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Judge continues restraining order

Bulletin report

Judge Manuel Arrieta in Third Judicial District Court continued Doña Ana County's temporary restraining order against the office of County Sheriff Enrique "Kiki" Vigil for 40 days.

County spokesman Jess Williams said the extension is to allow the sheriff time to retain legal counsel.

At issue is whether the county or the sheriff's department should operate the Doña Ana County Detention Center after the center's director, Christopher Barela, was arrested for fraud Tuesday, Dec. 8.

On that day, Vigil's office took control of the jail, but later in the day Vigil was served with the temporary restraining order by County Manager Julia Brown to relinquish control of the center, which the sheriff's office did.

In its petition filed with the court, Doña

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Dancing with Christmas spirit

Thirteen-year-old Carmen Sanchez, left, an eighth grader at La Academia Dolores Huerta charter middle school, and 12-year-old Daniela Robinson, a seventh grader at La Academia Dolores Huerta, pose in front of a Christmas tree in their folklorico dance outfits. The straight-A students, members of their school's performance ballet folklorico dance team, chose and practiced five traditional Jalisco dance songs so they could give free performances at senior-living centers such as Village at Northrise, Desert Peaks and Golden Mesa.

New education law could mean big changes

By Mike Cook
 Las Cruces Bulletin

President Barack Obama signed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) into law Dec. 10. The new law means "no more one size fits all," said Las Cruces Public Schools (LCPS) Chief Academic Officer Andrea Fletcher. "It changes the focus to give states more power. It lets us really target what we need in our state. It's really a good thing."

"Overall, it's a very good move," said LCPS Superintendent Stan Rounds. "This is definitely a move in the right direction."

ESSA is the seventh reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and the first re-authorization since 2002, when No Child Left Behind (NCLB) became law.

Since teacher evaluations will no longer be tied to student test scores by federal mandate under ESSA, it could mean a change in the way New Mexico evaluates its classroom teachers.

"It appears to me that it takes state issues rather than a local issue first," said Rounds, "so I can see the current governor and the current secretary (of the New Mexico Public Education Department [NMPED]) continuing down the road they're on. I think it will mean a softening and probably a re-definition,"

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SANTA'S SURPRISE

Yadira Bernal collects her loot while Santa (Steve Casares) and Doña Ana County Health and Human Services Department employee Sonia Ruiz look on. Bernal was one of about 600 children who participated in a series of celebrations at various community centers in rural communities. Doña Ana County employees reached into their wallets to make sure the Spirit of Christmas was alive and well for the participating children. This is the 12th year of the program.

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The rock star next door

By **Susie Ouder Kirk**
Las Cruces Bulletin

CW Ayon is a rock star. He's talented, good looking, charming, plays the guitar, travels around the world performing, and makes relevant music. And he has great hair. But when you meet him, you'd never know that he's anything but an average guy from Las Cruces, raising a family and trying to pay the bills.

Ayon could be the cliché American rock god, but instead he busts more than one rock-n-roll stereotype as he climbs up the slippery ladder of musical notoriety. Consciously diverging from the characteristics of a rock star, he comes across more like the faithful best friend, the caring high school teacher, the good guy who finishes last. And he's absolutely comfortable in his own unassuming skin.

At 39 years old, Ayon (pronounced Eye-own) is a successful blues musician who just might put Las Cruces on the musical map. He has produced 6 albums, containing more than 50 songs, most of which he's written

himself. He records his music in Las Cruces at Image Recordings and Studio 603.

His music is rooted in the history of the Mississippi Hill Country, exemplified by the late blues men Junior Kimbrough and R.L. Burnside, who are Ayon's idols. Kimbrough's music "has a slinky vibe," Ayon says, and Burnside's "feels like a dance party."

Both Kimbrough and Burnside created music from the north part of Mississippi around Clarksdale and Holly Springs, and their styles share what is called (according to Wikipedia) "trance blues" or "hypnotic boogie."

"It's kind of a drone," Ayon explains. "This music is definitely about feel. You can just sit still, and listen and feel." The earthy, elastic Hill Country style developed from working class backyard parties and juke joints all down the Mississippi river and into the delta area during the 1920s and 30s. Burnside, Kimbrough, and their families, kept the distinct Hill Country sound in the

south even as the blues expanded around the United States.

The blues themselves seem to have a set of unwritten rules. The ubiquitous 5 chord progression most of us recognize (think of the beginning of George Thorogood's "Bad to The Bone"), as well as mournful lyrics about unfaithful women, dogs who run away and trucks that won't start, seem to be mandatory in the blues genre. Ayon's songs feel authentically pained, although he admits he has to dig deep to find the suffering and the sorrow that usually influences the music.

There's a definite difference between his Hill Country-inflected style and that of the more commercially popular blues sounds of radio staples such as B.B. King and Eric Clapton. "There's not a lot of chord changes," he says, which is perfect because as a one-man-band, he has only two hands but several instruments.

Yes, CW Ayon is a one-man-band. But before you visualize a strangely dressed buffoon flailing

on a huge bass drum with cymbals between his knees, an accordion on his back and a kazoo parked between his lips, clear your mind. He's really just a guitar player who sits behind a drum

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CW Ayon's music is just plain sexy.



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Carol and CW Ayon take a break from touring in France in 2015.

Opinion



From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Good tidings of great joy

This holiday tradition is 2,000 years old

Christmas means a lot of things, big and small. The holiday means different things to different people.

Each family brings its own traditions, its own flavor, to the holiday.

There's one tradition, however, that's remained the same for more than 2,000 years. You can find it in the King James Version of the Bible. Luke chapter 2, verses 1-20:

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

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

that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

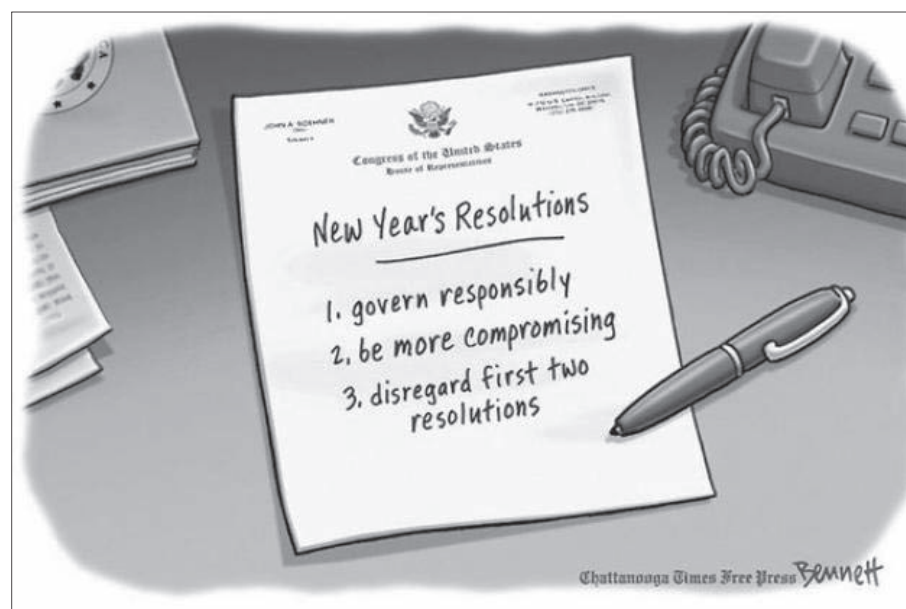
And suddenly there was with the angel a mul-

titude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Individuals are Christians, government is secular

The holiday season is here but Bev Courtney (12/18/15), still promulgates letter errors. She states, "The Bible is for the government of the people, by the people and for the people." The Bible? Try Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, 1863. The quote's last sentence is also missing its strong ending phrase: "... and shall not perish from the earth."

John Wycliffe was a 14th century church reformer. His work was an early precursor to the Protestant Reformation and its hundreds of years of vicious wars. Have you forgotten that America's founders understood they were coming out of the Enlightenment and European religious wars and wanted no part

of a church and state mixture? Many of our early Northeastern settlers ran from religious persecution. Later, some colonies had sectarian government, all ended after the Constitution's ratification. The quote from Luke/Isiah is a religious Christian reference. There is no reference to G-d in our Constitution; I've read it many times.

Yes, "...spread the blessing... give to the poor... food, clothes for the children..." with a reminder that spreading the blessings, per se is a strongly needed year-long effort, not just December and this season.

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the people of the Bulletin and our whole community.

—Jerry Nachison

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Cowboy Camp Christmas



It was Christmas Eve at daybreak when we found him in the yard. His horse was porcupined with frost, the ground was frozen hard. He must'a drifted in

last night after we'd all gone to bed. And had a fatal heart attack, 'cause, fer dang sure he was dead! We recognized him right away as Tater Jack,

the preacher, A fire and brimstone hard-nosed man, with one redeeming feature He believed! And took it on himself to spread the Holy Gospel In places where the reg'lar church had deemed it near impos'ble. We got to see him twice a year 'cause we wuz out a ways. He usually came by Christmas and he'd stay

a couple days. Now, Christmas in a cowboy camp's a pretty lonely place And folks like us, that live alone, build a sorta carapace Like turtles have. Which insulates our heart from too much feelin' But Tater Jack cut no one slack! He preached like thunder pealin'! And got just down to

the question...What did Christmas really mean! Was it just another winter day to ply the old routine? He'd dump the whole load on us, but what the heck, we had the time. And he was a grand diversion. Thumpin' Bibles ain't a crime. But he'd end each Christmas sermon with the passages from Luke. He explained, we were

the shepherds which he meant as no rebuke, Then he'd traipse us all out in the dark and point straight up and say, "Fear not, I bring good tidings. Upon you is born this day A savior, who is Jesus Christ the Lord! See them stars and us below... They were shinin' on them shepherds then,

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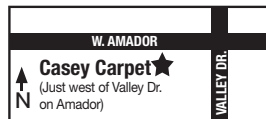
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Merry Christmas to all who celebrate Christmas

At the same time each year, many mainstream Americans celebrate Christmas. Other Americans with different religions – or no religion at all – are forced to put up with the yearly celebrations. Some people fuss about this imposition of the majority.

For those people wishing to be offended by Christmas being a federal holiday, they can start by being offended with Congress since that is the body that officially declared the holiday.

President Grant signed a bill on June 28, 1870 to create federal holidays. The federal Christmas holiday started there.

In a society of more than 300 million citizens, there are vast opportunities to join together as Americans and equally vast opportunities to offend or be offended.

A critical distinction: Were people trying to offend?

When people take offense where none was intended, it gets sticky.

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



In the early days of our country, some people lived a long ways from their neighbors. My grandfather believed the secret to happiness was to live far enough away from neighbors that he couldn't hear the dogs bark.

He did so but most of us live within mere feet from other families. It calls for accommodation.

Since we are speaking of Christmas, I believe the true spirit of Christmas is not to be in anyone's face. We who do celebrate do not want to be told we cannot celebrate but we are not trying to make anyone feel bad.

And most times if we chill out a bit, most of what bothers us goes away. Not always. Many years ago I had four New Mexico State University football players renting a house across from me.

They were fine neighbors in that I hardly noticed them.

Then it happened: They had a middle-of-the-night party and even in the back of my house the music was loud. So I could call the police, go over and have a conversation with some football players who were drinking or I could use my head. Amazingly, I waited until the next day and saw the head football coach Jim Hess.

Since it was the middle of the season I said, "Coach Hess, you sure don't work your football players very much."

He blinked and started to get red in the face.

"Why do you say that?" he demanded.

I smiled, "Because four of your players can work out with your team during the day and party loudly all night."

He got it.

"What street?" he inquired.

I told him and he said, "Tell me if they make any more noise. I'll have them

spend three hours running up and down the stadium stairs."

I never heard another peep out of them.

The issue with Christmas is that it is a federal holiday. If that is not your religion you still take a day off from work if you work for the government.

The issue is that many people want to cause a fuss and do so. It is as stupid as the Supreme Court ruling that you can't have the Ten Commandments in government offices.

The justices made that ruling while having the Ten Commandments on the walls of their Supreme Court Building.

In a perfect world which we obviously are not in, people would not make things worse than they had to be. Life is tough but it does not have to be tougher than it is. Some people make things worse on purpose. They say if you are alarmed at being in a hole, the first thing to do is quit digging.

It is the same with things that drive fellow

Americans crazy like people speaking something other than English while in America. One of those people who speak other languages is me so they don't get sympathy. There are certain phrases that just sound better in another language.

I will do my best to celebrate the birth of Christ in ways that do not offend rational people. They can-

not ask me to not put the Christ in Christmas. I will fight for my religious freedom. I won't put it on them other than I may accidentally say, "Merry Christmas."

If someone says, "Happy Holidays," that is what I reply since we are all in this together.

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two thousand years ago!

So ya see, that's how it started, with a bunch of guys like you

Who could see through all the hooplah and give this day its due.

That's why He told the shepherds first. See, God trusts a simple man.

So he signed yer kind up early, 'cause He knew you'd understand."

Well, Tater Jack would ramble on but what he said held water

And it made us cowboys kinda proud, and humble, like it ought'er.

Sam would play his ukulele and we'd sing a song or two

I reckon we were better men 'cause ol' Tater drifted through.

So findin' him this mornin' put a damper on the day.

We thawed him out and combed his hair and stored his stuff away.

Then buried him this

afternoon. On his final Christmas Eve

We've all been sorta aimless since, maybe just too numb to grieve.

Russell Don had shot a sagehen and we saved it for tonight.

It was good, and we sure ate it all...but Christmas ain't quite right.

Tater Jack made it official, a snubbin' post to tie to.

He gave Christmas real meaning. So, maybe we should try to

Carry on, like he would have us. Ain't none of us preacher

But no line camp bunch of cowboys ever had a better teacher,

"Sam, if you can play Hark the Herald Angels on your uke,

I'll try and read that cowboy part...in those passages from Luke."

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In The News

Holiday schedule for city offices

City Hall and most other City of Las Cruces offices are closed to the public Friday, Dec. 25th and Friday, Jan. 1st for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays. Emergency services such as fire and police will not be affected.

Free rides for veterans through DAV

The Disabled American Veterans free ride program, which supplies van rides for veterans to hospital and doctor appointments, can be reached at the following numbers: Las Cruces and El Paso/Truth or Consequences/Albuquerque 575-915-4899 and Alamogordo 505-506-8717.

FirstLight receives Datatrac awards

FirstLight Federal Credit Union officials announced the credit union was recently certified

with 2015 Datatrac Great Rate Awards for several deposit and loan products.

The awards are issued to financial institutions that outperform the market average based upon independent analysis conducted by Datatrac, a financial research firm which maintains America's largest interest-rate database.

Datatrac compared rates from banking locations in El Paso and Las Cruces as of Dec. 3. Datatrac certified that FirstLight Federal Credit Union offered consumer-banking products that outperformed the market average by up to 50 percent.

Become a community volunteer

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program needs volunteers across New Mexico and especially in Las Cruces to provide free tax assistance and preparation for members of the community who need help in this area, generally those with low to moder-

ate income.

Who volunteers? People like you. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers serve in a variety of roles.

Volunteers are needed to electronically file tax returns, to greet taxpayers and help organize their paperwork, to set up and keep running computer equipment used to electronically file tax returns and to manage sites and do quality control.

"The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program needs New Mexicans all across the state and at this time, from Las Cruces and near-by communities.

We are looking for area volunteers who are interested in taking a little time to learn about taxes and then helping others by preparing federal and state income tax returns for free," said IRS spokesperson, Julia Lara. "Volunteers are certified to prepare simple, non-business tax returns for people with low to moderate incomes. People of all ages and backgrounds are welcome to volunteer.

There is a role for anyone who is interested, anyone who wants to help and give back to their commu-

nity."

Free training will be offered in December and January.

Volunteer hours are flexible and the free tax help sites are located in near-by community centers, libraries, schools and other similar places.

The instruction and training materials cover

how to prepare basic individual income tax returns, both federal and state and how to file them electronically.

Nationally, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide has grown from four volunteers in 1968 to over 35,000 volunteers at over 5,000 sites in 2014 serving 2.6 million people with free

tax help.

During the past tax season in New Mexico, 444 Tax-Aide volunteers filed 31,746 federal and 36,340 State of New Mexico tax returns.

For more information on becoming a New Mexico tax volunteer, go online to www.aarp.org/taxaide today.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Republican leadership is failing

To Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House, and Mitch McConnell, Senate Leader in Washington, DC, USA

Subject: American People Betrayed
Sirs:

You should be ashamed of yourselves! Insane legislation passed into law funding for two years with a complete surrender to Obama's programs promoting the destruction of America.

This bill you have just passed provides funding for practically every single item Obama has proposed, and are opposed by the majority of Americans, including Democrats:

1. Planned Parenthood's program of abortion and sale of babies body parts.

2. Sanctuary Cities – harboring illegal criminals.

3. Acceptance and settlement of 200,000 illegal aliens – some could be terrorists

4. Advancement of EPS's destructive agenda

5. Implementation and acceptance of the Iran nuclear deal

6. Amnesty for the Lawless disobedience of illegals

7. Increased visas to unskilled workers –and more.

The single item not funded was a fence on the southern border.

Republicans have voting control of the Congress, both the House and the Senate? That is a cruel JOKE!!

A disillusioned voter.

—Mary Catherine Fuller

Coming Up

Dec. 25-31

Temple Beth-El serving breakfast at Camp Hope

Temple Beth El members are providing and serving breakfast for the residents of Camp Hope on the morning of Dec. 25. For information, call 524-3380

Lake Lucero guided tours

Take a tour of Lake Lucero with a ranger Sunday, Dec. 27 at 10 a.m. and learn about the formation of the famous white sands, and the special plants and animals that live in and around the dunes. The Monument is located at 19955 Highway 70, Alamogordo. The program is \$8 for adults 16 years and older, and \$4 for children. Make reservations online only at www.nps.gov/whsa.

Birding ID tour

The monthly bird ID tour at Leasburg State Park is set for Saturday, Dec. 26.

Meet Volunteer Birding Guide CJ Goin at South Day Use Area for a walking tour along the banks of the Rio Grande. You might observe a Belted Kingfisher, Osprey, American Flicker, Killdeer, Phainopepla, American Pipit, Spotted Sandpiper or Pyrrhuloxia. Dress warmly with appropriate footwear.

Easy to moderate walk along mostly level ground. Fees: Regular Entrance Fee. Contact Alex Mares at 524-4068.

After-holiday shopping hours at Mesilla Valley Mall

Get out of the house and enjoy special after-holiday shopping at the Mesilla Valley Mall Saturday, Dec. 26, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 27, noon-6 p.m.; Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 28-30, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 31, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday, Jan. 1, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Winter Art Camp

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department presents "Winter Art Camp" for local youth grades 7 - 12.

Teens will explore the fundamentals of art through various activities that will lead up to painting a mural on City property.

They will learn to use various traditional and modern media in conjunction with different painting techniques and styles.

The Camp will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 28 - 30 at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Participants must provide their own lunches. For more information call 541-2455. The TTY number is 541-2772.

Channel Sizing class registration

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will provide Channel Sizing classes during the month of January at the Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. The class will offer cardio-based channel walking exercises that are low impact and fun. The class will consist of nine sessions beginning Jan. 11 and ending Jan. 29. Classes will be Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; cost is \$20 per person for the nine sessions.

Registration will be Dec. 28 through Jan. 8 at the Regional Aquatic Center, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. For more information contact the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center at 541-2782.

Parks and Rec gymnastics, tumbling class registration

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will hold registration for gymnastics and tumbling classes starting on Dec. 28 at the Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave. Registration will continue until the classes are filled. Each session will consist of a total of eight classes per session.

Parent & Me Gymnastics: Beginners, ages 3 - 5, Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3 - 4 p.m. Beginner classes are for participants without gymnastics experience. Cost is \$30 per person, per session.

Intermediate: Ages 6 - 12, Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. Intermediate classes are for participants who have completed beginner classes. Cost is \$30 per person, per session.

Advanced: Ages 6 - 12, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m. or Saturdays, 8 - 9:30 a.m. Advanced classes are for participants who have completed the intermediate classes. Cost is \$45 per person, per session.

Tumbling: Ages 8 and up, Saturdays 9:45 - 11:15 a.m. Cost is \$45 per person, per session. For more information call 541-2455. The TTY number is 541-2661.

Jan. 1-7

First Day Hike at Leasburg State Park

Join a park ranger on a moderate walking tour of the Mogollon trail and visit geothermal springs along the riverbed at Leasburg Dam on Friday, Jan. 1, 2016.

Tours start at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Located 15 miles north of Las Cruces, exit 19 at Radium Springs. For information, call 524-4068.

Branigan Library announces Reading Bingo program

Beginning Jan. 1, Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., will begin a new reading challenge for adults.

Reading Bingo will give participants more flexibility in their reading choices. Adults are encouraged to sign up now for a bingo card.

Participants will read books to receive chances in a prize drawing. Game ends April 30, 2016.

This program is free of charge. For more information contact Lori Batchelor at 528-4012 or lbatchelor@las-cruces.org.

Spring 2016 afterschool program registration

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will accept current Afterschool Program participants' payments for the 2016 spring session at the Parks & Recreation administrative office, 1501 E. Hadley Ave. through Friday, Jan. 8.

Any slots not paid for by Jan. 8, will be opened to the public on Monday, Jan. 11 and remain open until the site is at capacity.

The following schools participate in the Afterschool Program for children kindergarten through 5th grade: Alameda Elementary, Cesar

Chavez/Sunrise Elementary, Fairacres Elementary, Hermosa Heights Elementary, Highland Elementary, Mesilla Park Elementary, Monte Vista Elementary and Valley View Elementary.

Cost per child is \$360 for the spring session. The Afterschool Program offers a payment schedule of four monthly payments of \$90 due the 7th of each month. Initial payment is due at time of registration.

Payments may be made at the following locations: Administrative office, Meerscheidt Recreation Center, Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center and Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center during their regular business hours.

A 10% discount will be offered if paid in full for the spring semester before Jan. 8, 2016.

Acceptable payments include cash, check, money orders, and major credit cards (VISA, Discover or MasterCard). For more information call the Parks & Recreation administrative office at (575) 541-2550.

Picacho Peak Brewing Company presents musical guest

On Friday, Jan. 8, Picacho Peak Brewing Company presents Sage Gentlewing from 7-9 p.m. at 3900 W. Picacho Ave. Info: 575-680-6394.



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Coming Up

Free Course in Spanish

“Cuidando con Respeto” is a free course presented in Spanish for caregivers of people with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.

It provides much of the same helpful information as the popular “Savvy Caregiver” Program.

It will be presented as a two day course in two, 4-hour sessions.

The following options are available: Tuesday, Jan. 12 and 19, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. or Thursday, Jan. 14 and 21, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

All classes will be held at the Southern Area Health Education Center, 4003 Geothermal Dr.

To register or for more information, please contact Alma Gross, 646-3061 or algross@nmsu.edu.

Las Cruces hosts free Alzheimer’s course

Families facing Alzheimer’s disease will have access to a free, seven-week education course in Las Cruces offered by the Alzheimer’s Association, New Mexico Chapter beginning Thursday, Jan. 7 and running through Feb. 25.

Dementia affects not only the person living

with it, but the family members and friends of that person as well. Having the best information and advice from our experts can help the caregivers provide the best care and support for their loved one.

“The Savvy Caregiver” a free seven-session course presented by the Alzheimer’s Association, NM Chapter will be held each Thursday from Jan. 7- Feb. 25 from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Alzheimer’s Association Southwestern Regional Office, 125 N. Main St.

To register or for more information contact: Maia Sideris-Dorame at 647-3868 or msiderisdo@nmsu.edu

Class size is limited and they do fill up quickly. Participants may be reimbursed for the cost of having others tend to their loved one while they attend the classes.

In our own state, 36,000 New Mexicans are suffering from Alzheimer’s.

They are cared for by 106,000 unpaid caregivers, many of whom are members of their own families.

The Alzheimer’s Association, New Mexico Chapter offers free classes to caregivers and families facing the disease. Call 1-800-272-3900 for more information.

Jan. 8-14

NMSU’s 52nd Quality Concrete School set for January

New Mexico State University’s Engineering New Mexico Resource Network announces the 52nd annual Samuel P. Maggard Quality Concrete School that includes workshops and lectures covering various concrete-related topics. The Concrete School will be held Jan. 8-9 for professional engineers and others involved in the construction industry to provide the latest technologies and information used in concrete applications.

The course will be held on the NMSU main campus in Las Cruces. For information or to register, visit <https://nmsuqualityconcrete.eventbrite.com>

Proposed Mesilla Park Historic District public information meeting

Staff members from the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Cultural Affairs will hold a public information meeting about the proposed Mesilla Park Historic District and the National Register of Historic Plac-

es on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Frank O’Brien Papen Community Center (formerly the Mesilla Park Community Center), 304 Bell Avenue.

The National Register of Historic Places is the federal government’s official list of historic buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts worthy of preservation. The Historic Preservation Division nominates eligible properties in New Mexico to the National Register and property owners can receive preservation benefits and incentives. For information about the public information meeting, please contact Janet or Dave Clements at 524-0500.

Tombaugh Elementary announces open house

Tombaugh Elementary School, 226 Carver Rd., celebrates its 25th Anniversary with an open house on Thursday, Jan. 14, from 5:30-7 p.m. A reception is at 6 p.m. Administration is inviting past and present Tombaugh students and staff, and LCPS adminis-

tration. There will be a presentation and introduction of special guests at 6:00. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 527-9575.

Jan. 15-21

Picacho Peak Brewing Company presents musical guest

On Friday, Jan. 8, Picacho Peak Brewing Company presents Steve Shelby from 7-9 p.m. at 3900 W. Picacho Ave. Info: 575- 680-6394.

Annual membership meeting

Annual Membership Meeting for the Asombro Institute for Science Education is Monday Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. at Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park. Join the Board of Directors and staff of the Asombro Institute for Science Education to hear about the accomplishments from 2015 and the exciting plans for 2016. Awards will be presented for several large honors given to the Asombro Insti-

tute and individual staff members in 2015. Everyone is welcome to this free, informative event. For information, call 649-0676.

