



Navy chooses Nevada over Las Cruces for flight training

By Alta LeCompte
Las Cruces Bulletin

The outlook for winter 2016 is quiet skies over Las Cruces.

Navy flyers from Corpus Christi will not be training here from January to March as they sometimes do, Lt. Liz Feaster of the Navy public information office said Dec. 1. Feaster said Training Wing Four will winter in Nevada.

Student aviators and their instructors, however, were in Las Cruces during the summer of 2015. It was the 12th time since 2001 that student aviators with Training Air Wing Four, from Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, came to the City of the Crosses.

Scott Andre, president of Francis Aviation, fixed-base operator (FBO) at the Las Cruces and Santa Teresa airports, said the Navy's presence pumps \$1 million into the local economy.

Although training detachments last only a few months, they provide a boost in revenue for the city and for busi-

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Mesilla Christmas tree lighting

Town of Mesilla Mayor Nora Barraza lit the Mesilla Christmas tree on the historic plaza shortly after 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4, officially bringing the holiday season to one of the most popular tourism and shopping destinations in southern New Mexico. The Zia Middle School Chamber Choir performed during the ceremony. In her speech before lighting the tree, Barraza said, "In the season of hope, let's help those who need it most." The tree will be decorated with ornaments created by students from Mesilla Elementary. Mesilla businesses will have extended hours for late shopping.

Football teams honor lost coach

By Susie Ouderkirk
Las Cruces Bulletin

All of southern New Mexico honored Coach Roger Grays on Saturday, Dec. 5 in a very real way. The Organ mountains stood strong, ornamented with a lush skirt of green, a testament to the abundant summer rain. The sky was that glorious (exclusively) New Mexican blue, and the Field of Dreams was a cross hatch of emerald and white. The stadium was blanket-ed in orange and crimson garb and ablaze with flashes of sunlight sparking off the instruments of the Centennial and Artesia High School bands. Music filled the stadium like a melodious fog, and cheering rumbled through the stands.

Of course one thing was missing. Roger Grays. Or, as he's known to so many, Coach Rog.



Coach Roger Grays died from injuries sustained in an auto accident five days before the Centennial Hawks went to the 5A state championships.

But all of southern New Mexico came together that day to compete, to move and run and throw and catch and cheer and to support each other and to show solidarity for a man who could have been our father, our brother, our son, our friend.

And the people who came to the game, the Class 5A New Mexico

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Transit pro to lead rural bus service venture

David J. Armijo has been brought on board by the South Central Transit District to be the executive director of a new bus service that will connect rural communities in Doña Ana County to the City of Las Cruces. Service could begin as early as next month.

A native of Las Cruces, Armijo has more than 23 years of experience in managing transit systems in New Mexico, Florida, Texas and California. Most recently, he was general manager of California's third-largest transit agency – the Alameda/Contra Costa Transit District – which operates 600 buses in four operating divisions, with more than 2,000 employees.

Returning to southern New Mexico, Armijo – whose first day on the

job was Wednesday, Dec. 2 -- takes the reins of what is essentially a start-up system with five buses operating on routes that will connect the City of Las Cruces to the City of Sunland Park, Chaparral and Anthony. Additional service to the Village of Hatch is contemplated in the future.

The South Central Council of Governments is the fiscal agent for the South Central Transit District, with funding from Doña Ana County, the City of Las Cruces, the Village of Hatch, and some towns in Sierra County.



South Central Transit Authority Executive Director David J. Armijo

Additional funding will come from rider fares and advertising on the buses. Fares for the service will be \$1 per ride, regardless of whether a rider has to transfer from one bus to another to reach the desired destination.

Armijo also has served as the chief executive officer of the Hillsborough Regional Transit Authority in Tampa, Florida, director of transit services for the Dallas Area Rapid Transit District, general manager of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, director of opera-

tions for the Orange County Transportation Authority and director of transit and aviation for the City of Santa Fe. He holds a bachelor's degree in public administration and a master's degree in public policy, both from California State University in San Diego. He is a past president of the New Mexico Transit Association.

"We are fortunate beyond measure to have a person like David Armijo to lead this critical component of public transportation here in southern New Mexico," said South Central Regional Transit District Chairman Wayne D. Hancock. "His desire to come home to his roots, combined with his extensive experience and impressive skill set, set this system on a firm foundation for a successful launch and a sustainable future."

Sheriff slates Citizens' Academy

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18 pints gleaned from Dec. 4 drive

Eighteen people gave the gift of life Friday at the Doña Ana County Government Center, where the annual holiday blood drive took place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"We were a little slower this year than in years past," said organizer Janine Divyak. "Even so, we appreciate all those who took the time and effort to donate. We'll have another opportunity coming up in the spring."

Doña Ana County routinely partners with United Blood Services for blood drives in the rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center. Since 2001, when the blood-drive initiative began, more than 1,000 pints have been donated.

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Arrest leads to tug of war over jail

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What started with the arrest of the director of the Doña Ana County Detention Center for fraud transformed into a tug of war about who actually controls the jail.

More clarification could come Friday, Dec. 18 in a 4 p.m. hearing before Third Judicial District Court Judge Manuel Arrieta.

On Tuesday, Dec. 8, the Doña Ana County Sheriff's office arrested Christopher Barela, the detention center's director, and Sheriff Enrique Vigil took control of the center.

Later in the day, though, after the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners met, the board obtained a temporary restraining order from Judge Arrieta to remove Vigil from control of the jail. County Manager

Julia Brown gave the order to Vigil who turned over control to the county.

The county and sheriff's offices are now scheduled to appear before Arrieta.

In its petition filed with the court, Doña 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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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

A modern La Posada: a story of hope

Project Dignity to help homeless

Among the most beautiful and meaningful Christmas traditions in New Mexico are those handed down from Spain and Mexico.

One such tradition is La Posada, the re-enactment of Joseph and Mary's journey for lodging to find a safe haven for the birth of the Christ child. We all know the story by now. Mary, great with child, and Joseph trudged from village to village through the night, hearing, "Sorry, no room, we can't take you. You must move on."

The scene is replayed on stages all across New Mexico at Christmas-time.

Unfortunately, the scene is also replayed in real life every day in New Mexico and across America, as homeless

citizens seek shelter and comfort. Mostly they are told: "You must move on."

In Las Cruces, however, thanks to a passionate volunteer spirit, many dedicated people and the ceaseless generosity of the people who live here, the homeless are treated not as a nuisance, but the way they should be treated: as human beings.

The Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, a campus of facilities in the 900 block of West Amador Avenue, offers a respite for the homeless and hungry in many ways, as different entities combine to provide services. Camp Hope, a shelter camp made mostly of tents, provides temporary housing.

Everyone's goal is for the clients of the Com-

munity of Hope to find a better way of life, including helping them find work and move on to permanent housing.

In the meantime, while life is better through the assistance of these facilities, it is far from ideal, or even good.

As an example, there is one indoor shower, available only 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are four porta-potties outside. There's an additional outdoor cold water sink. That complicates things if you're a client trying to clean up to go to a job, or a job interview, or just to feel better about yourself.

Sam Holt, who moved to Las Cruces in 1963 and owned two cab companies — Checker Cab and Las Cruces Cab Co. — displayed, especially in retirement, a great

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heart for the homeless.

Holt, a World War II and Korean War veteran, passed away in early 2015.

His son, Matt Holt, who teaches at New Mexico State University, and daughter, Julie Wilson of Burleson, Texas, wanted to create a legacy honoring their father's passion.

Out of this grew Project Dignity, which envisions the creation of permanent bathrooms at Camp Hope. It will be a 20x40 structure housing a men's and women's bathroom, each containing a shower, two toilets and two sinks.

The project, originally priced at roughly \$110,000, has dropped to \$65,000 thanks to incredibly generous donations of work from two local contractors, Randy Farmer and Barry Prahel. Matt Holt and his sister have made another incredibly generous commitment: They will match up to \$30,000 in donations. If someone were to write a check for \$30,000 — as Matt hopefully suggested — \$30,000 plus \$30,000 equals \$60,000 and the project is done.

Probably not that simple, but work will proceed nonetheless.

Groundbreaking will likely take place in January, and the design of the project will allow build-as-you go construction.

Contributors may write a check to Mesilla Valley Community of Hope and put "Project Dignity" in the annotation.

"There is no 'typical' person out there," Matt said. "This is a diverse group of people who, by and large, are good at taking care of each other. But each has their own story. They are just like you and me. They want to love and be loved."

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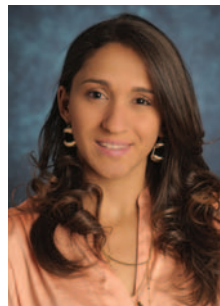
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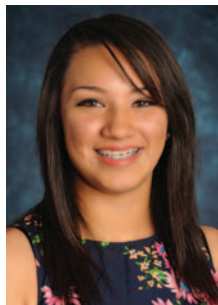
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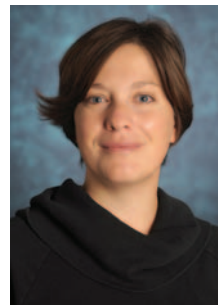
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Free college or free students from college?

One of the talking points for politicians is free college for students. They reason that preschool to high school graduation in public education is free, why not college? It is not free, someone else pays.

Perhaps we should

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



debate the aim of our education system. Thomas Jefferson wrote education had two aims,

“The laboring and the learned. Few students had the ability to be (academically) learned but our country always needs educated labor.”

In today’s world, our public schools push all students to attend college. In 1968 it was not

my intention to attend college. My grandmother Frieda wanted me to go, so I went.

In 1917 she earned a master’s degree from Western New Mexico University in Silver City. It was then New Mexico State Teachers College. She had come to New Mexico in 1908 from upstate New York to be a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse in Three Rivers. Later she taught in White Oaks.

Of her children, only my uncle went to college. He received a degree in electrical engineering in 1952 after serving in the Navy during WWII. I went to New Mexico State University in 1968 reluctantly since I already was a fine photographer. My father taught at the Air Force School of Photography. I thought I had all of the education I needed.

But my grandmother saw something in me that a college education made better. Ultimately

I earned a Ph.D. in educational administration with a focus on distance education. But I could have just been a photographer and writer. Life is a funny old dog when it comes to what we set out to do and what happens.

America was built by artisans and laborers. Two of my great-grandparents came to America to work on the railroads, one from Sweden and the other from Ireland. My grandmother Frieda’s husband was a railroad engineer in steam locomotives.

He only went through the fourth grade but could fix almost anything. Today some are saying just the academics really matter. Tell that to someone with an overflowing toilet.

In Junior High I took six semesters of shop covering tools, wood, metal, electrical, automotive, and home building during those three years. It was outstanding. I am handy enough

to handle most things and experienced enough to know when things need to be fixed by someone who really knows what they are doing.

We will always need handy people in our society. Everything will break, we just do not know when. Instead of pushing every student to college, we should smile on all education, be it academic or mechanical.

The movement for free college really is because colleges in the last 20 years have increased the tuition and fees many times the inflation rate. I went to New Mexico State University 20 years ago for my Ph.D. The tuition and fees were about \$600 a semester.

Currently at NMSU it is nearly \$4,000 a semester so that either parents must pay the cost or the students incur a lot of debt. The stu-

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Fighters!

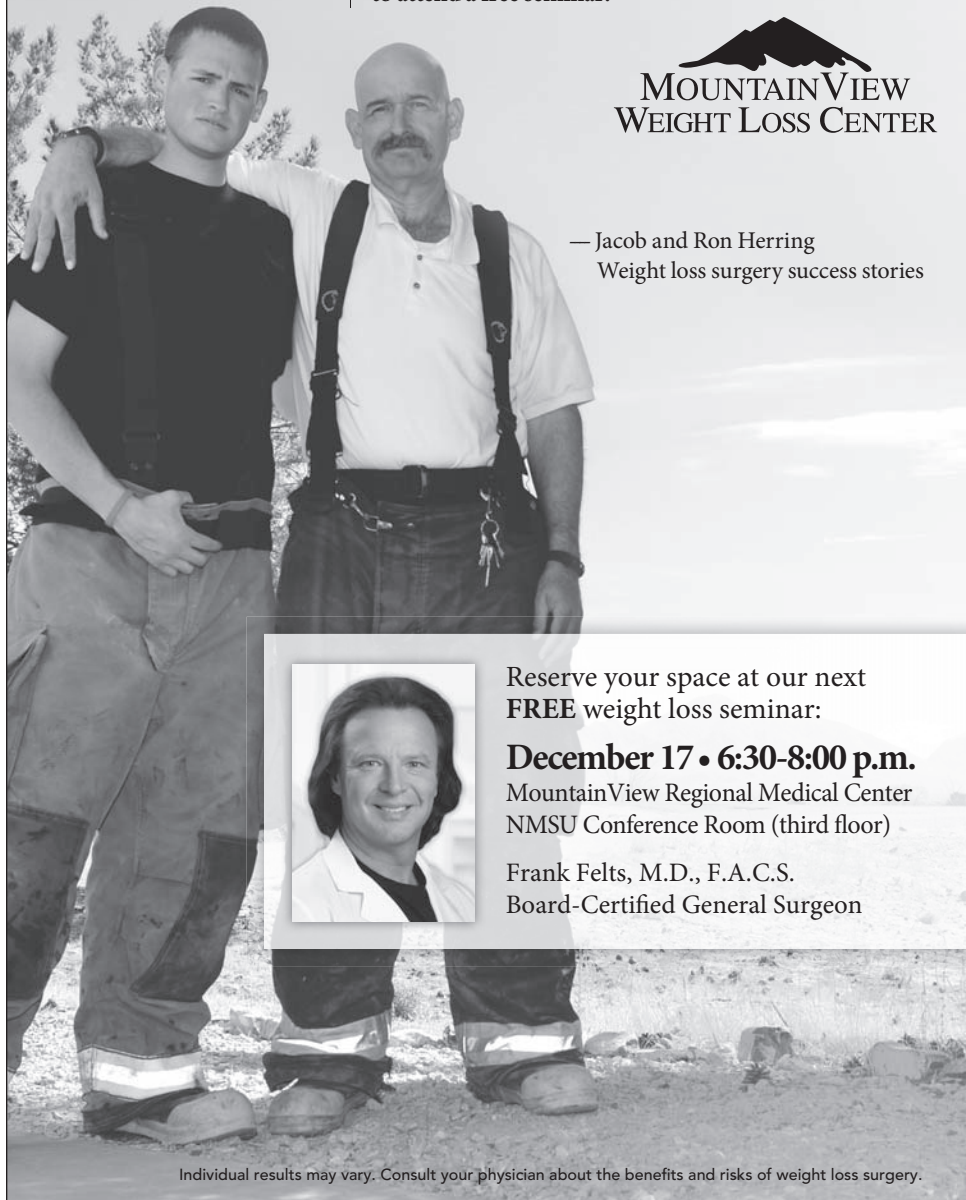
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanking the city of Las Cruces

I’m writing to express my sincere gratitude towards our city tending to the homeless.

I am a Bachelors of Social Work student at NMSU, and I have heard wonderful things from the homeless community about Casa de Peregrinos. When I volunteered there through Big Brothers Big Sisters, I was able to see firsthand the need that our community has for housing and food for the homeless population here in Las Cruces. It is important to the dignity and worth of a person to have these services available to them to keep them off the streets asking for things you and I have.

Having a place where people can go during the day and even stay the nights is something that not many

communities have. I am thankful to be part of one that does. Having these resources set up allows the homeless not only have somewhere to go, but to feel as a part of the community. The Gospel Rescue Mission is another place where they can go and stay the night to be warm, during these cold winter nights. These places allow the homeless community to work on getting back on their feet and without them there would be so much more, hungry, cold, and displaced, children, families and individuals.

I encourage anybody who would like to donate food or clothing to go by any of the places I mentioned and drop them off. Any help makes the difference.

—Maxie B

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE



A Letter From Alf

Dear Carol and Grahame,
I'm writing in behalf of a mutual friend, Alf, who spoke highly of you. You know him as a banker, land baron and intellectual. I knew him in college as a struggling, cynical, stubborn hayseed who was very thrifty. He would go home on the holidays to get his clothes washed. He only owned two pair of jeans and would wear the same shirt all week, then patch it on weekends. He was constantly borrowing my truck, my frying pan, my

overshoes and my typewriter. I didn't mind. He was a friend, though I didn't know at the time how good a friend he thought I was. To his credit he was a hard worker and became a good roper. Of course, he borrowed my horse, my saddle, my rope and my trailer which he pulled to ropings with my truck which he often kept in his driveway.

Years went by and we stayed in touch. He became a successful businessman lending money to desperate paupers and charging

usurious interest rates. He also had a towing company preying on highway breakdowns and prided himself in learning words like treatise, vacuity and salubrious. Then you came into his life. You took him in, fed him, bedded him down and treated him like a C+ student. He had never felt your kind of kindness, generosity and faith. He began to stick a tiptoe into feeding the hungry, contributing to cancer drives and filling up the tank after he'd borrowed your car. So when I invited him to my ranch to help us gather calves, he accepted. And unlike years past, he did not require I have an EMT ambulance on the scene, pay gas and transportation for his round trip or someone to

saddle the horse I lent him. He still insisted on roping any slick calves we might find.

As I said, he was a fairly good roper and was helpful bringing in the cows. There was one slick in the bunch, a bramer-lookin' red calf weighing 250 lbs. He needed bandin' and cuttin', I took Alf aside and told him this red calf is kinda bravo...spooky little booger and ran like a deer.

He looked at me with disdain, "I can do this, you know." I shrugged, "Okay."

Unfortunately he had lost his 60' rope somewhere in the 12-section piece of mesquite and Lowell Lovgrass. I lent him a rope. He eased in the bunch. In a world of black cattle, the red calf stuck out. Now like

I said, he used to be a good roper but he missed the first three tries. Then the second three tries. Then he dropped his rope. We thought for a minute he would pass the turn to one of the other cowboys. But he didn't. It was only after 7 more attempts, each accompanied by increasingly colorful language, that he dismounted and on foot began to stalk the red calf.

To his misfortune, he caught it! A figure 8 around the neck and left leg. Alf took a quick wrap around his waist and braced himself. The calf was doing 35 mph when the slack ran out! Alf was airborne long enough to blow his hat off and lose one spur! To our amazement, after a sled run around the pen, the

calf tangled in the line and crashed! The crew fell on the calf, subduing it while Alf spit, shook and scraped off the shrapnel that had attached itself to the shirt I had lent him. It...was...a... glorious...moment! We gave him a standing ovation, congratulating him on his skills and perseverance. He was glowing with pride.

That's when he asked me if I'd write and tell you how much he loves you and maybe mention his cowboy prowess. So, Carol and Grahame, I can say, "Alfie loves you and every cowboy in the corral who watched him survive that splendid performance would agree, "By gosh, he's still got what it takes!"

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January date set for citizens wanting to learn about the Sheriff's Department

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Our differences also offer opportunities

I have found myself thinking in recent days about how we deal with diversity in the United States, and, specifically, in our own city and community.

Our differences are real. What is also real is our basic and intrinsic similarity as members



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of the human family. Unfortunately, differences may unnecessarily lead to divisions that drive us apart.

Differences, however,

can also offer opportunities to learn about philosophies, ideologies and beliefs that we may not share so that we can better know and understand our neighbors.

Temple Beth-El recently hosted "Ever Grateful - An Interfaith Conversation," which

featured a panel that included Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Baha'i participants and an audience that broadened the range of faith groups represented that day.

We heard about prayers, stories, and perspectives that illustrated a tapestry of religious approaches that were connected by common threads of thankfulness for the gifts of life and community.

This event took place nine days after the attacks in Paris.

One question that was submitted wondered if all of us believe that our faiths can lead us to cooperatively improve the world.

We all responded with a resounding "yes"!

The Jewish holiday of Hanukkah is being celebrated this year beginning on the night of December 6 through sunset on December 14.

Hanukkah commemorates a victory for religious freedom by Jews in Judea in 165 B.C.

against their Syrian-Greek rulers, who had demanded everyone

in their empire to follow Greek culture and beliefs.

The Temple in Jerusalem, which had been turned in a place of exclusive tribute to the Greek pantheon of gods, was recaptured by Jewish fighters and rededicated as a Jewish house of worship.

Some Jews who had adopted Greek practices prior to the takeover of the Temple realized that there was greater value in their own faith. They willingly joined in this struggle for the right to be different.

Every Hanukkah menorah, with its eight branches for the eight nights of the holiday, plus the branch for the shamash/"helper" candle, is lit with one new candle each night, until we see the brilliance of nine lights on the last night of the festival.

Most boxes of Hanukkah candles provide a rainbow of colors (for which there is no religious significance). Placing candles in a menorah (specifically called a Hanukkiah, by the way) is, therefore, always an exercise in

creativity and diversity. The Hanukkiah/Menorah reminds me of who we are as a nation and as a world community.

When the multi-colored eight-candles-plus-one are kindled on the last night of Hanukkah, it is an amazing sight, one that elicits wonder as the flames dance, seemingly in a coordinated movement. These lights are a source of warmth, holiness and joy.

They call to mind our passion for what we believe, even as we acknowledge the devotion of our neighbors to their perspectives, with the possibility that we will discover ways in which we can work towards common goals.

On Hanukkah, lights coexist in harmony. In the same way that they stand side-by-side, we can all be like the candles on a menorah, offering warmth and the promise of unity and respect towards one another.

For our well-being as a human family, that continues to be my hope.

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dent-loan default rate is terrible.

The solution for some is free college to keep students from going into debt. But should they be going to college in the first place?

The college graduation rate in New Mexico is perhaps 40 percent with many students just quitting.

These students have student loan debt and no degree. That is one of the things driving the horrible student loan default rate.

Many of the current graduates are either under-employed or unemployed.

The college degree for many did not make life better as to supporting themselves.

Now one of my favorite classes at college was a wonderful year of Irish writing from poetry to novels.

But what pays the bills are the things I do which require my Ph.D. No, column writing does not require a degree, but my statistics

and research background help.

Perhaps the current generation of college students who have graduated and cannot find a degree-required job should have explored something more practical to do.

Would it be better if they had a professional trade to support themselves?

They could afford college later if they found a desire to change fields.

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Coming Up

Free Alzheimer's presentation

"Conversations about Dementia" is the title of a free presentation offered by The Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter on Friday, Dec. 11th, noon-1 p.m., at the Alzheimer's Association's Southwestern NM Regional Office, 125 N. Main St. This presentation is designed primarily as a general forum for non-professional or family caregivers seeking a basic knowledge of Alzheimer's disease and an overview of support resources that are available in their area. To register or for information, contact Maia Sideris-Dorame at 647-3868 or msiderisdorame@alz.org.

Meeting to discuss statewide Silver Alert program

A meeting to discuss the Alzheimer's Association's Silver Alert program is set for Friday, Dec. 11 from noon-1 p.m. at 125 N. Main. This program, which was signed into law in July of 2013, is a notification method to inform citizens of a missing person 50 years or older. Similar to an Amber Alert, the Silver Alert focusses on a vulnerable segment of society: any person 50 years or older who has an irreversible deterioration of intellectual faculties. For more information, contact NMSP Public Information Officer at 505-827-3349 or email at nmssp.pio@state.nm.us.

Holiday Luminarias at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park

The Asombro Institute

for Science Education is giving the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park some holiday cheer by lighting up the desert. On Friday, Dec. 11, from 5-7:30 p.m. stroll the Desert Discovery Trail while enjoying hundreds of luminarias, a campfire, hot chocolate & cookies, and holiday spirit. Family friendly and free! The Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park is located northeast of Las Cruces. For information, call 524-3334 or check our web site at www.asombro.org.

'The Gifts of Christmas' at Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church presents Journey to Bethlehem "The Gifts of Christmas" Friday, Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 12 at 2:30 and 6 p.m. Tickets are free and required for entrance. Tickets can be picked up at Calvary Baptist church, 1800 S. Locust St., between the hours of

9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information visit cbelascruces.org or call us at 522-7900.

New Mexico Department of Health hosts flu shot clinic

The New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office is hosting a flu shot clinic on Friday, Dec. 11 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at St. Genevieve Parish Hall, 1025 E. Las Cruces Ave. There is no charge to those attending the clinic, but everyone should bring their insurance card, including Medicaid or Medicare, with them. Everyone six months of age and older should get a flu vaccine each flu season, especially people in the following groups because they are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications or because they live with or care for people at high risk for developing flu-related complications:

- Children 6 months through 4 years of age
- Pregnant women (any trimester)
- People age 50 and older
- People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions like asthma, diabetes, lung or heart disease, and those who are immunocompromised

- People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
- People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu
- American Indians and Alaskan Natives
- People who are morbidly obese
- Healthcare and early

childhood personnel
People in these groups should also consider seeing their health care provider to be evaluated for antiviral medication if they develop flu symptoms. For more information on the no-charge flu shot clinic, call the Las Cruces Central Public Health Office at 528-5001

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High School State Football Championship, all honored Coach Rog in the best way possible. They respected each other, the game of football, the stadium, and one man who made a difference.

Grays, 44, died Dec. 2 after sustaining injuries in an automobile accident on Nov. 26. He was a physical education teacher at Desert Hills Elementary School and the offensive line coach for the Centennial High School Hawks.

The two teams, the Artesia Bulldogs and the Hawks, were meeting for the first time. Centennial, undefeated in the season, is a new school in its fourth year of existence and was playing in its first state football championship game. Artesia, 11-1, was playing for its 29th state title.

The loss of Coach Rog affected both teams and undoubtedly dampened the spirit of the Hawk gridders, but they honored him with a clean game full of surprises, suspense, a roaring comeback and several lead changes. The band dedicated a performance of the Centennial fight song to the coach, and a moment of silence preceded the opening kickoff.

