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Vince Vaccaro, owner of Lorenzo's Italian Restaurant at 1753 E. University Ave., has a good time dressed as a punk rocker, at the High Heels for High Hopes event, Friday, Nov. 18 at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Featuring 24 local women and six local men as models and styled by Simply Devine Salon, Salon Cheveux and Studio 037 Salon, the event raised money for March of Dimes. See more photos on page 18.

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Holiday blood drive scheduled for Dec. 9

United Blood Services and Doña Ana County are coming together for a holiday blood drive on Friday, Dec. 9, 2016, in the main rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces.

Each holiday season, United Blood Services sees its blood reserves fall to critical levels. Doña Ana County invites the residents of Doña Ana County to join in giving the gift of life.

The blood drive will be in effect from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with appointment slots available every 20 minutes.

To make an appointment for a screening and donation, call Janine Divyak at the Doña Ana County Planning Department at (575) 525-6130.

Each donor will receive a snack and some juice, along with promotional materials to show to family and friends who might consider making a donation.

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safety, including a test for the HIV virus.

Tainted blood is not distributed. Most units of accepted blood are separated into several components, allowing one donation to help several people.

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Doña Ana County typically organizes three blood drives each year. The spring blood drive is usually held in early April, followed by the Judy Price Memorial Blood Drive, which is staged as close as possible to Aug 1. Finally, the holiday blood drive is typically conducted in early December.

Since 2001, county employees and the public have donated in excess of 1,000 pints of blood at these events.



Nov. 29 work session aims to provide info to three newly elected county commissioners

The Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners has scheduled a workshop on Nov. 29 to which incoming Commissioners Ramon Gonzalez (District 2), Isabella Solis (District 4) and John Vasquez (District 5) have been invited.

Among the items for discussion is the various boards and committees to which commissioners are named each January.

"We want the incoming commissioners to have a thorough understanding of the community's expectations of them in relation to service on these many boards and committees," said Doña Ana County Manager Julia T. Brown. "By helping them gain insight into the functions of the vari-

ous boards and committees, we're hopeful the discussion on Nov. 29 will help expedite the first meeting in January during which these appointments will be made."

Also on the Nov. 29 agenda is discussion of a scope of work for a Doña Ana County roads initiative that is designed to inventory all roads in unincorporated Doña Ana County. The report will highlight the condition and challenges related to roads regularly maintained by the county, as well as inventory the many private roads that the county cannot legally maintain.

Finally, the agenda includes a discussion about Sen. Martin Heinrich's proposal to establish White Sands as a national park.

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Golden Apple awarded to Centennial teacher

Hagaman one of seven statewide recipients

By **BRIAN O'CONNELL**
For the Bulletin

Seven New Mexico high school teachers have been awarded the prestigious Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award has been given every year since 1996 to seven outstanding recipients and recognizes that teaching excellence is the most important in-school factor in students' academic success.

Centennial High School Computer Science teacher Melody Hagaman is the lone honoree from Las Cruces.

The other six awardees from around the state are: Miskee Blatner: Family and Consumer Sciences teacher at Eldorado High School in Albuquerque; Laura Carthy: Literature and Psychology teacher at Capital High School in Santa Fe; Travis Crawley: Government and Economics teacher at Volcano Vista High School in Albuquerque; Allison Dunn: English Language Arts teacher at Eldorado High School in Albuquerque; Stephanie Jaquez: English Language Arts teacher at Farmington High School in Farmington and Mark Robinson: History teacher at St. Pius X High School in Albuquerque.

More than a hundred nominations for the award were collected last spring from students, parents, colleagues, prin-



cipals, or community members in 22 different New Mexico towns. Nominated teachers completed a lengthy application describing their teaching methodology, professional development experiences, community volunteerism, and other aspects of their teaching philosophy.

Sixteen teachers were selected as finalists. In the final stage of the selection process, a selection committee conducted a full-day site visit at each finalist's school. The team observed the teacher in the classroom and interviewed the principal, other teachers, parents, students and the finalist.

Teachers are selected first and foremost on the basis of the quality of their teaching. Teachers receiving the award have also demonstrated a commitment to the profession of teaching and to their own professional growth as well as that of their colleagues. Many of them mentor other teachers at their schools; others often serve as the supervising teacher for teacher interns.

The award includes a cash stipend and \$4,000 to be used by each recipient toward his or her professional development.

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Let's celebrate thankfulness, but not for its history or politics

A caller to my radio talk show a few years ago said: "If you had not



MICHAEL SWICKARD

In My Opinion

come to North America, the Native Americans would still be living free in a

glorious land all by themselves. Shame on you for ruining it for them."

My first thought was: I'm old, but I am not that old. I replied, "If Europeans had not come, Russia or another organized culture would have conquered these tribes."

Those North America populations lacked a cohesive organization. Any

time within a couple decades of Europeans landing the native populations could have suddenly and thoroughly wiped out all Europeans if they coordinated their efforts.

That way of life was doomed by the tribes not being organized. But what was done is done. All we can do today — 400 years later — is treat those indigenous descendants fairly and with cultural sensitivity.

Our country has been uniformly unreliable in dealing with the indigenous populations. Most 19th Century agreements were broken. Americans did not care. However, many of us do care now, but it is impossible to right those wrongs. I think of this each year

especially on the recently celebrated holiday of Thanksgiving.

One thing totally American is the Thanksgiving holiday which developed long after the Pilgrims. Most of the heavy lifting to make this the holiday that it is goes to Abraham Lincoln. The final placement was tied to Franklin Roosevelt in World War Two.

It's a holiday I've celebrated all my life. I am thankful that my ancestors did come to these lands. Two branches of my family came about the same time and were in the Revolutionary War. They were on opposite sides. But during my lifetime the two branches enjoyed Thanksgiving — my mother and father.

Our simplistic discussion of the "First Thanksgiving" has some aspects of truth but not a general truth. Regardless, that was then and this is now. Many of us, myself especially, have so much to be thankful for that a holiday focused on being thankful is perfect.

We in the 21st Century are not the people of the past. In the last two hundred years, this nation has dealt with most of the human rights issues that were a blight upon our nation. As such we have a president with an African heritage and we almost elected a woman president. We are a nation trying to be a better people.

We have stumbled a bit with the election since

it seems to have brought out the worst in some people on both sides. I for one am very happy that it is over. Hopefully we can do some work before we must stop and have another election.

This is the American way. In my life thankfulness is a way of life. Much of what we have with prosperity and freedom was paid for by other Americans. Often we never know their names but we see the effect of them in our better lives.

One major task remains. In the coming years, we must heal the final American wound, that of the indigenous people. While none of those people treated so badly are still alive, the Native Americans, as a whole, continue to not enjoy a prosperity equal to other minorities in our nation.

How to do so is something that I do not know. There is a need to have justice with the Native Americans in our country. We are troubled by the word sovereignty. Are

they or not? I don't know. We are wrong to think they should be thankful that our ancestors came and conquered their ancestors.

But should Native Americans celebrate thankfulness at this holiday named Thanksgiving. Absolutely, if they so desire to focus on the individual act of thankfulness. They can ignore the "First Thanksgiving" that is mostly made up. And those moments that destroyed their ancestor's world. But we are alive now.

We all should celebrate thankfulness, not for history or politics but for the human emotion of hope and individual thankfulness.

I'm personally thankful for my loving family and friends. Also for the many years I have been allowed to write a weekly newspaper column. To all of you reading this I am grateful and wish you peace and happiness.

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Award recipients become part of the Golden Apple Academy of Fellows, an ongoing professional community of outstanding teachers.

These outstanding educators will be honored at the Golden Apple Tribute to Teacher Excellence luncheon on Friday, Apr. 7, 2017, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Albuquerque.

Individual tickets and table sponsorships for the Tribute to Teacher Excellence are available through the Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico, 505-268-5337, or by contacting brian@goldenapplennm.org.

If you would like to nominate a teacher for the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching, nominations for the 2018 (middle school) cycle are now open at www.goldenapplennm.org.

The committee meeting

"I call to order the meeting of the Committee of the Department of Commerce. The purpose of the agenda today is to assess the importance of agriculture in the state. Our job is to determine which businesses should be included as part of agriculture. Let's start," said the chairman.



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"Well, obviously," said the Commissioner of Agriculture, "Any business that produces raw product, animal or vegetable, is part of agriculture. Like milk. A dairy should be included."

"Agreed. How about cheese?"

"It's made from milk."

"Yes, but it's a factory. It only takes milk and converts it to cheese. Their payroll includes truckers, lab techs, sales people and ad agency folks. Should truck drivers and ad copywriters be part of agriculture?"

"Good question, but the cheese plant wouldn't be in the community if the dairies weren't nearby."

"Okay. Let's come back to that. How about grain elevators?"

"If the farmer stored his grain on his farm it would definitely be farm income. If he stores it in the Co-op elevator, it's still his grain."

"What if the grain is freighted on a train to Minneapolis and loaded on a barge bound for Irkutsk? Is that shipping still part of the ag economy?"

"Technically, yes."

"So the tow boat pilot is merely a skilled farm hand?"

"Technically, yes."

"We better come back to this."

"Alright. The feedlot business is definitely agriculture. We can all agree, So, let's say any cattle feeder who hedges his cattle on the Chicago Board of Trade. Is his broker an agricultural worker?"

"Certainly. He's directly involved in marketing a raw commodity."

"What if the broker sells pork belly futures?"

"Pork bellies are produced in a meat processing plant. I assume you think packing houses are part of the agriculture instead of manufacturing. How 'bout the butcher who sells packages of bacon in a grocery store? Is he an agricultural worker? And the teenager at Burger King who sells a bacon cheeseburger?"

"I don't know."

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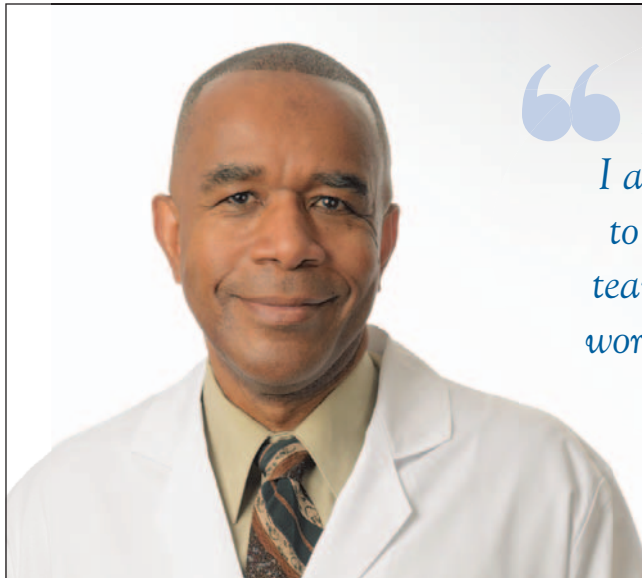
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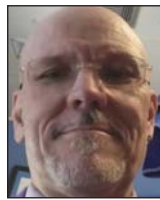
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Welcome, Mr. Ed and Dr. Ewing

You picked a great time to come to Las Cruces

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: *In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Bulletin writer Mike Cook has penned this letter to two of our newest Las Cruces, illustrating the wonderful giving nature of our community.*

It sounds just a bit like a Robert Louis Stevenson novelette, doesn't it?: Dr. Ewing and Mr. Ed. Except there's no bad guy in this one.



MIKE COOK
What's Cookin'

As of earlier this month, Las Cruces' new city manager is Stuart Ed (with a long e, as in stEEd). In early December, Dr. Gregory Ewing will have moved here from Marietta, Georgia to be the new Las Cruces Public Schools superintendent.

Welcome to you both. You've picked a great time to come to Las Cruces and become a part of our community, and we're very happy to have you here.

Let's be clear at the outset: We continue to struggle with poverty in Las Cruces. It's estimated that one-quarter of our residents live below the poverty line. And, as Ewing undoubtedly already knows, about two-thirds of LCPS students receive free or reduced lunches, which is one of the federal government's leading measures of poverty. About 18,000 of our residents earn the minimum wage.

But, as this holiday season attests, there are many organizations, businesses and individuals working to help those in need in so many ways.

Karen Bailey of US Bank is in her 22nd year of coordinating Coats for Kids, which she started. Peggy Petrowsky has returned after a couple of years off as coordinator of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program of Las Cruces. When she and her late husband,

Jack, started the program in Las Cruces more than 20 years ago, just 65 children were receiving toys. This year, Toys for Tots expects to provide toys for 5,000 needy children countywide.

The 30th annual Dress the Child program, with Doug Boberg and Matt Holt continuing as co-coordinators, is providing new clothing and shoes for more than 450 needy children in Las Cruces and southern Doña Ana County this year.

Last week, I visited Evangelical Free Church, the collection point for shoeboxes filled with personal hygiene items, clothing and toys for needy children all over the world as part of Operation Christmas Child. They collected 6,000 shoeboxes from this part of the state last year, and hope to reach 6,500 this year.

I also visited the Las Cruces chapter of Project Linus, and watched local "blanketeers" making blankets and quilts that will be donated to children in need to 42 organizations across the county. They make about 3,500 quilts a year. Los Colcheros Quilt Guild does the same thing.

When I talked to the manager of El Caldito Soup Kitchen a few weeks ago to find out if I should continue listing about a dozen items they needed donated for the holidays, he cut the list to six (hams, yams, turkeys, spices, salt and pepper in bulk, one-gallon and sandwich-sized zip-lock bags) because the soup kitchen has received support from local businesses, organizations and individuals for the rest.

This year, Casa de Peregrinos emergency food program will provide more than two million pounds of food to families in the county. And, with the cooperation of Roadrunner Food Bank, the program is now conducting monthly mobile food banks at Las Cruces senior centers and two Doña Ana Community College campuses.

And, thanks to a fundraising effort led by the above-mentioned Matt Holt, Mesilla Valley Community of Hope got

outdoor bathrooms and showers for the homeless people who live in Las Cruces' Tent City. We still need about 3,000 housing units for low-income and homeless individuals and families, but Las Cruces is now one of about a dozen cities across the country that has reached functional zero homelessness among our veterans.

And, because New Mexico ranks third nationally in its statewide suicide rate and Doña Ana County had the eighth highest suicide rate in New Mexico, the Las Cruces Mayor's Task Force on Suicide Prevention was created a few months ago to provide education, training and advocacy to prevent suicides.

Just a couple of weeks ago, Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine – one of the jewels in the crown that NMSU and Las Cruces share – held the International Conference on Chronic Diseases. It included a fascinating and enlightening panel discussion about mental health in general and about schizophrenia and bipolar disorder in particular.

In September, NMSU's Domenici Institute held a world-class policy conference on mental health issues, attended by standing-room-only crowds at the Las Cruces Convention Center, who got to hear outstanding speakers from all over the country.

As a follow up, the Domenici Institute held a forum on local mental health issues and focused on the county Detention Center in November. With the city and county, the detention center is making strides in providing care to inmates who are mentally ill and need treatment rather than incarceration.

We also have some amazing people and organizations working to provide care and find homes for feral animals in the county, and to provide spay and neuter services.

The city has leaders and volunteers with vision and heart, and it's really starting to show.

Mr. Ed and Dr. Ewing: Thank you for coming to Las Cruces, and welcome aboard!

Giving Tuesday is a powerful opportunity to help others

By **ANDREA TAWNEY**

For the Bulletin

The generosity of others can make dramatic, life-changing impacts on New Mexico State University students at our campuses across New Mexico who often just need a helping hand to realize their dreams of a world-class education and a better life.

We are thrilled to witness that kind of impact every day at NMSU, but one day stands out like no other, when hundreds of students' lives are changed – Giving Tuesday, this year on Nov. 29.

The Giving Tuesday movement is a worldwide day of giving in celebration of generosity and philanthropy. We launched the first NMSU Giving Tuesday event last year on Dec. 1, and thanks to the generosity of many, many people and businesses, students' lives were transformed across the NMSU system.

One of those is Stephanie Esparza, a 2013 graduate of Santa Teresa High School who wasn't even planning to attend college. Stephanie felt a college education was just too great a challenge, but with the encouragement of her parents and the support of a scholarship from the Hunt Family Foundation, she earned her associate's degree last spring from Dona Ana Community College. Stephanie is now pursuing a bachelor's degree in public health at NMSU's College of Health and Social Services.

I was inspired and deeply moved by Stephanie's thoughts after she received the scholarship.

"The biggest challenge

that I had to overcome was myself – thinking I could not get this far in school," Stephanie said. "I was the first woman in my family to attend college and had to figure out the ropes of college by making mistakes. Receiving the Hunt scholarship has shown me that I can make it through college and be great in school."

Our gracious supporters have already stepped up with the creation of 15 new scholarships for this year's event.

Donations can also be matched, in some cases, to amplify their impact. For example, alumni who make their first-ever contribution during Giving Tuesday will have their gift matched by a generous Aggie donor, up to \$250 per household. El Paso Electric will match scholarship contributions made on Giving Tuesday, up to \$250 per household.

If 250 of last year's first-time donors make their contribution during Giving Tuesday 2016, a \$10,000 contribution will be made by NMSU Chancellor and Mrs. Carruthers and the NMSU Alumni Association to the General Scholarship Fund. Learn about more Giving Tuesday challenges on our website, <https://advancing.nmsu.edu/givingtuesday>.

I invite everyone to visit Giving Tuesday headquarters in the Corbett Center Student Union to experience the excitement of this awesome event. We'll be there from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Come and see how giving throughout the New Mexico State University System is helping our students achieve their dreams of a world-class education and a better life!

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Student volunteers Cynthia Nunez and Tannya Barba write thank-you notes to donors during the 2015 Giving Tuesday fundraising event at the NMSU Corbett Center Student Union last year.

NMSU's annual Giving Tuesday event benefits students and programs across New Mexico

By **ADRIANA M. CHAVEZ**
For the Bulletin

Joseph and Bridget Salopek, both alumni of New Mexico State University, believe strongly that everyone deserves an education, regardless of their economic situation. In order to make that a reality for students, the Salopeks made a \$25,000 gift pledged over five years to establish a permanent

endowed scholarship during last year's Giving Tuesday event at NMSU.

Salopek 6U Farms is one of the largest family-owned pecan farms in the world, and the Salopek family has a long legacy of support for NMSU, but Joseph and Bridget wanted to make this gift on their own.

"Joseph and I are big advocates and supporters of NMSU, and we believe that a great education is important," Bridget Salopek said. "We were inspired to establish our own scholarship endowment at NMSU outside of our family's giving, because we want to give a student who may not be able

to cross the finish line without a scholarship an opportunity to earn their college degree."

Giving Tuesday, a global day of giving powered by social media and collaboration, can have a significant impact locally by providing for scholarships and programs across the entire New Mexico State University system, from the Las Cruces campus to its community college campuses, satellite learning center, and extension, research and science centers across the state.

NMSU will hold its second-annual Giving Tuesday event on Nov. 29. Last year's Giving Tuesday event, part of

the national giving day on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, brought in more than \$2.9 million in gifts to scholarship funds at all NMSU campuses around the state. Adding in one-time matching dollars from the NMSU Alumni License Plate program and an estate gift from a generous Aggie donor, the total added to NMSU's endowment came to \$5.7 million.

More than 82 new scholarships were established last year, and the initiative drew more than 2,440 donors, including 655 who were making their first-ever gift to the NMSU system.

The entire community is invited to celebrate Giving Tuesday again this year from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 29 at NMSU's Giving Tuesday headquarters in Corbett Center Student Union's Aggie Lounge on the Las Cruces campus. A special kickoff celebration is planned at 9 a.m. with NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers and other guests, and a closing celebration will start at 5 p.m. Free parking will be available in designated areas between Corbett Center and Milton Hall.

Online gifts may also be made on Nov. 29 by visiting advancing.nmsu.edu/givingtuesday.

This year's event features select fund-matching opportunities, given by donors to boost some of the scholarships

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and causes they support. For example, if 250 of last year's first-time Giving Tuesday donors make a contribution during Giving Tuesday 2016, then a \$10,000 gift will be made to the general fund by Carruthers and his wife, Kathy, along with the Alumni Association.

Additionally, alumni who make their first contribution during Giving Tuesday 2016 will be matched by a generous donor, up to \$250 per household.

Andrea Tawney, president of the NMSU Foundation, said seeing more alums like the Salopeks stay involved with their university and invest in its students is an important part of what Giving Tuesday is all about.

"Scholarships really do create amazing opportunities for our students, many of whom are working multiple jobs to make ends meet, so every gift we receive for them has a huge impact," Tawney said. "If every one of our alumni gave even \$5, we could help thousands more students achieve their

educational goals and enter the workforce."

The Salopeks' endowed scholarship is available to a student like them, returning to school after spending some time away from college. That may be a student who has left New Mexico to go to a college or university out of state, but did not complete their undergraduate degree, and wants to finish at NMSU.

"This could also be a student who may have taken some time off of school, and decided they wanted to return and finish their degree," Bridget Salopek said. "They would have to be in good standing with their previous school, and would have to have a cumulative GPA of 3.0. There are so many students who fit this bill, who may not have eligibility for certain scholarships because of the gap in their studies."

The Salopeks said they hope their gift will inspire alumni and others to do the same in order to make a difference in the life of a student.

"Being able to help and make it a little less stressful for them in their academic journey is a really wonderful



New Mexico State University alumni Bridget and Joe Salopek made a \$25,000 gift during the 2015 Giving Tuesday event to establish an endowed scholarship that benefits students who want to return to NMSU to finish their studies. This year's event takes place Nov. 29.

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feeling," Bridget Salopek said. "Funding college expenses can be very hard for students and their families, and being able to help make someone's life a little better by providing them an opportunity to lessen their financial burden is amazing."

To spread support for #GivingTuesday, join the social media conversations on Twitter @NMSUAlumFriends, Facebook/NMSUAlumFriends, Instagram @nmsualumfriends and NMSU

Alumni and Friends on YouTube. Watch for and share the following hashtags to spread the word about the day of giving: #GivingTuesday, #NMSUGiving, #NMSUPhilanthropy and #SupportNMSU.

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IN THE NEWS



American Legion Commander visits

American Legion National Commander Charles Schmidt visited the American Legion Post 10 Las Cruces on Sunday, Nov. 13 for a luncheon and presented Post 10 Commander Tim Brown with an autographed National Commanders' license plate, and gave a National Commanders' pin to Legion Chaplin Lawrence Orvis. The commander was presented a photograph of the Vietnam War Monument in Veterans Park during his visit.

Beck joins NMSU as State 4-H Department leader

The new New Mexico State University 4-H Department Head Stephen Beck started his new job in mid September, and hopes to continue to build on the success of the program. Originally from Okla-

homa, Stephen Beck has been involved in the 4-H program for 20 years as a parent, 4-H agent, 4-H specialist and now department head. Beck said his role will largely be assisting county agents in order to help support their county programs. This will help ensure that New Mexico 4-H continues to be one of the most successful youth development programs in the nation.



Cruces author wins national award for picture book series

On Oct. 5, Romanian-born author Yossi Lapid was awarded the silver medal in the Best Picture Books category of the Moonbeam Children's Books Awards contest. His new book series titled "Snowman Paul" consists of four volumes and was officially launched on Nov. 1 in the Amazon book store.