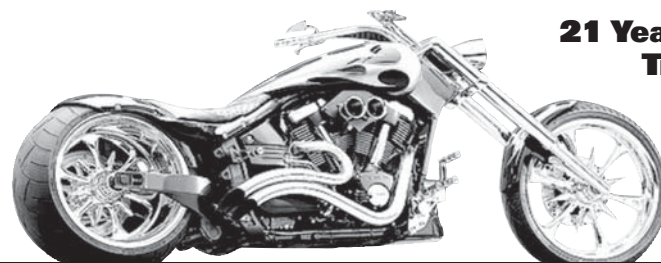
City of Las Cruces Water Polo Camp

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will present a Water Polo instructional camp at the Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave., from Jan. 19 through Jan. 22, 2016. The camp will offer fundamental instruction in the sport of water polo for children 6 to 12 years of age. Registration will be Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., beginning Dec. 28, 2015 and ending Jan. 8, 2016, at the Regional Aquatic Center.

Camp fee is \$20 per person for four classes, age groups and camp times are: Guppy Group Camp, ages 6 – 9 meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Shark Group Camp, ages 10 - 12 meets from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 575/541-2782.

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he said.

ESSA, which doesn't take effect until the 2017-18 school year, will "empower state and local decision-makers to develop their own strong systems for school improvement based upon evidence, rather than imposing cookie-cutter federal solutions like NCLB did," according to a Dec. 10 White House report.

New Mexico has been operating under a waiver from NCLB since 2012, when NMPED's A-F school grading system was approved by the U.S. Department of Education (DOE). ESSA could mean the end of that rating system and less student testing.

ESSA means "states

will develop and submit plans to increase the achievement of low-income students to the DOE" in order to receive federal funding, according to the National School Boards Association (NSBA). In New Mexico, that means NMPED and other state education departments "will take the lead in developing the state plan," but will be "required to work with timely and meaningful consultation with the governor and other state policymakers," along with local school districts, according to NSBA.

NMPED will be required to work with "all stakeholders," Fletcher said, including teachers,

principals, parents and other school staff, to craft a state plan that is "aligned to college and career readiness" needs in New Mexico.

U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich, D-N.M., said he included a provision in ESSA "to require state accountability plans to have a comment period to ensure that state assessments and accountability plans are developed with parent, educator and stakeholder input. In addition, states must provide assurances that those comments were taken into account in the development of the state plan," he said in a Dec. 9 news release.

The U.S. Senate passed ESSA by a vote of 81 to 17, with two senators not voting. Both Heinrich and New Mexico's other U.S. senator, Tom Udall, also a Democrat, voted for the bill.

Among remaining presidential candidates who serve in the Senate, Bernie Sanders, I-VT, who is running for president as a Democrat, voted for ESSA; Republicans Rand Paul of Kentucky, Marco Rubio of Florida and Ted Cruz of Texas voted against it.

ESSA passed the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 359 to 64, with 10 members not voting. All three of New Mexico's U.S. representatives, Democrats Michelle Lujan Grisham and Ben Ray Lujan, and Republican Steve Pearce, voted yes.

The new plan will con-

tinue to emphasize accountability, Fletcher said.

"Academic achievement is important, but it's not everything," she said. State accountability goals "can include another non-academic indicator for up to 49 percent of the accountability plan," including things like student engagement, after-school programs and school culture, Fletcher said in a Dec. 8 update on ESSA to the LCPS Board of Education.

Heinrich said he pressed for a provision in ESSA that "allows states to include other measures of student and school performances in their accountability systems to provide a more accurate determination of school performance. States will also be required to include graduation rates, student growth, and English proficiency for English learners in their accountability systems," his news release said.

English-language learners (ELLs), who make up more than 10 percent of the LCPS population, will be given greater priority under ESSA, Fletcher said. And, the highly qualified teacher requirements mandated by NCLB have been eliminated under the new law, which will give LCPS and other school districts greater flexibility in staffing schools, she said.

Fletcher said ESSA continues annual student testing in reading, math-

ematics and science in grades three through 12.

ESSA does away with the sanctions mandated by NCLB for poor school performance, Fletcher said. Instead, "states must develop intervention plans for (the) bottom five percent of schools and those with graduation rates less than 67 percent," she said in her school board presentation. LCPS' current four-year graduate rate is more than 76 percent.

Fletcher said ESSA retains the NCLB provision requiring 95 percent participation in testing. But, sanctions for school districts that don't comply will be decided by individual states rather than the U.S. Department of Education, she said.

The new law also authorizes \$250 million for early childhood education, which Fletcher said "is really good news" for high-poverty states like New Mexico.

About two-thirds of LCPS students receive free or reduced-price lunches, which is one of the federal government's leading measures of poverty.

A new preschool development grant program that is part of ESSA "will be jointly administered by the (federal) departments of Health and Human Services and Education to help states align and coordinate early learning programs," according to the NSBA.

ESSA also creates a pilot program for 50 local

education agencies (usually school districts, like LCPS) to blend the federal, state and local funding they receive to "design their own allocation formula in a manner that allows them to better target dollars to the neediest schools," according to the national School Superintendents Association.

Rounds said he will "try very diligently" to make LCPS the New Mexico school district selected for the pilot program. "We have brought in certain innovations that blend opportunities for kids. It works best if you blend your money," he said.

"This reauthorization has been years in the making and suffered through several false starts, but it picked up steam in 2015 as opposition to the rigid and punitive 'test and punish' regimen imposed by NCLB intensified and several education groups, including the NEA, lobbied Congress to get the job done," the National Education Association said in a Dec. 9 online article.

Both Rounds and Fletcher emphasized that a lot of work by states and school districts will have to take place before ESSA takes effect. "What do the regulations do? That will now be determined over the next year," Rounds said.

You can read the ESSA at www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/1177/text.

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In The News

Soules, Fletcher and Morales join Big Brothers Big Sisters Board

Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region announces the addition of three new regional board members for 2016. The regional board oversees fundraising, recruitment and program growth in Doña Ana and Grant counties and will begin the strategic planning for expansion into Luna and Sierra counties.

State Sen. Bill Soules, D-Las Cruces, is a former Big Brother himself, having spent three years matched with a Little Brother in the 1990s. Sen. Soules is a retired high school teacher with a passion for youth and education and through his ex-

perience as a "Big" has seen first-hand the benefit a positive adult mentor can have in a child's life.

According to Senator Soules, "As a former Big Brother I know how valuable a one-to-one connection is for a boy. I was able to be a part of his life during a critical period in his development and now see him as a man who is also giving back to his community. I am honored to serve on the board of a Big Brothers Big Sisters"

Andrea Fletcher is the chief academic officer at Las Cruces Public Schools. Fletcher brings an understanding of district policies and procedures and of student academic, social and emotional needs in the school setting to the board. She believes in a strong partnership between the services of Big

Brothers Big Sisters and Las Cruces Public Schools to better serve the youth in our community.

Naomi Morales is an account executive with Adams Radio Group with a strong background in working with non-profit youth-centered groups in Albuquerque. She recently returned to her home town of Las Cruces and looks forward to helping to serve the children of the Mesilla Valley. Morales brings marketing, sponsorship and event experience to the board.

"I am so excited with these extremely talented and passionate additions to our board," said regional board President Lucas Peerman. "2015 has been an astounding rebuilding and growth year for BBBS and with the additional talents and con-

nections of the new board members, I know 2016 will be even better."

Big Brothers Big Sisters is the nation's oldest and largest one-to-one youth mentoring program, matching adult volunteers with children ages 6 to 16 to aid in the social, emotional and academic growth of these children.

So far this year, 64 new matches have been made in Doña Ana County and six in Grant County. The program actively seeks adult volunteers willing to spend four to six hours per month with a child, as well as children who could benefit from an additional adult supporter in their life.

For information about the program, visit www.BBB-SMountainRegion.org or call the office at 523-9530.

JUDGE

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Ana County reports it has hired a jail administrator "to operate the jail with the assistance of trained staff organized under the county manager and independent from the sheriff."

Arrieta ruled "The sheriff's office may be on the premises to conduct criminal investigations, interview witnesses, secure evidence relating to the investigation of C. Barela, transport prisoners and similar authorized duties of the sheriff's department."

Barela is charged with fraud related to use of the inmate welfare fund.

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set. But the multi layered sounds he creates are remarkable. (For those of us who have a hard time walking and clapping at the same time, CW's skills are mind blowing.)

There's something captivating about a man alone, with just a guitar and some drums, making heavy, hooky music. So what makes CW tick?

First and foremost, he's a devoted family man. He and his wife Carol have two daughters and just celebrated their 15th anniversary.

In fact, it was Carol who taught him to play the guitar. His songs "Come Here Close" and "Well, Well, Well" are both dedicated to Carol, and his daughters helped write the funky "Baby Ray" from his album Gone.

"My family means everything to me. They are the beginning and the end of everything, and they're my biggest sounding board," he says. But a real blues man has to travel; it's just part of the lifestyle.

He's played all around the world, most recently in Australia touring for three and a half weeks with Charlie Humphrey's band Old Gray Mule.

He performed in France in March of 2015, and is scheduled to go again next year.

Being away from his family has an impact. "When I'm out of the country, it affects how I play," he said. "If I miss them, and they miss me, it affects how I feel." But that's helpful for getting him in the right mood for the blues.

Ayon was born in Socorro and raised in Reserve by his mother,

Linda.

He has a twin brother and two more brothers, also twins. His mother was his first musical influence.

She was a backup singer for traveling acts around Silver City, including Waylon Jennings when he performed there. "My mom is my hero. She's amazing," he said.

His father is half Southern Cheyenne Indian, and Ayon embraces his heritage, although he's careful not to try to be a "Native American" musician. His newest CD speaks to his pride: it's called "Enough to be Proud," which is what his father always said about being part Native American.

But there are tens of thousands of talented guitar players writing songs in their living rooms and dreaming of stardom.

What makes C.W. so special? For one thing, the fact that he's a solo act. Not to mean his music is made up of only a guitar and his voice; he has a number of guitars (he takes three with him when he performs) a kick/snare drum, a tambourine and a harmonica. He plays them all, sometimes using several different instruments in one song.

His talent and appeal have not gone unnoticed. He's been nominated many times for New Mexico Music awards, winning in 2010 for Best Blues Production with the song "Seen My Baby" and again for Best Blues Song in 2013 for the song "End of My Rope."

All of his CDs, including "Enough to be Proud" are available from CD Baby, iTunes, and at cwayon.com.

If you have a chance to see Ayon play, take it. Bring your significant other. If you're lucky enough to be in a venue

with a dance floor, get out there. You won't be disappointed. In fact, if you're slow dancing, sparks will fly. Like the very best blues musicians, Ayon hits you with music that is just plain sexy. Be warned.

My favorite CW Ayon song is called Is It Real? In it, he asks if his fantasy girl is really there with him or if it's a dream. It's slow and deep and his voice climbs and falls over the notes like honey on a biscuit. It makes me feel, um, romantic. Enjoy CW Ayon at your own risk.



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Udall, Heinrich secure \$85.6 million for port of entry

New Mexico's delegation to the U.S. Senate has secured \$85.6 million for construction of a new, replacement land port of entry in Columbus, south of Deming.

Sens. Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich report the project will expand the current border crossing faci-



UDALL



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ties to safely and efficiently accommodate increases in car, commercial and pedes-

trian traffic — improving security, encouraging trade and creating jobs in southern New Mexico. The funding will also be used to address significant stormwater drainage issues at the port.

The current Columbus Port of Entry was built in 1989 to screen visitors en-

tering the United States, but the existing facility provides less than a third of the space U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) needs for current and future traffic. Construction plans include a new main building, commercial and noncommercial inspection facilities, additional pedestrian processing, export facilities, a hazardous materials containment area, increased parking capacity and more. Similar efforts are underway south of the border, where the government of Mexico is working to reroute traffic and improve access to port faci-

ties.

"I've been working to secure funding to modernize the facility through my role on the Senate Appropriations Committee," Udall said "The Columbus Port of Entry is incredibly important to trade, economic development and security for our nation and southwest New Mexico.

"But the current facility can't keep up with commercial or pedestrian traffic and faces other issues like frequent flooding," he said. "Once complete, the expanded port will ensure Columbus can keep up with demand and attract

new business to New Mexico."

Heinrich pointed out the new port will "lead to more efficient trade between the United States and Mexico, accommodate the growth of commercial and commuter crossing in the region, and create good jobs.

"Our state's border region is a bright spot in our economy," Heinrich said. "New Mexico is the fastest-growing state in the country for jobs related to international exports. I welcome this federal investment and the economic activity it will bring to Luna County."

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- Isaac D., age 16, Arrowhead Park Junior and 7-year Boys & Girls Club Member



COURTESY PHOTO

Association of Educational Retirees install officers

The new 2016 officers for the Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees were installed at their December luncheon meeting held at the NMSU Golf Course restaurant. Pictured here from left to right: Gale Wiley, president; Louis Sarabia, vice-president; Lois Visage, secretary and Barbara Weskot, treasurer. They were installed by Shirley Caton, community service chairman.

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Safe Haven heads into 20th year with new director



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BARKER

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary (SHAS) will start the new year with a new executive director, as Lorna Harris retires after eight years of service. The next ED will be SHAS board president Laura O'Connor, who takes over Jan. 1, 2016, which also will be the start of SHAS's 20th year as "the largest no-kill facility of its type in Doña Ana County," according to <http://shaspets.com>.

Along with a paid staff of five, SHAS has about 40 volunteers who work regularly in its thrift store at 840 El Paseo Road – directly across El Paseo from Sutherlands – and another 40 at the no-kill animal sanctuary it operates at 6890 Eagle Road, about 10 miles northeast of Las Cruces, Harris said.

The sanctuary is located on three acres of land on the East Mesa and is home to 80 to 90 dogs and cats at any one time, Harris said. About 90 percent of the animals it cares for are owner relinquished, she said. The other 10 percent are strays.

The sanctuary has "a cattery, dog kennels, isolation units and a play area," according to the website. You can visit 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and other times by appointment, according to the website. But it is always a good idea to call before you make the

trip. You can reach sanctuary manager Jeff Barker at 805-5338, and you can find step-by-step directions to the sanctuary at www.shaspets.com/contact-us.

The thrift store, which expanded last year to include the old Business Products Center space next door, has grown from its start as a "broom closet," Harris said. Today, the thrift store includes a lot of furniture and "a huge selection of books that fly off the shelves," Harris said, in addition to used clothing and many household items and toys. It is SHAS's "major source of operating income," she said. Other important funding sources include grants, bequests and donations from local businesses and individuals, Harris said. It receives no state or local government funding.

Either by "donating through the back door or shopping through the front door, you're supporting SHAS," Harris said. And, SHAS can even provide pickup services for large items, she said.

SHAS also holds monthly pet adoptions around town, Harris said. You can check out all the available cats and dogs on their website.

Harris said SHAS is always on the lookout for volunteers, and also is seeking new board of directors members – the nonprofit currently has several slots open on its board, Harris



PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

Long-time volunteer Russell Smart at the SHAS thrift shop.



SHAS volunteer Carol Wittenberg at the thrift shop.

said. You can sign up to be a volunteer and/or make a donation on the SHAS website.

SHAS will launch a new website soon, Harris said, including a connection to Petfinder (www.petfinder.com), which helps people nationwide find pets to adopt, fitting right in with SHAS' mission to "match pets with people for a lifetime of love."

You can contact the

SHAS thrift store at 541-4942 or shas840d@yahoo.com. The store is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. It will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

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J. Paul Taylor himself, left, introduces the J. Paul Taylor Academy Winter Concert Dec. 16. Standing with him are members of the J. Paul Taylor Academy Foundation.



J. Paul Taylor Academy Winter Concert



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Waiting for the right moment, J. Paul Taylor Academy orchestra students watch for the signal from their teacher, Mr. Ray, at the school's Winter Concert Dec. 16.



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Mitten Tree a success for those in need

For the third year in a row, the Las Cruces community and Branigan Library patrons have shown support for people in need this holiday season.

Branigan Library was able to decorate the Holiday Mitten Tree

with store-bought or homemade donations of: 112 hats; 138 glove and mitten sets; dozens of scarves and/or hat-scarf-glove sets; 20 brand-new jackets from the students at Los Montanas Charter High School; and multiple

bags of warm clothing items from the Kiwanis Club and boxes of food for a total of more than 300 items.

The library began collecting these items after Thanksgiving, and accepted donations through December 21.

Food and clothing items were shared among local charitable and community organizations such as La Casa, Community of Hope and the Gospel Rescue Mission.

Renee Frankel, Library Administrator,

said, "The library staff thanks the local community and generosity of the people who donated. It was a great success once again."

Last year, Branigan Library served more than 300,000 visitors who checked out more

than 450,000 items.

The library is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

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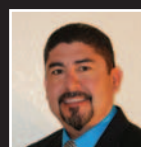
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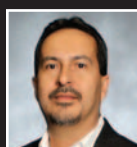
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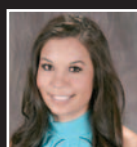
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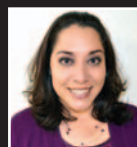
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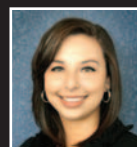
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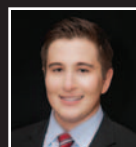
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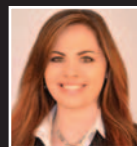
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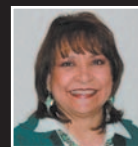
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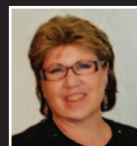
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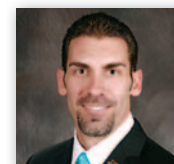
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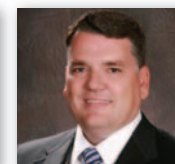
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Las Cruces' official Christmas Tree was lit Dec. 4 and sits near the corner of Picacho and Main streets as the community gathered to cheer the event and stroll Main Street for some Christmas shopping and art viewing.

Bringing holiday cheer



Downtown Las Cruces businesses compete for the best display of the night Dec. 4.



Santa and Mrs. Claus traipse down Las Cruces' Main Street Dec. 4 during the Downtown Christmas event.



Members of the Oñate Brass Choir took to Main Street Dec. 4 to entertain as strollers walked around during Christmas activities.

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Magical story to be told in Silver City

A boy who draws sailboats brings compassion, peace to town

By Elva K. Osterreich
Las Cruces Bulletin

An Australian filmmaker has elected to make a Hollywood film in Silver City.

"It's an unusual marriage of cultures and people," said director Cameron Nugent.

Producer Richard Gray, another Australian, said they had brought together a team which has made a lot of films to put this production together. Production designers Carly Larson and Aaron Bailey were also on hand for the interview on Dec. 1.

The crew was meeting with area citizens at Bear Mountain Lodge in Silver City, introducing the concepts and looking for people interested in participating in the

movie whether as cast members or by helping in other ways.

The movie, "Sailboat," is billed as a movie about "a boy with the most unlikely name, does the most unlikely thing..." and it could be set in any small town, Gray said. But they have done some film tests in Silver City, found locations and decided it was exactly what they were looking for.

"It was almost like I'd driven into my own script," Nugent said about his first experience driving into Silver City two years ago. "We cannot be more appreciative. It's a special town."

The people in Silver City are proud of where they live and want to show it off, Gray said. The movie will come out

in 2017 and premier right in Silver City.

Gray said the movie will be a family film with no violence, one you can go to with a 6 year old and everyone will enjoy.

"There's still room for a film you can sit down and watch with your whole family," he said. "It doesn't need to be R rated or have the big special effects."

Nugent said the idea for the film came from an Australian story. But he discovered the culture of the story when he was traveling in Mexico.

"It's whimsy, fantasy, fable – all rooted in reality," he said. "The town is the hub of the story."

According to the casting guide the movie is about a town squeezed with drought: its people have become extreme products of their former selves.

Some desperate, some anxious and some beaten. Morale is at an all-time low.

A once all-American seed of industry, the town is stricken with drought and on its last legs. A miracle of hope and life may have been found in the most unlikely source; a small Mexican boy mysteriously named Sailboat.

Gray said they will be needing lots of help from southern New Mexico residents. The movie needs everything from extras to carpenters, drivers and caterers. They are also looking for vintage vehicles and other items. Anyone interested in being extras or having spoken



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Grant County residents sign up to potentially participate in the production of "Sailboat."

parts can email extras@sailboatthemovie.com and to participate in other ways, working on sets, helping with production or just if you have an interesting vintage car you think they might want to use, email art@sailboatthemovie.com.

"We could use up to 100 extras," Gray said. "We are working closely with Sixth Street Elementary School (where some of the filming will be done)."

"These kids are beautifully tuned to the area," Nugent added about the potential to cast the lead children's roles right there in Silver City.

"It's very exciting for us – it'll happen," he said. "We are ready to hit the ground running in January."

While some of the production will take place in the heart of the Silver City business district, the house of the boy's family will be built out near the airport by the designers, Larsen and Bailey, Gray said. The house is a character it-

self, built on a slant, it can tilt and move.

"When I read (the script) I was so excited to be part of it," Larson said. "It's going to be beautiful. It's great to be in a community that's so saturated in the arts already."

When Gray had the

opportunity to speak to the crowd of more than 100 people who had gathered at the Bear Mountain Lodge on Dec. 1 he told them the team is there to make a good movie.

"We just want to tell a good story to inspire people," Nugent said.



"Sailboat" movie director Cameron Nugent chats with visitors at the Bear Mountain Lodge during a meet-and-greet event Dec. 1.

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Las Cruces man prosecuted under "Worst of the Worst" initiative

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Anthony J. Herrera, 27, of Las Cruces, was sentenced this morning in federal court to 120 months in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release for violating the federal firearms laws.

Herrera was arrested on April 8, 2015, on an indictment charging him with

being a felon in possession of a firearm on Aug. 6, 2014, in Doña Ana County. At the time, Herrera was prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition because he previously had been convicted of numerous felony offenses, including five which are related to violent crimes and/or the possession of a firearm.

Herrera pled guilty to the indictment on Aug. 26, 2015, without the benefit of a plea agreement. Herrera remains in federal custody pending his sentencing hearing.

State court records reveal that Herrera allegedly used the firearm he was convicted of possessing in this federal case during the

commission of an attempted murder. Herrera is facing an attempted murder charge and other related state criminal charges which are being prosecuted by the 3rd Judicial District Attorney's Office. Charges in indictments are merely accusations and defendants are presumed innocent unless found guilty in a court

of law.

This case was investigated by the Las Cruces Police Department with assistance from the 3rd Judicial District Attorney's Office.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Maria Y. Armijo of the U.S. Attorney's Las Cruces Branch Office prosecuted this case as part of the federal "worst of the worst" anti-violence initiative. Under this initiative, the U.S. Attorney's Office and federal law enforcement agencies work with New Mexico's District Attorneys and state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to target violent or repeat offenders primarily based on their prior felony convictions for federal prosecution with the goal of removing repeat offenders from communities in New Mexico for as long as possible.

Shooting suspect receives 13-year sentence

Joshua Jones, 20, was sentenced to 13 years in prison Wednesday, Dec. 16 in 3rd Judicial District Court in Las Cruces.

Jones pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter and attempted aggravated burglary with a deadly weapon, both third-degree felonies.

He also pleaded guilty to attempted manslaughter and tampering with evidence, both fourth-degree felonies.

The charges stemmed from a shooting incident that happened on Feb. 14, 2015. According to investigators, two brothers saw Jones jumping their neighbor's fence. The brothers confronted Jones and were subsequently shot. One of the brothers, Anthony Molina, did not survive. The other was taken to a hospital in El Paso, Texas and was treated for his injuries.

Per the agreement, Jones pleaded guilty and prosecutors charged him with the lesser included offense of voluntary manslaughter

instead of the first degree murder offense charged in the indictment.

Deputy District Attorney Cynthia Clark prosecuted the case and asked that Jones be given the maximum sentence of 14 years in prison.

Las Cruces man pleads guilty to narcotics charges

George Ventura, 46, of Las Cruces, pleaded guilty Tuesday, Dec. 15, in federal court to cocaine trafficking charges under a plea agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Ventura and his co-defendant Luis Cipriano, 42, also of Las Cruces, were charged in a four-count indictment on May 20, 2015, with a conspiracy charge and three cocaine distribution charges. According to the indictment, Ventura and Cipriano conspired to distribute cocaine from Aug. 5, 2014 through Nov. 13, 2014 in Doña Ana County. The indictment also charged Cipriano with distributing cocaine on Aug. 5, 2014 and on Oct. 10-11, 2014, and Ventura and Cipriano with distributing cocaine on Sept. 8, 2014.

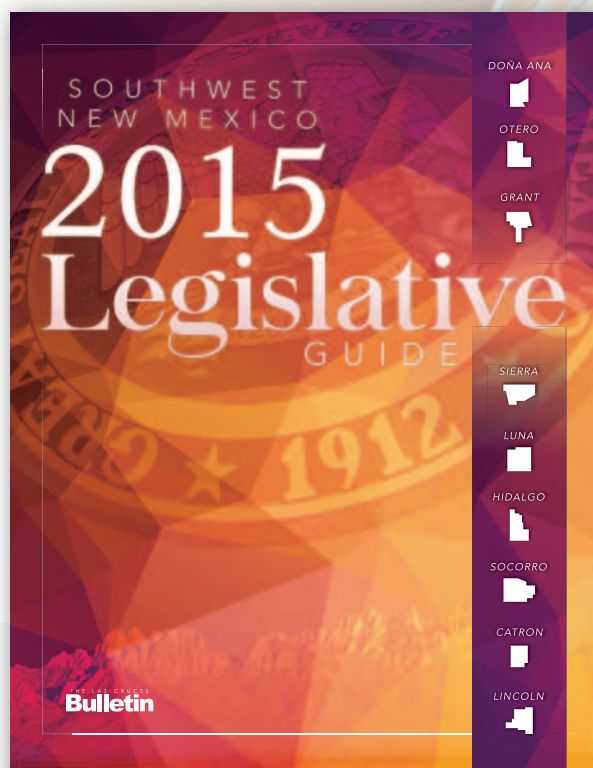
During his change of plea hearing, Ventura pled guilty to participating in a cocaine distribution conspiracy and to distributing cocaine on Sept. 8, 2014. In entering his guilty plea, Ventura admitted that the cocaine he distributed on Sept. 8, 2014, was subsequently distributed to a person who unbeknownst to him was an undercover agent.

