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The history of Black Friday more colorful than you think

By Susie Ouderkirk
Las Cruces Bulletin

Black Friday has an ominous sound. Images of a black-clad reaper or, worse yet, Santa's evil counterpart Krampus, might come to mind. But the Friday after Thanksgiving, known as the biggest shopping day of the year, is really all about the green.

Still important?

There's no doubt this big shopping day has an impact on a business's profit, but can it really change the ink in ledger books from red to black?

"Yes," said Dr. Christopher Erickson, a professor of Economics and International Business at New Mexico State University and senior economic analyst at Arrowhead Center. "It's not so much that Black Friday is important, but rather that the

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High Heels for High Hopes

AJ Carlson walks the runway as a rock star during the March of Dimes' High Heels For High Hopes show Friday, Nov. 20. Twenty-three women participated with five salons to create the show with creative director, Leonard Jimenez. The campaign raised more than \$205,000 to support March of Dimes programs of research, education and community services to prevent premature birth and birth defects.

Tourism dollars can boost state

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

The drop in gasoline prices isn't all bad news for New Mexico's economy. Sure, it hurts the oil and gas industry, but it's good for tourism.

Lower prices at the pump mean families may have up to \$1,000 extra to spend, and "that's great for tourism," said New Mexico Department of Tourism Secretary Rebecca Latham during a visit to Las Cruces on Friday, Nov. 20 to speak at a Leadership New Mexico meeting.



REBECCA LATHAM

"Tourism has the potential to offset revenue lost by oil and gas," said Latham, 37, who has been NMDOT secretary for almost a year. It "is the front door to economic development."

"We're right on the cusp of something so great," Latham said. "You can feel it." With a theme of "Adventure steeped in culture," New Mexico tourism has "what American consumers are craving," she said.

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NMDOT's current budget is \$18.4 million,

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Christmas season is important.”

Furthermore, Erickson said, it's not that the consumer is spending more in total but about where the spending occurs. What is worthwhile for the individual merchant is wasteful for retailing generally and actually reduces profits. If everyone participates in Black Friday, and they do, the consumer spends their money where they would have anyway, but it concentrates Christmas into a short period.

“It's sort of like an arms race,” he said. “If everyone agrees to disarm, everyone is better off. But the incentive is to cheat so as to get an advantage over the competitor. Realizing this, everyone cheats and we get Black Friday.”

Who benefits?

Surprisingly, last year Black Friday came up about 10 percent short in profits for the majority of businesses nationally. According to Erickson, “While Black Friday came up short, overall Christmas sales were up 3 percent for the season. People decided not to participate in the hassle of Black Friday, yet still spent. In fact, there is little relationship between sales on Black Friday and overall Christmas sales. Factors like weather and the overall economy are more important.”

Businesses that benefit the most from Black Friday are discount stores like Walmart and Target, department stores like JC Penneys and Sears and mall and clothing specialty retailers.

“This is true nationally and in Las Cruces,” said Bruce Huhmann, associate professor of marketing at New Mexico State University.

So how does Black Friday play out here in Las Cruces?

“More and more, holiday sales are moving forward from the traditional

Thanksgiving-to-Christmas period to earlier in the fall,” Huhmann said. “Retailers try to encourage this by putting up holiday decorations earlier to remind consumers about the upcoming holidays.”

One way to funnel dollars into the Las Cruces economy is to take part in what is becoming known as “Buy-Local Saturday,” which is a movement to get shoppers to buy from smaller, homegrown businesses. Buying locally may be especially important this holiday season.

Huhmann speculates that sales for New Mexico retailers will be flat.

“Any small increase will come from price increases not volume increases,” he said. “Many New Mexico communities have consumers who work in the oil and gas or other extraction industries. With continuing depressed commodity prices, these consumers have seen reduced work hours or lay-offs, which decreases the amount they will be spending in stores.”

Black Friday origins

To get a grip on what's real and what's imaginary about Black Friday, we must backtrack through history. Abraham Lincoln made Thanksgiving an official holiday during the Civil War, establishing it on the final Thursday of November. This designation, according to the Money Crashers website (www.moneycrashers.com) lasted for 70 years.

“But in 1939, for the second time in six years, the last Thursday in November fell on the 30th. Distraught over a shorter Christmas shopping season, retailers approached President Franklin D. Roosevelt and asked him to change the date,” writes Miranda Marquit, the financial journalist and money expert behind PlantingMoneySeeds.com.

Retailers wanted more than 24 days for Christmas



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Shoppers browse the stores at the Mesilla Valley Mall. The shopping center and many others hope to see large crowds on Black Friday, Nov. 27 and for the rest of the holiday season.

shopping but didn't want to break the tradition of waiting until after Thanksgiving to advertise their reduced prices and special sales.

It's not a coincidence that as early as 1924, the retailer Macy's was promoting itself on the day after “Turkey Day” in an effort to get shoppers into their stores.

“FDR, trying to end the country's depression by stimulating spending, agreed to the idea and changed the date of the holiday,” said Marquit. “On December 26, 1941, Congress passed a law setting the fourth Thursday in November as the official date of the Thanksgiving holiday.”

Black Friday's name

Contrary to one of the popular beliefs about the origin of the name Black Friday, it didn't come about as the day that businesses went from being “in the red” to “in the black.”

Marquit said that media reports from 1966 reveal that police officers in Philadelphia first referred to the day after Thanksgiving as ‘Black Friday’ because of the increased traffic jams and large amounts of pedestrian traffic in the city's shopping district. For Philadelphia police, bus driv-

ers, cab drivers, and others who tried to control and navigate the shopping hordes, the day was bleak – and, therefore, ‘black.’”

“When the term Black Friday was originally used, it was to refer to traffic jams and other difficulties caused by the shopping sprees on the day after Thanksgiving. Since the negative connotation was there, clever wordsmiths put out a different meaning,” Marquit said.

Hunting and gathering

But why are people so driven to face unruly, sometimes even dangerous, crowds to spend money on the fourth Friday of every November? According to Stephanie Pappas, author and contributor at LiveScience.com, “The limited-time-only nature of Black Friday triggers an innate fear of scarcity that drives people to buy, buy, buy.”

Shopping is often compared to hunting or gathering, and for good reason, said Gad Saad, a professor of marketing at Concordia University in Montreal. An article on the Moneycrasher website states that Saad found evidence that men and women navigate shopping situations in ways con-

sistent with the hunting and gathering behaviors of our savannah ancestors. “Seen in that light, holiday sales could be playing on innate mechanisms like the desire to hoard resources,” Saad said.

As people converge on stores and shopping centers, it's important to realize that the shopping orgy is and has been carefully orchestrated. Black Friday is a psychology experiment put into place by the retailers themselves.

“Creating a sense of urgency is one trick retailers use to get people into the mood to spend. Other enticements include giveaways, free gift-wrapping and similar services. Retailers also strive to set a holiday mood,” said Lisa Cavanaugh, a consumer psychologist at the University of Southern California who researches holiday shopping.

There are a number of tried-and-true tricks to keep people in a store, Cavanaugh said. Slow-tempo music, for example, encourages browsing. Making sure consumers are happy may also open their wallets. “One study, published in February in the Journal of Consumer Research, found that, overall, positive feelings make products seem more desirable. But different moods can actually change which products consumers want to buy. Inducing feelings of pride makes people prefer personal adornment products, like clothes, shoes and watches, the researchers reported. Contentment makes people want home products, like furniture, appliances and cozy pajamas,” she explained.

What is Cyber Monday?

Don't have the wherewithal to face the crowds on Black Friday? There's a solution for that, too. “Cyber Monday is becoming a bigger deal,” Marquit said. The first Monday after the Thanksgiving holiday is now known as Cyber Monday and is famous for

mass online shopping.

Huhmann said, “The more a consumer dislikes crowds and noise, the less likely that Black Friday deals will be worth fighting their way through the mall or the store. These consumers will likely not take part in Black Friday.”

Another consideration is that there is more and more research showing that the best deals aren't always on Black Friday, Marquit explains. “In some cases, better deals can be had at other times of the year (like Memorial Day), or even a little later in the holiday shopping season. Just focusing on Black Friday might not show the whole picture.”

If Black Friday sales are down again this year, there may be an explanation that hints at a return to more sensible behavior. “The drop might be a reflection of shifting values. There seems to be some pushback against materialism, and many consumers refuse to take part. On top of that, millennials are less interested in things and more interested in experiences,” says Marquit. “Anecdotally, based on my own spending changes and those of the people I know, some of the change in Black Friday might be due to an interest in taking vacations instead of buying stuff.”

Whether you enjoy the competitive horse race of Black Friday, take pride in spending your money locally on Buy-Local Saturday, or stay warm in front of your computer on Cyber Monday, the bottom line is that the holiday season has a stranglehold on American buyers and that's not going to change anytime soon. More information about Black Friday, Buy-Local Saturday and Cyber Monday can be found at PlantingMoneySeeds.com and www.moneycrashers.com/black-friday-history/.

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School-based health centers to remain open

Bulletin report

Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds announced an agreement has been reached with Ben Archer Health Center to oversee the continuation of services at the Oñate High and Las Cruces High school-based health centers.

Effective January 1, 2016, both centers will fall under the auspices of Ben Archer's services. In addition, the current employees of the two school clinics may continue their contracts as providers with Ben Archer, at their discretion, Rounds said.

Ben Archer currently operates the health center at Mayfield High School under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the school district. Rounds said that MOU will be amended to incorporate the two additional high schools. The revised MOU will be effective through June 30, 2017.

"We needed to find a solution quickly and

Ben Archer was willing to provide a full range of services every school day," Rounds said. "Our students will continue to seek health care, first through their school nurse and then the nurses will continue referrals to the in-school health center without missing a step in service."

The school-based health clinics were in jeopardy of closing when the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico announced it would no longer oversee the state grant that funds the health centers' operations at Oñate and Las Cruces High, officials said. Immediately upon hearing of that decision, Rounds met with community residents and providers who were concerned that the health care centers would close, impacting services for students.

"I understand why the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico wanted to step out of this health care ar-

angement, but we didn't want any lapse of service while a solution was found," Rounds said. "I'm very pleased with the offer by Ben Archer which will not only keep the doors open but will give kids even greater access to care."

Ellen Williams, director of health services for Las Cruces Public Schools, said instead of being open several days a week, the revised MOU will allow the centers to operate every school day. The health centers provide primary care ranging from treatment

of sore throats and fever to providing health education, mental health counseling and other confidential services.

"Having a health clinic inside a school is a tremendous benefit to students who might not otherwise be able to see a family doctor," Wil-

liams said.

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Cruces police 'aware of potential (terrorism) threats'

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

As national media continue to report possible terrorist threats in the United States, Las Cruces Police Chief Jaime Montoya said his department is "always aware of these potential threats.

"We remind our officers continuously about these dangers and areas to patrol. Many times the district officers have these areas covered already during their proactive activities," he said.

Montoya said his department does not re-

ceive any federal funding for dealing with potential terrorist attacks, but LCPD does receive federal Stone Garden funds for interdiction of drug cartels, and there may be activities crossing between the two, he said.

"The LCPD will do everything in our power to keep our community safe and hope that it (terrorism) never comes here," Montoya said. "We are prepared to act and respond to any threat to our citizens."

Opinion



From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

In this case, giving equals receiving

During this Thanksgiving season, many in Las Cruces are thankful (and those who aren't should be) for the presence of New Mexico State University in our community.