The energy in the stands was vibrant and

raucous but respectful; what you didn't hear was foul language or hateful chants.

From my seat in the press box, I could see the Artesia team and the fans that filled the east side of the stadium. They are old pros when it comes to football, and I was keeping an eye on them, looking for signs of bad behavior and poor sportsmanship. But they were model citizens for all four quarters.

About halfway through the first quarter—the Hawks were down by two touchdowns—I heard passionate, obviously female, cheering coming from the VIP booth next to the press box. I heard two women, undoubtedly knowledgeable about the game, “coaching” the troubled Hawks.

“Come oooooonnnnn,” one growled. Then a laugh as a Centennial cornerback batted a ball away from a receiver: “There you go! There you go, baby!” When Centennial held Artesia on a critical third down, one of my enthusiastic neighbors shouted, “Good job!” and applauded with vigor.

Hearing female football fans around me, I couldn't help but want to meet them. I peeked my head into the VIP box and found two

charming ladies fully engaged in the game. We introduced ourselves, and I discovered I was sharing this very special game with the mother and sister of Coach Rog. I was amazed that these two women, who had just a week before lost a son and brother, were at this game in good spirits, loving and supporting Coach Rog with a bravery I couldn't fathom. Not only were they there in his absence, they had the strength to put aside their grief to cheer on a group of young men facing a formidable opponent without the support of one of their mentors.

Coach Rog's mother and sister had come from Waco, Texas, and were fighting a battle of their own to honor him in a very public forum among thousands of strangers during the darkest hours of their sorrow.

“He was my only son,” his mother whispered to me. And she smiled a little. I understand now where Coach Rog got his happiness and joy.

Even though Centennial didn't win the state championship, Coach Rog's mother and sister made the day unforgettable. Their laughter and happy banter taught a lesson. We, as humans, have a choice: pain is inevitable, but suffering is optional. Choose to be joyful.

NMSU professor receives national humanities award

The journey of music and musicians from Nazi-occupied Europe to Latin America is the subject of a new book in the works by New Mexico State University history professor Andrea Orzoff.

Thanks to an award from the American Council of Learned Societies and a grant from the College of Arts and Sciences, Orzoff will spend a year researching and writing her book, “Music in Flight: Exiles, Refugees, Fugitives, and the Politics of Music in Latin America, 1933-1960.”

The idea for the book was sparked by the discovery of one man's story: a classically-trained Jewish opera conductor from Vienna who founded the Peruvian National Symphony Orchestra in the 1930s. Orzoff suspected he was not alone, and found hundreds more European “musical migrants” across Latin America between 1930 and 1960.

“In some cases they founded symphony orchestras, in other cases they joined orchestras that had already been established,” said Orzoff. “They got involved in anti-fascist regional politics. Their Latin American stories are interesting musically, but also in terms of urban migration history, in terms of migration history, in terms of cultural intermingling, hybridity and engagement.



NMSU history professor Andrea Orzoff received a fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies, a national humanities organization. The award, coupled with a grant from NMSU's College of Arts and Sciences will allow Orzoff to research and write a book about the migration of classical musicians from Nazi-occupied Europe to Latin America.

“This project is substantially different from anything I have worked on in the past,” Orzoff said. “These musicians were part of a wider cultural migration from Europe during the Nazi years, but scholars have paid much more attention to the refugees in North America. We know much less about Europeans in Latin America, and yet the stories are fascinating.”

Orzoff is among 70 scholars across the country this year to receive fel-

lowships in the humanities and related social sciences from the American Council of Learned Societies, a private non profit federation of 77 national scholarly organizations dedicated to the advancement of humanities.

“This is a very prestigious award. It's an honor for me to receive one,” said Orzoff, who has received previous awards from the organization.

Orzoff's work brings Latin America into the study of the Holocaust in a global perspective. She has researched the topic over the last five years, in archives in Buenos Aires, Lima, Peru and also the U.S. National Archives and the library of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. The musicians' documentary train also stretched to Berlin's Bundesarchiv, the



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City council approves sponsorship policies

At its regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 7, the Las Cruces City Council unanimously approved resolutions adopting event sponsorship policies for both the city and the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau.

CVB Executive Director Phillip San Fillipo told the council the principal difference between the two policies is that funding for city-sponsored events come from city's general fund, while CVB-sponsored events are funded by lodgers tax funds and must generate overnight stays in Las Cruces.

Under the policies, San Fillipo said events sponsored by either the city or the CVB must: 1) enhance quality of life or economic development in Las Cruces; 2) include measurable, attainable, deliverable goals, objectives and performance standards; and 3) provide a tangible benefit to the city for the sponsorship.

Events which receive funding could receive up

to four consecutive years of funding, San Fillipo said, although funding would be contingent on city and CVB budgets. Applications for events seeking funding would be due twice yearly, on July 15 and Dec. 15, and applicants would receive a response within 30 days.

The CVB already has an advisory board in place to review applications. Under the new policy, City Manager Robert Garza will appoint a panel to review applications for city general fund support. The city council would have final approval of all events recommended for funding.

San Fillipo said separate policies are necessary because there are events worthy of funding by the city that do not qualify for lodgers tax funding because they do not generate overnight stays in Las Cruces.

He said the CVB will hold workshops early next year to help groups and organizations learn how to create and sustain a suc-

cessful event and how to apply for funding.

During the meeting, the council also heard from Donna O'Daniel, a member of the Las Cruces Support Your Local Police Committee, which O'Daniel said is in the formation stages. O'Daniel said she was speaking at the meeting to inform the council of the organization and its mission to educate the public about the importance of supporting local police forces and the threats they face.

The council also heard essays read by Las Cruces eighth-grade students who won the Rotary Club of Las Cruces-Rio Grande's recent essay contest entitled "How to Make Las Cruces Fun."

Contest winners were Alyssa Romero, Sierra Middle School, first place; Mireya Sanchez-Maes, Sierra, second; Megan Apodaca, Lynn Middle School, third; Shannon Westerman, Lynn, fourth; and Morgan Knight, Sierra, fifth.

Reading their essays at the council meeting were Morgan, who said Las Cruces needs new things to do to make it more fun, including more cooking events and competitions; Megan, who suggested more walking and biking paths, with an emphasis on safety; and Mireya, who said the city needs a community installation of all white Legos which could be built into cityscapes and other structures by artists and community members. Rio Grande Rotary Club public relations director Jaime Tobin said 120 students participated in this year's contest.

The city council will hold a work session beginning at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14 and a regular meeting beginning at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 21. Both meetings will be held in council chambers at Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main St. For more information, visit <http://www.las-cruces.org/en/departments/city-clerks-office/city-council-meetings>.

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German Federal Archives, where Orzoff saw the way Nazi minister of propaganda Josef Goebbels monitored cultural affairs in Latin America. She plans future research trips to Mexico City, Berlin, Vienna and possibly Havana and La Paz.

"It's a pretty wide-ranging book," Orzoff said. "My musical migrants began generally in Vienna and Berlin, which were the important centers of classical musical training in the early decades of the 20th century. They were mainly Austrians and Germans, but some were also Polish, Czech and Serbian. They landed all over Latin America, and of course each country

in the region had its own immigration policies, its own political context, its own set of domestic tensions and economic difficulties.

"It's complex to research and will be complicated to write. I am enormously grateful for the ACLS and to NMSU for granting me the time I need to address this ambitious project."

Taking a year off from teaching at NMSU will allow Orzoff to conduct additional research and pull together the history of these events to write the book. She expects to complete a draft by the end of 2016 and to send it to Oxford University Press, which has expressed interest in the project.

In The News

Engineering School Boosts Student Success

Freshman to sophomore retention rates have improved by almost 15 percentage points under New Mexico State University's

freshman year experience program in the College of Engineering, the college reports.

Nearly 79 percent of freshmen in the program returned as sophomores, compared with 63.9 percent of

freshmen before the program.

The program, supported for the next three years with \$76,000 per year from the president's performance fund, includes an introductory engineering course, a dedi-

cated freshman writing course for engineering students, and student mentoring by junior and senior students.

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Governor announces executive initiatives to crack down on DWI

Justice process monitors to be placed in Doña Ana County courtrooms

On Monday, Dec. 7, Governor Susana Martinez announced a series of new executive initiatives to crack down on DWI crimes in New Mexico.

The initiatives include inundating the state's deadliest highways with more police officers and innovative patrol strategies to specifically target drunk drivers and establishments that over-serve; a bench warrant roundup program that tasks law enforcement to find and arrest a high-risk group of DWI offenders who refuse to take responsibility for their actions and are more likely to drink and drive again; and, a ramp-up of efforts to locate and capture repeat DWI offenders – including those who have killed or seriously injured families on the road – and have now skipped out on parole or probation and are hiding from the law.

The Governor also an-

nounced the launch of a program to monitor the outcome of DWI cases in certain counties in New Mexico, placing citizens in courtrooms during DWI cases in an effort to shine a light on how the judicial system is handling them.

The initiatives announced by the Governor are outlined below:

Court Monitoring and Sentencing Transparency – Placing New Mexicans in courtrooms to monitor the justice process as it relates to DWI cases in certain counties. The Governor announced that a “request for proposals” is being issued by the Department of Transportation for a court monitoring initiative that will place monitors in certain courtrooms throughout the State to watch the DWI adjudication process and provide information to the public about how DWI cases are being han-

dled. When the RFP is awarded, the monitors would attend DWI hearings in person and compile reports on how judges and others involved in the legal process are dealing with drunk drivers. Initially, the monitors will focus on Doña Ana, Bernalillo, Rio Arriba, McKinley, and San Juan Counties.

Operation “STOPthePAIN” – Inundating our deadliest highways, which are in the northern part of New Mexico, with law enforcement and deploying innovative patrol strategies to reduce alcohol-related deaths by catching drunk drivers and the establishments that over-serve them. This operation will commence in December of 2015, and extend for several months.

DWI Bench Warrant Roundups – Deploying law enforcement officers statewide to arrest those who have driven drunk and not taken responsibility for their actions. This initiative targets

DWI offenders who have avoided justice, many of whom are repeat offenders who have shown that they have no regard for the safety of their fellow New Mexicans or for the law and continue to put the lives of others at risk. Starting within several weeks, officers from around the state will participate in periodic bench warrant roundups to seek out and arrest these criminals. The roundups will continue throughout next year.

Crackdown on Repeat Offender Absconders – Locating and arresting repeat DWI offenders or DWI offenders with violent criminal histories who have violated their parole or probation and are now fugitives. Under this initiative, Governor Martinez is directing New Mexico State Police and the Department of Corrections Absconder Unit to track down and arrest DWI offenders who have violated their parole or probation and are now fugitives.

Many of these offend-

ers are also violent criminals who drove drunk and either seriously injured another driver or killed them, or are repeat offenders who are at high-risk for causing a tragedy to occur in the future.

“Too often a DWI arrest results in a slap on the wrist, or no punishment at all for the drunk driver,” New Mexico Department of Transportation Secretary Tom Church said. “This results in dangerous drivers out on the road again and again, putting the lives of others at risk. Enough is enough; it’s time to act.”

In addition to these initiatives, the ENDWI website is being overhauled to provide a “Top 10 List” of the most wanted DWI absconders in the State, as well as a listing of those throughout New Mexico who have an outstanding bench warrant for a DWI crime.

It will display a map that identifies where alcohol-related fatalities occur in New Mexico, and provide a copy of the RFP

that is being issued for the court monitoring program.

These initiatives to combat drunk driving come on the heels of Governor Martinez unveiling a series of powerful new TV ads that were recently launched as part of the ENDWI campaign. The ads share personal stories of officers who have seen first-hand the tragic impact of DWI, and are also now available for viewing on the ENDWI website.

“Police and law enforcement throughout New Mexico are ready to step up the fight against drunk driving,” added New Mexico State Police Chief Pete Kassetas. “Our police officers know often times all too well the devastating impact these preventable crimes have on our state. We’re grateful for the Governor’s leadership, and looking forward to doing everything we can to put more of these criminals behind bars to make New Mexico’s roads and highways safer for our families.”

In The News

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Exit Realty reaching out to help Las Cruces families

Nancy Melendez, office administrator for Exit Realty is asking for help to raise

money for those in need in the Las Cruces community. “With a little helping hand, we can go a long way,” Melendez said via email. “We are searching for those families that have a hard time during these holidays and can't afford much.” Help

Exit Realty raise money by donating: they will match any amount to double your donation. Go this the following link to help <https://www.gofundme.com/2a7g-6png> or call 532-5678. Exit Realty is located at 3519 Foothills Rd.



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LCPS battles student poverty

By **Christophe Chino**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

With a large percentage of students in the Las Cruces Public School system living in poverty, financial barriers in the educational system and what it will take to bring them down has been in the forefront of discussion for many LCPS staff.

“Poor kids do poorly, and rich kids do well,” said LCPS Superintendent Stan Rounds. Rounds was addressing statistics presented at a recent LCPS Board of Directors work session by LCPS’s Chief of Staff, Tim Hand.

The statistics compared the schools with the most students eligible for free-lunch programs – those with high-

er levels of poverty – with test scores at those particular schools. This correlation was then measured against schools with the least number of students eligible for school lunches, those schools with students from more well-off families.

The findings were astronomical but also sensible. The schools with the higher amount of free-lunch eligible students had substantially lower test scores than the schools comprised of students who, due to their parent’s larger income, were not free-lunch eligible.

“Mr. Hand may have singularly changed how schools in the state and nation will be graded in

the future,” Rounds said.

Erlinda Martinez, the Director of LCPS’s Federal Programs, also recently weighed in on the impact a student’s atmosphere has on their ability to succeed in the classroom. Ultimately, many if not most of these barriers are in place outside of the school setting, where students spend a majority of their day, she said.

“We are only an educational program – the huge level of instability for a student’s outside atmosphere needs to be addressed,” Martinez said. “This is where most of a student’s time is spent, and can be attributed to their lack of success inside the classroom.”

Hand is not only creat-

ing and presenting statistics, but is also heading a campaign to start the process of creating a mechanism in the city to help better a student’s at-home atmosphere, which will in turn help improve their in-school success. His campaign, with the help of the community, is for the formation of community schools in Las Cruces.

A community school is a partnership between local schools and local health, academic and social services with not only the success of the students in mind, but that of the community as a whole.

“This is a game changer,” Hand said. “This is an opportunity to work together with the com-

munity. Through partnerships you find the true strength of a community.”

Hand detailed that through the already existing infrastructure of existing LCPS school buildings and extended hours with a shared partnership with the various educational, social and health care providers in the city, an attack on poverty levels and a growth of community is created.

He also depicted the struggle for many communities to reach out and find the services that their families desperately need, saying for many families these services are simply “outside of their world.”

“It is much more effective to bring the needed

services to a community, instead of expecting the community to successfully seek out the services,” he said.

Hand also attributed a lot of the enthusiasm he has for concept to Mary Parr-Sanchez, who he said was the initial person to speak to him about getting the ball rolling on the formation of community schools in the district.

Parr-Sanchez, a truancy coach for LCPS Attendance and Student Services, also spent 25 years as an eighth-grade teacher for the district. She described how transitioning to the truancy realm of public education has really opened up

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nesses, such as hotels, restaurants, and car rental companies.

“They rent cars; they eat (a lot),” said Christine Logan, a member of the New Mexico Economic Development Department Community, business and rural development team for southern New Mexico. “They often get Internet services and security guards.

“It’s a great opportunity to have military personnel get exposure to New Mexico and for the Navy to train here when they can’t at home. Even for the short term, it’s great for us.”

Those who get acquainted with Las Cruces will likely return when they are traveling across the country in the future, she said during a previous detachment.

Logan said she could attest to the economic value of the visit, because

she compiled economic statistics for the city during her tenure as the city’s economic development director.

Back and forth

In winter 2013, Training Wing Four chose to go to Roswell instead of Las Cruces.

But for 2014, they opted to return to Las Cruces.

Hal Kading, owner of Southwest Air Aviation FBO, said that year the detachment from Corpus Christi trained in Las Cruces while one from Pensacola went to Roswell.

In winter of 2015, the Navy decided not to conduct training flights in Las Cruces.

City officials at the time said concerns about fuel service operations at the Las Cruces airport factored into the Navy’s decision not to come to Las Cruces for 2015 winter

training flights. In August 2014, four people died when an air ambulance crashed. A fueling error was blamed for the crash.

Training Air Wing Four returned to Las Cruces International Airport for 60 days of training beginning July 23, 2015.

Approximately 90 students, instructors and maintenance staff utilized 16, T-6 “Texan II” aircraft in the training exercise.

Waiting for word

Lisa Murphy, manager of the Las Cruces airport, said as of Dec. 1 she had not yet heard from the Navy regarding its possible winter 2016 return.

“The Navy does not commit until literally days before they come,” she said. “If they need training, which they don’t always, they have a number of different places they have an opportunity to come to. In some cases they go to Roswell, in some

cases they come here.

“We give them very, very, very favorable rates on a hangar, ramp and tie down space.”

She said Wing Four trains more at Las Cruces than any other location.

“The city always has very positive working relations with the Navy,” she said. “Sometimes they come twice a year. The city does everything possible to make their visit affordable and inviting. We always reach out to the Navy.”

She said contact may not always be effective because the Navy rotates its officers.

Murphy said, however, that a lot of people blame the city when the Navy chooses to train elsewhere.

Fire Department provides services

Las Cruces Fire Chief Travis Brown said historically the Navy does not ask Las Cruces for a pro-

posal when they are interested in coming.

“When we are notified they are considering us, we provide services as quickly and as far in advance as we can,” Brown said. “We (the city) have in the past on one occasion sent them a proposal when we heard they were coming to Roswell.”

Brown said in addition to the per diem the Navy pays to use the airport facilities, it may encounter extra charges if it opts to have dedicated fire personnel at the airport ready to respond 24/7.

“We provide the Navy with options,” he said. “If they call 911 just as any other plane would, we respond at no additional charge.

“Typically they use dedicated personnel. They pay actual overtime costs when they’re done flying.”

He said the fire department offers dedicated personnel because fire fighters stationed at Fire Station No. 7 adjacent to the airport might at times have to respond to emergencies that are outside their district.

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Calvary Baptist Church celebrates the Christmas season with a light show program set to music on Friday, Dec. 18, Saturday, Dec. 19 and Sunday, Dec. 20. There are cookies and hot chocolate during the shows. Cars park on the south side of the church and visitors walk to the north side. For information, call 522-7900.

Multi-sensory Christmas event at Sierra Vista Community Church

Sierra Vista Community Church presents "Christmas Unwrapped," a multi-sensory, indoor and outdoor experience appropriate for all ages on Friday, Dec. 11 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Guests will rotate through various stations including a jazz concert, retelling of the Christmas story by Biblical characters, a make-and-take Christmas craft, and caroling on a hayride while viewing an outdoor Living Nativity scene and drinking a cup of hot cocoa. Visitors may come and go at leisure. Children 11 years and under must be accompanied by an adult. This free event is held at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor. For more information, call 526-9535.

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Help La Academia Dolores Huerta raise funds by donating gently used clothing, shoes, accessories, linens, bath items, toys, household items, and books. La Academia Dolores Huerta, 1480 N. Main St. or Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 277 E. Amador Ave., Suite 305. Questions? Contact ladhparents@gmail.com or call Eldelisa at 571-5716. Deadline to drop off items is Dec. 18. Make donations at

IRS provides tax information on charity giving

The Internal Revenue Service reminds individuals and businesses making year-end gifts to charity that several important tax law provisions have taken effect in recent years.

Some of the changes taxpayers should keep in mind include:

Rules for Charitable Contributions of Clothing and Household Items

Household items include furniture, furnishings, electronics, appliances and linens. Clothing and household items donated to charity generally must be in good used condition or better to be tax-deductible. A clothing or household item for which a taxpayer claims a deduction of over \$500 does not have to meet this standard if the taxpayer includes a qualified appraisal of the item with the return.

Donors must get a written acknowledgement from the charity for all

gifts worth \$250 or more. It must include, among other things, a description of the items contributed.

Guidelines for Monetary Donations

A taxpayer must have a bank record or a written statement from the charity in order to deduct any donation of money, regardless of amount. The record must show the name of the charity and the date and amount of the contribution.

Bank records include canceled checks, and bank, credit union and credit card statements. Bank or credit union statements should show the name of the charity, the date, and the amount paid. Credit card statements should show the name of the charity, the date, and the transaction posting date.

Donations of money include those made in cash or by check, electronic

funds transfer, credit card and payroll deduction. For payroll deductions, the taxpayer should retain a pay stub, a Form W-2 wage statement or other document furnished by the employer showing the total amount withheld for charity, along with the pledge card showing the name of the charity.

These requirements for the deduction of monetary donations do not change the long-standing requirement that a taxpayer obtain an acknowledgment from a charity for each deductible donation (either money or property) of \$250 or more. However, one statement containing all of the required information may meet both requirements.

Reminders

The IRS offers the following additional reminders to help taxpayers plan their holiday and year-end gifts to charity:

Qualified charities

Check that the charity is eligible. Only donations to eligible organizations are tax-deductible. Select Check, a searchable online tool available on IRS.gov, lists most organizations that are eligible to receive deductible contributions. In addition, churches, synagogues, temples, mosques and government agencies are eligible to receive deductible donations. That is true even if they are not listed in the tool's database.

Year-end gifts. Contributions are deductible in the year made. Thus, donations charged to a credit card before the end of 2015 count for 2015, even if the credit card bill isn't paid until 2016. Also, checks count for 2015 as long as they are mailed in 2015.

Itemize deductions

For individuals, only taxpayers who itemize their deductions on Form

1040 Schedule A can claim deductions for charitable contributions. This deduction is not available to individuals who choose the standard deduction. This includes anyone who files a short form (Form 1040A or 1040EZ). A taxpayer will have a tax savings only if the total itemized deductions (mortgage interest, charitable contributions, state and local taxes, etc.) exceed the standard deduction. Use the 2015 Form 1040 Schedule A to determine whether itemizing is better than claiming the standard deduction.

Record donations. For all donations of property, including clothing and household items, get from the charity, if possible, a receipt that includes the name of the charity, date of the contribution, and a reasonably-detailed description of the donated property. If a donation is left at a charity's unattended drop site, keep a

written record of the donation that includes this information, as well as the fair market value of the property at the time of the donation and the method used to determine that value. Additional rules apply for a contribution of \$250 or more.

Special Rules

The deduction for a car, boat or airplane donated to charity is usually limited to the gross proceeds from its sale. This rule applies if the claimed value is more than \$500. Form 1098-C or a similar statement, must be provided to the donor by the organization and attached to the donor's tax return.

If the amount of a taxpayer's deduction for all noncash contributions is over \$500, a properly-completed Form 8283 must be submitted with the tax return. IRS.gov has additional information on charitable giving.



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Santa Claus came to town

He didn't come in a sleigh, and he didn't come from the north, but Santa Claus made it to Las Cruces in fine style Friday evening, Dec. 4 at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum. With the sun setting to the west, Santa chugged in on the front of BNSF Railroad Engine No. 7646, to the delight of hundreds of children and adults, including Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith.

Local group has been bringing historical Los Pastores to life for over 50 years

Picture a bedraggled group of shepherds in mantillas and sombreros trekking across the land to find a holy child in a manger.

Suddenly a horned devil appears, dressed in red, and tempts the travelers with sinful affairs.

Bartolo, a carefree

drunken shepherd, turns tail and runs. Magically, St. Michael appears in warrior's gear and a battle ensues.

Do the shepherds ever find the Christ child? Is Bartolo ever redeemed? Find out at the presentation of Los Pastores Saturday, Dec. 12 at 7:30

p.m. at the Basilica of San Albino in Mesilla.

Local group Los Pastores del Valle de Mesilla is bringing to life this traditional southwest play which blends drama, music, dance and comedy to present the universal message of Christmas.

Los Pastores has its

roots in the European middle ages and was brought to the new world by Spanish Franciscan Friars in the 1500s.

Although several versions of the tale have come about, the Valle de Mesilla group presents the play as it was introduced over 50 years ago

by Father Owen da Silva, founder of Holy Cross Retreat in Mesilla.

In 1961, Father da Silva borrowed the story from the Spanish family of Doña Amelia Covarrubia of Santa Barbara, California, and this version has been presented every year since da Silva's death.

Many of the original performers from the 1960's productions are still active in the play every holiday season.

Four generations of the Sosa and Provencio families, who joined Father da Silva in originating the first production, are participating again this year.

They come together with many new community members to present the 53rd annual performance.

The group's purpose is to emphasize the Christian spirit of Christmas and preserve the cultural traditions of the southwest with a

cast of about 50 people. This group has performed the play in cities and towns from Anthony, TX to Santa Fe, Lordsburg, Hobbs and into Arizona.

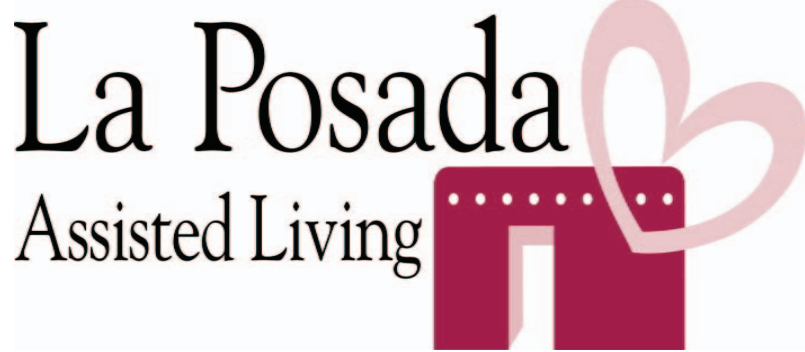
The cast is supported by a chorus of colorfully costumed peasants who tell the story with ancient Spanish songs as they sing and dance at the manger of the Christ child.