At sentencing, Ventura faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison followed by not less than three years of supervised release. Under the terms of his plea agreement, Ventura will forfeit \$7,600.00, which represents the profits he derived from the drug trafficking offenses charged in the indictment.

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ACE comes to Las Cruces

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

At the height of the holiday shopping season, the iconic Johnston's Hardware and Power Place on West Picacho Avenue underwent a complete metamorphosis.

When the changing and rearranging ended Dec. 23, Johnston's had shed its True Value identity and become an ACE hardware store.

Johnston's emerged brighter — thanks to new lighting — but its old-time hardware store ambiance remained. The creation of a new 2,000-square-foot room exclusively for the store's large selection of nuts and bolts freed up more floor space for additional items.

The area previously occupied by nuts and bolts will now display hand tools.

Other merchandise will remain in the place it's been so customers can find things quickly.

"People want to get in and get out," said co-owner and corporate secretary Carole Harris Brown.

Brown said the area for plumbing and electrical supplies will be greatly expanded.

A team from the ACE national organization carried out the conversion, moving in new merchandise and signage that establish the ACE brand.

It was organized chaos, Brown said.

So why bother to switch affiliations?

Brown said both True Value and ACE are co-ops local stores can join.

She explained the reason to switch after 26 years with True Value by telling the story of the visit she and her husband John Lawrence "Larry" Brown, president and owner of Johnston's, and other prospective co-op members had with ACE executives.

"When we went to



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Eleanor Manasco, Miss Ellie, rings up a sale.

market, they asked us if any of us knew the True Value jingle," she said. "They offered us \$100 if any of us did. Nobody knew it. It was an eye opener."

In Las Cruces, their place became ACE.

Brown cited other reasons for the change.

"With a co-op you buy stock in the company," she said. "You have bigger buying power because ACE is a third larger than True Value. All they ask is that you make the majority of purchases from the ACE

co-op. Hopefully, because of the larger volume, prices will be even

lower."

She said price is more important than ever, be-

cause consumers are

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The new nuts and bolts room is seen.



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Kathryn Brack Morrow

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Ms. Morrow received her Bachelors and Masters of Arts from New Mexico State University and is a graduate from Baylor School of Law.

Kathryn currently sits on the Board of Directors for El Paso Pro Musica and La Casa. She serves as Secretary for the Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law Section of the State Bar of New Mexico. She is a graduate of the 2015

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more price savvy than ever before.

“Product availability has really improved with ACE,” Larry Brown said.

He said 60,000 SKUs are available in the ACE warehouse in Prescott, AZ.

ACE also offers owner training, online staff training, product information and customer service, insurance options, a website and phone support.

And ACE has been rated No. 1 in customer service for nine consecutive years, he said.

Catering to businesses and homeowners

Carole Brown said the word is out that Johnston's is a good place to shop.

“We try to meet customers at the door,” she said. “And our guys and women really know what they're talking about. That's what distinguishes us from the big box stores.”

She said Johnston's has been known as a place to find unusual and older items. Customers now have the convenience of ordering online and picking up merchandise at the store. Johnston's also can special order merchandise not in.

“Two thirds of our base is business customers, and we'd like to expand that,” she said.

Local customers include New Mexico State University, White Sands Missile Range and the agricultural sector.

Large customers are assisted by an outside sales specialist and receive delivery service, Carole Brown said.

Johnston's includes a 4,000 square foot Power Place, which now carries Craftsman, Club Cadet and other lines it didn't sell in the past.

“We have a lot more now for the home consumer,” she said, noting the power shop even stocks lawn rakes. There are Craftsman commercial grade mowers, chain saws and pressure washers. Power shop staff repair power tools and small engines as well.

Business with a past

Along a wall in Johnston's



Members of the crew from ACE switch out merchandise.

hardware store is a display of posters and other memorabilia that mark the evolution of the store from its

founding in 1936. Early in its history, Johnson's was a hardware store, gas station and grocery.

Carole Brown said Larry's dad purchased the business from his great uncle.

Larry's mother and step-



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dad were the next owners.

Larry and Carole Browne bought the business 26 years ago.

Both grew up in Las Cruces and attended Mayfield High School.

“He was friends with my younger brother,” she said. “His dad and my dad played in the same baseball league.”

She said Larry Brown grew up in the store, where he bagged and carried bags out to customers' cars.

“Larry has lots of good memories,” she said.

After high school, she went off to Baylor University as a biology major with her eye on a career as a dentist and he to the Naval Academy.

Both were homesick and returned.

He completed his engineering studies at New Mexico State University.

The couple later married and spent 10 years in southern California, where Larry Brown was a mechanical engineer with Baxter. They returned to Las Cruces to raise three daughters, two of whom still live here.

“We lived right behind the store so the girls grew up in the store as well,” she said.

Carole Brown became a dental hygienist and continues to work in that field as well as at the store.

The Browns have nine grandchildren, some of whom can be seen running through the store after school. Most can sing the ACE jingle.

“I'm so blessed,” Carole Browne said.

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Lipstick Effect explains purchase of luxuries

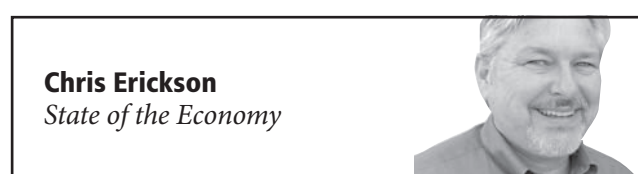
Now is the time of year when many of us purchase things we don't need, but want.

We indulge — or at least allow our loved ones to indulge for us — in buying luxury goods. It's one of the things that makes Christmas fun. It is also fun to buy small, expensive items as stocking stuffers.

People like to consume, which Christmas makes clear. But what about people who are less fortunate who can't afford expensive luxuries? For them there is lipstick.

Let me explain.

Economists divide consumer products into necessities, which are relatively insensitive to



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consumers' income, and luxuries, which are more sensitive to income. The rich buy luxuries like furs, sport cars and large homes.

The Lipstick Effect is the idea that during periods of financial calamity, people continue to purchase luxury goods, but since they can't afford large items, people buy items such as expensive lipstick.

We see the Lipstick Effect in all sorts of settings. My son, years ago while a high school stu-

dent, couldn't afford a nice car, but he could buy a nice cell phone. And he always had the best cell phone among his friends — an inexpensive way to gain status.

The Lipstick Effect is also evident in historical settings. In 19th century England, a common Christmas gift was an orange. Oranges were hard-to-come-by luxuries that the poor couldn't afford when they couldn't afford more expensive items. Meanwhile, the rich could

indulge in oranges as they wanted — plus other, larger luxuries.

Men buy more ties during hard times. Back in the 1980s, when I first graduated from college, the economy was bad. I bought many nice ties. Got to look nice when you are looking for a job. Women buy nicer shoes; heels come into style in recessions.

The Lipstick Index is the tongue-in-cheek indicator of economic distress.

The idea is that people concerned about the future are unwilling to spend on a new car or on expensive jewelry, but will buy lipstick. Thus, by monitoring the

sale of lipstick, consumers' expectations can be discerned — the more lipstick sold, the more pessimistic are people.

The Lipstick Index is not the only silly indicator based on consumer patterns. The Cemetery Plot Index tracks the resale of cemetery plots — people need the cash more before they need a grave.

The Appalachian Trail index tracks the number of hikers on the Appalachian Trail — those with good job prospects don't take long walks. Then there is the Diaper Rash Indicator — in hard times, parents skimp on purchasing diapers so ba-

bies have more rashes.

So if you get lipstick from your spouse, you might ask them about how their job is going. But if you get jewelry or a new sports car, then you can be confident that times are good.

And if your spouse gives you diapers for Christmas, then one, I hope you have young children, and two, times are good.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

The Bridge featured at MVEDA meeting

Denni Cheney, president and CEO of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico, will be the guest speaker at the MVEDA Business in the Borderplex Forum Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016.

The Bridge laid the foundation for the state's first early college high school, Arrowhead Park Early College High School in Las Cruces, and now supports four early college high schools statewide.

The meeting will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

The meeting will begin with a hot entree buffet and a brief update by MVEDA staff.

Advance registration is \$25, payable by major credit card via the secure PayPal portal on the registration form. Payment at the door with cash, check or credit card is \$30. Due to space constraints, reservations are required. Registration closes Thursday, Dec. 31.

Register online at www.mveda.com/blog.

Health Insurance deadline Jan. 31

BeWellnm, New Mexico's Health Insurance Exchange (NMHIX), encourages New Mexicans

who want their health coverage to start the enrollment process now. New Mexicans have until January 31 to enroll in coverage for 2016.

New Mexicans with plans that have been discontinued by their carriers will need to enroll in a different plan in order to keep their health coverage through beWellnm for 2016.

The updated *beWellnm.com* website's new features include a plan finder, a subsidy calculator, live chat capabilities for real-time assistance, 25 new educa-

tional pages, a calendar of enrollment events and a Spanish site that can be found at espanol.bewellnm.com.

For assistance, call toll-free, 855-996-6449, to speak with enrollment counselors who can help answer questions in English and Spanish.

Enrollment Centers around the state offer in-person assistance in both English and Spanish.

The Las Cruces center is located at Lohman Atrium Suites, 1990 E. Lohman Ave.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 524-6867.

BeWellnm was created to help individuals and small businesses get access to affordable health insurance plans. BeWellnm helps consumers compare health insurance plans and choose the plan that works best for their health needs and budget.

BeWellnm also helps individuals determine whether they are eligible for premium assistance and if so, at what level.

Through beWellnm for Small Business,

small businesses are able to purchase competitively priced health insurance plans and offer their employees the ability to choose from an array of plans. Health Care Guides and insurance brokers/agents are available throughout the state to help with signing up for NMHIX coverage.

For more information on New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange, visit www.beWellnm.com, call 1-855-99NMHIX 855-996-6449 or text beWellnm to 311411 or text beWellnm to 311411.

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SBDC presents full-day workshops in 2016

Bulletin report

The Small Business Development Center at Doña Ana Community College will bring a leading expert in social media marketing, Eric Spellmann, to Las Cruces for a full-day workshop Feb. 19, 2016.

On April 21, Chris Tripoli of A La Carte Consulting Group, will give a workshop geared especially to restaurant owners who want to grow their businesses.

Both programs will be open to the public and held in the auditorium of the East Mesa Campus in order to accommodate anticipated crowds, said Jo Ann Garay, director of the local SBDC.

Garay said she heard the speakers at conferences for SBDC executives and welcomed the opportunity to share their expertise with the

community.

She said conferences typically have to add an extra session when Spellmann is speaking.

“What I like about him is that while social media training can be overwhelming, he brings it into layman’s terms and gives practical tips and tools you can use right away,” Garay said. “He’s very good at energizing the audience.”

Garay said some of the subjects he addresses are The Art of Generating Quality Leads Using Social Media, Digital Marketing on a Shoestring and Driving New Business.

She said his topics will be determined by the requests of SBDC clients.

His firm, Spellmann & Associates of Amarillo, Texas, specializes in web design and development, search engine

and website optimization, email newsletter marketing and Google apps Cloud implementation.

It is the largest firm of its kind between Dallas and Denver, according to *ericspellmann.com*.

Spellmann & Associates has served the real estate, e-commerce and restaurant industries as well as small businesses and nonprofits.

Registration for the workshop will be open through Feb. 12, 2016.

For information about registration, and an early registration discount, contact Pavla Paz at 527-7676 or email sbdcinfo@nmsu.edu.

The second all-day workshop of 2016 will feature restaurateur and restaurant marketing and management guru Chris Tripoli.

“He’s very dynamic and very engaging,” Garay said. “He gave tips and tricks on menus, the psychology of menus and how people read them.”

Garay said Tripoli is “very knowledgeable” and presents case studies to illustrate his talks.

Tripoli has 40 years of service in the hospitality industry as a designer, developer, owner and operator. He graduated from Phoenix College after completing Food Service Management and moved to Houston, Texas, where he assisted in the expansion of a casual family restaurant chain.

Later, he founded his first restaurant company and expanded it into a small regional chain, *alacarteconsulting-group.com* stated.

He teaches courses in Opening Restaurants and Proper Growth Strategies at the University of Houston Small Business Development Center and is a guest speaker for a variety of hospitality meetings, seminars and industry workshops.

Garay said the SBDC has many restaurant owners as clients, which is why she decided to tailor a workshop to those who want to start or expand a restaurant business.

She said the workshop will be held April 21, and on April 22 Tripoli will consult with clients one-on-one for no additional charge.

“This would be ideal for owners and supervisors,” Garay said.

Registration for each workshop is \$20 for SBDC clients, \$30 for others.

Tawney will serve as NMSU’s VP for university advancement

Justin Bannister
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Andrea Tawney has been promoted to the role of vice president for university advancement at New Mexico State University, effective Jan. 1.

NMSU President Garrey Carruthers announced his decision to campus earlier (Dec. 18). Tawney has served as the interim vice president of university advancement since August.

“After speaking with NMSU Foundation board

members, deans and other university leaders and staff members at the Office of University Advancement, I have



TAWNEY

found tremendous support for Andrea’s promotion,” Carruthers said. “She’s demonstrated a professional, high-energy approach to fundraising activities.”

Carruthers originally hired Tawney in 2011 as the assistant dean for development in NMSU’s College of

Business.

In 2013, she became NMSU’s director of presidential donor relations and development.

Last year, she was named associate vice president for university advancement in charge of principal gifts and regional programs.

“I am truly humbled and honored to serve the NMSU system in this role,” Tawney said. “To utilize my experience and education to make a difference in the lives of our students and Aggie families is an opportunity of a life-

time. I look forward to continuing to build on the exceptional work of our team.”

Tawney has worked in higher education for 12 years, after serving four years of active duty in the U.S. Air Force.

She has a bachelor’s degree in justice systems, policy and planning and a master’s in education from Northern Arizona University.

Her Ph.D. is in higher education from Texas Tech University, with a focus on the predictors of academic success for first-generation col-

lege students.

“It’s important that we move forward in our fundraising efforts,” Carruthers said. “We have an ambitious fundraising campaign ahead of us, and I am confident Andrea will help us aggressively pursue the successful completion of this campaign.”

NMSU’s Office of University Advancement recently completed its first-ever Giving Tuesday fundraising initiative. In all, the university raised more than \$4.5 million for scholarships across the NMSU system.

Save the Date

TUE 1/5

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. MVEDA Business in the Borderplex Forum Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Denni Cheney, president and CEO of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico will speak. Registration is required and closes Thursday, Dec. 31.

Advance registration is \$25, payable at

www.mveda.com/blog. Payment at the door is \$30.

FRI 1/22

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

FRI 1/30 – MON 2/1

Las Cruces Day Santa Fe, Eldorado Hotel & Spa

309 W. San Francisco, Santa Fe. Annual event to focus on the legislative issues of Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico. Hosted by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Council of the Conquistadores. Early bird registration ends Jan. 8. For more information, call the chamber at 524-1968.

SAT 3/5 — SUN 3/6

10 a.m. Las Cruces Home Builders Association 2016 Home & Garden Show, Las Cruces Convention Center.

Booth spaces and show sponsorship opportunities available. Early bird registration deadline Feb. 12; late registration deadline Feb. 19. For more information, contact the association at 526-6126 or events@lchba.com.

State reports 5,410 rape kits not tested

Bulletin report

Thousands of sexual assault evidence kits – commonly known as rape kits – administered to potential victims in New Mexico have yet to be tested.

The Office of the State Auditor discovered 5,410 untested kits during a statewide count.

“For the first time, our state is equipped with a complete tally of untested kits sitting in law enforcement inventories,” said State Auditor Tim Keller. “Bringing transparency to the backlog is a first

step toward fixing this issue, which is critical to survivors and our public safety.”

His office said having a complete and accurate number of untested rape kits in the state is a first step at reducing the backlog and arming policymakers with information needed to bring justice and closure to cases.

As a next step beginning in January, Keller will review internal controls that may be contributing to the backlog. The OSA will identify common issues and best prac-

tices to guide policymakers in efforts to prevent another backlog from happening.

Earlier this year, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) sent a series of letters to law enforcement agencies asking how many untested kits were stored in their inventories. The Office of the State Auditor (OSA) followed up with the agencies that did not respond to DPS’ multiple attempts.

“Our inventory of sexual assault kits in law enforcement evidence vaults around New Mexico is

complete, thanks to our partners in law enforcement, the victim advocacy community, and the State Auditor’s Office,” said Department of Public Safety Secretary Greg Fouratt. “As soon as reasonably possible, we need to resolve the backlog by testing the kits and entering their results into our nation’s criminal DNA database. Then we need to improve and streamline the process by which such kits are collected, submitted to the lab, and analyzed.”

Ski Apache starts school for beginners

Just in time for the 2015-2016 ski season, Ski Apache, located in Mesalero, unveils the new First Timer to Lifetimer Lift and Lessons program, transforming inexperienced skiers and boarders into seasoned enthusiasts.

“Skiing and snowboarding are exhilarating sports and learning any new sport can be daunting,” said Justin Rowland, Ski Apache director of operations. “With the First Timer to Lifetimer program, we hope to make learning to ski or ride more accessible while sharing our lifelong passion for winter sports.”

The First Timer to Lifetimer Lift and Lesson Program has two private les-

son options. Guests can choose from five, one-hour lessons for \$608, or five half-day lessons (2.5 hours) for \$1,208. Upon completion of the program, the primary cardholder will receive a season pass. Those who complete the five one-hour lesson package will not only receive a season pass, but also an additional free private lesson and lift ticket.

Now open for the 2015-2016 winter season, Ski Apache is the southern-most operating ski resort in the United States. For more information on ski school programs, lift rates, and snow reports, visit the newly redesigned skiapache.com.

NMDA food drive nets more than a ton of food

After a week-long food drive, the staff at New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) collected 2,401 pounds of food to stock the shelves of an on-campus food pantry at New Mexico State University.

“We set a goal of 1,000 pounds and far surpassed that,” New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture Jeff Witte said. “As always, I am very proud of this department and what we contribute to the communities across New Mexico.”

The items – tuna, peanut butter, bottled water, locally grown beans and more – were collected for NMSU’s Aggie Cupboard. The on-campus resource was founded in 2012 to help fulfill the food needs of students and other members of the NMSU community.

Unlike other state agencies, NMDA is not located in Santa Fe but in Las Cruces on the campus of NMSU. That’s because New Mexico’s state constitution, which was penned more than a century ago,



NMDA staff collected 2,401 pounds of non-perishable food for the Aggie Cupboard, NMSU’s on-campus food pantry.

called for “a department of agriculture...under the control of the board of regents of the college of agriculture and mechanic arts,” as NMSU was then known. The work NMSU does in the realm of agriculture – education, extension, research, and more

– complements the wide range of programs and services NMDA provides to the state’s agricultural producers and consumers alike.

For more information about NMDA’s service to New Mexicans, visit www.nmda.nmsu.edu.

CRIMES FROM PAGE A20

Ventura remains in custody pending a sentencing hearing which has yet to be scheduled.

Cipriano has entered a not guilty plea to the indictment, and is in custody pending trial which is currently scheduled for Jan. 2016. Charges in indictments are merely accusations and criminal

defendants are presumed innocent unless found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case was investigated by the Las Cruces office of the DEA and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Luis A. Martinez of the U.S. Attorney’s Las Cruces Branch Office.

Want to tell your story? StoryCorps on the way

StoryCorps, a renowned nonprofit organization celebrating the stories of everyday Americans, will record interviews in Las Cruces from Jan. 4 to Jan. 31 as part of its cross-country MobileBooth tour.

Having collected more than 65,000 interviews from Americans in all 50 states, StoryCorps has gathered one of the largest single collection of


human voices ever recorded.

StoryCorps’ MobileBooth – an Airstream trailer outfitted with a recording studio – will be parked at the Las Cruces Museum of Art for four weeks.

Reservations can now be made by calling StoryCorps’ 24-hour, toll-free reservation line at 1-800-850-4406 or visiting [\[corps.org\]\(http://corps.org\). A second round of appointments will be made available on Tuesday, Jan. 5.](http://story-</p>
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StoryCorps has partnered with KRWG-FM, the region’s NPR station, to collect interviews with residents in the Las Cruces area. KRWG will air a selection of local interviews recorded in the StoryCorps MobileBooth and create special programs

around the project. StoryCorps may also share excerpts of these stories with the world through the project’s popular weekly NPR broadcasts, animated shorts, digital platforms, and best-selling books. With participant permission, all StoryCorps interviews will be archived at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.



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Christmas spirit alive and well in the grocery store

EDITOR'S NOTE: A former reporter and city editor of one of our OPC papers, wrote this touching story on his Facebook account, and we asked if we could share it with our readers.

By Ken Bell

Special to the Las Cruces Bulletin

I was grocery shopping last week when suddenly a little girl about 6 or 7 years old ran up, almost bumping into me. "Excuse me," she said as she abruptly stopped.



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The child looked up at me with her brown eyes open wide and in an excited voice asked, "Are you Santa Claus?" Almost immediately realizing I was not, she explained, "I saw you as we were coming in and thought you were Santa Claus."

About this time her mother walked up with an even younger child in the shopping cart. The mother began to apologize, but I stopped her.

The excitement of the season danced in this child's eyes and her cherub-like face was filled with the anticipation of Christmas. There was no way I could let her down.

So I knelt down and whispered, "You found out my secret. No, I'm not Santa Claus; I'm his brother. I help him make sure boys and girls are being good even while shopping for groceries with their mother. But don't tell anyone my secret, OK? And I'm going to let Santa know what a sweet big sister you are."

Suddenly, she latched on around my neck and gave me one of the biggest hugs I've ever had.

"Will you tell him to bring me everything on my wish list this year?" she

asked, excitedly.

Not knowing the family's financial situation and certainly not wanting to make a promise that Santa couldn't keep, I gave the best answer I could think of at the moment: "Well, old Santa likes to bring surprises to those boys and girls who have been especially good — even though it might not have been something on their wish list. So how about if I tell him to do that?"

"Oh yes! Yes!" she squealed, spreading her arms and dancing in a circle. Her mom mouthed a silent "thank you" to me as she told the little girl they had to go.

So we each waved bye, and she happily skipped along beside the shopping cart as they headed toward the deli.

I stood up again and, for the first time, noticed that other shoppers had gathered to witness this exchange. Everyone

was smiling. I grinned back at them, a little embarrassed that I had unknowingly put on a show.

Having played Santa before, I knew what I had to do next. I turned my shopping cart into the next aisle, took a deep breath and let out a loud "HO! HO! HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

So I don't need anything else for Christmas this year. My gift was being able to share a magical Christmas moment with a child I had never before met. It was being able to witness the blind faith of a little girl who still has the world as her playground. Seeing the world and its beauty through her eyes allowed for me a brief respite from the hurt and pain going on today.

For a few brief moments all was well in the world. It's a gift a little girl gave an old man that he will cherish for the rest of his life.

The holidays by the numbers

This festive season, or simply the holidays, is a time for gathering and celebrating with family and friends, gift giving, reflection and thanks. To commemorate this time of year, the U.S. Census Bureau presents the following holiday-related facts and figures from its collection of statistics.

Rush to the Stores

\$24.5 billion

Estimated retail sales by the nation's department stores (including leased departments) in December 2014. This represents an estimated 41.2 percent jump from the previous month when retail sales were estimated at \$17.3 billion. No other estimated month-to-month increase in department store sales last year was as large.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Monthly Retail Trade Survey

Note: Leased departments are separately owned businesses operated as departments or concessions of other service establishments or of retail businesses, such as a separately owned shoeshine parlor in a barber shop, or a beauty shop in a department store. Also, retail sales and inventory estimates have not been adjusted to account for seasonal or pricing variations.

14.2%

The estimated percentage of total 2014 sales for department stores (including leased departments) in December. For jewelry stores, the estimated percentage was 18.2 percent.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Monthly Retail Trade Survey

21.7%

The estimated growth in inventories by our nation's department stores (excluding leased departments) from Aug. 31 to Nov. 30, 2014.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Monthly Retail Trade Survey

\$48.3 billion

Estimated value of retail sales by electronic shopping and mail-order houses in December 2014 — the highest estimated total for any month last year.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Monthly Retail Trade Survey

31,112

The number of electronic shopping and mail-order houses in business in 2013. These businesses, which employed 383,066 workers in the pay period including March 12, are a popular source of holiday gifts.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 County Business Patterns

\$1.2 billion

The value of U.S. imports of Christmas tree ornaments from China between January and September 2015. China was the leading country of origin for such items. Similarly, China was the leading foreign source of artificial Christmas trees shipped to the United States (\$163.3 million worth) during the same period.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics

567

Estimated number of U.S. producers who grew poinsettias in 2014. California, North Carolina and Florida ranked in the top three for sales of the popular holiday plant.

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service (pg. 42)

Where Toys are Made

545

The number of locations that primarily produced dolls, toys and games in 2013; they employed 6,538 workers in the pay period including March 12. California led the nation with 86 establishments.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 County Business Patterns

Holiday Names

Place names associated with the holiday season consist of a dozen places named Holly, including Mount Holly, North Carolina (population 14,016) and Holly Springs, Mississippi. (7,574). There is Snowflake, Arizona (5,644), Santa Claus, Indiana. (2,479), North Pole, Alaska (2,178), Noel, Mo. (1,831) and — if you know about reindeer — Dasher, Georgia (959) and Rudolph, Wisconsin. (433). There is also Unity, New Hampshire (1,615) and Peace, North Dakota (28).