The university provides Las Cruces with educational opportunity, events, entertainment, attractions, economic engines and about 4,000 jobs.

If you ever wanted to pay that debt of gratitude, there won't be a better day than Tuesday, Dec. 1.

For NMSU's Giving Tuesday, every dollar donated to the university's scholarship funds will be doubled.

Where is that matching money coming from?

The NMSU License Plate Program.

We see those license plates all over the place, but who knew how beneficial they could be?

There are so many

scholarships at NMSU, there are certainly some you would have a particular affinity for. And even if you only have 50 bucks or so to make such a donation, Dec. 1 that 50 becomes 100.

Here's how you get involved: From 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Corbett Center Student Union Lounge events will be going on to inform and celebrate this opportunity. Don't let the notorious NMSU parking situation deter you; lot 17N in front of the student union has been set aside for just this purpose.

If you're out of town, an Aggie afar, or just would rather make your donation at the kitchen table while pushing your Wheaties around the bowl, online giving begins at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday.

Check out www.advancing.nmsu.edu/givingtuesday for a lot more infor-

mation, including several challenges that include additional matches from faculty and staff, beginning with Chancellor Garrey Carruthers.

The project is also applicable to Doña Ana Community College.

And with DACC, there's an extra carrot extended. If you support a scholarship eligible for matching by the Jon Wynne CFSNM Endowed Scholarship, the donation will be double again, meaning those 50 bucks would become 200. Or \$100 would become \$400, etc.

You can make donations as broadly or as specifically as you would like.

For further information, you can call 646-1613. For DACC-specific questions, you can call 528-7059.

As a parent of an NMSU graduate who benefited from scholarship

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money, I can attest the value it has for not only students, but for families and the university itself.

Often these scholarships make the difference between a student finishing a degree or dropping out. Or the difference between attending college or not.

I always thought the NMSU license plates were pretty cool. I'm especially fond of the older, mostly faded ones now, that sport the old-school (or borrowed, or ripped-off, whichever term you prefer) Pistol Pete.

However, I had no idea those plates generated

enough funds to do this.

That's incentive enough to get one of your own.

There are multiple scholarships available for freshmen, from housing scholarships to merit scholarships. There are scholarships for NMSU's prestigious Dancesport program. There's even an alumni scholarship for Pistol Pete, that can apply toward books, housing, tuition and incidentals.

I recently met Jacqueline Alford, a graduate student in the agricultural program at NMSU.

When NMSU ag folks attend national conventions

and conferences with other university groups, Alford said, the NMSU contingent is viewed in those circles as "rock stars."

You may not realize NMSU is also ranked in the top 2.2 percent of more than 22,000 degree-granting institutions of higher education worldwide by the Center for World University rankings.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE



The National Insect

Thanksgiving was a time for reflection. Warm memories, overstuffed afternoons and family. Yet rising from this cornucopia of good feelings, like a rubber chicken from a shopping cart full of cut-up fryers, is that runner-up for national bird... The Turkey.

Despite its cinder block-like intelligence, gurgling vocals and dangling snood, there is nothing absurd about the turkey being nominated as our national bird. After all, a group of entomologists has tried to convince Congress to name a National Insect. Their suggestion was the Monarch butterfly.

I have always assumed

that the turkey was passed over for the bald eagle for obvious reasons; beauty, grace, majesty, strength and inspiration. But after watching Congress consider the Monarch butterfly, I realized how it is simply a matter of which special interest group presents the most convincing case.

There was considerable rancor stirred amongst the feminist groups when they pressed their case for a National Insect to represent them. They were divided between the ladybug and the queen bee.

Organized religion sprang forth to submit their nominees. The Catholics liked the idea

of a preying mantis on the fifty cent piece. The Methodists suggested the water skipper while the Baptists chose the lobster.

The legal profession marshaled its considerable influence behind the scorpion. Civil service employees thought the humble, diligent ant would be a good choice. Roto Rooter placed the tumblebug into consider-

ation.

Suggestions for the National Insect came pouring in from special interest groups: Pork Producers-the sow bug, carpenters-termites, insomniacs-bed bug, librarians-book lice, Nike-millipede, Republicans-the Sherman tank, Adams County bowling team-bowl weevils, uncle wanted aunts, the A's wanted the B's, Volkswagen want-

ed the beetles, honky-tonkers wanted night crawlers, and the Texans thought the oil derrick would make a nice National Insect!

So I can imagine if there is this much interest in a National Insect, the competition must have been double tough for the National Bird!

If Ducks Unlimited, the Pelican Farm News, the Kansas Jayhawkers or

Chicken of the Sea had been able to nominate candidates for the National Bird, our coins might have looked a lot different.

However, if the Turkey Growers are still bent on installing the turkey as a symbol of something uniquely American... they'd have to go to Washington D.C. anyway...

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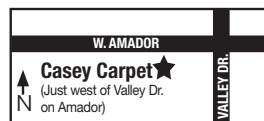
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Bring in immigrants who add value to U.S.

"It's a bit of a sore spot, Thanksgiving in Indian country."

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The Pilgrim immigrants and the Native Americans who resided in America around the year 1600 died centuries ago. We are the descendants.

Americans are divided on the question of immigration because it has such political gains and losses.

For much of our history, immigration was a benefit for both political parties. Then in 1914 something happened that changed our view of immigrants: the first year of our federal income



Michael Swickard
In My Opinion

tax.

It passed in 1913 and in 1914 politicians had a wave of money to buy votes thanks to the people who worked. It was and is a tax on productivity therefore those who are productive like it less than those who get the benefits without working.

Before 1914, immigration was open and appreciated. It brought workers to our country who had to stand on their own feet or suffer the consequences. Our transcontinental railroads were built by immigrants.

The immigrants who came to America from the time of our founding until 1914 were people who could and did stand on their own feet. They

added to our country's resources rather than taking resources. My relatives came from Germany, Ireland and Sweden not for American charity, but for a chance to live a better life.

My great-grandfather Erik Greenberg came from Sweden in 1867 and worked on the railroad. My grandmother was born in upstate New York in 1891. In 1908 the family moved to New Mexico and homesteaded land near Three Rivers. Great-grandfather is buried in Alamogordo.

These days we frame immigration as our charity to the world where we take care of people from other countries. Americans support them with our productivity. This is also the debate about people who come to our country without legal status or stay illegally.

The prime objection is these people take our

charity without giving us in America anything of value. While that is painting with a wide brush, it is the argument against allowing illegal immigration in our country. I think America should always be open to those who bring us something and follow our laws.

I have a world view from having lived some years abroad and with the ability to speak several languages. I appreciate other cultures and especially appreciate the melting-pot aspect of America where for generations people of other lands came and made America stronger.

This Thanksgiving I was most thankful for this wonderful country. I know Americans took by force the lands and ways of life of the inhabitants already in North America. I cannot do anything about that other than tell the truth. The Thanks-

giving story is revisionist history since it happened around 1620 and the story of Thanksgiving we know came out during the Revolutionary and Civil Wars when the image of Thanksgiving was used to bolster American spirits.

We should go out of our way to enable the current generations of Native Americans to live their lives as they wish because we know the truth of their loss. As to people who wish to come to our land without legal status or stay beyond their legal permit, I must oppose this for a reason not in public dialog currently.

If in the year of my birth, 1950, President Truman wanted to spend money on refugees that might be fine. So what is different today? Truman would have been spending that generation's money.

Contrast that to now when people coming to our country both legally and illegally with the intention to take our charity are not taking it from us Americans.

Rather, they take it from our children and grandchildren's wealth. We Americans have already spent our wealth, and now are spending the wealth of future generations.

Future generations should be allowed to be charitable if they so desire and not forced into it by us already spending their wealth before some of them are born. We cannot change what was done to the native populations centuries ago in what is now our country, but we can stop abusing the next generations.

That was my prayer for this Thanksgiving.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

U.S. must defend itself

This letter is in response to "War runs up the national debt" in last week's edition. This is true, but only in part; the biggest cause of our national debt is entitlements. This is not to say war is not costly, but less so than refusing to defend yourself.

Mr. (Charles) Clements refers to Gen. Smedley Butler, a two-time recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. General Butler wrote a book "War is a Racket," in which he was highly critical of U.S. policy and the banana wars as he called them.

Unfortunately Mr. Clements omitted half the story. Butler also wanted to further reduce America's military from its already small size of the 1930s, limiting the navy to 200 miles and aircraft to 500. The army was not to leave the mainland at all. We would stay out of Europe's affairs, and viewed Hitler as not our problem.

The general died in 1940 and along with his book was soon forgotten. Some of America's engagements have been questionable, but thank God FDR didn't listen to him about Hitler. And to those who think we can stay out of this mess we are in now, good luck!

—Dennis Stone

In The News



Adopt a special needs dog this holiday season

The Animal Services Center of Mesilla Valley is requesting assistance from the community to help eight special dogs that have tested positive with heartworms.

The ASCMV will waive the fees associated with the adoption/micro chipping of these dogs. In return the ASCMV must learn the new owners plan to treat the animal's serious condition.

All of these dogs will be altered before they are adopted. A rescue group has already stepped up and will take the little black Chihuahua into its organization. We have until Dec 1st to find homes for the rest of the dogs.

Heartworm disease is a potentially fatal condition caused by parasitic worms living in the arteries of the lungs and occasionally in the right side of the heart of dogs and cats. It is transmitted by infected mosquitoes and it can be prevented by simply taking a preventive monthly.

Those interested in helping these loving animals can call the ASCMV or stop in at 3551 Bataan Memorial West in Las Cruces. For more information, call 382-0018.

Parks & Recreation Youth Scholarship Program

The Parks & Recreation Department introduces the Youth Scholarship Program for Parks & Recreation programs and classes. This scholarship program covers a portion of the fees for eligible children that could not otherwise participate.

Those interested may apply for the program through Monday, Dec. 7, at the Parks & Recreation Dept. administrative office, 1501 E. Hadley Ave. For more information, call the Parks & Recreation Department at 541-2550.

Free Legal Helpline available

The LREP Free Legal Helpline provides legal advice statewide, throughout the year. The helpline serves New Mexico residents age 55 and older. LREP does not have any income qualifications. Each caller speaks with one of LREP's four staff attorneys, each of whom is a highly qualified professional specializing in the legal issues that most affect New Mexico seniors. LREP staff attorneys provide legal advice and brief services in most areas of civil law.

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tance beyond the capabilities of the helpline. Contact the LREP Legal Helpline at 1-800-876-6657.

Attorney General's Office accepting donations for veterans

The Office of the Attorney General is taking donations through the end of November for homeless and transitioning veterans. Donations of bedding, household items and cleaning supplies will be accepted and can be dropped off from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Las Cruces Office of the Attorney General, 201 N. Church St., Ste. 315. Donations Needed: Bedding, sheets, pillows, pillow cases, blankets, towels, cleaning supplies, toiletries, lamps, pots and pans, dishes, silverware, and small kitchen appliances (to include but not limited to the following: microwaves, coffee pots, can openers). For more information about the New Mexico Veterans Integration Centers please visit www.nmvic.org.

NMSU awarded \$1.25 million in state matching funds for faculty chairs, professorships

New Mexico State University has been awarded \$1.25 million from the New Mexico Higher Education Endowment Fund in support of endowed professorships and faculty chairs in science, technology, engi-

neering and math disciplines in several colleges. NMSU is required to match the funding with an additional \$1.25 million from private donors, a goal that has already been met, adding a total of \$2.5 million to the NMSU Foundation's permanent endowment.