The costumes reflect the play's historic heritage: Lucifer's red cape, horns and tail, St. Michael's gladiator garb, the shining white gowns of the angels, the traditional peasant clothing of the shepherds.

The musical directors and guitarists for the play are Randy Rivas and Jose Diosdado.

Roberta Sosa Provencio directs. Admission is free. The Basilica is located at 2280 Calle Principal in Mesilla at the corner of Calle Principal & Santiago.

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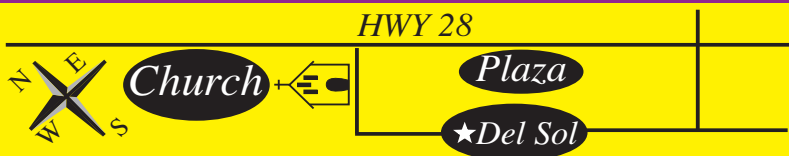
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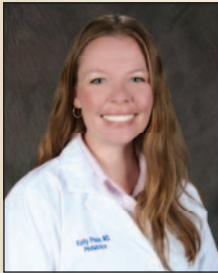

The commanding general of White Sands Missile Range Brigadier General Timothy R. Coffin (center) and Holloman Air Force Base's Colonel R. Greg Brown (right) speak at the 2015 Military Update Luncheon, hosted by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Dec. 3 at the Las Cruces Convention Center.



Coffin, Brown and Brigadier General Jeffery Broadwater of Fort Bliss answer questions at the luncheon.

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NMSU graduate student conducts fish research from the depths of the Grand Canyon

By Kristie Garcia
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Getting lowered in by helicopter to the bottom of the Grand Canyon, New Mexico State University graduate student Meredith Campbell was surrounded by reddish canyon walls and contrasting blue water below.

That blue water is home to an endangered fish, the humpback chub, which was the purpose of her 11-day stay in the depths of the Grand Canyon in September.

This was definitely not like any of the fieldwork Campbell previously performed.

“Living in the Grand Canyon for 11 days was wonderful,” Campbell said. “I would go back in a heartbeat. It was probably one of the best experiences I’ve ever had.”

Accompanied by Colleen Caldwell, Fisheries Biologist for the U.S. Geological Survey and Affiliate Professor at NMSU’s Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology, Campbell’s mission was to collect swab samples to de-

termine whether the Asian tapeworm is present in the humpback chub in the Colorado River watershed.

“The Asian tapeworm is a parasite that’s invasive, and it has started infecting many fishes in North America,” Campbell said. “The main goal of the research is to develop and look at the sensitivity and specificity of a non-lethal tool for detecting the Asian tapeworm.”

A non-lethal tool to detect infections is ideal because, at this time, necropsy is used. Necropsy is a method that involves terminating the fish and cutting it open in an attempt to visualize the tapeworm in the fish gut. Campbell, who is pursuing a master’s degree in wildlife science with an emphasis in fisheries sciences, said that necropsy is not an ideal method for an endangered species.

“There’s a genetic primer that’s been developed to detect the infection, and we’re looking at whether that will be an effective tool when paired with an anogenital swab,” she said. “We’re swabbing for fecal



PHOTOS BY MEREDITH CAMPBELL
Campbell spent 11 days in the Grand Canyon researching the chub fish.

material, hoping to pick up whether there’s an infection. If the fish does have tapeworms, it’s going to be shed through the feces, as that’s how tapeworm infections are transmitted.”

Caldwell, who has a doctorate in ecology, explained the importance of such research.

“Meredith’s research is very important in context of helping us understand

how we can prevent the extinction of an endangered fish,” Caldwell said. “It’s uncertain as to the level of parasitism this fish is experiencing in the wild, because the parasite we’re concerned about is not native to North America, and these fish didn’t evolve with this parasite.”

The Asian tapeworm has become a significant problem in United States hatcheries.

“Hatchery managers do treat fish when they bring them into captivity from the wild,” Campbell said. “They have reserve captive stocks of these fish that they keep, and when they bring wild fish in, they are treating them with a drug that is basically the same type used to de-worm dogs.”

Along with other U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service employees, Campbell and Caldwell spent Sept. 20 through Oct. 2 in the Grand Canyon swabbing many fish for fecal samples.

Following her sample collecting, Campbell hit the research lab at the Southwestern Native Aquatic Resources & Recovery Center in Dexter, New Mexico. SNARRC is part of the United States Fish & Wildlife Service, and it contains



New Mexico State University graduate student Meredith Campbell gathered samples from the humpback chub fish in the Grand Canyon.

the Southwestern Fish Health Unit, which monitors aquatic species’ health issues for the southwest region.

The majority of the funding for Campbell’s research is provided by SNARRC.

“I’m a volunteer on the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service crew, and in return, I get to take my swab samples from the humpback chub back to the lab in Dexter to do DNA extractions and PCRs to see if I can pick up any of those infections in the wild fish,” Campbell explained.

Through her research, she hopes to determine the percentage of the population that is infected.

“The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is interested in being able to use this non-lethal method reliably on the captive populations of the humpback chub that they currently have,” Campbell said. “Using this method with the wild fish is an opportunity to look at ecological consequences of infection, to get acquainted with the species in the wild and to get a better sample size in terms of prevalence.”

Thus far, many of the Asian tapeworm studies among wild fish have been limited to small sample sizes. However, Campbell

was able to swab hundreds of fish, because the process is not shown to be harmful.

“It’s very important that Meredith is able to identify – using a molecular technique – whether or not this parasite is prevalent throughout the wild fish population of the humpback chub,” Caldwell said.

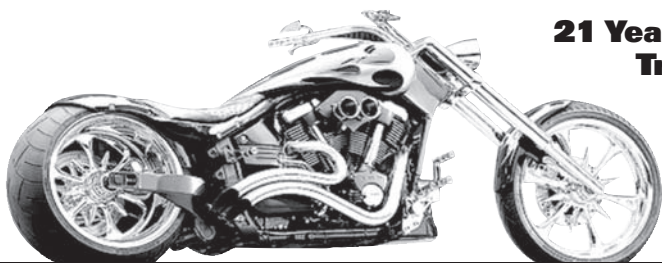
After months of analysis, Campbell will be able to provide information to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service regarding the prevalence and percentage of the parasite among the fish.

“The type of research Meredith is doing is bringing some important notoriety to the university,” Caldwell said. “The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service doesn’t often provide the opportunity to ask these kinds of questions to everybody. For the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to trust New Mexico State University in developing a technique for such an important and fragile – on the landscape – species says a great deal.

“We’ve earned the trust and respect of an agency. And I’m hoping, because of the work we’re doing, they will come back again to ask for more help. In return, we are given the opportunity to train future scientists such as Meredith.”

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The U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program reports its objectives are “to help less fortunate children throughout the nation experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation’s most valuable resources –

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Toys for Tots co-coordinator Kathleen Gardner and bike run organizer Henry Gil organize the event.



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Scrooge, of course, cross-questions them about prisons, work houses, treadmills and the poor law before turning them away empty-handed.

Like Charles Dickens’ 19th century London, want is keenly felt in Las Cruces. It’s estimated that about 25 percent of local residents live at or below the poverty level, and there are about 31,000 people who are food insecure on any given day in Doña Ana County.

And, about two-thirds of the more than 24,000 students who attend Las Cruces Public Schools receive free or reduced-price lunches, which is one of the federal government’s leading measures of poverty.

But this also is a community where abundance rejoices, especially during the holidays.

Take the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program, for example. When Jack and Peggy Petrowsky started it in 1996, they provided toys for 65 children that first

Mike Cook
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year. In 2015, the second year LCPS Coordinator for Professional Development Dr. Thea Hand has been volunteer coordinator, Toys for Tots expects to give toys to about 5,000 needy children throughout the county.

The program enjoys incredible support from people who place new, unwrapped toys in the many collection boxes throughout the area and from business sponsors like Pic Quik stores.

Last year, people bought small, paper Toys for Tots trains at Pic Quiks, raising \$29,000 for Toys for Tots. The program continues this year.

Toys for Tots also gets support from Pat Campbell Insurance through an annual golf tournament, the yearly Zia Velo Cycling Club Toys for Tots Bike Run, Barnes & Noble book drives; and this year’s Toy Jam at Hotel Encanto and the Teddy Bear Toss at New Mexico State University. Adams Radio Group is also a major sponsor.

The Dress the Child program started buying new clothing and shoes for 25 needy children 29 years ago. It may serve up to 500 this year.

That’s thousands of children who have got-

ten new clothes and shoes – many for the first time in their lives – because of the generosity of local chefs who volunteer to prepare the gourmet Dress the Child dinner each October, many other dinner sponsors, the Rio Grande Rotary Club and many individual donors

Thanks to Pat Campbell Insurance, Dress the Child won second place in the national Safeco Insurance® Make More Happen contest earlier this year, earning them \$8,500. NMSU’s Model United Nations team donated half the proceeds from its 2015 MUN Color Run in March as well.

And let’s not forget the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (MVCH). Under its leadership, Las Cruces in November became the 13th city in the United States and the first in New Mexico to end homelessness among veterans. MVCH averages 314 people each week, including 44 new clients, and has nearly 200 people in its housing programs, including veterans.

MVCH’s member agencies include El Caldito Soup Kitchen, which began in 1984 and serves meals seven days a week to more than 90,000 people a year, totaling more than 1.5 million meals since it opened.

El Caldito is supported by the annual Empty Bowls event, sponsored by the Potter’s Guild of Las Cruces, which served thousands at St.

Paul’s United Methodist Church in October.

Jardin de los Niños homeless child care, which opened in 1995, was named Albuquerque Business First’s 2015 New Mexico nonprofit of the year.

Jardin serves an average of 45 children per day, along with their parents and siblings, and benefits almost daily from the generosity of local groups and individuals.

Casa de Peregrinos (CdP) emergency food bank was founded 35 years ago and provided food to an estimated 6,500 families (an average of 3.3 members each) last year.

In addition to its program in Las Cruces, CdP operates 12 food pantries in the colonias in southern New Mexico. CdP has a small staff and 35 to 40 volunteers in Las Cruces and 125 to 130 volunteers in the rural pantries.

CdP started a food rescue program last year that is supported by Walmart, the White Sands Commissary, Target, Natural Grocers, Mountain View Co-Op and others, who are donating food that is packaged imperfectly and can’t be sold or is close to its sell-by date.

These donations will exceed a half-million pounds this year. Walmart also donated a refrigerated truck to CdP, so staff can pick up an entire donation in one trip.

The Gospel Rescue Mission served more

than 54,000 meals during the first nine months of 2015, and provided more than 15,600 nights lodging to men, women and children. And, 600 to 800 children got clothing and shoes to begin the school year through another shelter program.

Las Cruces’ Homeless Coalition, which has been active the last four years, is comprised of local agencies like many of those referenced above who work together to find housing and fill other needs for Las Cruces homeless.

Its members include Yoli Silva, a federal programs social worker for LCPS. She said the school district already has identified 275 students as homeless in the 2015-16 school year

Silva, Nancy Sanders and a handful of other LCPS social workers are the most tireless advocates for children and families you will ever meet.

The work they do on behalf of those in need – housing, school supplies, clothing, toys, food – is truly astonishing.

La Casa, Inc. domestic violence shelter is another remarkable nonprofit in Las Cruces. Founded in 1981, it provided more than 22,000 days of care last fiscal year, plus many services to more than 2,000 people countywide.

There are also a number of amazing programs in the city and county that provide care for animals.

They include SNAP (Spay and Neuter Action

Program), a nonprofit since 1998. In 2001, SNAP helped subsidize 54 animal surgeries. In 2015, that number is expected to reach 1,400. SNAP works with 11 veterinary practices in the county to accomplish its mission “to prevent the suffering and death of dogs and cats due to overpopulation.”

The Doña Ana County Humane Society (DACHS) provides a number of services to accomplish its mission to “keep people and pets together,” including the Animal Relief Fund (ARF), which helps low-income country residents pay for veterinary care for pets; Pets for Seniors, which provides a \$50 voucher to anyone over age 60 to adopt a pet from the Animal Control Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, the local animal shelter; and Ruff to Ready, which provides free training to anyone who adopts a dog from the shelter.

During the first nine months of 2015, 70 adopted dogs received training through Ruff to Ready, and only six were returned to the shelter, probably saving the lives of 64 shelter dogs.

These are only a few of the ongoing programs that serve those in need in our city and county. There are many more in this incredibly giving, caring community. If you would like contact information for any of these programs or others, email me at good-guymwc@q.com.



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Rachel Courtney and Crispin Wilson offered raffle tickets during the Cruise for CARE small business hop organized by Horse N Hound on Saturday, Nov. 28. Contestants visited participating locally owned businesses and collected stamps. They returned to Horse N Hound for a chance to win \$1,000. The event raised funds for CARE, Cancer Aid Resource and Education, Inc., which assists local cancer patients.

Shop Small event benefits CARE

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A celebration of small, locally owned businesses orchestrated by Horse N Hound Feed N Supply brought blessings to the cause it benefitted - Care (Cancer Aid Resource and Education Inc.) – as well as to prize winners, holiday shoppers, and participating businesses.

Each participant in the Saturday, Nov. 28, Cruise for CARE small business hop received a map with a list of locations to visit. After visiting the businesses, they returned to Horse N Hound and received a raffle ticket for each business where they had stopped.

Felicia Hale won the late afternoon drawing for a \$1,000 Visa gift card. Other

CRUISE FOR CARE PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES

- Andele Restaurants
- Austin's Fine Jewelry
- Barnett's Las Cruces Harley-Davidson
- Beck's Coffee
- Caliche's Frozen Custard
- CARE
- Horse N Hound
- Ikard Furniture
- Knight's Mobile Repair
- Legacy Pecans
- Lulu Elements for Living
- Patina Home
- Run Culture
- Strykers Shooting World

winners received raffle items from the participating businesses, including bullets from Strykers Shooting World, Caliche's



Justin Torres, Lynn Rushé and Pam Field – the staff at Lulu Elements for Living – greeted customers new and old all day Saturday during the ShopSmall event.

gift certificate, polar bears from Tis the Season de Mesilla and coffee from Beck's Coffee.

Rachel Courtney, marketing manager for Horse N Hound, said people who participated in the Cruise for CARE returned to Horse N Hound for the raffle were excited to have

found businesses they hadn't known existed.

"We had a lot of fun," Courtney said. "Its important for us (local businesses) to support each other."

She said the event was "a kind of kismet thing,"

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Ethics takes its place in business, on campus

By **Alta LeCompte**
The Bulletin

"Just do the right thing," we are told in life and in business.

But doing the right thing in the workplace is not always as simple as it sounds.

Jeffrey Silva, branch manager for US Bank, named one of the most ethical companies in the world for 2015, said he first encountered ethical issues early in 30-year career as manager in retail and banking.

Silva said he had to fire an employee who was caught stealing.

He learned later she was going through a messy divorce and was raising a child that needed expensive medical treatment.

Although the employee's actions would not meet most people's definitions of "the right thing," he lamented not knowing her financial predicament in time to perhaps help in some way.

Many years later, he continues to be concerned about ethics in the workplace.

Where workplace meets academia

Currently working for his MBA at New Mexico State University, Silva is taking a class "Management Leadership," which delves into business ethics.

For the class, he is writing a paper: "Business Ethics in the Global Business Environment."

"With so many pressures put on businesses to perform and to make earnings, and big bonuses, some business come to that cross roads of doing what is right for the customer," he said.

"With the recession in 2008 ... and many job losses due to a slow economy, all we have is our integrity to do the right thing. We have only one chance to make a great impression on customers and poten-

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Free trade zone leads economic development in Cuba

Cuba is a country that wants to attract foreign investment but doesn't know how. Perhaps that isn't surprising given that country's long history of communism, but one would have said that about China in 1975, before the death of Mao.

In fact, Cuba is looking toward China for inspiration.

Like China in Shanghai, Cuba is establishing a free trade zone in Mariel, a port city and former submarine base on the north coast about 30 miles from Havana. In adopting this strategy, Cuba is hoping to move toward a more market oriented economy while maintaining its communist government in power.

The Mariel Free Trade Zone operates under special customs arrange-

Chris Erickson
State of the Economy



ment that allow export and import of goods, as well as the manufacture and sale of value-added merchandise for the national and foreign markets. Unlike previous attempts by the Cuban government at free trade zones, which were physically walled off from the rest of Cuba, the new zone is fully integrated geographically into Cuba, allowing free movement in and out.

The central feature of the Mariel FTZ is a brand-new \$900 million deep water port capable of handling large container vessels. A new railroad will connect the port to Havana.

In selling Mariel, Cuba

touts its well-educated work force, low labor costs and strategic location. Plans are ultimately to create 700,000 jobs.

Yet there is deep skepticism about the ultimate success of Mariel. It is unclear whether the current government, still led by veterans of the revolution that installed the communist regime 56 years ago, is capable of transition from state control to free markets. As of July, despite big plans, less than 400 people worked at Mariel, and only a handful of businesses had been approved for occupancy at Mariel.

Cuba has given considerable lip service to mar-

ket reforms. The buying and selling of used cars has been legalized and recent changes in the law allow the sale of residential real estate.

As the government sector has cut back, Cubans have been allowed to open businesses. About 10 percent of the labor force is registered as self-employed. Another 20 percent works in the more or less privatized tourism sector, which is dominated by foreign hotel chains.

While reforms have been real, they have also been modest. Manufacturing, agriculture and most services remain under state control. Cuba continues to maintain a dual currency system, with one currency convertible for use by tourists, foreign business and high government offi-

cial; the other currency is nonconvertible and is used to pay Cuban workers.

Foreign companies cannot hire workers directly, but must work through state hiring halls. Cuba justifies these restrictions as a safeguard against the exploitation of Cuba workers by foreign capitalists, but the Cuban government also collects fees on the transactions.

The property rights of foreign owners remain a concern. The Cuban government has seized the assets of foreign companies accused of corruption. And some still remember the property seizures that happened in the wake of the revolution. Cuba has tried to assuage these fears by passing new laws guaranteeing foreign companies

property rights. But keep in mind that the people in power today are the same people who seized foreign assets in the 1960s, so these guarantees may be taken with a grain of salt.

The Cuban government's motto for its reforms is "without haste, but without pause" – the emphasis seems to be on the "without haste." Foreign investment is critical for if Cuba is to develop. However, more robust reforms are needed to attract his investment.

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evolving from store managers' involvement with the Mucho Macho Hot Legs campaign that benefits CARE and an interest in building excitement around shopping local during the winter holi-

days.

She said the event was heavily advertised and was promoted by social media.

"We even put fliers on cars in the Walmart parking lot," she said.

Curtis Creighton and Crispin Wilson present Felicia Hale with a \$1,000 Visa gift card she won at Horse N Hound's Cruise for CARE.



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Beverly Chavez-Floyd welcomed customers into her boutique, Patina Home. The store is Downtown on Main street and features funky fiesta, boho, custom upcycled furniture, French country decor and more for the home.

Sharing the good news about Doña Ana County education

The Bridge has been focused on an ambitious action plan that began with a countywide educational summit this fall. The overarching goal is to work together to create a model of flawless communication and seamless transition for all students who pass through the educational pipeline in Doña Ana County.

We said the action plan is ambitious

So we pause with this column to celebrate two current news stories that demonstrate the major work in progress throughout the Doña Ana County education and business sectors to build student success and produce an excellent workforce.

News Story No. 1 – New Mexico State University's College of Business announced a group of 11 Doña Ana County educational leaders who are participating in a Woodrow Wilson MBA fellowship program.

Participants are from Las Cruces, Gadsden and Hatch public schools. Their focus is to apply business principles such as evidenced-based best practices to the teaching and learning process, in addition to providing extra support when that is necessary for student success.

Bottom line is that these educators are applying business practices that are effective for closing achievement gaps in



Denni Cheney
From The Bridge

Doña Ana County classrooms. The Daniels Fund is supporting future expansion of this fellowship program.

News Story No. 2 - Doña Ana Community College has announced an academic restructuring that brings together all accredited allied health programs, as well as the science, math and engineering programs.

Recommended by the Higher Learning Commission, DACC's accrediting agency, in 2014, all Health Sciences Division programs will benefit from greater accreditation support and exchange of best practices. Increasing the numbers of DACC graduates in allied health and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs is directly connected to the regional workforce demand.

DACC President Renay Scott, who is incoming 2016 Bridge

Board of Directors chair, emphasized the critical need for allied health professionals, particularly nurses, and for responding to regional STEM workforce demands to meet economic development priorities.

Back to Our Action Plan

With generous grant support from the Daniels Fund, The Bridge and our partners are continuing to collaborate among all the groups that work with students from elementary to middle to high school and on to career and higher education. Our students are the most important resource for Doña Ana County's workforce and our regional economic success.

Elements of our collective action plan include communication and relationship building issues; K-20 counseling and advising issues; public schools/DACC/NMSU credit alignment issues; student transportation issues; and business mentoring and internships. Monthly and quarterly action reports are keeping the improvement process moving.

Each group that is working with Doña Ana County's students – counselors, teachers, principals, advisors, superintendents, college presidents and business leaders – is dedicated to achieving the same goal: 100 percent graduation for all students in Doña Ana County and

an excellent future workforce.

2016 Teacher Recognition Campaign

Do you remember a teacher who made a life-changing difference in your future? Teachers have always been and always will be a huge influence on our students' lives. We are considerably more aware of that influence today than we were when I or my parents were students. Teachers are stepping up to the plate wherever needs arise to support student transitions and to fill information gaps for parents.

The Bridge's Teacher Recognition Campaign kicks off in early 2016 to encourage all public school students in Doña Ana County to nominate a life-changing teacher who influenced them.

We encourage all students to participate when boxes of nomination forms arrive at their school – and information is available online to nominate a current or former teacher who is still actively teaching in one of our Doña Ana County public schools. It's an exciting and dynamic time of change for teachers and for students. Let's keep celebrating the successes as we learn about them!

Speaking of celebrating success, I want to close this column with a personal story about our daughter. A few years ago, she changed her life path to follow a

new dream. She had earned her bachelor's degree in fashion merchandising from NMSU and moved to Albuquerque to work. She soon realized that she really wanted to be a teacher. She moved back to Las Cruces and will graduate from NMSU in May with a master's degree in elementary education.

When our daughter first shared her dream to change careers, I had some pointed advice: "You really need to think about this decision, because you will be a huge part positive or negative in the life of a young person. You want to be that teacher they speak about when a student is asked to name the most influential teacher in their life."

Strong advice? Yes, absolutely. Our daughter is excited about realizing her dream, and I'm convinced that she will be at the top of the list when one of her students is asked that all-important question.

Best wishes from The Bridge for a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous 2016.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Green Chamber promotes holiday events

The Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce is getting out the word about events, specials and sales hosted by locally owned businesses. To be included, email information about your event at least a week in advance and the Chamber will send out notices for the following weekend every Friday morning. Send information in text,

a jpeg of your flyer and any other important information to carrie@nmgreenchamber.com.

Holidays cut short for many workers

Is it possible for employees to spend the last days of 2015 in a state of carefree holiday bliss? Not necessarily, according to new research by staffing firm Robert Half. Fifty-nine percent of

workers surveyed will work at least part of the week of December 28 and plan to make good use of the time, with 79 percent expecting to be productive.

For staff taking time off, including those whose companies close for the week, 60 percent plan to check in with the office.

More than 1,000 U.S. workers employed in office environments were surveyed by an independent research firm for the study. The poll was conducted in mid-November.

"Shutting down does not mean shutting off for most companies," said Paul McDonald, senior executive director at Robert Half. "The last days of the year are critical to complete quarter- and year-end projects, make billable hours goals, and get organized for the new year. Additionally, some firms face 'use it or lose it' consequences on budget and headcount if they fail to spend or hire by December 31, so they're laser-focused on these issues."

Workers in the 55-plus age group are significantly more likely to report they'll be "very productive" in the final days of

2015. Their 45 percent is nearly twice the figure of the 18-34 and 35-54 groups, which both reported 24 percent.

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tial customers. If we fail, our competition is right there to take those customers.”

Silva said making ethical decisions is more important now than ever before.

“Corporate America cannot cut corners as a faulty product will eventually cause losses. There are many choices for the customers to make and therefore we must do the right things from the very beginning.”

He said recalls by Volkswagen and other auto makers indicate the need to “correct where we have failed and learn from our mistakes so that they are not repeated.”

Silva said ethics is, in fact, currently a hot topic throughout the business world.

“Forbes Magazine discusses eight great challenges businesses face, and Business Integrity is No. 1 on the list,” he said referring to a March 4, 2013, article. “There are many articles out there on business ethics and integrity especially since the recession of 2008.”

In fact, business ethics can get so complicated that New Mexico State University has an entire program devoted to it.

Daniels Fund supports NMSU initiative

In January 2010, the NMSU College of Business was awarded \$1.25 million over five years to develop a principle-based ethics program.

Following the success

of its five-year pilot program, in December 2014 the College was awarded an additional \$1.25 million over the next five years to continue its principle-based ethics program.

Bruce Huhmann, director of the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative at the NMSU College of Business, and associate professor in the Department of Marketing, coordinates NMSU’s role in the project.

The program’s 2015 Fellows included faculty from several business college departments as well as English, counseling and educational psychology and criminal justice.

The project has produced and distributed a number of videos dealing with topics that can be considered from the perspective of principle-based ethics.

Huhmann said the program has a great infrastructure that makes it possible to get ethics education into the community and fit the needs of various constituencies, such as local and state and local government.

He described principle-based ethics as following a universal set of principles, as opposed to situational ethics, which deals with ethical questions on a case-by-case basis.

Universal principles embraced by the code developed at NMSU include trust, accountability and fairness.

