likes the pure, glowing color that can be achieved with watercolor, her preferred medium. Hendrickson works with gourds and her technique includes carving and wood burning, using dyes, inks, paints, beads, feathers and leather with a variety of other natural products. She also conducts classes on the subject.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Sunday. For information, call 575-522-2933 or visit the web site at www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

Blue Gate to show Estelle's works

Donnie Estelle's art works are on display at the Blue Gate gallery. A 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 blue-gateflodoc@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.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery artists, events

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, will feature two artists, Ruth Ann Sugarman and Yvonne Postelle, in January.

Sugarman, born a New Englander, received a BA from the University of Iowa and came to the Southwest after retiring as an educator. Her love of landscapes fascinated her to communicate in color, shape, line and texture. She is primarily an acrylic landscape painter.

Postelle works primarily in oils and mixed media oil pastel as a landscape painter. The love of art has been a constant passion as long as she can remember. She retired from the business world in 1989 to pursue art.

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts gallery will hold its annual Love of Art Month/My Masterpiece contest and reception in February, 2017. There will be more information in February.

WE WANT YOUR SUBMISSIONS

If you have an announcement you'd like to see in the calendar or galleries, please send to brook@lascrucesbulletin.com.

Teen 'Huntress' breaks tradition in Mongolia



GRADE: B

The Eagle Huntress opens Friday, Dec 23, at the Fountain Theatre at 2469 Calle De Guadalupe, Mesilla to play 7:30 p.m. daily. Please note the theater will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

COURTESY PHOTO

Teenager Aisholpan breaks with tradition in Mongolia to become the first female to hunt with eagles.

By **JEFF BERG**
For the Bulletin

Although slightly calculating because of the editing, "The Eagle Huntress" is an interesting and beautifully shot documentary film made in Mongolia.

Aisholpan is a young woman of 13. She is smart and determined and has eagle in her blood, one might say. For more than 10 generations, no woman in her family, or in any other family for that matter, has been allowed to participate in hunting with eagles; a multidiscipline-type part of the Mongolian culture.

A brief scene of quick snippets of men stating why women shouldn't be allowed to do so includes the smile producing line "They get cold" from one eagle hunter. No valid reasons are offered, just the usually manly pithy excuses.

But Aisholpan and her father are out to prove them wrong.

The tradition involves training an eagle to hunt with a human, simultaneously. But first one must capture an eagle, something that occurs with a tense scenario of Aisholpan and her father, Agalai, taking to the mountains to find an eaglet that still can't fly, but is about ready to be able to do so and leave the nest.

Lowering her by a rope down the side of a cliff, she adeptly captures her prey and is now ready to start training the creature.

Success is not far behind, as she participates

in the Golden Eagle Festival, an event that her father has won numerous times. Not only does she win on her first attempt, but her bird sets a record time, swooping down to her in an amazing five seconds. The rugged oldsters are still not satisfied and harrumph in unison, since they want Aisholpan and her eagle to actually have a victorious hunt.

It is not long before father and daughter are galloping across the steppes of Mongolia, pursuing a fox, an animal that is prized for its meat and fur (sensitive viewers note, the fox doesn't get a credit at the end of the film), encountering (staged?) difficulties during the hunt.

The problem with this picture besides the editing is that it feels very theatrical at times, with said editing adding to that feeling. At times it feels like a Disney nature picture and we never really get to know why Aisholpan is so taken, no pun intended, by eagles. We also see little of the rest of her life other than a bit of home life in the family yurt and a scene or two of her in boarding school.

The empowering of a young woman and the wonderful cinematography help overcome some of this, but there coulda/shoulda been more information about the culture and the family in order to liven things up somewhat.

Nonetheless, "The Eagle Huntress" is a good film, which offers a draw for the whole family, beyond real young kids. It is restive and graceful, but just a wee bit manipulative.

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Bridal
& SPECIAL EVENTS SHOWCASE

SAVE THE DATE

Whether your wedding is a year away or right around the corner, the Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events Showcase is a must-see event. Get hundreds of great ideas for your big day, including quinceañeras and other celebrations. Vendors of all categories will be there to give you hands-on advice and information. Be there Sunday, Jan. 29!

For more information, contact Las Cruces Event Planning
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Reel based on a 5-point scale.


Sing

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A koala named Buster Moon has one final chance to restore his theater to its former glory by producing the world's greatest singing competition.
Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon, Seth MacFarlane

Passengers

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A spacecraft traveling to a distant colony planet and transporting thousands of people has a malfunction in its sleep chambers. As a result, two passengers are awakened 90 years early.
Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Chris Pratt

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

Fences

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: An African-American father struggles with race relations in the United States while trying to raise his family in the 1950s and coming to terms with the events of his life.
Starring: Denzel Washington, Viola Davis

Manchester by the Sea

Rated: R
Plot Overview: An uncle is forced to take care of his teenage nephew after the boy's father dies.
Starring: Casey Affleck, Michelle Williams, Kyle Chandler

Moana


Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A young woman uses her navigational talents to set sail for a fabled island. Joining her on the adventure is her hero, the legendary demi-god Maui.
Starring: Auli'i Cravalho, Dwayne Johnson, Rachel House

Hacksaw Ridge

Rated: R
Plot Overview: WWII American Army Medic Desmond T. Doss becomes the first man in American history to win the Medal of Honor without firing a shot.
Starring: Andrew Garfield, Sam Worthington, Luke Bracey

Why Him?

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A holiday gathering threatens to go off the rails when Ned Fleming realizes that his daughter's Silicon Valley billionaire boyfriend is about to pop the question.
Starring: Zoey Deutch, James Franco

Assassin's Creed

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: When Callum Lynch explores the memories of his ancestor Aguilar and gains the skills of a Master Assassin, he discovers he is a descendant of the secret Assassins society.
Starring: Michael Fassbender, Marion Cotillard, Jeremy Irons

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

Collateral Beauty

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Retreating from life after a tragedy, a man questions the universe by writing to Love, Time and Death. Receiving unexpected answers, he begins to see how these things interlock and how even loss can reveal moments of meaning and beauty.
Starring: Will Smith, Kate Winslet

Rogue One

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The Rebellion makes a risky move to steal the plans for the Death Star, setting up the epic saga to follow.
Starring: Felicity Jones, Diego Luna, Alan Tudyk

AT THE MOVIES Your guide to the latest films

Coming to DVD on Dec. 27

When the Bough Breaks

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama, horror
Directors: John Cassar

Snowden

Rated: R
Genre: Drama, thriller
Director: Oliver Stone

American Honey

Rated: R
Genre: Comedy, drama
Director: Andrea Arnold

The Dressmaker

Rated: NA
Genre: Drama
Director: Jocelyn Moorhouse

Top grossing Dec. 16-18

- 1. Rouge One**
(Week No. 1) \$155,091,681
- 2. Moana**
(Week No. 4) \$12,726,232
- 3. Office Christmas Party**
(Week No. 3) \$8,587,528
- 4. Collateral Beauty**
(Week No. 1) \$7,102,085
- 5. Fantastic Beasts**
(Week No. 5) \$5,071,323
- 6. Manchester by the Sea**
(Week 5) \$4,244,014
- 7. La La Land**
(Week No. 2) \$4,102,091
- 8. Arrival**
(Week No. 6) \$2,972,958
- 9. Doctor Strange**
(Week 7) \$2,210,912
- 10. Nocturnal Animals**
(Week No. 5) \$1,407,088