The four endowments selected from NMSU were among a total of 16 awards granted to 11 campuses around the state. The award determination was made by the state's Higher Education Department, Department of Finance Administration and the Economic Development Department, based in part on the effect the faculty funding would have on enhancing public post-secondary education and advancing the governor's legislative initiatives.

NMSU's Burrell honored for work with Department of Anthropology

Anthropology departmental administrator Barbara Burrell has been selected to receive the 2015 Stephen W. and Robert E. Roberts Memorial Staff Award. This award is presented annually to a staff member who has made a contribution to university life and demonstrated dedication and outstanding service to the community as a responsible citizen. Burrell has served as departmental administrator for anthropology since 2008.

Anthropology department head Rani Alexander said, "Barb is a native Las Crucean and diehard Aggie with deep roots in southern

New Mexico. She is a proud NMSU graduate, as is her daughter, with a profound love for the diversity of the border region and its landscapes." Burrell was honored at a reception in October.

NMSU educators recognized as local American Graduate Champions

New Mexico State University College of Education Associate Professor Azadeh Osanloo, the Stan Fulton Chair for the Improvement of Border and Rural Schools, and former College of Engineering Dean Ricardo Jacquez were recognized recently for their contributions to education and improving the lives of children. Osanloo and Jacquez were named local American Graduate Champions by KRWG-TV. The American Graduate program is funded through a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which supports PBS and NPR.

Osanloo was recognized for her work on school-community garden projects at four elementary schools within Las Cruces. Students working on the project used their STEM - science, technology, engineering and math - skills to design garden features and conduct cost and climate analyses.

Jacquez, who retired as dean of NMSU's College of Engineering in July, was recognized for his work as founding director of the New Mexico Alliance for

Minority Participation to help increase enrollment, quality of education and graduation rates of historically underrepresented minority students in STEM fields.

Two other winners are Victoria Gier, a third-grade teacher at Fairacres Elementary, and David Morales, a teacher at Mayfield High School.

NMSU employee honored with 'A' Mountain staff award

Megan Shannon, an administrative assistant in New Mexico State University's Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, was recognized by the NMSU Employee Council with the "A" Mountain staff award at the annual Employee Appreciation Picnic Oct. 16.

"Megan represents the qualities of integrity, dedication, skill endurance, resilience, determination and passion and I was delighted to nominate her for the 'A' Mountain Award," said Patti Wojahn, interim department head for Interdisciplinary Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences.

"Megan has displayed innovation in a range of activities. The Interdisciplinary Studies Department was only formed in the past few years, so the administrative assistant had to be sharp, creative and proactive. Megan has a 'can-do' attitude that surfaces when we are perplexed with meeting the demands of our department."

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Coming Up

China Scholar Discusses Film

The Mesilla Valley Film Society presents the Chinese martial arts film *The Assassin*, with an introduction by Elvira Hammond, NMSU college associate professor of history, at 7:15 pm on Friday Nov. 27 at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla.

Hammond studied at the Beijing Foreign Language Normal College and Stanford University with a focus on Chinese literature and theater.

She lived and worked in Beijing for almost a decade, working in Sino-American educational and academic exchange; she came to NMSU in 1995. She will give an overview of the Tang dynasty (618-907) and briefly explain "wuxia," a genre of Chinese film dealing with martial arts, sorcery, and

chivalry.

A question and answer session will follow the film. Intro begins at 7:15 p.m.

The theatre is located at 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla. *The Assassin* has a running time of 2 hours and is in Mandarin with English subtitles. For information, call 524-8287 or go to www.mesillavalley-film.org.

Free pet micro-chip event set for Nov. 28

A free micro-chip event for pets will be held at San Jose Parish Church in La Mesa on Saturday, Nov. 28 from 10 a.m.-noon.

Sign up for low cost Spay and Neuter will also be offered and appointments made for future clinics. For further information call 649-1231.

Cruise for CARE on Small Business Saturday

On Small Business Saturday, Nov. 28, meet at Horse N Hound, 991 W. Amador and pick up a map to visit locally owned businesses and get a stamp. Collect 10 stamps and return to Horse N Hound for the \$1,000 drawing! \$10 entry fee goes straight to CARE (Cancer Aid Resource & Education, Inc.), a nonprofit organization dedicated to establishing or assisting in resources, general education and other services to help address the challenges that many Doña Ana County cancer patients, children and adults, face while receiving treatment for any type of cancer. Registration from 8 to 10 a.m. For more information, find Cruise for CARE on Facebook or call Horse N Hound at 523-8790.

Home Depot Menorah Workshop

Chabad Jewish Center and Home Depot are offering a pre-Hanukkah Menorah building workshop on Sunday, Nov. 29, 1 p.m. Participants will receive a workers apron and then craft their own unique menorah from wood and a host of other supplies. Open to the public and free of charge. There will be refreshments and other Chanukah surprises at Home Depot, 225 Telshor Blvd. For information, call 505-488-1488.

Tutti Bambini Children's Reading Time

Children's Story Time, 11-11:20 a.m. every Wednesday at Tutti Bambini, 300 El Molino Street at Alameda. Half-price clothing during story time. Program is in collaboration with The Children's Reading Foundation of Doña Ana County which provides free books for the children. For information, call 526-9752.

Branigan Library will host diabetes classes in English and Spanish.

Tuesday, Dec. 1, Thursday, Dec. 3 and Tuesday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon the Branigan Library presents diabetes outreach classes in English and Spanish. Class size is limited to 12 and support persons are invited and encouraged to be present with each attendee. There is a one-time \$10.00 registration fee for these intense classes. Scholarships are available. For additional information, call 522-0289.

DACC presents a short course on Business Etiquette

Thursday, Dec. 3

from 1-4:30 p.m. at 2345 E. Nevada DACC will hold a short course to enhance and polish your business image. Reduce stress associated with speaking in a professional setting and learn how to avoid feeling uncomfortable in the corporate world. This workshop will allow you to take a quantum leap forward in skill, sophistication, and confidence. Instructed by Victoria D. Lusk, SPHR, SHRM-SCP. For questions or more information, contact us at 527-7776 or ctp@nmsu.edu. \$79.

Christmas tree lighting at White Sands Missile Range

At 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3 in front of Building 100 at White Sands Missile Range the base Christmas tree will be lit. Come and enjoy. For information, contact 678-1134.

2015 military update luncheon and forum

Regional military leaders speak about their installations and the outlook for military operations in the New Mexico/El Paso area on Thursday, Dec. 3 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Each luncheon presents a current topic or issue affecting the local business community. Attendees are updated on the subject matter and enjoy one-on-one time with fellow business professionals. \$25 per person. For information, call 524-1968.

Holiday Open House at White Sands National Monument

Celebrate the holiday season with live music, ranger programs, children's activities and lumi-

narias in the visitor center from 5:50-7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4. Special sales all evening. No charge. Dunes Dr. open until 6 p.m. Indoor and outdoor activities. The park is located 60 miles east of Las Cruces on Highway 70. For information, call 575-479-6124.

Las Cruces Press Women potluck

Networking and noshing Friday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. at 1907 Sedona Hills Parkway. Bring a potluck item or beverages to share and please RSVP to lcpress-women@gmail.com.

La Casa Holiday Bazaar opens Dec. 4

For over 25 years La Casa Inc. has provided a fun holiday shopping opportunity at its Bazaar Friday, Dec. 4 from 4:30-7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Admission is \$6.00 and all proceeds go to La Casa's Domestic Violence Shelter and programs. Over 75 vendors. Photos with Santa are available. La Casa Cookie Cupboard will offer baked goods and cookies by the dozen. A raffle features unique items. Tickets may be purchased at the door or call 526-2819.

NMSU Choirs perform at St. Paul's

A Holiday Spectacular featuring K. Lee Scott's "Christmas Cantata" and traditional holiday favorites will be presented at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 225 West Griggs Ave, by the NMSU Choirs on December 4 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. For tickets or more information, contact 646-2067 or www.music.nmsu.edu.

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Mesilla to light Christmas tree, stay open late Dec. 4

The Town of Mesilla and Mesilla businesses have teamed up to host the lighting of the Christmas tree and Shopping Late in Mesilla Friday, Dec. 4. The Christmas tree lighting takes place on the plaza at 6 p.m., followed by music by Zia Middle School Choir. Mesilla Mayor Nora Barraza will switch on the Christmas tree lights during the ceremony.

The tree will be decorated with ornaments created by students from Mesilla Elementary. Mesilla businesses will have extended hours for late shopping. For more information, call the Town of Mesilla at 524-3262 ext. 116.

Red Green Ball benefits Jardin de los Ninos Dec. 4

Jardin de los Ninos will celebrate 20 years of creating new possibilities for homeless and near homeless children and their families.

Enjoy dinner, dancing, and a silent auction. Featuring the sounds of the band "Remember Then." As part of our celebration this year, Sister Beth Daddio and some longtime friends of Jardin will be joining for our Chile Holiday Red and Green Ball on

Friday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. at Hotel Encanto. Tickets are \$75. For information, call 522-2111.

Sheriff's Department offers public class on use of force

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department again offers a unique, one-day class to educate the public on the use of force in police work, and the split-second decisions law enforcement officers are trained to make in potentially deadly situations. The class is free and open to the public. The class is limited to the first 25 people who apply, and also includes a shoot/don't shoot simulated scenario for participants, along with information on the various classes and curriculum law enforcement officers are required to learn.

"Law Enforcement Use of Force: What the Community Needs to Know" will be hosted at the DASO main headquarters, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To apply, email Kelly Jameson at kellyj@donaanacounty.org or send a private message via the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department Facebook page. For security purposes, applicants must provide their date of birth, a valid driver's license, email address and phone number. For information, call 386-4302.

Turning Back the Sun at Leasburg State Park

Learn about natural phenomenon that occur for a few days of winter from noon-8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, at Leasburg Dam State Park. Hear stories from the Navajo, Blackfeet and Pueblo storytellers. Try real buffalo stew, bread and watch Native American dances. Telescopes available to view the sky. Free with appropriate park fees. Located 15 miles north of Las Cruces, exit 19 at Radium Springs. For information, call 524-4068.

Branigan Library Sponsors Mitten Tree and Canned Food Drive

In support of National Mitten Tree Day celebrated on December 6, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library will sponsor a Mitten Tree this year.

Residents and library patrons can donate mittens, hats and scarves to decorate the holiday tree in the library. In conjunction with the Mitten Tree, a canned food drive is planned with all items donated to local community organizations.

Donations accepted at the Library beginning Saturday, Nov. 28 through Tuesday, Dec. 22 during regular library hours. For more information, please call 528-4000.

Chabad of Las Cruces to light up one of 15,000 public Menorahs worldwide

Chabad Jewish Center will ignite a public nine-foot menorah at Old Mesilla Plaza, followed by a concert and celebration on the first night of Chanukah, Sunday, Dec. 6.

Following the menorah lighting ceremony, hundreds will dance, sing and eat the night away with a Special Concert by the Rogers Park Band, an award winning Hassidic folk/pop duo out of Chicago, Illinois.

There will be Hot Cocoa, Gelt, hot latkes, jelly donuts and more.

Las Cruces's menorah is one of thousands of large public menorahs sponsored by Chabad throughout the world.