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

Who is the man behind the beard?

FROM METRO



Every Christmas Eve, children go to bed eagerly anticipating a visit from Santa Claus. This merry gentleman is purported to visit the home of every good girl and boy, delivering gifts and cheer along the way.

Before the modern evolution of Santa Claus lived a very real and generous individual named Nicholas. In the third century, Nicholas served as the Bishop of Myrna in present-day Turkey. He had a reputation for secret gift-giving, believing that giving should be done secretly and sacrificially in Jesus Christ's name rather than one's own.

Stories tell of Nicholas paying the dowry for poor daughters to enable them to get married. He reportedly put coins in the shoes of those who left them out for him. It is believed Nicholas helped to restore the hope of hundreds of people in his community, making him a beloved and revered Bishop. Throughout his ministry, Nicholas fervently shared his life and fortune with others. Nicholas continued to

be the inspiration for Santa Claus, which was a name taken from the Dutch Sinterklaas, a contracted form of Sint Nicolass, or St. Nicholas.

Tales of the real St. Nicholas' giving spirit were blended with a fictional personification by New York-based newspaper writers who blended the St. Nicholas name with the appearance of a Dutch town citizen. The goal was to reach out to the primarily Dutch immigrants living in New York at the time. This jolly elf image was given a boost by the publication of "A Visit From St. Nicholas," which was published around the same time.

Eventually, the merry Santa Claus portrayal began to outshine the more accurate St. Nicholas version as a religious man, fostered by political drawings and caricatures that depicted Santa as a chubby sort in a red suit. That image prevails to this day.

Beneath the Christmas symbolism, the beard and the presents associated with Santa Claus lies a tale of generosity that originated with St. Nicholas.

be revered and commemorated by many Christians even after his death. His charity and unselfish works helped inspire generations of the faithful, and he eventually was named the patron saint of everyone from merchants to sailors to pawnbrokers.

No one really knows what St. Nicholas looked like. But in 2005, a forensic laboratory in England reviewed historical data and photographs of the remains taken from St. Nicholas' grave in the 1950s. Researchers concluded that he was a small man, perhaps no more than five feet in height, with a broken nose.

This image certainly does not fit with the robust frame and other imagery awarded St. Nicholas in more modern years. St. Nicholas is believed to be

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New Mexico State University forward Pascal Siakam pushes through the UTEP defense for a layup in the final minutes of the rivalry match Wednesday, Dec. 2 at the Pan American Center.



Siakam paces Aggie men's attack

Bulletin report

As the late Stewart Scott would often exclaim on ESPN, "Call him butter because he's on a roll."

New Mexico State University junior forward Pascal Siakam is sure on a roll and has set the pace for the Aggies so far this season. He notched his third 30-plus game of the season and his 10th dou-

ble-double of the year as he led the Aggies to a 76-61 victory against Oral Roberts on Monday, Dec. 22 at the Pan American Center.

For the season, Siakam averages 23 points per game and 12 rebounds. He's shooting nearly 56 percent from the field.

Now the Aggies travel to Kansas Monday, Dec. 28 to tangle with a des-

perate Wichita State team that, after four-straight trips to the NCAA Tournament – including a Final Four appearance in 2013 – has won just half its games so far this season.

Tipoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. MST

Against Oral Roberts, Siakam, equaled his career-high with 35 points and grabbed 11 re-

bounds as the Aggies won their second-straight game and handed the Golden Eagles their fourth-straight loss.

The 6-9 player from

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Keys pushes the pace at Mayfield

By **Christophe Chino**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Billy Keys, Mayfield High School's first-year boys' basketball head coach, enjoys the slower pace of New Mexico compared to the rushed lifestyle of living in inner-city Chicago where he grew up. But he wants the exact opposite for the Trojans as he works to pick up the pace of play.

Keys, a former star with the New Mexico State University Aggies, said the team's main goal for the season is the creation of a high-tempo offense to get up and down the court at a much faster pace. With former head coach Tommy Morrow, the



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Former New Mexico State University star Billy Keys returned to Las Cruces after a professional basketball career and is in the midst of his first season as head coach at Mayfield High School.

squad played a more methodical style of game, but Keys is looking to bring up the pace and make opposing teams struggle to keep up, he said.

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Ag women sweep UNM, head to tourney

The defending WAC champions are heading to the bright lights of the Big Apple – the borough of Bronx to be exact.

New Mexico State University's women's basketball team hopes to ride the momentum of a sweep of in-state rival the University of New Mexico into the Fordham Holiday Classic tournament in New York City.

NMSU tips off at noon Tuesday, Dec. 29 against Vanderbilt and then will



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Wednesday, Dec. 30.

Sweepin' the Lobos

The Aggies (9-2) used a 22-0 run Sunday, Dec. 20 at New Mexico to snare a 52-47 win and sweep the Rio Grande Rivalry.

meet either host Fordham University or Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on

The victory gave the Aggies their third-straight win against their neighbors to the north. The last time NM State won three-straight against the Lobos was during the five-year stretch 1992-96 when NM State won 10-straight.

"I'm so proud of the kids, they played great against a big hostile crowd of about 4,000 people," head coach Mark


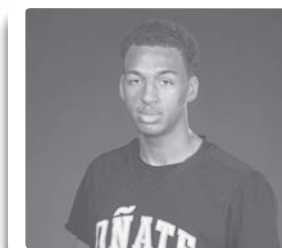
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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DeAna Lopez is a 17-year-old senior at Oñate High School. She plays point guard on the Lady Knights basketball team. Lopez has been to all district the last two years, is the leading scorer and co-captain of the team. This season she is averaging 10 points, 40 percent from the field and three assists per game. Lopez is a leader who is dedicated, hard-working, determined and family oriented. Her goal is to get a basketball scholarship for next year. She is a dedicated student, with a 3.76 GPA. Lopez enjoys reading books and participating in her church youth group.

Johnny McCants is a 17-year-old senior at Oñate High School. He plays center and guard on the Knights basketball team. This season, McCants has averaged 20 points, eight rebounds and six blocks per game. He was the 2014-2015 district MVP, second team all-state and team MVP in 2014-2015. McCants is 6'7" and a great leader and has Division I schools recruiting him. He's done volunteer work with Special Olympics and Camp for Champs and is a happy student who always has a smile. He enjoys watching movies, hanging out with friends, taking care of his little brother and spending time with his family. McCants thanks his teammates for all their support on and off the court.

OÑATE HIGH SCHOOL

Ag netters reflect on 28-6 season

The New Mexico State University volleyball team and head coach Mike Jordan have concluded another banner season in 2015.

The team finished play, making their seventh appearance in the NCAA Tournament in the Mike Jordan era after winning the Western Athletic Conference Regular Season and



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Jordan said. "We had better balance offensively than any team in the country and hit for a

Tournament Championships.

"We were really impressive offensively this year,"

great percentage. If we had a weakness, it was getting stops with the block. We were a solid defensive team digging it, but we struggled blocking.

"This wasn't a tall team with great blockers," he said. "It was tough getting the stops we needed in those fifth sets against the great teams, but we were able to sideout well with everyone except the last match with Stanford. The other great thing about this team was the competitive effort. They had it consistently, and you can tell when teams have it because they're fun to watch."

Making history

NM State finished with a 28-6 record, in-

cluding going an undefeated 14-0 in the Western Athletic Conference. They were one of only four teams in WAC history to run the table in conference play, and were the first since 2011. They finished the regular season on a 19-match winning streak, the second longest in school history.

This was the 11th season of at least 20 wins in the Mike Jordan era, and the 15th-straight winning season. Jordan, who finished his 18th season at the helm, finished 2015 just three wins shy of 400 career victories with a record of 397-177.

Stepping up

Gwen Murphy racked up the honors during her senior campaign, posting one of the greatest seasons in school history. The Elfrida, Ariz. native was named to the American Volleyball Coaches of America Honorable Mention All-America team, as well as the All-Region team. She was also named the WAC Player of the Year, the WAC Tournament MVP, First Team All-WAC, three-time WAC Player of the Week and the first player in school history named Sport Import/AVCA National Player of the Week.

Murphy finished the season ranked 10th in the nation with a .421 hitting percentage. She set a single game WAC record with a .933 hitting percentage against Robert Morris on Sept. 11. She led the Aggies with 414 kills, including a season high 20 kills against Denver on Sept. 12. Murphy had four errorless matches this season against Robert Mor-

ris, Brown, Savannah State and UT Rio Grande Valley. She had four matches with three service aces against Northeastern, Utah Valley, UTEP and Stanford. She set two school records for most matches played (136) and most sets played (472).

Senior Nathalie Castellanos and sophomore Sasha-Lee Thomas were named Second Team All-WAC. Brianna Ainsworth and Tatyana Battle were named to the WAC All-Freshman team.

Through the season

The Aggies began the season with a stout non-conference schedule that featured three tournaments, including one at home. It was in this stretch that NM State's only five regular season losses came to top-ranked schools, with three of the five going to five sets.

During WAC play, the Aggies looked almost untouchable with the only real threats coming in two five-set thrillers against Seattle U. They swept seven of the 16 matches against conference opponents, including season sweeps of UT Rio Grande Valley and Chicago State.

In rivalry matches against New Mexico and UTEP, NM State was unscathed. The Aggies beat UNM 3-1 in Las Cruces on Sept. 29. They captured the season sweep of UTEP, having now won four straight against the Miners and 18 of the last 19.

Senior Andrea Tauai led the Aggies with 305 digs. Thomas led the squad with 114 total blocks. Murphy led the squad with 30 service aces.

The Aggies had six players combine for 20 double-doubles. Freshman Brianna Ainsworth lead the team with six double-doubles. Tauai and Taylor Livoti both finished with five double-doubles. Jordan Abalos finished with two double-doubles. Tatyana Battle and Ashlyn Brown finished a double-double a piece.

Spring will be important

NM State will lose five seniors, including Castellanos, Livoti, Murphy, Bradley Nash and Tauai.

"We had really solid leadership from the spring and into the season," Jordan said. "They really have matured tremendously and it showed in their commitment level and effort. I'm very proud of them. It's the best leadership we've had in quite a few years. I know they're all going to be very successful in life. They've learned a great deal in their time here and they're more confident, competitive and prepared. When I talk with them now you can tell how proud they are to be Aggies and how grateful they are for their time here and the love and effort they've gotten here from our staff."

The Aggies had five freshman see action this season, and brought in three new recruits in the early signing period including Alexssa "Crash" Parker, Hannah Combs and Lexi May.

"We have a lot of physical talent returning," Jordan said. "Spring will be important for this group. Their skill level needs to improve a great deal. Sa-

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Your special questions from this year related to improvement, exercise

Here are some questions, with my answers, from readers:

QUESTION. My golf seems to be extremely erratic. I can play a few holes really well, with pars and maybe even a birdie, but then the other holes are a series of near disasters, where I hit shots all over the place. Thinking about my frequent flubs and blow-up holes, I notice I can hit the ball as far as my peers, but I have a hard time recovering from plays that are really awful. My handicap is 16, and I've been playing golf for about five years. How can I improve my game?

— Russ, Las Cruces

GOLF DOC. Russ, thanks for the background. I'm certain other readers can relate to that difficulty. Yours is a typical situation for a 16-to-22 handicap player. Clearly you know how to swing the club; otherwise

you wouldn't have the ability to golf your ball with some success and make some pars and some rare birdies.

I've seen a lot of golfers who have a few fundamental swing flaws that show up at the least opportune moments. I suspect that you probably have not acquired a swing that you can repeat and repeat under varying circumstances. It works for a little while, and then it betrays you possibly because you are trying to do something different on those shots, and maybe because some shots are not part of your "repertoire" of golf shots.

The main reason you have "disaster" holes is that your really bad swings and resulting shots get you in severe trouble. I've also noticed that many high-handicappers try to make impossible shots when they are in deep trouble, without grasping the better safer play.

Better (single-digit handicap-



Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

pers) also hit what they consider horrible shots, but they can actually recover. I suggest you get a professional golf teacher. Take some lessons. Let him or her fully analyze your swing, your game, your typical swing thoughts and your attitude on the golf course.

Then set up a schedule to meet at least once a month, mainly for a check-up and to keep the relationship going. Also, set some time aside for practice. Don't just beat balls. Have a plan. Work on two or three swing keys and fundamentals each session. And practice from difficult lies and situations. And practice putting a lot; the putter can save an entire round. Great putting can even save one from feeling

dejected after bad play.

QUESTION. You have mentioned several times in previous articles that we should "work out" to become better golfers. You noted that tour players, both men and women, now work out routinely, and that we weekenders should become more fit if we expect to perform at our best and get the most out of our game. When you suggest exercising and fitness training it's all a bit general. I'd like some drills and exercise routines that would work the magic we all would like to experience on the golf course?

— Bob, Anthony, N.M.

GOLF DOC. If you want "magic", you better go to the Magic Kingdom in Orlando. No magic here, just hard work, commitment to an exercise routine and getting stronger. Just the effort, probably with a trainer, for 30 to 60 minutes a

day, will help increase your strength and flexibility.

Those are two keys to getting your body into a condition where your enhanced fitness will help you, rather than have your lack of fitness hurt your golf game, or your longevity. As a middle-aged person you can increase your flexibility – range of motion and limberness – by 50 percent by doing stretching and yoga-type motions in a matter of three months. You can double your strength with daily resistance training – like pulleys, resistance machines and weights – in six months. In my view, multi-purpose exercise is one of the hidden secrets for prevention of future body failure as well as for better sport. In a few weeks, I plan to provide much more detailed information about sport fitness as it relates to your golf game. I'll be devoting more info on this in coming weeks.

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But it hasn't been an easy process.

"Change is difficult for any sports team," he said. "Changing a team's mentality takes time and work. Speeding up the game play was tough for the team, but these guys have adapted well, and are excited."

Looking ahead at district play, Keys sees a high level of competition across the board. The Oñate Knights will be a stiff and difficult team to play, he said, and Mayfield has a rivalry with the Las Cruces Bulldogs that is "one of the biggest in the country." He accounts for Centennial High as

well as the district's outlying schools including Gadsden and Deming, saying that none of these teams will go down easy.

"It's a really tough district, with a lot of good teams. It's going to take a lot to win these games, but we like our chances," Keys said. "But we're playing to win district, I wouldn't know the point of playing if it weren't to win it all."

He also said that he has put a lot of pressure on the senior players so they will stand up and be leaders for the team, on and off the court.

Keys says his goal is to

create a basketball culture at Mayfield. He believes that the school "deserves a strong basketball team."

Keys played for NMSU from 1998-2000, and was a standout player. He spent more than 14 years as a professional player in Europe, South America and the Middle East after he graduated from NMSU. But being a successful player does not always go hand in hand with being a successful coach; adopting a new team and new players comes with many obstacles, and navigating these obstacles takes a huge amount of character and charisma.

Many new coaches struggle to get a grasp on

the off-court behavioral issues of their players, but Keys hasn't had to wrestle with that issue this season.

"I'm very lucky to have the responsible players that I do," he said. "Worrying about their level of character has been the least of concerns for me. I'm lucky to adopt great guys in the classroom, and on and off the court."

Keys began his coaching career with an already full plate. He has five kids, one girl and four boys, with ages all over the spectrum ranging from 3 to 17. But just like in the game of basketball, his family works together as a team to make everything possible, he said. His daugh-

ter, the oldest of his children and a senior at Centennial, is "mommy number two."

"My family is so supportive and understanding of what I'm doing here," he said. "My wife understands I'm going to be gone a lot, and that being a high school coach takes a lot of work, but she's so supportive about it."

Instead of looking at his oversized workload as a curse, Keys sees it as a blessing and that he's lucky to have the opportunity to be where he is; it helps him "grow as a father, coach, and man."

He remembers the impact that his high school coach, whom he still frequently talks to, had on

him not only as a player but also a person. That impact is what now drives him to be the Trojans' head coach.

"I always wanted to be a mentor, and always wanted to stay around the game," he said. "I want to be a father figure and a mentor to these guys; I don't ever take this for granted."

Basketball is not simply just a game to Keys. He grew up in Chicago's inner-city, an area plagued with violence and poverty. But through basketball he was able to attend NMSU and rise to a much better life; a blessing not given to many inner-city kids.

"I owe it all to basketball," he said.

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Douala, Cameroon, didn't get all of his 35 points from the inside, as he was hitting from mid-range and even scored the first 3-pointer of his career.

The Aggies used a strong performance on the glass, out rebounding ORU 41-29.

"Rebounding was an emphasis at halftime," said head coach Marvin Menzies. "We ended up with 18 offensive rebounds with 22 second chance points.

If you can get a third of your points without calling a play, it makes your job a lot easier on the offensive end."

The Aggies also got 12 points and six rebounds from both Johnathon Wilkins and Ian Baker, while Jalyn Pennie added seven points and seven boards.

Shockers

Now on tap for the Aggies are the Wichita State Shockers, a team looking for an identity.

The Shockers have recently had a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament and, in addition to the Final Four appearance, they made the Sweet 16 twice in the past four seasons.

Still, Wichita State has start-

ed to build some momentum and have won three straight contests.

The Missouri Valley Conference team is led by senior guard Ron Baker who is rustling the net for nearly 16 points per game. The other senior guard, Fred VanVleet, who missed four games for the Shockers due to injury, is the only other Wichita State player in double digits with 11 ppg average.

NMSU's last game before the end of the year is a home tilt at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 30 against Arizona Christian.

Aggie games can be heard on 570 AM.

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Trakh said. "They really defended, rebounded, played hard, they were scrappy and were all over the place."

After a tough start, Sasha Weber, who scored nine of the team's 15 points in the second quarter, brought NM State within 28-21 at the half thanks to a deep three. She would finish with a game-high 16 points on 4-of-8 shooting.

"Sasha did a great job, she picked up the offense," Trakh said.

NM State went on a roll to start the second half. The Aggies outscored New Mexico 18-3 in the third frame, including a 22-0 run that lasted more than 10 minutes before Jayda Bovero knocked down a pair of free-throws to give the Lobos their first mark in the second.

During that blitzkrieg by the Aggies, UNM was held without a field-goal for more than 14 minutes.

Tyler Ellis, who came in for Brianna Freeman, made crucial plays and rebounds down the stretch for NM State. Beyond the four points and two rebounds on 2-of-3 shooting, what the scoresheet didn't show were the shots she altered.

"Tyler came in and gave us some really, really good minutes," Trakh said.

Freeman nearly had her second-straight double-double, but finished with 10 points and eight boards.

Mack, NM State's defensive catalyst and spark, almost had a double-double herself with nine points, eight rebounds, five assists and four steals.

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sha-Lee has missed her first 2 springs due to injuries, so if we can get her an entire spring semester, I think she'll be ready to have a breakout season.

"Hopefully, we'll get Megan Hart playing by

the end of spring, we expect her rehabbed from her ACL surgery.

"Adding her blocking ability is important for us. [Jordan] Abalos, [Kassandra] Tohm, [Bryn] Popovich and Battle need to improve

their entire game, but bring great athletic ability to the table. The key is for them to catch up skill wise and become more functional all around players, as opposed to doing just one thing well.

"They have big numbers to replace, and need to work harder

than ever to make it happen.

"Our ball control people are all solid and return, and our setting is in good hands.

"Our recruits are physical, and could help immediately if we need them. We're likely to sign at least one more player."

Employees forgo gifts to support food pantry

By Amanda Bradford
For the Bulletin

A food pantry that benefits students, staff and faculty at New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College got an extra boost of holiday cheer this season after a give-it-forward idea from the president's office inspired many faculty and staff members on campus to skip presents for colleagues in favor of a gift to Aggie Cupboard.

In a November email to NMSU faculty and staff, NMSU President/Chancellor Garrey Carruthers suggested that giving to Aggie Cupboard was a perfect way to show that NMSU is a caring community.

"I plan to contribute to Aggie Cupboard instead of presenting gifts to some of my colleagues and friends," Carruthers said in the email. "A gift on their behalf to this valuable cause is a perfect way to show them I'm thinking of them. Please join me this holiday season in showing the community how we Aggies care for each other in times of need."

Aggie Cupboard is a free and private service that distributes non-perishable food to students, staff and faculty in need of emergency assistance.

Carruthers was joined by Executive Vice President and Provost Dan Howard and staff from NMSU's Office of University Advancement in presenting some of those gifts to NMSU social worker and Aggie Cupboard founder Lori Martinez and NMSU Counseling Center Director Karen Schaefer at the advancement office's holiday gathering Tuesday night.

Along with shelves and boxes overflowing with non-perishable food items collected by advancement staff from throughout the

NMSU system, Carruthers presented Aggie Cupboard with a check for \$2,750, the pantry's largest single monetary contribution to date. The gift included contributions from Carruthers, Howard and others from across campus. A portion of the funds came from the university advancement leadership team, which – as Carruthers put it – lost a bet.

Vice President for University Advancement Andrea Tawney said it was really a win when she, Chief Operating Officer Tina Byford and associate vice presidents Leslie Cervantes and Terra Winter had to make good on their pledge.

"We issued a challenge during our recent Giving Tuesday fundraising event," Tawney explained. "If every single member of our advancement team made a gift that day, our leadership team would pledge an additional \$1,000 gift to the fund they chose. I'm really proud of their enormous generosity – they made us pay up!"

Martinez said the gifts would help sustain and grow a vital resource for the NMSU community. Students, especially, can struggle to keep up with bills and other expenses. Items like peanut butter, rice and canned veggies can help supplement their groceries and let them focus on their next exam instead of their next meal.

"It's hard to study when you're hungry," Martinez said. "When I get feedback from our clients, many of them tell me that this support helps make it possible for them to stay at NMSU and be academically successful."

Martinez said departments across campus – including athletics, human resources, educational services and countless



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New Mexico State University President Garrey Carruthers, left, and Executive Vice President and Provost Dan Howard, right, present a ceremonial check to Lori Martinez, second from right, an NMSU social worker and founder of the Aggie Cupboard food pantry, and Karen Schaefer, director of the NMSU Counseling Center. Carruthers and Howard encouraged the campus community to make gifts to Aggie Cupboard in lieu of holiday presents to colleagues.

others, student groups and organizations – continue to respond to Carruthers' call to action with food items and funds, and Aggie Cupboard has been able to provide additional meals throughout the holiday season.

Non-perishable food items can still be dropped off during regular business hours at the NMSU Counseling Center in Garcia Annex, Room 100. The center will be closed during NMSU's winter break, Dec. 24 through Jan. 4. Tax-deductible monetary gifts can be made any time at giving.nmsu.edu – just specify Aggie Cupboard as the fund for the gift.

Food is currently distributed in Garcia Annex, Room 132 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m., and anyone with a current NMSU identification card may pick up items.

In January, Aggie Cupboard will move to Regents Row, Room B114. Martinez said the new location has more space and will provide additional opportunities to expand

what can be offered.

For more information about Aggie Cupboard, including volunteer oppor-

tunities, contact Martinez at mlori@nmsu.edu or 575-646-2731.



Karen Schaefer, left, director of the New Mexico State University Counseling Center, and Lori Martinez, an NMSU social worker and founder of the Aggie Cupboard food pantry, display the items collected by staff members in NMSU's Office of University Advancement as part of the team's holiday celebration.

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NMSU students discover new skills through internships

By Adriana M. Chavez
For the Bulletin

A group of New Mexico State University students helped achieve significant contributions to innovations made in the world of unmanned aerial systems while discovering cutting edge skills.

The students worked as interns at Emerging Technology Ventures, Inc., or ETV, which is headquartered in Alamogordo.

ETV and four other companies have been working with scientists from Sandia National Laboratories to create a

battery measurement device to be used in unmanned aerial systems. The partnership between ETV and the four companies has been supported by New Mexico Small Business Assistance program's Leveraged Projects funding.

Griselda Martinez, the NMSBA program director at NMSU's Arrowhead Center, helped place the interns at ETV in collaboration with faculty from Computer Science and Mechanical and Electrical Engineering.

Two interns became

full-time employees at ETV after graduating Saturday, Dec. 12. Martinez said ETV has asked for Arrowhead's assistance in finding interns for next semester.

"It is a great opportunity for new ventures working with innovative technologies to take advantage of all the resources available in southern New Mexico, including the resources available through Arrowhead Center," Martinez said.

ETV owner Cliff Hudson said his company creates "a culture of innovation that supports Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education through public-private partnerships fostering the development of tomorrow's leaders in science and engineering." Hudson said he's impressed with the company's interns from NMSU.

"The intern program has been an outstanding talent for us. As a young company, building our core engineering team has been greatly facilitated through the NMSU interns," Hudson said. "We're pleased that upon graduation, the first interns will be joining us in a full-time capacity this December. They will immediately move into key positions as they already understand our product and market development goals."

One of the interns hired for a full-time position is mechanical engineering major Rachel Romo, who said the internship has helped her gain experience in actual engineering applications such as deadlines, working in a team setting and collaborating

to meet a customer's needs.

"Working at ETV has showed me how to work with a customer on a huge project and successfully complete the project in four months," Romo said.

"I definitely enjoyed this experience and learned how to utilize my skills that I have learned at NMSU. This opportunity has provided me with a job when I graduate and also taught me the skills necessary to complete an engineering design project."

Kevin Saucedo, an electrical engineering major at NMSU, said his internship experience at ETV inspired him to further his career aspirations and raise the bar academically.

"There is no doubt it has helped me grow equally as a leader and as a team member facing real world problems in advanced technology," Saucedo said. "I'm thankful for the laughs, hardworking days and the solutions that came through this process."

Hudson said that in addition to the internship program, the NMSBA has provided key engineering support through Sandia National Labs.

"We've just completed Phase 1 of a Smart Battery Management System and are pleased that Phase 2 will be beginning in December."