<p>Allen THEATRES SHOW TIMES GOOD FRI. 12/23 - THURS. 12/29 REGISTER AT ALLENTHEATRESINC.COM FOR EMAIL INFO AND SPECIALS</p>	<p>NO LATE SHOWS ON CHRISTMAS EVE</p>	<p>VIDEO 4 1005 S. EL PASEO ALL SEATS ALL TIMES \$3.50</p>
<p>TELISHOR 12 2811 TELISHOR BLVD.</p>	<p>CINEPORT 10 700 S. TELISHOR BLVD. www.cineport10.com</p>	<p>HACKSAW RIDGE (PG13) DAILY 3:15 6:15 9:15</p>
<p>ROGUE ONE SHOWING DAILY 2D: 12:00 3:30 6:45 10:00 (PG13) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT</p>	<p>SING SHOWING IN 3D: 3:15 9:10 2D: 11:40 12:15 2:15 4:50 6:10 7:25 10:00 (PG) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT</p>	<p>THE ACCOUNTANT (PG13) DAILY 3:00 6:00 9:00</p>
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<p>MANCHESTER BY THE SEA DAILY 12:50 4:00 7:00 10:00 (R) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT</p>	<p>ASSASSIN'S CREED SHOWING DAILY 2D: 11:20 4:40 7:20 3D: 2:00 10:00 (PG13) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT</p>	<p>6:45 9:10 TROLLS (PG) DAILY 2:30 5:00</p>
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<p>SING SHOWING DAILY 3D: 11:40 4:40 10:00 (PG) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT</p>	<p>COLLATERAL BEAUTY DAILY 1:00 3:30 6:20 9:00 (PG13) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT</p>	<p>HUMP DAY Film Club EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 & 7:00 ALL SEATS \$5.50 at Cineport 10</p>
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<p>ASSASSIN'S CREED SHOWING DAILY 2D: 3:45 6:45 3D: 12:45 9:45 (PG13) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT</p>	<p>OFFICE CHRISTMAS PARTY DAILY 11:35 2:10 4:40 7:20 9:55 (R)</p>	<p>SAMSON ET DALILA</p>
<p>WHY HIM? DAILY 11:30 2:05 4:40 7:15 9:50 (R) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT</p>	<p>STARTS SUN. DEC. 25 DAILY 12:20 3:25 6:30 9:40 (PG13) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT</p>	<p>Event Cinema SPECTICAST</p>

PUZZLES

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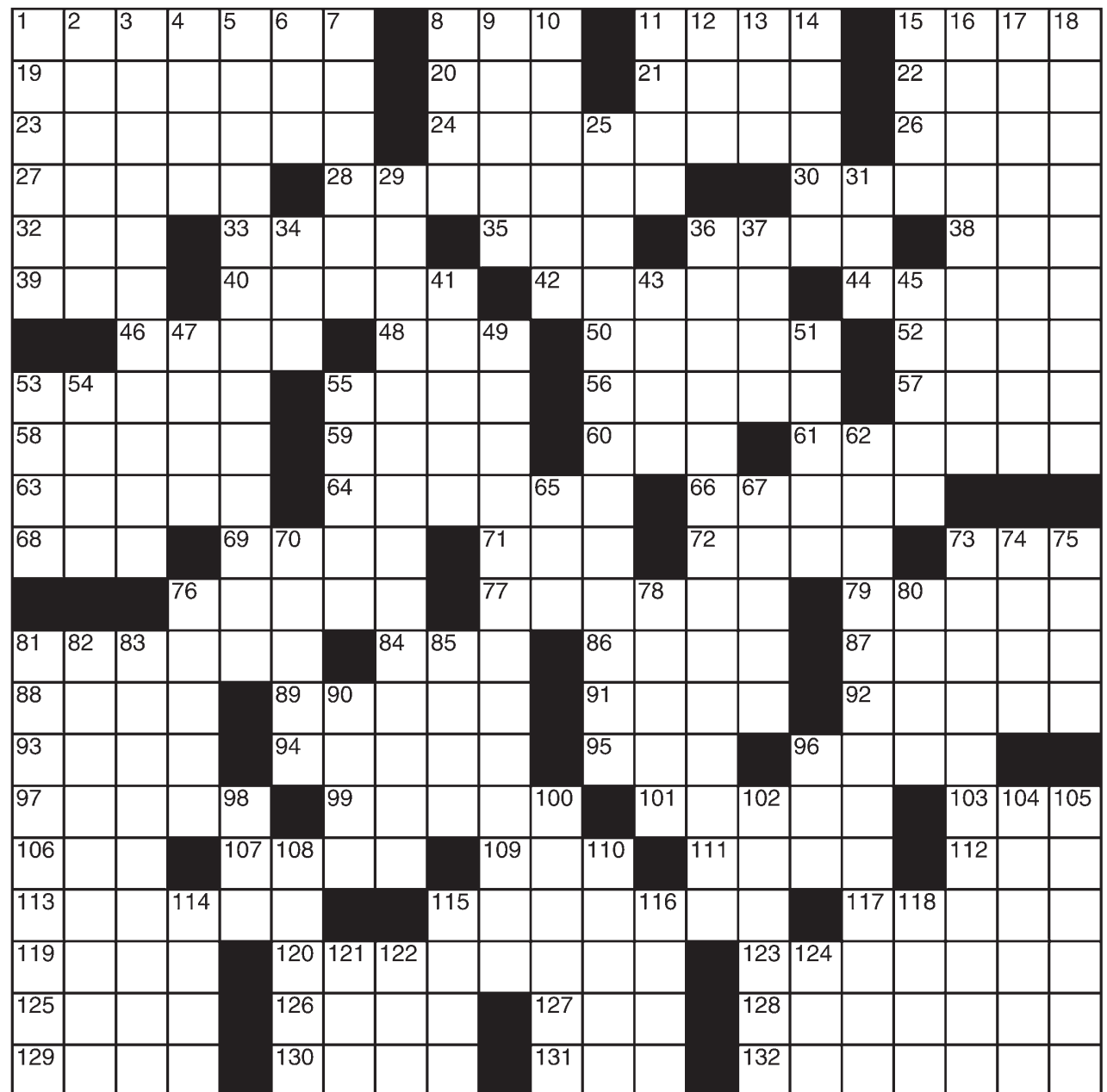
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 23 Rod used by a bartender
 24 Meted out
 26 Apple line
 27 Itchy skin problem
 28 Ski resort near L.A.
 30 Set fire to
 32 Suffix with Mideast
 33 Horror-film lab assistant
 35 Runner-turned-lord Sebastian
 36 Swab brand
 38 Hack off
 39 Treasury secretary Jack
 40 Pops' moms
 42 Give credit where credit —
 44 Growl like a mad dog
 46 Unlucky day for Caesar
 48 "Mass — Minor" (Bach work)
 50 Dirties
 52 Opera piece
 53 Did very little
 55 Growl like a mad dog
 56 "Speed up," in mus.
 57 Oceans
 58 Puccini title role
 59 San Jose, Costa —
 60 Show people to seats, informally
 61 Approach boldly
 63 Sing softly
 64 Straighten, as a twisted hose
 66 Prevent, in court
 68 — Solo (sci-fi role)
 69 Simian "King"
 71 Oslo loc.
 72 — guilt trip on
 73 — -cone (cold treat)
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 77 12-step support group
 79 Detox center
 81 Skier's hut
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 87 Skier's locale
 88 "Whatever — Wants"
 89 Cymbal pair in a drum kit
 91 Cruel Roman emperor
 92 Broncos great John
 93 Tell- — (exposes)
 94 Vodka brand, briefly
 95 That, to Juanita
 96 "A Death in the Family" novelist James
 97 Hunts for
 99 Decode
 101 East -- (country of Asia)
 103 LP letters
 106 "Dear" man
 107 Girasol, e.g.
 109 Lyricist Gershwin
 111 "The Lion King" lioness
 112 Female hare
 113 Metal bars
 115 More hammy
 117 Actor Elba
 119 Like both-sex colleges
 120 Examination
 123 Early Greeks
 125 Writer Bronte
 126 Sultry singer Horne
 127 Actor Wallach
 128 Recluse
 129 Not including
 130 Castle trench
 131 Notes before mis
 132 Placed a burden on