Huhmann said that while principle-based ethics requires a set of principles, codes may vary.

The medical community, for example, may have a different set of principles than the business community.

He said the business school incorporates ethics into many of its courses rather than offering a stand-alone course.

In management, many human resources decisions involve ethical principles, he said. In marketing, product claims must come under scrutiny.

A code of ethics is a decision-making tool, he said. Some questions that may be asked include: Who are the stakeholders affected by the decision? Is it transparent? Does it build trust? Does it treat people fairly?

“Trust is very important in all relationships,” Huhmann said.

“Business relationships that have trust don’t have to be so legalistic. This reduces costs and increases commitment.”

Trust takes a long time to build, and requires more than words.

“The first thing is to keep your word, do what you say you’re going to say,” he said. “Trust also tends to be not taking advantage and turning the screws to get as much out of someone as you can.”

Bank named most ethical in class Huhmann said there are special challenges in the banking industry, and bankers know the importance of building trust.

The Western State School of Banking at NMSU, which offers continuing education for bankers incorporates ethics into its curriculum.

“Banking gets a bad rap, but for the most part bankers know the importance of behaving ethically,” Huhmann said.

He said the nonprofit Ethicsphere Institute, which named US Bank as the only honoree in the super-regional banks category, regularly conducts a business study in which they look at companies’ practices.

“The World’s Most Ethical Companies designation recognizes companies that truly go beyond making statements about doing business ‘ethically’ and translate those words into action.”

Honorees not only promote ethical busi-

ness standards and practices internally, they exceed legal compliance minimums and shape future industry standards by introducing best practices today,” Ethicsphere’s website stated.

In 2015, 132 honorees were named spanning 21 countries and five continents and representing more than 50 industries. In its ninth year, the list includes 15 nine-time honorees and 11 first-time honorees.

Ethics, small-business style

Small, local businesses tend to be very close to their customers, Huhmann said.

“Their reputation matters a great deal. The most successful small businesses treat their customers well and they know their customers. Their customers are more willing to stick with them even if a new store opens down the street,” Huhmann said.

On the other hand, small businesses have some unique challenges, he said.

“They have more problems with fraud because they don’t have the manpower to look for it.”

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Ag football stumbles in season finale

Andrew Allen had his second 300-yard passing game of the season, yet the New Mexico State University football team fell 42-35 to the University of Louisiana at Monroe Saturday, Dec. 5.

Allen completed 23-of-36 passes for 308 yards and two touchdowns. Eight of those passes were to Tel-drick Morgan, who amassed 101 yards. Jacob Nwangwa led the NM State (3-9, 3-5 SBC) defensive efforts with nine tackles and 0.5 tackles for loss.

Earnest Carrington led the Warhawks (2-11, 1-7 SBC) as he went 5-15 for 143

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NMSU DanceSport Company brings home more championships

The New Mexico State University DanceSport Company has once again struck gold at the national level.

The company brought home a slew of awards from this year's USA Dance National Collegiate DanceSport Championships in Columbus, Ohio, last week, including 12 new championship titles, 11 runners up awards and a second place finish in the team match.

"We could not be happier. All of our students danced brilliantly and challenged themselves in all ways," said Hannah Cole, director of NMSU DanceSport and an associate professor in the Ki-

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Centennial Hawks players Keith Jasso and Cameron Burkley celebrate after a touchdown. In just its fourth year in existence, the Centennial program finished the regular season undefeated and made it to the Class 5A state championship game, where it fell short against Artesia.

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Hawks overcome adversity, fall just short of title

By **Christophe Chino**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Centennial High School Hawks football team created surprise after surprise during the first four years of its existence, just falling short of pulling in the ultimate prize of a state championship Saturday, Dec. 5.

Centennial lost 42-34 in the Class 5A title showdown.

Hawks head coach Damien Ocampo said when he took the position at the football program's inception four years ago, there was a lot of negative speculation on the future success of the team.

"Not a lot of people had faith in us at the start, and believed it would take far more than four years to get this far with the program," he said.

Ocampo also recalled walking into the team's first meeting with just nine potential players showing up.

But just four years later, the team was able to go undefeated and crush many opponents it met on its way to the District 5A state championship game against the Artesia Bulldogs. Though the Hawks were not able to come out of the game with the championship in hand, they were still able to prove their ability on the field.

Down 21-0 with less than a minute left in the first half, the Hawks struck with 21-unanswered points. With a touchdown right before they entered the locker room and two more in quick succession at the start of the second half, they pulled even at 21-21.

This was crucial for the Hawks despite the loss because they were once again able to shush the naysayers who credited the team with amazing ability, but doubted whether the team could keep up with the Bulldogs, and those who also expressed their doubts of the team's ability to close the 21-0 deficit, a gap they had never experienced this season.

Luis Gurrola, a senior at Centennial High and a defensive end for the Hawks, credited Ocampo with firing up the squad heading into the second half.

"We had a new mentality coming into the second half," he said. "Coach just

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Murphy named to all-region team

New Mexico State University senior Gwen Murphy had a stellar season for the Aggies volleyball team.

The middle blocker has now been named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-Region team for the Midwest Region. She is now eligible to be named to the All-America team.

"We're really proud of Gwen," coach Mike Jordan said. "She's had an All-American caliber year and she's earned every



GWEN MURPHY

The AVCA members voted Murphy to the 14-player Midwest region team, which is one of 10 regions that make up the AVCA's Division I membership.

Murphy was also the

first Aggie in school history to be named Sport Import/AVCA National Player of the Week. She was one of the great players to ever wear the Crimson and White."

She was also Western Athletic Conference Player of the Year, WAC Tournament MVP, First Team All-WAC and three-time WAC Player of the Week.

The Elfrida, Ariz. Native finished her college career ranked 10th in the nation with a .421 hitting percentage. She set the WAC single-game record with a .933 hitting percentage against Robert Morris on Sept. 11.

She also led NM State with 414 kills, including a season high 20 kills against Denver on Sept. 12.

Murphy had four errorless matches this season: against Robert Morris, Brown, Savannah State and UTRio Grande Valley. She had four matches with three service aces: against Northeastern, Utah Valley, UTEP and Stanford.

The Aggies season ended when they fell in three sets at No. 6 Stanford in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Thursday, Dec. 3.

Ag men, women

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The ladies are looking for a sweep while the men aim to gain a split.

Lobos week looms again for the New Mexico State University basketball programs as the Aggie men's team travels up the road to Albuquerque to tangle with in-state rival New Mexico Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m., and the NMSU women's squad take on the Lobos Sunday, Dec. 20 with a 2 p.m. tipoff.

The Aggie women (6-2) took down UNM 78-59 when the two squads first clashed Nov. 17 in Las Cruces. The NMSU men (5-3) fell at home Nov. 15 to their rivals, 83-74.

Both Aggies squads have some business to take care of first, though, before they can set their sights on the Lobos.

NMSU's men play host to the Wyoming Cowboys at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 13.

The women have a

home game against Eastern New Mexico at 7 p.m., Monday Dec. 14 and a road tilt at San Jose State Dec. 17 before they get another shot at UNM.

For the Aggie men, forward Pascal Siakam sets the pace with an average of nearly 25 points per game. The 6-9 sophomore also averages 13 rebounds per outing and has 18 blocks on the season.

Junior guard Ian Baker is the only other Aggie to average double digits on the scoreboard with nearly 15 points per game. He leads the team in both 3-point shooting and assists.

For the women, four players have average double-digit scoring. Sasha Weber senior guard Sasha Weber sets the pace with 13.1 ppg. Forward Brianna Freeman and guard Tamera William are close behind with 11.9 and 11.8 ppg respectively.

Guard Brooke Salas averages 10.5 ppg.

Free kids basketball clinic scheduled

The New Mexico State women's basketball team will conduct a free clinic for children in 8th grade and younger, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 14 at the Pan American Center Annex.

Check-in will begin at 5 p.m. Walk-in registrations are welcome.

Kids in attendance will get hands-on fundamental training from members of the NM State women's basketball team and staff. Attendees will also receive free ad-

mission into that night's 7 p.m. game against Eastern New Mexico following the clinic.

For information, contact DJ Downs at djdowns@ad.nmsu.edu.

Additional tickets for the women's basketball game against ENMU can be purchased at the Pan Am Center Box Office or by calling (575) 646-1420. General admission tickets are \$6 for adults and free for children ages 12 and below.

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yards and two touchdowns, while Brian Williams completed 4-of-8 passes for 96 yards and two touchdowns.

DeMarcus Owens grabbed his first career interception to set up the Aggies' first touchdown of the game. Following the turnover, Larry Rose III used two carries to gain 23-yards as the visiting team took a 7-0 advantage.

NM State added to the lead with 4:08 remaining as Allen connected with

Bergstrom for a 76-yard pass to cap a three-play, 83-yard drive.

ULM then cut into the lead as they finished a four play, 60-yard drive with a touchdown. With 1:35 left in the first quarter, the Aggies held a 14-7 lead.

The visiting team extended the lead again after a seven-play, 73-yard drive. Rose III scored his second touchdown of the game as he dove over the pile for a one-yard score to give NM State a 21-7

lead. On the next play, the Warhawks scored again to make it a one-score game as the Aggies held on to a 21-14 advantage.

The Aggie defense stood strong with 12:58 left in the third quarter as Rodney Butler forced a fumble. Stephen Meredith grabbed his second career fumble recovery and returned it nine yards to give NM State a 28-14 lead.

After the Aggies had a turnover on downs, ULM went 11-yards in three plays to score with 9:34 left in the third quarter. Following the Warhawks'

touchdown, NM state held a 28-21 advantage. The home team then added two more touchdowns to take a 35-28 advantage with 6:21 remaining in the third quarter.

The visiting team drove 75 yards in 13 plays for the next touchdown. Allen found Bergstrom with a 10-yard pass to knot the score at 35-35 with 2:05 left in the third quarter.

At the start of the fourth quarter, ULM returned an interception for what would be the final touchdown of the game as the Warhawks captured the victory.

Centennial's Dante Lopez throws a touchdown pass.

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talked to us about this being the last game playing for this team for us seniors, and that we needed to play our hardest."

Even after the loss, Gurrola and his family - some of whom had traveled from Phoenix, to see his last game - were all smiles.

"The atmosphere on the field and getting to play in this game was just amazing, it was all just an amazing feeling. I'm going to remember this forever," Gurrola said.

For many seniors such as Gurrola, the end of this game was a bitter-sweet moment. This will be the first senior class of players who played throughout their four years at Centennial, and even more importantly this senior class saw the team through its growing stages in order to become

a clear state championship contender for years to come.

Though Centennial High will be moving up a division to 6A and will be facing tougher and bigger high schools, the confidence remains that this program will continue to do amazing things, Ocampo said.

The team also had to fight past a blow to their psyche with the sudden death of their assistant coach, Roger Grays, who died from injuries he sustained in a Thanksgiving Day vehicle accident. But as Ocampo described, the team's high level of performance in that second half was for him.

"We all wanted to honor him the right way, and through this game," he said. "Coach Grays was always the first to tell the kids to be strong and

never give up, so they wanted to do just that for him."

As Ocampo headed away from the field after speaking with the press, he grabbed Alex Voelz, who also just finished playing his last game for the Hawks.

"I'm going to miss you," he told Voelz.

"I'm going to miss you too, Coach," Voelz replied, tears running down his face.

"You're such a great guy and you're going to do great things," Ocampo said.

Though their high school football careers have come to a close, this group of players was able to take on the impossible and for four years they were able to put their heart on the field.

Even in the face of so many challenges they were able to change a city of naysayers into a city of believers.

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nesiology and Dance Department in the College of Education. "We were the ultimate team. We supported each other throughout and in the end have grown so much."

NMSU DanceSport won second place in the American Style Team Match and Ballroom Formation divisions, and third place in Latin Formation.

Dancers Brandon Romero and Jade Augustain won the Open Syllabus Bolero, Novice Rhythm and Pre-Championship Rhythm divisions; Manny Carmona and Karen Torres won the Pre-Bronze Waltz, Pre-Bronze Foxtrot and Pre-Bronze Tango divisions; Romero and Valeria Zerecero won the Bronze Latin (Rumba & Cha Cha) division; Irvin Zavala Verdugo and Augustain won the Bronze Latin (Samba); Ernesto Olivas and Crystal Miranda won the Pre-Bronze Cha Cha and Pre-Bronze Swing divisions; and George Torres and

Ruby Marquez won the Bronze Rhythm division.

Second place winners were Aaron Prescott and Natalie Cardenas in Gold Smooth (Waltz & Foxtrot); Zavala Verdugo and Augustain in Bronze Latin (Rumba & Cha Cha); Carmona and Cindy Moreno in Bronze Rhythm (Cha Cha & Rumba); Carmo and Cydnee Plant in Bronze Rhythm (Mambo); George Torres and Marquez in Bronze Rhythm (Swing); Olivas and Miranda in Pre-Bronze Rumba; Olivas and Destiny Bretado in Pre-Bronze Waltz; Kevin Ladd and Miranda in Pre-Bronze Foxtrot and Pre-Bronze Tango; and Ladd and Karen Torres in Pre-Bronze Cha Cha and Pre-Bronze Swing.

Placing third were Romero and Augustain in Novice Smooth and Pre-Championship Smooth; Zavala Verdugo and Zerecero in Silver Rhythm (Cha Cha & Rumba) and Silver Rhythm (Swing &

Mambo); Ladd and Miranda in Pre-Bronze Waltz; Prescott and Cardenas in Gold Smooth (Tango & Viennese Waltz); George Torres and Marquez in Pre-Bronze Cha Cha and Pre-Bronze Swing; Ladd and Karen Torres in Pre-Bronze Rumba; and Olivas and Miranda in Pre-Bronze Rhythm (Cha Cha & Rumba).

The top six finalists representing DanceSport were Letian Qi and Moreno, who placed fourth in Silver Smooth (Tango & Viennese Waltz); Walker Fleming and Bretado, who placed fourth in Bronze Rhythm (Mambo); and Damon Harrison and Diana Kent-Hoke, who placed fifth in Bronze Smooth (Waltz & Foxtrot).

DanceSport is one of three degree-granting university dance programs in the country to offer a degree with an emphasis in ballroom dance. Including their recent win, in the past three years, the company has earned 29 national and national collegiate DanceSport championship titles.

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Hawks, Bulldogs fight for title

The Centennial High Hawks football team played host to the Artesia High Bulldogs Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Field of Dreams in the Class 5A state championship game.

The Hawks entered the game undefeated and ranked No. 1 in the state but fell behind 21-0 in the first half. Centennial rallied in the second half, but lost a close contest, 42-34.



Centennial fans hold up a sign to honor Hawks assistant coach Roger Grays, who died a week before due to injuries sustained in a car crash.

How to win your majors: timely tips for you to play your best game

(Part 2 of 2) In last week's column, we opened a Pandora's box for some of the absolute basic fundamentals for recreational golfers to adopt if they are passionate about winning key matches and local tournaments.

Years before I moved here to New Mexico and began working with both accomplished college golfers as well as beginners and high handicappers, my favorite "go to" golf books were Jack Nicklaus' "Golf My Way", Ben Hogan's "Five Lessons" and Tommy Armour's "How to Play Your Best Golf All the Time". All of which remain musts for any serious golfers collection.

Since then I have amassed a library of some 750 golf books, a large portion of which deal with the mental game. As baseball great Yogi Berra used to say, 90 percent of winning is half mental. And in terms of believing in yourself as a com-

petitor, Henry Ford offered this sage advice: "If you think you can or think you can't, either way you're right."

Remember, we're not talking about how to learn to be the best stick among your age-group peers; this is about playing your very best under competition, whatever your very best may be.

Perhaps the main thing amateur weekend golfers face every time they tee it up is just how little control they have over the outcome of either their score or their match. As competitor golfers we do not have control over an opponent's play, bounces or luck, good, bad or in between, weather conditions, noises, gusts, slips, or even foul-ups with maintenance, hole cutting, mowing, bunker snafus, tee markers and a dozen other variables.

That's the "bad news," which I offer simply as a reminder.

Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor



The "good news" is the more important, and more telling, collection of things you do have control over. These are factors like your swing, like speed, path, tempo, repetitiveness and the intricate details including executing what you have practiced thousands of times.

While on that latter item, I strongly recommend playing practice rounds on the golf course where you are going to play a key tournament, with the idea of simulating playing conditions. Weeks and even months before majors (PGA, LPGA, Champions) players' caddies go out and measure yardages, runouts, slopes, hidden dangers, greens, bunkers, and other nuances that they

can use to advise their player. They can't use lasers or GPS for tournament play, so they have a ready, shorthand booklet containing all those details.

It might be a good idea for you to have a handy booklet with targets, numbers, notes and swing keys in your pocket come game day. Of course, that's only if you really are serious about playing your best and winning.

There are several other critical variables you do have control over. They include: your interest in preparing for an important match or tournament, the ability to discipline your focus, manage your emotional ups and downs, your level of effort, your decisions, your attentional steadiness, your pre-swing routine constancy, your thinking and judgement particularly on the greens, your calm and cool steadiness and your ability to recognize the situation as it changes from hole to

hole.

Decision-making – which only you control – during the heat of battle cannot be underestimated. I could cite hundreds of cases where major championships were won or lost because of players' decisions. But as a personal example, in a recent tournament my game plan was to minimize my risks when by ball ended up in trouble, generally by chipping back into the fairway. I committed to this and scored well and won.

In contrast, a year later I abandoned that play, wavered on my decisions, took some high numbers and finished poorly.

Lastly, my personal belief is that the masterful manner a golfer reacts and responds to adversity during competition goes a long way in determining the outcome. I plan on devoting an entire column on this topic within a few weeks.



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Ashley Furniture Homestore to help families in need

By Susie Ouder Kirk
Las Cruces Bulletin

Wanda Bowman could be Santa's role model. She and her son, Paul, the owners of Ashley Furniture Homestore in Las Cruces, just keep giving

and giving, and they're gearing up to provide a lot of holiday cheer around southern New Mexico this Christmas. They'll be giving back to the community with the 10th edition of "All I Want For Christ-

mas," a furniture give-away that happens in the days just before Christmas.

Wanda and Paul, along with a panel of community-involved citizens, will read through hundreds of

letters and emails sent in by folks all around the area who know of individuals and families in need. On Dec. 22, the panel will choose a number of the letters describing Las Cruces who are doing

without and Ashley will deliver furniture to their homes on Dec. 23.

According to the "All I Want for Christmas" flyer, the give-away is for anyone "who has suffered an economic hardship or life altering event and may not be able to furnish their home." The give-away is not just for the city of Las Cruces; all southern New Mexican are welcome to send letters and emails.

"This is our way of helping the community that has been so supportive of us for the last 45 years," Wanda said. The furniture give-away helped 36 families last year, and may provide furniture for that many or more in 2015. Wanda believes that it's important for every person to have a comfortable bed to sleep in and a table to gather around with family. "The most common item we donate is a mattress," Wanda said. "Living room and dining room furniture is second, and we give a lot of recliners to older folks."

Locally owned and operated, Ashley's Furniture Homestore was started by Wanda and Bob Bowman in 1971. Bob passed away two years ago, and Wanda and son Paul work to make sure that the store continues to be community-conscious. Wanda states, "Paul and I do this for the community because the community has done so much for us."

She is quick to point out that people who need furniture are often average, hardworking families. "Frequently it's people who work full time with families who are having trouble making ends meet," she related.

One letter Ashley's received was from the neighbor of a veteran who had mobility issues and spent his entire day sitting in a

chair in his living room. At night he went from the chair to his bed, and then back to the chair the next day. The neighbor asked for a power lift chair for the veteran, and Ashley's delivered. When she followed up on the gift, Wanda found out that the man now regularly gets up and walks around outside of his house. The power lift chair gave him a new freedom he had gone without for years.

The letters and emails are usually written by neighbors, friends or family members who live elsewhere and can't afford to just buy the necessities and gift them themselves. Families chosen by Wanda and her panel will be selected based on their need to receive furniture.

One very special letter came a few years ago from a boy who just wanted a dining room table for his siblings to sit at together during meals.

The boy's faith in the magic of Santa Claus was apparent in his letter: he didn't add in his address or phone number, knowing that St. Nick doesn't need those silly details to give his gifts. Wanda reached out to the media and an article was published searching for this young man.

"We found him!" Wanda exclaimed. "He believed so strongly that it could happen, and I was so happy to make that come true for him and his family."

One year Ashley's Homestore delivered twin bedroom sets to brothers who were sleeping in sleeping bags on the floor. A comfort that so many of us take for granted was a very special gift to the brothers, one of whom excitedly said, "It's my OWN bed!"

Wanda and Paul show



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their love of the city of Las Cruces in many ways. Just browsing through the Homestore reveals the Bowman's support of Aggie sports and Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary (SHAS). Wanda strategically places life-size photographic cutouts of SHAS dogs and cats around the store to encourage shoppers to see their own home furnis-

ings adorned with the faithful presence of a pet. Wanda's own dogs are Chihuahua-mix rescues, because, she agreed, "Everyone should have a lap dog!"

Some of the dogs and cats in the cut outs are actually available for adoption from Safe Haven, and, if those have been homed, many more are on hand waiting for a family.

All letters and emails intended for the 10th Edition of "All I Want For Christmas" furniture give-away must be received by December 22, and those sent through the mail must be post-marked by December 18. Ashley Furniture Home-store is located at 3299 Del Rey Blvd. and the can be emailed at Christmas-WithASHley@Outlook.com. Their phone number is 523-3933.



Paul Bowman, (left) and his mother Wanda Bowman give back to the community with their Ashley Furniture Home-store "All I Want For Christmas" event.



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About 1,000 students are projected to participate in the fall 2015 commencement ceremony at New Mexico State University, set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Pan American Center.

Commencement activities will begin Friday, Dec. 11, with a doctoral

hooding ceremony at 7 p.m. at Pan American Center. NMSU will recognize Dan E. Arvizu, recently retired director of the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado, with an honorary degree during the ceremony. He

will speak to the doctoral degree candidates following his hooding.

Of the 1,450 students who are degree candidates on the Las Cruces campus, 15 are associate degrees, 1,056 are bachelor's degrees, 314 are master's degrees and 65 are doctoral degrees.

Additionally, 537 associate degrees will be conferred to students graduating from NMSU Dona Ana Community College, NMSU Alamogordo, NMSU Carlsbad and NMSU Grants this fall. Summer graduates from main campus who did not participate in the

spring commencement ceremony are invited to attend this fall ceremony.

Tickets are not required. The Pan American Center will open one hour prior to the ceremony. Candidates should check in east of the Pan American Center in Lot 32.

Arrowhead Drive between Triviz Drive and Stewart Street will be

closed for commencement. Parking will be available for degree candidates and the public in the lots to the north and east of the Pan Am, with handicapped parking to the north and northeast of the building.

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her eyes to the problems facing the future of Las Cruces.

"We have hundreds of kids that do not attend school on a regular basis," she said. "To put it simply, we are just not meeting the needs for these kids, and even for the kids who are coming to school."

After 25 years of teaching it can become extremely disheartening to truly see that the needs of a huge portion of students are not being met, and has really lit a fire under her shoes, she said.

Much like Hand, Parr-Sanchez believes in the power of the community coming together for the benefit of the children, and for the future of the city.

But she also made it clear that education being left only in the hands of the school district is not going to cut it.

"We all need to work together to renew a commitment to our children," she said. "Educa-

tion is a shared responsibility that we must commit to. LCPS cannot be solely responsible for the education of these children. Education is, and must be, a community effort."

LCPS will be setting up a team to attend the National Conference for Community Schools in April 2016.

"We are not giving up on this," Parr-Sanchez said. "I'm hoping by the end of this school year in May that we will have some solid steps forward in making this happen."

Several cities in the U.S. have formed community schools and have experienced great success, and the hope is for Las Cruces to follow the lead, she says.

For more information about community schools, or to lend support for the project, Hand can be reached at 527-5946 or timhand@lcpk12.nm.us, and Parr-Sanchez can be reached at 527-6007 or mparrsanchez@neanm.org.

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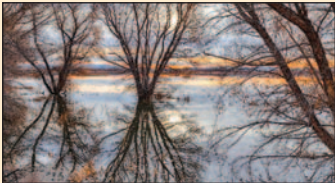
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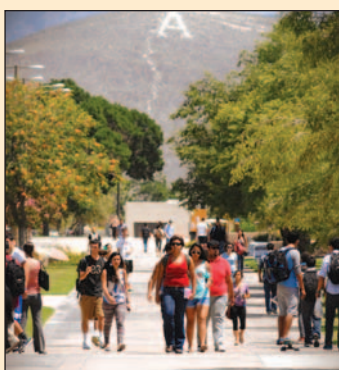
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Celebrate a border-centric Christmas this weekend

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Arts & Entertainment

Celebrate a border-cultural Christmas with 'Feliz Navidad!'

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

This weekend, celebrate a border-centric Christmas with “Feliz Navidad – Christmas in Song and Dance,” a collaborative holiday program between the Doña Ana Arts Council and the newly formed Bellas Artes Sin Fronteras – Fine Artists without Borders – focused on the cultural Christmas traditions of the region.

With two performances – 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 – on the stage of the historic Rio Grande Theatre, itself a cultural icon of blossoming Downtown Las Cruces, “Feliz Navidad” brings together a program rich in traditional music and dancing central to the culture of the Borderlands.

The event also marks the birth of a new group – Bellas Artes Sin Fronteras – and its exciting, out-of-the-gate collaboration with one of Las Cruces’ longest-standing arts and cultural organizations, the Doña Ana Arts Council.