The technology being developed by Sandia addresses key technological and operational challenges facing unmanned systems, the assessment of battery condition and the ability to safely operate in critical environments," Hudson said.

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Film Las Cruces looks to the future

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

We don't have the lights or the cameras yet, but there's definitely action when it comes to bringing movies and television series to Las Cruces.

Film Las Cruces (FLC), a newly minted nonprofit, held its first meeting Dec. 3 and elected an 18-member board of directors, choosing State Rep. Jeff Steinborn as its president and long-time arts advocate Irene Oliver-Lewis as vice president. Other board members include local filmmakers, entrepreneurs, business owners and media educators from New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College.



STEINBORN

A three-year memorandum of understanding with the City of Las Cruces provides FLC with nearly \$300,000 in funding during the next three years, and it has already secured office space in the WIC building near Pioneer Park in downtown Las Cruces. FLC board members are also drafting a job description for a full-time Las Cruces film liaison and are working with the city on finding a site and funding for the construction of a soundstage.

The FLC board (LCSP) also will: develop a website that includes a database of local film locations and film-friendly vendors; step up national promotion of Las Cruces as a film and television location; begin educating the business community and local residents about what to expect when filmmakers come to town; and work with NMSU, DACC and Las Cruces Public Schools to develop a film-knowledgeable workforce.

'Foundation for excellence'

"The right people did the right research to get the city to spend money in this direction," said NMSU Creative Media Institute (CMI) Director Amy Lanasa, who is FLC board secretary. "It was a big payoff for a lot of really, really hard work. It's happening in just the right way at just the right time."

"This is the culmination of years of a lot of people working on it," said DACC Digital Imaging and Design Technology Department Chair Matt Byrnes, another FLC board member. "Everybody's pushing in the same direction. All of us are really excited about it."

"We are setting the foundation for excellence," said Oliver-Lewis, who joined



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A scene from a web series being developed in Las Cruces is seen.

Steinborn, Lanasa and Byrnes as FLC incorporating directors. "We did a lot of research in and out of state. We know that we're making a buzz in the film industry, everybody is talking about it; now we're on the map."

"We want to start out right and make sure it grows and make sure it flourishes and adds to our community."

Steinborn, a Las Cruces Democrat who represented New Mexico House District 37 from 2007-10 and has represented District 35 since 2013, does not have a media background. A land conservationist for the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, he got interested in the film industry as a member of the House Taxation and Revenue Committee.

"I just saw an opportunity," Steinborn said. "I felt the presence of this very vibrant industry" in New Mexico.

Las Cruces and southern New Mexico, "had all the DNA to be successful (in

film and television production), but we hadn't put the pieces together," Steinborn said. That's when he helped start the Regional Film Development Advisory Committee, which evolved into Film Las Cruces earlier this year.

"The film community here has come together for this effort," Steinborn said. Creating FLC "was huge. We have taken on the responsibility of developing and running a vibrant, new organization."

"Jeff deserves so much of the credit for all of this," Lanasa said. He is "the glue that holds it together, the spark that keeps it going. No one has worked harder to get the film industry here than Jeff Steinborn," she said. "He's very good at bringing people together, getting people to talk to each other," Byrnes said.

North supports South

Steinborn said Las Cruces already has strong support from Albuquerque and

Santa Fe, where filmmaking and television production have been booming for more than a decade. Movies and TV generated \$288 million statewide in fiscal year 2015, excluding performers' salaries; along with 280,000 worker hours on 25 major productions, including "Independence Day: Resurgence," "The Magnificent Seven" remake, "The Ridiculous 6," and TV series "Longmire" and "Better Call Saul," he said.

"Las Cruces can be a big part of that," Steinborn said. "The sky is the limit for us."

"The mayor invited me down last year to speak to the council," said Ann Lerner, who is the City of Albuquerque's long-time, award-winning film liaison. "I've made very clear to all of them, I'm very willing to offer advice on how to make a successful film city."

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Lerner has been “exceptionally generous with her experience and counsel with Las Cruces,” Steinborn said. “We’ve found nothing but generous support from the industry up north.”

Filmmakers and TV producers in northern New Mexico want Las Cruces to succeed as a film and TV mecca because additional facilities and crews are needed to support the increasing demand from Hollywood, he said. And, southern New Mexico’s mild winter weather would allow for more days of filming than up north. Las Cruces also would provide “a whole other venue of filming locations,” Steinborn said, including White Sands Missile Range, Holloman Air Force Base, the Chihuahuan Desert and “other unique assets.”

Albuquerque and Santa Fe are “excited for us,” Lanasa said. “They really want to see us grow. They have more than they can handle.”

“They are maxed out up north,” Byrnes said.

The advantages that Las Cruces offers to filmmakers in addition to its climate and unique locations are its proximity to Los Angeles and “the desire of the mayor and city to bring it there,” Lerner said. “Being film-friendly is key.”

Helping filmmakers

The Albuquerque film office “offers a one-stop film permitting process,” Lerner said. “We don’t charge for film permits. It’s about customer service. (Albuquerque) Mayor Richard Berry sets the example of welcoming firms here. All departments of the city come together to work on this.”

Albuquerque generated \$150 million in direct

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Movie scouts from various media markets visit Las Cruces recently.

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spending from film and television production in fiscal year 2015, Lerner said.

“What’s important is that the city respects the needs of the film production and that the film production respects the city, the community and the neighborhoods where they’re filming. That’s the job of the film liaison,” she said.

A good example is a movie shoot that took place in Albuquerque last summer, Lerner said. Filmmakers wanted to blow up a car in the middle of the city’s country club area.

“We know how to make that happen,” she said.

Lerner helped the film’s producers get the appropriate signoffs for the night-time shoot and hotel rooms for the residents of 11 homes in the neighborhood. “The number of complaints I got from the car being blown up: zero,” Lerner said.

“New Mexico has a very good

reputation in the film industry,” she said. “Every major studio in Hollywood is aware of the film incentives that the state offers. They are aware of the strong crew base that we have,” said Lerner, who won the Outstanding Film Commission award for her work on “Lone Survivor” and “Breaking Bad” at the first Location Managers Guild of America Awards in 2014.

“Building up the infrastructure is important to grow the film industry in the southern part of the state,” she said. “I think it’s very important for the entire state to benefit from the economic impact that the film industry brings to a city.”

‘Economic driver’

Steinborn said film incentives approved by the New Mexico Legislature in 2002 during the final years of Gov. Gary Johnson’s administration elevated filmmaking in New Mexico to another level. Johnson’s successor, Bill Richardson,

helped push film and TV tax breaks “into overdrive,” he said. Current Governor Susana Martinez and legislators of both parties continue to support film and television production in the state, Steinborn said.

In addition to tax breaks for movie makers, he said, the Legislature added an extra incentive for television shows produced in New Mexico, called the “Breaking Bad” bill because it helped bring that AMC series to Albuquerque, where it stayed throughout its five-year run.

“The film industry in New Mexico is such a powerful economic development driver; it’s imperative that Las Cruces join the movement to engage filmmakers and help them see the opportunity for year-round filming capability in southern New Mexico,” City Manager Robert Garza said. “The MOU we have crafted with Film Las Cruces is just what was needed to fuel and apply concerted efforts so we can be more relevant in the dialog when film

opportunities are presented. Film Las Cruces will be uniquely situated to respond to interested parties and our MOU makes it possible for City Administration to lend support and resources to further that targeted work. I am optimistic we will see a great return on these efforts.”

“Filmmaking is a big business and Las Cruces can be a leader in the Southwest,” Mayor Ken Miyagishima said. “I believe the closest film lot may be in Phoenix; there’s not even one in El Paso.”

Job one for FLC is hiring a full-time film liaison as soon as possible. Steinborn said the goal will be to find “an experienced film professional to recruit film and TV” to Las Cruces and to grow Las Cruces’ film and television assets, which includes talented and experienced local filmmakers. He said FLC also will host seminars in Las Cruces to teach business owners and residents “how to turn a location into a

film location.”

The challenge for FLC and the community is to “develop the systems and government relations so we can meet the needs of major productions,” Steinborn said. Success will require high-level communications and strong working relationships among local government, FLC and the private sector, he said.

The potential payoff for local business is enormous, because film and television producers need materials to build sets, make props and create costumes – they also need hotels and restaurants to house and feed actors and crew. The upcoming film “Captain Fantastic” did 10 days of filming in Las Cruces last summer, Steinborn said, generating 900 room nights in local hotels.

“You never know what a film is going to need when they come into your community,” Lanasa said. “Inevitably, it will

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be something that makes money for the person providing the service. That could mean anything from getting a set of temporary braces made by the local dentist to having a suit of armor repaired at three in the morning by the guy who sell knives.”

“Any number of industries are going to be impacted, small and large,” Byrnes said.

“So many professions come into play to create a film,” Oliver-Lewis said. “When they scroll all of those names that are at the end of a movie – that’s a job. I believe in the business of art. We have to create opportunities for people to be employed in the arts. We have to build it. We have to create the infrastructure. Film companies like to come to a community that’s welcoming.”

“Almost every industry is affected by the film industry in a positive way,” Lerner said. “On Central (Avenue in Albuquerque), we have antique stores. People go in and buy props or rent props.”

Educational aspect

The potential benefits to media and film students at NMSU, DACC and LCPS are also enormous, Lanasa said. “We want to turn STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) into STEAM (adding the ‘A’ for ‘arts),” she said. The educational aspect is “really an important component” of filmmaking.

Lanasa said FLC board members have already met with NMSU, DACC and LCPS officials on curriculum alignment to develop more “media thinking” among students and educators as it works toward a “creative campus” at NMSU, which she hopes will include the proposed Las Cruces soundstage. “The university is really behind us,” she said.

And the desire is there among her students, Lanasa said. When part of the 2010 Robert Downey Jr. blockbuster “Due Date” was filmed in Las Cruces, six NMSU students got to work on the production, she said, but they had to move to Albuquerque to work professionally.

CMI had seven majors when the program began in 2006, Lanasa said. Today, it has more than 300, and CMI has outgrown its classrooms and laboratories. Students are learning valuable work and life skills like solving problems as a group, communication and leadership that will serve them in whatever field they choose, she said.

Media opportunities include more than film and TV, Byrnes said. NMSU and DACC are also training students in animation, game design, digital graphics, virtual technologies and photography. And “the skills are transferrable,” so students can use them in many industries besides film production, he said.

“Everybody needs media people,” he said.

For example, Byrnes knows of one game design and animation graduate who is doing forensic animation for an engineering firm in El Paso.

“The opportunities are all over the place,” he said.

Filmmakers also will need welders, plumbers and carpenters, Byrnes said DACC has the workforce component. Its students “train in the crafts the industry wants.”

Media programs already in place at NMSU and DACC “are great assets to build from,” Steinborn said. “I would love to give them bigger and better tools.” One of his goals is helping students to develop

their storytelling skills and “igniting sparks with kids wherever their passions may fall in the industry.”

Explosion of opportunity

Steinborn said Garson Studios in Santa Fe is “the best model in the state” for Film Las Cruces because it is located at the College of Santa Fe and is a successful academic-commercial partnership, as this statement from Garson’s website attests: “Well-trained student interns from the university’s film school department are available to work with you on any project.”

Las Cruces is “developing a group of students, professors, educators who understand what creativity is in their lives and their business,” said Oliver-Lewis, who recently retired as founder and artistic producer of Alma d’arte Charter High School. She was also the founder and artistic producer of Court Youth Center.



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The NMSU film program is “another strength that Las Cruces has,” Lerner said. “NMSU is terrific.”

“What’s really exciting is that just beyond the performing arts side of this, there’s a tremendous opportunity for stepping into various STEM fields also because the programming and the code building are such a great opportunity to bring in a package of animation and virtual reality to the sciences,” said LCPS Superintendent Stan Rounds. Working with FLC, NMSU and DACC and starting students as early as elementary and middle school, he said, LCPS can “knit together a fabric of the various skill sets and the various interests students have ... to put together the performing arts with the sciences.”

The school district already has “all the technologies necessary to dig into this” at its Arrowhead Park Medical Academy early college high school, located in NMSU’s Arrowhead Park, Rounds said. “All the virtual issues are there.” The question will be “how to create a pipeline for kids into this long-term area.”

FLC board member Ross Marks, an assistant professor of film at CMI and long-time filmmaker (his credits include the 1997 Showtime original movie “The Twilight of the Gods”), is also the executive director of the Las Cruces International Film Festival (LCIFF), which will be held March 2-6. LCIFF and FLC are “going to be intimately connected,” Marks said. “FLC is the needed element to get film going in our community. There is a heck of a film industry opportunity for us. I think we’re going to see a real explosion of film and entertainment opportunities in 12-18 months.”

Soundstage in the works

Another major task for FLC will be working with the city to find a location for a soundstage and getting it built. The city already has nearly \$1 million in capital outlay funds from 11 state legislators for the project, and Miyagishima and the city council have expressed interest in spending several million more in hold-harmless gross receipts tax funds to build the soundstage. Two locations – one in NMSU’s Arrowhead Research Park and the other in the city’s West Mesa industrial park – are being considered.

The soundstage could be operational by late 2016 or early 2017, Steinborn said.

A soundstage will create jobs in Las Cruces, Oliver-Lewis said. It will prove the economic development value of the film industry to Las Cruces, she said.

“We have our work cut out for us, make no mistake,” Steinborn said. “We have to work hard to take it to the next level.” Filmmaking and TV production in Las Cruces are “a bright, shiny opportunity for us,” he said. What LFC is working on now won’t happen overnight, but Las Cruces can grow into “a bustling film town,” Steinborn said.

“I think we have the best opportunity I’ve ever seen; the most collaboration, the most momentum,” said Byrnes, who has been in the media industry for nearly two decades.

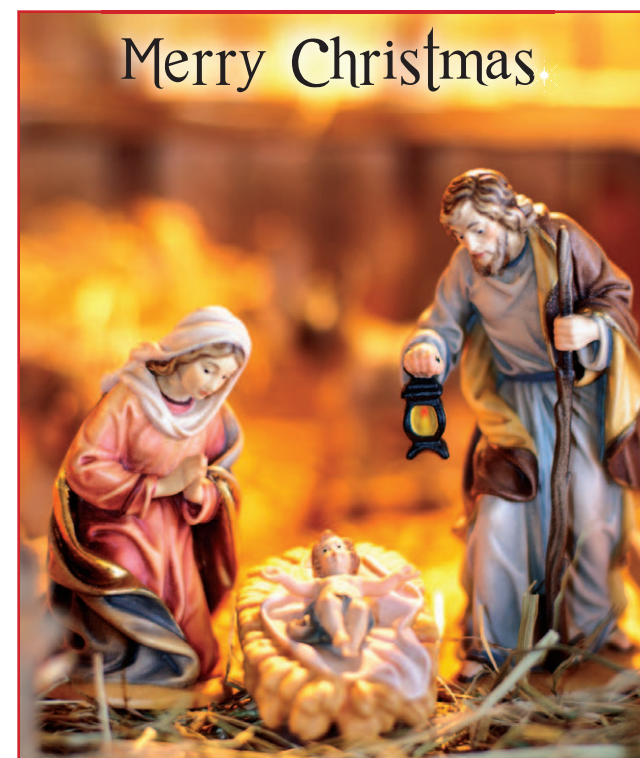
The board

In addition to Steinborn, Oliver-Lewis, Lanasa, Byrnes and Marks, board members include: local set designer and member of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) Scott Murray; professional hair and make-up artist and IATSE member Pepper Gallegos; Las Cruces’ Tony-winning playwright and CMI Senior Fellow Mark Medoff; CMI Associate Professor Derek Fisher, who specializes in visual effects and animation; Las Cruces filmmaker and screenwriter Rajeev Nimalakhandan, who is also with CMI; musician and Project Mainstreet Chair Russ Smith; Las Cruces actor and director Mark Vasconcellos; CMI Assistant Professor and Las Cruces filmmaker Ilana Lapid; filmmaker and special effects guru Bill McCamey; writer, grip, IATSE and DACC Creative Media Technology (CMT) instructor Dan Williams; filmmaker, photographer and CMT instructor Stephen Osborne; CMT instructor Lamaia Vaughn; and landscape architect and movie location scout Joan Woodward.

The city’s current interim film liaison, Cruz Ramos, is an ex-officio member of the board.

LFC has 13 subcommittees, including student internships, social media, special events, website development, database development and LCIFF.

“This is what a collective sense of positive energy feels like,” Lanasa said. “Las Cruces is choosing a different path, catching the film fever.”



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10 a.m. Family Science Saturday, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Join the museum as we learn about the science of food. This week's topic is roasting reactions. All ages are welcome, from 3 to 93. Free. Call 522-3120.

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 to 11 p.m. Live music, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

9 p.m. Live music with one-woman band Tiffany Christopher, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

SUN. 12/27

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

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

2 to 5 p.m. Live music, Rio Grande Winery, 5321 Highway 28. No cover. Call 524-3985.

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

MON. 12/28

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

TUE. 12/29

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

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

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

WED. 12/30

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

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

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

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

THU. 12/31

9 a.m. Nature Kids: Crystals, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. The museum invites kids ages 3 to 5 to learn about local flora and fauna on the fourth Thursday of each month. This week, we will learn about crystals, discuss crystal formation and take a look at some of their physical properties. Free. Call 522-3120.

1 to 3:30 p.m. Intermediate to Advanced Drawing and Painting, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. Watercolor, acrylic and water-soluble oil painting classes taught by art educator Wayne Carl Huber. Open enrollment starting any Thursday. Cost \$45 for four two and a half hour sessions. Call 647-5684.

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5:30 p.m. Science Café, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. The museum invites the public to listen and participate in Science Café, the museum's monthly science roundtable discussion. Sigma Xi's Science Café is presented by the Scientific Research Society, in cooperation with the Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science. The free Café discussions are presented to advance greater public understanding and to encourage use of available science. Students and all those seeking



Photographer Anne Chase will be joined by other members of the Doña Ana Photography Club for a Jan. 19, 2016 presentation of members' photos from a recent trip to Bosque del Apache.

Doña Ana Photography Club hosts January workshops

Doña Ana Photography Club (DAPC) will host two workshops in January open to the public.

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, Jim Rodgers will present "30 Minutes with Duane Michaels." Michaels is an American photographic innovator, widely known for his work with series, multiple exposures and text. He often uses photo sequences to communicate a narrative, incorporating hand-

written texts to examine emotion and philosophy. Jim will illustrate those techniques through Michals' photos.

Following Rodgers' presentation, Lisa Mandelkern and Debbie Hands will present "How to Submit Images with Monthly Themes." Monthly themes are designed to cultivate regular photographing habits and encourage participation in the monthly event.

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, Anne Chase and members of the club will present "Photos from the Field Trip to Bosque del Apache," and members will present photos on the monthly theme, wildlife.

Both programs are free and open to the public. Meetings are held at Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. For more information, visit www.daphoto-club.com.

Visit Las Cruces announces Find Your Reason winners

Visit Las Cruces proudly announces the three winners of its online contest Find Your Reason, which encouraged local residents to become digital ambassadors of the City by submitting videos and pictures showcasing their love for Las Cruces.

The winners are Brandi Parrell, Farrah Bejarano and Ashwini Reka Krishna. Each one of them will receive two VIP tickets to the 2016 Las Cruces Country Music Festival and two nights at Hotel Encanto.

The launch of Find Your Reason

was part of a larger effort by Visit Las Cruces to unveil a renewed image for Las Cruces. A major element of the contest was the creation of the hashtag #visitlascruces which has been adopted by several individuals, businesses and local organizations when posting to social media. The result was more awareness about local events, points of interest, restaurants, sport tournaments and, ultimately, more visitors.

Find Your Reason was a continuation of the "Explore. Experience.

Discover." brand launched in 2012 encouraging visitors to experience everything Las Cruces has to offer. Visit our www.facebook.com/lascrucescvb or www.lascrucescvb.org to see the videos and pictures of the winners.

Visit Las Cruces is also the host of the 4th annual Las Cruces Country Music Festival which will be announcing festival headliners within the next few weeks.

For more information, contact Visit Las Cruces at 541-2150 or online at www.visitlascruces.com.

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greater knowledge of current science are encouraged to come. Free. Call 522-3120.

7 p.m. Big Band Dance Club New Year's Eve Ball, Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. The Big Band Dance Club invites you to join us to dance ballroom, country, swing and Latin styles. This week, live music will be provided by Ron Theilman's Orchestra. Beginner's group dance lesson begins at 7 p.m., dances from 8 to 10 p.m. Cost \$7 members, \$9 nonmembers. Call 526-6504.

FRI. 1/1/2016

3 p.m. Evolved, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Evolved is a program that makes circuits through time, discussing important points in evolution and the development of the world as it currently exists. Join museum staff every Friday at 3 p.m. to explore the beginnings of the universe and discuss what the future may hold for us, as informed by modern philosophy and science. Free. Call 522-3120.

7 p.m. Live music, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

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

7 p.m. Howling Coyote Coffeehouse and Open Mic, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. The "granddaddy" of open mics in Las Cruces is open to acoustic musicians, poets, storytellers and singer-songwriters. Artist sign-up begins at 6:30 p.m. and performances begin at 7 p.m. Free. Call 525-9333.



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Ukulele performers Daniel Ward and Heidi Swedberg, who perform with The Sukey Jump Band, will join Las Cruces Ukes for a children's ukulele workshop Tuesday, Jan. 29.



Las Cruces Ukes holds kids' ukulele workshop with Heidi Swedberg

The Las Cruces Ukes, a community group of ukulele enthusiasts, welcome nationally-acclaimed ukulele instructors Heidi Swedberg and Daniel Ward to present a workshop for kids aged five and up Tuesday, Dec. 29, from 10:30 a.m. until just past noon. This fun-focused workshop will have them laughing, singing, and playing the ukulele. At the conclusion of the workshop, they will play the songs they have

learned for the Golden Mesa residents. They can use their own ukulele or borrow one. The cost is \$10 per student and class includes a copy of "COLOR-ALONG Ukulele," Swedberg's recently-released ukulele instruction coloring book.

Swedberg was once best known for portraying the unlucky Susan on "Seinfeld," but is now nationally acclaimed as a ukulele performer and instructor. Ward is a sought-after

instructor and performer with a newly released CD. The duo performs with The Sukey Jump Band. For more information, visit www.sukeyjumpmusic.com.

As class size is limited, reservations are required by calling Cheryl Fallstead at 405-7133 or e-mailing las-crucesukes@gmail.com. The workshop will take place at Golden Mesa's activity room, 151 N. Roadrunner Parkway.

Registration for Studio Programs at Museum of Art

Studio Programs class registration opened Monday, Dec. 21. The public can sign up for classes anytime between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Registration must be done in person. All paperwork must be filled out and payment made before a spot in the class can be reserved. Last day to sign up is Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 by 4:30 pm.

The Museum of Art Studio Programs will offer a variety of classes for children and adults that will range from drawing, painting, collage and mixed media. Kid's classes are for children aged 5 and up. The brochure can be found on the museum website at <http://tinyurl.com/hznrwoo>



The museum is located at 491 N. Main Street and is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. For additional information, visit <http://las-cruces.org/museums> or call 541-2137.