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 6 Rail holder
 7 Message from a pulpit
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 9 Spring bloom
 10 Hoi —
 11 Chichi
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 13 '60s prez
 14 Pizza cut edges, e.g.
 15 Exiled Idi
 16 Much like
 17 Many Handel works
 18 Fall right onto one's mug



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 31 Driver's rte. displayer
 34 Propane, e.g.
 36 Pielike cheese-and-bacon dish
 37 Prefix with conference
 41 Light meal
 43 Scrip writers
 45 Racial equality org.
 47 1920s-'30s art style
 49 An EEG records it
 51 Bluish gray

53 Craving
 54 "Explorer" of kiddie TV
 55 Hog's sound
 62 Rough in texture
 65 Old Cambodian leader Lon —
 67 Zenith rival
 70 Swearwords
 73 Bathroom stall outlet
 74 California wine area
 75 Do as bid
 76 Cruet cousin
 78 A-bomb trial

80 Fashion mag since 1945
 81 Like Mozart music
 82 Golfer's ace
 83 Dander and dust, often
 85 Dial up
 90 "— shame"
 96 ISP choice
 98 Bar fixture?
 100 Pencil topper
 102 Actress Hemingway
 104 Grosse —, Michigan
 105 Bollixed (up)
 108 Chapel song

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 121 Prefix with 81-Down
 122 California's Santa — River
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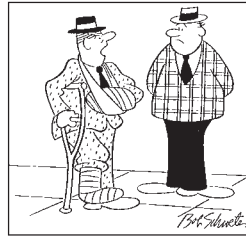
PUZZLES

WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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

SCRAMBLERS



"I guess your wondering why I never returned your _____?"

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!

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LAGER

Bestow
OWNED

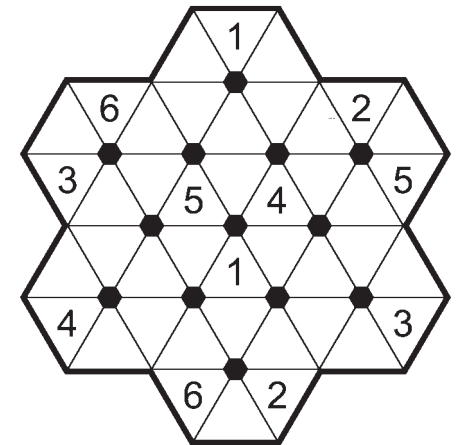
Joyful
DETALE

Wide
ADORB

TODAY'S WORD

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

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.

BMNMDPDXM RZW PUTLM LDNS UA

N ODYUHD BWOODXGR BMZVB

ZVDSNMUXT: "ODADHMUYD

UPPDOUNMDGR."

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Statement you might hear if a device suddenly stops operating: "Defective immediately."

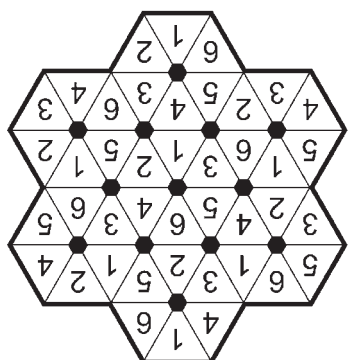
CRYPTOQUIP

LADDER

Today's Word

3. Elated; 4. Broad; 1. Glare; 2. Endow;

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

5	4	9	6	2	7	3	1	8
1	6	2	4	8	3	5	7	9
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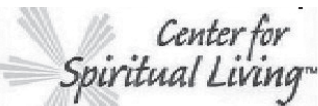
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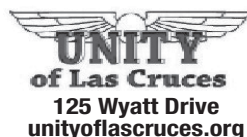
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Eternity is not simply time outside time

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"Where will you spend eternity?" I've always had a
problem with them. My problem is more basic than
the religious sentiment they bear. It is because they
confuse two experiences: time and eternity.

We think time
is measurable. I
think, "I got up at
5:30 a.m. to write
the first draft of
this column, so I
will have more time
to do other things
today." I may think
that there are only
seven hours until
12:30 p.m., at which
time I'll have lunch. Time
is like space in this reck-
oning: I can measure the
distance from a "now"
until a "then."

We think time is quan-
tifiable. A friend will call
and say, "Do you have any
time to see me today?" In
this case time is like the
cash in your wallet. I only



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have so much of
it to spend for a
given period of
time. Then it's
gone and I have to
go to the bank and
draw out more —
which is what we
do when we sleep
and rise to begin a
new day.

Past, present
and future are experi-
ences of time. St. Augus-
tine wrote something like,
"the past is always the
present past, the pres-
ent is always the present
moment, and the future
is always the present
future." In grammar, we
call past, present, and
future "tenses" because
they express the tension
we feel between where we
are and what we have ex-
perienced or will experi-
ence. For Augustine, time
is nothing other than the
tension of consciousness
itself.

Eternity is not time, so
you cannot "spend" it, as
the billboard suggests.
Eternity is timeless, but
even that adjective does
not grasp it. We continue
to think of an experience
that is measurable and
quantifiable. Even the
Japanese way of describ-
ing eternity as how long
it would take a humming-
bird, stroking a feather
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Catholic Charities provide dignity to the most vulnerable

By **PAULINA RODRIGUEZ**

For the Bulletin

Catholic Charities donates over 130 bags of female hygiene products for young girls and women facing adversity to help bring dignity to the low-income and homeless women living in the border region who do not have the resources to afford feminine hygiene products.

Feminine hygiene products are expensive, food stamps do not cover them, and people rarely donate them. Young homeless girls and women in Doña Ana County often go without these essential products which is detrimental to good health. For example, the lack of access to pads and tampons force women to routinely use these for excessive lengths of time, causing bacterial and fungal infections.

Each donation bag contains pads, tampons, wet wipes and new underwear. The organizations

receiving the bags are The Gospel Rescue Mission, Community of Hope and the Cathedral of The Immaculate Heart of Mary. The donations are possible thanks to a grant awarded to Catholic Charities by Theresa's Treasure — congregational funds from the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters in Pennsylvania.

Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico is a nonprofit organization with the mission to serve others and create opportunity and hope by offering assistance to people in need, advocating for human dignity and social justice, and calling all people of good will to do the same. If you would like to donate, please contact the office at 575-527-0500 or visit the website at www.catholiccharitiesdlc.org.

Paulina Rodriguez is with AmeriCorps VISTA Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico. She can be contacted at 575-527-0500 ext. 114.



Brittany Huerta, an intern with Catholic Charities, packs bags with feminine hygiene products for low-income and homeless women living in the border region.

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RELIGION BRIEFS

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church celebration

Celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ at a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24 at 25401 El Paseo Road. The celebration continues at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 25 with a Christmas Day Song Service with the theme "They Shall Call His Name Emmanuel ... God with Us."

New Year's Eve Worship at 6:30 p.m., and New Year's Day Service at 10 a.m. Weekly worship services are held every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Info at www.crossofchristlc.net, on the Facebook page, or by calling 915-740-7714 or 575-649-5458.

Christmas story at CSL

Metaphysical interpretation of the Christmas story: "The Gift of the Spirit" in conjunction with New Thought Churches, Unity and Wellspring at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24 at Center for Spiritual Living in the Heart of Las Cruces, 575 N. Main St. Refreshments will be served. 575-523-4847.

Unity of Las Cruces holiday schedule

Shared service with Center for Spiritual Living 6 p.m. Sat. Dec. 24 at 575 N. Main St. Music, candlelight service and inspiring message.

Sunday, Dec. 25 – No service.

Burning Bowl service 4 p.m. Sat. Dec. 31 at 125 Wyatt Drive. Release the past and invite joy and happiness in the New Year.

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017 – No service.

Info: www.unityoflascruces.org

Temple Beth-El celebrates Hannukah

The community is welcome at Temple Beth-El to celebrate Hanukkah beginning

at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 30 at 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave. At 6:15 p.m. a service for Sabbath of Hanukkah will include lighting Hanukkah candles (bring a menorah to light) and special music. Following the service, "dreidels and dessert" include Hanukkah delicacies and games. Info: 575-524-3380.

ONGOING

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.

Unity of Las Cruces weekly events

From 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday is a book study; all are welcome. 11 to 11:30 a.m. is a Meditation Service. 10:30 a.m. all Sunday worship celebrations at 125 Wyatt Drive. Info: 575-523-5592 or www.unityoflascruces.org.

Genesis Bible Study at Revival Fire Bookstore

Bible study 6:30 p.m. every Thursday (except the fourth week of the month) at Revival Fire Bookstore, 2645 Missouri Ave., Suite 5. All are welcome to the Book of Genesis Bible Study.

This book of beginnings lays out foundational principles for life on earth and beyond. Info: Bev at 575-642-1003.

International Association for Near-Death Studies

Near-death experiences are discussed at 1:30 p.m. the third Monday of every month at Unitarian Universalist Church great room, 2000 S. Solano Drive.

A peer to peer group for understanding near-death experience. Info: 928-897-0933.

Bible school and more at Agape Christian

Events at Agape begin at 4:30 p.m. Sundays at 1400 6th street (6th and Wilson). The New Agape Christian Church in partnership with the Dream Center offers Sunday Bible School for all ages for those who work Sunday morning, or those who like to sleep late on Sunday and for folks whose church no longer offers Bible School, at Bible School is followed at 5:45 p.m. with Secret Church and Children's church. The adult study is a Biblical, historical, scientific, theological study. Communion served to all believers. Info: Herb Pinney 575-650-3915.

ETERNITY

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Eternity, however, stands outside time; eternity is a different quality of experience from time. The eternal bears no tension of consciousness; all is at rest and one.

Two Greek words describe the difference. One word is recognizable: *chronos*. From it we get chronology, chronometer, chronic and other words for quantity or measure. The other word is *kairos*, which is not familiar because there are no English derivatives. It means the right psychological moment, the experience of spiritual depth or novelty in an instant.

The great American psychologist William James's "varieties of religious experience" center on eternity breaking into time. The Protestant theologian Paul Tillich preached and wrote that our experience of God is always in "the eternal now." The Jewish sage Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote that the Sabbath is an experience outside time. One could go on.

Christian theologians speak of the "Christ-event." The phrase reminds us that, whatever the life of Jesus of Nazareth means stretched over measurable time, in eternity it is one: everything happens at once. Because our minds are limited, we envision this like spokes of a wheel: Christmas here, Epiphany there, with Easter as the hub. To return to Augustine, all is at rest and one: the tension is resolved and we experience the whole event in one flash. In Christ *kairos* and *chronos* touch.

Hence angels, heavenly voices, shepherds, cattle and sheep around a child; hence the star, the legend of the Magi, all the accoutrements we associate with Christmas. All of it means to convey this: in Jesus of Nazareth eternity entered time. You can enter this moment if you wish. There is no compulsion, only an invitation. Where will you experience eternity?

Fr. Gabriel Rochelle is pastor of St Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, Las Cruces. Visit the church web site at <http://stanthonylc.org>



TOP LEFT: 606 W. Court St. TOP RIGHT: 1335 Gardner Ave.
LEFT: 703 City View Drive. BOTTOM: 606 W. Court St.

Best holiday light displays in Las Cruces

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**
Las Cruces Bulletin

When I was a child, my father used to take me around the neighborhoods of Albuquerque to search for beautiful Christmas light displays. We found many and it elevated our seasonal spirits and made the virgin eggnog we drank sweeter, the Christmas carols we listened to

on the radio better and the holiday itself more joyous.

In the spirit of imparting some Yuletide happiness to you, here are some locations in Las Cruces to see dazzling Christmas lights:

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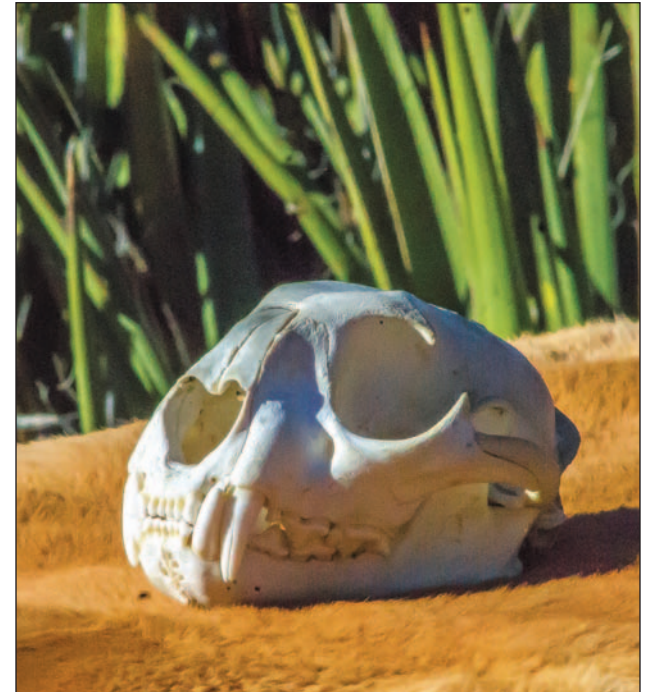


Marie Elena and Estela listen to the presentation given by NMSU Wildlife Museum students on Dec. 10 at Dripping Springs Natural Area Visitor Center about native wildlife in the Chihuahuan desert.