Before each daily performance, all ticketed guests are invited to a meet-and-greet featuring refreshments and traditional appetizers, snacks and sweets including tamales, biscochitos, buñuelos, and champurrado, called “antojitos” or “little cravings.” The meet-and-greets are set for 5 to 6 p.m. Saturday and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Following the receptions, the two-part “Feliz Navidad” begins with a tribute to the honored patron saint of Mexico, La Virgen de



Guadalupe, the Virgin Mary, featuring traditional songs from Mariachi Aguilas and a rendition of “Amor Eterno” joined by the colorful folkloric dancers of Ballet Folklórico Tierra del Encanto.

The first act concludes with folk reenactments of Las Posadas – “the lodgings” – and Los Pastores – the “pastorela,” pastoral drama of the Nativity.

Las Posadas, celebrated in Mexico and parts of Latin America and the Borderlands from early to late December, commemorates the cold and arduous trek of Mary and Joseph from Bethlehem to Nazareth in search of shelter – lodging.

Los Pastores recreate the biblical passage in which the shepherds are led to the Christ Child by following the Star of Bethlehem, along the way facing tribulations culminating with a face-to-face confrontation with the Devil himself,

bent on preventing them from reaching the boy. Along the way, they’re aided by the Archangel Michael, who intervenes on the shepherds’ behalf and sends them to their complete their travel.

The program’s second act begins with children breaking the traditional seven-point piñata – gluttony, lust, greed, pride, wrath, envy and sloth – a symbolic rejection of sin and the reaping of heavenly reward – in this case, candy – in exchange.

Mariachi Los Arrieros from west Texas will take the stage following the children’s drama for an invitation to the Christmas Fiesta and a program of traditional songs interspersed with traditional dances from the diverse states of Mexico by Ballet Folklórico Tierra del Encanto. The group will close the program with a potpourri selection of Christmastime favorites in Spanish before

inviting the whole crowd for a rousing sing-along of José Feliciano’s holiday classic “Feliz Navidad.”

“Feliz Navidad” serves as a fitting inaugural event for the new Bellas Artes Sin Fronteras – “Fine Artists without Borders” – designed to promote multicultural arts in the region. Made up of business-owners, a marketing executive, a banker, a lawyer, a community organizer and community leaders, BASF includes Isidoro Vaquera, president; Erlinda Portillo, vice president; John Vasquez, treasurer; Christina Chavez Kelley, secretary; Mercedes Colato; Dr. Diana Bustamante; and ex-officio members J. Paul Taylor, Roberto Estrada and Gloria Vaquera.

Bellas Artes Sin Fronteras’ mission – finding communitywide support for multicultural education through arts programs and activities – is a natural fit with

that of the Doña Ana Arts Council, which since 1972 has ensured the performing, literary and visual arts are included in education, economic growth and community growth in southern New Mexico through events and programs, support to artists, community advocacy and beyond.

After meeting with DAAC Executive Director Kathleen Albers, BASF’s Gloria Vasquez said she and Albers felt the event was “a perfect fit for the arts council’s current 2015-16 New Mexico Heritage Series,” and the Rio Grande Theatre provides a perfect venue for future collaborative events.

Moving forward, Vasquez said BASF hope to “continue to bring other multicultural activities and performances to Las Cruces in order to create an awareness of the importance of arts in education and to develop and interest for

a cultural center in Southern New Mexico.

“We are excited with the support of the community, sponsors and volunteers that have come forth and have embraced the idea, the concept and the future vision of BASF.”

The Rio Grande Theatre is located at 211 N. Main St. Tickets to “Feliz Navidad – Christmas in Song and Dance” are \$32 per person, which includes all fees and admission to the pre-show meet and greet. Tickets are available online at www.riograndetheatre.com, by phone at 523-6403, or in-person from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Rio Grande Theatre box office, located on the second floor of the theatre.

For more information call 523-6403 or visit www.riograndetheatre.com or www.daarts.org.

Zak Hansen can be reached at zak@lascrucesbulletin.com.

Dec. 12 Toy Jam benefits Toys for Tots of Las Cruces

A Saturday, Dec. 12, dance and musical showcase featuring Las Cruces DJs and performers will benefit the United States Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots of Las Cruces.

The Toys for Tots Toy Jam will begin at 9 p.m. and continue until midnight at Azul Ultra Lounge inside Hotel Encanto, 705 S. Telshor Blvd., said event organizer Joshua Ziehl.

The price of admission is a new, unwrapped toy or a suggested donation of \$5. Proceeds will go to Toys for Tots of Las Cruces.

The event begins at 9 p.m. with a ribbon cutting that will be “the introduction to the night and our way of opening up the musical showcase and showing thanks to the artists and performers who have donated their time for this charitable cause,” Ziehl said.

“We have performances from Azul Ultra Lounge resident DJ Mando, followed by a showcase from Owl Cartel Music Group, with performances by Dr. Ewww, DJ Gene-e-ous and NGHTGRND,” he said. “The Owl Cartel showcase will be a special state-of-the art 3D projection-mapped showcase where guests who donate a toy will receive one free pair of visual FX glasses to go along with the show.

“At midnight we will have a quick ceremony to give thanks to our sponsors, participants and performers,” Ziehl said, “then music will continue until the venue closes at 2 a.m.

“The purpose of this event is to bring the com-

munity together in a fun way that also gives back to our local kids,” he said.

Toys for Tots of Las Cruces was founded nearly 20 years ago and hopes to provide toys to more than 5,000 needy children throughout Doña Ana County. Ziehl hosts a yearly music showcase to benefit a local charity with the 2015 charity being Toys for Tots.

In addition to the DJs and performers, event sponsors include Valley Pro Music,

Sound Lighting, Glo FX, Monster Energy, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and Hotel Encanto.

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January 16, 2016 • 7:30pm

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January 17, 2016 • 3pm

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January 19, 2016 • 6:30pm

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January 23, 2016 • 6:30pm

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- SUN DECEMBER 13 • 1:30 P.M.** **Branigan Library**
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'Shrek' the halls with boughs of folly

Review by Megan McKinney
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

December is busy. There's no part of it that isn't stuffed with cleaning, buying, baking, cooking, and driving. The current Las Cruces Community Theatre production of "Shrek the Musical" offers the perfect escape from the madness of the holidays – two hours of solid entertainment that doesn't involve hearing "Jingle Bell Rock" even once. If you managed to miss the cultural phenomenon that was the film "Shrek" in 2001, it's the story of an ogre trying to get a bunch of evicted fairy-tale creatures off his land. He agrees to rescue Princess Fiona for Lord Farquaad if he can get his solitude back.

This is a quality musical production that holds together. Musicals are hard work and don't leave room for error because if you miss a line, the music doesn't stop. You certainly don't get to take a second to breathe mid-dance number. When you watch a musical at LCCT, you are watching roughly 100 hours of rehearsal per actor. That doesn't count the time they spend perfecting their work outside of rehearsal. These are people with jobs, school, families, and sometimes all three. The labor of love that is a theatrical production is astonishing, especially considering that it is strictly on a volunteer basis.

"Shrek" is a show that feels effortless. The 100-plus hours



The cast of Shrek the Musical offers the perfect escape from the madness of the holidays. Left to right are Francesca Perez-Wright, Mark Kitanga, Joel Fisk and Cameron Lang as Shrek.

of rehearsal have seamlessly come together into one show where everyone is on the ball every second. The songs are snappy, the dancing is tight and the emotions soar and plummet appropriately. Sometimes you watch a show and you can see the effort of it telling, but this cast never once shows the audience anything other than real skill and fantastic fun.

Cameron Lang carries the show as Shrek and offers a total contrast to the film, a contrast that does the show an incredible service: Lang acts as the straight man.

He's funny, to be sure, but

he's soft and gruff in the midst of cartoonish zaniness, and it elevates the entire show. It gives a poignancy to "Shrek" I never expected. You can't do comedy without someone "normal" to react to the insanity and Lang embraces that in a way that makes every other aspect of the show fall into place. He also has a singing voice that fills the theatre and carries real emotion; just wait until you hear "When Words Fail."

Playing opposite Lang are Mark Kitanga as Donkey and Francesca Perez-Wright as Princess Fiona. Kitanga acts with his whole body and the full

range of his voice. I didn't think hooves could be as expressive as hands. How wrong I was! He's an excellent singer but as a dancer he absolutely shines, "Make a Move" will have you wiggling in your seat. Perez-Wright is genuine as Fiona. Her irritation, her struggles and her fun crudeness feel authentic and interesting in a way that you can't help but be enchanted with, especially in the song "Morning Person."

Lord Farquaad, played by Joel Fisk, gets a lot of laughs and with good reason. He embraces the campiness and commits physically to the role. De-

spite being half the size of every other character, he fills the stage with self-important hilarity in "What's Up, Duloc?"

Rounding out the major players are Pinocchio, played by Mike Dick, who's exasperated at his lot in life but entirely sympathetic, and his borderline falsetto voice is giggle-inducing. Vanessa Dabovich plays Dragon and belts a song made for someone with her abilities. She owns the stage when she sings, playing up both the predatory and the vulnerable nature of Dragon. Cindy Pitts plays both the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Gingerbread Man. Both are lovely, but the Gingerbread Man in particular is glorious due to Pitts' ability to do a cartoon voice that brings a felt puppet fully to life.

The supporting cast are a joy to watch. They have a few group numbers which are great, but even better is the fun of seeing them disappear backstage and immediately come back onstage in a totally new costume and an entirely different personality. The Duloc dancers in particular, with their little rictus grins, are wildly fun to watch, and "Freak Flag" is a raucous good time. The supporting cast throw themselves into each song or dance in a way that you only get in a show that's got real love for the work and commitment to nailing it each night. Hardly surprising when the

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Borderlands Media launches 'sins of man' short film contest

In an ongoing effort to find new and innovative ways to package and distribute short films, Borderlands Media is in preproduction on a new series of anthology movies, to begin shooting in early 2016. Tentatively titled "Night Shades," the series will follow a formula that has been around since the early days of cinema, and was turned into an artform by the late, great Rod Serling with "The Twilight Zone": the introduction of each film, by a recognizable host, as part of a greater, themed whole.

To kick the project off, Borderlands Media will hold

a contest for filmmakers in New Mexico and West Texas on the subject theme "the sins of man." The contest will run through January 2016, with a submission deadline of Jan. 31, 2016. A \$5,000 cash prize will be awarded to the winner. Top submissions, including the grand prize, will be considered for distribution via the anthology model.

For more information, submission guidelines, contest rules and more, visit www.borderlandsmedia.com.

Borderlands Media LLC brings together more than 30 years of industry experience to give independent

filmmakers the best opportunity to have their films marketed to major retail and rental outlets, cable video-on-demand, internet VOD, worldwide distribution, and limited theatrical and mobile viewing. The prime directive of the organization is to keep independent filmmakers in the game by offering services unavailable to them until now, along with aggressive marketing, efficient delivery and personalized client support.

For more information on Borderlands Media, visit www.borderlandsmedia.com or call 652-3836.

Fiction book entries sought for NMPW women's book contest

An outstanding New Mexico writer will be honored for her work in fiction in spring 2016 when her book receives the prestigious Zia Award, given by the New Mexico Press Women.

New Mexico women writers are invited to submit their fiction books for consideration of the award, given each year at the annual New Mexico Press Women spring conference luncheon. The 2016 conference luncheon will be held April 23, 2016 at Bosque Retreat Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Finalists are required to attend the award luncheon to read from their work.

Each year the award ro-

tates to one of three categories: fiction, children's literature, and non-fiction. To accommodate this schedule, a book published in the last three years is eligible. Any fiction book published in 2013, 2014 or 2015 will be accepted for consideration of the 2016 Zia Award.

Publishers or authors may submit a book entry. Membership in the association is not required, but the writer must be a woman. Authors must also live in the state, or have a strong connection to New Mexico, however the book can be published anywhere.

Early bird entry is \$20 for members and \$25 for

non-members if the entry is postmarked by Thursday, Dec. 31. Regular entry is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Membership in NMPW is \$13 annually.

For consideration please submit: A cover letter with contact information (include email) containing the following: author's biography, author's connection to New Mexico, description of the book, a copy of the book, entry fee and optional membership fee, payable to "New Mexico Press Women."

Mail to the following address: Jessica Savage, Zia Award Contest Chair, 1612 Ralph Dr. Las Cruces, NM 88001.

Entries must be postmarked by Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016. An acknowledgement letter will be emailed upon receipt of the entry.

Book entries are considered a donation to the organization and are not returned. The books will be part of the silent auction, held at the annual spring awards banquet, to raise scholarship funds.

For more information on the contest please send correspondence to the address listed above or email jsavage@cybermesa.com.

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creatives involved are Janet Beatty-Payne directing, Megan McQueen music directing and Karlos Saucedo choreographing.

"Shrek" is a show worth your time. Get your spouse, family, friends, or just take yourself – going to the theatre alone is vastly underrated – put aside all of your holiday stress for two hours and enjoy something irreverent and sweet being vibrantly performed by people who know what they're doing. You will leave the theater lighter, happier and ready to tackle the rest of your December!

Performances of "Shrek" are 7 p.m. Thursdays, Dec. 10, and 17; 8 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 11 and 18, 8 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 12 and 19; and 2 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 13 and 20.

Tickets are \$14 regular admission, \$13 for students, military, and senior citizens over age 65 and \$10 for all children 6

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For tickets and more information, visit www.lcct-nm.org or call 523-1200.

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Events Calendar

FRI. 12/11

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.

6 to 9 p.m. Rick Rotante art demo, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 401 N. Main St. Artist Rick Rotante will perform a three-hour head-painting demo with a live model, which will include getting a likeness in under-painting, lay-in and measurement using tone. He will also discuss how to use impasto as well as a brief explanation of mixing and his color palette. Free. Call 541-2137.

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

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

7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Holiday Contra Dance, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society, a nonprofit organization that sponsors dances and music jams, will hold a holiday contra dance featuring old-time traditional tunes from The Muletones out of West Texas. Lonnie Ludeman will call dances. Lessons begin at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$6, youth discount \$1. Call 522-1691.

8 to 10 p.m. Live rock and indie with Gold-Hearted Crows, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Guadalupe. No cover. Call 523-9463.

9 p.m. Live music with James Cordova, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

SAT. 12/12

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.

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.

9 a.m. to noon, MVM Farm volunteer day, MVM Farm, 2653 Snow Road. Interested in organic farming and local food production? Want to find out more about vermiculture, composting, laying hens, season extension and crop planning in our region? Come and volunteer at the MVM Farm in Mesilla. Free. Call 805-6757 for directions or email info@mvmfarm.com.

10 a.m. to noon, Family Game Day, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. What types of games did families enjoy in the years before electronic games were invented? The Las Cruces Railroad Museum hosts Family Game Day on the second Saturday of each month. Develop hand-eye coordination with Jacks and Cup and Ball Toss, stimulate your mind with jigsaw and wooden puzzles or challenge friends to a game of Dominoes. Free. Call 647-4480.

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 baking chemistry. All ages are welcome, from 3 to 93. Free. Call 522-3120.

10 a.m. to noon, Make an Ornament class, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Drop by anytime and make your choice of holiday ornaments. Materials will be available for you to make a variety of ornaments and cards. Come put your imagination to work to make something truly unique for family or friends. Children age seven and up are welcome with parental attendance encouraged. Cost is \$1 suggest donation per child. Call 647-4480.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 1101 S. Solano Drive and 317 S. Main St. This week, Florence Hamilton will be the storyteller at the Downtown location and Judith Ames 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 natural and recycled gifts – create gifts that make a difference. 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.

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4 p.m. Poetry reading and book signing, MVS Studios, 535 N. Main St. Las Cruces poet Joe Somoza will give a reading from his new book "As Far As I Know," and copies of Somoza's book will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served. Free. Call 522-1119.

6:30 p.m. Feliz Navidad! Christmas in Song and Dance, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Doña Ana Arts Council, in association with Bella Artes Sin Fronteras, continues its 2015-16 New Mexico Heritage Series with a special holiday performance. Enjoy the pageantry of traditional border and cultural celebration of Christmas through the universal language of song and dance. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$32 reserved seating, which includes a meet-and-greet with traditional Christmas "antojitos" one hour before the doors open. Call 523-6403 or visit www.riograndetheatre.com.

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

8 to 10 p.m. Live Spanish guitar and pop with Maggie Garcia, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Guadalupe. No cover. Call 523-9463.

8 to 11 p.m. Live rock and funk with Pistachio, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.


9 p.m. Live music with Taking Over, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

SUN. 12/13

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 p.m. Feliz Navidad! Christmas in Song and Dance, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Doña Ana Arts Council, in association with Bella Artes Sin Fronteras, continues its 2015-16 New Mexico Heritage Series with a special holiday performance. Enjoy the pageantry of traditional border and cultural celebration of Christmas through the universal language of song and dance. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$32 reserved seating, which




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includes a meet-and-greet with traditional Christmas "antojitos" one hour before the doors open. Call 523-6403 or visit www.riograndetheatre.com.

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.

3 p.m. Mesilla Valley Concert Band concert, Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe Drive on the NMSU campus. The Mesilla Valley Concert Band presents its second free concert of the season, with a program that includes the Sousa march "Corcoran Cadets," Roger Nixon's "Fiesta del Pacifico," Claude Smith's "Incidental Suite," Alfred Reed's "Othello" and Julie Giroux's "Jingle Them Bells." Free.

3 p.m. Celestial Sounds: "A John Rutter Christmas," Good Samaritan-Las Cruces Village Stucky Hall, 3000 Buena Vida Circle. John Rutter has been described as "the world's greatest living composer and conductor of choral music," and his festive and familiar holiday carols are being sung all over the world this season in celebration of his 70th birthday. Please join the Las Cruces celebration, featuring Director Carol Nike, Accompanist Ji Young Han, and the Celestial Sounds women's choir. Admission is free, with a suggested \$5 donation to defray expenses. For more information about the concert or about joining the choir, please contact Carol Nike at 202-9646.

4 p.m. Banned Book Club, Nopalito's Galeria, 326 S. Mesquite St. The winter Banned Book Club this month will discuss Luis Urrea's "The Devil's Highway." Join us for discussion even if you have not read the book. Urrea's book was banned in Arizona in 2012, a result of the passage of HB2281, a statewide ban on "ethnic studies." Help celebrate the freedom to read. Free. Call 524-0003 or email gallegospatricia0@gmail.com.

MON. 12/14

6:30 p.m. Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meeting, Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meets the second Monday of each month. There is a short business meeting followed by a meeting of interest to quilters and guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Linnea Egbert at 521-0521 or lascolcherasq@aol.com.

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

TUE. 12/15

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.

7:30 p.m. Celestial Sounds: "A John Rutter Christmas," Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. John Rutter has been described as "the world's greatest living composer and conductor of choral music," and his festive and familiar holiday carols are be-

ing sung all over the world this season in celebration of his 70th birthday. Please join the Las Cruces celebration, featuring Director Carol Nike, Accompanist Ji Young Han, and the Celestial Sounds women's choir. Admission is free, with a suggested \$5 donation to defray expenses. For more information about the concert or about joining the choir, please contact Carol Nike at 202-9646.

7:30 p.m. Literary open mic, Palacio Bar, 2600 Avenida de Mesilla. This is our annual "we've survived another year" party. Open reading begins at 8 p.m. Bring up to three poems or five minutes of prose to read. Michael Mandel hosts. No cover. Call 521-7311.

WED. 12/16

7:45 to 9 a.m. Beginner Bird Walk, Tellbrook Park, 4290 E. Winchester Road. On the third Wednesday of each month, the Mesilla Valley Audubon Society guides an easy, outdoor bird walk for beginners. Learn about the avian wildlife that visits and lives in the Las Cruces area. Wear walking shoes and bring water. Binoculars are helpful, but not required. Free. Contact Jay Wilbur at jwilbur@jaysplanet.info for more information.

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.

9 a.m. to noon, MVM Farm volunteer day, MVM Farm, 2653 Snow Road. Interested in organic farming and local food production? Want to find out more about vermiculture, composting, laying hens, season extension and crop planning in our region? Come and volunteer at the MVM Farm in Mesilla. Free. Call 805-6757 for directions or email info@mvmfarm.com.

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.

7 p.m. Mesilla Valley Audubon Society monthly meeting: Christmas Bird Count 2015, Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Calling all citizen scientists! This meeting is an orientation for the annual count, to be held Dec. 19. Non-birders are invited to attend the meeting and join a team. Free. Visit www.new-mexico-birds.com.

8 to 10 p.m. Open mic, Q's Steak, Pasta and Brewhouse, 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. 12/17

9 a.m. Dinosaur Train: Migration, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to join museum staff on the third Thursday of each month to learn about paleontology, ancient environments and trains. This month, we will learn about the migratory patterns of animals as they travel with the seasons. A video will be shown and a hands-on demonstration will follow. After the lesson, we will complete a craft activity, and the railroad museum will also be providing trains for our preschoolers to play with. 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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7 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, 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 Steppin' Up. 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.

8 to 11 p.m. Live music with one-woman rock band Tiffany Christopher, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

FRI. 12/18

10 a.m. to noon, Coloring Club for Adults, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Join the countless people who have discovered this fun way to recapture one of the joys of childhood in a safe and relaxing environment. It's OK to color outside the lines or use unexpected colors. Enjoy the companionship of other women who want to release their inner artist. Gentlemen are welcome, also, but no children, please. The club is BYOB and C - Bring Your Own Book and Colored pencils, or use our materials. A variety of pages will be ready to be colored, from simple pictures to intricate designs. Free. Call 647-4480.

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 with Tejano Pryde, The Game Sports Bar and Grill, 2605 S. Espina St. No cover. Call 524-4263.

8 to 10 p.m. Live acoustic guitar with James Gier, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Guadalupe. No cover. Call 523-9463.



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OPENING

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE 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 collections 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" opens with a reception from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, and 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 and younger. For more information, visit www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org or call 522-4100.

LAST CHANCE

UNSETTLED GALLERY presents the fifth annual "Let's Go Ornamental" exhibit, featuring eclectic area artists – and a few from further afield – creating artful treasures perfect in size, composition and price for gifting or adding to your personal collection. The holidays are an excuse and inspiration for our artists, and the gallery, to allow a bit of fun, discovery and experimentation to enter the creative process resulting in work to enjoy not just for the holidays, but year-round. "Let's Get Ornamental" opens with an artists' reception from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. The exhibit will remain on display through Saturday, Dec. 19.

Unsettled Gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St. Regular gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and by appointment. For more information visit www.unsettledgallery.com, email u@unsettledgallery.com or call 635-2285.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY presents its fall 2015 collaborative exhibition, "Points of Departure." Forming a multifaceted curatorial exchange, three concepts will be on display within the gallery for "Points of Departure": Laboratory, Curatory and Points of Departure. The UAG will host a plethora of community programs, taking place from mid-November through early December. For the complete schedule, visit uag.nmsu.edu. "Points of Departure" will remain on display through Saturday, Dec. 19.

The NMSU University Art Gallery is located inside D.W. Williams Hall, at the intersection of University Avenue and Solano Drive. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, visit <http://uag.nmsu.edu> or call 646-2545.

ONGOING

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, and founding Border Artist Virginia Ness will be honored. Artist Margaret Berrier will be on-hand in the gallery to demonstrate her art techniques and designs from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12. Rosemary McLoughlin, Winfrey Hearst will also be in the gallery to chat with visitors.

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.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents three new exhibits opening for the month of December, "Remembering the Mays," "The Beggars of Venice" and "Around the World, Around Other Cultures."

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.

"Around the World, Around Other Cultures" is 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.

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 mythology, 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.

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.

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.

GALLERIES FROM PAGE B9

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.

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.

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.

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. 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.

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 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 and younger. For more information, visit www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org or call 522-4100.

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.

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.

DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER is currently displaying more than 100 pieces of new, original artwork created by 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.

The Doña Ana County Government Center is located at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 647-7210.

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

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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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.

YOUR NINE TO FIVE

ENGLISH	SPANISH
ATTORNEY	ABOGADO
BIOLOGIST	BIÓLOGO
GUARD	GUARDIA
HOTELIER	HOTELERO
INTERPRETER	INTÉRPRETE
LOCKSMITH	CERRAJERO
MAYOR	ALCALDE
MODEL	MODELO
SECRETARY	SECRETARIO
SOLDIER	SOLDADO
THERAPIST	TERAPEUTA
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Crossword Puzzles

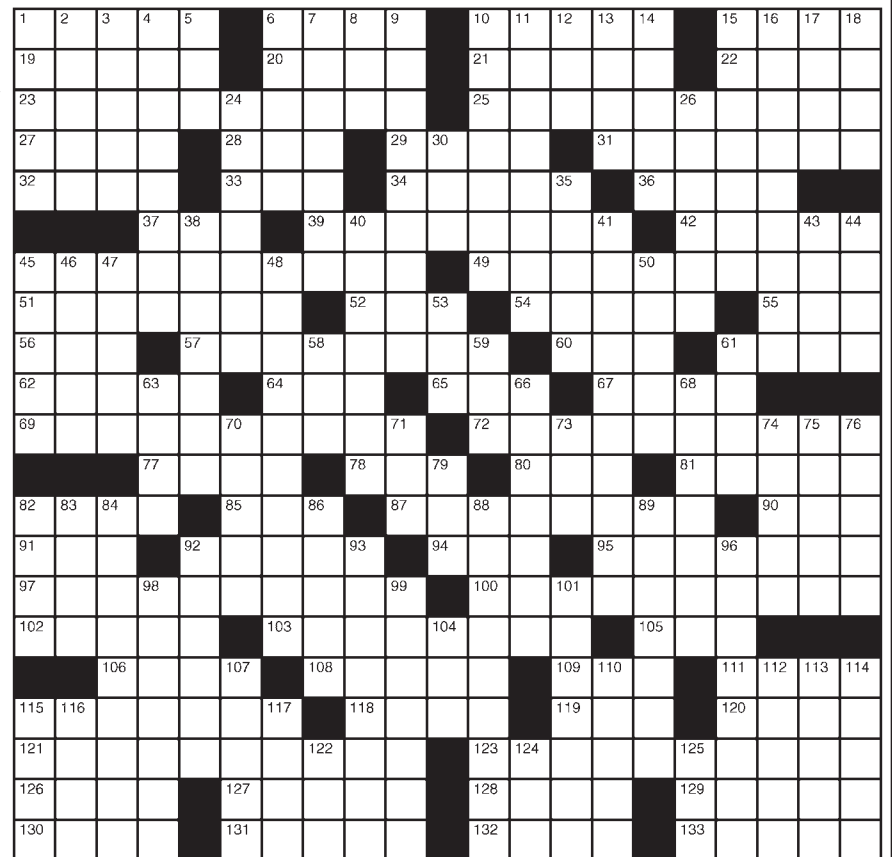
Diagramless, 21 x 21

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.