LAPID

Written in rhyme, the series celebrates the magic of winter through the evolving friendship between a young boy named Dan and his mischievous snowman, Paul. Illustrations by Joanna Pasek, an

artist from Poland, complement the narrative.

"For nearly four decades, I was a professor of political science," Lapid said. "It took some courage to move from researching and teaching international relations to writing picture books for young children. But writing children's books was my secret dream throughout my entire adult life and, now that I'm retired, I am delighted to be able to realize that dream."

Local photographer retains CPP designation

Ryan Gonzales of Las Cruces recently retained the Certified Professional Photographer (CPP) designation from Professional Photographers of America (PPA).

Gonzales, who owns and operates Gonzales Photography Inc. in Las Cruces, successfully com-

pleted the requirements required to keep his CPP designation. Gonzales earned this designation after meeting requirements of artistic and technical competence. PPA currently recognizes fewer than 2,500 Certified Professional Photographers.

"Just as doctors and other professionals seek certification in their industries, I wanted to show the public my qualifications to be the best photographer possible for them," Gonzales said.

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Home Builders Association appoints Black as new EO

BULLETIN REPORT

The Las Cruces Home Builders Association has announced the promotion of Nicole Black to Executive Officer. Black recently assumed designated responsibilities of EO and was officially appointed after a decision from the Las Cruces Home Builders Association Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

Black has been part of the Las Cruces Home Builders Association for four years, starting with the company as Membership Coordinator in 2013 and transitioning to Operations Manager in March 2016. In her previous roles, she was responsible for strengthening membership and assisted with financial and member event planning for the association.

"I have been entrusted with an amazing opportunity to further grow this association to its full potential,"

said Black. "I plan to strengthen our relationship with our city and county government, build more relationships with businesses in the community, further develop our membership, and move forward with our new Student Chapter with Dona Ana Community College."

Black was born and raised in Las Cruces and studied at New Mexico State University. She then began work in the industry with a local construction company in Las Cruces as an administrative assistant before joining the LCHBA. Black is a mother of three children, Nicolas, 24; Briana, 16; and Tyler, 9.

"Over the years, Nicole has proven to be competent and enthusiastic about the association," said Mike Fraembs, Las Cruces Home Builders Association 2016 President. "With her proven experience and genuine concern for the well being of the LCHBA, we are confident in her transition to Executive Officer."



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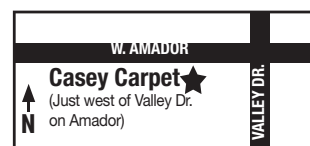


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Openly gay foreign student fears return to Turkey

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Mert Erim's dream is to become an American citizen.

The 21-year-old Turkish national is attending New Mexico State University on a student visa, which means he cannot receive financial aid or other benefits, and his work hours are limited. His family members back home has already helped him out financially as much as they can.

Erim is trying to raise enough money to pay for another year and a-half at NMSU so he can graduate, become a resident and find a job. Otherwise, his student visa may be revoked and he may have to return to Turkey, where he faces mandatory army service and possible physical danger because he is openly gay.

Erim has set up a Go Fund Me ac-



ERIM

count to help keep him in the United States and at NMSU, where he is enrolled in the Creative Media Institute for Film and Digital Arts (CMI) program.

"If I do not pay for school and my visa is revoked, I will be sent back to Turkey for military service," Erim said on his Go Fund Me site (www.gofundme.com/merts-safety-and-school-fund-2vnjvg2c; there's also a link on his Mert Erim Facebook page). "I will have to live back in the closet, even though I never want to hide who I am. My life would be in danger."

Erim said being openly gay is not against the law in Turkey (an overwhelmingly Muslim country), but, "there's another law, people's law," he said, remembering how he was abused in middle school because of his sexuality.

Erim's goal through his "Mert's Safety and School Fund" on Go Fund Me is to raise \$18,000 to pay for tuition (\$4,500), insurance (\$600) and a univer-

sity meal plan (\$900) for three more semesters until he graduates. He needs to raise at least \$6,000 by December to register for the spring 2017 semester at NMSU.

"My parents and I sacrificed everything for me to be here and I do not think going back is an option," Erim said on Go Fund Me. "I am in need of help because I have done possibly everything that I can to stay here, but I am stuck between a rock and a hard place."

Once he graduates from NMSU, "then I can find a job and hopefully become a permanent resident with the goal of being a citizen in the future. This means everything to me. My life is here, my friends are here and I am not done," he said.

"If I don't do what's out there for me, then I'm just a coward going back to safety," Erim said.

"Mert is an excellent student and is well regarded among the entire CMI faculty," CMI Department head Amy Lanasa said. "His enthusiasm, not just for filmmaking, but also for life, is contagious. His peers love him and seek out opportunities to work with him on set.

"He is the kind of student who makes your classroom brighter, and inspires everyone around him to reach for a higher bar. Mert has a tremendous future working within the industry, but he needs our community's help in order to finish his degree," she said.

Erim came to Las Cruces three years ago because NMSU was cheaper to attend than other U.S. universities, and "I heard the film program was good," he said.

Erim has wanted to be a filmmaker since the age of six, when he saw "Lord of the Rings" for the first time. The film "totally inspired me," he said. "I want to create content like that and (have) people see it and get inspired."

He hopes to have his own production company one day, and wants to specialize in videography, editing and audio design.

Erim watched a lot of American movies and television shows growing up, and even celebrated American holidays. Watching TV shows like

"Friends" and "Seinfeld" helped him learn English as well as the "lingo of the American culture," he said.

As a high school exchange student, Erim got to spend 10 months with a family in Springfield, Missouri. He returned to Turkey for two more years before leaving for good to come to NMSU in 2013.

And, while Erim loves his homeland, "I didn't see a future there," he said. "I felt more American in Turkey than Turkish."

Erim came out to his parents after he graduated from high school, and they have been "really supportive," he said. His father was a colonel in the Turkish army who retired several years ago and now works about 19 hours a day managing an arcade. Erim's family is struggling financially, and "I can't ask them for more money," he said. His student visa prevents him from finding a job off campus, and limits the number of hours he can work on campus.

The Go Fund Me account had raised more than \$3,000 through more than 40 donations as of mid-November.

"It touches me that people help me, that people reach out and say, 'you're trying and we want to help you,'" Erim said.

Erim lives off campus with two friends, he said. He also has joined a fraternity. "I have a family that really supports me," he said.

In addition to his studies (he maintains a 3.8 GPA), he enjoys yoga, hiking, fitness, video games and "meeting as many people as possible." He also has two pet rats, brothers Toollie and Ollie (from the movie "Ratatouille.") He uses a two-year old scooter to get around campus and also rides the city bus.

Erim hasn't seen his parents or younger sister since he left Turkey, but communicates with them on Facebook and through video calls. He hopes to help his sister, now 14, come to the U.S. for college.

"It's a land of opportunity for me," Erim said. "I consider myself American. I want to stay here because I believe in the freedom this country offers. I want to be a citizen."

"Life gives you all these opportunities," Erim said. "I am taking mine."

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Gingerbread House contest calling for builders

The Second Annual Las Cruces Gingerbread House Contest sponsored by Christ's Church of Las Cruces will accept entries through Nov. 29 with winner and runner-up houses displayed at the Mesilla Valley mall during December. Free to enter. Prizes awarded for first place (\$100); second place (\$75) and third place (\$50.) Divisions include adult and child, (team or individual) and children may use gingerbread house kits. Info and to register: 575gingerbread@gmail.com or 575-636-4791.

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'The Ecology of Plant Invasions' at MoNaS

Dr. Erik Lehnhoff from the Department of Entomology, Plant Pathology, and Weed Science at New Mexico State University will discuss the ecology of plant invasions and present his research on two invasive plants in New Mexico: tamarisk (aka saltcedar) and Lehmann lovegrass at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 1 at Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Free. Info: 575-522-3120.

Breakfast with Santa benefits La Piñon

La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services and KidTalk's annual Breakfast with Santa is set for Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Aztec Masonic Lodge, 180 E. Boutz Rd. With a \$5.00 donation you will receive a pancake breakfast and a picture with Santa. There will be food, fun and music. Make sure the little ones bring their Christmas lists, so Santa can take them back with him to the North Pole! If you are unable to make it to breakfast, but would still like to donate call 575-526-3437 or visit www.lapinon.org for more information.

MS Support/Education group meets 1st 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 lascrucessselfhelp@gmail.com.

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.

'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 and 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@so-roptimist.net.

Immunizations available at Dept. of Health

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

Las Cruces Civitan Club meets

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

Quilt Guild meets 3rd Monday

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

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Project Linus blankets city with love, compassion

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Linus Van Pelt – Charlie Brown’s friend with the blanket – is one of the most beloved cartoon characters in history. The Las Cruces chapter of the national organization that bears his name is making and giving out hundreds of quilts to children this holiday season and all year round.

This year, Project Linus will make and deliver about 3,500 blankets and quilts (that’s about 300 hundred a month) to 42 organizations in southern New Mexico, including the Las Cruces police and fire departments, the New Mexico State Police, Mesilla Valley Hospice, Mesilla Valley Hospital, Memorial Medical Center, MountainView Regional Medical Center, La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services, La Casa, Inc. Domestic Violence Shelter, Jardin de los Niños, Las Cruces Public Schools, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Gospel Rescue Mission, state Children Youth and Families Department offices in both Las Cruces and Deming, Gerald Champion Hospital Alamogordo and many others.

“We are very fortunate here in Las Cruces that local organizations donate blankets to the fire department, in which we use on fire scenes where families are displaced into cold weather and the blankets provide comfort and warmth,”



PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

From left are Las Cruces chapter of Project Linus “blanketeers” Gail James, Marilyn Harvey, Jean Setne, Mary-Claire Black, Pat Neidig, Debra Sarabia, Joan Smith, Karen Luces, Becky Trippeer, Kathy Dolan, Anita Himes, Barbara Patton and Carolyn Henry.

Project Linus of Las Cruces member Anita Himes holding a blanket made by fellow blanketeer Mary Clark.



Las Cruces Fire Chief Eric Enriquez said.

The 70 or so local Project Linus “blanketeers” gather from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at Good Samaritan Retirement Village, 3025 Terrace Drive, just off north Telshor Boulevard, to sew, crochet, bag up and deliver blankets and quilts in a variety of sizes and

a multitude of colors and patterns to children from ages birth to 18, said Project Linus Coordinator Suzi Stoltzfus.

Project Linus also gets support from local orga-

nizations, whose members help make blankets. Mesilla Valley Christian School recently had a service day for Project Linus, and Stoltzfus is working with an eighth-grade enrichment class at Lynn Middle School and the Oñate High School Honor Society on student blanket making.

Project Linus regularly trades fabric with Los Colcheros Quilt Guild of Las Cruces, and also donates fabric it can’t use to the New Mexico State University

Theatre Arts Department’s costume shop, Stoltzfus said.

Stoltzfus has been the local Project Linus coordinator for the past eight years. She joined the organization nine years ago, after her grandson was born prematurely in an Albuquerque hospital and was given a blanket by the Project Linus organization in that city.

You can join Project Linus by showing up at one of their monthly blanket-making gather-

ings, or you make and donate blankets and quilts to the organization – they will even supply your materials.

Drop off fabric and yarn donations at Quilting Fiber Arts, 121 Wyatt Drive; Sew What’s New, 3961 E Lohman Ave # 9; and Bernina Sewing and Design Center, 1601 E. Lohman Ave., Stoltzfus said.

Or, you can contact Stoltzfus at 575-526-3695 or sgstolt13@gmail.com. You can also make a cash donation, but Project Linus corporate headquarters will get 20 percent of that donation. However, if you donate a gift card from Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts, 1711 E. University Ave., 100 percent of your donation will benefit Project Linus of Las Cruces, Stoltzfus said.

The mailing address is Susan Stoltzfus, P.O. Box 116, Mesilla Park, N.M. 880047.

For more information, visit Project Linus - Las Cruces Chapter on Facebook and www.projectlinus.org.

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Gene's Gesters Toastmaster Club meets on Tuesdays

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Las Cruces Shrine meets 2nd 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.

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 Sa-

maritan, 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 2nd, 4th Saturday

The Las Cruces Ukes Kids Club meets from 10:30-11:15 a.m. the second and fourth Saturday of the month at El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo Street, just east of the downtown post office. The club is free to elementary-school-age children who want to learn to play the ukulele and loaner ukuleles are available for those who don't have their own. No experience is necessary. Info: www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com, www.facebook.com/lascrucesukes, or by calling 575-405-7133.

Business Builders meet Wednesdays

Elite Business Builders BNI Group meets from 8:30 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Sonoma Ranch Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. Open networking, questions and answers, coffee and water with food available to order. Bring business cards. Info: Cheryl 575-524-1201 or 520-730-4456.

Brown Bag lecture at Las Cruces Railroad Museum

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

NMSU professor designs energy harvester to power pacemakers

By **TIFFANY ACOSTA**
For the Bulletin

About 200,000 Americans have pacemakers implanted each year, and a College of Engineering professor at New Mexico State University is working on a mechanism to increase the longevity of the devices. Abdessattar Abdelkefi, mechanical and aerospace engineering assistant professor, is leading a project that designs broadband low-frequency piezoelectric energy harvesters to help power pacemakers.

An energy harvester is a device that converts wasted mechanical vibrations to electrical energy, for a pacemaker, it uses heartbeat vibrations to power a rechargeable battery.

"Our idea is to replace a portion of the battery area with the harvester, which will

continuously charge a smaller battery," Abdelkefi said.

He started working on a pacemaker energy harvester in 2015. Two main challenges with a pacemaker energy harvester are the space constraint of 2.5 centimeters by 2.5 centimeters and frequency needed to operate, which is between 20 and 30 hertz.

The energy harvester would help patients avoid surgeries to replace batteries, reducing both health risks and costs. Abdelkefi said he hopes that the energy harvester could cut the number of pacemakers implanted each year in half.

"My objective is to help every person live as long as possible."

This project is a collaboration with Virginia Tech, where Abdelkefi's work on

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EDUCATION NEWS

Engineering students learn through volunteer projects

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The dust settles in the wake of remote-controlled robots harvesting crops and the winners of the Boosting Engineering and Science Technology Robotics competition, hosted by New Mexico State University's College of Engineering, are announced.

The middle- and high-school-student participants leave the playing field, which, like the students' robots, took much time and ingenuity to build.

Before competition day, middle- and high-school students build robots to complete tasks on the field. This year's tasks on the farm included planting seeds, harvesting tomatoes, corn and lettuce, and herding pigs into a pen and feeding them.

"They're little toy pigs," said Tapia. "And the corn are paint rollers, the tomatoes are whiffle balls connected to the vine by Velcro, the lettuce is loofahs tied up and they have a bolt that is grounded by a magnet, so the robots have to pick them up off the magnets, and the corn stalks are wood dowels that hold a hose where the corn-paint roller is placed."

The 2016 competition's playing field, a farm, was built by the Associated General

Contractors of NMSU, a chartered student organization.

"AGC has been building the BEST field for about eight years," said John Ross Tapia, assistant professor in the Engineering Technology Department and AGC's faculty adviser.

There are about 15 students from different engineering majors in the organization. Together, Tapia said, he estimates they put in more than 400 cumulative hours in building the BEST field.

"We receive the blueprints from BEST Robotics in the summer, then we send them out to the students in AGC to review," Tapia said. "When we get back in the fall, the materials will already have been ordered and it usually takes about eight weeks for us to build the field."

AGC is present during kickoff, practice day and the competition, a nine-hour commitment on average, to set up, maintain and repair the playing field if anything should break or need to be reset, Tapia said.

Tapia said the AGC students are excited to build the BEST field

each year because of how much they want to engage younger students in the STEM fields.

In addition to building the BEST field, AGC in the past has also done work for El Caldito Soup Kitchen and Habitat for Humanity. They have plans in place to work with these two organizations in the coming months.

Doing such work helps the group raise money each year for the Associated Schools of Construction Region 6 and 7 competition, which will be held in Sparks, Nevada, Feb. 8-11, 2017. The students will receive blueprints, put together a bid and schedule for the project, and prepare a presentation.

Giving Tuesday returns Nov. 29 with more gift-matching opportunities

New Mexico State University will hold its second-annual #Giving Tuesday event on Nov. 29 to raise funds for scholarships and programs across the entire NMSU system. Last year's one-day Giving Tuesday event, part of the national giving event on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, added millions of dollars to

scholarship funds at all NMSU campuses around the state.

Join the NMSU community on Nov. 29 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. at #GivingTuesday headquarters in Corbett Center Student Union's Aggie Lounge or visit advancing.nmsu.edu/givingtuesday to make a gift on Nov. 29.

This year's event features select fund-matching opportunities, chosen by donors to boost some of the scholarships and causes they support. For example, to encourage faculty and staff to contribute to a cause they care about, Chancellor Garrey Carruthers and his wife, Kathy, have pledged up to \$1,000 to match any outright #GivingTuesday gift or Nov. 30 payroll deduction gift from a faculty or staff member throughout the NMSU system. Be sure to sign up for payroll deduction by Nov. 20 to make a Nov. 30 payroll gift.

Additionally, alumni who make their first contribution during #GivingTuesday 2016 will be matched by a generous Aggie donor,

up to \$250 per household.

For more information on additional matching gift opportunities for your #GivingTuesday contribution, including other faculty, staff and student matching pledges, visit advancing.nmsu.edu/givingtuesday.

Quintela named NMSU's chief audit officer, Munoz to serve as interim

NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers has named Ermelinda Quintela, assistant vice president for auxiliary services, as the university's new chief audit officer. Carolina Munoz, NMSU's manager in the Accounting and Financial Reporting department and audit liaison, will fill the role in the interim, until Quintela finishes her responsibilities with Auxiliary Services.

"I want to thank Ross Justus for his fine work during the period of time I've known him," Carruthers said. "I also look forward to his continued efforts for the university. Because of

our work to transform NMSU into a 21st century university, the time was right to reorganize our audit office."

Quintela began her academic career at the NMSU Carlsbad campus, earning an associate degree before transferring to the Las Cruces campus. She has a bachelor's in business administration and a bachelor of accountancy. She received her Certified Public Accountant status in 1991 and earned a master of accountancy in 1994. Quintela held positions in various industries including internal auditor for El Paso Electric Company; auditor for Arthur Andersen; and senior vice president for State National Bank, currently known as Compass Bank BBVA. At NMSU, she has worked for University Advancement, PSL, Athletics and Auxiliary Services.

Munoz has worked for NMSU for the past three years. Before coming to the university, she served as an external auditor for a CPA firm in El Paso.



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Twenty-four women and six men participated in the annual High Heels for High Hopes event, Friday, Nov. 18 at the Las Cruces Convention Center. The models, styled by Simply Devine Salon, Salon Cheveux and Studio 037 Salon, helped raise money for March of Dimes.

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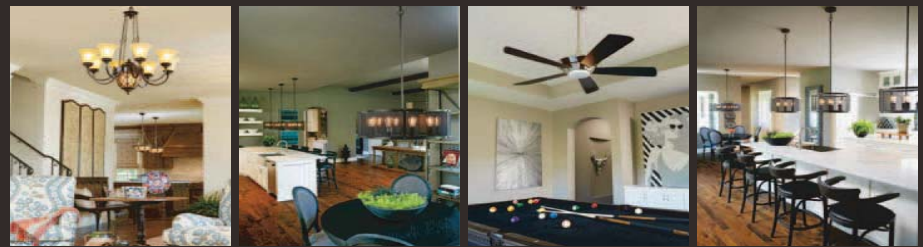
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energy harvesters began with a cell phone project in 2013 as a postdoc. Abdelkefi's team includes Hichem Abdelmoula, NMSU Ph.D. student, Nathan Sharpes and Heyon Lee, Virginia Tech Ph.D. students, and Shashank Priya, the co-principal investigator from Virginia Tech. Currently, the team is working on analytical and computational modeling to determine the optimum shape of energy harvester to test in experiments.

Abdelkefi originally began work on an energy harvester for cell phones because he didn't like charging his phone every night.

"In addition to powering the pacemaker with heartbeats, we will power cell phones from walking and jogging," he said. "The good thing for pacemakers is the required energy is one micro-watt so it's very easy to get this amount of power. For cell phones it needs more power."

While working on the cell phone project, Abdelkefi and his col-

leagues invented an energy harvester that was patented with the Samsung Electronics Company earlier this year.

In addition to a patent, Abdelkefi and his team have published multiple articles on energy harvesters in many journals including Applied Physics Letters, Smart Materials and Structures, and Journal of Intelligent Material Systems and Structures.

After completing his Ph.D. in engineering mechanics and post-doctoral work at Virginia Tech, Abdelkefi joined the NMSU faculty in 2014. At Virginia Tech, Abdelkefi's adviser, Ali H. Nayfeh, was the recipient of the 2014 Benjamin Franklin Medal in mechanical engineering, which is engineering's equivalent to the Nobel Prize.

While the current project involves implantable devices, Abdelkefi said a proposal is in the works for energy harvesting for wearable systems such as cochlear implants or insulin pumps.

NMSU providing training for Bernalillo County's Grow the Growers program

By JANE MOORMAN

For the Bulletin

Between 80 and 90 percent of fresh fruit and vegetables consumed in the Albuquerque Metroplex are raised outside of New Mexico.

Consumer demand for locally grown food is increasing. Besides private citizens, government and private institutions – such as public schools, county senior meals programs, county detention centers, and hospitals – desire to use fresh fruits and vegetables grown in New Mexico in their meal preparation.

To help address the need for locally grown food, Cultivating Bernalillo County, an agricultural initiative of the county government, is calling on New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service in Bernalillo County to help train future farmers through its Grow the Growers program.

Grow the Growers is a farm training, business incubator program where participants will be supported through



NMSU PHOTO BY JOHN GARLISCH

New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service in Bernalillo County is conducting an eight-week farm training program on Mondays from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

classroom education, in-field mentoring, intensive internships, business incubation and entrepreneurial nurturing.

Ultimately, the individuals in the county's Grow the Growers incubator program will have access to land and water on county agricultural open space properties to initiate their small farm operations.

"Part of Bernalillo County Open Space's mission is to protect prime agricultural lands," said Lisa Powell, resource specialist with the county's parks and

recreation department. "Our mission is advanced when the entire community has improved access to year-round locally grown produce, increased economic development opportunities, and preservation of land and water and other cultural resources that would otherwise be vulnerable to commercial development."

NMSU's Extension service and the county are joining forces to provide opportunities for individuals desiring to farm professionally in a way that is especially supportive in the first two to three years of starting a new business.

"We have a demand for locally grown fruits and vegetables, and we have a desire to preserve open space in beneficial use," said John Garlisch, NMSU's Bernalillo County Extension agricultural agent. "These factors, along with an aging farming population, are what this project is trying to address."

The first step of the program will be an eight-week core competency classroom series coordinated by the Extension agent.

"While this training is part of the Grow the Growers program, all farmers are invited to participate in the classes," Garlisch said. "The classes will address the business side of farming, which is information any grower needs to be successful."

The pilot year of the Grow the Growers pro-

gram began Nov. 21. The class will meet for eight weeks from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays at NMSU's Bernalillo County Extension office at 1510 Menaul Blvd. NW. Cost is \$10 per class or \$50 for six or more classes.