This year's Hanukkah celebrations bring added significance as Jewish communities worldwide celebrate the year of Hakhel, a once-every-seven-years opportunity to celebrate Jewish unity and learning.

Throughout the year Jewish synagogues and organizations are hosting communal gatherings for men, women and children dedicated to encouraging Jewish observance.

For information, call 524-1330.

Free Course in Spanish for Alzheimer's Families & Caregivers

"Cuidando con Respeto" is a free course presented in Spanish for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. It provides much of the same helpful information as the popular "Savvy Caregiver" Program.

It will be presented as a two day course in two, 4-hour sessions. The following options are available: Tuesday, Dec. 1 and 8, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. or Thursday, Dec. 10 and 17, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Classes are held at Southern Area Health Education Center, 4003 Geothermal Dr. To register or for information, contact Alma Gross, 646-3061 or algross@nmsu.edu.

Holiday at the Ranch

Sunday, Dec. 6 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. enjoy a day on The Patio at Heart of the Desert Pistachios & Wines, 7288 Hwy 54/70 in Alamogordo. Photos with Santa for kids and well behaved leash dogs; Ornament Making; Hot Chocolate & Apple Cider; Complimentary Wine Tasting; Heart of the Desert Wine Pairing Cookbook for adults; Shopping Specials all day long. \$5 per person. For information, call 575-434-0035.

Christmas play Los Pastores del Valle de Mesilla Dec. 10 and 12

Performances of Los Pastores will be at the Basilica of San Albino Church in Mesilla, 2280 Calle de Principal, Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

For information, call 523-5345.

Free Alzheimer's presentation in Las Cruces

"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 general forum for non-professional or family caregivers who are seeking a basic knowledge of Alzheimer's disease and an overview of support resources that are available in their area.

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Latham said. The department has 68.5 full-time employees and generates about \$6.1 billion in visitor spending annually – up from \$5.5 billion in 2011. “Tourism continues to be a leader in job growth as well, with another 2,200 jobs added in 2014 – an 8.4 percent increase since 2010,” according to a July 2015 NMDOT news release.

Tourism spending statewide was at \$414 million in 2014 alone, Latham said, which generated \$32.4 million in tax revenue.

Latham said Gov. Susana Martinez will support a budget increase request of \$4.7 million for NMDOT in the 2016 New Mexico legislative session, including \$4 million for advertising and \$700,000 for programs. “She believes in tourism,” Latham said.

Latham testified before the state Legislative Finance Committee Nov. 19 in support of the funding increase, and received “a really positive reception,” she said. “We know they support us. They share in our pride for the success of the (state’s marketing) campaign.”

32.7 million visitors

About 70 percent of New Mexico tourists –

and about 84 percent of tourism spending in New Mexico – come from outside the state, while about 30 percent are New Mexicans visiting and spending in-state but away from home. “More New Mexicans are keeping their vacation dollars here and being inspired to travel in New Mexico,” Latham said.

The state had about 32.7 million visitors in 2014, an increase of about 8.5 percent since 2010, according to NMDOT’s most recent visitor profile (<http://nmtourism.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/NMTD-Visitor-Profile-July-2015.pdf>).

Nearly 18 million of the 2014 visitors were on a day trip, while almost 15 million were staying overnight – an average of 3.3 nights. The average party size for all visitors was 2.8 people, and about 80 percent were adults.

Nearly two-thirds of visitors traveled in their own vehicles, while 22 percent each rented a car or traveled by plane, and 6.6 percent were in a camper or RV. Nearly two-thirds of the state’s visitors came from New Mexico and the surrounding states of Texas, California, Colorado and Arizona.

Slightly more than one-third of 2014 visitors said the purpose of their trip to New Mexico was to visit friends and relatives, while nearly 15 percent said touring, 10.5 percent said a business trip, nearly nine percent said a special event, 7.3 percent said they came for the outdoors, 5.2 percent were visiting a casino, 2.7 percent were here for a convention or conference, 1.6 percent came to ski or snowboard and just under one percent came to play golf.

The top activity for 2014 visitors was shopping (29 percent), followed by visiting a landmark or historic site (19.4 percent), visiting a national or state park (19.1 percent), fine dining (18.2 percent), visiting a museum (15.5 percent), hiking or backpacking (14.6 percent), visiting a casino (13.3 percent), swimming (12 percent) and visiting an art gallery (10.2 percent).

‘Silicon Valley of aerospace’

Las Cruces and southern New Mexico have a lot to offer visitors, and the area is growing as a tourist destination, Latham said.

“I see the Spaceport having visitor potential that impacts the state as a whole,” Latham said. “What the Spaceport is and what it will be once there is commercial spaceflight really has international appeal and will have a direct impact on the surrounding area and will also bring atten-

tion to New Mexico as a whole that no amount of advertising can do.”

That’s a sentiment echoed by Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Philip San Filippo, who came to Las Cruces three years ago. He accepted the job at the CVB (now called Visit Las Cruces) because of the impact Spaceport will have on local tourism.

“That to me is the new wave,” San Filippo said. “And the fact that it’s happening here is something that I want to be a part of.” It could make Las Cruces “the Silicon Valley of aerospace,” San Filippo said.

Spaceport, located 45 miles north of Las Cruces, is the first ever commercial space launch facility.

Strong north-south connection

“The team at the Las Cruces CVB is really strong,” Latham said. “We work so well with Phil and his crew.”



The state’s newest Tourism Commission member, Belia Alvarez, is from Las Cruces, helping to “keep that connection strong between Santa Fe and the southern region,” Latham said. Alvarez is the regional general manager of Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces and Hilton Garden Inn.

“I believe tourism is

improving in Las Cruces and in southern New Mexico,” Alvarez said. “We have a creative and talented team at ... Visit Las Cruces led by ... Phil San Filippo. He is driven to increase tourism in Las Cruces. A great example of their effort is the Las Cruces Country Music Festival, which is a growing and popular event that is attracting visitors.”

“Next year, the Las Cruces International Film Festival will rise from the former White Sands International Film Festival, improving upon the hard work and dedication of the others. I am confident that this will develop into a world-class event that draws many to our city.”

Southern New Mexico also has “our cultural heritage, that’s so very important to the New Mexican tourism product,” Latham said, from “hot springs in T or C to dining in Old Mesilla (and being) able to visit little old Hatch, the Napa Valley of Chile – the Chile capital of the world.” She also said area ghost towns are tourist destinations: “Visitors crave those experiences; the Wild West, what New Mexico used to be,” Latham said.

‘In terrific shape’

Latham said NMDOT’s grant program, including co-op advertising and event sponsorship, has been successful in building tourism in southern New Mexico. “We’ve seen some really great results come out of the southern part of the state through our grant programs,” she said.

Statewide, Latham said, tourism is booming. “We’re in terrific shape,” she said. “Overall, I’m incredibly excited. I feel like this is such a great time to be in tourism. We see some really exciting private-sector investments in tourism that

show a lot of confidence in our industry right now, in Taos, Las Vegas, Old Town (Albuquerque) and investments happening down in the southern part of the state as well. That means the forecast is good.”

New Mexico True, the advertising and branding campaign started by NMDOT in early 2012, is proving extremely successful around the country, Latham said, providing a 7-to-1 return on investment.

“People who have an awareness of our advertising or who have been here on vacation have a much higher perception of the state to open a business, go to school, retire,” she said.

“I really like the New Mexico True campaign,” Alvarez said. “It allows the entire state with its variety of attractions and events to be united in one message. The idea of adventure steeped in culture is a perfect description of the New Mexico experience. When visiting our state, you are in a special place. Additionally, I have the privilege of working for Heritage Hotels & Resorts. Our goal is to preserve the cultural traditions of our state through our various hotels. Our hotels reflect their communities in design, music, art, food and each one financially supports a local cultural partner. The New Mexico True campaign is consistent with our efforts.”

Enticing regional tourists

Latham said NMDOT’s marketing in Dallas and Houston is producing “huge growth” in tourist visits from Texans. “We also have regional marketing efforts in Amarillo, Lubbock and the west Texas area,” she said. New Mexico is also seeing an increase in visitors from Chicago, Phoe-



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Comcast raises thousands for LCPS

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Thanks to its eight-year partnership with Comcast Cares Day, the Las Cruces Public Schools Foundation and participating schools have received nearly \$140,000, said Comcast Cable New Mexico Director John Christopher of Las Cruces.

Christopher presented a check from the Comcast Foundation for \$18,026.68 to LCPS at the Tuesday, Nov. 17 LCPS Board of Education meeting because of the more than 900 volunteers who participated in the latest Las Cruces Comcast Cares Day event, which was April 25 at Jornada Elementary School, 3400 Elks Drive in Las Cruces.

The money will be equally divided between the LCPS Foundation and Jornada Elementary. Foundation President Sherley O'Brien and Jornada Elementary Principal Julio Martinez and Assistant Principal Dora Solis were at the board meeting to accept the check.



"Las Cruces continues to have outstanding community participation, making it one of the largest Comcast Cares Day projects across Comcast's footprint," Christopher said. "Comcast Cares Day demonstrates what's possible in a day, and each year I'm inspired by the generosity of everyone who gives back. We're proud to partner with the LCPS

Foundation to improve our community, and thank the more than 900 volunteers who donated their time to make such a big difference in the lives of others."

At the board meeting, LCPS also recognized other long-time Comcast Cares Day partners, including IHOP and Texas Roadhouse for their many years of participation.

"Las Cruces is a unique community in that a strong partnership exists between local businesses and the school district," Brigitte Zigelhofer, community outreach liaison for LCPS said.

"This is evident by the continuous and exemplary support given by IHOP and Texas Roadhouse in donating and serving thousands of free meals to our hungry volun-

teers." Teo Regalado of IHOP and Steve Lopez of Texas Roadhouse were on hand at the board meeting to receive plaques in recognition of their service.

Special recognition was also given to Christopher and to LCPS Physical Plant Executive Director Bobby Stout.

"Reaching this level of giving is beyond words," said LCPS Superintendent Stan Rounds. "Our schools are important to Comcast and I'm reminded of that every year when I see the hundreds of volunteers participate in this special event."

The Comcast Foundation awarded almost

\$87,000 to 13 community organizations in New Mexico as a result of volunteer participation in the 2015 Comcast Cares Day across the state, including Las Cruces.

Through its partnership with Comcast Cable, LCPS has been able to paint, landscape and clean up eight schools, with thousands of volunteers from Comcast, LCPS and school communities participating.

For more information, contact Julianne Phares of Comcast Cable at 505-271-3701 or Julianne_Phares@cable.comcast.com. At LCPS, contact Zigelhofer at 575-527-6014 or bzigelho@lcps.k12.nm.us.

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nix and Denver; and, "we've recently added San Diego as a market," Latham said, adding that the state has "a great draw from California," especially to Santa Fe and Taos.

If the Legislature approves NMDOT's request for \$4 million in additional advertising, the department will add the San Francisco market to its campaign, and that will include Silicon Valley, Latham said. "If we can open the eyes of those decision-makers in the Silicon Valley and get

them here on vacation, there is a much stronger likelihood they'll consider us for their next economic development project," she said.

NMDOT research drives the department's advertising toward those markets that are responding. And, like the San Francisco area, they tend to be recovering from the 2008 recession more quickly than New Mexico. "Let's get their money here to speed up our recovery," Latham said.