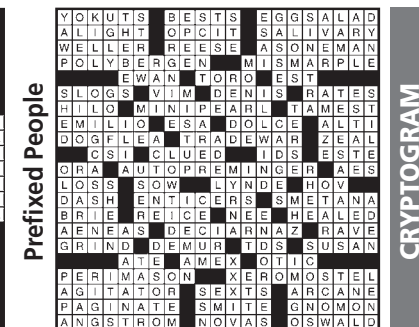
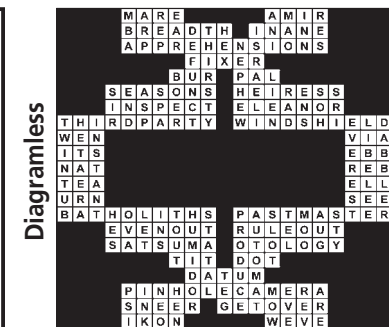
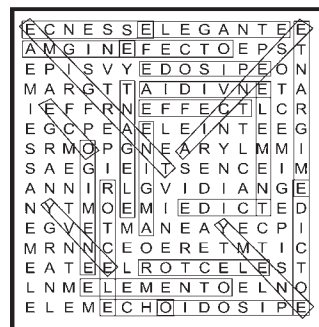
- ACROSS**
- 1 Running animal on shield
 - 8 Earned
 - 12 Circus cries
 - 15 Took the final available help path
 - 17 "Absolutely!"
 - 18 Finished working: abbr.
 - 19 Platter for serving food
 - 20 Present time
 - 21 Car accessory
 - 22 To this day
 - 25 Separation into + and - particles
 - 29 Jack-in-the-pulpit, e.g.
 - 31 Eastern European
 - 32 Clinton, abbr. e.g.
 - 33 Ornamental flower holder
 - 34 Goblet feature
 - 35 PC action
 - 42 Coming into being
 - 43 Pinot tasting area
 - 44 N.O.Saints chant - "Who's ___?"
 - 45 Cleans up, in a way
 - 48 Can you dig it?
 - 49 Medicinal clean out agents
 - 56 Accepting without question
 - 58 On the other hand
 - 59 Radar image
 - 60 Out
 - 67 Linda ____, Supergirl's alias
 - 68 Relaxer
 - 70 Spore producer
 - 71 Throat, for one
 - 73 Dump
 - 75 Be a pain
 - 76 Bit of physics
 - 77 Assuages
 - 85 Original name before marriage
 - 86 Stead
 - 87 Timber problem
 - 88 Always, in verse
 - 89 Unit of pressure
 - 90 Can be mislaid
- DOWN**
- 1 Computer monitor, for short
 - 2 "___ the glad waters of the dark blue sea": Byron
 - 3 Finish, with "up"
 - 4 Ex-Yankee Guidry
 - 5 Compass doodle
 - 6 ___ power
 - 7 Golf bag item
 - 8 GQ competitor
 - 9 Magazine contents
 - 10 ___ list
 - 11 Store, as corn
 - 12 Shaping into a circle
 - 13 Deadly opiate
 - 14 Attitude
 - 16 Like some humor
 - 23 Manhattan section
 - 24 Branch dwelling reptilian
 - 26 Blast
 - 27 Caesar's hello
 - 28 Anderson's "High ___"
 - 30 Can't be discussed
 - 34 Convened
 - 35 Intimidate
 - 36 William Tell's canton
 - 37 Bolivian export
 - 38 Add years to one's life
 - 39 Writer's point
 - 40 Chain letters?
 - 41 When it's broken, that's good
 - 46 Fishermen
 - 47 Perceiving
 - 49 Be off
 - 50 Time div.
 - 51 Capt.'s guess
 - 52 Small songbird
 - 53 Comes in cubes
 - 54 Hall-of-Famer Hubbard
 - 55 Astute
 - 57 Mushroom
 - 60 "Seinfeld" gal
 - 61 Reception
 - 62 Something excellent
 - 63 Venom source
 - 64 Low-tech missile
 - 65 Lt.'s subordinate
 - 66 Distill
 - 69 4:1, e.g.
 - 70 Leg part
 - 72 Attendee
 - 74 Deviation
 - 78 Neighbor of Ger.
 - 79 Debate position
 - 80 North Sea feeder
 - 81 "Eureka!"
 - 82 Blubber
 - 83 Corner piece
 - 84 "Didn't I tell you?"

BLACK TO BLACK

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cornered
 - 6 Charlie Chan's comment
 - 10 ___-wip (dessert topping)
 - 15 Address for a lady
 - 19 Saclike cavity between joints
 - 20 Kid's punishment, perhaps
 - 21 Facilitates
 - 22 Rounds and clips
 - 23 Harry the magician
 - 25 Drupe
 - 27 Hodgepodge
 - 28 Soaked
 - 29 Ramble
 - 31 Total takes
 - 32 Camp shelter
 - 33 Bear in Barcelona
 - 34 John and Tyne
 - 36 Kathryn of "Law And Order: CI"
 - 37 Barcelona uncle
 - 39 Glowing brightly
 - 42 Noted chair designer
 - 45 Picnic staple
 - 49 Romaine, e.g.
 - 51 Gathers greedily
 - 52 Clearasil target
 - 54 Japanese P.M. Fukuda
 - 55 Gun lobby letters
 - 56 Levin or Gershwin
 - 57 Begins, slangily
 - 60 Sales pro
 - 61 Sporty car roof
 - 62 Canvas coating
 - 64 Mamie's man
 - 65 NYC arena
 - 67 Arcturus or Antares
 - 69 Setting sun phenomenon
 - 72 Portable torch
 - 77 ___ number one!
 - 78 Butter holder
 - 80 Mentalist Geller
 - 81 Philanthropist
 - 82 Industrial pollutants: abbr.
 - 85 ___out of (decline)
 - 87 Bullfighter
 - 90 Sugary suffix
 - 91 Rope-a-dope poet
 - 92 Jetson's dog
 - 94 Nighty-night spot
 - 95 Dispossessed tenant
- DOWN**
- 97 Navigation beacon
 - 100 Do domestic duty
 - 102 Center of central Florida?
 - 103 Web surfers
 - 105 Greek letter
 - 106 Kind of frost
 - 108 Virgil's shepherdess
 - 109 Coll. student's figure
 - 111 One of Henry VIII's six
 - 115 Mimicries
 - 118 Hindquarters
 - 119 Cold and wet
 - 120 Royal role for Liz
 - 121 Tabula rasa
 - 123 Dark color
 - 126 Like Santa's cheeks
 - 127 Chinese province
 - 128 German "a"
 - 129 French title
 - 130 French seasons
 - 131 Little sticks
 - 132 Becomes pudding
 - 133 Tracker's trail
 - 1 Brothers' keeper?
 - 2 Very fine netting
 - 3 Egghead
 - 4 Fancy haberdashery item
 - 5 Talk, talk, talk
 - 6 Chips in
 - 7 Night bird
 - 8 RR stop
 - 9 Went too far
 - 10 Retail transactions
 - 11 What I'll do if I'm wrong
 - 12 British mil. honor
 - 13 ___ Xiaoping
 - 14 Grenoble's river
 - 15 Chocolate candy treat
 - 16 Cause for a smile
 - 17 Friend in Marseille
 - 18 Witty remarks
 - 24 Actress Kurtz
 - 26 Precede
 - 30 Single grain
 - 35 Of the sun
 - 38 Roger McGuinn song
 - 40 Most vague
 - 41 Eschews neutrality
 - 43 Eiel Saarinen's son
 - 44 Become unhinged
 - 45 Odin's wife
 - 46 Harder to find
 - 47 Czar's decree
 - 48 Opposite of an elementary particle
 - 50 Profundity
 - 53 Male turkey
 - 58 Reggae's cousin
 - 59 Letters on a rubber check
 - 61 Threesome
 - 63 Puts in stitches
 - 66 Attached with stickum
 - 68 Early TV series, "The ___ Family"
 - 70 First-year students
 - 71 Crude shelter
 - 73 Football coach
 - 74 Thousand bucks
 - 75 Old Testament prophet
 - 76 Wooden tableware
 - 79 Go up and down
 - 82 Washed out
 - 83 Cut short
 - 84 Head honcho
 - 86 Aligned
 - 88 Perfects by repetition
 - 89 Blow away
 - 92 Come by
 - 93 One-time Jazz center Greg
 - 96 Sound of hoofbeats
 - 98 Cheers
 - 99 Brennan and Heckart
 - 101 R. E. Lee opponent
 - 104 Pakistan ruler (1977-88)
 - 107 City in northwestern Iran
 - 110 Meat pastes
 - 112 Texas shrine
 - 113 Right-hand page
 - 114 TV weatherman Al
 - 115 Large lot
 - 116 Conspiracy
 - 117 Dilatory
 - 122 Tropical blackbird
 - 124 Tell whoppers
 - 125 NCAA acronym



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS



CRYPTOGRAM

M N P N T G N D A O Q D N Q R R J
Y X K Q G R N Q Y M V Y P X T T X Y
T X Y K B . F B J ? G N P Q V O N
A K ' O K B N X Y R J T X Y K B F A K B
Q M A Y A K .

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
Mickey Mouse is happy as a lark on his usual Christmas transportation, mice skates.

AtTheMovies

Coming soon on DVD Dec. 15

Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Science fiction
Starring: Dylan O'Brien, Kaya Scodelario
Director: Wes Ball

Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation

Rated: PG
Genre: Family
Starring: Sandra Bullock, Jon Hamm (voices)
Director: Kyle Balda, Pierre Coffin

Fantastic Four

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Action, adventure
Starring: Michael B. Jordan
Director: Josh Trank

Ted 2

Rated: R
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Seth MacFarlane (voice)
Director: Seth MacFarlane

Top-grossing Dec. 4-6

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| 1 The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2
(Week No. 3) \$18,857,547 | 6 The Night Before (Week No. 3)
\$5,029,453 |
| 2 Krampus (Week No. 1)
\$16,293,325 | 7 The Peanuts Movie (Week No. 3)
\$3,571,554 |
| 3 The Good Dinosaur (Week No. 2)
\$15,323,958 | 8 The Secret in Their Eyes (Week No. 2)
\$1,933,989 |
| 4 Creed (Week No. 2)
\$14,989,303 | 9 The Martian (Week No. 10)
\$1,606,360 |
| 5 Spectre (Week No. 5)
\$5,523,358 | 10 Love the Coopers (Week No. 4)
\$1,514,645 |

Picking the Flicks



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

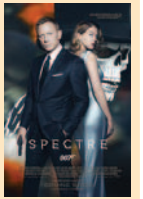
Goosebumps

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A teenage boy teams with the daughter of author R.L. Stine, whose literary demons have been loosed on a Maryland town.
Starring: Jack Black, Dylan Minnette
Director: Rob Letterman



Spectre

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: James Bond is sent after a sinister organization from a message out of the past, and uncovers the terrible truth behind SPECTRE.
Starring: Daniel Craig, Christoph Waltz
Director: Sam Mendes



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



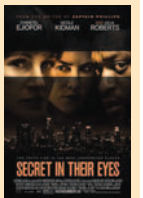
The 33

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Based on the true story of a gold and copper mine collapse that trapped 33 Chilean miners underground for nearly 70 days.
Starring: Antonio Banderas, Rodrigo Santoro
Director: Patricia Riggen



Secret in Their Eyes

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A team of high-rising investigators is torn apart when one of their own teenage daughters is found murdered.
Starring: Chiwetel Ejiofor, Nicole Kidman
Director: Billy Ray



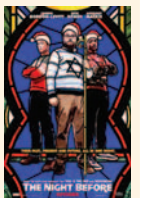
The Peanuts Movie

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



The Night Before

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Facing the end of their annual New York Christmas Eve tradition, three lifelong best friends go looking for the "Holy Grail" of Christmas parties.
Starring: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Seth Rogen
Director: Jonathan Levaner



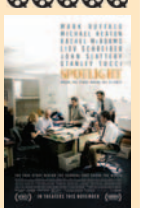
Victor Frankenstein

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Told from assistant Igor's point of view, we see the evolution of his relationship with a young medical student named Victor Von Frankenstein and how he became the legend we know now.
Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, James McAvoy



Spotlight

Rated: R
Plot Overview: The true story of how the Boston Globe uncovered the shocking child molestation and subsequent cover-up by the local Catholic Archdiocese.
Starring: Mark Ruffalo, Michael Keaton
Director: Tom McCarthy



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



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



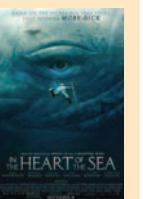
The Good Dinosaur

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



In the Heart of the Sea

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Based on a true story — and the inspiration for "Moby Dick" — a whaling ship is stranded at sea for three months, preyed upon by a sperm whale.
Starring: Chris Hemsworth, Cillian Murphy
Director: Ron Howard



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Berg's Best-Of 2015: And the winner is ...

By Jeff Berg

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

So, the distributor of this week's Fountain Theatre film, "Pawn Sacrifice," does not offer advance screenings or screeners – loaner DVD copies or online links – for their releases.

Odd, thinketh I, but there is not much I can do about it. Sometimes I can find a DVD copy overseas, since oft times films are released on DVD in the UK before they are here, but not this time.

So, in its stead, here is an earlier-than-usual version of my favorite films of the year, though I really didn't see as many as I usually do, nor did I attend any film festivals this year. That was partially because I have a real day job which takes up a lot of my time and I also had to finish my book (available at COAS and all over online retailers) "New Mexico Filmmaking,"

which you should buy for everyone on your holiday list.

I usually don't do these in any sort of order, but this year, I need to make "Sicario" the best of the year. An amazing piece of work, showing what could easily be honest-to-gawd doings on the Mexican border, this film was gripping from beginning to end. It was also partially shot in New Mexico. Due out in DVD in early January.

And ...

"Like Sunday, Like Rain," the story of a young boy and child prodigy of the cello – and a very smart lad to boot – who takes on his new nanny who is challenging in many new ways. The film made a whopping \$27,000 at the box office and deserved much better. It is available to download now.

"Still Alice," this year's successful look at Alzheimer's featuring a brilliant Julianne Moore who is beset with the early version of the horrible

disease, available now on DVD.

"Room," coming the week of Jan. 15, 2016, to the Fountain, is the amazing and flawless story of a young boy and his mother locked in a room by a man who doesn't allow them out, until a brilliant ploy by the mother changes everything. Although it sounds like a slasher film, it is anything but; rather, it is a taut psychological drama driven by claustrophobia, and there is no body count. A truly amazing piece of work.

"The Salvation" is one of a spate of European made Westerns released this year; this was the best of the lot. A standard revenge tale is turned on its ear by an interesting subplot that only comes to light at the very end of the picture. Now available on DVD.

"Jauja," another non-US western, features Viggo Mortensen as a Danish engineer whose daughter mysteri-

ously disappears into the desert. Available now on DVD.

"White God": The dogs in the movie were from shelters and found homes afterward, just so you know in case you watch this thrilling and often frightening film about a young girl in search of the dog that her father took away from her. On DVD now.

"The Film Critic," about a man who no longer believes in movies, though his life depends on them. This film hit home for me, as our cynical hero tries to avoid living a life of movie clichés without much success.

"Me and Earl and the Dying Girl" is a terrific coming-of-age piece about two high school friends who befriend a fellow student afflicted with cancer. Available now on DVD.

"Charlie's Country": An elder in the Australian outback tires of the white man's way and returns to the desert to try and

live life on his own terms. A beautiful and bittersweet picture.

"Kumiko, The Treasure Hunter": Kumiko really believes in movies – so much so she heads to Minnesota to find the "loot" she sees in a scene in the Coen Brothers film "Fargo." As dry as an Arctic wind, this fun, mirth-filled comedy really captured me. Available on DVD.

"Slow West," yet another non-U.S. Western, offers up the story of a young man in search of his lost love, who is helped by a mysterious stranger, as the lad weaves his way through the west. Shot in New Zealand, I liked it only slightly less the "The Salvation." Now on DVD.

"Spare Parts": Already on DVD and well worth seeking out, "Spare Parts" is based on the true story of some young Hispanic students and a teacher who compete in a university

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Club announces photo- and photographer-of-the year winners

The Doña Ana Photography Club (DAPC) announced Jim Rodgers is the grand winner of the 2015 Photo-of-the-Year Contest and the People's Choice Award as well. Jim Rodgers not only won this competition, but recently won Best of Show at the 2015 Southern New Mexico State Fair with his abstract photo "The Wave," made from a sunrise photo of the Organ Mountains. Rodgers modified a Photoshop technique called the "swirl" to create the winner. Out of

155 entries to the fair, he also took home the Second Best of Show ribbon. Rodgers is an award-winning photographer with many years of experience and is known for his creativity and experimentation and it is no surprise that he is a winner.

Rodgers' photo titled "Bosque Reflections" was among 77 digital entries submitted to four judges. Other top photo winners are Jim Mathews (2), John Adamek, Lisa Mandelkern (2), Avi Kot-

kowski, Catherine Lucas, Rob Peinert, Karen Conley, Charles Dube, Lonnie Ludeman, Dave Brown, Erik Winter and Mia Gonzalez.

In total, 27 photos received either a blue or red ribbon in one of two classes, past winners and everyone else, and divided into two categories, color and monochrome. Winners were chosen based 70 percent on emotional or aesthetic appeal and 30 percent on technical aspects.

The four judges were Frank Gomez, Mike Kmetz, Joy Miller and Paul Schrantz. Each judge selected their personal photo favorite, and based on differing tastes, there were four separate Judges' Awards given: John Adamek, Charles Dube, Avi Kotkowski and Til Zimmerman.

Lisa Mandelkern was named 2015 Photographer-of-the-Year for the second time. Mandelkern had two photos in the top fifteen photos of the digital competition. In addition she had the highest cumulative scores in the three quarterly print competitions. Mandelkern's background in art and art history, plus her natural enthusiasm for exploring specific digital photographic topics, such as night photography, black and white and HDR photography, always lead to winning compositions. She is also the DAPC Program Chair and regularly shares her skills in monthly programs, teaching others her latest techniques.

In addition to the two DAPC inspirational/technical meetings each month, there are photo walks and field trips, monthly theme shows, quarterly print competitions, annual digital year-end contest and beginner boot camps.

In the past year President Erik Win-



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Doña Ana Photography Club Photo of the Year shooter and People's Choice Award winner Jim Rodgers and Photographer of the Year Lisa Mandelkern.

ter, Vice President Rob Peinert and club members offered a series of five monthly Saturday morning boot camps, designed to introduce the public to their cameras and basic photography at a very minimal cost. The boot camp series will be offered again beginning late January 2016. The club tries to offer something for every person and every ability.

The Doña Ana Photography Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays at Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St., and the public is invited. The next meeting will be Jan. 5, 2016, and will cover "How to Submit Images to the Monthly Themes" by Lisa Mandelkern and Debbie Hands, plus "30 minutes on famous photographer Duane Michals" by Jim Rodgers. For more information, visit www.daphotoclub.org.

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science project competition, using their wits, wile and a bunch of spare parts to create a robot. A guilty pleasure for sure, the film is terrific in many ways, especially for not stereotyping Latino men as druggies, fighters and gang-bangers.

"**Testament of Youth**," the true story of a young woman in WWI England who leaves her home and studies to find her beau, surviving in the British army, is an amazing and powerful drama/romance, which also deserved a better box office fate. Now on DVD.

Finally, "**Spotlight**," because not only is it a riveting – if you can excuse the cliché – film, well-acted, written and be-

lievable, it also shows that newspapers are still important and will remain important. Hopefully, this will allow for others to see that every jackass online who has an opinion is not a source of news, nor are sound bites.

Looking forward to seeing more movies later this year, including "The Hateful Eight" and "The Revenant."

Maybe I'll sit next to you in the theatre!

Just for the record, "Pawn Sacrifice," complete with chess competition sponsored by the Mesilla Valley Film Society, opens Saturday, Dec. 12. The theatre is closed Friday, Dec. 11, for a private function. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Jeff Berg can be reached at ned-ludd76@hotmail.com.

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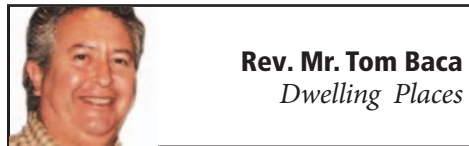
When I was a child of about 5 years old, my mother took me to a local supermarket in my hometown of Gallup. I can remember the cornucopia of smells and colors as we meandered through the Grand Canyon-like aisles of canned food and boxed cereal. Mother grasped my little hands making certain I would not wander off into the amazing maze of colors, smells, people and noises bouncing off the fluorescent lighted ceilings and freshly waxed floors.

Somehow this time I broke loose of her hands as she conversed with the butcher about the price of ground round. I just slipped away into the wonderful adventure of being on my own for the first time. I eventually made my way to the most wonderful part of the market filled with the teasing colors of fresh fruits and vegetables. I marveled at the cherries, pears, apples and grapes — especially the grapes.

I was in a heaven of smells and absolute freshness when suddenly I was called back to reality by my mother's frantic voice: "Tommy, where have you been? I've been looking all over for you. You know you should never leave my side." As I stood in front of the freshly bathed fruit, water droplets glistening with light, I had to exclaim to mother: "Mom, look — Mary is here." She had this puzzled look on her face — a "huh" moment. "What are you saying son?" she asked. "What Mary is here? What are you talking about?" A little frustrated at her lack of being able to understand me, I retorted, "You know, Mom — the Mary from Hail Mary full of grapes!" Of course she immediately laughed and corrected me that there was a huge difference between grapes and grace.

But is there really such a difference? To a child of 5, grace could not be understood unless it could be seen, touched and smelled. And if grace was something good, then why not be represented by the tangible sweet taste of the grape? I saw no difference between an adult-proposed sweetness of grace and the actual sweetness of a cluster of succulent purple grapes in a grocery market.

We talk about "grace" as though it is tangible, perhaps a substance, perhaps measurable. We talk and write about it as if it was free floating and ripe for our grasp. We hear phrases like "but for the grace of God go I," or as the song says, "Amazing grace how sweet the sound." Is grace really a sound we can hear? Is grace simply gracious behavior? Is it what Proverbs 16:24, describes as "Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to



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the soul and healing to the bones?" Or is grace something illusively surrounding our way of speaking about life's experiences? Catholics honor the incarnation during the Annunciation. The Gospel writer recounts the words, "Hail, Full of Grace." In this case, it seems to personify grace by calling Mary of Nazareth the name, "Full of Grace."

Grace is rarely ever focused upon by itself in the same way letters are not focused upon in the context of the words they create. In mathematics an equation can be solved for the variable "x," but in the equation of life the invariably variable grace happens upon us out of a "somewhere" and invariably fills a void in life's experience. So again, just what is it?

When Ernest Hemingway wrote that "courage is grace under pressure," what was he considering beyond the matador in a ring facing death and moving gracefully in an articulate artful dance with death? When we hear the phrase, "but for the grace of God..." it's as if it is a prayer of relief that we have survived some sort of catastrophe, problem, or circumstance. Grace is our protagonist against the villains of tragedy, evil and sin.

Grace seems to be "the something good" that humans experience and that is considered to originate from a source outside ourselves. Our prayers invoke grace as if it were a necessary touch stone for all solutions to problems in our lives.

What is this grace so celebrated in scripture, literature and life? Do we experience the result of grace? Or grace itself? What is meant by "experiencing grace?" Is it the same as experiencing "God?" Yet these questions foster a yearning to understand the origin of this thing we call grace — this force, substance or invisible ether permeating the universe awaiting our acceptance.

As Christmas approaches, perhaps it is best to contemplate these questions with a 5-year-old sense of goodness. Grace is after all something from outside ourselves that always results in a small tear of joy and in some cases large cathartic and healing tears of mourning. Grace, like grapes, quenches our thirst for something beyond ourselves. Merry Christmas to all and may it be filled with Amazing Grace.

RELIGION LISTINGS

TEMPLE BETH-EL HANUKKAH CELEBRATION ON DEC. 11

Celebrate Hanukkah with a festive dinner and family worship experience, the lighting of Hanukkah candles, dessert, and games and activities on Friday, Dec. 11 at 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave. A dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. featuring latkes/potato pancakes, one of the signature foods of this Festival of Lights.

At 6:15 p.m. a service for this Sabbath of Hanukkah will include families lighting Hanukkah candles for the sixth night of the holiday (bring a menorah to light) and special music. Following the service, "dreidels and dessert" will including a sampling of sweet Hanukkah delicacies, games including playing with a Hanukkah "dreidel" and time to enjoy the festival.

For more information, call the Temple office at 524-3380. The community is welcome to attend.

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ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS AT TRINITY LUTHERAN

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2900 Elks Dr., announces an Advent Soup Supper on Wednesday, Dec. 16. The meal starts at 5:30 p.m. with worship at 6:30 p.m.