Class topics will include various themes centered on business, financial and marketing as well as growing and production techniques to help producers make decisions and operate a successful small farm business. Full class topics are found on the Bernalillo County Extension website at <http://aces.nmsu.edu/county/bernalillo/farmranch/farm-business-training-.html>.

After successfully completing the core competency course, those wishing to continue on to the in-field phases of the program must complete an application packet to be considered for selection. Once selected, they will participate in an internship with a fruit or vegetable producer. There, they will receive hands-on experience and mentoring.

Funds from the McCune Charitable Foundation and Thornburg Foundation will provide a program coordinator who will help nurture the participants' entrepreneurial operations by helping them reach the institutional market demands.

"Hopefully, the produce grown by the participants could potentially be sold to the county's meal-serving facilities," Garlisch said.

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HomeGrown: A New Mexico Food Show & Gift Market



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Erened McBride owner of New Mexico Gold showing off some of his product. Food produced in New Mexico was showcased at the third-annual event, "HomeGrown: A New Mexico Food Show & Gift Market," on Nov. 19-20 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Clinton Gill talks with Heather Salopek, owner of Legacy Pecans, at the HomeGrown event.



Valerie Patterson (right) talks with Polly Benavidez, the owner of Saguaro Farms Productions.



Brenda Deckman, who came all the way from Kansas City, Missouri, checks out some of the creations from Jerry Curtis.



Customer Jessie Ortiz samples red and green chili-infused olive oil at the table of Erened McBride, owner of New Mexico Gold.

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NMSU saves big on energy contract

By **ADRIANA M. CHAVEZ**

For the Bulletin

New Mexico State University is expected to save more than \$1.3 million annually thanks to an energy performance contract between NMSU and energy services company Ameresco.

The contract, which was completed in December 2015, has allowed NMSU to generate 51 percent of its own power during the 2016 fiscal year, meaning the university has produced more power than it has purchased from El Paso Electric. NMSU has also reduced electricity and natural gas consumption, and reduced the production of 24.9 million pounds of carbon dioxide. The project included upgrades of more than 39,000 lamps to reduce electricity consumption and decrease cooling requirements created by heat dissipated by older light fixtures, and upgrades to heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.

“The performance contract is essentially a public-private partnership where much needed infrastructure improvements are made at no cost to the taxpayer and the private entity assumes risk by guaranteeing the savings,” said Glen Haubold, associate vice president for facilities. “NMSU is proud that it has blazed the trail for projects that leverage private investment to reduce costs.”

Ameresco’s audit identified \$45 million in potential energy-related projects. The university decided to move forward on a select group of those projects in order to prove the concept.

“We didn’t want to take on more than we were comfortable with,” said Patrick Chavez, NMSU director of Utilities and Plant Operations. “We will assess the viability of future project phases once the official performance numbers are observed.”

Two solar parking canopies were installed on campus to offset power consumption. One produces 108 kilowatts of power at full capacity, while the other produces 72.3 kilowatts of power at full capacity. Both canopies provide shade to a total of 60 park-



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Positive Energy system installers Steven Fonseca, left, Eddie Marruto, center, and Mark Eshelman, right, are joined by Joni Newcomer, second from left, and Ameresco senior project manager Doug Hill as they celebrated the completion of a new solar panel array installation on campus last year.

ing spaces. Energy converted from the solar panels directly affect the university’s Satellite Chiller Plant, where the campus’ cooling system is controlled.

The university’s contract with Ameresco has seen benefits beyond money savings. Ameresco assisted NMSU with securing rebates from 77 separate project items which, upon receipt, totaled about \$1 million. The project also used multiple local subcontractors, keeping about 77 percent of the project’s dollars in the local economy.

The university’s contract with Ameresco was one of the largest per-

formance contracts in the state, and NMSU is often cited as an example by state officials of what other agencies in New Mexico could be doing to make their facilities more energy efficient. The project was awarded the 2015 Energy Project of the Year by the New Mexico Association of Energy Engineers.

“What made this project so successful was the personal touch we gave to the end users affected by the construction. We truly are a caring community,” said Joni Newcomer, manager of environmental policy and sustainability at NMSU.

The NMSU Board of Regents voted

in 2013 to approve NMSU’s energy performance contract with Ameresco. The contract allowed NMSU to make improvements to 50 buildings, totaling nearly 3 million gross square feet. The proposed improvements were based on nine energy conservation measures indicated by Ameresco during a seven-month-long investment-grade audit of all NMSU properties throughout the state, including the agricultural science centers and community colleges.

NMSU has 13 years to pay off the \$15.7 million bond to pay for the projects. NMSU will use its annual energy savings to pay off the bond.

A Time to Come Together

BY COURTNEY LOPEZ

For the Bulletin

In January of this year, Tom Watson, president of CauseWired and columnist for The Chronicle of Philanthropy, predicted that the year 2016 would be “one of soul-searching in U.S. philanthropy.”

For organizations like the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico, this could have been viewed as a challenge, but we chose to see it as an opportunity. We believe it is our responsibility to communicate to our community members why donor support – philanthropy – is vital to our region.

At the end of one of the most controversial elections in United States history, a divided country has reason to come together. Reason that is bigger than each and every one of us as individuals.

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities,



legislation could potentially cut programs that benefit low- and moderate-income people.

What does this mean for these individuals? What does this mean for nonprofits? It means that those that typically receive basic assistance, like food, would likely have limited access to services that are vital to their well-being. It means that nonprofits that work to assist vulnerable populations will have a very large hole to fill.

Philanthropy is bigger than the political party with which we identify. It is bigger than the candidates we support.

“Organized philanthropy has a unique opportunity to bring people together,” stated Jason Grumet and Chris Gates, contributors to the Stanford Social

Innovation Review, published by the Stanford Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society.

We have to work together. Our communities depend on it.

Whether or not the aforementioned legislation is passed, there are millions of individuals that rely on the support of national organizations addressing poverty like Feeding America and Meals on Wheels – and locally, low-income and homeless individuals turn to organizations like Casa de Peregrinos, Community of Hope, and Jardin De Los Niños among countless others. These organizations can’t have the significant impact they strive for without the support of community members like you and me.

Philanthropy is not reliant on a political agenda. It is not better suited for those affiliated with one political party as opposed to another. Philanthropy is a social responsibility.

If you’re reading this column, it is likely that you are a New Mexico resident. And, after being ranked 49th overall for

child well-being by 2016 Kids Count Data Book, released by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, New Mexicans, specifically children, need us now more than ever.

“As national discourse and energy pivots from campaign mode into the realities of governance, philanthropy is particularly called upon to identify and actualize its values and missions,” said Rip Rapson, President and CEO of The Kresge Foundation.

Together, we can have a collective impact in bettering our communities, improving quality of life, and supporting well-being for all. Despite the divisions that exist, we have to move forward as one caring, compassionate nation.

Why? Because people today, tomorrow and generations to come are dependent on it.

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DENNIS GEORGE DEASY

OLD SAILORS NEVER DIE THEY JUST SAIL AWAY (July 4, 1943 – November 6, 2016) Dennis was a resident of El Reno, OK at time of his passing. Private family memorial services will be held at a later date in New Mexico.

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Dr. Walter David Traf-ton, 84, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on November 19, 2016. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham’s Funeral Home.



J. Paul Taylor students get moving to earn funds

BULLETIN REPORT

Students at J. Paul Taylor Academy (JPTA) are getting help to build their playground from Gen Con, the school’s construction company, through the company’s offer to match up to \$5,000 of every dollar raised from the school’s Move-a-thon event Nov. 30.

The K-8 public charter school moved into its new building in the Court Youth Center near the intersection of Alameda Blvd. and Picacho Ave. last fall, but has not had the funding to make the dirt lot functional for students to use during PE and recess.

Students are getting physically involved to get the playground developed by collecting pledges toward their activities at the Move-a-thon, Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 8 a.m. to noon. Throughout the morning, classes will rotate through ten movement stations, including yoga, hula-hoop, jump rope and potato sack races.

Local businesses are also taking an active role in the event. Beck’s Coffee will

provide coffee for the event volunteers; Downtown Desert Yoga’s Colleen Boyd will instruct students at a yoga station; Enchanted Sun Realty’s Sandra Espiritu created an agility station with the help of her fireman husband, Tony Espiritu; New York Life’s Sumer Rose Nolen will run a potato sack race station and Rachel Courtney of Pretty Nice Creations will run a movement station.

To conclude the Move-a-thon, students will get to vote on their favorite playground equipment, to be erected once the development phase has been accomplished.

“We are so thankful that Gen Con is matching every dollar raised through this event and that local businesses are participating,” said Eric Ahner, executive director of JPTA. “And the kids are excited to be a part of the process, especially getting to pick the playground equipment.”

Plans for the dirt lot include diverting the standing water that collects rainwater, pouring concrete for basketball and four-square courts and, as funding becomes

available, erecting playground equipment.

For information on how to donate to the JPTA school’s playground, contact jptaFOUNDATION@jpaULTAYLORACADEMY.ORG. For information regarding the Move-a-thon, contact Eric Ahner at 575-652-4006 or eric.ahner@jpaULTAYLORACADEMY.ORG.



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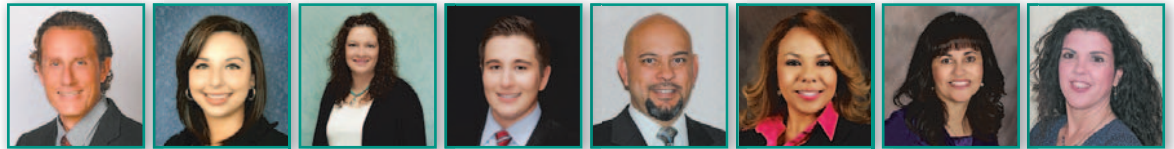
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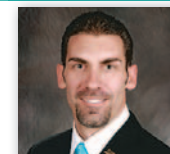


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By ALTA LeCOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

Desalination and the mechanical harvesting of green chiles were two topics on the agenda when the Jewish Federation of New Mexico hosted its inaugural Southern New Mexico-Israel Economic Forum Nov. 14.

The evening event, held in the Las Cruces City Council Chambers, was presented with assistance from the city and the New Mexico Department of Economic Development.

“The borderland and Israel share many similarities, including climate, scarcity of water and geographical isolation.”



PETER SVARZBEIN
El Paso city councilor

co’s strong economic relationship with Israel.

In an interview prior to the event, Benjamin said the event organizers will have done their job if attendees come away with questions and are energized to investigate further.

Speaking were New Mexico State University water expert Frank Ward; Stephanie Walker, professor of agriculture at NMSU and project lead for Etgar’s Moses chile harvester trials; and El Paso City Councilor Peter Svarzbein.

Water research near and far

Frank Ward, water research management professor in the environmental science program at

Department of Economic Development.

“One of our priorities as the state’s Jewish Federation is to promote continued economic development between New Mexico and Israel, our state’s second-largest trade partner after Mexico,” said Zachary Benjamin, executive director of the Jewish Federation of New Mexico.

He said one of the objectives of the forum was to explore with southern New Mexico business and civic leaders how to leverage New Mexico’s



Union Pacific trains transport cargo throughout the Southwest.

UP an engine of job creation

By ALTA LeCOMPTE
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Although jobs created by construction of Union Pacific’s Intermodal Facility in Santa Teresa ended more than two years ago, the company continues to create high-paying jobs and energize the economy of southern Doña Ana County.

“In total, 434 new jobs have been created, with 303 as Union Pacific employees and 131 as facility contractors,” said Jeff DeGraff, Union Pacific Railroad director of corporate relations and media.

“The average annualized salary of the 303 UP employees at this site is more than \$89,000, which is double the New Mexico average salary as estimated by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.”

He said UP is proud to invest in its employees as they provide top-



Freight cars enter the UP Intermodal Facility in Santa Teresa.

notch service to customers and keep the network running safely and efficiently.

Most are train conductors and locomotive engineers.

“Their jobs are to safely and efficiently transport our trains to destinations throughout New

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NMSU, shared his experiences collaborating with Nir Becker, dean of the School of Social Services and the Humanities at Tel Hai College.

“What I discovered is Israel is highly advanced in low-cost desalination — 20 percent cheaper than the Saudis. Israel makes heavy use of recycled water and high-efficiency drip irrigation.”

He said he helped design a survey to measure the benefits of Dead Sea desalination. The project, he said, would result in \$200 million in benefits if

a policy choice is made to do so.

Ward acknowledged, however, he is “a little nervous” about the impact on aquifers.

He said two Mediterranean Sea water desalination facilities have been completed in Israel and more are under construction or on the drawing board. Meanwhile, he said, El Paso plans to treat its brackish underground water.

“As demand is growing ... you run out of the cheapest water and it becomes an economically feasible alternative to desalination.”

Ward said scholars

need to figure out how to actually measure the economic value of water and then put that knowledge to use.

“It’s a complex policy question,” he said.

“By 2020, desalination will take on a growing role in Israel and also in El Paso,” he said. “The big policy question is what is the least costly way to do this.”

He said both New Mexico and Israel face the challenge of meeting the needs of growing urban populations while also meeting its obligations to deliver water to locations beyond its borders.

In New Mexico’s case,

the threat is posed by the possibility the U.S. Supreme Court will rule against the state in Texas’s claim to more water from the Rio Grande. In Israel’s case, peace treaties with neighboring states might lead to sending more of its water abroad to neighboring states.

Ward called for additional academic exchanges between Israel and New Mexico to address water issues.

Noting that the two are important trading partners, he said, “We could be trading more brains.”

The two have “a great capacity” for multi-sector analysis of drought and climate, surface and ground water supplies, hydrology and new techniques for water management, he said.

“Joint work could start with our new water science degree,” he said.

The research emphasis of the program is to connect science and policy, he said.

Red or green?

Walker said the majority of New Mexico’s red chile is harvested mechanically, since most of the crop is dehydrated and a little damage from machine harvesting doesn’t pose a problem.

Green chile historically has been harvested and de-stemmed by hand.

To date, the Etgar mechanical harvester designed by Israeli inventor Elad Etgar has proved best for gentle harvesting of green chile, she said.

She said Etgar designed a smaller version of the machine, which she used for tests that produced a 94 percent intact harvest. She said mechanical harvesting of green chile would be cost effective if used on 100 or more acres.

“For 50 acres or less, you would really have to go in with other growers,” she said. “Green chile harvesting research is a multi-national project. We gain a lot from collaboration.”

She said breeding lines have been developed at

NMSU for future mechanical harvesting.

“We’re still crunching the numbers, but it looks very favorable,” she said.

Addressing shared challenges

Svarzbein, a Jewish Latino artist who led the effort to resume trolley service between El Paso and Juarez — which ended in 1974 — observed the similarities across the borderland and similarities between the borderland and Israel.

The borderland and Israel share many similarities, including climate, scarcity of water and geographical isolation, he said.

“We are both places of immigrants. (Israel) is a nation of immigrants and entrepreneurs,” Svarzbein said. “We both are areas defined by borders, for better or worse. In many ways we have to create our own economy.”

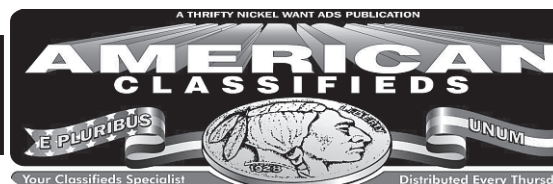
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Low interest rates bad sign of U.S. business sector

Thanks to an easy Fed policy, interest rates have been low for a very long time.

If you had told a typical economist circa 2000 — and by typical I mean me — that the Fed had pursued this sort of policy for this long, they would have predicted high inflation.

But we see just the opposite. Inflation remains stubbornly low.

Heck, many times, in speeches and in this column, I've predicted increasing inflation rates. I've said 5 to 10 percent inflation by the end of the decade. Well, that predic-



CHRIS ERICKSON
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tion is far, far from materializing and I appear to be dead wrong.

We can't get inflation above 2 percent on a sustained basis. And 2 percent is really low inflation. In fact, when you

back out things like quality improvements and changes in product mix, below 2 percent inflation is really statistically the same as zero inflation.

So what is going on? Why was I so wrong? Why hasn't inflation taken off? The answer appears to

have been a decrease in what Keynes called the natural interest rate.

The natural interest rate is the interest rate at which GDP is growing at trend and inflation is stable. Exactly what we are seeing right now. So as a first pass, using the interest paid on 90-day U.S. treasuries, that means that the natural rate, which for the 50 years prior to the Great Recession, ran about 5.2 percent, is now essentially zero.

This decline seems to be attributable to two factors. First is a decline in the expected rate of inflation. Interest rates reflect expected inflation. That is,

when expected inflation is high, lenders require a higher return to make up for lost purchasing power; at the same time borrowers are willing to pay more as they expect to repay with cheaper dollars.

In fact, the average inflation rate prior to the onset of the Great Recession in December 2016 was 4 percent, but only 1.6 percent after that. So about half the decline in interest rates can be explained by changes in inflation.

The other half of the decline arises from a fall in the real, inflation-adjusted, interest rate.

Prior to the great recession, real interest rate on

short-run treasuries averaged 1.2 percent; since the Great Recession, it has averaged -1.3 percent. That is, after adjusting for inflation, people lost purchasing power when investing in short-run treasuries.

What this means is that financial players would rather hold U.S. short-term securities, which pay a negative interest rate, than invest in new factories or new technologies. That is, the return on new investment, after adjusting for risk — and risk is critical for understanding what is going on — is less than -1.3 percent.

So either people are really anxious about the business situation or else

the return on investment is very low. My guess is both.

This explains, in part, the appeal of Donald Trump — there is a lot of anxiety out there about the future and Trump tapped in to that. Buckle your seatbelts please — turbulence ahead.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at New Mexico State University. If people had listened to him Gary Johnson would be president now. The opinions expressed may not be shared by the regents and administration of NMSU. Erickson can be reached at chrerick@nmsu.edu.

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Mexico and the southwest," DeGraff said. "We also employ locomotive and rail car mechanics and repair personnel, administrators, supervisors and myriad others."

DeGraff said UP is proud of its facility and "what it means for our customers and the impact it has had on the surrounding area's economy."

The Santa Teresa Intermodal facility covers 2,200 acres and has an annual lift capacity of 225,000.

"As we continue to move forward, we look to maximizing production and customer service to meet that capacity," DeGraff said.

In addition to the direct employment opportunities created by the

Santa Teresa terminal, the location has become a catalyst for economic development and job creation, he said.

More than 900 additional jobs have been created in Doña Ana County, in part due to the UP terminal and the efforts of the Border Industrial Association.

In addition to the Santa Teresa project, from 2011-15, Union Pacific invested more than \$538 million in strengthening its New Mexico rail infrastructure, "helping ensure that New Mexico can count on a world class rail network as it continues to grow," DeGraff said.

"Union Pacific is constantly engaged with local and regional economic development professionals to ensure mutually beneficial relationships," he said.

"Our investments in southern New Mexico and throughout the state highlight our commitment to future growth."

As of June 2016, UP had invested more than \$350 million constructing the fueling and intermodal facility.

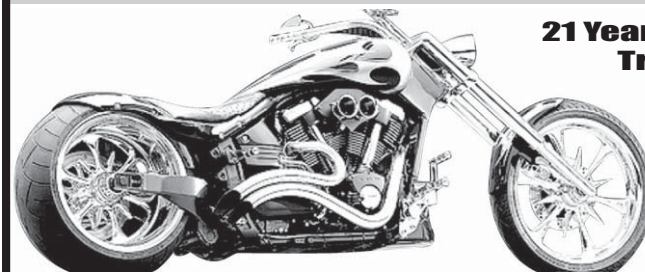
Four commercial/industrial parks are now at capacity. Among companies building in the 1,300-acre Santa Teresa Intermodal Park is Omega Trucking of Sunland Park.

In addition, the railroad company maintains a relationship with Doña Ana Community College, hiring DACC graduates and supporting the college through the UP Foundation.

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St. Clair Winery wins national competition

St. Clair Winery has captured top honors with the newly released dessert wine, Kiva. Earning a platinum medal and scoring 96 points, the new, fortified wine is labeled Superlative by The Tastings.com World Wine Championship Competition. This is the first Platinum Medal to be awarded to St. Clair Winery.

The Tastings.com World Wine Championships is America's oldest annual international Wine competition and has been operated objectively for decades. It is a blind tasting, medal-based competition that awards based on a 100-point scale.

The Tastings.com World Wine Championships distributes its monthly results to consumers and the trade through Tastings.com, a free consumer website with tens of thousands of unique users a month on its searchable databases and via social media @tastingsbti.

Created to be a perfect mate to the already popular St. Clair Port, the winery began developing the new Kiva wine in late 2015. The wine was designed to serve as an aperitif, made in a similar style as a cream-sherry. Kiva, the namesake, reflects what St. Clair collaborators and winery vice president Florent Lescombes envision for the wine: "where family and friends can come together, a gathering place and a reason to celebrate."

Easley joins Citizens Bank staff

James "Jim" Easley has been named Citizens Bank market president for the Citizens Loan Center office serving the El Paso market. Easley's responsibilities will include the overall management, growth and development of the El Paso area.

He brings more than 35 years of banking experience and has held multiple senior management and commercial lending positions for banking groups in El Paso, Texas and New Mexico.

He has held many leadership roles, including market president, community lending team leader and community lending relationship manager.

George Ruth, president, said, "The combination of his leadership, experience and community involvement makes Jim a valuable asset to Citizens Bank. We are excited about the opportunities to expand our services to our neighboring city."

Streamlined food prep helps local chain expand

By CLAUDIA INFANTE

As Albuquerque-based Dion's restaurant turned its entrepreneurial vision toward larger markets outside New Mexico in 2014, owners of the privately owned chain thought it was a good time to review operations with an eye to improving efficiency in its 20 existing outlets.

So Dion's asked the New Mexico Manufacturing Extension Partnership to offer its expert assessment of how the restaurant was preparing and serving food and to suggest how it could modify the process to give the restaurant more value for its efforts. That process, known as value-stream mapping, is a comprehensive management approach to improving productivity and maximizing profitability.

Restaurant managers hoped to use the information they obtained to design a kitchen layout with a pared-down footprint that maximized space and used labor most efficiently to meet growing customer demand. By standardizing its approach to customer service, the restaurant hoped to minimize the risk it faced competing well beyond its home base.

Mapping manufacturing

Over Dion's 38-year history, the company experimented with different layouts depending on where each restaurant was located. Early restaurants were frequently found in strip malls, but later incarnations were free-standing buildings with pickup windows.

Building layouts weren't uniform companywide, nor was the process of preparing and serving food. Given this variability, MEP experts visited three different stores over four days to observe operations in the food-preparation areas and to map out each step in meal production and delivery.

MEP's innovation directors found that the stores followed the same general procedures, even though the actual execution of these steps differed at each site depending on



COURTESY PHOTO

Dion's at Academy and Wyoming in Albuquerque is part of a growing New Mexico chain that includes a Las Cruces location at 3950 E. Lohman Ave. and one opening on El Paseo Road.

kitchen and counter layout. The counter person took an order and physically delivered the ticket to the appropriate "cell" or work area, depending on whether the customer wanted a whole pizza, a salad, a sub sandwich or an individual pizza slice. Workers then made the product, and a server delivered it to the customer.