In 2015, NMDOT spent

\$9.35 million on advertising, a 274 percent increase over 2011's \$2.5 million, she said. Today, advertising accounts for 69 percent of NMDOT's total budget, compared to 27 percent prior to 2010. "We've been able to put every last penny toward advertising," Latham said.

Adopted daughter of NM

Latham, a Florida native, first visited New Mexico 12 years ago as a tourist, making a weekend ski trip to Albuquerque. "I had never seen snow before," she said. Latham met her husband that weekend. She moved

to New Mexico not long after that and spent eight years as tourism and economic development director for Red River in Taos County before becoming communications director at NMDOT and then department secretary.

"I married a New Mexican, I am raising two New Mexicans (their children). I consider myself an adopted daughter of the state," Latham said, adding that she feels "more connected to New Mexico" than she ever did to Florida.

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Police need help identifying four in forgery case

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that helps identify four people wanted for questioning in a forgery case.

The four people – two men and two women – were captured on surveillance cameras at drive-thru automated teller machines in August and September 2015.

Anyone with informa-

tion that can help identify the men and women is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip by text message to CRIMES (274637), keyword LCTIPS.

The Crime Stoppers number and text messaging services are operational 24 hours a day and you do not have to give your name to collect a reward.

Buying firewood? Don't get burned

New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) is reminding New Mexicans that there's a law governing firewood sales in this state – and that it exists to ensure that people buying firewood get their money's worth.

NMDA's Standards and Consumer Services Division (SCS) regulates New Mexico's Weights and Measures Law, which covers how firewood and other agricultural commodities must be advertised and sold in order to maintain fairness in the marketplace for both buyer and seller.

"We sometimes see firewood sellers using a variety of terms – face cord, loose cord, Albuquerque cord, truckload, load, rack, pile – but none of these are actual legal units of measurement," said Ray Johnson, SCS assistant division director. "So when you see firewood labeled in these ways, it's impossible to know whether you're getting

a fair deal or not."

Instead, Johnson added, "people should look for firewood sold by the cord or fraction of a cord."

New Mexico law actually requires that firewood be advertised and sold by volume, either by the cord or fraction of a cord. A cord is legally defined as 128 cubic feet of wood, commonly seen in a tight stack 4 feet wide by 4 feet high by 8 feet long, with logs stacked parallel to one another. State law allows firewood sellers to sell amounts of wood by weight, but the seller must declare the price-per-cord equivalent. This does not apply to firewood sold in packaged bundles weighing less than 100 pounds.

There are a few other things to keep in mind when you're buying firewood in New Mexico:

If possible, be on hand when the seller stacks and measures your firewood.

For every delivery of firewood,

get a receipt or invoice with the name and address of the seller, date of delivery, quantity delivered, identity of the commodity, and the total selling price.

If possible, get the seller's phone number and the license plate of the delivery vehicle.

Bundles of kindling wood or similar packages must include what's called "a statement of net content", which details the weight or measure of the firewood.

The label must also include the name and place of business of the packager or distributor and a word or phrase identifying the product.

If you suspect that a company or individual is selling firewood in a way that violates state law, please contact NMDA by visiting www.nmda.nmsu.edu/scs or by calling NMDA's Standards and

Consumer Services Division at 575-646-1616.



Aggie Pride Call Center students learn skills

By Charlotte Tallman
For the Bulletin

Sometimes a phone call from New Mexico State University might be just what alumni need to feel connected to their alma mater. With goals to build that connection, update demographic information and raise funds for NMSU, Aggie Pride Call

Center student callers spend their time reaching hundreds of Aggies each week.

Currently, 17 student callers reach out to alumni and friends from Sunday through Thursday during the academic year. So far in 2015, student callers have raised \$114,212 – but money isn't

the only thing student callers focus on.

"One of the most exciting things about talking to NMSU alumni is the stories they tell me," said Sheila Quintana, a senior who will be graduating in December. "I hear about what their experience was when they were at NMSU and what they've

been doing since graduation. I learn so much about our Aggies during these phone calls."

Quintana's time on the phone has been beneficial for NMSU. To date, she has raised nearly \$80,000 for the university, and is the top caller. De-

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Toys for Tots asks community's help

Bulletin Report

The United States Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program has begun its 19th year of service in Doña Ana County, and expects to provide toys to 5,000 needy children throughout the county, said program coordinator Dr. Thea Hand.

Things are already off to a great start, she said, as the Nov. 6 Las Cruces-Mayfield high school football game netted the program nearly three boxes full of toys and about \$1,000 in cash donations.

"We need even more support from the community to make this year's Toys for Tots campaign the biggest and best ever," she said. You can place a new unwrapped toy for a child in one of the many Toys for Tots boxes that will be placed throughout the county very soon, Hand said.

The greatest need for the program is new toys for children – boys or girls – ages five to 12, she said.

You can also make a cash donation to the program.

You also can volunteer to help with one of this year's fundraisers or with toy collection and distribution.

The program works with Las Cruces Public Schools, Gadsden Independent School District and Hatch Valley Public Schools to identify needy children and get toys to them.

"The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a shiny, new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders," Hand said.

Las Cruces Toys for Tots was started in 1996 by Jack and Peggy Petrowsky.

Hand, who is coordinator of professional development for LCPS, took over as coordinator in 2014. She is being joined as 2015 Toys for Tots of Las Cruces coordinator by Las Cruces High School Assistant Principal Michelle Ronga and LCHS teacher Kathleen Gardner.

For more information,



Toys for Tots of Las Cruces coordinator Dr. Thea Hand with a member of the U.S. Marine Corps at the Barnes & Noble Booksellers book drive Nov. 7 at the Las Cruces Barnes & Noble at Mesilla Valley Mall.

email the coordinators at las-crucestft@gmail.com. Visit www.toysfortots.org/donate/Default.aspx to donate online and to find the location of Toys for Tots donation boxes throughout the county.

Bike Run set for Dec. 6

The annual Bicycle Toy Run is scheduled for 11 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 6, at Milgaro Coffee Shop y Espresso, 1733 E. University Ave., and travels approximately four miles to Andele's Dog House, 1983

Calle del Norte in Mesilla.

The bicycle toy run welcomes riders and toy donations. If you can, please donate a new, unwrapped toy for a child aged three-12, either a boy or a girl.

Andele's Dog House will serve a Mexican buffet lunch following the bike run.

The cost is \$10 per person for adults and \$8 for children.

Tickets are available at Outdoor Adventures,

1424 Missouri Ave. 521-1922, or you can buy tickets at the event.

For more information on the bike run, call Henry Gil at 642-9548.

For information about Toys for Tots of Las Cruces, contact Hand at las-crucestft@gmail.com.

You can make a cash donation by sending a check to Toys for Tots of Las Cruces, 640 Lori Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011 or donate online at <http://las-cruces-nm.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.aspx>.

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ontae Ragas, who will also be graduating in December, has raised \$20,159.

"Using a student as a caller is particularly attractive to our alumni and donors," said NMSU President Garrey Carruthers. To honor the top callers, Carruthers joined them for lunch at the Third Floor Bistro on Nov. 13. "I appreciate all the hard work they do for

NMSU."

Aggie Pride Call Center student callers use their time on the phones as an opportunity to share stories with potential donors. During this exchange, former students discuss their time on campus and how their NMSU experience impacted their lives.

"It's important to build a rapport with them," said student caller Anais

Chavez. "They always like to hear about the advances we are making at NMSU. I love to tell them about the great things happening at the university that I am a part of."

Working at the call center teaches students the importance of teamwork, strong communication skills and a goal-oriented attitude. It also helps establish awareness about where funding for university programs and individual scholarships comes from.

Because the group of student callers is such an impressive bunch, NMSU has the highest credit card collection goals and is number two in credit card giving rates among Ruffalo Noel Levitz, a company that partners with colleges and non-profit organizations to help them engage their donors.

"This is really an opportunity to build lifetime giving, and it is a great opportunity for our students," Carruthers said.

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PFLAG Las Cruces to celebrate 20 years of advocacy

LAS CRUCES--The Las Cruces Chapter of PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is celebrating its 20th anniversary 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces.

The Anniversary Celebration dinner will include a keynote address

by Jody Huckaby, Executive Director of PFLAG National, the umbrella organization for over 400 PFLAG chapters nationwide.

Carrie Hamblen, President of PFLAG Las Cruces, says, "Celebrating 20 years is an incredible milestone for us. It has been an honor to be the

organization that advocates for equality for our LGBTQ family members and friends. There is still work to be done and that is the future of PFLAG Las Cruces."

In 1993, William Soules and Susan Brown began the process of forming a chapter, officially being chartered in 1995. Each

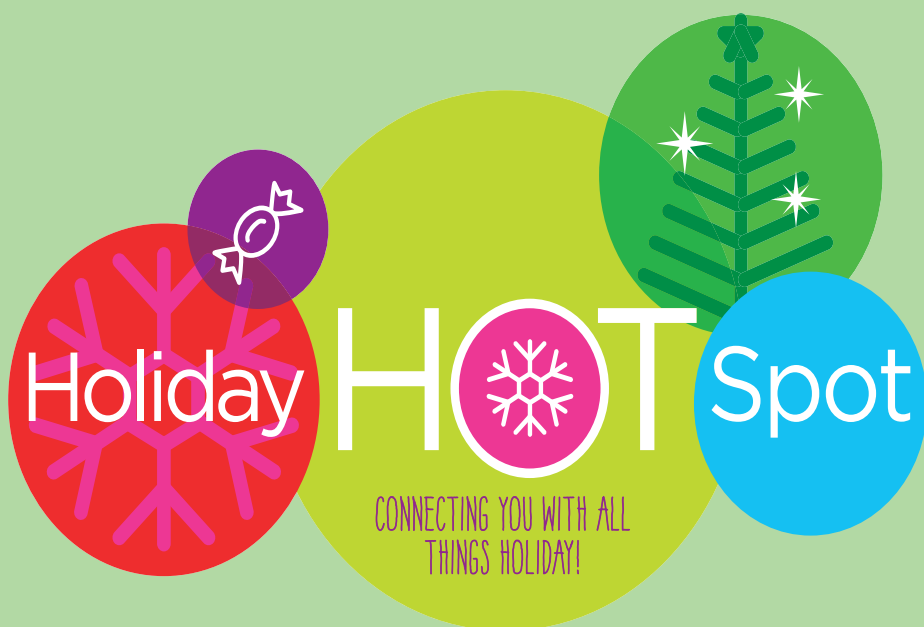
individual had family members who either were gay or lesbian. It was after Brown's daughter, Marieka, told her she was a lesbian in 1992, that Brown began seeking other parents for information and support. A cousin of Soule's had passed from complications resulting from AIDS and he

knew of PFLAG from his Aunt and Uncle. Through advertisements in local papers, especially those directed toward the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) community, the first meeting welcomed 30 people. Brown says, "At that time, things were

very different. Everything was hidden, even on campus, so when about 30 people showed up at our first meeting, we were very excited."

Over the last 20 years, PFLAG Las Cruces has participated in sensitivity

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The Shopping Spot

Thanksgiving Day Shopping	Nov. 26	6pm - midnight
Black Friday Shopping	Nov. 27	5am - 10pm
Black Friday Giveaway First 150 Shoppers	Nov. 27	5am
Photo Spot Promotion	Nov. 27 - Dec. 20	
Saturday Spot Gift with Purchase While supplies last	Nov. 28	Noon - 6pm

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Joy to the Ukes!