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

Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the grey matter. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

BEGINNER

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CHALLENGER

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER

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

Word Salsa



Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

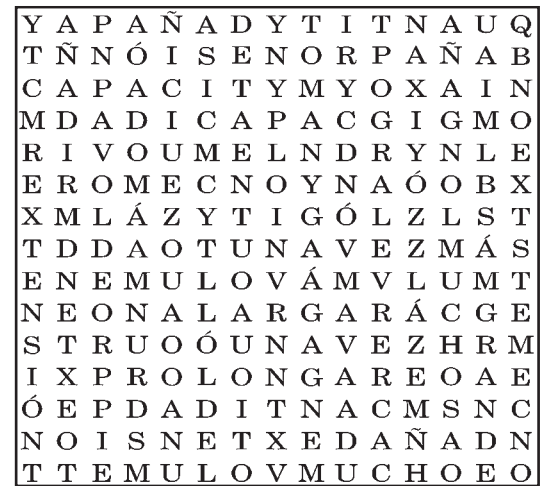
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ENGLISH

BIG
CAPACITY
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SPANISH

GRANDE
CAPACIDAD
EXTENSIÓN
LARGO
MUCHOS
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UNA VEZ MÁS
CANTIDAD
AÑADIR
ALARGAR
PROLONGAR
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Crossword Puzzles

Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

- ACROSS**
- Insects
 - Date maker
 - Yawning
 - Thought
 - Sadder
 - Over there
 - Flier
 - Do ___ others
 - Road cover
 - Miserly
 - Paleozoic, for example
 - Not outgoing
 - Middle of the alphabet letters
 - Emancipate
 - Monetary unit of Romania
 - Crowd jeers
 - Transport cost
 - Philosophy suffix
 - Two together
 - Clique
 - Type of welder
 - Meat jelly
 - Musty with age
 - Superman actor, Christopher
 - Pigs
 - Crimson
 - St. Louis arch
 - Skillfully
 - Cigarette deposit
 - Young ladies
 - Romantic flower
 - Sequence of tennis games
 - Not written
 - Commercials
 - Ballet steps
 - Salad addition
 - Food establishment
 - Layer
 - 6th Jewish month
 - Voting event
 - Long narrow band
 - White oak
 - Suggest
 - Sheer fabric
 - Medicine Nobel prize winner, Walter
 - Russian ruler
- DOWN**
- Rum cake
 - Wrinkled skin fruit

- Big ox
- Design detail
- 1492 ship
- Extra, in a transaction
- Actor, Van Kleef
- Damage
- Make a boo-boo
- "Mikado" character
- Single
- Swallowed
- Not easily reached
- Stop/go controls
- Dangerous and irreversible course
- "___ a real nowhere man"
- Lessen gradually
- Farm noise
- Drunkard
- Escaped
- Energy measurement
- Literary always
- Pretenses
- Boat propeller
- Adopt
- Line
- Personal ownership contraction
- Closet wood
- Cell stuff
- At this time
- Conceit
- It occurs when diplomacy has failed
- ___ king
- Dancer's feathered accessory
- Former British currency system: abbr.
- Agreement word
- Dream
- Aegean, for one
- Not so well
- Abrasive
- Mends
- Corrects
- Cat's favorite place?
- Cathode-ray-tube, for short
- Horn sound
- Stork family bird
- Spanish for pot
- At no point in time, old way
- Quiet!
- Score the same

GOING OFF HALF-COCKED

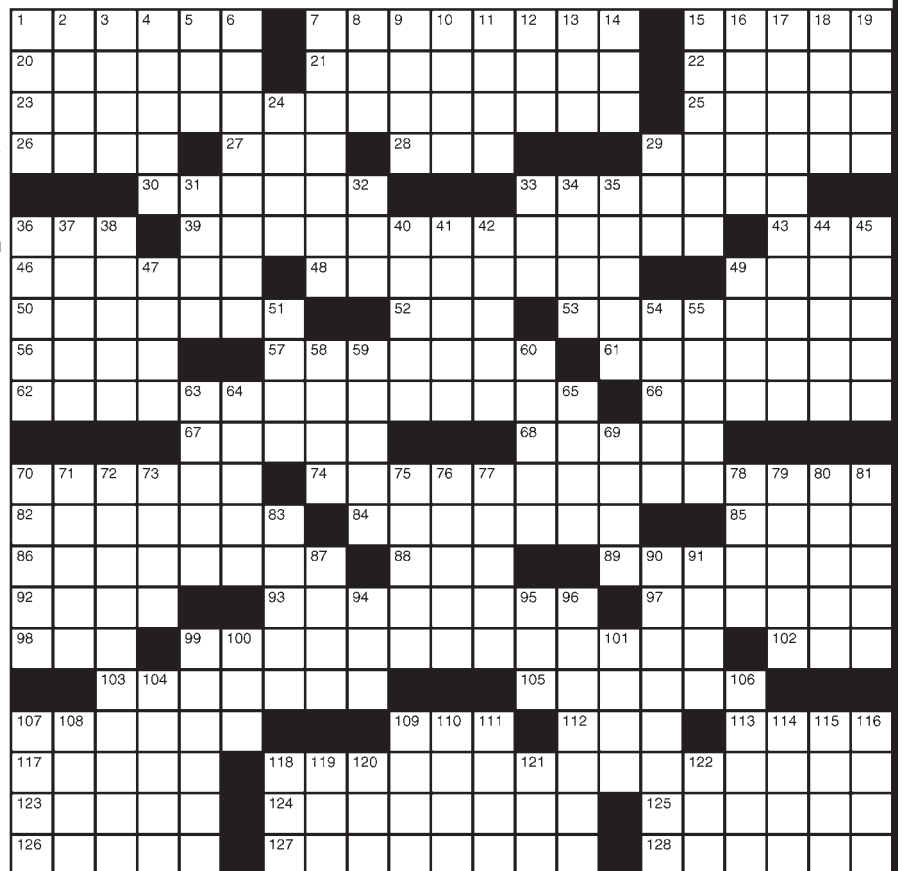
ACROSS

- Landing strip surface
- Lines for the theatre
- Remove a lid
- Ring around the pupil
- In the file
- Impudent boldness
- Revealing intentions
- "The Silver Streak" co-star
- Moises or Felipe of baseball
- Naughty
- Beast of burden
- Experts
- Spanish rice entree
- French-American dialect
- Battering equipment
- Bridge tactic
- Test for coll. seniors
- Newspaper honcho
- College organization
- "The Virginian" writer
- Wister
- Small taxi
- Sailors' grp.
- Hair shade
- Seemingly forever?
- Gradient
- Brand name on cakes
- With 74A, getting ahead of oneself
- Trumped
- Sheriff's band of the Old West
- Unrestrained outbreaks of violence
- Full-length tunic
- See 62A
- Stritch and Boosler
- Gathered
- Duck feathers
- Sequence verifier
- Army rcts.
- Was contrary to
- MIT part
- Masculinity
- City on the Rio Grande
- T-shirt size
- Revise charts
- French farewell
- North Dakota city
- Worker
- Quinine water

- T or F, e.g.
- NYC gambling center
- Spheres
- Diet guru Jenny
- Edgar Allan Poe story, with "The"
- Judy of "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In"
- Wakayama farewell
- Cantankerous
- Action or change starter
- Repeats
- Combines together

DOWN

- So long!
- Seed coat
- Collection biz
- Tidy loose ends
- The Greatest
- Australian capital
- Casual drawings
- Quaint quarters
- Neighborhood
- Fewer
- Protest-singer Phil
- Tibetan gazelle
- Large vase
- Actor Byrnes
- Still owing
- Emperor before Trajan
- Scaring folk for nothing
- English river
- Individual: abbr.
- Very strong wind
- 1501
- Bk. of Revelation
- Latin lesson word
- Fauna starter?
- Govt. training leg.
- Vast charm
- Revise charts
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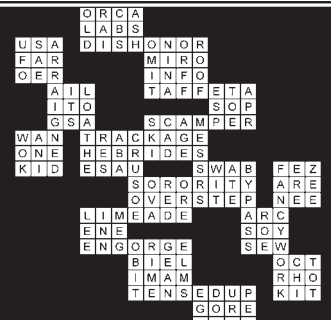
- Privalova or Vorobyeva
- Taylor or Adoree
- Terminated
- Trace of color
- Norwegian saint
- Major Leagues, casually
- Writer Bret
- Foxtail
- Plane-crash grp.
- Rah!
- Goofed up
- Toothpaste brand
- Song for nine
- S. Amer. monkey
- Cry of distress
- De Mille of movies
- As company
- Do-over's cause
- Pinball goof
- Steely Dan singer
- Giving the nod to
- Bowler's button
- Nose alert
- Fragrant bed
- Stockholm native
- Provide with property
- Amiens river
- Spellbound
- Vertical line
- Sheet of glass
- Fleur-de-___
- "___ Loves You"
- Ladies of Seville
- Liquor measure
- One of the French
- Entryway
- "Common Sense" writer
- Actor Greene
- Fifth of MMDV
- Algerian city
- God of love
- Wendy's dog
- RBI or ERA
- Nice nothing?
- Spellbound
- Stone and Stallone
- Greek letter
- Stoolie
- Scope out
- End of post?
- Internet add.

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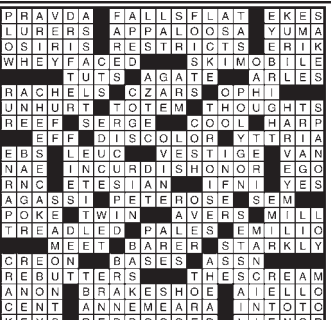
Word Salsa



Diagramless



Non-Dairy



CRYPTOGRAM

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 V O A V R Y K A V Q T T Q A A W M A
 S R Q M A A .

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

What is the favorite snack of worn out tourists visiting the magnificent Paris cathedrals? The lunchpack of Notre Dame.

AtTheMovies

Coming soon on DVD Dec. 29

Heist

Rated: R
Genre: Action
Starring: Robert De Niro, Jeffrey Dean Morgan
Director: Scott Mann

The Perfect Guy

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Suspense
Starring: Michael Ealy, Sanaa Lathan
Director: David M. Rosenthal

Hitman: Agent 47

Rated: R
Genre: Action
Starring: Rupert Friend, Zachary Quinto
Director: Aleksander Bach

A Walk in the Woods

Rated: R
Genre: Comedy, drama
Starring: Robert Redford, Nick Nolte
Director: Ken Kwapis

Top-grossing Dec. 18-20

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| 1 Star Wars: The Force Awakens (Week No. 1) \$247,966,675 | 6 The Good Dinosaur (Week No. 4) \$4,350,285 |
| 2 Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip (Week No. 1) \$14,287,159 | 7 Krampus (Week No. 3) \$4,114,805 |
| 3 Sisters (Week No. 1) \$13,922,855 | 8 In the Heart of the Sea (Week No. 2) \$3,484,270 |
| 4 The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2 (Week No. 5) \$5,892,683 | 9 Dilwale (Week No. 1) \$1,920,074 |
| 5 Creed (Week No. 4) \$5,013,055 | 10 Bajirao Mastani (Week No. 1) \$1,741,037 |

Picking the Flicks



Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Movie reel based on a 5-point scale.

Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The Rebel Alliance and the Galactic Empire – now the Resistance and First Order – square off once again.
Starring: Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill
Director: J.J. Abrams



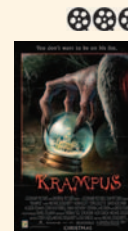
Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Alvin, Simon and Theodore hit the road to Miami to stop Dave's wedding, fearful that he'll dump them for his new wife.
Starring: Kaley Cuoco, Bella Thorne



Krampus

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Amidst a bad Christmas, a young boy unwittingly summons a Christmas demon to his family's home.
Starring: Adam Scott, Toni Collette
Director: Michael Dougherty



The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: As the war of Panem escalates and the Capital destroys other districts, Katniss Everdeen must bring together an army against President Snow, with everything she loves hanging in the balance.
Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson



The Good Dinosaur

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: In an alternate timeline where dinosaurs never went extinct, Arlo the Apatosaurus makes an unlikely friend in a young human caveboy named Spot.
Starring: Jeffrey Wright, Frances McDormand (voices)
Director: Peter Sohn



The Big Short

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Four outsiders in the high-finance industry who predict the housing bubble burst of the 2000s take on the big banks.
Starring: Christian Bale, Steve Carell
Director: Adam McKay



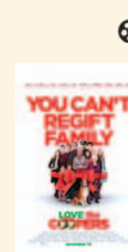
The Peanuts Movie

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Snoopy and his team take to the skies in pursuit of their arch nemesis, while Charlie Brown goes on his own quest at home.
Starring: Francesca Capaldi, Madisyn Shipman (voices)
Director: Steve Martino



Love the Coopers

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Four generations come together for Christmas Eve; when unlikely events turn the house upside down, the Coopers rediscover family bonds and the spirit of the season.
Starring: Olivia Wilde, Amanda Seyfried
Director: Jessie Nelson



Sisters

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Two sisters throw one final house party before their parents sell the childhood home.
Starring: Tina Fey, Amy Poehler
Director: Jason Moore



Creed

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Rocky Balboa steps into the role of trainer to promising young boxer Adonis Johnson – the son of Rocky's late friend and former rival Apollo Creed.
Starring: Sylvester Stallone, Michael B. Jordan



Concussion

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Talented pathologist Dr. Bennet Omalu discovers the damage done to football players during the course of normal play.
Starring: Will Smith, Luke Wilson
Director: Peter Landesman



Point Break

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A young FBI agent goes undercover inside a group of professional criminals and extreme athletes.
Starring: Edgar Ramirez, Luke Bracey
Director: Ericson Core



OPENS FRIDAY, DEC. 25

Daddy's Home

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A mild-mannered executive and stepfather is forced to compete for his children's affection upon the arrival of his wife's freeloading ex-husband.
Starring: Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg
Director: Sean Anders



OPENS FRIDAY, DEC. 25

Joy

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The four-generation true story of the family of Joy Mangano, who founded a business dynasty by inventing the Miracle Mop.
Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Bradley Cooper
Director: David O. Russell



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'The Force Awakens' a fun, flashy throwback

Review by Zak Hansen
Las Cruces Bulletin

Thirty years after the Battle of Endor and the destruction of the second Death Star at the hands of the Rebels, signaling the defeat of the Galactic Empire, the last Jedi Luke Skywalker is nowhere to be found. In his absence, a specter has risen from the ashes of the Empire – The First Order, led by masked and caped Vader disciple Kylo Ren (Adam Driver, of HBO's "Girls).

This new intergalactic evil empire, housed in the massive, Death Star-dwarfing Starkiller Base and armed with a superweapon powered by the draining of nearby stars, is opposed only by the Resistance, a small military force backed by the New Republic and led by none other than princess-turned-general Leia Organa (Carrie Fisher).

Desperate for Luke's aid to prevent another full-scale space war, the Resistance enlists hot-shot X-Wing pilot Poe Dameron (Oscar Issac) and sends him to the desert planet of Jakku to safely recover a map to Luke's location, aided by his spherical second-in-command, the droid BB-8. When a squadron of Stormtroopers arrive and lay waste to the village, Poe is captured and BB-8 is sent into the arid wastelands, map safely in tow.

The droid comes under the care of Rey (Daisy Ridley), a plucky and self-sufficient scavenger with powers beyond her understanding. Rey is unaware of the powerful information it possesses, or the way it will alter her own fate – not to mention that of the galaxy. Coming to her aid is deflected Stormtrooper

**STAR WARS:
THE FORCE AWAKENS**
Rated: PG-13
Running time: 135 minutes
Starring: Daisy Ridley, John Boyega
Director: J.J. Abrams



FN-2187, or Finn (John Boyega), who suffers a crisis of conscience and abandons the killing fields he was born into to aid the Resistance. This unlikely trio, thrust into the midst of a coming intergalactic civil war, is aided along their way by a menagerie of familiar faces, among them everyone's favorite swashbuckling space smuggler Han Solo and his Kashyyk companion Chewbacca (Harrison Ford and Peter Mayhew, reprising their roles at a respectable 73 and 71 years of age), along with a host of new and spectacular alien abettors.

If much of this sounds familiar, that's because in many ways, "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" is point-for-point a retread of "A New Hope," the one that started it all – a band of unlikely heroes with strengths beyond their comprehension come together to face an evil fascist empire, backed by a guerilla rebellion. Rey, orphaned and alone on a desert planet that isn't quite Tatooine, shows shades of Luke Skywalker; Kylo Ren, masked and clad all in black at the helm of the First Order, has clearly internalized Darth Vader's aesthetic.

This is a strength and a weakness of "The Force Awakens." It's through-and-through fan service, albeit excep-

tional fan service. This is a film made expressly to please longtime fans eager to cleanse their palates of the much-maligned prequel trilogy, eager to restore the canon to its fun and flashy former glory.

This it achieves in spades.

Director J.J. Abrams has of late been the go-to choice for sequels and reboots – "Mission: Impossible III" and the "Star Trek" reboots – and his reverence for his source material is on clear display from frame one. "The Force Awakens" is a big, brash, blustery sci-fi adventure, with more shades of Stephen Spielberg's glory days than "Star Wars" creator George Lucas, whose films, however iconic and influential, were stilted and sometimes laughable in their characterizations and dialogue.

Here, Abrams has enlisted a roster of talented newcomers who very much carry the picture. Boyega, as the conflicted Finn, is torn between his moral center and the fact that he's in way, way over his head, evinced by his quick, nervous jokes and one-liners, all of which surprisingly land.

Ridley, as Rey, is perhaps the film's strongest link, brave but vulnerable, smart and self-sufficient in every way, is about as an empowered

woman you'll see on film this year, and one who isn't characterized as cold or heartless.

Even Kylo Ren, played by an unlikely Driver, shows a sadness and vulnerability behind his mask and cloak, even more so when he doffs his visage.

The established and supporting players, too, fare well. Ford's aged Han Solo hasn't remained static; instead, he reenters the picture with the wearying toll of the past three decades of, well, whatever it was he was doing, draped over himself, new jacket or not. Fisher appears strong and self-confident as now-Gen. Organa, along with Ridley eeking out a win for the Beschdel Test in the film's final act.

A far cry from the universally hated Jar Jar Binks, the new creatures that populate "The Force Awakens" never grate; the miniature and bespectacled alien Maz Kanata (voiced by Lupita Nyong'o), a barkeep/pirate/seer who operates the wildest joint this side of Mos Eisley Cantina, never seems cartoonish, coming across as much more than comic relief. The beeping BB-8 is charming and funny, again without condescension, and somehow capable of showing, and eliciting, real emotion.

While narrative may never have been the

strong point of "Star Wars," the special effects have always been game-changing. The original trilogy has inspired now generations of filmmakers, Abrams clearly among them. A big win for "The Force Awakens" is his reliance on a majority of practical effects, rather than the ungainly CGI that marred the 2000s trilogy. The combination of the two allows for some truly spectacular set pieces, making for a much-more visceral experience than most other big-budget blockbusters. Abrams also opted to shoot on 35mm film, giving the film a grainy look like the original, though of far superior quality. It's this attention to detail and respect for the form that elevate "The Force Awakens" above its contemporaries.

The new locales in the "Star Wars" universe, too, are a sight to behold. Jakku, despite its uncanny resemblance to Tatooine, is a marvel, littered with the desiccating remains of the Empire, paralyzed AT-

ATs and hulking, half-buried Star Destroyers dotting its sand-blown surface. D'Qur, home base of the Resistance, provides a stunning, snow-covered venue for the film's thrilling, penultimate lightsaber battle, showing shades of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" elegance.

More than all of this, though, Abrams' film is, from front-to-back, a lot of fun. The action is exciting, the effects are nothing short of first-rate, the characters are well-rounded, the jokes all hit and, most surprisingly, "The Force Awakens" shows something resembling emotional depth, absent largely from previous entries. It may be made for fans alone – especially those willing to sit through its overlong 135-minute runtime – but it's showy and satisfying sci-fi escapism at its finest, one that gives a new hope for coming sequels.

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'He Named Me Malala' satisfies but lacks depth

Review by Jeff Berg
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Malala Yousafzai is certainly one of the most courageous people you will ever hear about.

In case you've forgotten, she is the now-18-year-old woman who spoke out against the Taliban a few years ago, which rewarded her by trying to assassinate her (and several other students in her school bus that day) with a bullet to the head. They failed. Slimy, cretinous insects that they are, they failed and thankfully so.

Malala has gone on to be the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, has addressed the United Nations and written a book, "I Am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban," all while the Taliban retains its

"glory" by killing who knows how many innocent people and trying to destroy all manner of history.

In this sometimes-interesting documentary, director Davis Guggenheim, who also directed "An Inconvenient Truth" and "Waiting for Superman," gives us an often too-light view of Malala and her life.

We learn a little about the attempt on her life and how it happened, we find that she is very devoted to her father who may or may not be a

background manipulator in her life and we briefly visit with her family, which offers but brief glimpses of those good people, not really sharing how they feel about the entire situation.

Her mother, mostly wordless in the film, remains reserved, traditional and conservative in her

views on things which also, I feel, should have received more attention. How does this affect Malala? What does her mother think of her daughter's work and strong support for the education and freedom of women in her homeland of Pakistan and around the world?

We follow Malala in some of her whirlwind tour activities and also can find that she likes cricket, is still a somewhat geeky awkward teenage girl, with crushes on a sport celebrity or two, but there is not enough depth here. It may have been interesting and helpful for Guggenheim to just sit with this remarkable young woman to find out more.

All in all, the 88-minute documentary is satisfying, but I for one wish it could have been more informative and inspiring, offering us at least a hint or two of resolution to conflict via the inner strength of people, especially women, such as Malala rather than just cursory details of various stages of her life supplemented with archival footage.

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LAST CHANCE

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents "Around the World, Around Other Cultures," an exhibit of the work of artist Alejandra Gamez. Gamez developed her own style of producing monotypes while studying at the Autonomous University of Ciudad Juarez. Utilizing mediums of acrylic ink and paper, this show presents a series of artwork that illustrates the artist's passion for different countries and cultures, and how they relate to each other in the world. "Around the World, Around Other Cultures" will remain on display through Saturday, Dec. 26.

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

ADOBE PATIO GALLERY presents the Border Artists' second exhibition of small-scale art show "Small is Beautiful II." This exciting show introduces two of the Border Artists' newest members, Margaret Berrier and Sharbani Das Gupta, whose work will be shown alongside three Signature Members – Carolyn Bunch, Tom Gerend and Dan Tapper – as well as active members Tauna Cole, Janice Cook, Sherry Doil-Carter, Winfrey Hearst, Annetta Hoover, Amanda Jaffe, Suzanne Kane, Cassandra Lockwood, Rosemary McLoughlin, Jeanne Rundell, Storm Sermay, David Shaw, Jo-An Smith, Jean Wilkey, Bob Willis and Terry Wolfe. The art in "Small is Beautiful II" may be small in size, but it's powerful in feeling and wide in variety. During December, a percentage of each sale of art will be donated to Jardin de los Niños. "Small is Beautiful II" will remain on display through December. Throughout December, a portion of each sale will be donated to Jardin de los Niños.

Adobe Patio Gallery is located at 1765 Avenida de Mesilla. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 532-9310.

BIG PICTURE DIGITAL IMAGE EXPERTS AND GALLERY presents "Southwest Visions" by fine artist Greg Allen. Inspired by the mystical terrain of the desert, Allen brings to life the landscapes of the Southwest, capturing light, forms and architecture. His authenticity and purity of vision is delineated throughout the work. Many of his oil paintings possess a distinctly classical composition while others are imbued with a contemporary painterly surface. Illuminated from within, viewers experience an overwhelming sense of familiarity, intimacy and innocence. "Southwest Visions" will remain on display through the end of December.

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

MAS ART presents the work of two young talents, Rudolf Medina and Sherrena Richardson, a combination of realistic style shown through Medina's work and the fascinating surrealism style of Richardson, in the joint exhibition "Anecdotes and Striations." The exhibit will remain on display through the end of December.

Mas Art is located at 126 S. Main St. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 526-9113.

QUILLIN-STEPHENS GALLERY welcomes everyone back for a Christmas Ramble featuring wood-turner Les Fairchild. Fairchild specializes in wood inlay, combining several types of wood in intricate patterns to create items ranging from bowls to kaleidoscopes, as well as offering Christmas ornaments and jewelry in wood. In addition, the gallery's four permanent artists will offer some Christmas specials to help you complete your shopping list. The show will remain on display through the end of the month.

Quillin-Stephens Gallery is located behind COAS Books at 317 N. Main St. For more information and gallery hours, call 312-1064.

WEST END ART DEPOT is proud – and a little sad – to present its final exhibit at the warehouse by the tracks, David Canales' "Metal Show." The gallery's final show features sculptures incorporating metal and found objects, and photographs based on the sculptures. Canales, a Las Cruces transplant from L.A., will also exhibit custom-built game tables. Available for modest prices, everything included in the show is priced at \$300 or less. On his current work Canales said, "The principle idea I am working with is metal. I'm fascinated by the longevity of the material. Secondary to that solidity is the interplay of light and, third, there is a primary focus on balance, if not symmetry." "Metal Show" will remain on display through the end of the year.

West End Art Depot is located at 401 N. Mesilla St. Gallery hours are 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday and by appointment. For more information, call 312-9892 or visit www.we-ad.org.

NOPALITO'S GALERÍA presents Kate More's "The Tortugas Journey of Our Lady of Guadalupe," an exhibit of photographs from her research on the Tortugas Pueblo, as well as Norma Hartell's "La Vida de Un Agricultor (Life of a Farmer)," depicting the connection between farmers and their livestock. Both exhibits will remain on display through the end of December.

Nopalito's Galería is located at 326 S. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 4 to 7 p.m. Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 524-0003.

AA STUDIOS presents "New Paintings and Monotypes" by Las Cruces abstract artist Michael Pavao for the month of November. All Pavao's work for this show is new, and the small-format monotypes are dynamic and affordable. Pavao numbers, rather than titles, his work, incorporating the date of completion. Doing this avoids the preconceived imagery or meaning a formal title often suggests, and suggests an affinity with music and math, where form is counterbalanced by the space around the form. A feeling of improvisational jazz can be seen in Pavao's work. "New Paintings and Monotypes" will be open the second weekend of the month, as well as by appointment, through Jan. 2, 2016.

Aa Studios is located 2645 Doña Ana Road.



Meg G. Freyermuth's "Baldy's Flow" currently on display at Cottonwood Gallery, located inside Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St., through January.

Gallery hours are by appointment the second weekend of the month, 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 520-8752.

CAFÉ DE MESILLA presents "Art Demitasse," an exhibit by the Ten O'Clock Club. The "Tenners" meet monthly at 10 a.m. on the 10th day of each month to talk art; every other day of the week at 10 a.m., they think art or, most often, get involved with their media to create, work and play. "Art Demitasse," the last of the Tenners' 10th anniversary shows, will remain on display through December.

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

ONGOING

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

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

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

The suite of drawings "The Beggars of Venice" captures the many characters of the most present but often unnoticed residents of Venice,

Italy. Utilizing graphite and ink on paper, artist Ed Smith's images create a sense of historical continuity with the great artists Callot, Tintoretto, Tiepolo, Goya and Rembrandt. "The Beggars of Venice" will remain on display through Jan. 23, 2016.

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

CUTTER GALLERY presents "New Mexico Christmas" art show, featuring work from Molly Gamboa Barth, Nancy Frost Begin, Fred Hilton, Tom Gerend, Linda Gendall, Stephen Hansen, Carlitta Harvey, Robert Highsmith, Mark Hohnstreiter, Tracy Jamison, Suzanne Kane, Virginia Roach, Rosemary McLoughlin, Jo-an Smith, Mary Talamini, Dan Tapper, Dan Stouffer and Paula Voris. The show will remain on display through Jan. 5, 2016.

Cutter Gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 541-0658.

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

thology, art history references, or observations on friends, thus giving the work an allegorical quality. For this show, he draws inspiration from the Sand Hill Cranes and their flight. "Steel and Wings" will remain on display through Jan. 22, 2016.

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

ART OBSCURA GALLERY presents two exhibitions for the month of December: Jesse Reinhard's "Reflections" and Sam Ross' "Etiquette Unraveled," upstairs in the Tiny Room Gallery.

Jesse Reinhard received an MFA in printmaking from NMSU and has been active in the local art scene since arriving in Las Cruces in 2004. Along with Art Obscura, his artwork can often be found at the West End Art Depot and Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market. This is rumored to be Reinhard's last show in Las Cruces, as he is moving to the Dallas-Ft. Worth area at the end of the year to join a religious cult.