Opportunities for change

Creating this map for Dion's allowed MEP experts to analyze what worked and what didn't in each restaurant setting and to suggest areas for improvement.

After they completed the review, MEP's innovation directors met with members of Dion's management team to discuss the findings and offer optimization opportunities. Among many other suggestions, they encouraged Dion's to centralize its phone network, especially in the salad prep area, and to standardize the sub sandwich/pizza slice area to reduce cross-traffic, bottlenecks and congestion — the kinds of obstacles that were pinching production during busy hours.

Another suggestion was to improve the ticket delivery system: Instead of having an employee run

tickets to each station, Dion's could use cables or a point-of-sale system to minimize the risk of employees colliding with one another and to save time.

Employees performing the day-to-day activities are able to offer a unique perspective. MEP's innovation directors encouraged Dion's managers to send all employees to MEP's training classes so they would understand the process and contribute to discussions. MEP also offered to work with the restaurant to evaluate its commissary layouts.

"Value-stream mapping is just one of the tools MEP uses to help companies change mindsets and maximize efficiency," said Jennifer Sinsabaugh, center director in New Mexico.

For more information about NM MEP, visit www.newmexicomep.org or call 505-262-0921.

Claudia Infante, projects coordinator, New Mexico Manufacturing Extension Partnership, prepared this column for Finance New Mexico, which assists individuals and businesses with obtaining skills and funding resources for their business or idea. Info: www.FinanceNew-Mexico.org.

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NOTICE is hereby given that on October 14, 2016, Sidco Corporation c/o: Lloyd Lindbeck, 2725 Terrace Arc, Las Cruces, NM 88011, filed application numbered LRG-4921-F into LRG-4923, OSE File Nos.: LRG-4921-F & LRG-4923, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well & Change Place of Use of Underground water within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of wells LRG-4921 & LRG-4921-S, located on land owned by Cole FD Portfolio X LLC & Fort Seldon Inc., respectively & located within the SE 1/4 of Section 11, Township 21S, Range 1W, & the NW 1/4 of Section 14, Township 21S, Range 1W (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where X = 1,437,857 ft., Y = 543,642.6 ft., & X = 1,433,670.2 ft., Y = 541,600.02 ft. NMSF, Central NAD83, respectively historically used for the irrigation of 7.7 acres of land located within the SE 1/4 of said Section 11, & the SW 1/4 of Section 12, Township 21S, Range 1W (NMPM) & transferring the aforementioned 7.7 acres of groundwater irrigation right for a total of 34.65 acre-feet per annum to existing well LRG-4923 located on land Lloyd Lindbeck & Marita L. Evans located within the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 21S, Range 1W (NMPM) & located at or near X = 1,429,955.19 ft., Y = 542,602.8 ft., NMSF, Central NAD83 on land owned by Lloyd Lindbeck & Marita L. Evans 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 for the irrigation of 7.7 acres located within the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of said Section

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10. The site of existing well LRG-4923 is located west of Leasburg, NM and may be found approximately 1,104 feet southeast of the intersection of Springfield Ct. and Panorama Ct., Leasburg, NM. Existing wells LRG-4921 & LRG-4921-S will be retained for other rights.

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

575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 11/11, 11/18, 11/25, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on September 1, 2016 Mary Gamboa, 3500 Haines Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed application numbered LRG-16193-POD1, OSE File No. LRG-16193-1, 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 & using replacement well LRG-16193-POD1 located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 10, Township 23S, Range 1E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°19'1.33"N and 106°49'56.29"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, & discontinue the use of well LRG-3250, located on land owned by Terry Haines located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 10, Township 23S, Range 1E (NMPM) & more specifically described where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°19'69"N and 106°49'57.85"W (WGS84), 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, for the irrigation of 1.63 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 10 (NMPM), as described in Subfile Order No. LRN 28-009-0119 Right A of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill & use replacement well LRG-16193-POD1 under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of replacement well LRG-16193-POD1 is located west of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 860 feet northwest of the intersection of Ray Luchini Dr. and Haines Rd and further described at the property address of 3500 Haines, La Mesa, NM. Existing well LRG-3250 will be retained for other rights.

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

affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 11/11, 11/18, 11/25, 2016

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

Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by the applicant, and utilizing unpermitted existing domestic well LRG-16151-POD2, located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 17, Township 27 South, Range 03 East, and more specifically described where X = 1,514,492.290 (Easting) and Y = 348,875.0626 (Northing) NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic one household purposes, as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-018-1064 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for well LRG-16151-POD2 is located east of La Union, NM, and may be found at approximately 2,510 feet northeast of the intersection of Gabaldon Road and Mercantil Avenue. Well LRG-16151-POD 1 will be plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment,

you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 11/11, 11/18, 11/25, 2016

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO VILLAGE CODE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Hatch Board of Trustee's, 133 N. Franklin Street, Hatch, New Mexico will hold a public hearing to consider the following Amendment of the Village Code 17.60.010 Definitions, for adoption and enactment at the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. A complete copy of the proposed Amendment is on file with the Village of Hatch located at 133 N. Franklin Street, Hatch, New Mexico, and is available for inspection during normal business hours. A synopsis of the proposed Amendment is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF HATCH, NEW MEXICO, AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE, CHAPTER 17.60, PLANNING AND ZONING, BY AMENDING SECTION 17.60.010 DEFINITIONS, ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEAL AND SEVERABILITY. 17.60.010 Definitions: **ACCESSORY BUILDING OR USE:** A subordinate building or use, the use of which is incidental to and customarily found in connection with the principal building or use, and located on the same lot with the principal building or use. An accessory use shall not exceed one-fourth (1/4) of the use or area of the main business or building. Accessory buildings may be built in a required rear yard but such accessory building shall not be nearer than ten feet (10') to the main building nor be located less than five feet (5') from the interior lot line, or less than five (5') from the rear lot line.

At the close of the public hearing, Village of Hatch Board of Trustee's may take action to adopt the Ordinance referenced herein. Any and all interested or affected parties are invited to attend and/or present comment on the proposed Ordinance. Village of Hatch Trustee's also reserve the right to conduct such other business as may come before it.

PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Hatch Board of Trustee's, 133 N. Franklin Street, Hatch, New Mexico will hold a public hearing to consider the following Ordinance for adoption and enactment at the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. A complete copy of the proposed Ordinance is on file with the Village of Hatch located at 133 N. Franklin Street, Hatch, New Mexico, and is available for inspection during normal business hours.

A synopsis of the proposed Ordinance is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF HATCH, NEW MEXICO, PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF TRUCKS, TRAILERS AND OTHER SPECIFIED VEHICLES ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS. WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the public health, safety and welfare in residential areas by prohibiting the parking of large semi-trucks, trailers, recreational vehicles and buses on residential streets. Said vehicles and equipment tend to block the view of other vehicles and children playing in these neighborhoods as well as negatively impacting the aesthetics and overall quality of life in residential neighborhoods.

At the close of the public hearing, Village of Hatch Board of Trustee's may take action to adopt the Ordinance referenced herein. Any and all interested or affected parties are invited to attend and/or present comment on the proposed Ordinance. Village of Hatch Trustee's also reserve the right to conduct such other business as may come before it.

may be entered against you.

The name, address, and telephone number of the Attorney for the Petitioner is Julie Kestor, PO Box 16543, Las Cruces, NM 88004/tel. (575) 650-6347

Dates: 11/25, 12/02, 2016

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

NO. CV-2016-2307

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MARISELA GOMEZ FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF Jorge Jr. Hernandez

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME (OF PERSON UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Marisela Gomez, has filed a Petition to Change the Name of her child, from **Jorge Jr. Hernandez to Jorge Jaime Gomez**. This petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the **12th day of December, 2016, at the hour of 2:10 p.m.** at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho

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

NO. D-307-DM-2016-00856
Judge Kugler

IN THE MATTER OF KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP OF JOSHUA DANIEL BENGE, minor child

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Michelle Berrun and Robert Benge, Respondents

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed concerning you in the above named court and county. In the Petition, Petitioners Susana T. Berrun and Reyes H. Berrun seek kinship guardianship of Joshua Daniel Benge; a minor child.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that this matter will be heard in the District Court in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, no sooner than twenty (20) days after the last publication date of this Notice. Unless you appear at the hearing on the Petition in the above Court, a judgment

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(Seal)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Marisela Gomez, Marisela Gomez, 845 Berino Rd. Berino, NM 88021, PO Box 1889, Anthony, NM 88021, (915) 412-2748

Dates: 11/25, 12/02, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-02185

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

vs.

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

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

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

Lot 5, LENOX PLACE SUBDIVISION REPLAT NO 1, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 4056 on 12/02/2004 in Book 21 Page(s) 46-47 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a

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

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

vs.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-00209

WELLS FARGO BANK,

NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its

attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-02350

BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

VICKY L. CALLOWAY, Defendant.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 9125 Clovis Road, Mesilla Park, New Mexico 88047, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 27, BLOCK A, BRAZITO ACRES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW

MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 12, 2005, IN BOOK 21 PAGES 204-205 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on December 16, 2016, outside the front entrance of the Third Judicial District, 201 W. Picacho, #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, NA.

BOKF, NA was awarded in rem Judgment on March 14, 2016, in the principal sum of \$104,888.67, plus interest due on the Note through March 1, 2016, in the amount of \$5,681.50, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 6.5% per annum (\$18.68 per diem) until paid, plus late fees in the amount of \$193.87, plus escrow advances in the amount of \$1,167.49, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through February 29, 2016, in the amount of \$1,500.00, and costs through February 29, 2016, in the amount of \$653.73, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 6.5% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

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

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani Faisal Sukhyani C/O Leverick & Musselman, LLC 5120 San Francisco NE Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-01111

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff

vs.

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

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CLAUDE BOWMAN

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

(SEAL)

By: /s/ Victor A. Eres Deputy

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-02350

BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

VICKY L. CALLOWAY, Defendant.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 9125 Clovis Road, Mesilla Park, New Mexico 88047, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 27, BLOCK A, BRAZITO ACRES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 12, 2005, IN BOOK 21 PAGES 204-205 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on December 16, 2016, outside the front entrance of the Third Judicial District, 201 W. Picacho, #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, NA.

BOKF, NA was awarded in rem Judgment on March 14, 2016, in the principal sum of \$104,888.67, plus interest due on the Note through March 1, 2016, in the amount of \$5,681.50, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 6.5% per annum (\$18.68 per diem) until paid, plus late fees in the amount of \$193.87, plus escrow advances in the amount of \$1,167.49, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through February 29, 2016, in the amount of \$1,500.00, and costs through February 29, 2016, in the amount of \$653.73, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 6.5% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE

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South line of said 20 foot wide driveway, S.17°28'07"E., 151.16 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence S.73°25'46"W., 54.48 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence N.15°15'36"W., 151.88 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found on the South line of said 20 foot wide platted driveway for the Northwest corner of this tract;

Thence along the South line of said 20 foot platted driveway, N.74°15'05"E., 48.64 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.180 acre of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

Information in the preparation of this description derives from Miscellaneous Document filed September 10, 1990, in Miscellaneous Book 255, Pages 722-723 Doña Ana County Records. Field notes by Moy Surveying Inc., License #5939.

Including, but not limited to, the manufactured home permanently attached thereto, a 1994 SPIR, VIN SCAR93286535434AB, title to which has been deactivated in the records of the Motor Vehicle Department of the State of New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 3, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$131,609.54 and the same bears interest at 5.540% per annum from October 16, 2015, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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

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

Dates: 11/04, 11/11, 11/18,
11/25, 2016

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
VALENCIA
THIRTEENTH
JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-1314-CV-2015-01134

**UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, ACTING
THROUGH RURAL
HOUSING SERVICE,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JACQUELINE M.
CRAWFORD, Defendant.**

**NOTICE OF SALE
ON FORECLOSURE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Valencia County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1121 Cottonwood Ct SE, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED THREE
(3) IN BLOCK LETTERED
"E" OF CARSON PARK

UNIT 4, A SUBDIVISION IN LOS LUNAS, VALENCIA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF VALENCIA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 21, 1992 IN CABINET H, FOLIO 65.

The sale is to begin at **9:10 a.m. on December 8, 2016**, outside the front entrance of the Thirteenth Judicial District, 1835 HWY 314 SW, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted USDA.

USDA was awarded in rem Judgment on NOTE1, in the principal sum of \$60,688.57, plus interest due on the Note through July 1, 2016, in the amount of \$11,729.20, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 6.25% per annum (\$12.33 per diem) until paid, and in rem judgment on the NOTE2 in the principal sum of \$2,088.94, plus outstanding interest due on NOTE2 from July 1, 2016 in the amount of \$382.44, plus late fees in the amount of \$252.71, plus escrow advances for property taxes and hazard insurance in the amount of \$5,893.85, plus property preservation in the amount of \$5,406.09, plus in rem subsidy recapture in the amount of \$33,544.16, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through July 1, 2016, in the amount of \$1,500.00, and costs through July 1, 2016, in the amount of \$600.49, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 6.25% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

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

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani
Faisal Sukhyani
C/O Leverick &
Musselman, LLC
5120 San Francisco NE
Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87109

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

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

No. 16-0270

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
MAYNARD L. BEAMES-
DERFER DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CAREY D. BEAMESDERFER has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative at 413 Desert Garden Drive, Santa Teresa, NM 88008, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Room 1-200, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: November 15,
2016

Prepared by:
SAM SNODDY
New Mexico Bar #3978
Attorney at Law
1518 Montana,
El Paso, Texas 79902
Facsimile: (915) 533-7421

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

**SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF
SACRAMENTO,
SITTING
AS THE
JUVENILE COURT**

**In the Matter of:
Baby Girl Kempthorne
Minor born: 06/28/16
Case No.: 237386
PUBLISHED CITATION
WELFARE AND INSTI-
TUTIONS CODE SEC-
TIONS 294 & 366.26
THE PEOPLE OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
TO: ALMA NOEL KEMP-**

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

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

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

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

4. On the above date the Court will determine the best permanent plan for your child. Evidence will be presented. After hearing the evidence presented by the parties, the Court will make one of the following orders:
a. Terminate your parental rights permanently and order that the child be placed for adoption;

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

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

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

5. You may have the right to have an attorney represent you at the hearing. If you cannot afford an attorney, the Court will appoint an

attorney for you, unless you knowingly and willingly waive your right to representation by an attorney. You have the right to present evidence at the hearing.

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

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

8. Ten (10) days prior to the hearing, the Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services, Petitioner will prepare an assessment report containing its recommendation in this matter. You have the right to read the report and obtain a copy of the report. You should immediately contact the social worker assigned to your child dependency case or your attorney if you have any questions or if you would like to read and obtain a copy of the report.

9. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court will proceed in your absence to adopt one of the above-mentioned permanent plans. Such proceedings may include the termination of your parental rights so that your child may be placed for adoption.

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

DATE: November 15, 2016
**SHERRI Z. HELLER,
Ph.D**

**Director
PENELOPE PETERS,
Paralegal
Department of Health and
Human Services
Paralegal Services (916)
875-8422
11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9/16
CNS-2947831#**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF
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In the Matter of:
baby girl kempthorne
Minor born: 06/28/16
Case No.: 237386
PUBLISHED CITATION
WELFARE AND
INSTITUTIONS CODE
SECTIONS 294 & 366.26**

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

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Director
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Paralegal
Department of Health and Human Services
Paralegal Services (916)
875-8422
11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9/16
CNS-2947799#

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-01622

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

vs.

DAVID C. TEEL AND JANE DOE TEEL, HUSBAND AND WIFE; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1873 Seldon Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001-2532, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 82 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 6 OF SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION PHASE II, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION PHASE II, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 29, 1978 IN PLAT BOOK 12, FOLIO 170-172.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 PM on December 12, 2016**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency

of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on October 4, 2016, in the total amount of \$133,249.97, with interest at the rate of 6.2500% per annum from May 23, 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. Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), A Corporation Organized And Existing Under The Laws Of The United States Of America, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-01363

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

RHONDA ARMITAGE AND JOHN DOE ARMITAGE, WIFE AND HUSBAND; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1113 Lees Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 4, BLOCK O, OF AMENDED PLAT OF BLOCK "O" DALE BEL-LAMAH ADDITION, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN ON PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON NOVEMBER 18, 1952 IN PLAT BOOK 7, AT PAGE 31, PLAT RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

The sale is to begin at **12:15pm on December 12, 2016**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on September 11, 2015, in the total amount of \$106,444.20, with interest at the rate of 4.6250% per annum from July 31, 2015 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale. Default Judgment in rem was subsequently amended on October 3, 2016 to correctly state the total sum

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as \$107,794.20.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Nationstar Mortgage LLC, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2015-02540

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

LUIS M. TORRES; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled

Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5702 Organ Peak Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 19 IN BLOCK NUMBERED B OF VISTA DE LA MONTANA SUBDIVISION UNIT II PHASE 1, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID VISTA DEL LA MONTANA SUBDIVISION UNIT II PHASE 1, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON NOVEMBER 8, 2006 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 29-30.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 PM on December 12, 2016**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on April 22, 2016, in the total amount of \$209,133.89, with interest at the rate of 4.625% per annum from March 9, 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. Wells Fargo Bank, NA, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

No.: D-307-CV-2015-02642

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

E. LELA MCCOMMONS, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF E. LELA MCCOMMONS, DECEASED; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF E. LELA MCCOMMONS; CHERYL E. SMART; LESLIE A. GAST; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendant, E. Lela Mccommons, If Living; If Deceased, The Unknown Heirs of E. Lela Mccommons, Deceased:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 2977 Tulip Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88007. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

The Friday, November 25, 2016

MCCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

By:/s/ Stephen Kowal
Karen Weaver
Stephen Kowal
6501 Eagle Rock NE,
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Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87113
Telephone No.:
(505) 219-4900
Attorneys for Plaintiff

HOLT MYNATT MARTINEZ P.C.

Benjamin J. Young
P.O. Box 2699
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Attorney for Housing Authority of the City of Las Cruces

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

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See 'Wizard of Oz'
feature on page 36.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Munchkins and Glinda the Good Witch (Meagan Higgins) welcome Dorothy (Clarivel Garcia) and Toto (Tori) to Munchkinland during rehearsals for "The Wizard of Oz."

'Wizard of Oz' tickets selling fast at Las Cruces Community Theatre

BULLETIN REPORT

L. Frank Baum's magical classic, "The Wizard of Oz" produced by the Las Cruces Community Theatre, promises to be an event children of all ages will remember forever. But don't wait to buy tickets, the 10 scheduled performances are on their way to being completely sold out, making this musical a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

With a cast of local veterans and some impressive newcomers, Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT's) version of the movie classic, directed by Janet Beatty-Payne, is filled with well-loved characters, eye-popping sets and costumes, riveting villains and courageous heroes at 331 N. Main St., right here in Las Cruces.

Theater-goers will hear Dorothy

Gale sing America's favorite song, "Over the Rainbow," and join her on her journey from a dusty gray farm in Kansas to the rainbow-hued world of Oz, which contains the best and worst the world has to offer as she searches for a way home courtesy of the great and powerful wizard who rules over the land of Oz.

Accompanying Dorothy (Oñate freshman Clarivel Garcia) on the yellow brick road is her dog, Toto (alternately played by real dogs Tori and Moto), a seemingly simple-minded scarecrow (crowd-pleaser Brandon Brown), a timorous tin man (the sweet Matthew Esqueda) and a lily-livered lion (played with great gusto by Jason Wyatt.)

Impeding the quintet's progress are a vicious witch, brought to deli-

cious nasty life by Cindy Pitts, a herd of winged monkeys and a field of poisonous poppies, all played by young actors from Las Cruces.

"This wonderful family show is the perfect way to ring in the holidays," said costume designer and Aunt Em Susie Ouder Kirk. "It's fast, funny, and reminds us all of one of the most important sayings in the world: there's no place like home."

LCCT board member Vanessa Dabovitch recommends that anyone interested in seeing this wonderful musical get tickets soon. "We're anticipating selling out every performance of "The Wizard of Oz." In fact, two of the 10 performances are already sold out, she said.

For ticket information, go to lcctn.org or call 575-523-1200.

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DACC dinner theater will feature 10-minute plays

BULLETIN REPORT

Four original productions will highlight the 6th Annual Ten Minute Play Festival Dinner Theater at Doña Ana Community College (DACC).

The plays were chosen and are performed by the DACC Theatre Arts Club. The plays represent a wide variety of styles and the diverse community in southern New Mexico and at DACC. The festival features plays for students, by students.

Ten minute plays are increasingly popular across the United States for a number of reasons. The genre is fast moving and audiences experience several unique plays, all in one sitting.

The DACC 2016 plays include:

- Your Server Hates You written by Margaret Adams and directed by Simeon Funk
- Good Cop/Bad Cop written by David Martin and directed by Jared Pollard
- Thoughts We Keep written by Rebecca Paige George and directed by Teddy Aspen-Sanchez
- He Said She Said written by Jazmine Aguilera and directed by Jessica Jimenez

The cast and crew include Mike Barraza, William Bell, Rob Bustamante, Trey King, Josh Galarza, Randy Garcia, Taylor Gibbs, Johnna

Nunn, Christina Solis and Chris Urioste.

All four plays will be performed during a dinner theater starting at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, Wednesday, Nov. 30 and Thursday, Dec. 1 at the DASR Student Resources Building commons area on the East Mesa Campus at 2800 So-

noma Ranch Blvd. The plays begin at 5:30 p.m.

There is no charge for students, faculty, staff or the general public. The dinner is sponsored by the DACC Student Government Association. On Tuesday, Nachos supreme from Chihuahua's will be served, on Wednesday, sand-

wiches will be provided by Dion's and Dion's pizza will be served on Thursday. For more information contact advisor Layle Chambers: lchambers@dacc.nmsu.edu or call 575-528-7048. Like the acting troupe on Facebook: www.facebook.com/DACC-Theatre.

¡Feliz Navidad!

A Mariachi Christmas
December 3, 2016 • 7pm

**Santa Fe Opera:
Carols and Arias**
December 2, 2016 • 7:30pm

**Mesilla Valley Chorale:
Holiday Fanfare**
December 11, 2016 • 3pm

**Home for the Holidays:
A Josh Grider Family
Christmas Show**
December 17, 2016 • 7pm

**Tickets available at
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Located at 211 N. Main St. • Las Cruces, NM**



UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI NOVEMBER 25 • ALL DAY **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Library Closed for Thanksgiving

SUN NOVEMBER 27 • 2:00 P.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
4th Sunday Movie FREE award-winning movie

TUE NOVEMBER 29 • 2:00 P.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Read to Me (Storytime for ages 3 and up)

TUE NOVEMBER 29 • 2:00 P.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Computer Class: Windows 10

TUE+THU NOV 29+DEC 1 • 4:00 P.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Teen Game Night

WED+THU NOV 30+DEC 1 • 10:00 A.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Toddler Time (Storytime for ages 1-3)

WED NOVEMBER 30 • 11:00 A.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Mother Goose Time (Activities for Infants)

FRI DECEMBER 2 • 7:30 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
The Santa Fe Opera presents Arias & Carols

SAT DECEMBER 3 • 7:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
The Rio Grande Theatre presents Feliz Navidad

THU DECEMBER 8 • 7:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
KRWG presents El Paso Bras

FRI DECEMBER 9 • 7:30 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
Gone Girls "Merry Christmas Darlings"

SUN DECEMBER 11 • 3:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
Mesilla Valley Chorale presents Holiday Fanfare

WED DECEMBER 14 • 6:30 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
Every 2nd Wednesday presents the Las Cruces Ukles

SAT DECEMBER 17 • 7:30 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
Home for the Holidays, A Josh Grider Family Christmas Show

ONGOING EVENTS:

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

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Remember The Fireballs?