The Las Cruces Ukes, a community group of ukulele enthusiasts, will perform a free holiday concert at 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 10 at Good Samaritan - Las Cruces Village at 3011 Buena Vida Circle, located off Telshor Blvd. Under the guidance of Chief Musical Officer Bob Hull, the group will feature beloved songs of the holiday season, along with some of their anytime favorites. In addition, the Ukes will return to the Rio Grande Theatre for its second Every Other Tuesday performance at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 22. More information about the group can be found at Facebook.com/lascrucesukes.

Burrell College forges relations with Chihuahua

Bulletin report

The Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine's (BCOM) founding dean, George Mychaskiw, DO, met with the governor of the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, César Duarte Jáquez at the Palacio de Gobierno in Chihuahua City on Tuesday, Nov. 17 to discuss opportunities to expand access to medical school for citizens of Chihuahua.

"This is a historic opportunity for development of a truly transnational medical education project. The people of Chihuahua and New Mexico are twin children of different mothers and the key to our progress and success is education, health care and economic development. This project provides for all of these and forges a pathway to a better future for us all," said founding dean, George Mychaskiw, DO.

In keeping with the mission of BCOM to im-



Left to right, BCOM Founding Dean, George Mychaskiw, DO, and State of Chihuahua Governor Cesar Duarte Jáquez. Photo by Fernando Rios Carrillo.

prove the health of the southwestern United States and northern Mexico as well as to diversify the physician workforce, a partnership between BCOM and the State of Chihuahua would allow for medical school students to have access to on-line instruction and cross-cultural clinical experiences.

A tour of the Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua provided by the secretary of Education of the State of Chihuahua, Lic. Marcelo González Tachiquin, demonstrated the state of Chihuahua's commitment to providing access to Chihuahua citizens to pursue medical school.

The infrastructure of

Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua is equipped with the learning environment to receive broadcast course instruction and lectures from BCOM in Las Cruces.

The next step will be the development of a memorandum of understanding, which will define the working partnership between the BCOM

and the State of Chihuahua. That will likely take place before the end of December, and BCOM could see students from Chihuahua as early as fall 2016.

Present during the meeting with Jáquez and Tachiquin were State of Chihuahua Secretary of Health Lic. Pedro Hernández Flores and Magistrate Lic. Jorge Abraham Ramírez Alvidrez.

Also representing BCOM at the meeting were Dr. Glenn Nordehn, DO, assistant dean for Undergraduate Clinical Education; Dr. Tania Arana,

assistant dean for Student Affairs and Admissions; Justin McHorse, assistant dean for Multicultural Affairs, Marketing and Communications; and Alex Arana, IT Support Services.

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Film festival poster release party set

Bulletin report

The Las Cruces International Film Festival (LCIFF) will be hosting a poster release party 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 11 in support of the festival's inaugural year, at the Cutter Gallery located at 2640 El Paseo Road., across the

street from the Las Cruces Convention Center.

The first LCIFF, presented by the New Mexico State University College of Arts & Science, will be held March 2 to 6, 2016.

For a \$25 donation, attendees will receive a signed collectible poster

and can enjoy food, beer and wine and live music, all while supporting the arts and the Las Cruces International Film Festival.

The festival will feature special guest Danny Trejo.

In addition, attendees will be able to purchase VIP all-access festival

passes at a special rate of \$100, \$50 off the regular price. The price will only be available during this event.

The festival aims to bring the best of international cinema to Las Cruces, with an eye towards connecting filmmakers with diverse and eager au-

diences. LCIFF will feature independent films, workshops, exhilarating after parties, and unparalleled access to some of the most exciting venues in Las Cruces.

The festival will also feature the Pilot Project, which gives film makers the opportunity to create

either a 10 minute studio pitch or a 22 minute pilot episode and the chance to see their work become a full-blown television show.

To purchase tickets or for more information about the festival or the Pilot Project, visit www.LCIFFEST.com.



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In The News

Arrowhead launches new graphic design program

Arrowhead Center at New Mexico State University recently launched a new program offering graphic design services, education and networking to NMSU and the larger community.

Craftbox Design, led by Arrowhead Senior Graphic Designer and Visual Communication Leader Peter Knapp, is working to fill a regional need for high-quality, affordable design services for startup and expanding businesses. Craftbox specializes in branding, print design and web design, with an emphasis on promotional materials and website application. One of Craftbox's key services will be connecting local designers with potential clients.

"Craftbox will take in work that Arrowhead-based designers will execute, but our plan is also to source work out among members in our design community so we can grow together financially," Knapp said. "We're building a base of and for local designers, so we can connect artists and clients efficiently to benefit both groups." Craftbox is also offering opportunities to learn more about the de-

sign field and network with professionals and peers at monthly "Design Hours" gatherings. Discussions include in-person and virtual sessions with well-known designers and members of the Graphic Artists Guild, a New York City-based organization committed to advancing the design industry with educational and career development resources for design professionals and students.

Local businesses team up for Jardin de los Niños

Two local businesses have decided to partner up, have some fun, and raise money for Jardin de los Niños. Vince Vacarro, owner of Lorenzo's Italian Restaurant has been joined by D2 Designs owners Alycia Carrillo and Josh Jameson for a creative t-shirt campaign. The T-shirts, which carry the Lorenzo's logo on the front and the phrase "Legalize Marinara on the back," are being sold throughout the month of November. T-Shirts can be ordered through Lorenzo's for \$15, and the proceeds will go to Jardin.

"I thought this was a fun way for us to show our support for Jardin de los Niños," Vacarro says. "We

completely support Jardin's mission, and we want to see them thrive here in our Community." Jardin Executive Director Audrey Hartley says that the fun excursion cannot come at a better time. "We are currently in the throes of a major capital campaign to raise \$300,000 within six months. Any fundraiser to help us toward our goal is more than appreciated." T-Shirts can be ordered in any size and color, according to the buyer's tastes. For additional information, or to place a t-shirt order, call D2 Designs at 575-541-0202, or place an order while dining at Lorenzo's.

NMSU Professor named to national list

NMSU Regents Professor Dennis Hallford has been named one of the top 20 Animal Science Professors in the country by VetTech-Colleges.com.

Hallford has been teaching at NMSU for 40 years. He started his career at NMSU teaching anatomy and physiology of farm animals, during a time when the university was developing a doctoral program in animal and range science. During his time at NMSU, Hallford has received numerous awards and honors, including the University's highest teaching awards.

"Working with students

– either in the classroom or in the laboratory setting – has been extremely rewarding," he said. Hallford keeps track of the number of students he has had since his first year in 1975. He has taught several thousand undergraduate students, and he just had his 62nd student receive a master's degree. He admitted, "I can tell you where most of my students are now."

This semester Hallford is

teaching a graduate level endocrinology class, as well as an anatomy and physiology undergraduate level class. He will need to add quite a few names to his growing list of undergraduate and graduate students whom he plans to keep track of and know where they will be in the future.

In addition to his teaching career, Hallford has a long list of accolades as a researcher, specializing in the evaluation

of endocrine influences on the reproductive function in domestic animals.

NMSU's animal science graduate program was ranked sixth in the country on Graduate Programs' spring 2015 list. Graduate Programs is a website geared toward prospective graduate students. NMSU was also named the fifth best pre-veterinary college in the nation by VetTech-Colleges.com in 2014.



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training for the Las Cruces Police Academy and for students at New Mexico State University, engaged the community around pro-LGBT legislation, supported anti-bullying initiatives, as well as advocate and celebrate marriage equality. PFLAG Las Cruces is committed to advancing equality and full societal affirmation for LGBTQ people through its three-

fold mission of support, education and advocacy.

PFLAG will be awarding the Susan C. Brown Scholarships to two college students, and presenting the Merlyn Risser Award for Service and Advocacy to Richard Parra, owner of Spirit Winds Coffee Bar.

The public is invited to join PFLAG in celebrating 20 years of advocacy, education, and outreach in

Las Cruces. Tickets are available at Spirit Winds, 2260 S. Locust Street. Prices are \$25 for adults, \$10 for students and include dinner and drinks (Cash Bar) and a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. There will also be a silent auction and raffle! Tickets must be purchased in advance by Dec. 1.

For more information, call PFLAG at 575-496-5242.

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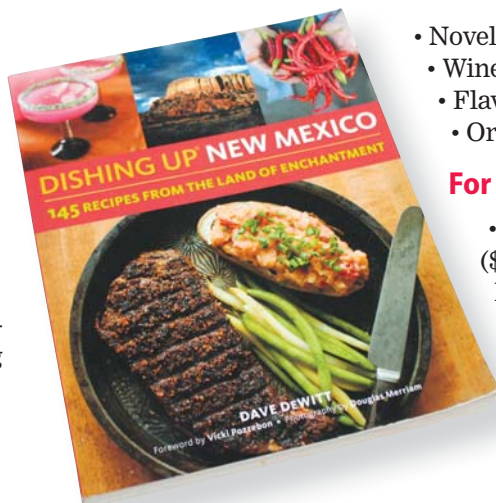


Check out these ideas for special people in your life

Black Friday has arrived, kicking off the busy shopping season as we count down to Christmas — only three and a half weeks from today. This pull-out guide gives readers a glimpse into the numerous unique Las Cruces retail options available.

For the foodie

- New Mexico-made treats from local shops, such as the Truck Farm, the Chocolate Lady, Heart of the Desert, Crazy Maizy's Fabulous Popcorn Factory, the Las Cruces Farmers and Crafts Market, and more
- Cookbooks by New Mexico authors, such as "Dishing Up New Mexico: 145 Recipes From the Land of Enchantment" by Dave DeWitt



- Novelty tea infuser
- Wine aerator
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• Brushes and grooming supplies, available at a variety of pet stores such as Better Life Pet Foods and Pet's Barn

For the home:

- Quirky or antique home décor, such as upcycled goods found at La Patina (pictured right).
- Original art pieces from local artists
- Unique handmade gifts sold at the Las Cruces Farmers and Crafts Market
- Gift certificates for house-cleaning services

Pamper someone:

- Gift card to area spas and salons
- Decadent soaps and lotions
- A relaxation trip to Truth or Consequences hot springs and mineral baths, such as Sierra Lodge or Blackstone Hot Springs
- A bottle (or three!) of regional wines, from places such as St. Clair Winery and Bistro, Amaro Winery, Luna Rossa Winery and Pizzeria and Vintage Wines
- Candles and scented oil warmers
- Bathrobes, fleece pajamas and slippers
- Season passes from one of the many Las Cruces theater companies and venues, including the Rio Grande Theatre, Las Cruces Community Theatre, No Strings Theatre Company at Black Box Theatre, Scaffolding Theatre Company or the NMSU Center for the Arts



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NMSU researchers witness first accelerator-born neutrinos

By Minerva Baumann
For the Bulletin

One hundred billion ghostly subatomic particles pass unnoticed through the tip of your finger every second. Chances are you'll never see a neutrino, unless you're a physicist.

Last month, physicists from New Mexico State University were among scientists to see the first neutrinos in the MicroBooNE particle detector at the U.S. Department of Energy's Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory near Chicago.