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PEACE LUTHERAN HOLIDAY EVENTS

Holden Evening Prayer Service takes place during Advent at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16, preceded by a Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m.

Children and Youth at Peace Lutheran will be leading worship with their pageant Jesus' Family Tree on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 9 a.m.

On Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 6 p.m. Peace Lutheran will host a "Longest Night" Service.

The service of the Longest Night occurs on the winter solstice when night is the longest of the year. The service of The Longest Night becomes a metaphor for people who find themselves alone for the first time or those fighting depression. Peace Lutheran is committed to reminding all people that they are not alone. We worship together this night to provide, hope, strength, and community.

Peace Lutheran offers three opportunities to celebrate the Incarnation of Christ. On Christmas Eve there will be a 4 p.m. service (a family-friendly service) and a 7 p.m. candlelight service. Additionally, there will be a service on Christmas Day at 10 a.m. For more information, please call 522-7119.

TRINITY LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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Roofing company donates repairs to Gospel Rescue Mission

The employees, volunteers and patrons of the Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission will stay snug as a bug in a rug this winter, thanks to the donation of roofing supplies and labor by New Mexico contractor RoofCARE through its Roof Angel Project. The donation is the fourth of its kind provided by RoofCARE and APOC, a national roofing material manufacturer. This annual event brought in workers to make repairs to the leaking roofs of two buildings at the Gospel Rescue Mission (LCGRM), 1050 W. Amador Ave. Both buildings house LCGRM volunteers who live on the property.

Jonathon Small, RoofCARE's marketing director, explained how the company chose the Las Cruces facility. "We researched local non-profit organizations in Las Cruces and identified four or five potential candidates. I called each one to learn more about their organization, their causes and missions and their current roofing situations."

Small learned that most of the city's nonprofit organizations do not own their facilities but instead, lease them from the city. "Upon speaking to Bob Jeska, executive director at the Gospel Rescue Mission, I learned they do own their buildings, do not receive government funding and have some active roofing issues," Small said.

"I coordinated with our Regional Manager in Las Cruces, Will Lawson, to schedule an inspection of those roofs. After the inspection, he confirmed the roofing issues and we then made the decision to select them as the recipient of this year's Roof Angel

'We feel this event is a great way to give back to the community and those in need during the holiday season.'

JONATHON SMALL

RoofCARE's marketing director

Project."

The repairs are valued at around \$3,200. "These contributions will have a direct impact on the lives of the less-fortunate that seek the help of the Rescue Mission," Small said.

The Rescue Mission was in need of urgent roof repair. Small explained that the roofing issues were more severe on one of the two residential buildings which included active leaks, deteriorating or failing seals along the parapet walls, split or open seals around the pipes and other roof penetrations and debris throughout. Repairs were made with high-quality APOC products to correct the problems and stop the leaks.

"The other roof is a shingle roof with missing shingles," which were replaced to prevent water from entering the system and causing the spread of damage," he added.

"We will also donate a year of SmartCARE, a Roof Management Program that includes inspecting the roofs and performing preventative maintenance to ensure the roofs remain watertight and leak-free."

Gospel Rescue Mission Executive Director Bob Jeska mentioned the recent hail damage in the Las Cruces area, and how long it would have taken to get a paid contractor to come out and make the repairs. "It would have cost me upwards of \$12,000

to make this happen," he said. But RoofCARE and APOC made it happen at no cost to the Mission.

"We are excited to continue this tradition for the fourth year in a row and give back to such a great organization in the Las Cruces community," Small said. In addition to helping the LCGRM with their roofing issues, RoofCARE's goal is to raise awareness for the organization. "Because many non-profits struggle to afford larger operational costs such as roof repairs, we feel this event is a great way to give back to the community and those in need during the holiday season."

The roof repairs took place on Dec. 3 and 4. Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission provides food, clothing, job training and housing for thousands of the homeless in Las Cruces. The Mission can be reached at 522-7573. RoofCARE's Las Cruces office is located at 151 S. Walnut St, #B10 and can be reached at 505-246-6960.



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RoofCARE employees Jesus Aragon, left, and Jason Knight put their skills to work on the roof of one of the leaky buildings at the Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission.

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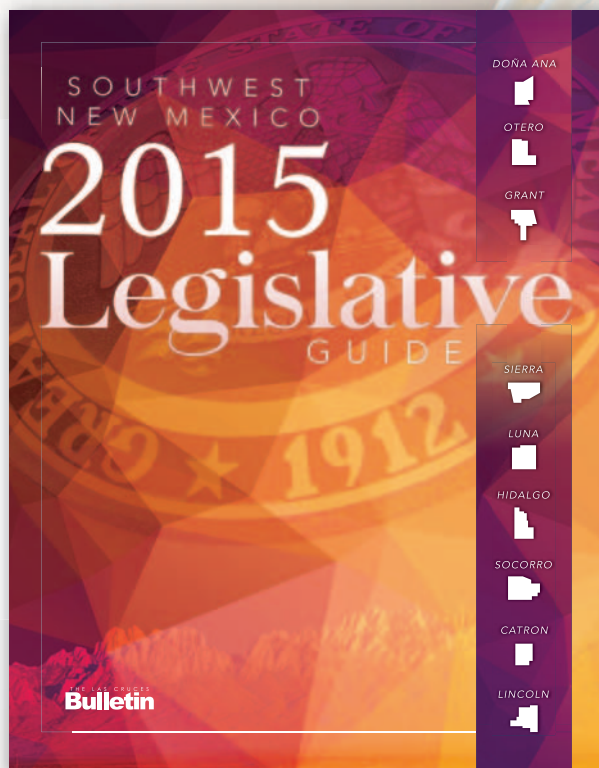
Las Cruces Academy celebrates end of term

On Saturday, Dec. 12, the Las Cruces Academy, 1755 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla, presents its semi-annual, end-of-term student performance. At this event, which starts at 5 p.m., the children perform in Chinese, Spanish (which they study), and other languages plus there are recitations of things they have learned in history and social studies. Students will sing, dance, and entertain their parents and Academy friends. Following the performance is a potluck supper. For information, call 521-9384.



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The ReStore donation pick-up truck is an essential part of Habitat ReStore's success and ongoing operations. ReStore Ambassadors use the box truck to pick up donations of furniture and building materials from community members who otherwise would not be able to bring those items to the store.

The ReStore generates thousands of dollars in revenue for Habitat, all of which support the building of more Habitat homes in

our community.

Prior to the store opening in 2007, Habitat purchased a used box truck, which continues to be in use today.

The deterioration of the vehicle is cause for concern. If the truck completely breaks down, it will bring a large part of Habitat ReStore operations to a complete halt, leading to decreased donations, sales, and, ultimately, funding for Habitat homes.

If you are interested in donating a box truck to Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity, or have a contact that might be willing to help, please contact Maria Vasquez, executive director, at 525-0475 or email mari-ahfh@qwestoffice.net. This donation is tax-deductible for a business or individual.

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Las Cruces soldier sends holiday wishes home

The famous WWII era holiday song, "I'll be home for Christmas" sung so poignantly by Bing Crosby still tugs at American hearts 75 years later. But thanks to a state-of-the-art operation called DVIDS (Defense Video and Imagery Distribution System) members of the military can send video greetings to friends and family far away. In a photo from a video available on line, Maj. Jason A. Buchanan sends a holiday shout out to family and friends in Las Cruces. See the videos of New Mexican service members at www.dvidshub.net. Through a network of portable Ku-band satellite transmitters located in-theater and a distribution hub in Atlanta, Georgia, DVIDS makes available real-time broadcast-quality video, still images and print products as well as immediate interview opportunities with service members, commanders and subject matter experts. For information, e-mail news@dvidshub.net.

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"Many of our Elders were raised in rural ar-



reas," says Rios. "Being around live animals actually soothes and calms them." Elders have pet turtles named Sonny and Cher, rabbits, Laverne and Shirley, a cockatoo named Lucy, two playful pygmy goats, Laurel and Hardy, and two chickens to enjoy.

The Arbors of Del Rey is one of only two Eden Alternative Registered homes in NM the other is Sierra Vista in Santa Fe both owned and operated by Vista Living Communities. "The Eden Alternative is like the honor society of long-term care," said Trevizo. "The Eden Alternative (visit www.edenalt.org), is an international movement dedi-

cated to eliminating hopelessness, loneliness and boredom for our Elders, hence, relieving the burden of 'placement' on their families."

Arbors of Del Rey staff provide educational opportunities and emotional support for Elder's families. "It's hard enough to place someone in care. We excel in assisting families with the transition, whether it's across the country or across the street," said Rios.

AT A GLANCE

Arbors of Del Rey

Year Founded
1996

Primary Service
Assisted Living community for the care of individuals with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia

Top Local Executives
Tony Trevizo, MBA, CALA, CDP, executive director; Lupe Rios, social services director; Michael Manzanares, CDP, business office manager; Dena Lara, LPN, director of nursing; Mary Lopez, CDP, activities manager; Reuben Barela, maintenance director

Address
3731 Del Rey Blvd.

Phone
575-382-5200

Email
arborsofdelrey@vistaliving.com

Website
www.vistaliving.com



Sometimes, just sit and think

Give yourself a gift this season. If there is a child around that's great, but really this gift is for you. Here it is: Take a 20 minute holiday from being so darn grown-up!

Whether your gifts go under a tree, last for eight days, or you close your blinds and wait for all the nonsense to end, your friends at the Children's Reading Alliance have got you covered with the perfect project that is free and takes only twenty minutes a day.

Be a kid again

If you have a child to do this with all the better, but, if not, indulge your inner child anyway. What does that kid like to do? Just do it. Yes, play for 20 minutes each day. Unstructured time provides your brain exercise it needs whether you are five or ninety-five.

Pretend

Build yourself a fort out of couch cushions and a blanket. Cuddle inside with your most frivolous book or look at a picture on the wall and use your imagination to travel to an unexplored place.

Color

Doodle, sketch, paint, play with clay, fill in empty spaces with colors. The stores are stocked with adult coloring books right now. Treat yourself to one.



Rorie Measure
The Reading Solution

Let your mind wander and your hands roam free.

Try something new

Puzzles are great for exercising your brain while taking a break from being in control. If there is a teenager around who wants to play video games give yourself over to that. Turn off that judgmental adult self and be present in a teenager's world. It's only 20 minutes after all.

Tell family stories

Look at your photo albums. Let your mind wander and remember scenes from the past. Write down or sketch the ones that have meaning for you. If there are children around, tell them your stories. Your childhood memories will help your children deal with the challenges in their lives. Your stories can provide a boost to self-esteem and build that reserve of stamina everyone needs to bounce back from stressful events.

Do nothing

"Sometimes I sits and thinks and

sometimes I just sits." Thank you AA Milne for that reminder.

Don't be afraid of boredom. Stop thinking and planning and second guessing yourself and give your brain some empty space. For 20 minutes a day, sit by the fire, take a walk or go to the window and look outside. Pretty soon you will notice something you haven't seen before, the way the light hits an oddly shaped cloud, chirping birds, rain drops on your skin, the smell of wood burning, patterns of leaves blowing in the breeze. Don't look for anything, just be quiet and wait.

Dance with abandon

It is easy to over-schedule yourself and your family in a fury of holiday activity. But, too much amusement actually inhibits creativity and imagination. Give your brain time to explore and seek meaning.

Joshua Straub author of "Safe House: How Emotional Safety is Key to Raising Kids Who Live, Love and Lead Well" shares this story:

"I remember one morning when our toddler son was so excited looking out the picture window that he began to dance uncontrollably.

"I joined him in the dance.

"Had anybody walked by our house at that moment they would've seen a

grown man stomping enthusiastically in the window. Creepy, I know.

"But my little boy and I shared a moment, bonding in the only language he had for the excitement he was feeling. One of the most powerful ways to build the brain of a child is to uninhibitedly join him on the dance floor.

"Two minutes later, my boy turned from the window, looked up at me, and babbled with joy. I was now on my phone. The moment was over. E-mails, text messages, and push notifications don't care about moments, about your relationships, or your kids. They only care that you prioritize them right away.

"Do your kids know you genuinely enjoy dancing with them more than staring at your phone? Be okay with being the creepy adult who dances in front of the window at seven in the morning. Parenting isn't rocket science, it's just brain surgery."

Help yourself to a truly meaningful New Year's resolution: Play 20 minutes a day! Best wishes from all of us at Children's Reading Foundation of Doña Ana County.

Editor's Note: The "adult coloring books" Rorie writes of are filled with pictures that appeal to the talents of adults. These books do not contain "adult" (as in suggestive or pornographic) content or subject matter.

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RICHARD COLTHARP / THE LAS CRUCES BULLETIN

Members of the Las Cruces Homebuilders Association's 56th Anniversary House committee celebrated the open house of the new residence at 3058 Cheyenne Drive. Those present included Anna Lueras, Ervina Adams, Nicole Black, Wendy Curtin, Jason Lorenz, Julia Lorenz, Liz Hamm and Steve Chavira. When sold, proceeds from the house will go to specified charities in the community.

*Offer expires 12/31/15. Not valid with other offers or prior purchases. Offer applies to the purchase 4 or more windows and/or patio doors between 12/1/15 & 12/31/15. 0% APR for 1 year available to well qualified buyers on approved credit only. No finance charges will be assessed if promo balance is paid in full in 12 months. **Monthly payment estimate based on purchase of 5 Series 1 windows, 90-100 united inches in size. Down payment may be required. OAC. Dreamstyle Remodeling, Inc. LIC 91738

PET BRIEFS

Pitbull mix named Pet of the Week

With a face as sweet as apple pie, we're sure you'll find Alynna as irresistible as we do! This



ALYNNA

young and very outgoing three-year-old Pitbull loves to play dress up, and with the holidays coming up, she'd be happy to put on an elf costume or even strap on some antlers and be your evening entertainment! Who could resist?!

All she asks is for a few head rubs and maaaaay-be a couple treats under the table when no one's looking.

Alynna has been at our shelter for almost a year now; come help her find her forever home today!

Alynna is a white and tan female Pitbull mix. Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley is located at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Call 382-0018. Shelter hours are Monday thru Friday: Noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: Noon to 5 p.m.

APA seeks blankets, sleeping bags

ACTion Program for Animals is seeking comforters or old sleeping bags to help offset the cold seasonal temperatures.

Donations can be dropped off from noon-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at 800 W. Pícacho Ave.

The donations will be used for dog beds at the facility and quarantine foster homes. For more information, call 571-4654.

Winter Shelter needs

With the cold winter weather approaching the Animal Services Center is in dire need of blankets, sheets, comforters, and towels to keep our dogs outside warm and cozy through the cold nights. If you have any of these items in your closet that you no longer use or need, we would be happy to take them off your hands!

Seniors for Seniors cat adoptions

Senior citizens are special at the Cat's Meow Adoption Center, 2211 N. Mesquite St., the only shelter in southern New Mexico devoted just to felines. The center is a no-kill facility, and all companions have been vaccinated, spayed or neutered. The center is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Volunteers and donations from the community are also always welcome. For more information, call 386-6938.

Volunteers needed

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley is looking for volunteers to help with dog walking, (large breed and small breed) off-site adoption events, outreach programs, and more. Do you have a few hours a month to help give love and kindness to a homeless pet? If so, contact us to find out how you can get involved. Call, visit our website or Facebook page, or stop by the shelter today and pick up an application. The Center is located at 3551 Bataan Memorial Highway. For information, call 382-0018.



Marley wants a new home with you

Jeff Barker, manager of Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary shares a quiet moment with one of the adoptable dogs, Marley.



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LEGAL NOTICES

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Legal Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 28, 2015, Milton Donald Shult, Jr, PO Box 295, Mesquite, NM 88048, filed application numbered LRG-16056-POD1 under file no. LRG-16056-1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County to discontinue use of well LRG-4981 located on land owned by Desert Air Cooling at Easting/Northing X=1,504,285 and Y-422,375 NMSP (feet, NAD83) and drill a new well LRG-16056-POD1 located at or near Easting/Northing X = 1,503,749 and Y = 423,351 NMSP (feet, NAD83) on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of 6.885 acre-feet per annum, or an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 1.53 acres of land owned by the applicant, located in the SW¼ of Sec. 18, T25S, R2E (NMPM). The site of proposed well LRG-16056-POD1 will be in Mesquite, NM and may be found approximately 1,380 feet east-southeast of the intersection of NM Hwy 478 and NM 228. Existing well LRG-4981 will be retained for other rights. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill and use a replacement well under NMSA 1978, Section 72-12-23.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the applica-

tion must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 12/04, 12/11, 12/18, 2015

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 SW ¼NW¼ 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.

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

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

Dates: 12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 2015

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-01368

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2006-WMC2 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-WMC2, Plaintiff,

vs.

LEON ID GAVRILMAN AND MIRA GAVRILMAN, husband and wife and OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 812 Bonnie Court, Sunland Park, NM 88063, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 32, BLOCK 3, MASON FARMS SUBDIVISION UNIT 2, IN THE COUNTY OF DONA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO. AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUN-

TY AS PLAT NO. 4040 ON 10/26/2004 IN BOOK 21 PAGE (S) 18-21 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 A.M. on December 17, 2015**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Trustee For Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-WMC2 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC2. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Trustee For Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-WMC2 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC2 was awarded a Judgment on April 30, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 190,758.72, with interest at the rate of 8.4 % per annum from March, 17, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$12,072.68 .

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 Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-WMC2 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC2, 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, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

By: Robert A. Doyle, Special Master c/o Legal Process Network P.O. Box 51526 Albuquerque, NM 87181 505-417-4113 1 NM-14-619736-JUD IDSPub #0095794

11/20/2015 11/27/2015 12/4/2015 12/11/2015

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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

HOLIDAY SELF STORAGE 2190 Holiday Ave. Las Cruces, NM, 88005 575-525-9056

On Saturday, December 19th, 2015 BEGINNING AT 10 A.M. Registration Begins @ 9:30am \$25.00 cleaning deposit per

each unit purchased THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS 23, 56, 60, 75, A09, A34, C11, C29, C33, G32, I08, I37, L40, M07, P02, P16, Q04, Q06, Q13 Tenant addresses are 'last known'

Unit # 23 Victoria M Dunn 2200 Holiday Ave Las Cruces NM 88005 UNIT CONSISTING OF: TV, tool box, mattress, misc boxes

Unit # 56 Salina E Morales 2100 Isaacks #22 Las Cruces NM 88007 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Arcade video games, boiler, tools, truck tool box, misc boxes

Unit # 60 Steven Peterson 3009 Hyacinth St Las Cruces NM 88007 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Wooden furniture, posters, microwave, mattresses, misc items

Unit # 75 Mario Manriquez 2733 Sandhill Las Cruces NM 88012 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Washer, dryer, golf clubs, tires, mattress, misc household items

Unit # A09 Stan Cox PO BOX 193 Las Cruces NM 88052 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Artificial fire place, shelf, chair, clothing, misc boxes

Unit # A34 Lorraine Garcia 5612 Arvilla Ave Albuquerque NM 87110 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Wooden chairs, grill, microwave, lots of boxes, misc boxes

Unit # C11 Angel L Espana 618 E Thorpe Rd #53 Las Cruces NM 88007

UNIT CONSISTING OF: Sofa, mattress, misc boxes

Unit # C29 Kristofer Angel Sanchez Lucero 1734 Fairacres Rd Las Cruces NM 88005 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Couch, dining chairs, misc contents

Unit # C33 Manuel G Lily 2215 S Espina BOX # 26 Las Cruces NM 88001 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Window A/C, rugs, shower door, misc items

Unit # G32 Darren J Corbin 1025 Mc Fie Las Cruces NM 88005 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Clothing, misc boxes and household items

Unit # I08 Angelica Corpus 999 Telshor #1301 Las Cruces NM 88011 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Luggage, end table, clothes, misc boxes

Unit # I37 Daniella M Carillo 1815 E Madrid Ave Las Cruces NM 88001 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Grill, kids bike, dresser, kids toys, misc boxes

Unit # L40 Jason C Rivera 2430 E Idaho Apt D Las Cruces NM 88001 UNIT CONSISTING OF: BBQ grill, dining chairs, speakers, misc items

Unit # M07 Sasha De La Cruz 2878 Quasar Dr Las Cruces NM 88011 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Fridge, dolly, wooden chairs, bikes, lots of misc items

Unit # P02 Sulie S Young 910 Calle De Encanto Las Cruces NM 88005 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Tables, chairs, dresser, hand-



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

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/Pre-Proposal Meeting	Due Date / Time
Risk Management Software	15-16-115	N/A	December 23, 2015 4:00pm

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

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

Dates 12/11/15



Starting January 1, 2016

To reduce printing costs, save paper, and eliminate the need for a plan deposit, the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Section will no longer provide hardcopy plans for construction projects. Plans will be issued on a USB flash drive at no cost with a hardcopy of the specification book. It will be up to each contractor to have the plans printed if needed.

As in the past, the Purchasing Section will keep two sets of plans on hand for viewing; you may sign them out from the Bid Clerk and view them in our office, Rm. 3134, 3rd floor of City Hall at 700 N. Main St., Las Cruces, NM 88001.

Thank you for your continued interest and participation in City projects. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office at bidclerk@las-cruces.org or at (575)541-2525

LEGAL NOTICES

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icapped power chair, misc items

Unit # P16
Johnny Benavidez
 4028 San Ysidro Td Spc 24
 Las Cruces NM 88007
 UNIT CONSISTING OF:
 Vacuum cleaner, TV, room A/C, microwave, misc. household items

Unit # Q04
Rudi Martinez
 2930 S Valley Dr. #32
 Las Cruces NM 88005
 UNIT CONSISTS OF:
 Guitar, dolly, bicycles, TV, cabinet, love seat, misc household items

Unit # Q06
Cindy Gonzales
 1609 Ralph Dr
 Las Cruces NM 88005
 UNIT CONSISTS OF:
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Dates: 12/04, 12/11, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-01475

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

DIANE MICHELE PRINDEVILLE, SARAH BOONE, FIRSTLIGHT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DIANE MICHELE PRINDEVILLE, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SARAH BOONE, 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 3336 Lunarridge Street, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 4, BLOCK F, SUNSET HILLS SUBDIVISION PLAT NO. 3, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIG-

NATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 1169 ON JANUARY 30, 1984 IN BOOK 13, PAGE(S) 225 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:00 AM on December 15, 2015**, 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 13, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 128,488.17 with interest at the rate of 5.875% per annum from April 2, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$5,315.10.

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: Margaret Lake, Special Master Pro Legal Services, LLC 201 Eubank NE, Suite A3 Albuquerque, NM 87123 (505)715-3711 1 NM-14-647551-JUD IDSPub #0095399

11/20/2015 11/27/2015 12/4/2015 12/11/2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-02231

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,

vs.

JOSEPH P. REYERO AKA JOSEPH PAUL REYERO AND JANE DOE REYERO, HUSBAND AND WIFE; MICHELLE R. REYERO AKA MICHELLE ROSE REYERO AND JOHN DOE , WIFE AND HUSBAND; PRESTIGE FINANCIAL SERVICER, INC.; NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF WORK-FORCE SOLUTIONS - BENEFITS PAYMENT CONTROL SECTION; ABC CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND JANE DOES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES 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 1817 Missouri Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 13.BLOCK A COLLEGE HEIGHTS, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 19, 1953, RECORDED IN BOOK 7 AT PAGE 37 OF PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

The sale is to begin at 11:45 AM on December 17, 2015, 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 highest 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., was awarded a Judgment on September 10, 2015, in the total amount of \$65,296.75, with interest at the rate of 6.875% per annum from July 1, 2015, through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$2,078.54.

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., 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.**

By: Robert A.Doyle,

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No.-307-CV-2014-00840

CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

JOSE DE JESUS PEREZ AND THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE, 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 11-2 Leebarry Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88006, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTHEAST OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO IN THE NE¼ OF SECTION 1, T.21S., R. 2E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS AND MORE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACTS HEREIN DESCRIBED, WHENCE THE EAST ¼CORNER OF SECTION1, T. 21S., R. 2E., BARS THE TWO FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES: S. 0 DEG 07'33"W., 160.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF A 30.00 FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT KNOWN AS LEEBARRY LANE: THENCE

ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LEEBARRY LANE S. 89 DEG 57'17"E. 528.44 FEET TO THE ¼ CORNER. THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING N. 89 DEG 57'17" W., 107.11 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET AT THE EAST LINE OF 25.00 FOOT WIDE PRIVATE ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF SAID EASEMENT N. 0 DEG 07'33" E., 120.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE S. 0 DEG 07'33" W., 120.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 0.2951 ACRE OF LAND MORE OR LESS. ALTOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED 0.2951 ACRE TRACT FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS EASEMENT; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING S. 0 DEG 07'33" W., 250.00 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF LEEBARRY LANE; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LEEBARRY LANE S. 89 DEG 57'17" E., 107.11 FEET; THENCE S. 0 DEG 07'33" W., 30.00 FEET TO A POINT AT THE SOUTH LINE OF LEEBARRY LANE FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS EASEMENT;

The sale is to begin at 11:45 AM on December 17, 2015, at the main entrance to 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 expense of sale, and to satisfy the Judgement granted CALIBER HOME

LOANS, INC. CALIBER LOANS, INC., was awarded a Judgement on September 1, 2015, in the total amount of \$46,315.74, with interest at the rate of 6.5% per annum from April 16, 2015, through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$20,020.76. 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 liens not foreclosed herin, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. CALIBER HOME LOAN, INC., 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. CV-2015-2363


IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Sonya F. Graczyk FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sonya F. Graczyk, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the 3rd district Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from **Sonya F. Graczyk** to **Sonya Francesca Cipriani Fierro**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 15th day of December 2015, at the hour of 8:30 a.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Sonya F. Graczyk Sonya F. Graczyk 684 Cielo Bonito Las Cruces, NM 88005 575-993-8784

Dates: 12/04, 12/11, 2015



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Dates 1/2-12/25/15



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INVITATION FOR BID

Description	Number	Pre-Bid Meeting/ Site Visit	Opening Date / Time
Chaparral Collection Site Construction	#16-20B	December 16, 2015 @ 2:00 p.m. Site Visit follows	January 12, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m. MST

A copy of the solicitation may be obtained @ NewMexicoBidSystem.com. For information, contact South Central Solid Waste Authority's Purchasing Manager @ scswabid@las-cruces.org or (575)528-3709.