"Etiquette Unraveled" reveals artist Sam Ross' new paintings that vibrate with humor. This month-long display showcases his new work, along with limited edition T-shirts, prints and miniature paintings. "I've always been the jovial type and I love connecting with people through humor, which is what I primarily aim to achieve through this style," Ross said.

"Reflections" and "Etiquette Unraveled" will remain on display through January 2016.

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

COTTONWOOD GALLERY, inside Southwest Environmental Center, presents a new show of artwork by Las Cruces painter Meg G. Freyermuth. Freyermuth recently completed the first Artist-In-Residence program for the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, a program that supports public lands through art. An avid hiker, traveler and gardener since childhood, Freyermuth uses these experiences to display her passion for the environment through brightly colored, dramatic paintings and drawings of the United States' wilderness. Freyermuth's show will remain on display through the end of January 2016.

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

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY features two local artists for the month of December, Bert Gammill and Lori Shalett. Gammill is a mixed-media artist working in watercolor, oils, pastels and pencils, rendering realistic things that are close to her – horses, dogs, cats, friends and family. The gallery is also pleased to welcome its newest member, Mike Shalett, a basket-weaver. In addition, the gallery's 30 member artists offer work in many media.

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

ART ON EASELS GALLERY, located inside the

Community Enterprise Center, features nearly 50 works by members of the Las Cruces Arts Association. December's LCAA featured artist is Penny Duncklee. Duncklee is a longtime member of the LCAA and is a well-known watercolorist. A versatile artist, she draws on many inspirations to create her images, often instilling her sense of humor along the way.

The Community Enterprise Center is located at 125 N. Main St. Art on Easels Gallery is open from 5 to 7 p.m. during each First Friday Downtown Art Ramble, as well as during the Las Cruces Farmers & Craft Market on the first and third Saturdays of the month. For more information, visit www.lascrucesarts.com.

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

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

FIREBIRD RISING FINE ART GALLERY presents its grand opening celebration and exhibition "Union of Flames," a group show of local, national and international visual artists featuring Paul Neff, Lilith Love, Wes Naman, Chris Bardey, Jodie Herrera, Jef Bourgeois, Deret Roberts, Cody Jimenez, Michael Ponce, Praxis, David D. Sorensen, Stephanie Sweet, Maureen Bachaus and Michael C. Gutierrez. "Union of Flames" will remain on display through Jan. 3, 2016.

Firebird Rising Fine Art Gallery is located at 330 W. Mountain Ave. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday and by appointment. For more information, call 303-2434.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM presents in its north corridor "In a Nutshell: Growing Nuts in New Mexico," an exhibit centered on nuts grown here in the Land of Enchantment. Few crops are more diverse and individually tied culturally and economically to the various geographic areas of New Mexico's bountiful nut crops. Each of the state's top nuts – piñon, peanuts, pecans and pistachios – has its own story to tell about how and why it is grown and harvested. The exhibit covers everything from the definition of a nut to its health benefits. In between is a fascinating look at the history, research and uses as well as growing and harvesting techniques. "In a Nutshell" will remain on display through Sept. 25, 2016.

The museum presents in its arts corridor "Linda Hagen: Light Affects." New Mexico always has been renowned for the effects of its light and its attractiveness to artists. Light affects the way we view this beautiful state, and in this collection of paintings by Las Cruces artist Linda Hagen, she accepts the challenge of capturing light on canvas – on form, distance and color. A love of animals, the West and nature inspire Hagen's work. "Light Affects" will remain on display through April 3, 2016.

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

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

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

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students from Las Cruces Public Schools and Gadsden Independent School District in the center's first-floor corridor. The exhibit includes drawings, paintings, photography, etchings and more.

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

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Waiting for heaven to stoop down to Earth

We are awash in information whether useful or not. We share things on social media from breakfast to broken hearts. Our emotions compete with those of others, and they are in any case fleeting. One day's ire is another day's memory. We give in to rants. We are preoccupied, and if we pay attention to social media we find ourselves not entirely sure if this is "real life," perhaps even what "real life" is. How can we sense what is important against what is trivia in this situation? Either everything becomes important and we are frantic with activity and thought, or nothing becomes important and all is trivial, evanescent dust blown by the wind of the times.

Isn't it rather that important events in our lives are accompanied not by chatter and buzz but by silence, both outward and inner? Truly awesome experiences silence us because they bear such mystery to our lives that we cannot find words to describe them. We behold them; we do not just see them. A good



Gabriel Rochelle
Tales from the Cassock

word that: to behold is to gaze on something in wonder and, by so gazing, to see an inner meaning.

I don't rail against "commercial Christmas." It's not worth the effort. In northern climes especially where the festival really took root, people need a break from the cold and the barrenness around them. "In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan," begins the Christmas hymn written by Christina Rossetti and set to music by Gustav Holst. Other hymns echo the sentiment: quiet, silent, and pensive. We need to be lifted out of the seasonally affected depression that hits us. Did you ever notice that winter festivals seem to be more prevalent the farther north you travel?

It was probably neither so cold nor so

quiet when Jesus was born. Here we see travelers seeking refuge. They were not pilgrims so much as people dislocated by local events, and they sought out nothing more than a place to sleep on a journey. They probably traveled virtually unnoticed except by a few who would see a pregnant girl and wish safe rest for her.

Lots of information traveled by different channels: word of mouth, messenger, and village herald. Much of it was unimportant, just as much of ours is unimportant, noise to fill up the void that we find so often uncomfortable. Gossip to give us something to yammer about. Genuinely important news steals into our lives below words and in the silence. We miss it if we are not looking.

We try to wrap words around these silent mysteries; that's one function of ritual. We look for ways to contemplate, and contemplation always uses poetry and myth and symbol and sign. We are creatures who make signs to indicate what's important in our world. The

signs overlap and interplay with one another like a light show, and in the midst of the dazzle of images we may catch the inner meaning of the event. We behold it, at last.

A young woman betrothed to a husband, in the words of Orthodox hymnody, will deliver a child who will deliver her from the throes of death. He who is born in a cave is the creator of the world. He who created the waters enters into the water of baptism. Paradoxes abound to lead us to see the truth beyond logic.

Image and myth and poetry are the ways this truth gets to us: Through the heart that grasps the inner meaning of the images, the deep truth of myth.

What do you make of it? What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Fr. Gabriel Rochelle is pastor of St Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, Las Cruces. The parish web site is: www.stanthonylc.org.

Las Cruces residents sent joy to 10,500 children in need across the world

Thousands of children are experiencing the joy of Christmas, thanks to the Las Cruces community. Residents packed empty shoeboxes with small items like toys, school supplies and hygiene items for Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse that sends gifts to children living in difficult situations around the world.

Las Cruces volunteers and residents contributed to the Southwest New Mexico Operation Christmas Child Area Team collection of more than 10,500 shoebox gifts for the project this year, a record over last year's area collection of 5,752 gifts.

For those who missed National Collection Week, you can still get involved.

Through the Samaritan's Purse website, you can virtually "pack" a shoebox, allowing anyone with a computer or mobile device to provide a tangible gift to a child a world away.

At samaritanaspurse.org/buildonline, visitors can select a child's age and gender, shop through an online selection of culturally relevant gifts, and finish by uploading a photo and writing a note of encouragement to the child who will receive it. After the shoeboxes are packed and sent by the Operation Christmas Child team, participants can discover where in the world their gifts will be delivered. It is a convenient yet meaningful way to join in a project that brings hope to children in need.

The virtual-packing tool also offers participants the option to challenge friends to participate or the opportunity to share the gift of giving through a shoebox gift card.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to more than 124 million children in more than 150 countries and territories. In 2015, Operation Christmas Child hopes to deliver gifts to another 11 million children.

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call (303) 745-9179 or visit samaritanaspurse.org/occ.



THE BULLETIN NEEDS YOUR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

With the turn of the New Year, Religion Listings invites all of our contributors to look over your calendar entries and make any changes. It would be helpful if you updated your items and removed events or activities that are no longer happening. Please email your events and activities to one of the following email addresses: editor@lascrucesbulletin.com or susie@lascrucesbulletin.com. You also may drop off press releases at the Bulletin offices at 840 N. Telshor Ave., Suite E. Please include the day, date, time, location, contact information and a brief description of your event or activity. Thank you.

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary taps into clever adoption tactic

Business owner Wanda Bowman keeps giving in a unique way

By Susie Ouderkirk
Las Cruces Bulletin

Walking into Ashley Furniture Homestore in Las Cruces can be a pleasantly overwhelming visual experience. Inside the front doors is an elegant acre of colorful furnishings, in dozens of luxurious tableaux, depicting every room of a well-appointed home. Freshly-made beds entice visitors to “come hither.” Couches and lush recliners beckon coyly to weary shoppers. A glass fountain bubbles with charm over the Ashley logo. And Spike, a yellow pitbull-labrador mix greets guests with a handsome smile. Wait. What?

There’s a dog sitting next to that couch in Ashley Furniture Homestore. And cuddled comfortably on a suede settee is a tortoiseshell cat, sleepily eyeing customers. On each animal’s neck is a string collar with a tag of introduction. OK then.



PHOTOS BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK / LAS CRUCES BULLETIN

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary’s Spike demonstrates how your living room would look with him in it.

This cuddly cat is waiting for a forever home at Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary. His life-sized cutout adorns a couch at Ashley Furniture Homestore.



After the initial surprise, it becomes clear that these are not live animals, but well-made photographic cutouts. Each cutout de-

picts a real, live animal currently residing at Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary (SHAHS) and waiting for a forever home.

The clever idea was one of those “lightbulb” moments for Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary’s Volunteer Coordinator Tricia Quillen. She’d seen the tactic used in furniture stores in another state, and felt it was a valuable way to put orphan animals in touch with well-suited adopters.

“We can’t always take our adoptable animals to



Sam greets visitors to Ashley Furniture Homestore. Adoptable dogs and cats are brought to life with colorful cutouts throughout the store.

places where people who would be good adopters go,” Quillen said.

But what to do next? And how to pay for the project, which necessitates somewhat pricey printing? Quillen approached Wanda Bowman, the owner of Ashley Furniture Homestore, and pitched the idea. Bowman, an animal supporter and owner of two rescued Chihuahua mixes, immediately said yes.

Along with Better Life Natural Pet Foods, Ashley Furniture Home Store sponsors the unconventional idea in an effort to let shoppers see how

much cozier their homes would be with a dog or cat. Insta-Copy on the Downtown Mall does the printing of the lifelike images, which are placed strategically around the show room. They look surprisingly realistic; visitors may find themselves doing a double take when they spot an adorable dog or cat out of the corner of their eye. The clever campaign adds a touch of whimsy to the otherwise opulent furniture store; it becomes a game to search out and find all the animals dispersed throughout.

The ultimate goal, of

course, is to match up animal lovers with dogs or cats in need of a loving home. If a shopper should fall in love with one of the cutouts, the animal can be adopted from Safe Haven through the normal channels. As an added bonus, the cutout can be purchased from SHAHS for a nominal fee by the new owners. If the actual dog or cat has recently been adopted, the SHAHS staff are more than happy to facilitate a love connection with a similar animal.

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Las Cruces resident receives award for American flag presentation



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Maryann Castagno, center, receives a certificate from the Gadsden Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution on Dec. 18 for the patriotic manner in which she flies the American flag outside her home in Encantada Park in Las Cruces. The chapter presents the award annually to someone who flies the flag with pride and in accordance with the flag code, said chapter member and retired United States Navy Captain Walt Baker, right. Baker joined Chapter President Bob Northrup in presenting the award. At left is Castagno's son, Naval Reserve Commander Master Chief Jim Bungard.



Rep. Pacheco pre-files legislation to protect New Mexico families

Bill will require mandatory minimum sentences for certain violent crimes

Today, Rep. Paul Pacheco pre-filed legislation to help keep violent criminals off New Mexico streets and reduce the number of violent crimes in the state. The bill would require judges to order offenders who commit violent crimes to a minimum sentence.

“The public is calling upon New Mexico’s lawmakers and elected officials to address the violent criminals targeting the citizens and law enforcement officers of New Mexico,” Pacheco said. “Our primary duty as public servants is to ensure the safety of our communities. We all must work together to make certain that adequate penalties are imposed to keep violent criminals off our streets.”

Under this legislation, judges would be prohibited from suspending or deferring more than 15 percent of a criminal’s sentence if the individual is convicted of serious

violent offenses. Crimes that would trigger a mandatory minimum sentence include voluntary manslaughter, first degree kidnapping, assault or aggravated battery on a peace officer, and drive-by shooting.

“This bill is part of a larger strategy to reduce violent crime rates in our state. These are serious crimes, and those who commit them are dangerous people,” said Pacheco. “They should not be able to walk out of jail after serving just half a sentence.”

Pacheco is a retired police officer with more than 27 years of law enforcement experience.

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Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico provides new equipment to Boys & Girls Club

On Dec. 14, The Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces (BGCLC) unveiled its new Imagination Playground™, during the annual Family Holiday Celebration. The innovative play equipment was provided by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico and national non-profit KaBOOM!

Imagination Playground in a Cart™ features a collection of oversized blue foam parts that allows children to build and rebuild play structures with their imaginations. It helps develop healthy bodies, resilient and creative minds and social and emotional well-being. Architect David Rockwell designed Imagination Playground to encourage child-directed, unstructured free play.

This is the fourth Imagination Playground since 2013 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico has donated in conjunction with

KaBOOM! Through this partnership, more kids will have the play-filled childhood they deserve. BCBSNM supports KaBOOM! in making sure that all kids get the balanced and active play they need to thrive.

The Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces has been providing services to youth in Las Cruces since 1963. The Club provides daily programs that emphasize character and leadership development, education and career enhancement, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation. Serving youth ages 6-18, the Club provides a safe environment for youth to learn and grow; ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals; life-enhancing programs and character development experiences; and hope and opportunity.

Add in The Boys and Girls Club can be reached at 526-1519.



Kids from the Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces explore and enjoy the new foam play equipment donated by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico and the non-profit KaBOOM!

PHOTO PROVIDED



Students from Alameda Elementary School climb onto the bus after their last day of the 2015 school year on their way home to enjoy the holiday. Parents beware!

MIKE COOK / LAS CRUCES BULLETIN

Public school winter holiday in full swing

The Las Cruces Public School winter holiday for students began Dec. 19 and runs through Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016, said LCPS Chief Communications Officer Jo Galvan. Students in all grades will return to classes on Monday, Jan. 11.

Teachers return on Thursday, Jan. 7, for professional development workshops and to prepare for the second semester. The LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main Street, will be closed Dec. 19 through Jan. 3. The administrative offices will re-open on Monday, Jan. 4.

LEGAL NOTICES

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

Legal Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that on August 5, 2015, Royal Jones, 4263 Escondido Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-16062-POD1, OSE File Nos.: LRG-16061-1 and LRG-16062-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-16062-POD1 to a depth of 160 feet with a 6-inch casing, in a location within the NE¼ of projected Section 21, Township 23S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where $X=1,457,953.64$ ft., $Y=471,928$ ft. NMSP, Central Zone NAD83 on land owned by the applicant, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-09028, located on land owned by Robbie C. Kuykendall located within the NE¼ of projected Section 21, Township 23S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically located where $X=1,458,654$ ft., $Y=473,059.6$ ft. NMSP, Central Zone NAD83 for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 5.37 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE¼ of projected Section 21, Township 23S, Range 01E (NMPM) as described in Subfile Nos.: LRN-28-012-0028 and LRN-28-012-8001 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed well LRG-16062-POD1 will be located west of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 368 feet southeast of the intersection of Wagon Wheel Trail and N Fairacres Rd, Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-09028 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/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, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 12/25, 2015
01/01, 01/08, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 3, 2015 George Gonzalez, 140 Aries, Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-11863-POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Existing Water Right by Changing the Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-11863-POD1 and drilling new well LRG-11863-POD2 at approximately $X=1,459,838.02$ ft and $Y=468,680.7$ ft NMSP, NAD83 in the SW¼SW¼, Section 22, T23S, R01E, NMPM, to a depth of 120 feet with a 4-inch casing for the diversion of groundwater, combined with surface water from Elephant Butte Irrigation District in an amount to be determined by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial Court for the irrigation of up to 2.33 acres located in part of the SW¼ of said section 22 all on land owned by George Gonzalez. The proposed well is generally described as being southeast of the intersection of Scorpio and Aries Roads near North Fairacres road & Interstate-10 at the physical location off 140 Aries. The site for proposed well is described as being north of Las Cruces, south west of the intersection of Doña Ana and Hope Rd at the end of Hope Rd.

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Dates: 12/18, 12/25, 01/01, 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 16, 2015, David Salopek Farms, LLC, 1985 Salopek Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-16067-POD3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-16067-POD1 (also known as LRS02-0126), located within the NW¼ NW¼ NW¼ of projected Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 13' 41.39"N, 106° 44' 57.78"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 500 feet for 67/8 — inch casing, to be located within the NW¼ NW¼ NW¼ of said projected Section 16, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 13' 40.99"N, 106° 44' 58.06"W (WGS84) for the continued combined diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum from said replacement well and existing well LRG-16067-POD2 (also known as LRS02-0127), located within the NW¼ NW¼ of said projected Section 16, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 13' 41.12"N, 106° 44' 57.99"W (WGS84) for domestic multiple household purposes, as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-002-0090 Right B of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The replacement well is to be located south of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address of 715 Addington Road. Well LRG-16067-POD1 will be properly plugged. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22.

Dates: 12/25, 2015
01/01, 01/08, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 28, 2015, Robert E. and Tomi Ann La Pierre, 3421 N. Dona Ana Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88007-7326 filed application numbered LRG-6753-POD4, OSE File No. LRG-16055-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-15058-POD1 located at $X=1,470,744$ $Y=492,469$ ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by Michelle R. Duran and using replacement well LRG-6753-POD4 located at approximately $X=1,470,857.48$ $Y=493,065.2$ on land owned by the applicants for the continued diversion of an amount of water determined by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBID for irrigation of 1.71 acres of land owned by the applicants located within Pt. of the SW¼NW¼ of projected Sec 36, T22S, R01E, NMPM, as described by Subfile No.: LRN-28-008-0309-A (A) of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Replacement well LRG-6753-POD4 will be located north of Las Cruces, NM at the physical address of 235 San Ysidro Rd. Existing well LRG-15058-POD1 will be retained for other rights.

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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.

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NOTICE is hereby notified that the Doña Ana Sheriff's Office has seized the following vehicles and intends to proceed with forfeiture of each vehicle to the County of Doña Ana pursuant to DAC Ordinance #232-07 pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles related to DWI Offenses: The below listed vehicles and all its contents will be auctioned to the highest bidder at our upcoming auction set for the Month of APRIL 2016, the event location, 2821-B LAS VEGAS COURT, LAS CRUCES, NM.

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CHEVROLET PK
HEBREO MACIAS

writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 2015

NOTICE OF VEHICLE SEIZURE

TO REGISTERED OWNERS, SPRINGFIELD FINANCIAL SERVICES, TITLE MAX OF TX, NCP FINANCE, NM TITLE AND LOANS, LOAN MAX TITLE LOANS, SECURED PARTIES AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS:

1G6CD53BXP4305958
1993 WHITE CADILLAC
4-DOOR
MALCOM MOORE

1G2NF52E24C251752
2004 RED PONTIAC
4-DOOR
MARIA SALINAS

1FAPF53U0XA284127
1999 RED FORD PK
MIGUEL JUAREZ

2G4WS52J321277042
2002 WHITE BUICK
4-DOOR
BARBARA TELLEZ-RAMIREZ

1GNDU06E6TT118508
1996 MAROON
CHEVROLET VAN
MARIA HIDALGO

1G2NF52E83M511502
2003 GOLD PONTIAC
4-DOOR
JENNIFER MADDOX

1G2NF52E64M590931
2004 WHITE PONTIAC
4-DOOR
NICOLAS ASSURIUM

2G1FP22G3W2110665
1998 BLUE CHEVROLET
2-DOOR
CHRISTOPHER SMITH

1GCCS19531K116844
2001 BLUE CHEVROLET
PK
DENETTE HAMILTON

KM8JM12B36U301906
2006 WHITE HYUNDAI
SUV
GRACIELA CORTEZ

1FTCR14A2SPA67575
1995 BLUE FORD PK
ISAURA CASTILLO

4A3AA46G22E054576
2002 SILVER
MITSUBISHI 4-DOOR
ISABEL VILLA

1G4CW69B9G1434744
1986 BEIGE BUICK
4-DOOR
ELDA DOMINGUEZ

1W80HAK501478
1980 GREY
CHEVROLET 2-DOOR
MARTHA ALVAREZ

1GCCS1946R8208014
1994 GREEN
CHEVROLET PK
CECILIA ANGEL

1G3HN52K9W4825715
1998 WHITE
OLDSMOBILE 4 DOOR
ROSANNA PEREZ

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

Dates: 12/25, 2015
01/01, 2016

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

NO. CV 2015-24410
Mary W. Rosner

IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION OF
Susan Lee Quiñones,
FOR CHANGE
OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Susan Lee Quiñones, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from **Susan Lee Quiñones** to **Susie Lee Cooper**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Mary W. Rosner, District Judge, on the 4th day of February 2016, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., at the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(Seal)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Susan Lee Quiñones
Susan Lee Quiñones
5142 Northwind Rd
Las Cruces, NM 88007
(575) 636-7271

Dates: 12/18, 12/25, 2015

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

NO. PB-2015-00098

IN THE MATTER OF
MARY L. MCFARLAND,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary L. McFarland. All

persons having claims against the Estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned Personal Representative's attorney at the address listed below, or filed with the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 201 West Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. Dated this 19th day of October 2015.

/S/Deborah E. Figueroa
DEBORAH E. FIGUEROA

Submitted by:
HENNIGHAUSEN &
OLSEN, L.L.P.
/s/ Robert J. McCrea

Robert J. McCrea
Attorney for the
Personal Representative
P.O. Box 1415
Roswell, NM 88202-1415
(575) 624-2463 - telephone
(575) 624-2878 - facsimile

Dates: 12/18, 12/25, 2015

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

No. PB 2015-106
Judge Driggers

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
DONALD C. HENSLEY,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BEATRICE CHISMAR has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New



PUBLIC AUCTION

The City of Las Cruces (City) uses an online auction service to dispose of obsolete, unusable, or surplus equipment, furnishings, vehicles and supplies.

The public is invited to view and bid on items by accessing PublicSurplus.com through a link on the City's webpage las-cruces.org. All sales are final.

For more information, please contact the City of Las Cruces Property Transfer & Disposal Coordinator at 575-541-2683, 575-541-2590 or auction@las-cruces.org

Dates 1/2-12/25/15

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

Dates: 12/25, 2015
01/01/2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-00698

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR RBSGC MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-A, Plaintiff,

v.

JEFFREY S. DAVIS, HEIDI LEANNE SEELBACH, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JEFFREY S. DAVIS, IF ANY AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HEIDI LEANNE SEELBACH, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4955 Galina Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 18, BLOCK 18, LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPEMENT PHASE V-B, AMENDED, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 2, 1994, IN BOOK 18 PAGE(S) 27-30 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:00 AM on January 12, 2016**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for R BSGC Mortgage Loan

Trust 2007-A . Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for RBSGC Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-A was awarded a Judgment on August 14, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 171,552.28, with interest at the rate of 7.125 % per annum from March 7, 2014 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$22,637.85 .

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due . Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for RBSGC Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-A, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any .

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.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4955 Galina Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 18, BLOCK 18, LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPEMENT PHASE V-B, AMENDED, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 2, 1994, IN BOOK 18 PAGE(S) 27-30 OF PLAT RECORDS.

By: Margaret Lake,
Special Master
Pro Legal Services, LLC
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**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2014-02241

**WELLS FARGO BANK,
N.A., Plaintiff,**

v.

JUAN FLORES, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ES-

TATE OF JOHN S. FLORES, DECEASED; JANE DOE FLORES, the unknown spouse of Juan Flores; JANE DOE FLORES, the unknown spouse of John S. Flores; ABC CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND JANE DOES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1655 Country Club Cir, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 17 IN BLOCK NUMBERED A OF COUNTRY CLUB PARK SUBDIVISION NUMBER ONE (REVISED), LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID COUNTY CLUB PARK SUBDIVISION NUMBER ONE (REVISED), FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON APRIL 7, 1959 IN PLAT BOOK 8, FOLIO 44.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on January 14, 2016**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A . WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on September 22, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 94,943.53, with interest at the rate of 4.25 % per annum from July 21, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$1,956.75 .

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

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

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

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

By: Robert A. Doyle,
Special Master
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1 NM-14-629926-JUD
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**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2015-00863

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

v.

CLINT DELONG, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY; ALAN D. VASEY AND SHELLY J. VASEY, HUSBAND AND WIFE; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 112 Lytton Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 2, BLOCK 3, LOS NOGALES, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON

THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 21, 1980, IN BOOK 13 PAGE(S) 30-31 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on January 14, 2016**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted WELLS FARGO BANK, NA. WELLS FARGO BANK, NA was awarded a Judgment on August 20, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 288,591.20, with interest at the rate of 4.25 % per annum from July 27, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$5,746.13.

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

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

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

By: Robert A. Doyle,
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Case No.
D-307-DM 2015-01372
Judge: James T. Martin

**Michael J. Madrid,
Petitioner,**
v.

**Chi Porter Madrid,
Respondent.**

NOTICE OF SUIT

Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you.

The subject of this lawsuit is: Divorce

If you do not file a response or responsive pleading with the above-titled Court within 30 days after the third publication of this Notice the Court may enter a default judgment against you.

Michael J. Madrid
1244 Lewis St.
Las Cruces, NM 88001
575-993-4416

WITNESS the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge of the Third Judicial District court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 10th day of December, 2015.

CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT
BY: Mary E. Apodaca
DEPUTY

Dates: 12/18, 12/25, 2015
01/01, 2016

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

NO. D-307-CV-2015-00307

BEAL BANK AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHARTER BANK, PLAINTIFF,

v.