"The proton beam from Fermilab accelerator complex was switched on for MicroBooNE in mid-October, and we are very excited to see these first images from some of the clearest neutrino interactions in the detector," said Stephen Pate, physics professor who, along with physics associate professor Vassili Papavassiliou, leads the NMSU High-Energy Nuclear Physics team in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Using one of the most sophisticated processing programs ever designed for a neutrino experiment, the computers sift through the thousands of interactions that occur every day and create 3-D images of the most interesting ones.

"Our group plays a central role in several aspects of the de-



IMAGE COURTESY MICROBOONE

This display shows one of the first neutrino event candidates seen in the MicroBooNE detector. The invisible neutrino was incident from the left and interacted with an argon nucleus near the center of the image.

velopment and operation of the detector, including the understanding of the neutrino beam itself," Pate said.

The MicroBooNE scientific collaboration consists of more than 100 physicists from 23 institutions from the U.S. and three other countries. The machine allows scientists to further study the properties of neutrinos, particles that may hold the key to understanding many unexplained mysteries of the universe.

The MicroBooNE detector – a 40-foot-long cylindrical metal tank designed to detect particles called neutrinos – was installed at the U.S. Department of Energy's Fermilab site last year.

MicroBooNE's detector is a liquid-argon time projection chamber. It resembles a silo lying on its side, but instead of grain, it's filled with 170 tons of liquid argon.

Liquid argon is 40 percent denser than water so neutrinos are more likely to interact with it. When an accelerator-born neutrino hits the nucleus of an argon atom in the detector, its collision creates a spray of subatomic particle debris. Tracking these particles allows scientists to reveal the type and properties of the neutrino that produced them.

"This experiment utilizes a new technology in particle detectors for studies of neutrinos

that is now coming of age," said Papavassiliou. "It represents the first large-scale project in a series of experiments that are planned in the U.S. for the next several years as part of the country's long-range plan for research in particle physics, with broad international participation as well."

NMSU has a long history of collaboration with Fermilab and is a member of the Universities Research Association, a consortium of 86 research universities from around the world.

"We have a postdoctoral researcher, Tia Miceli, and a graduate student, Katherine Woodruff, in residence at Fermilab, working on the experiment full time," Pate said. "Our involvement in the MicroBooNE experiment dates back to spring of 2012 when we joined the collaboration."

The NMSU team also includes undergraduate physics student Alastair McLean.

The 2015 Nobel Prize in physics was awarded for neutrino oscillations, a phenomenon that is of great importance to the field of elementary particle physics. Intense activity is under way worldwide to capture neutrinos and examine their behavior of transforming from one type to another.

MicroBooNE is an example of a new liquid-argon detector being developed to further probe this phenomenon while reconstructing the particle tracks emerging from neutrino collisions as finely detailed three-dimensional images.

"The experiment has many goals, among them studying the properties of neutrinos, also the internal structure of the proton and also understanding the dynamics of atomic nuclei," Pate added.

MicroBooNE's findings will be relevant for the upcoming Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment, known as DUNE, which plans to examine neutrino transitions over longer distances and a much broader energy range. Scientists are also using MicroBooNE as a research and development platform for the large DUNE liquid-argon detectors.

"Future neutrino experiments will use this technology," said Sam Zeller, Fermilab physicist and MicroBooNE co-spokesperson. "We're learning a lot from this detector. It's important not just for us, but for the whole physics community."

The DOE is funding the NMSU group. The DOE and the National Science Foundation are funding the MicroBooNE experiment.

In The News

Governor announces plan to bring high-speed internet to every classroom

In October, Governor Susana Martinez announced plans to bring high-speed Internet access to every New Mexico classroom by the 2018 school year. By leveraging \$49 million in appropriated state funds over the next few years, several state agencies and a national nonprofit will team up with local districts to

improve infrastructure and bring high-speed Internet to every student in New Mexico. Currently, more than 30 percent of New Mexico's school districts don't have access to high-speed Internet.

To meet this goal, state agencies, including the Public Schools Facility Authority, the Public Education Department, and the Department of Information Technology, will work with EducationSuperHighway to develop a plan for building the infrastructure required to deliver high-speed Internet. Components of the plan will

include building fiber-optic connections into school districts, upgrading Wi-Fi networks inside schools, and buying Internet bandwidth in bulk for cost-effectiveness. In addition to leveraging the state's existing \$49 million over the next few years, New Mexico will work with the federal E-Rate program to secure additional funding to meet the goal.

EducationSuperHighway is a national nonprofit focused on upgrading Internet access in schools throughout the U.S., working with schools, states, and the federal government to promote broadband initiatives, and has already started working

with southern New Mexico schools in Deming and Gadsden.

Armitage is new assistant dean for development in NMSU College of Engineering

New Mexico State University has selected Stephanie Armitage of Las Cruces as the College of Engineering's new assistant dean of development and alumni. Armitage grew up in Las Cruces and is a graduate of Oñate High School. An Aggie alum, she earned her bachelor in business administration from

NMSU in 2007 and is currently working toward her MBA.

She most recently served as branch manager for First National Rio Grande bank, and also worked as a coalition coordinator for the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico.

NMSU's Arrowhead Center welcomes new economic development coordinator

New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Center recently wel-

comed Michael Patrick as the center's new Extension Specialist and Economic Development Coordinator. Patrick has served as the director of NMSU's Doctorate of Economic Development program for the past four years, and as a Community Resource and Economic Development Specialist for NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service since 2007.

He has also served as a Western Rural Development Fellow since 2012. His interests are in Native American economic development activities as well as community, economic and business development throughout the region.

Coming Up

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. 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.

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 focuses on a vulnerable seg-

ment 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 nmsp.pio@state.nm.us.

Rick Rotante demo at the Las Cruces Museum of Art

The Las Cruces Museum of Art hosts Rick Rotante performing a free art demo from 6-9:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11th. Rotante will perform a three-hour head painting demo with a live model. The Museum is located at 491 North Main St. and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information, visit the website at www.las-cruces.org/museums or call 541-2137.

2nd Annual "Chilly Dash and Splash"

The Parks & Recreation Department will conduct the 2nd annual "Chilly Dash and Splash" on Saturday, Dec. 12, at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Dr. The 5k run, 3.2 miles, around Frenger Park will begin at 9 a.m. followed by a polar plunge-style dive into the

cold waters of Frenger pool at 11 a.m.

Registration will be through Dec. 11 at the Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave., during normal operating hours, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Holiday hours may vary. Late entries will be taken from 7 - 8 a.m. the day of the event, Dec. 12,

at Frenger Pool. First 50 entries receive a free event t-shirt the day of the event.

Early Registration Fees: Run and Plunge, \$20. Run only, \$15. Plunge only, \$5. Late registration Fees: Run and Plunge, \$25. Run only, \$20. Plunge only, \$10. For more information contact the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center at 541-2782. The TTY number is 541-2771.

Branigan Library to Celebrate "International Games Day"

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. will join more than 1,000 libraries around the world on Saturday, Dec. 12, for the eighth annual celebration of gaming in libraries: International Games Day@your library.

The event, from 1 - 5 p.m. is suitable for the whole family. Games include Scrabble, Red November, Tsuro, Seven Dragons, Munchkin, Shadows over Camelot, Castle Panic, Red Dragon Inn and three new games: "Munchin Treasure Hunt", "Wonky" and "Reverse Charades." For contact 528-4005 or library.reference@las-cruces.org.



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Mayor Ken Miyagishima and American Legion Post 10 of Las Cruces Chaplin Lawrence Orvis during a moment of silence at the Monday, Nov. 23 news conference announcing that Las Cruces has achieved functional zero veterans homelessness.



Las Cruces one of 13 cities with zero homeless veterans

Las Cruces was formally and officially recognized Monday afternoon, Nov. 23 as one of 13 cities in the United States – and the first in New Mexico – to reach functional zero for veteran homelessness.

That means the city has provided housing for every homeless veteran it is aware of, said Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (MVCOH) Executive Director Nicole Martinez. And, through a coalition that includes MVCOH, the City of Las Cruces, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Las Cruces and El Paso veterans administrations (VA) and the Mesilla Valley Regional Housing Authority (MVRHA), Las Cruces can provide housing to any homeless veteran within 30 days.

The announcement of functional zero was made at a news conference at a veterans housing complex at 3350 Oak St. in Las Cruces. Speakers included Mayor Ken Miyagishima; Charm Mizer, interim health care coordinator for homeless veterans with the El Paso VA; HUD Regional Administrator Tammy Treviño; and Martinez. Las Cruces Fire Chief Travis Brown, staff liaison to the city's Veterans Advisory Board, was master of ceremonies.

Also attending were Mayor



Some of those attending the Nov. 23 event.

Pro-Tem Greg Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem Emeritus Dolores Archuleta, Green Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Carrie Hamblen, officials from the Las Cruces and El Paso VAs and MVRHA, and representatives from the offices of U.S. Sens. Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich, both D-N.M.

"Functional zero (homelessness) for our veterans is a good thing," Miyagishima said. "We wouldn't have the things we have without our veterans." Nov. 23's recognition and celebration, he said, are "one small token of appreciation."

Las Cruces found the money, time and partners to end veterans homelessness by recognizing that it "had to be a priority for everyone," Treviño said. "Today is your day to take a big bow," she

said.

"Our work is not done," Martinez said. Las Cruces has to "continue to house and serve our homeless veterans." Keeping veterans homelessness at functional zero is essential, she said. "We do not intend to take our eyes off the goal."

Martinez said housing was found for 79 homeless veterans in Las Cruces in 2014, including the 22 units at the housing complex on Oak Street. Some veterans receive housing subsidies, while others pay the rent themselves after getting assistance with deposits.

"May we remember our homeless this day and every day," said American Legion Post 10 of Las Cruces Chaplin Lawrence Orvis in his opening prayer.

Coming Up

Dec. 18-24

Parks & Recreation Winter Camp Registration

Registration for the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department's 2015-2016 Winter Camp will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Dec. 18 at the following locations: Parks & Recreation Department administrative office, 1501 E. Hadley Ave., Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave., the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave., and Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 Bell Ave.

The all-day camp will be from 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Dec. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30, 2015 and Jan. 4 - 8, 2016, at the Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center and the East Mesa Recreation Center, 5589 Porter Rd. Participants need to bring lunch and a snack. Water and Gatorade will be provided.

The cost for the entire Winter Camp is \$90 per participant. Single day enrollment is available at a rate of \$15 per day per participant.

Additional costs may be affiliated with field trips. Fees will be announced in advance.

Acceptable payments include cash, check, money orders, and major credit cards. For more information call the Parks & Recreation Department at 541-2550.

Community Christmas carol sing-along slated for Dec. 19

The Las Cruces Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and Peace Lutheran Church present a sing-along at 3 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave.

All ages welcome. Free. It will be about an hour in length so perhaps people would like to take a break from the rush of last minute Christmas preparations to

come join in the singing of carols reflecting the reason for the season.

There will be hot cider and biscochitos available. For information, call 523-5229.

Luminarias, music on the Plaza in Mesilla Christmas eve

The Town of Mesilla will host the annual Luminarias and Christmas Carols on the Plaza Thursday, Dec. 24. The Don Walker Family will lead in singing Christmas carols from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Town of Mesilla, the Lions Club of Mesilla and the Las Cruces High School Baseball team, in partnership with the Las Cruces High School Band will light luminarias in the plaza and around town beginning at dusk.

Anyone interested in helping light the luminarias should call the Town of Mesilla at 524-3262 ext. 116. Several thousand luminarias will be displayed.