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Dates 12/11/15

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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 the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

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
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Dates: 12/11, 12/18, 12/25,
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**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2015-01319

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

vs.

**ERNEST M. TRISTE, aka
ERNEST TRISTE, and
JEANA P. TRISTE, aka
JEANA TRISTE, Defend-
ants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **December 16, 2015, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 204 Princeton Drive, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

**DESCRIPTION OF A
0.218 ACRE TRACT**

A tract of land situate in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being Lot 15 and the North 5 feet of Lot 14, Alameda Terrace, filed January 26, 1955, in Book 7, Page 59, Doña Ana County records and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning a 1/2" iron rod found on the East line of Princeton Drive for the Northwest of the tract herein described, being identical to

the Northwest corner of said Lot 15, Alameda Terrace, filed January 26, 1955, in Book 7, Page 59, Doña Ana County records;

Thence from the point of beginning and leaving the East line of Princeton Drive and along the North line of said Lot 15, N.87°09'30"E., 104.30 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Northeast corner of this tract being identical to the Northeast corner of said Lot 15;

Thence along the East line of said Lot 15, S.15°35'00"E., 70.00 feet to a concrete monument found for the Southeast corner of this tract being identical to the Southeast corner of said Lot 15;

Thence along the South line of said Lot 15, S.73°24'00"W., 19.60 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for a corner of this tract being identical to the Northeast corner of Lot 14, of said Alameda Terrace;

Thence along the East line of said Lot 14, S.11°10'00"E., 5.02 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for a corner of this tract;

Thence S.73°24'00"W., 90.01 feet to a chiseled cross found on the East line of Princeton Drive for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence along the East line of Princeton Drive the following three courses and distances, N.15°35'00"W., 54.40 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set at a point of curvature;

Thence around the arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 109.15 feet an arc length of 39.56 feet with a central angle of 20°46'00" to a 1/2" iron rod set at a point of reverse curvature;

Thence around the arc of curve to the left, having a radius of 60.00 feet an arc length of 6.90 feet with a central angle of 06°35'30" to the point of beginning, containing 0.218 acre of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions set out in filed plat of Alameda Terrace filed January 26, 1955, in Book 7, Page 59, Doña Ana County records.

Information in the preparation of this description derives from Warranty Deed filed May 15, 2002, in Clerks Book 338, Page 222, Doña Ana County records. Field notes by MOY SURVEYING INC., License #5939. Job 09-0965.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on July 28, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's

Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$215,035.08 and the same bears interest at 5.000% per annum from July 11, 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
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Dates: 11/20, 11/27, 12/04,
12/11, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-00131

**WELLS FARGO BANK
NA, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**WELLS FARGO BANK
NA, Plaintiff,**

vs.

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**JASON STEEL AND THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
JASON STEEL, 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 1781 Highland Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005-1621 and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 1 OF NORTH ALAMEDA ACRES REPLAT NO.1, LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID NORTH ALAMEDA ACRES REPLAT NO.1, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JULY 27, 1984 IN PLAT BOOK 13, FOLIO 292.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 am on December 17, 2015, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the judgment granted

WELLS FARGO BANK, N A . WELLS FARGO BANK, N A was awarded a Judgment on September 8, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 125,273.92 with interest at the rate of 4.75% per annum from February 18, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$4,923.44.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption . **PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.**

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

No.: D-307-CV-2015-00938

**MATRIX FINANCIAL
SERVICES CORPORA-
TION , Plaintiff,**

vs.

**RALPH A. MONTANO
AND JANE DOE MON-
TANO, HUSBAND AND**

**WIFE; ELSIE MONTA-
NO, IF LIVING; IF DE-
CEASED, THE UN-
KNOWN HEIRS OF EL-
SIE MONTANO, DE-
CEASED; MORTGAGE
ELECTRONIC REGIS-
TRATION SYSTEMS,
INC.; CREVECOR
MORTGAGE, INC.; OC-
CUPANTS OF THE
PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXI-
CO 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 0 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 DONA 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

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Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87113
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 12/11, 12/18, 12/25,
2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00873

**BOKF, N.A., A NATION-
AL BANKING ASSOCIA-
TION D/B/A BANK OF
OKLAHOMA, AS SUC-
CESSOR IN INTEREST
BY MERGER TO BANK
OF ALBUQUERQUE,
N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DANDY IVEY AND
JOHN DOE IVEY, WIFE
AND HUSBAND; OCCU-
PANTS OF THE PROP-
ERTY, 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

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a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

No.: D-307-CV-2015-01773

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

RODOLFO B. MALDONADO, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RODOLFO B. MALDONADO, DECEASED AND JANE DOE MALDONADO, HUSBAND AND WIFE; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ENRIQUE T. MALDONADO, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF INEZ B. MALDONADO; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; ARTURO P. MALDONADO; RODOLFO MALDONADO; ANNETTE MALDONADO; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Rodolfo B. Maldonado, If Living; If Deceased, The Unknown Heirs of Rodolfo B. Maldonado, Deceased, Rodolfo Maldonado, The Unknown Heirs of Enrique T. Maldonado, Deceased, and The Unknown Heirs of Inez B. Maldonado:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being

to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 270 MalDonado Rd, La Union , NM 88021. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN THE TOWN OF LA UNION, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN SECTIONS 16 AND 21, T.27S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 30-95A AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A 1/2" IRON ROD SET ON THE WEST LINE OF THE CENTRAL LATERAL FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT, HEREIN DESCRIBED; WHENCE THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 16, T.27S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS BEARS S.75°58'43"W., 742.41 FEET; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE CENTRAL LATERAL, S.56°22'11"E., 115.57 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE LEAVING THE LATERAL, S.37°48'00"W., 292.82 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET; THENCE S.74°59'02"W., 24.69 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET; THENCE S.36°57'47"W., 81.01 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE N.52°08'40"W., 101.54 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE N.37°48'00"E, 385.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.000 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD. ALTOGETHER WITH A 15 FOOT WIDE PRIVATE ROAD EASEMENT BEING 7.5 FEET TO EITHER SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF WEST SIDE ROAD FOR THE MOST EASTERLY POINT OF THE EASEMENT HEREIN DESCRIBED; WHENCE THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 30 - 83 A BEARS N.35°10'28"W., 125.15 FEET; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, S.89°45'58"W., 706.64 FEET TO A POINT OF A CURVE; THENCE AROUND THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 436.49 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 12°10'00", WITH AN ARC LENGTH OF 92.69 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS S.84°28'55"W., 92.51 FEET

TO A POINT; THENCE S.74°59'02"W., 378.54 FEET TO A POINT OF A CURVE; THENCE AROUND THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 147.06 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 49°47'34", WITH AN ARC LENGTH OF 127.80 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS S.51°35'41"W., 123.82 FEET TO THE END OF THIS EASEMENT; INFORMATION IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS DESCRIPTION DERIVES FROM DEED FILED DONA ANA COUNTY RECORDS. A PLAT WAS PREPARED UNDER JOB #04-2395. FIELD NOTES BY MOY SURVEYING, INC. LICENSE NO. 5939.

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

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

No.: D-307-CV-2015-01493

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

HELEN E. MCCARTHY AKA HELEN E. DAWES, IF LIVING AND JOHN DOE MCCARTHY, WIFE AND HUSBAND; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN E. MCCARTHY AKA HELEN E. DAWES, DECEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendant, Helen E. McCarthy aka Helen E. Dawes, If Living, If Deceased, The Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Helen E. McCarthy aka Helen E. Dawes, Deceased:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 2163 Foxtail Pine Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 19 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 9 OF THE PINES UNIT SIX, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID THE PINES UNIT SIX, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON OCTOBER 7, 2003 IN PLAT BOOK 20, FOLIO 447-448.

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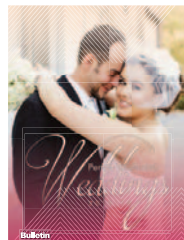


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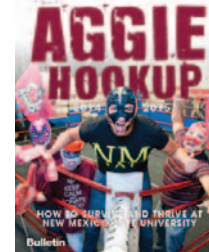
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The search is on for Mrs. New Mexico 2016

The Mrs. America Pageant, the largest beauty pageant of its kind in the world, has been around for 39 years. (Of course it has. We all stop counting at 39.)

The pageant's mission statement is "to empower married women to gain personal growth and to enrich their lives and the lives of others through their experience..." in the pageant.

It began in 1938 as a national search for the "ideal homemaker," and has evolved into an American institution, according to the website mrsnewmexicoamerica.com.

The original contest was not considered a beauty pageant,

but instead a competition of homemaking skills, including table setting, arrangements, laundry, bed making and cooking as well as managing the family budget, personality, hairstyle, make-up and formal dress.

During the socially tumultuous late 1960s and mid-1970s, the pageant was discontinued due to changing societal mores.

But in 1977, it was revived with a new and more modern format, devoted to showing that America's 60 million married women are extraordinarily beautiful, poised, articulate and versatile.

The winner of the Mrs.

America Pageant will have an opportunity to participate and compete in the Mrs. World Pageant.

New Mexico state director Sheree Talman invites all married New Mexican women to run a brush through their desert-tousled hair, slip in some dangly turquoise earrings, pull on those multi-colored cowboy boots and give it a try this June in Albuquerque.

The contest is not free, but Talman explains that once a contestant becomes a local titleholder, she may begin obtaining sponsorships for all of her contest expenses, including the \$695 entry fee.

One married woman is se-

lected to represent each city, county or area and the first qualifying application will be accepted.

The next step is to complete the application and submit it to the Mrs. New Mexico Pageant along with a candid photo and a \$75 deposit on your entry fee as soon as possible. The photo can be from a birthday party, BBQ or any recent event. A professional photo is not required.

Current Mrs. New Mexico, Amanda Ponce, is from Hobbs and graduated from New Mexico State University in 2009 with a Bachelor's of Science in Geography and a minor in Geology and Geographic Infor-

mation Systems.

"I feel like this experience has boosted my self-confidence and helped me become a well-rounded person," Ponce wrote in her biography. "Helping animals is a passion of mine and this pageant has given me the opportunity to work with a non-profit organization to help dogs find permanent homes and raise money for surgeries and medical care. My platform is to help with animal rescue."

Interested married women can call the Mrs. New Mexico Pageant at 720-549-0440 or email mrsnmamerica@aol.com. Check out the website at mrsnewmexicoamerica.com.

Attorney General, Salvation Army partner for Christmas Angel program

Donate new, unwrapped toys and clothing at the Las Cruces office of the Attorney General

Attorney General Hector Balderas and The Salvation Army are teaming up to give a boost to the Christmas Angel 2015 donation drive in Las Cruces.

The Attorney General is asking southern New Mexicans to donate new, unwrapped toys and clothing items for infants to 17 year-olds through Dec. 15.

"During Christmas time many families who can't make ends meet turn to The Salvation Army for assistance with food and toys for their children," said Jessica Doria, commanding officer of the Santa Fe Salvation Army. "This year, we have seen an increase in working families who are financially struggling. Paying bills and rent is a priority, which means that they might end up with little or no money left to purchase gifts for their children or purchase food for a Christmas meal. We thank New Mexico donors and the Office of the Attorney General for the many children and families they will help through the Christmas Angel Program."

The Salvation Army requests that gifts be new and unwrapped.

If the donor would like to include gift wrap, they may do so. Each



Christmas Angel family is given an appointment to come to pick up their items.

The family picks up their gifts,

along with a food box and/or gift card for a Christmas dinner which includes turkey and all the trimmings.

The Salvation Army tries to have

the following per child: 2-3 toys, clothing item(s) and shoes. Donations accepted from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 201 N. Church St., Ste. 315.

Department reports first flu deaths of season

Doña Ana County reports one confirmed flu death

The New Mexico Department of Health announced in early December the first flu-related deaths of the 2015-2016 season. The two deaths occurred in men, ages 67 and 69 years, in Doña Ana and San Miguel counties, respectively. It serves as a somber reminder that flu can cause serious illness or death, particularly among persons at risk for flu-related complications.

“As influenza spreads

throughout the state, it is important to get vaccinated if you haven't already done so this season,” said Department of Health Secretary Retta Ward, MPH. “The flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and your family, especially young children and the elderly.”

Overall, influenza activity remains low, both nationally and in New Mexico; however, flu activity typically peaks between December and February. During the 2014-2015 flu season, New Mexico had over 260 influenza and pneumo-

nia-related deaths. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the New Mexico Department of Health recommend that everyone 6 months of age and older get their flu vaccine.

The Department suggests contacting healthcare providers or pharmacies to receive vaccine for protection against influenza and pneumonia. Pneumococcal vaccine can be given at the same time as flu vaccine to patients who qualify. It is an important additional form of protection because influenza frequently causes

types of pneumonia that can be prevented by the pneumococcal vaccine. Ask your doctor or pharmacist about whether you need this vaccine as well.

The Department also recommends the following to help prevent catching or spreading influenza:

- Wash your hands and your children's hands frequently, especially after contact with other people.

- Use a tissue to cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze and dispose of the tissue afterward, or cough

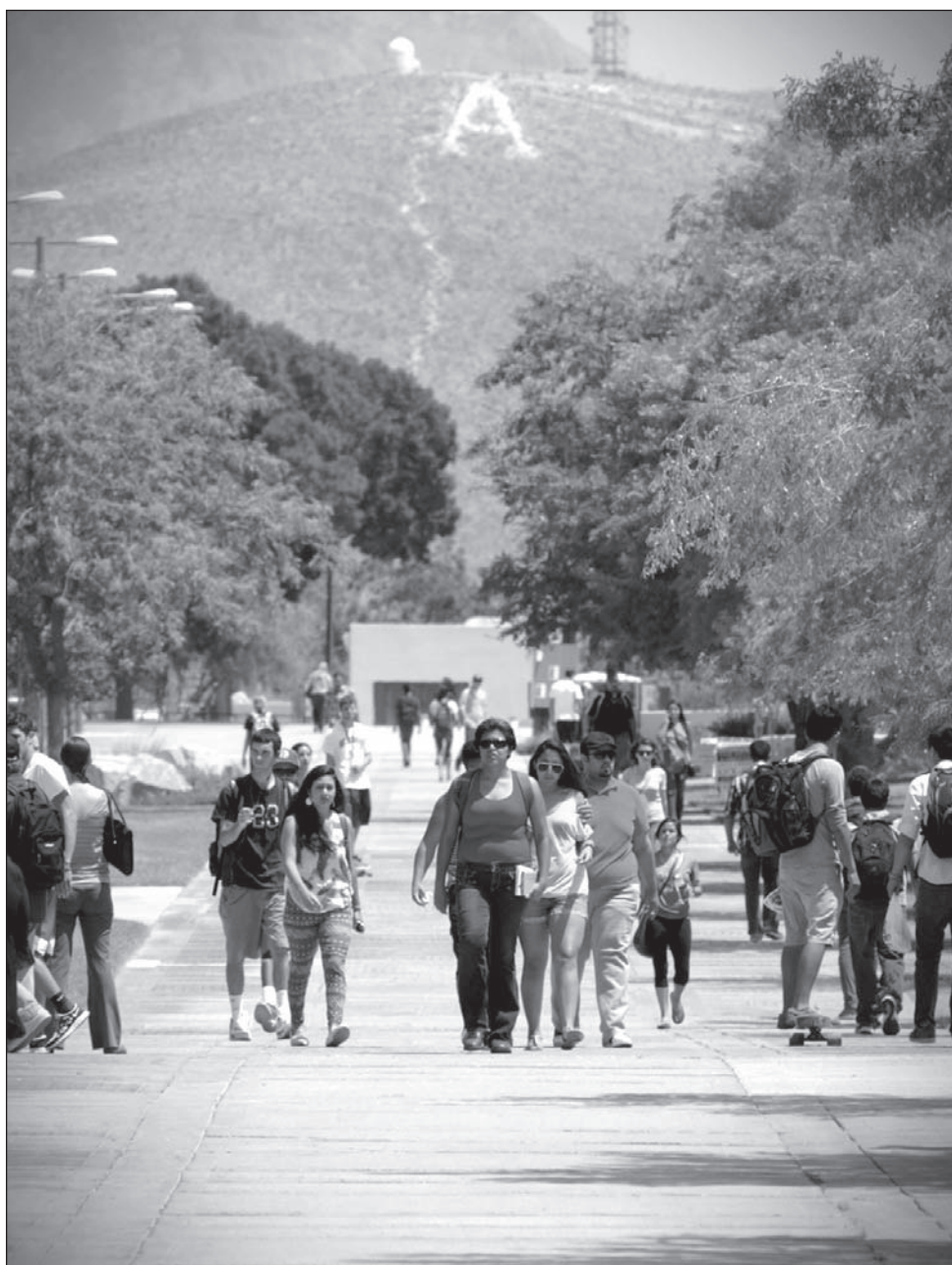
or sneeze into your sleeve if no tissues are available.

- Clean your hands after you cough or sneeze, even if you use a tissue. Use soap and water or an alcohol-based hand cleaner if soap and water are not available and your hands are not visibly soiled.

- Stay home if you get the flu.

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

For more information about flu, visit the Department of Health's flu page at www.nmhealth.org and click on the flu banner.



NMSU helps students climb the social mobility ladder

New Mexico State University ranks in the top 12 percent for schools that help improve their students' economic status, according to CollegeNET's Social Mobility Index ranking.

Rankings are based on tuition, economic background, graduation rate, early career salary and endowment. Data is collected through third party sources such as Payscale, Inc., and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System.

NMSU ranks 112th out of 931 schools listed and is second among its peer institutions.

“The Social Mobility Index measures the extent to which a college or university educates more economically disadvantaged students (with family incomes below the national median) at lower tuition, so they can graduate and obtain good paying jobs,” according to its website.

“Serving New Mexico students is the focal point of our land-grant mission, many of whom are first-generation students,” said Terry Cook, NMSU's assistant vice president for student affairs and enrollment management. “Federally funded programs like TRIO Student Support Services provide mentoring and academic support for first-generation and

low-income students, and they produce outstanding outcomes because of the support they provide to help students navigate the higher education experience.

“As a first-generation student I can attest to many of the challenges our students face and know that the support of faculty, staff and my fellow students made the difference for me,” she said.

For Tularosa, New Mexico, native and first-generation college graduate Matt Voorbach, having NMSU close to home was very important.

“I think having the opportunity to attend New Mexico State University has not only benefited me but also my family,” he said. “It has allowed me to focus my energy and time on studying.”

Voorbach, who has both a bachelor's and master's degree in social work, credits NMSU for providing programs and services to first-generation college students and minorities.

“When I was in school I was able to enroll in the Chicanos program that was tailored to first-generation Hispanic students. I also was able to use the

Heart disease, septicemia top reasons for hospitalizations

Health Department releases report

A New Mexico Department of Health report reveals the most common disease related to hospitalizations is heart disease.

This condition includes cardiomyopathy

and heart attacks. Heart disease and septicemia, an infection of the blood, are the two leading causes for hospitalizations in all health regions of New Mexico except for the

Southeast region where psychoses is the leading cause for all hospitalizations. Psychoses includes mental health conditions such as dementia and schizophrenia.

The Department of Health's recently released annual report

for Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data 2014 describes hospital inpatient discharges in New Mexico. The top three disease-related reasons for hospitalization in New Mexico in 2014 were:

1. Heart disease

(12,234)

2. Septicemia (8,534)

3. Psychoses (7,779)

The number of discharges for both psychoses and septicemia increased from 2013, while the number of discharges for Heart disease decreased from 2013 to 2014. The Department of Health has programs such as the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program to address risk factors associated with heart disease.

In 2013, Governor Susana Martinez signed legislation to develop a statewide STEMI (S-T Elevation Myocardial Infarction) system of care in New Mexico. Since then, the Heart Hospital of New Mexico has been certified through the STEMI program. The goal of STEMI is to provide standardized and consistent care from the pre-hospital setting from EMS caregivers to the actual hospital setting.

"Heart disease is not just a concern for New Mexicans, but for all Americans as it is the leading cause of death

in the United States" said Department of Health Secretary Retta Ward, MPH. "I encourage New Mexicans to learn more about the risks for heart disease, such as high cholesterol and smoking, and ways of preventing heart disease, such as daily exercise and health eating habits."

According to the Department's Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data Report for 2014, of the 155,006 reported hospitalizations, approximately 60 percent of patients hospitalized were women and 40 percent were men.

Thirty-five percent of all hospitalizations occurred among residents over the age of 64 years.

The highest hospitalization rate by region was 740.7 discharges per 10,000 population in the Southeast region, and the lowest hospitalization rate was in the Northeast region, reporting 679.6 discharges per 10,000 population.

For more information about the report, visit the Department of Health website available at <http://nmhealth.org/about/erd/hsep/hidd/>.



Tim, Debbie, Denise, Ray—Hear On Earth staff

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math center, libraries and education writing center," he said.

Voorbach is a clinical social worker with the U.S. Department of Defense at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas.

For more information and a complete list of rankings visit <http://www.socialmobilityindex.org>.

Recently, Business Insider named NMSU as one of the 50 most underrated colleges in

America. For the seventh consecutive year, NMSU was named a top military-friendly school for 2016 by Victory Media.

Additionally this year, Forbes recognized NMSU as one of America's Top Colleges in 2015.

NMSU also was named as a top tier university on the U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges for 2016 National Universities rankings.

Healthy Happenings



FREE PRESENTATION DISCUSSES ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

"Conversations about Dementia" is the title of a free presentation offered by The Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter on Friday, Dec. 11th, 12 p.m.-1 p.m. at the Alzheimer's Association's Southwestern NM Regional Office, 125 N. Main Street. To register or for more information, contact Maia Sideris-Dorame at 647-3868, or msiderisdorame@alz.org.

VEGAN COOKING: HOLIDAY EDITION CLASS

On Saturday, Dec. 12 from 2:00-3:00pm Mountain View Market Co+op is offering a free vegan cooking class that focusses on the holidays. Learn vegan holiday recipes, and tips for vegan-izing other holiday favorites. Classes are held

in the Community Room, 1300 El Paseo Rd. For information, call 523-0436.

MAMMOGRAM BUS STOPPING IN LAS CRUCES

Assured Imaging Women's Wellness is bringing you the latest in digital mammography, making this life-saving test easy and convenient. Wednesday, Dec. 16th, from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. at Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main St. The mammograms are available for all employees, spouses and independents; no referral necessary for annual screening for women age 40 and over; all major insurances accepted. Uninsured? Low self-pay rate of \$125 offered for this event only. To schedule an appointment, call 888-233-6121. Name, address, phone number, license, and insurance information needed for scheduling. Visit www.assuredimaging.com for information.

BIRTH, DEATH CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE AT VITAL RECORDS OFFICE

The Vital Records Office at the Las Cruces Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Dr. is available for registering and acquiring birth or death certificates Monday-Wednesday, 8-11 a.m.; 12:15-4 p.m. and Thursday & Friday, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.; 1-3 p.m. Clients are encouraged to call ahead to ensure the office is open before making a visit at 528-5001.

STRESS AND MOOD CLASS AT MOUNTAIN VIEW MARKET

Mountain View Market Co+op is offering the "Eat Smart, Live Well" class on Thursday Dec. 17 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Community Room. The class focusses

es on how to use diet and supplements to boost your mood and better handle stress. Free. The Co+op is located at 1300 El Paseo Rd. For information, call 523-0436.

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO HOST FLU SHOT CLINIC IN LAS CRUCES

The New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office is hosting a flu shot clinic on Friday, Dec. 11 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at St. Genevieve Parish Hall, 1025 E. Las Cruces Ave. There is no charge to those attending the clinic, but everyone should bring their insurance card, including Medicaid or Medicare, with them. For more information on the no-charge flu shot clinic, call the Las Cruces Central Public Health Office at 528-5001.

Habitat for Humanity hosts a Mortgage Burning Ceremony

As Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity celebrates its 28th Anniversary, one family is making an anniversary of their own by successfully paying off their mortgage.

Antonio Perez reached a milestone this year by writing his final mortgage check.

The Perez family was offered a "hand up" in 1995 when they moved out of crowded living conditions and into their new Habitat for Humanity house.

He and his family qualified for a Habitat home by demonstrating their need improved housing, and their willingness to put in the "sweat equity" hours to build their house.

"It really changed my life," says Mr. Perez, "I never thought it would

be possible to own a home, much less pay it off."

"Burning the mortgages gives the homeowners a real sense of accomplishment," mentioned Maria Vasquez, Habitat's Executive Director. "It is also an accomplishment for Habitat, seeing the result of all our years of hard work" she said. "We're going to have many more of these celebrations, and we're looking forward to them."

About Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity is a volunteer-driven organization and has built 101 homes since 1987.

For more information, visit www.lascruceshabitat.org.



Seen from left to right are Maria Vasquez, MVHFH executive director; Drew McPhee, MVHFH vice president, Board of Directors; Paula Wright, MVHFH staff member; and April Tate, MVHFH Board of Directors. Bottom row from left are Mikayla alongside grandfather and Habitat homeowner Antonio Perez.



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