BULLETIN PHOTOS BY TABITHA ROSSMAN



Linda, Marie Elena and Estela attended a presentation at Dripping Springs being given by New Mexico State University Wildlife Museum students.



A Red Fox skull was one of several on display at a presentation about wildlife on Dec. 10.

Where the wild things are

On Saturday, Dec. 10 the New Mexico State University (NMSU) Wildlife Museum at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Dripping Springs Natural

Area Visitor Center presented museum specimens of common and uncommon wildlife species found in the Organ Mountains and Chihuahuan Desert.



New Mexico State University student Samantha Kling gave a presentation about the native mammals in the Chihuahuan Desert at Dripping Springs Natural Area Visitor Center on Dec. 10.

Sheriff's Department Citizen's Academy taking applications for 2017 volunteer class

BULLETIN REPORT

Applications are being accepted for the winter class of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department Citizen's Police Academy, which will kick off Jan. 7, according to a press release.

The academy will span eight consecutive Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon at DASO's Las Cruces headquarters, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

To date, more than 200 Doña Ana County residents have graduated from the program, which was re-launched in 2011 after a brief hiatus.

Each Citizen's Academy applicant must be 18 years of age or older, must be a resident of Doña Ana County, and must have a valid driver's license or photo ID.

Because of the sensitive nature of police work, a brief background check will be performed on each applicant.

Academy participants must not have any prior felony convictions and no misdemeanor arrests within the last three years, according to the release.

The academy takes class members through various divisions of the department in an effort to strengthen community partnerships through education and awareness.

Academy participants are volunteers who wish to learn more about the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department; it is not the cadet academy for those who wish to become certified law-enforcement officers with DASO.

According to the release, classes are interactive and give participants hands-on knowledge of how sheriff's deputies are trained to handle real-life situations.

Class members will examine traffic enforcement, understand the use of force – including the use of deadly force – observe K-9 demonstrations and presentations by the Special Response Team, bomb squad, and Animal Control.

Several field trips are included in the academy, including tours of the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority and the Doña Ana County Detention Center.

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

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



Activities, demonstrations and field trips are a part of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department Citizen's Police Academy which is currently taking applications for its winter session starting Jan. 7. The deadline to apply is Jan. 4.



Area real estate agents give back to the community

By **DAVE STEVENSON**

For the Bulletin

Members of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR) donated money, time, goods and services to local non-profit organizations that exceeded \$652,359 in value in 2016. The total includes \$122,340 in cash, \$110,825 in goods and services and 4,977 hours of personal time worth \$408,194. In addition, LCAR itself raised and donated cash, food



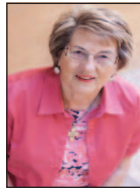
and college scholarships in excess of \$11,000 to several local agencies.

Elsie Bonfantini, chairman of the community service committee, said,



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“Over the 35 years I’ve been in the business, I have noticed how generous Realtors are regardless of where I am. The Realtors in Las Cruces are especially generous with their time, talent and



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money.”

In fact, 49 percent of the members supported religious organizations, 48 percent supported local clubs (Girl Scouts, Lions, etc.), 21% percent supported social and fraternal organizations and 14 percent supported other local agencies.

“The Las Cruces Association of Realtors gives back to our community in many, many ways,” said LCAR President Billie

Haynie. “Our association and our members individually have contributed money and hours of volunteer time to help our beautiful community grow and improve the life of our residents. The cumulative efforts of local Realtors have given back over \$650,000 in money and time to Las Cruces and Doña Ana County. We are committed to our charity work, protecting property rights and help-

ing the less fortunate in our area.”

In a survey of members conducted by LCAR, 91 percent of respondents reported supporting local non-profit organizations. The goal of the association is to do even more to help the community in 2017.

Dave Stevenson is the Chairman of the Public Relations Committee Las Cruces Association of Realtors.

Yard of the Month

The High Range Neighborhood Association December Yard Of the Month winner is Joanna & Lyn Haston on Featherstone Drive.

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UP Coalition offers anonymous drug drop box

Sheriff's Office opens new drug box with ribbon cutting

DOÑA ANA COUNTY
SHERIFF'S REPORT



On Wednesday, Dec. 14 the UP! Coalition and the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office (DASO) held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the placement of a permanent prescription drug drop box. This box gives the community an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs, according to a DASO press release. For the first time in Doña Ana County you can bring pills for disposal to DASO at 845 Motel Blvd. (No liquids, needles or sharps; only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked and will be available during normal hours of operation, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

In addition to offering the prescription drug drop box, educational materials on safeguarding all prescription medications in lockboxes at home and parent prescription drug handbooks will be available at the drop site, according to the release.

Every year, in both spring and fall, the DEA offers communities, through their national prescription drug take-back event, opportunities to clean out and dispose

of prescription medications. Last September, Americans turned in 350 tons (over 702,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at more than 5,000 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,800 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 10 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 5.5 million pounds of pills.

This permanent prescription drug drop box initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue, the release stated. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines —flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash— both pose potential safety and health hazards. For this reason, it is



important that residents are aware that they now can take medications to DASO, during normal operating hours, for proper disposal, according to the press release.

For more information about the permanent prescription drug box and disposal of prescription drugs contact Marisol Diaz, UP! Coalition Program Manager, at 575-534-0101 ext. 2119 or mdiaz@swchi.org.



ABOVE: Ned Rubin demonstrates the drug drop box at the ribbon cutting on Dec. 14 at the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office. Community members can drop off potentially dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs anonymously, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 845 Motel Blvd. LEFT: Doña Ana County Sheriff Enrique "Kiki" Vigil (center) cuts the ribbon while Marisol Diaz, Up Coalition program manager, and Community Outreach Deputy Michelle Ugalde help on Dec. 14.

Legal guide for LGBTQ families available

Equality New Mexico, in partnership with Family Equality Council have released a new legal guide for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) families living in New Mexico, according to an Equality New Mexico press release. This resource provides LGBTQ-headed families and LGBTQ individuals with detailed and accessible explanations of the current status of federal and state, including recognition of same-sex marriages, parental rights, adoption, applying for documentation for children, nondis-



crimination protections, school policies, healthcare, parental leave and more. The guide also includes a list of legal documents it is recommended that all same-sex couples secure in order to ensure their rights and wishes are respected.

“Legal protections for LGBTQ families vary from state to state and although the climate in New Mexico has

been more accepting than in some states, LGBTQ families may still experience discrimination and be denied equal access to education, employment, housing, healthcare, and public accommodations,” says Denise Brogan-Kator, director of state policy for family equality council in the press release. “We hope that this resource will help families across New Mexico better protect their families, particularly given the newly uncertain political landscape we are now facing.”

Following the election last month, both Equality New

Mexico and Family Equality Council recommitted to defending LGBTQ families from discriminatory legislation, and to providing public education that accurately portrays LGBTQ families and reduces homophobia and transphobia, according to the release.

“Despite the advances in LGBT rights, the law has many gaps and confusing areas,” said Dorene Kuffer, an attorney in Albuquerque who specializes in New Mexico family law and who provided pro bono legal review of the guide. “Now, more than ever, a resource

such as this is invaluable to families across New Mexico. Thanks go out to the Family Equality Council and Equality New Mexico for putting this together.”

Access the guide in pdf format here: <http://bit.ly/NMLGBTQFamLaw>.