Founder will be in Las Cruces on Nov. 26

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

If you're of a certain age (or younger and interested in the oldies), you probably remember a song called "Sugar Shack." But you may not know about its place in rock 'n' roll history or its New Mexico connections.

"Sugar Shack" sold more than a million records and spent five weeks at the top of the music charts in 1963. Billboard magazine rated it that year's number one single, and it was the last number-one hit by an American group before the British invasion led by the Beatles.

The song was recorded in Norman Petty Studios in Clovis, New Mexico (think Buddy Holly and the Crickets and Roy Orbison) by a band called The Fireballs, which was a group of high school friends from Raton, New Mexico.

The founding member of The Fireballs is George Tomsco, who still lives in Raton and continues to perform as the last member of the group.

"Now, after 58 years, it's just down to me again," Tomsco said in a Nov. 15 interview from his home in Raton. "I was the first one in and I'm the last one out."

"I still tour and do

gigs," Tomsco said. In August, for example, he performed with 3 Balls of Fire at Viva Cantina in Burbank, California. And, he will be in Las Cruces on Saturday, Nov. 26 to headline the History of New Mexico Rock 'n' Roll town hall symposium, which will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla.

The Fireballs got their start as instrumentalists, featuring Tomsco's skills as a composer and guitarist.

"One of the guitar instrumentals that I wrote has been claimed to be one of the starters of the whole surf guitar movement in California," he said. The instrumental, "Bulldog," was recorded by The Fireballs in 1959.

The Fireballs were on American Bandstand in January 1960, when Bulldog "was already a happening record," Tomsco said, "and we went into New York City two weeks later to be on the "Dick Clark Saturday Night Beechnut Show."

When he introduced The Fireballs, Clark said, "Put your hands together for the surf band of New Mexico," Tomsco remembers. "I thought he'd gotten us confused. But, Dick Clark, being in the music business with his TV show across the nation, he had heard and knew that our record of "Bulldog" was starting the surf movement out there in California. As a matter of fact, I didn't even know what surf



COURTESY PHOTO

This photo is from the group's first photo shoot in March 1958 at Williston Studio, Raton, New Mexico. From left are George Tomsco, lead guitar; Stan Lark, bass; Eric Budd, drums; Chuck Tharp, vocalist; and Dan Trammel, rhythm guitar, not pictured.

meant. I literally had to go get a dictionary. I looked it up and surf had to do with the ocean and it finally started making sense. That's kind of how the surf movement got ignited by The Fireballs," Tomsco said.

Tomsco remembers meeting Buddy Holly at Petty Studios in Clovis a few months before Holly was killed in plane crash in 1959.

"Losing Buddy, (Petty) didn't really have a group on the battlefield for his publishing, so he kind of took a strong liking to The Fireballs," Tomsco said. "There was one particular word (Petty) was interested in, and that was the word 'unique.' He noted that we were unique in our own way,"

he said.

In 1963, the group had become known as Jimmy Gilmer and The Fireballs. They recorded "Sugar Shack" on the Dot Records with Gilmer handling lead vocals and Tomsco playing six-string bass guitar. Petty added a "real ear catcher" using a small keyboard, called a Solovox, that fits on an organ. "Jimmy and I really thought that he had ruined the session, but thank goodness he did that because that turned out to be the signature hook of that record," Tomsco said.

But, "the record company didn't even want to put it out because it was just too different," Tomsco said. "They held back and held back and held

back. Norman (Petty) didn't feel that way – he thought it was just a blockbuster.

Petty finally convinced the record company president, but only about 4,500 seven-inch vinyl records of the single were pressed and sent to distributors, Tomsco said. "The radio stations started playing it. They started getting reaction to it. People could not buy the record," he said.

That's when Dot Records "started pressing commercial records for sale," Tomsco said.

The record company began sending telegrams to Petty: 50,000 copies of "Sugar Shack" to the Dallas area; 100,000 to the

Group's founding member to speak at Rock 'n' Roll symposium Nov. 26

George Tomsco, founding member of "The Fireballs," will be the featured speaker at the History of New Mexico Rock 'n' Roll town hall symposium from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle De Guadalupe in Mesilla.

Tomsco will talk about recording "Sugar Shack," the number one single of 1963: "How it came into being and how it faded into the sunset and now it's history," Tomsco said; and also how his love of playing guitar was started by a 20-minute assembly when he was in grade school; how The Fireballs were formed; and how the band came to record at Norman Petty Studios in Clovis, New Mexico.

Stan Blitz of Las Cruces, author of "Bandstand the Untold Story," will talk about how The Bandstand Show became American Bandstand, and the start of rock 'n' roll.

A number of songs from the rock 'n' roll era will be played, including songs recorded by The Fireballs, and Tomsco and Blitz will answer questions from the audience after their presentations.

Tickets are \$25 and will be available at the door.

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Local author tells the real story of 'American Bandstand'

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces promoter and author Stan Blitz will be the host of the History of New Mexico Rock 'n' roll town hall symposium on Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla.

Blitz and John Pritchard wrote a book called "Bandstand the Untold Story: The Years Before Dick Clark," about the pre-history and history of the television shows "Bandstand" and "American Bandstand."

Blitz grew up in Philadelphia, where Bandstand got its start. "Philadelphia's where it happened," Blitz said.

"I researched this book for 14 years," he said. "People don't know the history. They want to know the truth."

Blitz said Bob Horn (1916-66) was the original host of "Bandstand," which premiered in 1952. Dick Clark (1929-2012) was the host from 1956 until 1989.


"Bob Horn was an icon," Blitz said. "Bob Horn created everything," he said. "He knew the music, he knew the artists."

Blitz will have copies of his book available for sale for \$20 each at the symposium.

For more information, contact Blitz at 505-440-5310 or saprinting06@gmail.com.



LEFT: Las Cruces promoter and author Stan Blitz will be the host of the History of New Mexico Rock 'n' roll town hall symposium on Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla. Here he holds a book he wrote with John Pritchard, "Bandstand the Untold Story: The Years Before Dick Clark," about the pre-history and history of the television shows "Bandstand" and "American Bandstand."



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New York area; 120,000 to the Los Angeles area – "it just kept going like that – Denver, Houston, Chicago, Miami," Tomsco said. "Pretty soon it was at a million and a half" records sold, he said, and a No. 1 hit.

Tomsco said he and Gilmer "still work together when the opportu-

nity presents itself."

They will perform together on Feb. 4, 2017 at the Winter Dance Party in Clear Lake, Iowa. It was from there on Feb. 3 that Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. Richardson ("The Big Bopper") were flying on Feb. 3, 1959 when their plane crashed and all three were killed.

Since the 1980s, Tomsco said he "started running into people" who remember "Sugar Shack," saying,

"yeah, I think I heard of that," or "my mom and dad, they've got that record at home," or "that was Mom and Dad's favorite record. Now it's 'Grandma and Grandpa that mentioned that song, that was their very favorite song,'" he said.

"This is an amazing thing for a little old group from Raton, New Mexico – like five high school guys," Tomsco said. "We have really been blessed with some success."



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NMSU's 'A Christmas Carol' is anything but a hum bug!

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Even Scrooge at his meanest would have been delighted and transformed by the New Mexico State University (NMSU) Theatre Arts Department's production of "A Christmas Carol."

From the first "Bah, hum-bug!" to the last "God bless us, every one," it's an evening of family entertainment that you will thoroughly enjoy.

The NMSU production is an adaptation of the novella that Charles Dickens wrote in 1843, with book and lyrics by former NMSU Theatre Arts Department Head Tom Smith and original music by Roger Butterley.

Las Cruces actor Shawn Whitty was simply a fabulous Scrooge. I can't imagine anyone capturing both the thoroughly rotten old miser and blissful philanthropist better than he did.

Nico Holguin offered the first contrast to evil Scrooge with his hearty "Merry Christmas, Uncle!" in the show's second scene in the offices of Scrooge and Marley. Nico's Fred was bubbly and charming, and you could feel Scrooge wanting to thrash him. It was a lovely beginning.

Marley has always been my favorite character in the tale of Scrooge, and Gilberto Martin del Campo lived up to my expectations in the role. He was also a great Ghost of Christmas Past. And, speaking of Christmas ghosts, Heather Hosford was wonderful as Past and Haley Erwin equally so – although live on camera (wait and see!) – as Present. Spirited performances all!

Bob Cratchit (Rio Raggonzone), Mrs. Cratchit (Melis Darya White) and all the assorted little Cratchits, including Tiny Tim managed to exude both the heart-warming



CUTLINE CREDIT???

New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department's production of "A Christmas Carol" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 2-3; and matinee performances at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, and Sundays, Nov. 27 and Dec. 4.

love and the bone-chilling penalty that Dickens intended.

Mozart Pierson was a delightfully Scottish Fezziwig and Marybeth Torres his most appealing equal as Mrs. Fezziwig. Ashley Vargas, Emily Parr (the only high school student in the cast – Go Hawks!) and the aforementioned Melis Darya White were the gleeful and giddy – and highly agreeable – Fezziwig daughters.

Cheyenne Kimmick was a grand Topper, and William Steele and William Bradford majestically portrayed two of my other favorite characters in the show – the solicitors who ask Scrooge for a donation, saying Christmas is a time when want is most keenly felt.

Connor Schultz played young Ebenezer at his nasty, sneering best – you could feel the mean old man coming out in the 22-year-old clerk. Violet Griffin and Palma Taverner

were excellent as the charwoman and laundress selling off Scrooge's possessions to the evil – and surprisingly light-on-his feet – Old Joe (Mozart Pierson in another grand performance).

Two sets of young actors portrayed the Cratchit children, including Tiny Tim, and other parts like Young Ebenezer, caroling boy and fan. I saw the green cast on opening night. They alternate performances with members of the red cast. The greens were terrific, as I'm sure the reds will be. Those promising young actors are Jonah Kane, Kendrick Whitty, Ksenia Sevostianov and Calliope Whitty; with Alex Farrell and Josiah Waikiki sharing the prized role of Tiny Tim.

Kendra May Jones plays Martha Cratchit in all shows, and did so charmingly opening night. Like many other cast

members, she played at least one other role as well.

Back stage must have been a riot at times, as actors were furiously changing costumes and wigs between scenes.

The scene changes, by the way, were flawless and never took a moment away from the action on stage. Scenic designer Jim Billings and crew used drop screens to wonderful effect, and the entrances of the ghosts – especially Marley! – were just spectacular. I loved the smoke.

Xavier Gonzales' costumes were incredible and added so much to this show, as did Megan McQueen's musical direction, Matt Reynolds' light and sound design, David Hereford's props and Eliza Schwartz and Mike Wise's stage management.

The show was co-directed by Theatre Arts Assistant Professor Claudia Billings and

theatre arts student Robby Scortino, who also joined Laura Mae Dille on choreography. Congratulations, Robby and Claudia – you have a great cast who are talented actors, singers and dancers, an amazing crew and a great big hit on your hands.

Additional performances are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 2-3; and matinee performances at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26 (there will be a talk back with actors and crew members after this performance) and Sundays, Nov. 27 and Dec. 4.

Tickets for all remaining performances are \$18 for adults (ages 18 to 64), \$15 for seniors (ages 65 and older) and NMSU faculty/staff with ID, \$11 for students (ages three to 17) and NMSU students with current ID, and \$5 for high school students with current ID.

Downtown bookstore to host book, art sale

BULLETIN REPORT

Casa Camino Real Bookstore and Art Gallery, owned and operated by Las Cruces' award-winning author Denise Chávez, will host the "Gracias a la Vida Book and Art Sale" and open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26 at 314 S. Tornillo St.

The sale will feature half-priced new books, used and rare books, as well as folk art, vinyl records, photographs and miscellaneous art, Chávez said. Visitors will receive complimentary café de la olla (Mexican coffee), biscochos and posole.

The event is part of the bookstore's Small Business Saturday/Indies First celebration, she said.

Indies First is "a collaboration among publishers, retailers and authors (and) an annual campaign to celebrate independent bookstores," Chávez said in a news release. "Hundreds of indies across the country will be hosting local authors and holding events on Nov. 26 in conjunction with other community-wide Small Business Saturday activities," she said.

Small Business Saturday, founded in 2010, is celebrated every year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, and is "dedicated to helping support the local businesses that help to create jobs, boost the economy and preserve neighborhoods,"

Chávez said.

Chávez said Casa Camino Real is "developing Museo de La Gente/Museum of the People, an archival and resource center that will serve as an arts residency center, a resource library, a workshop and exhibit space, as well as a venue for multi-cultural, multi-generational and multi-ethnic literary, literacy, music and arts events for audiences of all ages and backgrounds." The bookstore opened in 2012.

For more information, contact Chávez at 575-523-3988 or casa@museogente.com. Visit www.abebooks.com/casa-camino-real-las-cruces-nm/55655980/sf.

EVENTS CALENDAR

NM Vintage Wines offers music

NM Vintage Wines at 2461 Calle de Principal in Mesilla has a full slate of entertainment set for November:

- Friday, Nov. 25, from 8-10 p.m. Steve Selby, saxophone, rock, and jazz.
- Saturday, Nov. 26, from 8-10 p.m., Cooper CW Ayon, Foot drums, guitar, vocals and harmonica.
- Sunday, Nov. 27, from 2-4 p.m. Natural Shapes, thoughtful singers/songwriters.

Free opera at Rio Grande Dec. 2

Santa Fe Opera cheer is headed to towns throughout New Mexico beginning for the Opera's annual winter tour. Former apprentices Alyssa Martin and Jack Swanson will be joined by pianist James Lesniak, performing operatic selections and carols. (To watch a video from last year's Santa Fe concert, visit the Opera's You-

Tube page.)

At 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 the free performance takes place at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. and lasts one hour.

Seating is on a first-come-first-served basis. Doors open a half hour before each performance.

Photography Boot Camp Workshop

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

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

Art classes offered

The following art classes will take place at My Place Jewell Studio, 132 B Wyatt Drive:



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Cooper CW Ayon, plays foot drums, guitar, vocals and harmonica. He'll perform Saturday, Nov. 26 at NM Vintage Wines in Mesilla.

- 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.

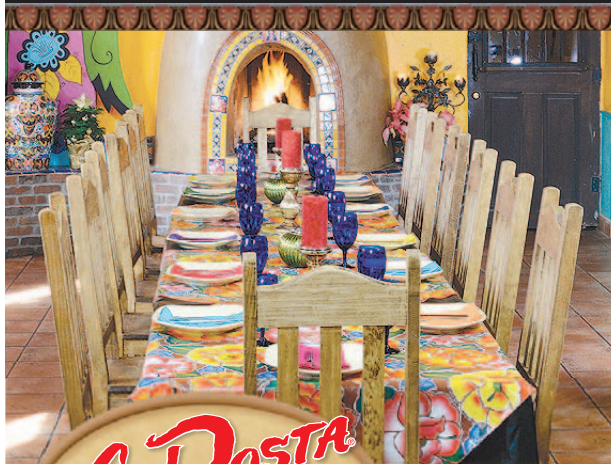
Payments of \$45 are due every four weeks. Students may begin anytime.

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.

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NMSU professor's jewelry incorporates objects of I-10 in San Francisco exhibit

By **MINERVA BAUMANN**
For The Bulletin

The stretch of highway between El Paso and Las Cruces sparked a conversation that led to a unique jewelry exhibition created by two borderland art professors. The show titled "CrossPASS" recently ran at the Velvet Da Vinci gallery in San Francisco.

New Mexico State University assistant professor of art Motoko Furuhashi and her collaborator Demi Thomlouis, a former art professor at the



FURUHASHI

University of Texas at El Paso who is now at the Lamar Dodd School of Art at the University of Georgia, used steel, sand, dry grass, acrylic, paint, silver and a land segment to create a series of brooches and necklaces for the exhibit based on locations along Interstate 10.

"A lot of people think of jewelry as something you see in Macy's or something you use to decorate and adorn yourself with and nothing beyond that. We are including the stories and narratives of each individual object and we are treating it as a creative form of art," Furuhashi said. "The show is not just jewelry itself but also the objects, photographs, videos and we also used the website so all the components together became one show."

In the 2014-2015 academic year, the two brought together their ideas, their students and their art to create a collaborative exhibition that includes pieces they made together as well as solo works.

Furuhashi and Thomlouis wanted to take their research beyond the walls of a gallery. Through their jewelry they could provide a vehicle not only to connect with the viewer/wearer intimately but also to allow

the work to travel, taking the stories of Interstate 10 to places like San Francisco. The next stop for the exhibit is Tokyo.

"One of the things we did at the gallery exhibition was have a QR code so people could use their cell phone to go into the website," Furuhashi said. "Each location was a specific website so you can see the physical location, the object itself, map locations, pictures of the locations and videos to sense the whole experience."

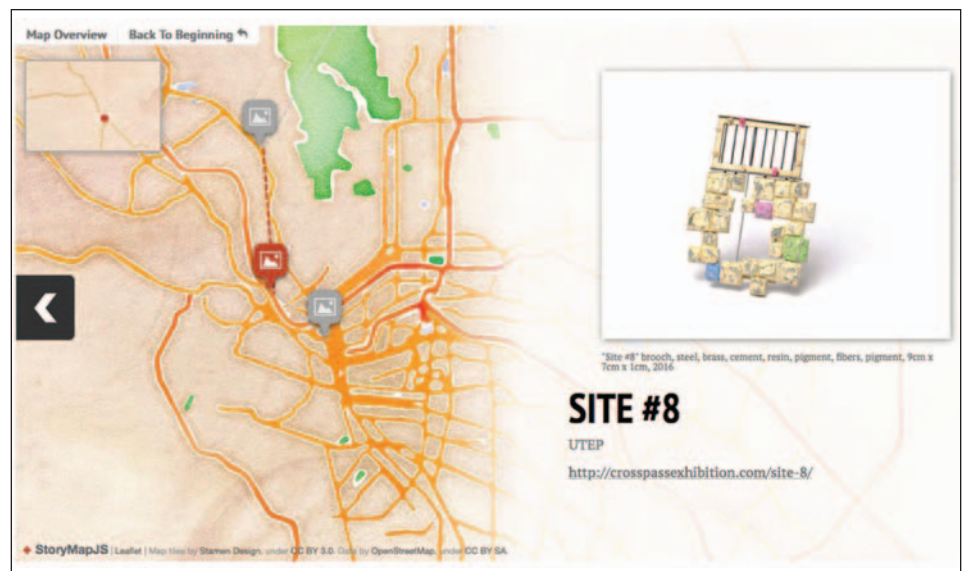
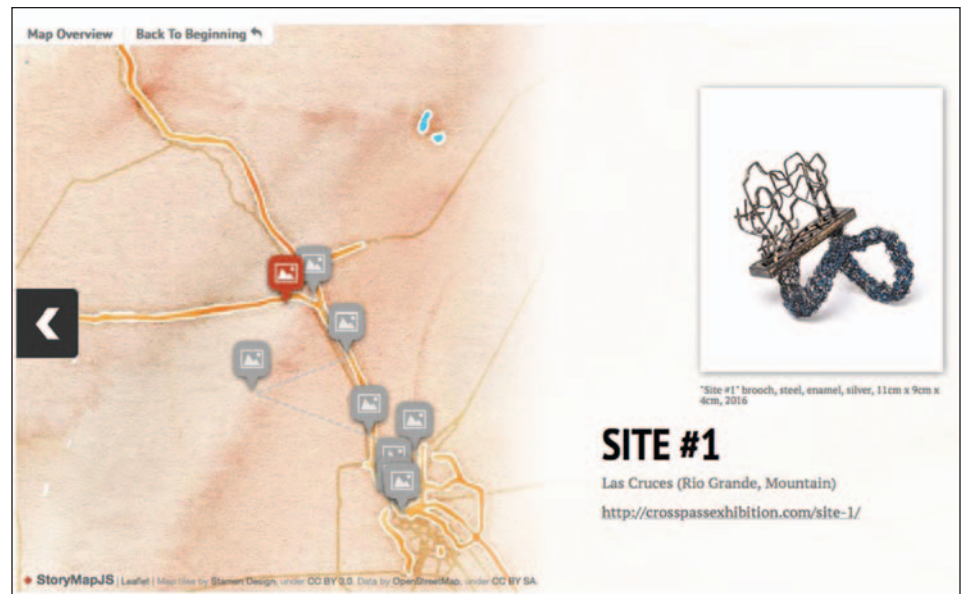
The interactive website is a key part of both the exhibit and the artists' desire to share their experience. The objective of "CrossPASS" is to join the two professors on their journey collecting images, video and sound, which directly influenced the creation of the jewelry and objects in the exhibit.

"First we recognized for the difference of the people," Furuhashi said. "Las Cruces has a true attachment to nature while El Paso has more of a city mentality."

"We took road trips a lot actually. We went with a camera, no camera, just for fun and going to all different locations. We looked for historical books, tourist books and attractions in Las Cruces and El Paso. Wherever we thought there was something unique or strong about the site, that's what we picked."

The exhibit is composed of pieces the two artists made together but also solo components. Thomlouis' solo component consists of more than 100 brooches inspired by the colorful casitas in Mexico visible from UTEP, while Furuhashi actually incorporated pieces of the road itself into her art by using large strips of packing tape to grab what is on the road, creating jewelry and also larger wall hangings.

"My solo component has a lot to do with location itself so I use tape



like packing tape you can find at hobby stores or the office stores," Furuhashi said. "I put it on the road and then rewind it after capturing what is really on the surface of the road at the location and it becomes a piece of jewelry. What is an interest point for me is that people become a vehicle for carrying what's on the road from one place to another place."

While the title of the show, "CrossPASS," is a blending of the meaning of the two cities -- Las Cruces is the city of the crosses and El Paso is literally the pass to the north -- it also reflects their physical journey as well as the border region and the connection between the two cities.

"CrossPASS" represents one of

those junctures in an artist's career where a complex series of ideas comes into fruition seamlessly," said Julia Barello, NMSU art professor and department head. "Motoko is at the leading edge in the United States of artists committed to locating practices of body adornment into larger discussions of place, meaning and identity."

"Her students are challenged daily to move from the idea of adornment as a single object to understanding how we create meaning on a day to day basis by how we interact with our digital and physical worlds. She is such a great addition to the Department of Art at NMSU."

Visit the CrossPASS site at: <http://crosspassexhibition.com>.

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

'Walking on Ice'

The Tombaugh Gallery presents "Walking on Ice," a collection of artwork by Jonathan Marquis, in an exhibit continuing until Sunday, November 27.

The Tombaugh Gallery is located inside the Unitarian Universalist Church, and is open Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Marquis spends his summers wandering remote mountain ranges investigating glaciers and their societal and historical territory through drawing, painting, video and photography.