HENRY ROMERO JR AKA HENRY ROMERO, RACHEL P. ROMERO AKA RACHEL ROMERO, AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., A DEL-AWARE CORPORATION, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RACHEL P. ROMERO AKA RACHEL ROMERO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on **January 12, 2016 at 11:00 am**, outside the front entrance of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 West Picacho Avenue, Las Cru-

ces, NM 88005, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 7, Block A of COLLEGE HILL ANNEX, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico as shown on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of said County on October 22, 1952 and recorded in Book 7 at Page 30, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1307 Branson Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on June 8, 2015 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$55,250.72 plus interest from May 1, 2015 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.625% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Margaret Lake
Special Master
Pro Legal Services, LLC
201 Eubank Blvd. NE,
Suite A3
Albuquerque,
NM 87123
(505)715-3711

Dates: 12/18, 12/25, 01/01,
01/08, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-01924

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

v.

Robin R Tillett and John Doe Tillett, wife and husband; ABC Corporations I-X, XYZ Partnerships I-X, John Does I-X and Jane Does I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; Occupants of the Property, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 611 DYNE AVE, LAS CRUCES, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO BEING LOT 4, AND PART OF LOT 3, BLOCK L, COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES REPLAT NO. 1, FILED FEBRUARY 10,

1964, IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 14, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A PAINTED CROSS FOUND ON THE NORTH LINE OF DYNE AVENUE FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED BEING IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 4, BLOCK L, COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES REPLAT NO. 1, FILED FEBRUARY 10, 1964, IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 14, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS;

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND LEAVING THE NORTH LINE OF DYNE AVENUE, N.30° 02'00"W., 110.00 FEET TO A CROSS SET FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT BEING IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4, BLOCK L AND A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF A 5 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID 5 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT, N.59° 58'00"E., 107.00 FEET TO A PAINT MARK FOUND FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE LEAVING THE NORTH LINE OF SAID 5 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT, S.26° 23'30"E., 110.22 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND ON THE NORTH LINE OF DYNE AVENUE FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF DYNE AVENUE, S.59° 58'00"W., 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.2614 ACRE OF LAND, .

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on January 14, 2016**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted WELLS FARGO BANK, NA . WELLS FARGO BANK, NA was awarded a Judgment on May 18, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 166,895.24, with interest at the rate of 5.5 % per annum from April 28, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$6,653.78.

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

FARGO BANK, NA, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any .

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

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

By: Robert A. Doyle,
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-00630

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

LUIS F. MENDEZ, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LUIS F. MENDEZ (true name unknown); ELIZABETH MALDONADO, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELIZABETH MALDONADO (true name unknown); SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; and TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **January 6, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the 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 210 Franco Road, Anthony or Vado, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate

southeast of Vado, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in the NE1/4 of Section 32, T.25S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys as part of U.S.R.S. Tract 23- 22A2 and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at an iron rod set on the south line of Doña Ana County Road B-016 also known as Franco Road for the northeast corner of this tract, whence the section corner common to Sections 28, 29, 32 and 33, T.25S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Survey bears S.89 deg 57'30"E., a distance of 609.19 feet;

THENCE from the place of beginning and leaving Doña Ana County Road B-016 S. 0 deg 10'00"W., 176.09 feet to an iron rod set at the southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 89 deg 57'30" W., 200.53 feet to a point at an iron rod set in the center of a 30 foot wide road and utility easement for the southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE along the center of the road and utility easement N. 0 deg 10'00"E., 176.09 feet to the south line of Doña Ana County Road B-016 for the northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE along the county road S. 89 deg 57'30"E., 200.53 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.8106 acres of land more or less of which 0.0606 acres is contained within a 15 foot wide road and utility easement parallel and immediately adjacent to the westerly boundary, leaving a net area of 0.7500 acres of land more or less, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home permanently attached thereto, a 1998 Palm Harbor, VIN# PH0223579XU, 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 16, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$107,553.61 and the same bears interest at 3.875% per annum from November 17, 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: 12/11, 12/18, 12/25,
01/01, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-00441

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

PAUL M. MONTOYA AKA PAUL MARTIN MONTOYA AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PAUL M. MONTOYA AKA PAUL MARTIN MONTOYA, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 635 S Weinrich Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE WEST OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE N1/2 SW1/4 NW1/4 SE1/4 OF SECTION 20. T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A SHINER FOUND ON THE CENTERLINE OF WEINRICH ROAD FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT BEING IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE N1/2 SW 1/4 NW1/4 SE1/4 OF SECTION 20, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS:

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF WEINRICH

ROAD, S.00°05'31"W., 181.55 FEET TO A SHINER SET ON CENTERLINE OF SAID ROAD FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE LEAVING SAID ROAD, S.89°58'30"W., 253.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N.00°05'31``E., 181.55 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF A 33 FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF A 33 FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT. N.89°58'30"E.... 253.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.054 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO A 33 FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT BEING PARALLEL AND ADJACENT TO THE NORTH AND EAST BOUNDARY LINES. ALSO SUBJECT TO ANY OTHER EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

The sale is to begin at **11:45am on January 14, 2016**, at the main entrance of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. was awarded a Default Judgment on July 6, 2015 in the total amount of \$ 96,755.70 with interest at the rate of 5.875 % per annum from November 7, 2014 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$6,743.41. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

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

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00043

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

vs.

JESSE W. FORAND, NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendants,

SECOND NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1804 Beverly Place, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING PART OF LOT 11, BLOCK 12, UNIT NO. 5 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, FILED FEBRUARY 12, 1968, IN BOOK 10, PAGES 22-23, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT A NAIL SET ON THE EAST LINE OF BEVERLY PLACE FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, BEING IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 11, BLOCK 12,

UNIT NO. 5 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, FILED FEBRUARY 12, 1968, IN BOOK 10, PAGES 22- 23, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS;

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND LEAVING THE EAST LINE OF BEVERLY PLACE, N. 66°07'00" E., 116.00 FEET TO A NAIL SET FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT, BEING IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 11, BLOCK 12;

THENCE S. 32°00'00" E., 27.62 FEET TO A CROSS SET FOR AN ANGLE POINT OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S.05°36'05"E., 67.48 FEET TO A CROSS SET FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S. 67°14'11" W., 107.19 FEET TO A CROSS SET ON THE EAST LINE OF BEVERLY PLACE FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE AROUND THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 474.71 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 89.85 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 10°50'42" AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS N. 18°29'15" W., 89.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.241 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT A 5' UTILITY EASEMENT WEST OF AND PARALLEL TO THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE. ALSO SUBJECT TO ANY OTHER EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

INFORMATION IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS DESCRIPTION DERIVES FROM WARRANTY DEED FILED IN DEED BOOK 217, PAGE 16, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS. FIELD NOTES BY MOY SURVEYING INC., LICENSE # 5939

The sale is to begin at **11:45 a.m. on January 22, 2016**, outside the front entrance of the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A..

BOKF, N.A. was awarded in rem Judgment on August 6, 2015, in the principal sum of \$106,880.67, plus interest due on the Note through April 1, 2015, in the amount of \$4,987.78, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 4.00% per annum (\$11.71 per diem) until paid, plus late charges of \$160.98, plus escrow advances for property taxes in the amount of \$857.58, plus hazard insurance in the amount of \$666.95, plus FHA/HUD premiums in the amount of \$482.08 plus property pres-

ervation of \$465.00, plus differed loan modification in the amount of \$6,879.04, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through July 15, 2015, in the amount of \$1,500.00 and costs through July 15, 2015, in the amount of \$1,271.43, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 4.00% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

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

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

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani
Faisal Sukhyani
Special Master
c/o 5120 San Francisco
Road NE
Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87109
(505) 858-3303

Dates: 12/25, 2015
01/01, 01/08, 01/15, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO DOÑA ANA COUNTY THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB-2015-00086

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EDNA MAE DORSEY, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **ALISIA MARIE DORSEY, a/k/a ALISIA DORSEY DARNOLD** has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims-against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New, Mexico 88005.

DATED: December 9, 2015.

ALISIA MARIE DORSEY,
a/k/a ALISIA DORSEY DARNOLD
P.O. Box 933
Mesilla Park,
New Mexico 88047

Prepared by:
ALAN D. GLUTH

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Gluth Law, LLC
2455 East Missouri,
Suite A
Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88001
Telephone: (575) 556-8449
Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

Dates: 12/18, 12/25, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO DOÑA ANA COUNTY THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Cause No:
D-307-CV-2015-01838

JOSEPH A. SARTHORY
Plaintiff,

v.

JEFFREY D. SCOTT,
Defendant.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

**TO DEFENDANT:
JEFFREY D. SCOTT**

You are hereby notified that Joseph A. Sarthory, the above-named Plaintiff, has filed a civil action against you in the above entitled court and cause alleging Breach of Contract and Debt and Money Due. The Plaintiff is represented by an attorney and his name is:

Watson Smith, LLC
Matthew G. Watson, Esq.
1100 S. Main St., Ste. 21
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Tel. (575) 528-0500

The cause of action does not involve real property.

You are further notified that unless you enter an answer in said cause within thirty days after the last publication of this notice, a judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully submitted,
WATSON SMITH, L.L.C.
/s/ Matthew G. Watson
Matthew G. Watson
Attorney for Plaintiff
1100 S. Main St., Ste. 21
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Tel. (575) 528-0500
Fax (575) 526-9094

Dates: 12/18, 12/25, 01/01,
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**Stull Storage Units 2
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Las Cruces, NM 88001**

James Carrillo
1782 Augustus
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit(s) **46** at Stull Storage Units #2, will be **SOLD AT AUCTION** to Satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$430.00**, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of:
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Date of Auction:
January 19, 2016 at 10 a.m.
Place:

Stull Storage Units,
960 S. Triviz Dr.,
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 - Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(575)525-2927

Dates: 12/18, 12/25, 2015

**Stull Storage Units 2
960 South Triviz Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

Cornelio Carrillo Jr.
2470 E. Idaho Apt. C
Las Cruces, NM 88001

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The contents of the unit consists of:
Dresser, Stereo,
2 wheel chairs, misc.

Date of Auction:
January 19, 2016 at 10 a.m.
Place:

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960 S. Triviz Dr.,
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Stull Storage #2 - Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(575)525-2927

Dates: 12/18, 12/25, 2015

**Stull Storage Units 2
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Danny Oxford
Dona Ana County Detention
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1850 Copper Loop, Inmate
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The contents of the unit consists of:
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Lights, Tire, Clothes, Misc.

Date of Auction:
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Place:

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960 S. Triviz Dr.,
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Dates: 12/18, 12/25, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2013-02644

**WELLS FARGO BANK,
N.A., Plaintiff,**

v.

**UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA BY AND
THROUGH THE SECRETARY
OF HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF**

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TION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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**THE STATE OF
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COUNTY OF
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No.: D-307-CV-2015-00938

**MATRIX FINANCIAL
SERVICES CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**RALPH A. MONTANO
AND JANE DOE MONTANO,
HUSBAND AND WIFE;
ELSIE MONTANO, IF DECEASED,
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF
ELSIE MONTANO, DECEASED;
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,
INC.; CREVECOP
MORTGAGE, INC.; OCCUPANTS
OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
to Defendants, The Unknown Heirs of Elsie Montano, deceased:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION 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 1753 Palo Verde Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 12 IN BLOCK NUMBERED O OF COUNTRY CLUB PARK NUMBER 6, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID COUNTRY CLUB PARK NUMBER 6, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON OCTOBER 10, 1966 IN PLAT BOOK 10, FOLIO 1.

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

McCARTHY &
HOLTHUS, LLP

By: /s/ Catherine Sanchez
Jeannette M. Whittaker
Catherine Sanchez

6501 Eagle Rock NE,
Suite A-3
Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87113
Telephone No.:
(855) 809-3977
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 12/11, 12/18, 12/25,
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**THE STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2015-00873

**BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL
BANKING ASSOCIATION
D/B/A BANK OF
OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR
IN INTEREST BY MERGER
TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE,
N.A., Plaintiff,**

v.

**DANDY IVEY AND
JOHN DOE IVEY, WIFE
AND HUSBAND; 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 1122 Gardner Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 28, BLOCK C, COLLEGE HILL SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON APRIL 12, 1950, IN BOOK 7 PAGE(S) 7 OF PLAT RECORDS .

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on January 14, 2016**, at the main entrance of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A. . BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on September 25, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 116,156.75, with interest at the rate of 6.00% per annum from August 1, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$3,169.65 .

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 . BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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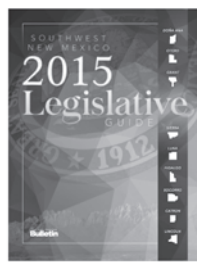
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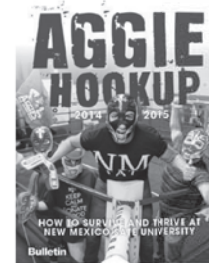
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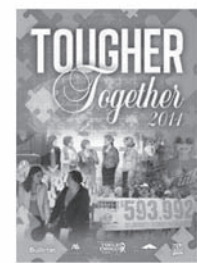
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Memorial Medical Center opens 1st ACE Unit in the region

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Memorial Medical Center celebrated the ribbon cutting and grand opening of their new ACE (Acute Care for the Elderly) Unit on Thursday, Dec. 17.

An ACE Unit is a specialized hospital unit that addresses the special needs of elderly, frail patients and those with dementia or severe disabilities. The Unit and staff are fully trained and equipped to provide all services that are provided on general medicine units of the hospital, and more.

In addition to this basic level of service, there are several specialized services aimed at the elderly patient population. The nursing and ancillary staff on the ACE Unit are in tune with the needs of this frail population and are aware of the higher level of morbidity and social issues they may have.

“Our community is home to a large population of retirees,” said John Harris, Memorial CEO. “We recognize the need to serve an aging population. They have unique needs and challenges when they become hospitalized. With the special care we provide in our ACE Unit, we have a better opportunity to send these patients home without any deterioration to their overall condition. We are very proud to offer this unique and much-needed level of care to these special patients.”

Elderly patients with a variety of health challenges can deteriorate during hospitalization. In addition to delivering expert geriatric acute medical care, the staff of the ACE Unit focuses on several additional core health components such



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Amanda Noriega, RN, ACE Unit clinical manager and Dr. Roberto Duran, III hold the scissors and share cutting duties as John Harris, Memorial Medical Center CEO, shows off the certificate. They are joined by Chamber of Commerce Conquistadors at the new Acute Care for the Elderly (ACE) Unit ribbon cutting on the fifth floor of Memorial Medical Center.

as maximizing functional status, identifying cognitive impairment and affective disorders, and identifying and addressing social issues. The ACE Unit begins discharge planning on the day of admission.

The new 18-bed ACE Unit is located on the fifth floor in the Memorial tower. It is a secure unit; meaning entry and exit are controlled. Patients who are able are encouraged to eat and socialize in a special dining area in the Unit. Patients can be referred by their physician or through a nursing home.

Dr. Roberto Duran III, who has a private practice in internal and geriatric medicine in Las Cruces, is the Medical Director for the ACE Unit. Each ACE Unit patient has a full team of caregivers which include a physician team, nurses, ancillary care staff, a social worker and physical therapist, with plans to include an occupational therapist. To ensure the patient's psychological well-being and to accentuate coping skills with illness, recreational therapy and pastoral care are available for consultation.

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Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine wins gold award

The Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine at New Mexico State University (BCOM), a new Osteopathic Medicine School scheduled to open in August 2016, won a gold award for its electronic newsletter series by the Higher Education Marketing Report, the most widely read publication for education marketers.

Twenty higher education institutions received awards ranging from Award of Merit, to Bronze, Silver and Gold. BCOM was honored to receive a gold

award alongside an established institution in the University of Oklahoma.

“This is a huge honor for a brand new medical school,” said John L. Hummer, President of BCOM. “We know the marketing we are doing is working, because we have a waiting list for our inaugural class. It is the quality of BCOM’s team members, accepted students and the reality of our mission which is reflected in our communications. Receiving this honor from the leading educational marketing organization,

only validates we are on the right track.”

The newsletter series was created by The Lawlor Group, one of the country’s leading educational institution marketing firms. Assisting them in providing content was BCOM’s Assistant Dean for Multi-Cultural Affairs Justin McHorse. The newsletter is being sent to 3,000 people, with an open rate of 60 percent, which far exceeds the national average of 15 to 20 percent. For more information on the award, go to <http://educationdigitalmarketingawards.com/about/>.

New Mexico Chapter of Alzheimer's Association receives \$350M increase in funding for 2016

The Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter is delighted to share the news delivered by their parent organization, that a \$350 million increase for Alzheimer's disease research funding in the FY2016 budget, was signed into law on Friday by President Barack Obama.

"This a truly historic development for our cause, and news of this increase in research funding gives us a much-needed ray of hope for the future," said Gary

L.J. Girón, Executive Director, Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter.

Currently, 36,000 New Mexicans suffer from Alzheimer's disease, and are being supported by 106,000 unpaid family caregivers. "We applaud our national organization for their achievement in helping to make this landmark legislation a reality," Girón added.

A report from the Alzheimer's Association, based

on an economic model created by an independent research firm, projects that Medicare spending on people with Alzheimer's disease will more than quadruple in just over a generation to \$589 billion annually in 2050. This analysis showed that a treatment delaying the onset of Alzheimer's by just five years would save Medicare \$345 billion in the first 10 years alone.

Alzheimer's disease is the only cause of death among the nation's top 10 that cannot be prevented.

Don't overlook the benefits of reading

FROM METRO

Many people are avid readers, feeling that a good book remains the most entertaining form of escapism. But reading provides more than just an opportunity to leave the daily grind behind.

- Reading can improve brain function. A recent study from researchers at Emory University discovered that reading a novel can improve brain function in various ways. During the study, researchers found that reading fiction improves connectivity in the brain. In addition, reading fiction improved readers' ability to put themselves in other peoples' shoes, which might help them relate better to people in both the present and future.

- Reading can benefit long-term brain health. While readers engrossed in a great book might only be worried about what's coming on the next page, the benefits to reading are much more long-term than the next chapter. Researchers at the Rush University Medical Center in Chicago found that reading is one of a handful of mentally stimulating activities that can benefit brain health in old age. In their Rush Memory and Aging Project, researchers examined nearly 300 elderly men and women, giving them tests of memory and thinking throughout the final years of their lives. When participants, who were surveyed as to how often they engaged in mentally stimulating activities such as reading, passed away, their brains were ex-

amined for signs of Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Researchers discovered that the participants who engaged in mentally challenging activities most often had slower rates of memory decline. In addition, even those who had symptoms of brain damage that are commonly associated with Alzheimer's and dementia seemed to benefit from the stimulation that mentally challenging activities produced.

- Reading can help reduce stress. Another big benefit of reading is its relationship to stress. According to a 2009 study from researchers at the University of Sussex in England, reading can reduce stress by up to 68 percent. In addition, reading might help relieve that stress even faster than other forms of stress relief because it allows for a more immediate escape from the stress of daily life.

- Reading can help you get a more restful night's sleep. According to the National Sleep Foundation, engaging in a calming activity for an hour before going to bed can help your body wind down and ready itself for sleep. Some people may struggle to fall asleep after reading on an electronic device, such as a tablet or e-reader, as the light that emanates from such devices may be activating the brain. If need be, stick to reading traditional print books and magazines before going to bed.

Reading is not only a favorite activity for many people, but it's also something that can benefit the body in myriad ways.

Know these tips before getting sick or injured while traveling

According to AAA, nearly 99 million Americans are traveling this holiday season, and about 20 percent of people suffer some type of illness or injury while on vacation, with the most common ailments including food poisoning, car crashes or skiing accidents. Here are some important tips to help make sure they have their health, safety and wallet covered while away.

- Know Before You Go: Before traveling out of your home state or internationally, take time to review your health plan and understand what it covers. People traveling domestically should check if their health plan offers a national or local network of hospitals and health care providers, and confirm what level of coverage is available at out-of-network facilities.

- Find Care Anywhere: Many health plans now offer telemedicine and free mobile apps to support their customers' health needs. The Health4Me app, available to anyone free of charge on iPhone or Android devices, enables users to identify nearby health care providers, hospitals, pharmacies and urgent

care facilities, as well as to compare quality and cost information for common medical services.

- Protection Abroad: People can help alleviate financial and quality of care anxiety with international medical coverage. Global insurance companies can also provide foreign language translation, know where to direct you for treatment, and can work with local health care providers to coordinate and monitor care. Also, most domestic insurance won't cover prescriptions abroad, so for long vacations ask your care provider for enough medication to cover the duration of the trip (as well as check that specific medications are legal in the countries on the travel itinerary).

- Get Your Credit: Even

with international coverage, carry an extra credit card with a large limit to use for medical expenses. Foreign hospitals will typically want upfront payment, rather than billing the health plan. Get clear and complete copies of all bills and discharge notes for reimbursement from your health plan.

- Be A Savvy Senior: Original Medicare in nearly all cases applies to the United States only and does not extend overseas or even across the border (other than in cases in the Northern U.S. where the nearest hospital is in Canada). Some Medicare Advantage and Medicare supplement plans offer worldwide emergency coverage for foreign travel, although some have restrictions and a lifetime limit.

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Donna
Shar-Pei/Labrador X
Cream/White
~10 yrs old
Female

Meet the beautiful Donna! She would love nothing more than to be cuddled up next to you! Give this golden girl a chance at her forever home and come meet her today. This beautiful girl has been at our shelter for 2 months.

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Healthy Happenings



Happy New Year from Healthy Happenings! With the turn of the New Year, Healthy Happenings invites all of our contributors to look over your calendar entries and make any changes. It would be helpful if you updated your items and removed events or activities that are no longer happening. Please email your events and activities to one of the following email addresses: editor@lascrucesbulletin.com or susie@lascrucesbulletin.com. You also may drop off press releases at the Bulletin offices at 840 N. Telshor Ave., Suite E. Please include the day, date, time, location, contact information and a brief description of your event or activity. Thank you!

Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center has new winter hours

The City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department will have new hours at the Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave., beginning Jan. 2, 2016, and ending March 27. The new hours of operation for Monday through Friday will be: Fitness session from 6 to 9:30 a.m.; group session from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; open swim session from 2 to 6 p.m.; and Parks & Recreation programs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

New Saturday hours will be: Fitness session from 8 to 11 a.m., and open swim sessions from noon to 3:30 p.m. and from 4 to 7:30 p.m. The center will be closed on Sunday.

The new hours of operation for the upstairs fitness area at the center are: Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and closed on Sunday.

For more information, call The Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center at 541-2782.

Zumba Toning Class added, focuses on specific muscle groups

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will add an additional Zumba Toning class at the

Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave., beginning Jan. 5. The new class will take place every Tuesday from 5 to 5:50 p.m.

Zumba Toning adds resistance by using Zumba Toning Sticks (or light weights) and helps you focus on specific muscle groups, so you stay engaged! The toning sticks enhance your sense of rhythm and coordination, while toning target zones, including arms, your core and lower body.

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Free course in Spanish presented for Alzheimer's families, caregivers

“Cuidando con Respeto” is a free course presented in Spanish for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. It provides much of the same helpful information as the popular “Savvy Caregiver” Program. It will be presented as a two-day course in two, 4-hour sessions. The following options are available: Tuesday, Jan. 12 and 19, from 1 to 5 p.m. or Thursday, Jan. 14 and 21, from 1 to 5 p.m. All classes will be held at the Southern Area Health Education Center, 4003 Geothermal Dr. To register or for more information, please contact Alma Gross, 646-3061 or algross@nmsu.edu.

Breast Cancer Support Group meets in January

The Breast Cancer Support Group of the Community Foundation will not meet this month. The next meeting is Saturday, Jan 23, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor, Annex Bldg. (located on the west side of the main entrance.) Meetings are free, no registration is required and they are open to all who are interested in health and wellness. For information, call 524 4373.

New Mexico launches behavioral health and veterans online portals

The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) and New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) have launched new online portals that will act as “one-stop shops” to help people find and navigate the behavioral health-related and veterans services available to them.

The new Network of Care for Behavioral Health and Network of Care for Veterans, Service Members and Their Families portals streamline access to behavioral health-related and veterans services, providing a single place for information and resources for individuals, families, agencies and providers.

Available online at newmexico.networkofcare.org/mh/, Network of Care for Behavioral Health provides a comprehensive directory of services and information for individuals and their families seeking to address depression, substance abuse and other behavioral health-related issues. Services include contact information for and access to addiction treatment and recovery; education and employment resources, child, adolescent and family services; legal and medical providers; and more. The portal also provides access to the latest news about behavioral health-related conditions, treatments and other valuable information.

Vital Records Office hours for birth, death certificates

The Vital Records Office at the Las Cruces Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive, is available for registering and acquiring birth or death certificates Monday through Wednesday, from 8 to 11 a.m. and from 12:15 to 4 p.m., and Thursday and Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. Clients are encouraged to call ahead to ensure the office is open before making a visit: 528-5001.

PET OF THE WEEK

Donna is about 10 years old and wants to come home with you

Meet the beautiful Donna! She swears the incredibly and talented Ritchie Valens's song “Donna” is about her. Donna, of course, is a big fan of the oldies and would love nothing more than to be cuddled up next to you listening to Ritchie Valens. Give this golden girl a chance at her forever home and come meet her today. This girl has been at our shelter for two months. Donna is a cream-and-white female, about 10 years old. The shelter hours are Monday through Friday, from noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m. For information, call 382-0018.



PET BRIEFS

To all of our contributors to Pet Briefs: Thank you for a great year in 2015! Pet Briefs invites all of our contributors to look over your calendar entries and make any changes or additions. It would be helpful if you updated your items and removed events or activities that are no longer happening. Please email your events and activities to one of the following email addresses: editor@lascrucesbulletin.com or susie@lascrucesbulletin.com. You also may drop off press releases at the Bulletin offices at 840 N. Telshor Ave., Suite E. Please include the day, date, time, location, contact information and a brief description of your event or activity.