Jamie Dickerman of Equality New Mexico can be reached at 505-720-2195 or at jdickerman@griffinassoc.com; Ed Harris, director of communications for Family Equality Council can be reached at 617-502-8700 x236 or eharris@familyequality.org as per the release.

Beware of fraudulent charities at holiday time

By KELLY JAMESON

For the Bulletin

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

The department has fielded several phone calls from would-be victims who wanted to verify the legitimacy of the calls. Residents reportedly were asked to donate money over the phone to Patrolman's NPF, the National Patrolman's Foundation, or the National Police Foundation.

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

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

Calls originate from a 402 area code, but could be from anywhere if thieves are



using ghosting software that masks the true origination of the call. Such software prevents anyone from accurately tracing the call.

“Just because a telemarketer uses an organization's name does not mean that contributions will be used locally, or even for public safety personnel or their families at all,” said Doña Ana County Sheriff's Captain Michael Kinney

Kinney warns that anyone who suspects they have been contacted by a fraudulent organization to not give out any personal information over the phone, and do not divulge any sensitive financial information like bank account numbers, credit card numbers or social security numbers.

Legitimate donations can also be made locally by contacting the agencies directly.

Kelly Jameson is the public information officer for the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office. She can be reached at 575-386-4302.

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

After-Christmas special at Crossroads

On Monday, Dec. 26 Crossroads Acupuncture offers a \$10 acupuncture treatment at the new clinic location, 901 E. University Ave., Building 945, Suite G (just above Jimmy John's at the corner of University and Espina.)

For an appointment call 575-312-6569 or book online at crossroadsacupuncture.com.

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 lascrucessmselfhelp@gmail.com.

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Activities at Center for Spiritual Living

Spirit Dance – 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays.

Coloring for Peace - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7 (first Wednesday of the month.)

Single Parents Support Group – 7 to 8 p.m. every Thursday.

Shamanic Drumming & Meditation – first Friday of the month. Newcomers or seasoned practitioners welcome; participants must be 18 or older. 1:30 to 3 p.m.

All activities held at 575 N. Main St. Info: 575-523-4847.

Breast Cancer Support Group set for January

The group meets the fourth Saturday of each month, excluding December. The next monthly meeting is from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 at Memorial Medical Center West Side Annex Bldg., 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. The speaker will be Paul M. Phillips, MD, plastic and reconstructive surgeon. No pre-registration, no charge and open to all who are interested in health and wellness. For info, call 575-524-4373

Birth, death certificates available at Public Health Office

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

Breastfeeding support group

From 10 to 11:30 a.m. every Friday at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex, Piñon A meeting room Mama's Milk

Club Breastfeeding Support Group meets. Refreshments provided. Free. Info: 575-521-5393.

Zumba class at aquatic center

From 10 to 11 a.m. every Saturday the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department holds Zumba class at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Info: 575-541-2782.

Zumba at Mountain View Senior Circle

At 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Mountain View Senior Circle, 3948 Lohman Ave., Suite 1, Zumba classes are held. Info: 575-522-0503.

Flu vaccines available

Flu vaccines are offered in many locations, including doctor's offices, hospitals, public health offices, and pharmacies, as well as by many employers and some schools. New Mexico Department of Health encourages those with health insurance to contact their healthcare provider or pharmacist about getting the flu vaccine.

The Department offers vaccinations for people without insurance or who are otherwise not able to get vaccinated. Those with Medicaid or other insurance who go to Public Health Offices are asked to bring their insurance card.

To find out about flu vaccination clinics throughout the state, call the Immunization Hotline toll free at 866-681-5872 or visit <http://flushot.healthmap.org/> to see where the vaccine is being offered.

Immunizations available at Dept. of Health

The New Mexico Depart-

ment of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office at 1170 N. Solano Drive provides immunization services for children (0-18 years of age) on Monday mornings, Wednesdays and Fridays. Info: 575-528-5006.

Safe needle disposal/syringe exchange

The Las Cruces Public Health office provides safe needle disposal and syringe exchange from 8:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. every weekday at 1170 N. Solano Drive. Info: 575-528-5090.

Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach support group

Diabetes Educational Support Group meetings provide open discussion and short teaching regarding diabetes, and a question and answer period from 10 – 11:15 a.m. the third Thursday of each month in the meeting room of Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave.

Overeaters Anonymous

At noon Wednesdays in the library of St. James Episcopal Church, 1102 St. James Ave. and at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Overeaters Anonymous meets. OA is a fellowship of those individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from a compulsive relationship with food. Info: www.oa.org or call Barbara at 575-405-0128 or Wayne at 575-647-5684.

Kiwanis seeking donations for blanket drive

The Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces blanket drive to support the pediatric units at Memorial Medical Center and Mountain View Regional Hospital is asking for dona-

tions 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 the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department Tai Chi classes are held for adults. Cost: \$30 for a four-week session, \$15 for those 60 and older. Limited space available on a first-come, first-served basis. Info: 575-541-2455.

Meditation classes at Tesoro

At 6 p.m. Thursdays at 1605 S. Main St. Zen Buddhist meditation and study group with the Rev. K. Hilbert. Walk-ins welcome. Cost: \$7 drop-in, five classes for \$30 or 10 classes for \$60. Info: 575-541-5660.

Yoga at the Center for Spiritual Living

From 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays, 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays and

9:00-10:00 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, yoga classes meet at 575 N. Main St. \$5. Info: 575-523-4847.

Cancer support group meets at UUMC

From 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Cancer Care, a support group for those dealing with cancer, (patients, survivors, caregivers, family and friends) meets. Info: Betty Harris at 575-524-3994 or the church office at 575-522-8220.

BCOM sponsors MCAT prep

The Department of Biomedical Sciences at Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM) is offering a one-semester MCAT prep course for individuals interested in going to medical school.

Dates and times of the spring course are 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 18 to April 28, 2017. Application deadline is Jan. 10. For more information and to register visit: <https://bcomm.org/academics/bcom-mcat-prep-course/>

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Senate passes ECHO Act to increase rural NM access to health care

By **JENNIFER TALHELM**

For the Bulletin

On Nov. 29, U.S. Senator Tom Udall joined the full Senate in voting 97-0 to approve the Expanding Capacity for Health Outcomes (ECHO) Act — a measure based on the University of New Mexico's successful Project ECHO program — to increase access to high quality health care in rural communities. Udall is a cosponsor of the bill and, as a member of the Appropriations Committee, has been a strong

supporter of funding for the program.

The ECHO Act would expand the successful Project Extension for Community Health Outcomes (ECHO), a model program founded at the University of New Mexico in 2003 by Dr. Sanjeev Arora.

The project connects health care specialists and experts to primary care physicians in hard-to-reach areas using interactive video-conferencing. Originally designed to combat the Hepatitis-C epidemic

in New Mexico, Project ECHO now enables patients to get treatment for a diverse array of disease conditions from various levels of health care providers, and it has grown to serve communities nationwide and internationally.

"All New Mexicans deserve quality health care no matter where they live, and Project ECHO has helped ensure rural patients can get treatment without having to drive hours to see a specialist," Udall said. "Dr. Arora faced a seri-

ous health care challenge head-on by developing Project ECHO to provide case-based interactive training over video-conferencing so local physicians could deliver specialized treatment themselves.