Most notably, in 2014 he launched the "Glacier Drawing Project" on Kickstarter as endeavor to draw each glacier in the state of Montana. The ongoing project has so far taken him thousands of miles to thirty-five moving bodies of ice, spending many weeks in glacial wilderness areas.

His works have been exhibited in galleries and museums across the mountain west, and he has received multiple awards, scholarships, and fellowships for his work with glaciers.

For details, call Rachel Courtney at 575-650-5440

Three new exhibits open

Three new exhibits have opened at the Branigan Cultural Center at 501 N. Main St. The new exhibits are: "An Enduring Tradition: 20th Century Navajo Weaving"; "Howard Clinton Tibbitts: Historic Advertising Photography of the Southwest"; "In Service to Country: Military Equipment 1860 to Present".

All will be on display through Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017. Admission is free to the Branigan Cultural Center.

Info: 575-541-2154.

Shopping at Nopalito's Galeria

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

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

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

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

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

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Mas Art

During November, Mas Art Frame & Art Supplies, at 126 S. Main St., will present "Look Sideways Before Crossing," an exhibition by Tiffany Figueroa. Figueroa is an abstract artist whose work is a vehicle for the experience of color, contrast and concept. Images and ideas that provoke concrete thought, adventure and entertainment are left for personal interpretation. Store hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: 575-526-9113

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.mesillavalley-finearts.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 bluegateflodoc@aol.com.

Woodcut exhibit

Artist Nancy Frost Begin has an exhibit at Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road. Her exhibit features woodcuts, architectural im-

ages, 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.

'Conversations in Color' on display

A Drayer's exhibition "Conversations in Color" will be held in the El Paso Electric Gallery, in the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main Street through the end of November. The subject of her abstract exhibition is color: vibrant acrylic color painted on hand-textured canvas. Info: 575-222-0660.

Linda Lundeen Gallery announces new artist

Jeri Desrochers is joining the other artists at the Linda Lundeen Gallery at the Lundeen Inn of the Arts. Desrochers is known for her electric style and using vibrant shades and colorful splashes portraying the chili fields of the Mesilla Valley. The gallery is located at Lundeen Inn of the Arts, 618 S. Alameda Blvd. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 575-526-3326.

University Art Gallery NEA award exhibit to blend art

Natural science and contemporary art will be on display when the University Art Gallery at New Mexico State University presents "GEOMAGIC: Art, Science and the Zuhl Collection" through Wednesday, Dec. 21. "GEOMAGIC" pairs objects from NMSU's Zuhl Collection of more than 1,800 specimens of petrified wood, fossils and minerals with works by ten internationally renowned artists. A student exhibition at the Zuhl Museum, titled "NEOMAGIC," runs concurrently.

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Green Chamber welcomes LC Food Truck Fiesta

By **MIKE COOK**

The Bulletin

Las Cruces Green Chamber President and CEO Carrie Hamblen and Mesilla Mayor Nora Barraza were on hand Wednesday evening, Nov. 16, as the chamber conducted a ribbon cutting to welcome the Las Cruces Food Truck Fiesta (FTF) as its newest member.

FTF is "creating a food truck culture in Las Cruces," Hamblen said. "That's a big thing. How important it is to think local," she said.

The gathering of food trucks at a single location began in the fall of 2015 and has "very quickly gained popularity," said Janet Beatty-Payne, who owns the Green Chile Paddy Wagon with her husband, Patrick Payne.

The first Wednesday of the month always finds FTF in the parking lot of Allen Theater's Telshor 12, 700 S. Telshor Blvd., Beatty-Payne said. "On those evenings, Allen Theaters offers buy-one-get-one-free movie passes to anyone who eats at the food trucks that evening," she said. "You are even allowed to take the food from the food trucks into the theater that night so you can enjoy your dinner and a movie all together."

The third Wednesday of the month, FTFs are held in a different location around town, Beatty-Payne said.

On Wednesday, Dec. 21 – the first day of winter – FTF will partner with MainStreet Las Cruces to host the Winter Festival from 5 to 9 p.m. on the downtown plaza, Beatty-Payne said. The event will include not only food trucks, but vendors selling last-minute holiday items and live caroling, she said.

For more information, visit Las Cruces Food Truck Fiesta on Facebook.



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Coming to DVD on Nov. 29

Don't Breathe

Rated: R
Genre: Thriller, horror
Director: Fede Alvarez

Pete's Dragon

Rated: PG
Genre: Adventure, family
Directors: David Lowery

The BFG

Rated: PG
Genre: Adventure, family
Director: Steven Spielberg

The Wild Life

Rated: PG
Genre: Animation, adventure
Director: Vincent Kesteloot, Ben Stassen

Top grossing Nov. 18-20

1. Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

(Week No. 1) \$75,000,000

2. Dr. Strange

(Week No. 3) \$17,676,000

3. Trolls

(Week No. 3) \$17,500,000

4. Arrival

(Week No. 2) \$11,800,000

5. Hacksaw Ridge

(Week No. 2) \$10,630,873

6. Almost Christmas

(Week No. 2) \$7,040,000

7. The Edge of Seventeen

(Week No. 1) \$4,825,000

8. Bleed for This

(Week No. 1) \$2,357,946

9. The Accountant

(Week No. 6) \$2,115,000

10. Shut In

(Week No. 2) \$1,600,000

Now playing

From rottentomatoes.com.
Reel based on a 5-point scale.

Almost Christmas



Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: A dysfunctional family gathers together for their first Christmas since their mom died.

Starring: Kimberly Elise, Omar Epps, Danny Glover

Trolls



Rated: PG

Plot Overview: After the Bergens invade Troll Village, Poppy, the happiest Troll ever born, and the curmudgeonly Branch set off on a journey to rescue her friends.

Starring: Anna Kendrick, Justin Timberlake, Zoey Deschanel

Fantastic Beasts



Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: The adventures of writer Newt Scamander in New York's secret community of witches and wizards seventy years before Harry Potter reads his book.

Starring: Eddie Redmayne, Katherine Waterston, Alison Sudol

Allied



Rated: R

Plot Overview: In 1942, an intelligence officer in North Africa encounters a female French Resistance fighter on a deadly mission. When they reunite in London, their relationship is tested by the pressures of war.

Starring: Brad Pitt, Vincent Ebrahim

Ouija: Origin of Evil



Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: In 1967 Los Angeles, a widowed mother and her two daughters add a new stunt to bolster their seance scam business and unwittingly invite authentic evil into their home.

Starring: Elizabeth Reaser, Lulu Wilson, Annalise Basso

Moana

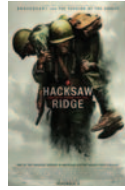


Rated: PG

Plot Overview: A young woman uses her navigational talents to set sail for a fabled island. Joining her on the adventure is her hero, the legendary demi-god Maui.

Starring: Auli'i Cravalho, Dwayne Johnson, Rachel House

Hacksaw Ridge



Rated: R

Plot Overview: WWII American Army Medic Desmond T. Doss becomes the first man in American history to win the Medal of Honor without firing a shot.

Starring: Andrew Garfield, Sam Worthington, Luke Bracey

Doctor Strange

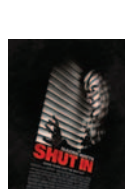


Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: A former neurosurgeon embarks on a journey of healing only to be drawn into the world of the mystic arts.

Starring: Benedict Cumberbatch, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Rachel McAdams

Shut In



Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: A widowed child psychologist who lives in an isolated existence is caught in a deadly winter storm, and must find a way to rescue a young boy before he disappears forever.

Starring: Naomi Watts, Charlie Heaton, Jacob Tremblay

Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk



Rated: R

Plot Overview: 19-year-old Billy Lynn is brought home for a victory tour after a harrowing Iraq battle. Through flashbacks the film shows what really happened to his squad - contrasting the realities of war with America's perceptions.

Starring: Joe Alwyn, Garrett Hedlund

The Edge of Seventeen

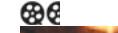


Rated: R

Plot Overview: High-school life gets even more unbearable for Nadine when her best friend, Krista, starts dating her older brother.

Starring: Hailee Steinfeld, Haley Lu Richardson, Blake Jenner

Bad Santa 2



Rated: R

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

Starring: Billy Bob Thornton, Kathy Bates, Tony Cox

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Kate Winslet stars as a woman who returns to her hometown during 1950s Australia to face her past and make some of the townsfolk look good in "The Dressmaker."

COURTESY PHOTOS



Dark, funny 'Dressmaker' worth a look

By **JEFF BERG**

For the Bulletin

This often funny, often dark film, unfairly panned by less accomplished reviewers, starts with a bit of sinister music that immediately reminded me of one of my favorite genres of film, Euro-Westerns, or if you please, spaghetti Westerns - those films made accessible to American audiences, thanks to Clint Eastwood's success in such works as "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," and "For a Few Dollars More."

With that, the dressmaker herself steps off a bus like a gunslinger, with a Singer sewing machine rather than a brace of pistols.

The time is 1951, and Myrtle

"Tilly" Dunnage (Kate Winslet) has come back to the dusty Australian outback town, which is close to being a ghost town, after being exiled for many years for a crime she can't remember.

The petty, mostly useless, denizens of Dungatar have not forgotten. Although she is forgiven in a way when her prowess with a needle and thread comes to bear, they are not about to forget and forgive. Tilly's mother, who is rather twisted in her

own way, is also not much help, at least not at first.

This is director Jocelyn Moorhouse's first feature film since the 1990s when she directed the somewhat successful "A Thousand Acres" and "How to Make an American Quilt," both of which are pretty fine pictures.

But here she taps into one of the most familiar plots of many Westerns — an innocent outcast returning for revenge. Moorhouse also successfully

includes a twist of gothic mystery, when Tilly flashes back to the day that changed her life forever, trying to piece together the events of years ago.

The dark humor also mixes well, especially as Tilly (and other allies a bit later) smack golf balls at Main Street, where all her opponents live and work; and even a turn of genteel romance is included — a hesitant one, as Tilly tries to resist the charms of the local soccer hero, Teddy.

With such a mixed bag of plot ideas, it would seem like the film would falter at some point, but it doesn't. Tilly plays up to the local yokels, designing and producing beautiful and stylish dresses to win them over, all along

trying to capture the memory of what caused the death of a bully of a schoolmate.

There is also a whimsical turn, as the local gendarme also happens to be a cross-dresser, one who knows more about fashion and class than anyone in this backwards little burgh.

"The Dressmaker" won many awards in its native Australia, including one for the script and another for the lively and cool costume design.

The film is blessed with all things that make a good movie — casting, writing, directing and story and the fact that it vaguely imposes itself on the Western genre doesn't hurt either.

GRADE: A

The Fountain Theatre at 2469 Calle De Guadalupe, Mesilla, will show the film "The Dressmaker" for a week to play 7:30 p.m. daily, with a 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee, starting Friday, Nov. 25.

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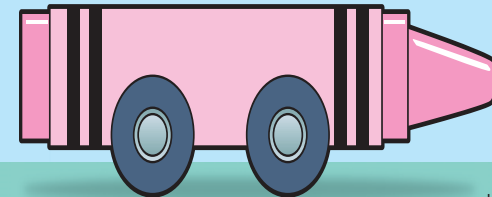
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The Gift of COLOR!

DANVILLE, Calif. – Have you ever wondered what happens to the crayons you get in restaurants to color while you are waiting for your food?

One day when Bryan Ware was at a restaurant with his children, he picked up one of their crayons and asked, "I wonder what happens to these crayons after we leave, if we don't take them home?"

Bryan asked his server and was shocked and saddened to find out that the crayons were thrown away.

He took the crayons home that night. He thought the life of a crayon should not end after just one meal. Bryan thought about the thousands of kids that would enjoy these barely used crayons. That's when he came up with the idea of recycling unwanted crayons for children.

barely used crayons + kids who could use them = RECYCLING UNWANTED CRAYONS FOR CHILDREN

The Big Idea

Bryan started a non-profit called **The Crayon Initiative**. His organization collects unwanted or broken crayons and melts them down to make new crayons which are donated to children in hospitals.

Did you Know?

More than 500,000 pounds of crayons end up in landfills every year. To date, The Crayon Initiative has donated over 15,000 packs of crayons to children's hospitals.

The crayons are made in Bryan's kitchen. His wife, kids and a lot of friends help sort crayons into color groups in their backyard. And volunteers from around the community as well as big corporations help sort crayons, too!



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How The Crayon Initiative Works



Brand new crayons arrive at a restaurant.



Crayons are used by kids at tables.



Drop crayons from table into special collection box.



Used crayons melted down and made into new crayons.



Crayons shipped to children's hospitals.

The Crayon Initiative helps the environment and kids at the same time! Learn more at: thecrayoninitiative.org

Extra! Extra! Caring Community

Look through the newspaper for one or more examples of how people in your community care for others. Write a letter to the editor thanking these caring people.

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

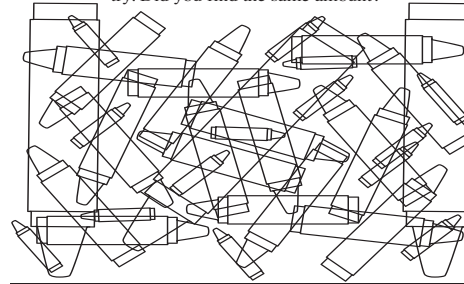
CRAYON CONFUSION

Whoops! Use your crayons to unscramble the words on each crayon label to figure out which color to make each crayon.

NERGE	UPRLEP	WEYLOL
RANGEQ	RAGY	LIVERS
EBUL	WONRB	CAPHE
DRE	NKIP	KLABC
THEWI	DLOG	LEAT

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many crayons can you find below? Now have a friend try. Did you find the same amount?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE
HOSPITAL
RECYCLE
CRAYON
BARELY
BROKEN
MELTS
COLOR
LIFE
SORT
IDEA
HOME
MEAL
NEW

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

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

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

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Sequencing the News

Select a newspaper article and cut it up into three to five sections. Mix up the sections and give them to a friend or family member to read and put back in the correct order.

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

Write On!

Resources That Help You Learn

What resources do you use to get your schoolwork done each day?

Kid Scoop Together

You use a blue crayon. A friend uses a green one. Race to the finish of this maze!

BLUE CRAYON START



GREEN CRAYON START

NMSU seeks nominees for Community Engagement Awards

By **AMANDA BRADFORD**

For the Bulletin

New Mexico State University will present its second-annual Faculty and Staff Community Engagement Awards in January, and nominations are currently being accepted for the honor. The award is open to NMSU's community college campuses throughout the state, as well as the Las Cruces campus.

The Community Engagement Awards were established to recognize individuals and groups across the NMSU system who have rendered exceptional engagement to the broader local, regional, state, national or global community.

During a recent self-study for NMSU's Carnegie Community Engagement Classification application, many stories of the exceptional work faculty and staff conduct in their community came to light. To recognize this work, the NMSU Foundation, in collaboration with NMSU's Community Engagement Council, has established individual awards recognizing the work of faculty and staff throughout the NMSU system.

The Community Engagement Awards are conferred annually at spring convocation, with a prize of \$500 to the winning staff application and \$500 to the winning faculty application, funded by the NMSU Foundation.

NMSU Foundation President Andrea Tawney said the Foundation's board felt so strongly about the importance of recognizing community engagement, they voted unanimously last year to establish the endowment.

"Our board shows a tremendous commitment to investing in programs at NMSU that not only support our students, but have an impact on the community we live in and our entire



COURTESY PHOTO

ABOVE: Lois Stanford, left, associate professor of anthropology at NMSU, is the recipient of the 2016 Community Engagement Faculty Award. Stanford serves communities of southern New Mexico as president of the board of directors for La Semilla Food Center, and the partnership has been designated an "exemplary awardee" by the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities during its selection process for the 2016 C. Peter Magrath Community Engagement Scholarship Award. Stanford is pictured here with La Semilla staff member Rebecca Munoz, middle, and Olga Pedroza, a Las Cruces council representative and La Semilla board member.



NMSU PHOTO

LEFT: New Mexico State University Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, left, presents Denise Rodriguez-Strawn with the 2106 Staff Community Engagement Award.

state," Tawney said.

NMSU Vice President for Economic Development Kevin Boberg said the momentum created by the Carnegie announcement has continued to

grow throughout the university system. Boberg and Cooperative Extension Service Director Jon Boren co-chair the university's Community Engagement Council.

"We really want this award to grow over the years," Boberg said. "It's an important way to recognize all of the relationships and partnerships that our faculty, staff and students cre-

ate with our community, and the ways those partnerships benefit everyone involved."

Applications are being accepted now through Wednesday, Nov. 23, and more details about the criteria can be found at <https://engagement.nmsu.edu/faculty-and-staff-community-engagement-award/>.

The 2016 Community Engagement Faculty Award went to Lois Stanford, an associate professor of anthropology in the College of Arts and Sciences, and the 2016 Community Engagement Staff Award was awarded to Denise Rodriguez-Strawn, director of Service Learning for Educational Distinction, or SLED, in the College of Education.

The winner of the faculty Distinguished Community Engagement Award will be considered to represent NMSU for the C. Peter Magrath University Community Engagement Award, a national award presented by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities.

As the 2016 Community Engagement Faculty Award winner, Stanford was chosen to represent NMSU as a candidate for the Magrath Award for her work with La Semilla Food Center, a non-profit organization founded by some of her former students. Stanford's work with La Semilla became the basis for NMSU's recognition as one of five schools that were designated in the inaugural class of "exemplary awardees" by the APLU during its selection process for the 2016 Magrath Award.

NMSU is one of 361 colleges and universities nationwide – and the only one in New Mexico – to carry the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification, and one of 47 public institutions receiving it for the first time in 2015.

PUZZLES

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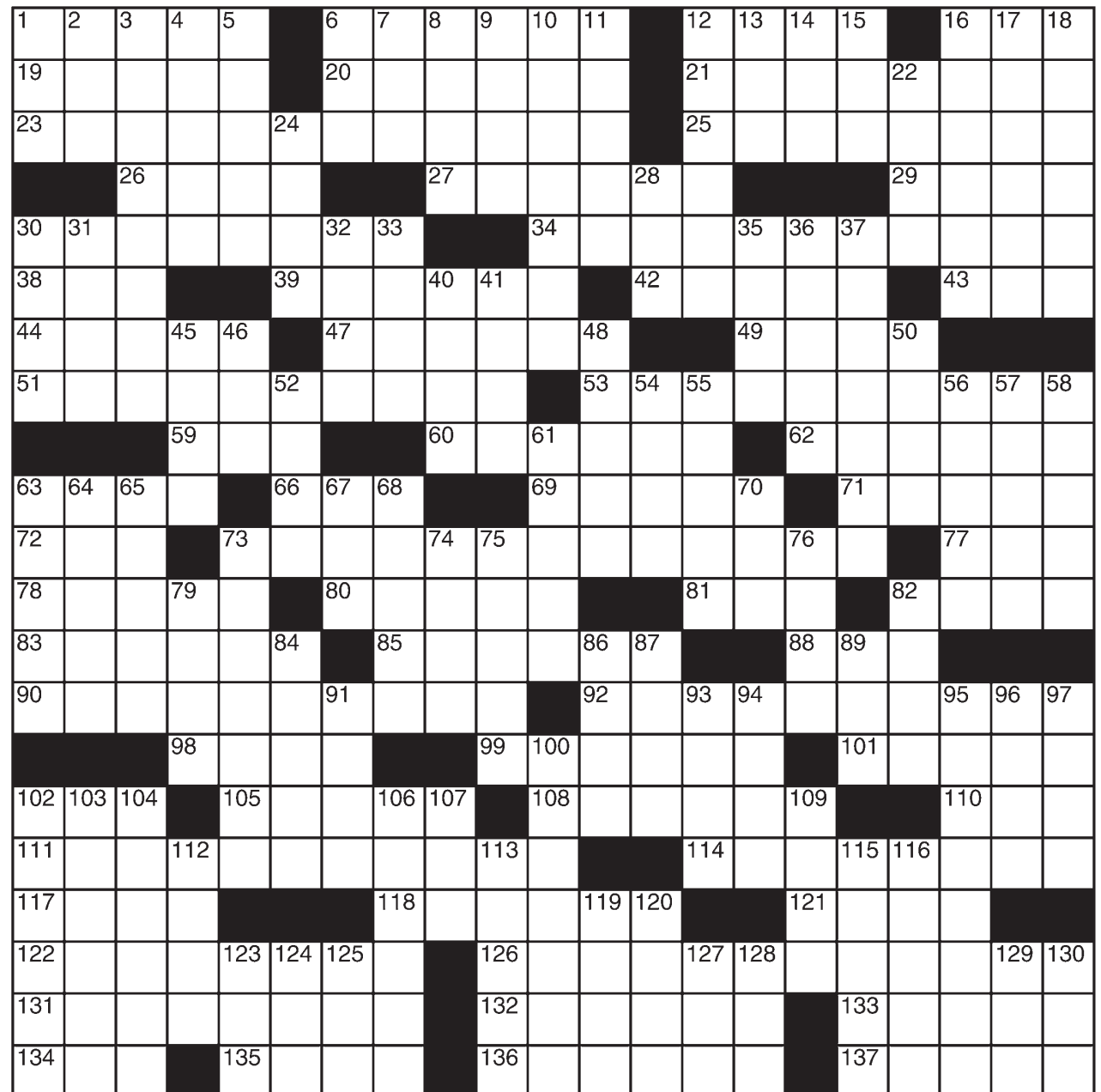
ACROSS

1 Throat ailment
6 Rial earner
12 Final Four inits.
16 "It was only OK"
19 English dramatist George
20 Singer/fiddler Krauss
21 MP3 player attachment
23 Took a big step to relieve debt [IEOAUYY]
25 Worker "standing by"
26 Enjoy
27 Surpasses
29 Wanton man
30 Carry on, as business
34 Mind-altering chemical substances [YOAIIEU]
38 Rip off
39 Musical gourd
42 Composer of many marches
43 Withdrawn
44 Hebrew "A"
47 Transformed
49 Tirade
51 Cooking contest since 1949 [IUYAEO]
53 Study of bonds between atoms [OEUYAI]
59 Poker-pot promise
60 Of an average
62 Episodic drama
63 Basic human intelligence
66 U. URL ending
69 Hunter constellation
71 Fencing move
72 Spanish for "that"
73 President before Rutherford Birchard Hayes [UYEIOA]
77 "Imagine!"
78 Disney movie
80 Daughter of Desi Arnaz
81 Posed (for)
82 Suffix with Oktober
83 Zedong's theories
85 "G'day" sayer
88 Shower with flowers, e.g.
90 "Sicko" and "Super Size Me," e.g. [OUEAYI]
92 "Dear Abby" is one [YIAEOU]
98 Mazar of "Entourage"
99 From sunup to sundown
101 Follower of "had a farm"

102 Morris, e.g.
105 Gone up
108 Naval clerk
110 Flutter
111 In great demand [IYOUAE]
114 Trapped by a blizzard
117 Sheltered, nautically
118 Plaza Hotel girl
121 Leslie Caron musical
122 Seder time
126 Thwarters of Boris Badenov [OYAUIE]
131 Neighbor of a Sudanese
132 "SOS!"
133 "So do I"
134 The, to Rene
135 Suffix with disk
136 Palace of Paris
137 For — (dirt-cheap)

DOWN

1UV-blocking stat
2 — Aviv
3 Johnnie Walker blend
4 Pixie-like
5 Livens (up)
6 TV chef Martin
7 Caribou kin
8 Joan of art
9 NBA broadcaster
10 Steno's aid
11 Ear bone
12 Kansas river
13 Upper limit
14 Consist of
15 Wet mo.
16 Part of GMC
17 Adequate
18 Joan of Arc's crime
22 Like steel
24 Joist or lintel
28 Windows boxes?
30 Web, to flies
31 Bun
32 Low- — diet
33 Major hike
35 Perm part
36 Bygone emperors
37 "Peanuts" boy Linus —
40 Radio-switch letters
41 Sidewalk eatery
45 Fraternity letters
46 "Silicon Valley" aier



48 Arab chiefs
50 No -- traffic
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61 Ding-a-lings
63 Online health info site
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65 May greeting card opener
67 Fast Net svc.

68 Normal
70 Gun org.
73 People itemizing
74 Bathtub gunk
75 — beat (hesitate)
76 Abbr. on a food label
79 Tough spot
82 Central points
84 The head honcho
86 Capri, e.g.
87 Inside: Prefix
89 Verse tribute
91 Sole, for one

93 Obstructs
94 Blue color
95 Preface
96 Skirt style
97 Both-hands-up time
100 Rhapsodic
102 Small church
103 Blazing
104 Hurdle for a grad student
106 E'erlasting
107 Titans' org.
109 Longtime Steelers coach Chuck

112 In case that
113 Musical Mel
115 Wife of Fred Flintstone
116 Actor Cary
119 Vodka brand
120 Outer limits
123 Mined metal
124 Animal doc
125 Devour
127 2000 Peace Nobel
Kim — Jung
128 "Toodles"
129 "-- -Tiki"
130 Ship record

PUZZLES

WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

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

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SCRAMBLERS



"Knock it off, Mac — we're just having a drink to celebrate our _____."

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!

Deride **SNORC**

Void **EVOKER**

Adorn **PADER**

Alone **ELIGNS**

TODAY'S WORD

CRYPTOQUIP

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: G equals Y

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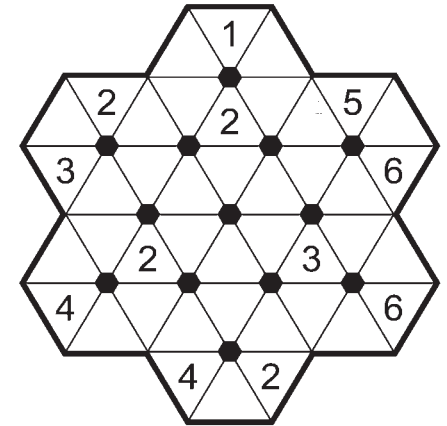
DROG, PU GUH XFUV RE KLFXJ

OYBCB CBQHWLCWG NCUSRPB

USBCPCLEO NCUOBDORUF?

SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

PUZZLE ANSWERS

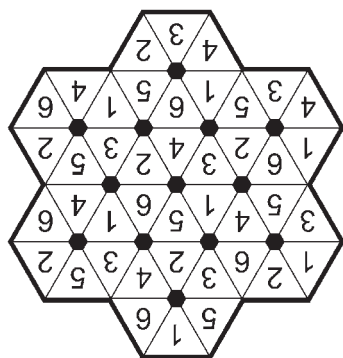
Because Chicago is the Windy City, do you know if banks there regularly provide overdraft protection?

CRYPTOQUIP

DIVORCE

Today's Word
3. Drape; 4. Single
1. Score; 2. Revoke;

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

8	1	6	5	9	7	2	3	4
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WEEKLY SUDOKU

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Joining hands to move toward Thanksgiving

The practice of thanksgiving is elusive in a society where many people seem — at least to me — to have lost the resolve to be grateful. Thanksgiving implies a giver

who should or could be thanked for gifts rendered. To establish the attitude requires us to move off self-centeredness and ask — to or for, what or whom — should we be thankful?

It is not essential to believe in God to be thankful. That motive was the generating force for the establishment of



**GABRIEL
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Tales from
the Cassock

the holiday but it may endure on other grounds as well: the need for a break as winter darkens our days, the ingathering that made barns swell with bounty, the season that passed since last

we gathered as family, the very fact that we have almost survived another calendar year, the collective inhaling of breath prior to the rush of the holiday season. All these may contribute to the respite that we know as thanksgiving, and you can name more.

To return to the elusiveness of the holiday, however, I'm reminded of the Quaker thinker and writer Elton Trueblood, who said that we live in a "cut-blossom society." He meant that there were once deep spiritual and religious roots to American society and culture, but in his time (the 1940s and '50s) he saw the blossom being cut in an attempt to establish a society of values and virtues apart from those roots. His prediction was that the flowers would soon die and only the aroma would remain. You can make up your own mind about whether his prediction has come or is coming true or not, of course, depending on your position. It's no secret that commitment to religious

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institutions is diminishing.

There has to be some focus for thanksgiving that puts us in the proper frame of mind. If it is not the God revered as Creator and Sustainer of the universe, then what?

This is not an end run to try to convince you about God the Provider but it is a serious question because it is in our common self-interest to model thanksgiving and gratitude rather than entitlement and ingratitude—and in the past the grounds for that model was faith in God. The world seems better when our behavior is grounded in gratitude and thankfulness.

Holidays like Thanksgiving have become occasions for stress and anxiety. Counselors have long noted an uptick in appointments and ills during these times. For many people, these occasions have unfortunately ceased to be times for thanks and have become a burden. Look at the mileage Garrison Keillor got out of this scenario for years on *Prairie Home Companion*. Our laughter at his skits on this theme may cover being personally troubled at these times.

People without religion have long been ethical and virtuous, however, and have often been as ethical and virtuous, or more, than their religious counterparts. So be it. Give the human race credit for rising out of the mire. It's not always survival of the fittest and "nature red in fang and claw;" we often rise up with compassion to protect and defend and celebrate our common humanity. Festivals of thanksgiving can be such occasions—religious or not.

So, begin with giving thanks to and for your family members, for the life that you have and that you share with your significant friends, for good food and good wine and good conversation, for candlelight and fireplaces, for cars and bicycles, for falling leaves and wintry moons. I will be giving thanks to God but I'm not asking you to share my perspective. Give thanks not only one day of the year. And thanks to you, my readers.

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'Santa to a Senior' tree goes up Nov. 19 at mall

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

A Christmas tree with tags that include the first names and gift requests of lonely, needy senior citizens in Las Cruces will go up at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19, at Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd., said Buffy Johnson, owner of Home Instead Senior Care, which sponsors the annual Be a Santa to a Senior program.

This year's gift requests come from 40 seniors who live alone in trailer parks and low-income housing, she said.

"No one's going to come see them on Christmas Day," Johnson said.

To participate, all you have to do is take a tag from the tree at the mall, buy one or more of the

gifts on the tag (it supplies the senior's first name, age, appropriate clothing size and whether it's a man or woman) and take the unwrapped gift or gifts—with the senior tag attached—either to the mall's service center or to the Home Instead Senior Care office, which is just down the street from the mall at 880 S. Telshor Blvd., suite 200, located between Genghis Grill and Celebrate, on the west side of Telshor Blvd.

The last day to buy and deliver gifts to either location is Thursday, Dec. 15.

Johnson said she originally had a much larger group of seniors to buy gifts for through the Be a Santa to a Senior program this year, but The Boulders at Sonoma Ranch, a housing community located just north of the intersection of interstates 10 and 25, asked for the names of 45 seniors to buy gifts for.

In addition to neighborhood groups, Johnson encouraged civic organizations, social groups, churches, private businesses, government offices and individuals to buy gifts for seniors through the program.

Johnson said the program also needs volunteers to help with a community wrapping party held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at Home Instead Senior Care. Volunteers will help put gifts into holiday bags that have been individually decorated by local children, she said.

For more information, contact Johnson at 575-522-7133 or buffy-johnson@homeinstead.com.



Day trip: Christmas in the Foothills in Hillsboro

By **SUSIE OUDERKIRK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

With Black Friday upon us, and a month of frantic holiday shopping ahead, give yourself a gift and get away for a day to Christmas in the Foothills (CITF) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Hillsboro Community Center.

This annual holiday festival, just 78 miles from Las Cruces, includes a wide array of vendors selling specialty arts and hand-crafted gifts while Hillsboro's Main Street merchants offer food, music and special holiday offerings.

On your way up Interstate 25 north, take a quick stop at the scenic overlook between mile markers 26 and 27. It's a deceptive location because you can't see the view from the road; you have to park in the pull-off and actually get out of your car. But, wow! is it worth it. It's kind of magical how the awe-inspiring view just appears once you step out of your vehicle, a little like being in the Land of Oz.

Thirty-seven miles farther up I-25 off of Highway 152, Hillsboro itself is tucked neatly between Animas Peak and Seven Brothers Mountain in the Mimbres Mountains. The gently twisting road that takes you 17 miles from I-25 to the village itself is as pleasant and relaxing as any scenic route in the state.

Christmas in the Foot-

A little about Hillsboro

The Village of Hillsboro was founded in 1877 when gold was discovered at the nearby Opportunity and Ready Pay mines, according to the New Mexico True website. Despite fierce Indian attacks, the town prospered and became the Sierra County seat in 1884. Area mines produced more than \$6 million in gold and silver, and by 1907 Hillsboro had a population of at least 1,200. Nowadays, the borough in the hills is the home to a little more than a hundred people.



The historical village of Hillsboro is the home of Christmas in the Foothills, a day of shopping and art on Dec. 3.

hills promises helpful signage, holiday greeters in Santa hats and village maps to direct visitors. What makes Hillsboro special is its combination of quiet, rural atmosphere mixed with a surprising number of artists' galleries within authentic and original historical buildings.

The holiday shopping event includes hand-crafted items such as rocking chairs, photographs, monoprints, pottery, steel garden art, wearable fiber art, dog treats, jewelry, wind chimes, birdhouses, wreaths, and more, as well as baked items, home-cooked lunch items and pies, said artist Melodie Sears who lives in Hillsborough and participates in Christmas in the Foothills every year.

The highlight of the day, Sears said, is the \$49.99 Art Show and Sale in which local artists from Hillsboro, Kingston, Animas Creek, Lake Valley, Arrey and Caballo submit an artwork valued at \$50 or more to the show. "Most submissions are worth far, far more than that" Sears said.

Visitors purchase \$1 tickets which they place in containers corresponding to the artwork(s) they like. At the end of the day tickets are drawn for each artwork and the owner of the winning ticket pays \$49.99 directly to the artist and goes home with a fabulous piece of art. The proceeds from ticket sales, along with fees for vendor tables and CITF poster and card sales, are donated to nonprofits serving the




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The \$49.99 Art Show and Sale is the highlight of Hillsboro's Christmas in the Foothills event, set for Dec. 3 this year.

Hillsboro community.

Enjoy Hillsboro's holiday snacks in moderation while you shop because you'll want to fill up at Sparky's Burgers, Barbeque & Espresso in Hatch on the way home. This quirky, kitschy restaurant has a self-proclaimed "best green chile cheeseburger in the world," and most patrons agree with the assessment. Sparky's sports an abundance of musical talent, almost daily. The band performing on December 3 is Double Clutchers from 12:30 to 3:30. This place is perfect for anyone and everyone and is located at 115 Franklin St. off the one and only Hatch exit, No. 41. Keep in mind Sparky's is only open 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday through Sunday only, so time your visit carefully. You can call ahead if you want at 575-267-4222.



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A matter of 'A piñon'

Now is the time to plant piñons, our New Mexico state tree. They can be used as Christmas trees as long as they are not in the home for more than two weeks. If you are not going to use them as a Christmas tree they may be planted immediately. These low-water users

actually do thrive in our lower desert elevation; however, they will rarely if at all produce piñon nuts. Nevertheless, they make a great accent or addition to just about any landscape.

Piñon trees will generally grow about 3 to 6 inches a year, reaching heights of around 15 to 20 feet with age. Newly planted specimens will need watering about one a week for the first two or four months depending upon temperatures and rain fall. Since piñon trees are generally harvested from the wild, they may need some systemic insecticides to eradicate any pests that come along for the ride. They rarely need fertilizing unless you see very light yellowish green foliage. Should this happen it is best to use fertilizers at half the recommended rate.

These double-needled trees have no uniformity so they can take on various shapes. This can make for a good "character" tree for a focal point. The color can also vary as well from green to greenish gray to bluish gray. Most of these are available balled and in burlap, with chicken wire. It is important to remove the chicken wire before planting. Leave the burlap on as it will decompose with time. Do not disturb the root ball in any way. Make sure to plant at the same level as the top of the root ball, and no deeper. Doing this will slowly choke the tree to death.

If piñons are not your style there is the Eldarica Pine. The same rules as mentioned above



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apply to this one if you are going to use this as a Christmas tree as well. The Eldarica, aka, Afghan, or Mondale, pine grows significantly faster and larger than the piñon. Newly planted trees also will need watering at least twice a week for the first few months. Older, more established trees will

need less water with age.

Keep in mind that these can grow over 60-foot-tall, so look up when finding a home for these potential giants. Make sure it won't grow into power lines or block your or a neighbor's view. Generally the first year that these are planted they will work on their own root system so growth will not be as evident. After the first or second year they can grow up to 3 feet or more per year! Since these get so large they will need large roots to anchor themselves so be cautious around homes, septic tanks, sidewalks or rock walls and the like. Pine tip moth can be an issue for these but it usually does not kill the tree. Systemic or insecticidal spray will usually keep these critters in check.

So, whether you are looking for a Christmas tree or just something to plant in the yard, the Piñon and Eldarica evergreens are certainly great choices for our dry climate and poor soils. If you are to use these as Christmas trees in the home, you may use ice cubes to help keep these beauties hydrated, and remember to keep the room temperature as cool as possible. Don't forget to acclimate your tree to the cold weather before planting if you use it as an indoor tree. Place it outside in a porch where it gets some light but not full sun for two weeks. This should help harden off your tree. After this acclimation period your tree should be able to withstand our seasonal cold weather.

Yard of the Month



PHOTO BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK

The High Range Neighborhood Association Yard of the Month belongs to Lois and Bob Weaver on Cherokee Circle.



Bicycle ride to benefit Earn-A-Bike for kids

The Jingle Bell Bicycle ride, which begins at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, is a benefit for the Velo Cruces Earn-A-Bike kids' program, starting up in 2017. Suggested donation is \$10. Earn-A-Bike is a multi-agency mentoring program in Las Cruces in which students can simultaneously gain literacy skills while building a

What is Velo Cruces Earn-A-Bike?

A hands-on program for middle school students to develop skills. The 12-week non-school-hour program is a way for children to earn their own bicycle

bicycle that they take home with them.

Cyclists will gather at Milagro Coffee y Espresso, 1733 E. Uni-

versity in the Pan-Am Plaza on University Ave. The ride will end at the Spotted Dog Brewery, 2900 Avenida de Mesilla.

Tickets for lunch and a non-premium beer are \$10 (limited to 100) and may be purchased at the Spotted Dog Brewery or at Outdoor Adventures, 1424 Missouri Ave. in Solano Square. For further information, contact Father Gabriel Rochelle at 575-323-1038 or Velo Cruces at 575-323-0883; website velocruces.org.



Best Black Friday discounts include four Cruces stores

With total holiday spending expected to reach \$656 billion this year — up from nearly \$631 billion in 2015 — the personal-finance website WalletHub conducted an in-depth analysis of 2016's Best Stores for Black Friday.

WalletHub surveyed 8,000 deals from 35 of the biggest U.S. retailers' 2016 Black Friday ad scans to identify the stores offering the biggest discounts in various product categories, such as "Appliances," "Jewelry" and "Toys."

Best Black Friday Retailers average percent of discount

1. Macy's (63.35%)*
2. Stage (62.81%)
3. JC Penney (62.79%)**
4. Harbor Freight (62.58%)**
5. Gordmans (61.59%)
6. Kohl's (58.15%)**



7. Shopko (55.55%)
 8. Fred Meyer (49.70%)
 9. Craft Warehouse (45.03%)
 10. Sears (43.89%)**
- * Store located in El Paso, Texas
** Store located in Las Cruces

To view the full report and each retailer's ranking in each product category, please visit: <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-worst-retailers-for-black-friday/8385/>

Key stats

- Macy's has the highest overall discount rate at 63.35 percent, whereas Big Lots has the lowest at 23.52 percent.
- The overall average discount for Black Friday is 39 percent. Consumers should aim for this discount amount or higher to avoid Black Friday "traps."
- The "Toys" category has the biggest share of discounted items, 28.26 percent of all offers, whereas the "Books, Movies and Music" category has the smallest at 0.93 percent.

Breakfast with Santa to benefit La Piñon

La Piñon's 4th annual Breakfast with Santa is set for 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Aztec Masonic Lodge, 180 E. Boutz Road. The pancake breakfast will benefit La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services and KidTalk.

With a \$5.00 donation, participants receive a pancake breakfast and a picture with Santa, as well as food, fun, and music. Children are encouraged to bring their Christmas lists so Santa can take them back with him to the North Pole. If you are unable to make it to breakfast, but would still like to donate, call 575-526-3437 or visit the La Piñon website www.lapinon.org for more information!

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After-Thanksgiving leftovers good for more meals



SUNNY CONLEY

Chile Knights

I enjoy the challenge of creating recipes using leftovers, especially those from a big meal such as Thanksgiving Day dinner. Leftover turkey, cranberry relish, sweet potatoes, and stuffing come to mind. Turkey and white bean chili is a favorite. I add autumn spices to the pot — cumin, cinnamon, and nutmeg — and, chile of course. The chili recipe shared this week was fine-tuned from the TV show, *The Chew*. I

tweaked it just a bit to heighten chile pepper flavor and heat level to satisfy our palates. My gut feeling is that this chili recipe will quickly become a favorite of yours too. Serve it with hot-from-the-oven cornbread slathered with real butter.

Jalapeño poppers, considered an appetizer, can quickly become a meal by stuffing the pods with minced turkey and a combo of cheeses. Or consider filling the pods with leftover stuffing. Bake, and then top with a dollop of sour cream and minced scallions. Any stuffing recipe will do but the robust flavor delivered by spicy Mexican chorizo is lip-smacking decadent.

Resist reheating leftover sweet potatoes to serve as a side. Instead use the pulp to prepare choco-cayenne tater brownie bites ... a sweet heat grand finale surprise to an all-leftovers meal.

White Bean Chile Chili (Serves 4-6)

2 tablespoons olive oil (preferable the chile variety)
2 pounds cooked turkey breast (or dark or a combination), shredded or substitute browned ground turkey
1 large yellow onion peeled and chopped
3 cloves garlic peeled and minced
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon cumin

1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 ½ tablespoons chili powder
½ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
2 serrano peppers, seeded and diced (or substitute 4-5 roasted green chiles)
3 cups chicken stock
2 (14.5 ounce) cans diced tomatoes (I like the fire roasted variety)
3 (15-ounce) cans cannellini or northern white beans, drained and rinsed
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

In a Dutch oven, add olive oil and heat over medium heat. Shred turkey with a fork and add to Dutch oven along with onions, garlic, tomato paste, oregano, cumin, cinnamon, cayenne pepper, chili powder, nutmeg, and serrano peppers. Cook until onions become translucent, about 5 minutes.

Add chicken stock, diced tomatoes, and beans, and bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook for 1 hour. Serve immediately in soup bowls or mugs. Topper suggestions: pico de gallo, corn tortilla strips, shredded cheese, sour cream or Greek yogurt, minced red onion, diced avocado, chopped cilantro, and/or diced scallions.

Gobbler Poppers with Cranberry Relish (Yield: 2 dozen poppers)

12 jalapeño peppers
½ pound cooked turkey, minced (dark or white meat or a combo of both)
¼ cup onion, minced
4 ounces fat-free cream cheese
1 1/3 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese, divided
1 tablespoon minced fresh cilantro
1 teaspoon chili powder
½ teaspoon garlic powder
½ teaspoon ground cumin
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper

Cut jalapeños in half lengthwise, leaving stems intact; discard seeds. Set aside. In a small nonstick skillet over medium heat, add olive oil and cook onion until translucent, about 5 minutes.

In a small bowl, combine the cream cheese, 1/3 cup shredded cheese, cilantro, chili powder, garlic powder, cumin, and salt and pepper. Stir in turkey mixture. Spoon generously into pepper halves.

Place in a 15-inch x 10-inch x 1-inch baking pan coated with cooking spray; sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees F for 20-25 minutes. Top each popper with chilled cranberry relish and enjoy!

Choco-Cayenne Tater Brownie Bites (Yield: 24 bites)

1 cup sweet potato pulp mashed
1/3 cup mini chocolate chips
1/3 cup hot coffee (consider pumpkin spice flavor)
2 tablespoons butter melted
2 eggs
½ cup light brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
½ cup flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
¾ cup cocoa powder
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
½ teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Place the mini chocolate chips in a bowl. Pour the hot coffee over the chocolate chips and stir to melt the chocolate. Set aside.

In a large bowl, stir together sweet potato, butter, eggs, sugar, and vanilla. Add the chocolate coffee mixture and stir to combine.

In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, cocoa powder, cayenne pepper, and salt. Add the mixture to the sweet potato mixture and stir just to combine.

Using a mini muffin tin, fill the cups ¾ of the way with brownie mixture. Bake in oven for 8 minutes. Serving suggestion: Top with a swirl of whipped cream sprinkled with cayenne pepper.

Prehistoric trackways guided hike set for Dec. 17

BULLETIN REPORT

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Las Cruces District is hosting a guided hike in the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17. The Monument is located on Permian Tracks Road off Picacho Blvd., a half mile east of Shalem Colony Trail and

Rocky Acres Road.

Hikers are asked to meet the BLM paleontologist at the second monument parking lot past the interpretive signs to begin the hike promptly at 9 a.m. The three-mile, round-trip hike will be on rough and rocky terrain, so appropriate shoes, clothing and sun protection is advised. Because the hike will take ap-

proximately 3 hours, hikers are advised to bring snacks and enough water to stay adequately nourished and hydrated.

Covering 5,280 acres of public land, the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument was established in 2009 and includes a major deposit of Paleozoic Era fossilized footprints of numerous amphibians, reptiles, insects,

plants and petrified wood dating back 280 million years ago — before the dinosaurs roamed.

Hikers will enjoy the scenic landscape of the Robledo Mountains, while learning about the nationally important paleontological, scientific, educational and recreational values contained on BLM-managed public lands. By request, the BLM is

also offering the guided hikes in Spanish.

For more information on the hikes, contact Daniella Barraza, BLM Park Ranger, at 575-525-4487 or at dbarraza@blm.gov. Additional information and maps for the Prehistoric Trackways can be found at www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/NLCS/PT_NM.html.