"This is the kind of innovation that stems from a community coming together to create a solution that best meets its needs. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I was proud to support this project from the beginning. Now, as a cosponsor of the ECHO Act, I am thrilled to see New Mexico's model become the foundation for a national strategy to provide quality, accessible health care to all of our rural communities."

Arora, who pioneered the ECHO Project, welcomed the advancement of the ECHO Act: "Medical knowledge is explod-

ing, but it's often not traveling the last mile to ensure that patients get the right care in the right place at the right time. If we can leverage technology to spread best practices through case-based learning and mentoring of providers, we can move knowledge — instead of patients — to get better care to rural and underserved communities across the country."

While a quarter of Americans live in rural communities, only 10 percent of physicians practice in these areas. Partly because of lack of access to care, rural residents are more likely to suffer from some chronic diseases.

In addition to being a successful tool for tackling hard-to-treat diseases, the Project ECHO model has been used to treat behavioral health issues, improve

patient care and satisfaction, increase knowledge and reduce isolation for providers, and improve retention rates for physicians in rural, underserved areas.

In order to integrate the ECHO Project model into existing programs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the ECHO Act will require HHS and the Health and Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to analyze the model and its ability to improve patient care and provider education and report the findings to Congress along with ways these models have been funded by HHS and how to ensure continued funding.

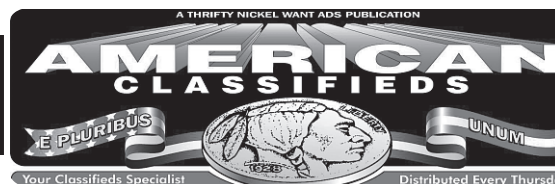
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Sen. Tom Udall meets with University of New Mexico leaders to follow up on their rural health initiative, Project ECHO and participate in a virtual-live clinic that helps doctors treat patients in rheumatology, Hepatitis C, congestive heart failure and diabetes. Project ECHO recently received an \$8.5 million Health Care Innovation Award as part of the Affordable Care Act to expand its operation, which includes the Las Cruces area.



COURTESY PHOTO

The NMSU men's basketball team walks up the court during a break in the action, Saturday, Dec. 17 in Tempe, Arizona. The Aggies defeated Arizona State.

Ags extend win streak to nine

BULLETIN REPORT

With two seconds remaining in the game, a raucous contingent of New Mexico State fans began chanting "AGGIES! AGGIES! AGGIES!" as NM State added another milestone to the list as it upended Arizona State 81-70 Saturday, Dec. 17, in Wells Fargo Arena.

"Definitely a big win for our players and obviously our program as well," Aggie coach Paul Weir said.

The win over ASU (6-5) was NM State's first victory over a Power 5 team since its 64-61 victory against Northwestern in 2004-05 at the BP Top of the World Classic in Fairbanks, Alaska. The last true road win for the Aggies against a

Power 5 opponent dated back to the 1994-95 season when Neil McCarthy's team defeated USC in the Preseason NIT game, 97-84. It is also NM State's first win over a Power 5 team in 14 attempts the last 10 years.

Then, on Monday, Dec. 19, the Aggies took down UC-Irvine 85-79. The victory extended NM State's winning-streak to nine and pushed its home win-streak to 17, dating back to last season.

ASU game

After an exchange of points to start the second half, an 18-6 run by NM State (10-2) put Arizona State over the edge as the Aggies never relinquished its lead the final 20 minutes of the game.

Braxton Huggins led all scorers with a game-high 24 points on 7-of-13 shooting, six of which came from 3-point range. Floor general Ian Baker added 19 points, eight rebounds and seven assists. Eli Chuha tallied his fourth double-double of the season with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

After a layup from Kodi Justice to put Arizona State up 3-0 to open the game, New Mexico State fired right back with a 13-2 run capped off by Huggins' second-straight 3-pointer – this time in front of the ASU bench which forced a Bobby Hurley timeout.

With a 23-16 lead at the 11:48 mark, NM State and ASU contin-

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SCAC honors former Trojan Cosgrove

By **BARBARA BOXLEITNER**
Special to Las Cruces Bulletin

Former Mayfield High School Trojan Mason Cosgrove was among five University of Dallas athletes to be recognized for her sportsmanship.

The sophomore was the lone representative from the women's soccer team on the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference fall all-sportsmanship team.

The forward out of Las Cruces was one of three to start all 19 games. Her lone goal was a game winner, and she had three assists.

Women's volleyball

University of the Southwest sophomore middle blocker Hannah Massey was named to the all-Red River Athletic Conference second team. The Mayfield graduate was second on the team in blocks and points and third in kills.

Southwest sophomore defensive specialist Corina Madrid was named to the all-honorable mention team. The Las Cruces High alumna was third on the squad in digs.

Pratt Community College sophomore setter Darlene Holguin, a Las Cruces resident, ranked second on the team with 483 set assists in 35 matches.

Football

Abilene Christian



COSGROVE

University linebacker Sam Denmark was named to the all-Southern

land Conference first team a second consecutive season. The middle linebacker, who played for the Bulldogs, was second in the conference with 111 tackles in 11 games.

Men's swimming

University of Wyoming freshman Sean Calkins placed third in the 100-yard backstroke against Colorado Mesa. The Las Cruces resident also scored by finishing fifth in the 200 backstroke.

Grand Canyon University freshman Noah Lambert was fourth in the 200 backstroke and fifth in the 100 backstroke against the U.S. Air Force Academy. He competed for Las Cruces.

Men's wrestling

Former Bulldawg Dylan Udero of Adams State University competed as an unattached wrestler at the Bob Smith Open. The freshman won by a fall in the consolation round 2 at 133 pounds.

Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at bboxleitner@outlook.com.

Ag women win hard-fought battle against UTEP

BULLETIN REPORT

New Mexico State women's basketball renewed their rivalry with the UTEP Miners as the Battle of I-10 pit the teams against each other in El Paso, Texas at the Don Haskins Center on Thursday, Dec. 15. The game was not decided until the final minutes; NM State ended up walking away with the victory, 67-59.

When asked about the back-and-forth contest, head coach Mark Trakh said, "The opposition came back and made a nice run which made it competitive. They're a good opponent and I'm proud of how our team played and came away with a win, after a hard-fought contest."

In their first game at the Play4Kay Shootout in Las Vegas, Nevada, though, the Aggies fell to the Quinnipiac Bobcats on Monday, Dec. 19.

UTEP game

Against the Miners, after winning the tip, New Mexico State started off strong going up 13-4 to open the game. A media timeout allowed UTEP to gather themselves as they closed the gap and the Aggies led 16-12 after the first 10 minutes of action. NM State play was led by senior guard Tamera William who put up 10 points early, hitting five of the team's first seven baskets.

When the second quarter opened, UTEP answered with a few runs of their own to gain their first lead of the game



NMSU guard Zaire Williams drives the ball against the New Mexico defense in a game earlier this season. The Aggie women defeated rival UTEP on Saturday, Dec. 17, but fell to Quinnipiac in the first round of the Play4Kay Shootout in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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at 3:00 in, as they went up 23-20. The Miners held the lead until Zaire Williams hit the Aggies' first three of the game and the momentum began to shift. This helped the Aggies respond late and they went back on top with one minute remaining as Moriah Mack hit back-to-back baskets.

The half closed out with NM State on top, 37-34. William headed into the locker room with 12 points and seven rebounds, while Mack added 10 points of her own.

The third quarter started with a three-pointer from Williams, her second of the game. Then a big 17-4 run by the Aggies was highlighted by back-to-back threes off of turnovers from Tonishia Childress and Gia Pack. This was

the team's best shooting quarter as they shot 50 percent from the field (7-14). Heading into the fourth quarter, NM State led 54-51.

As the final quarter began, each team came out firing with back-to-back baskets. Then the Miners looked to close the lead as NM State only led 59-50 halfway through the fourth, forcing the Aggies to call a timeout. After the timeout, UTEP kept the pressure up and put on a full-court press for the remaining time as the NM State lead continued to shrink. With one minute remaining, they only led by five points.

Time was on the Aggies' side to end the game, however, as they did not let the opposition score again and the team walked away with a 67-59 victory.

Quinnipiac game

Against the Quinnipiac Bobcats, the contest was tight from start to finish as the Aggies dropped a close one, 49-46.

After the tip, the game opened up with a quick 10-3 run for the Bobcats. NM State battled back and answered with a 10-3 run of their own, however, as they shifted momentum to close out the quarter.

Each team had a tough night shooting due to strong defense, but attacked the glass well and they both had 10 rebounds in the first quarter. The opening 10 minutes closed out at 13-13.

Each defense came out in the next quarter and kept the scoring low as NM State did not get their first basket until 2:05 into the second. The

baskets were few and far between for the Aggies as Quinnipiac jumped out to an 11-2 run.

A few key turnovers and free throw opportunities allowed the Aggies to cut into the lead as they only trailed 26-23 at the end of the first half.

The first 20 minutes saw senior guard Moriah Mack lead the team with six points, while Pack and Salas each had five. The NM State deficit began off of turnovers as they had 11 in the second quarter and Quinnipiac capitalized with nine points off of them.

As the teams emerged from the locker rooms, the score continued to remain close as they traded baskets.

Quinnipiac started with back-to-back scores to open the quarter, but NM State responded and

went on an 8-0 run to grab their first lead in over 10 minutes, 32-31. Quinnipiac took back the lead soon after, but with under a minute to go Salas hit two free throws and then Mack stole the resulting inbound pass to close the gap as the quarter ended, 40-37.

NM State remained behind throughout the fourth quarter, but the aggressive play of the Bobcats forced their leading scorer of the season, Jen Fay (11.0) out of the game with 6:00 left.

Quinnipiac's play also put the team in the bonus each quarter, but NM State could not capitalize on the opportunities and they were not able to close in on the lead as the final seconds ticked off the clock with the Aggies losing, 49-46.

Baker grabs WAC honor for second-straight week

NM State men's basketball floor general Ian Baker was named the Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week for the second-consecutive week Monday, Dec. 19, by the conference. Baker led the Aggies to two huge road games last week over Battle of I-10 rival UTEP and Arizona State.

Baker is the first player this season to earn back-to-back conference weekly honors after averaging 19.5 points, 6.5 rebounds and 4.0 assists in those two games for NM State.

The Washington, D.C., product first led New Mexico State to its second rivalry win in four days

last Tuesday against UTEP on the road with a game-high 20 points and five boards. In that same game, Baker became the 34th player in NM State history to record 1,000 career points.

Then, on Saturday, Dec. 17, Baker lit the Arizona State defense up with 19 points, eight rebounds and seven assists to give the Aggies a resounding 81-70 victory in Tempe. The win also pushed NM State's win-streak to eight games, matching last year's win-streak as head coach Paul Weir becomes the first head coach to win eight-straight in his first year since Arthur Bergman in 1920-21.



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ued to exchange buckets until an 8-0 run by the Sun Devils gave them their first lead, 30-29, since the opening minutes of the game.

Moments later, Huggins drained his fourth 3-pointer of the night from the far corner to knot the game up at 32. From there, the teams exchanged a couple leads before a baseline triple from Jermaine Haley sent NM State into the locker room with a 40-38 lead over ASU.

UC-Irvine game

With the game tied at 74 and 2:54 left to play in overtime, Braxton Huggins and Jemerrio Jones teamed up for 12 points as the Aggies survived a pesky UC Irvine team

85-79 Monday night in the Pan American Center.

"I showed them some stats after the game, and the three stats we really key in on during a game are rebounds, fouls and turnovers," head coach Paul Weir said. "I put the 3-point shots at the top of the board, the foul count, the rebound count and the turnover count. We won all of those and that's why we won the game. If the turnovers were flipped, the rebounds were flipped or the fouls were flipped, we would have lost tonight."

UCI (5-8) struck first in the overtime period, but was answered with a short jumper from Jones in the paint. After a miss from the Anteater's John Edgar Jr, Huggins drained back-to-back 3-pointers followed by a nice layup from Jones

that gave NM State (11-2) the 82-74 lead and 34 seconds left to play.

A three from Edgar Jr. cut the Aggie lead to 82-77 with 27 seconds remaining as UCI head coach Russell Turner immediately called the timeout. A free throw from Jermaine Haley followed by two from Huggins sealed the deal with 12 seconds remaining.

Huggins finished with another 24-point with six rebounds on 5-of-11 shooting from 3-point range – including two in overtime. Jones' big night consisted of 23 points, a season-high and Western Athletic Conference game-high 18 rebounds for his fourth double-double of the season and fourth in the last five games.

Eli Chuha picked up his fifth double-double of the year and second-

straight with 10 points and 12 boards.

Baker added eight points and five boards, but dished out a season-high eight assists.

New Mexico State struggled coming out of the gates and shot just 38-percent from the floor (9-of-24), but trailed just 23-20 midway through the first-half despite UCI's Jaron Martin scoring 17-straight points for the Anteaters – including 5-of-5 from 3-point range.

The Aggies headed into the break trailing 39-38 despite making four more field goals than the visiting Anteaters, who were 7-for-11 from 3-point range – five of which came from Jaron Martin early in the game.

After the offensive board from Wilkins, Haley rewarded him with an alley-oop from opposite the Aggie Bench

which put NM State on top 46-41. UC Irvine knotted things up at 48 after Martin knocked down his sixth 3-pointer of the game, but Huggins started heating up and hit back-to-back triples to put the Aggies on top 54-51 with 11:33 left to play.

UC Irvine took the lead for the first time with 9:18 left to play in the second half. Down 70-67 with 2:23 left to play, Huggins drained three straight shots at the charity stripe and squared things up at 70. Anteaters regained the lead on a Martin jumper, but clutch free throws from Jones knotted things up at 72 once more.

New Mexico State had to go the length of the court with 0.5 seconds left in regulation, but a pass from Chuha to

Haley was just a tad bit long to send the game into overtime.

The Aggies dominated the Anteaters in every special category tonight: points in the paint (40-30), points off turnovers (18-4), second chance points (26-6) and bench points (29-26).

New Mexico State will now get some much needed rest heading into Christmas break before returning to Lou Henson Court at 7 p.m. against Eastern New Mexico on Dec. 27. The ENMU game will be a second opportunity for fans to take advantage of the 4-for-\$40 ticket promotion where fans gets four tickets, four hot dogs and four soft drinks.

Tickets can be purchased in person at the Pan American Center Ticket Office or by phone at 575-646-1420.