Affordable Care Act likely to go through changes

BULLETIN REPORT

Following the 2016 presidential election results and speculation about the future of the Affordable Care Act, beWellnm and the Office of the Superintendent of Insurance (OSI) are reassuring the public about the importance of continuing to enroll in quality, affordable health-care coverage through the current open enrollment period.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) was passed in 2010, and this year's Open Enrollment marks the fourth annual campaign to extend healthcare coverage to citizens who would otherwise be uninsured, according to a MountainView Regional Medical Center (MVRMC) press release. News of several large insurers either reducing their participation in the upcoming Marketplace, or exiting it altogether, has spurred concern about rising premiums and higher deductibles (predetermined amounts of healthcare expense an individual pays before health plan coverage "kicks in").



To help make health insurance affordable, the government uses household income to determine who is eligible for financial assistance. This aid might include advanced tax credits to help pay for premiums, or discounts on co-pays and deductibles, the press release states. As in past years, a majority of enrollees are expected to qualify for some type of financial support in 2017. Individuals who are re-enrolling on the marketplace are encouraged to re-evaluate and compare plans, as the lowest-cost option can change from year to year.

BeWellnm and OSI released the following statement about the future of the Affordable Care Act: "While there has been much discussion about the future of the Affordable Care Act and the impact of the Presidential election, there have been no changes to the law at this time. BeWellnm continues to provide New Mexicans with access to affordable health insurance options during this Open Enrollment period for 2017 coverage. Open Enrollment continues through January 31, 2017, and beWellnm certified agents, brokers and enrollment counselors are

MountainView, MMC offering help

"There are always questions concerning changes to premiums, deductibles and out-of-pocket limits before Open Enrollment launches each year," said Denten Park, CEO of MountainView Regional Medical Center. "This will always be the case as insurers enter and exit different markets. But what is consistent, year-to-year, is the value of the Marketplace. Millions of people are able to sign up for insurance who otherwise wouldn't have access to care, or who would face a financial crisis due to medical bills."

Appointments may be made with MountainView's certified assisters by calling 575-556-6835, or can be booked online: www.GetCoveredAmerica.org/connector.

Memorial Medical Center (MMC) is actively involved in getting people to enroll in insurance, said Anita Rockett, MMC marketing director. "We accommodate insurers who are available to counsel those looking to get insurance by providing a designated space in the hospital," Rockett said.

A simple phone call to MMC can get the process started, Rockett said. "Call 575-522-8641 and ask to speak with Admissions. They will be able to steer you in the right direction to work with an insurer who provides Marketplace insurance."

available free of charge to assist consumers with finding plans that fit their needs and their budgets."

Penalties

Individuals who are eligible for health insurance who do not purchase coverage not only pay a penalty when filing their tax return, but they also forfeit financial help with healthcare expenses throughout the year. The penalty is either 2.5 percent of family income or a predetermined flat rate, whichever is higher. The 2016 penalty was \$695 per adult, \$347.50 per child, with a maximum fee of \$2,085; these fees will be adjusted for inflation in 2017.

Visit the beWellnm website, [www](http://www.beWellnm.com).

beWellnm.com, to shop for coverage or locate one of the five statewide Enrollment Assistance Center locations near you for in-person assistance. In addition, the Office of the Superintendent of Insurance has tools available on the website to assist consumers who are shopping for coverage, and who need help with the coverage they already possess.

For consumer assistance through the Office of Superintendent of Insurance, please visit www.osi.state.nm.us or call 1-855-857-0972. To find more information on beWellnm, New Mexico's Health Insurance Exchange, visit www.beWellnm.com or call 1-855-996-6449.

Governor vows to protect health coverage gains under ACA

On Nov. 16, New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez made clear that health coverage gains under the Affordable Care Act must be protected.

According to a press re-

lease from Health Action New Mexico, the Governor "has offered assurances that people won't be left without health insurance as President-elect Donald Trump and fellow

Republicans seek to overhaul the Affordable Care Act." Over 300,000 New Mexicans have gained coverage thanks to the Affordable Care Act, causing the uninsured rate to drop to

historic lows.

"We commend Governor Martinez for her commitment to people in New Mexico who finally have access to quality health care," said Barbara

Webber, executive director of Health Action New Mexico. "The Governor's statement is a reassuring sign that leaders will fight to protect coverage gains."

CSI Aviation to offer medical flight services for NMHC patients

CSI Aviation will begin providing medical flight services to patients covered by New Mexico Health Connections (NMHC) insurance under a recent agreement between the two companies. CSI Aviation will now transport critically ill or injured patients who are insured through NMHC 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the state of New Mexico.

"CSI Aviation is proud to become an in-network provider for NMHC members," said Marc Ramt-

hun, vice president, sales. "We're very much looking forward to working alongside NMHC physicians, nurses, and case managers to transport their patients safely, quickly and affordably."

Since 2009, CSI has managed more than 400 medical flight missions and recently began using its own King Air 200 and 300 aircraft for medical transportation. All flights are crewed by accredited medical personnel specifically trained in patient care and aircraft safety.



COURTESY PHOTO

New Mexicans insured by New Mexico Health Connections will now have access to airplane transport throughout the state.

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Black Friday acupuncture special one day only

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday Nov. 25 is the Black Friday Special at Crossroads Acupuncture, 901 E. University Ave., Building 945, Suite G, at the corner of University and Espina. On this day only, you can purchase a 10-pass treatment card for only \$100 at the new location. For an appointment call 575-312-6569 or book online at crossroadsacupuncture.com.

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 and 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays yoga classes meet at 575 N. Main St. \$5. Info: 575-523-4847.

Cancer support group meets at UUMC

From 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Cancer Care, a support group for those dealing with cancer, (patients, survivors, caregivers, family and friends) meets. Info: Betty Harris at 575-524-3994 or the church office at 575-522-8220.

Alzheimer's and dementia support group meets

At 11:30 a.m. every Thursday, Arbors

of Del Rey Assisted Living Community holds a support meeting at Uno Pizzeria & Grill, 2102 Telshor Court. Arbors of Del Rey experts offer information and interventions. Info: 575-382-5200.

Tesoro Integrative Health Center yoga classes

At 10 a.m. Monday/Wednesday/Friday is Gentle Yoga; 7:15 a.m. Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. Saturday is Kundalini Yoga; 6:15 Tuesday/Thursday, 10 a.m. Saturday is Hatha Yoga; 6:15 Monday/Wednesday is Gentle Yoga at Tesoro Integrative Health Center, 1605 S. Main St. Walk-ins welcome. Drop-in fee is \$7; five classes for \$30; and 10 for \$60. Info: 575-541-5660.

Parkinson's Support Group meets third Tuesday

At 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. the Parkinson's disease Support Group of Southern New Mexico (PDSGSNM) meets.

MS Support/Education group meets first Thursday

From 4:30 to 6 p.m. the first Thurs-

day 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 lascrucessself-help@gmail.com.

Immunizations available at Dept. of Health

The New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office at 1170 N. Solano Drive provides immunization services for children (0-18 years of age) on Monday mornings, Wednesdays and Fridays. Info: 575-528-5006.

Breast cancer support group at MMC

From 10 to 11:30 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., in the Annex Bldg., located west of the main hospital entrance the Breast Cancer Support Group of the Community Foundation of Southern NM meets. No pre-registration required and the event is free. Info: 575-524-4373.

Incorrect use of asthma inhalers can lead to serious complications for kids

Experts offer tips for proper use that will have kids, parents breathing easier

BULLETIN REPORT

Common mistakes taking inhaled medications for asthma leave many patients with uncontrolled asthma, leading to unnecessary asthma attacks, emergency room visits and hospital admissions among the seven million children with asthma in the United States, according to National Jewish Health in Denver, Colorado.

“We see a lot of children, in fact, who just don’t know how to use their inhalers at all,” said BJ Lanser, MD, a pediatrician and asthma specialist at National Jewish Health. “For whatever reason, they were given the inhalers but were never taught the proper techniques in how to use them, and that can lead to serious problems.”

Poor inhaler technique fails to deliver medications deep into the airways where they are needed, Lanser said. Among the more common

mistakes children make is using an inhaler without a spacer, a plastic tube attached to the mouthpiece. When children activate the inhaler, the spacer lets the medication mix with air so that it can be inhaled more effectively. For smaller children, spacers often are paired with masks to make the process easier.

“Without a spacer, 70 to 80 percent of the medicine ends up in the child’s mouth and never gets deep into the lungs where it needs to be,” said Lanser. “If they continue to make those mistakes dose after dose, their symptoms begin to worsen and often those children end up in the hospital.”

That’s just what happened to 10-year-old Amanda Grabel of Santa Fe, New Mexico. “She was about seven when we noticed that she would have really bad asthma attacks whenever she got a cold,” said Rori Grabel, Amanda’s mother. “We saw doctor after doc-

tor and they threw more and more medicine at her, but nothing was working.”

In addition to their family doctor, the Grabels saw an allergy specialist, a pediatric pulmonologist and made several frantic trips to the ER. “Amanda was afraid to go to sleep at night, because she was afraid she was going to die,” Grabel said. “That’s how bad things had gotten.”

After seeing doctors in three states, the Grabels took Amanda to see Dr. Lanser and were relieved by his evaluation.

“Amanda didn’t need any more medicine,” said Lanser. “She had the right medication, she just wasn’t taking it properly. So, we really worked with her on technique when using her inhaler and today, she’s thriving.”

Just a little training made a big difference for Amanda. Today, she runs, plays soccer and tennis and plays the trumpet in the band. “I feel like I don’t even have asthma anymore,” she said. “I know that I do, but now I can just be happy and not worry about anything because it’s under control.”

Tips and tricks

If your children use an inhaler to control asthma, here are some tips to help them get the most out of their medicine:

- Always stand when using an inhaler. Standing allows the lungs to fully expand so the medication can get where it is needed most.
- Look straight ahead. You want to make sure your head is in a neutral position, not leaning forward or backward. This will help direct the medicine into your airways and prevent it from collecting in your mouth.
- Before you inhale, exhale. Have your child take some normal breaths and then a big, deep breath, then fully exhale so the lungs are empty. Then, when your child inhales, the medicine gets deep into the lungs.
- Inhale slowly. Even if you are having trouble breathing at the time, be sure to inhale your medicine slowly. If you hear a whistling sound from your spacer, you know you are inhaling too quickly.
- Close your lips around the mouthpiece. Because the medicine is aerosolized, it can easily escape the mouthpiece, so be sure to make a tight seal with your lips to get all the medication into your lungs.

NM department of health joins campaign to encourage proper antibiotic use

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) joins the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in increasing awareness about the benefits and risks of antibiotics.

While deaths due to infections caused by bacteria have decreased dramatically since antibiotics became available in the 1940s, widespread use of

antibiotics has led to bacteria that are resistant to antibiotic treatment. Antibiotic resistance is now one of the most pressing public health threats of modern times.

Although resistance to antibiotics can occur spontaneously in nature, the development of widespread antibiotic resistance is largely due to overuse and inappropriate use of antibiotics through healthcare and agricul-

tural production. To combat antibiotic resistance and avoid adverse drug reactions, antibiotics must be used appropriately. This means only using the appropriate antibiotic for the proper clinical indication, at the correct dose and for the recommended duration of treatment.

“Antibiotics save lives. It is our collective responsibility to preserve them so they can be used effectively when they are truly

necessary,” said Lynn Gallagher, Department of Health Secretary Designate. “The Department of Health is committed to working with the public and healthcare organizations to stop the spread of antimicrobial resistance and promote the wise use of antibiotics.”

As part of the National Action Plan for Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria, NMDOH recently received funding

to fight to stop antibiotic resistance by working with hospital and clinical laboratory partners to facilitate early detection of infectious diseases trends, prevent transmission of bacteria resistant to antibiotics, and implement strategies to improve prescribing practices by healthcare providers.

Healthcare organizations and providers are urged to team up to become good antibiotic

stewards and empower consumers to question if an antibiotic is necessary.

The CDC estimates that at least one-third of antibiotics prescribed in the United States – or 47 million prescriptions – are unnecessary. Over 23,000 deaths per year in the United States are attributable to bacteria resistant to antibiotics. Another 29,000 deaths may be related to complications related to antibiotic use.

BRIEFS

'SNAP'py Critter Christmas is Dec. 11

Tickets are available for the "SNAP"py Critter Christmas gala, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University. The event, which benefits the Spay/Neuter Action Program (SNAP), features live and silent auctions, raffles, dog treat buffet, food, no-host bars and music by the Derrick Harris Jazz Band. Tickets are \$50 each and are available at the SNAP office, 2405 W. Picacho Ave., Ste. 103; Horse 'n Hound; both Better Life Pet Foods locations; American Classified and online at www.holdmyticket.com/event/256633. Call 575-524-9265 for more information.

Shopping event to benefit animal charity

Tails from the Shelter, a non-profit animal rescue organization, is the benefactor of a holiday shopping event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11 at Grapevine Plaza, 3900 W. Picacho Ave. "Tinsel & Tails" will include both indoor and outdoor vendors and will feature gifts, crafts, food and entertainment, including an appearance by the two Totos from the Las Cruces Community Theatre's production of "The Wizard of Oz." There also will be dog adoption opportunities at the event.

Tails from the Shelter is a New Mexico animal rescue project of the 501(c)3 non-profit Uncaged Paws. The organization saves adoptable pets from high kill shelters and transports them to safety within a foster home network, after which forever homes are found.

For information, email savinglives@uncagedpaws.org or visit <http://tailsfromtheshelter.org/>

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Black Friday is a special adoption day for black pets

LEFT: This handsome salt-and-pepper colored male domestic medium hair cat is Aanjay. With the winter coming on, all he's looking forward to is curling up in someone's lap in his forever home. He's already fully vaccinated, neutered, and ready to go. He is instant friends with everyone he meets, so why not pay him a visit today?

BELOW: This ebony Labrador girl is Abby. November 23 marks her one-year anniversary living at the shelter, but she's keeping her hopes up that a caring person will take her home to share the holidays. She's willing to wait for that perfect home until Black Friday, when her adoption fee will be waived along with all other black animals. Why not come meet her today?

Hours of operation are noon to 6 p.m., Monday thru Friday; noon to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Call: 575-382-0018.



'Dawgs hit the road for state semifinal

By **JEFF MATTHEWS**

For the Bulletin

Las Cruces High is the only city high school football team left standing in the playoffs.

Las Cruces breezed to a 35-14 win against Clovis and plays

Cleveland in a rematch.

The semifinal game is 7 p.m. Friday Nov. 25 in Rio Rancho at Cleveland's on-campus football stadium. The winner takes on either Rio Rancho or Manzano next week.

"It's great to be part of the

final four but being part of the final four wasn't a part of our goal at the beginning of the year," said Bulldawg Head Coach Mark Lopez. "We want the whole thing."

Cleveland and Las Cruces have accounted for the even-

tual state champion four of the last five years. Cleveland is the defending state champion and also won it all in 2011. Las Cruces won back-to-back titles in 2012 and 2013. The only school to interrupt the Bulldawg and Storm title stranglehold the

last five years is Rio Rancho, who beat Mayfield 33-31 in 2014's title game. Undefeated Rio Rancho and Cleveland have been rated first and second most of the year. "Everyone is

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Aggies roll into final home game

BY **MARTY RACINE**

For the Bulletin

Sometimes the final score doesn't tell the entire story.

New Mexico State's 50-10 thumping of Texas State Saturday, Nov. 19, was eye-popping enough. More significantly, it was a major building block in a football program in search of its mojo.

Another brick in the wall. A big one.

The win moved the Aggies to 3-7 with two games remaining. Their final home appearance is 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 26, against Appalachian State.

Last weekend's kickoff was delayed by 90 minutes after the Texas State bus had an accident en route to Las Cruces. Bobcat receiver Elijah King was reportedly hospitalized and missed the game.

The mishap didn't appear to affect the outcome. The Aggies emerged from the tunnel

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Monarchs clip Hawks



BULLETIN PHOTO BY TABITHA ROSSMAN
Centennial High quarterback Dante Lopez passes over the Manzano High defense, Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Field of Dreams in a state Class 6A quarterfinal playoff game. Manzano held on to win 24-21 and will now take on top-seed Rio Rancho, who ended Oñate High's postseason run with a 48-0 victory in the quarterfinals. Las Cruces High remains alive and takes on Cleveland, Friday, Nov. 25 at Cleveland.

This is a week of thankful reverence

As Americans, we are truly blessed to celebrate all the things we have to be thankful for on this 2016 Thanksgiving. Let me share with you a few of the specific blessings for which I am most thankful. Hopefully you will share my sentiments.

First of all, I am thankful for all our active military service members, as well as our military veterans (I am one), without whom our great nation would not enjoy the freedom and security that we have today. Thank you for your service and your sacrifice.

We all owe deep appreciation for our law enforcement officers, U.S. Customs and Border pa-



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

trol agents, firefighters, EMT workers and first responders. Again, we enjoy safety, security and protection as a society that is unprecedented and unequalled worldwide because of your untiring efforts. We also thank you for your service.

I feel thankful that my wife and I came to Las Cruces (from Detroit)

and also thankful that we have stayed for the past 28 years; this is our home. We love the desert and the weather and are particularly thankful for our wonderful friends. This town is a well-kept national secret.

Speaking of our really cool small town, I'm very grateful to the Las Cruces Bulletin, to include the publisher, staff and advertisers, for providing much needed regional editorial, news and event journalism. And thank you for continuing to encourage my Golf Doctor column for the past 11 years. Including numerous special magazine sections, I estimate this column to be my 560th. Thank you to my many readers.

On November 15, I had the opportunity to play the White Sands Golf Course. That was the day it closed. Sad. However, we should all be thankful for our four championship golf courses here in Las Cruces: Sonoma Ranch Golf Course, Picacho Hills Country Club, New Mexico State University Golf Course and Red Hawk Golf Course. These are four quality, difficult but fair venues, which are well-maintained and very playable.

For you newcomers to Las Cruces, here is a quick rundown on these golfing gems. Sonoma Ranch opened in 2000 and is a relatively open track with some short par 4s and some long par 5s, and sometimes very tricky greens. Picacho Hills is the only exclusively private golf club in town, located on the West Mesa, with water in play on four

different holes and plenty of elevation changes and many mature trees lining numerous holes. NMSU is a "parks" type course that opened in 1962 and has stood the test of time with mature trees, Bermuda grass and fairly large greens. Red Hawk Golf Club, located a few miles north of Highway 70, is the newest golf venue in town. It is treeless but heavily bunkered, thanks to designer Ken Dye, with fast, large greens.

Our four special golf courses are staffed, managed and maintained by a special group of people to whom we remain very, very thankful. These are folks who mow the grass, cook the food, pour the drinks, keep the golf pace of play moving, cure the shanks, clean the carts, sweep the carpets, keep the books, answer the phones and much more.

We thank you.

I'm sure you share my deep-felt thanks to all our local physicians who we count on for helping cure our ills and treat our injuries and ailments. Along with our doctors, our thanks go to the nurses, PAs NPs, CNAs and trained techs who perform day-to-day work that is indispensable. I also hasten to add that we are thankful for our two major medical center hospitals and the several medical and mental health clinics that we call on 24-7. These services go a long way to confirming why people looking to Las Cruces as a retirement community.

Finally, I agree with former Astronaut Mike Massimino (author of "Spaceman") that we should be protective and reverently thankful for planet Earth.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Jadyn Nuñez is a 17-year-old senior at Centennial High School. She is a setter and right-side hitter on the Lady Hawks volleyball team. So far this season, Nuñez has had 465 kills, 82 blocks, 216 digs and 28 aces. She has a positive mindset, is funny and a leader on and off the courts. Nuñez is a dedicated student, with a 3.0 GPA. When off the court and out of the classroom, she enjoys hanging out with friends, eating, listening to music and watching movies.



Bo Glines is a 17-year-old senior at Centennial High School. He plays center on both the Hawks basketball and football teams. Glines junior year he was district all-state tackle. Glines is outgoing, clever and has a good sense of humor. He is a dedicated student, with a 3.7 GPA. His interests outside of sports and school are hanging out with family and friends, listening to music and watching movies. Glines would like to thank all his coaches and his parents for making him who he is today. Rest in peace, coach Rog!

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ready to play some football in all three phases of the game. The much-maligned defense was especially sharp against the run, tying up the line of scrimmage all afternoon with help from linebackers Rodney Butler and Dalton Herrington and defensive backs Shamad Lomax and Jacob Nwangwa.

The defense forced two early fumbles and two interceptions that the offense gratefully converted into touchdowns on four consecutive possessions in the first quarter, effectively removing all doubt.

Quarterback Tyler Rogers, quietly having an excellent season, masterfully directed a balanced attack that kept the Bobcats on their heels. By himself, Rogers accounted for five touchdowns --- three passing, one rushing and one receiving,

the latter on a trick play from wide receiver Johnathan Boone.

In the fourth quarter head coach Doug Martin substituted freely. Backup quarterback Nick Jeanty rewarded him with a scoring toss of his own, 35 yards to Jaleel Scott, with Scott weaving through a broken field for most of the yardage. That's a jolt for Jeanty's confidence if the sophomore is being groomed as next year's starter.

As a sequel, Appalachian State will provide a tough test. The Mountaineers, bowl-bound at 8-3 (6-1 Sun Belt Conference), are coming off a 42-17 win last weekend against Louisiana-Monroe. They're led by quarterback Taylor Lamb, averaging 176 passing yards a game, and by running backs Jalen Moore and Marcus Cox, each averaging more than 100 yards. Their top receiver is Shaedon Meadors.

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saying they thought it's going to be an all Rio Rancho championship. And you know, it's our job to go out there and prove them wrong," said Lopez.

To get a chance to advance to the championship game, the Bulldawgs, winners of eight in a row, will have to get by a Cleveland team that beat Las Cruces 49-41 back on Sept. 9.

"It's our only loss of the year," said Lopez. "I know they've changed some. We've changed quite a bit since we've played them, especially on the defensive side. It all comes down to the fundamentals: blocking, tackling, all that good stuff. We've got to do that better than we did the first time to even have a chance against them," he said.

The Bulldawg offense is rolling up more than 400 yards of offense a game.

6A Football Final Four

WHAT: No. 3 Las Cruces (10-1) at No. 2 Cleveland (10-1)

WHEN: 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25

WHERE: Cleveland High School Stadium

TICKETS: Adults: \$8; Students: \$5

RADIO: 98.7 FM

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The defense held Clovis to 14 points last week and all the points came after Las Cruces built a 28-0 lead. Cleveland's offense has been prolific. Cleveland scored 38 points on Mayfield and rolled up more the 700 yards against Volcano Vista in the regular season finale.

6A Football Final Four

WHAT: No. 5 Manzano (10-2) at No. 1 Rio Rancho (11-0)

WHEN: 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26

WHERE: Rio Rancho High School Stadium

Manzano beat Centennial 24-21 to advance. Rio Rancho shut out Oñate 48-0. Rio Rancho blew out Manzano 64-27 in the regular season meeting.

"Obviously, they are a very, very good team, very physical team. After we've played everybody now, they are the biggest team we've played," said Lopez.

One area Lopez said he spent time addressing this week is special teams.

"Cleveland's kick return team hurt

us a lot," said Lopez of the September game against Cleveland. "We had to grind out some drives and move the ball, convert third downs and we'd work really hard for our points and then we ended up kicking off to them and they'd return it to the 50 or better and so we've got to do a lot better on special teams."

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