As part of the Christmas Eve event on the plaza, the Mesilla Fire Department will hold a special candlelight vigil.

Dec. 25-31

Birding ID tour Saturday, Dec. 26 at Leasburg State Park

The monthly bird ID tour at Leasburg State Park is set for Saturday, Nov. 28. Meet Volunteer Birding Guide CJ Goin at South Day Use Area for a walking tour along the banks of the Rio Grande.

You might observe a Belted Kingfisher, Osprey, American Flicker, Killdeer, Phainopepla, American Pipit, Spotted Sandpiper or Pyrrhuloxia. Dress warmly with appropriate footwear.

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

Happy holidays begin at Tis the Season



Miniature villages line the walls of an entire room at Tis the Season.

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By Alta LeCompte
Las Cruces Bulletin

Santa maintains a permanent residence at Tis the Season Christmas and seasonal shop in Mesilla, but owner Laura Romero resists the temptation to rush into the December holidays.

"I'm not going to promote Christmas in October," she said.

True, most of the first floor rooms in her antique-filled 1904 cottage are packed with all things Christmas.

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Romero, however, presents treasures for each season in turn in her shop's front parlor. Autumn colors predominate through most of November, until Romero transforms the space the day after Thanksgiving.

Across the front hall from the seasonal room is a room lined with tables on which Victorian village scenes are displayed. To the rear of the building are several rooms that feature Christmas collectibles by Lemax, Karen Didion and Department 56 and more, brightly trimmed trees, ornaments, accessories for holiday entertaining and gift giving, secular and religious seasonal decor and Santas ranging from life-sized to table-top.

Romero buys her merchandise at Dallas and

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Owner Laura Romero poses with one of many Santas who calls Tis the Season Christmas and seasonal shop in Mesilla their home.

Bacchus fights electric rate hike

By Alta LeCompte
Las Cruces Bulletin

For almost a week, Las Cruces business owner Rocky Bacchus sat — hour upon hour — absorbing testimony presented at a New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission administrative hearing.

The commission was taking testimony on El Paso Electric's request for a 9 percent increase in rates paid by New Mexico residential customers.

Paul Angel of Cheddar Social digital marketing agency caught Bacchus's attention by text message the afternoon of Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Bacchus, an intervener in the case, stepped out briefly to give an update on the proceedings.

"They've already gotten it down from \$8 million to \$6 million," he said. "There are some interveners who said they should actually be decreasing rates instead of raising them."

Other interveners testifying against the rate increase include the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico State University and Las Cruces engineer and businesswoman Merrie Lee Soules.

Bacchus was scheduled to testify Tuesday, Nov. 25.

He planned not only to present his opposition to the rate hike, but also to propose the creation of a Customer Choice Rate that mimics the rate EPE currently charges its largest business customers.

Big businesses currently pay 75 percent less than the typical homeowner, he said.

Bacchus advocates a Customer Choice Rate that would enable resi-

Downtown lights up for White Friday

Bulletin report

The Downtown Las Cruces Merchants Association will host its first holiday event - White Friday - from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 4.

Music, refreshments, a photo booth, decorating contest, free gift wrapping and, of course, Santa will be part of

the festivities.

"Downtown Main Street businesses will be open at night so Las Cruces who ordinarily don't have the chance to see what it has to offer can see what it has to offer. It's similar to an Open House: See what we have," said the association's founder, Joanne Ray.

"You'll like it!"

The association is composed of the businesses on Main Street Downtown, plus some on Mesquite Street, Campo Street and Griggs Avenue.

"We have joined together to promote business on Main Street and promote each other," Ray said.

The association's new flags will fly at participating businesses on White Friday.

Ray said the association is hoping families will attend the 6:30 lighting of the Mayor's Christmas Tree at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

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Las Vegas markets where 16,000 vendors display their wares.

She said she orders just a few of each treasure so she can offer customers great variety in the small shop.

"I don't want to be high pressure," she said, "but since I only have a few of each item, if you like it I will put your name on it and you can come back later if you decide to buy it."

It was Romero's personal interest in collecting that inspired her to bring a Christmas and seasonal shop to the Mesilla Valley.

"My house looks something like this," Romero said as she led a tour of the space.



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Red and green garland sparkles on the staircase.

to study law, but she married and raised a family instead. When her children reached school age she revived her interest in a career and found herself attracted to teaching or becoming a legal secretary.

Her father had another thought.

He invited her to learn bookkeeping at his insurance firm, Grindell & Romero.

The firm's bookkeeper quit when she arrived, so she learned on her own, looking back at the records from the previous weeks, months and years.

"I learned I could do just about anything," she said.

She continued bookkeeping for 32 years.

"The experience has been such a help," she said. "I can do my own books and inventory."

In addition to being her own bookkeeper, Romero said she's owner, gardener and janitor.

She does it all with childhood friend and partner, Gilbert Chavez.

"He's most definitely half of this enterprise," she said.

Family roots

Romero said Gilbert Chavez's mother, Velia Chavez, who owns Palacio, also owns the building in which the shop is located.

The Bombback family spent about two years — 1904-06 — building the little home. It remained a private residence throughout the 20th century, much of the time with no heat, electricity.

When Velia Chavez inherited

the home, it was filled with Victorian antiques, some of which are still in Tis the Season, adding ambience to the shop.

Chavez chose to renovate the house as a commercial space, a project that took two years, Romero said.

"It sat for a year or two while she looked for the right people," she said.

While Chavez looked for a tenant to open a jewelry store or boutique, Romero had another idea: a Christmas and seasonal shop.

"She talked to her friends and they liked the idea, so she said 'yes,'" Romero said.

Enjoying the gift

The transition from career bookkeeper to business owner was, and continues to be, a learning experience, she said.

In July 2014 while preparing to open Tis The Season, Romero suffered a stroke that affected her short-term memory. In spite of dealing with memory issues, she managed to open a month early.

As she prepares for her second holiday season, Romero looks forward to staying open until 8 p.m. Dec. 24, following the Mesilla Plaza luminaria lighting. She plans to serve hot beverages and snacks and enjoy visiting with customers.

Romero said the shop has been a gift to her, restoring her faith in people.

"I love it," she said. "I love my clients. I love helping them find exactly the thing they wanted."

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dential and small business users to form a pool in order to buy electricity at the preferred rate now accorded to big businesses.

"The best case scenario is an immediate rate reduction and implementation of the Customer Choice Rate," he said.

Technology key to rate change

Bacchus's proposal relies on smart thermostats to help consumers secure competitive rates for the electricity they use.

Bacchus and his business, One Hour Air Conditioning of Las Cruces, have developed a protocol that enables thousands of smart thermostats to communicate with each other. Through device-to-device communication, customers participating in Bacchus's proposed Customer Choice Rate pilot program would act as a single large consumer of energy.

Bacchus proposes 15,000 New Mexico families and small businesses participate in the pilot.

"I'm very optimistic," he said. "It's the key factor in keeping rates down in the next go-round of rate increases to be filed in the first quarter of 2017."

Those signing on for the pilot would commit, as big businesses do, to curtail their use of electricity during times of peak demand.

He said participants could save up to 50 percent on their electric bill.

Why Bacchus fights

EPE and other power companies that are owned by stockholders are driven to spend money on building plants and acquiring other assets rather than to helping their consumers become more energy efficient.

The reason, Bacchus said: Electric companies are required by law to provide power, customer service and transmission at cost. They are permitted to profit only on their assets, such as new plants.

"They have already built two new plants and they are now planning to build two more," Bacchus said. "They are asking for the rate increase to pay for the new plants they already have built."

Bacchus said EPE plants currently are operating with 46 per-

cent unused capacity.

He said innovation and choice are a better way to manage demand than is the construction of new plants.

"Why is El Paso Electric building new power plants?" he asked. "The simple answer is for profits."

From innovator to advocate

Bacchus has spent his work life developing technologies to save energy and money and advocating that utility companies treat their customers fairly.

Angel is helping promote both Bacchus's business and his cause. He said Bacchus's early work focused on developing an energy-efficient swamp cooler.

Throughout most of his career, Bacchus was vice president of the Sunland Park firm Engineering Works, which he co-founded. The company specialized in manufacturing evaporative air conditioners. He also was marketing manager for Freus evaporative condensers.

He has served ASHEAE, the international technical society for heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration, since 1986, including as vice chairman of a project to write performance-testing standards.

In 2009 he was founding signatory to the Western HVAC Alliance.

In addition, Bacchus chaired the California Public Utility Commission's residential long-range planning sub committee for standardization.

Bacchus worked with Nevada Power and a number of other power companies to promote high efficiency air conditioning incentive programs for Freus products.

He studied business at the University of Texas and continued to take courses in energy engineering and other technical disciplines.

Bacchus applied his knowledge to become an innovator. He holds five U.S. patents in the engineering field.

To learn more about Bacchus's proposed Customer Choice Rate, visit www.customerchoicerate.org.

Alta LeCompte can be reached at alta@lascrucesbulletin.com or 680-1840.

Christmas in July

Romero this year will celebrate her second Christmas at the shop, which opened in fall 2014.

"I went into this realizing the bulk of my sales would be during a three to four month period," Romero said.

But she was pleasantly surprised.

"One of my best months was July," she said. "Another was September — and January was a very good month, too.

She said the majority of her customers are from Las Cruces and El Paso.

Many tourists, however, visit from Canada and Europe.

"It's lots of fun to talk with them," Romero said. "They like to tell you all about their Christmases and the traditions they celebrate."

Romero said she enjoys watching older couples, hand-in-hand, picking out ornaments together — or children transfixed by the lights and colors.

"It's eye-opening how little it takes to make people happy," she said.

Managing the books

Romero contemplated several career paths before taking the rather twisted one that led her to opening a business.

Born in California, she moved to Roswell at age 3. The family relocated to the Mesilla Valley and she attended Mesilla Park School and Las Cruces High School.

Her first career ambition was

What lessons can capitalism glean from the agricultural revolution?

One of the more surprising conclusions coming out of anthropology in recent years is what a disaster the agricultural revolution was for the typical human.

The agricultural revolution, of course, is the process by which humankind shifted from hunter-gathering to farming that began about 12,000 years ago in the Middle East.

The typical hunter-gatherer almost certainly had more leisure, a better diet and a more enjoyable lifestyle than the typical farmer. While the agricultural revolution increased the total quantity of food available, it did not translate into a better diet nor did it mean more leisure.

What happened instead of a better life was rapid population growth.

In 10,000 BC, prior to the agricultural revolution, the global population consisted of 5 to 8 million hunter-gatherers. By the first century AD, there were still 1 or 2 million

Chris Erickson
State of the Economy



hunter-gatherers, but also 250 million farmers.

People had to work hard just to keep even as families grew bigger and population density increased. And make no mistake, farming is harder work than hunting-and-gathering. It is backbreaking work. Human bodies are not designed for clearing fields, breaking up soils and weeding. Comparisons of hunter-gatherer and farmer skeletons are revealing. Farmers are smaller, younger at death and suffer more from debilitating diseases

It wasn't as though early agriculturalists deliberately doomed themselves to a life of toil. Rather, the move from hunter-gatherer to farmer was a slow process involving incremental steps. Each step made sense by itself, but the cumulative effect was

immiseration.

Farming began with the tending of wild wheat. Later, someone figured out that the wheat grew better if it was buried, requiring the adoption of hoeing and planting. Someone else discovered weeding and so on. Each individual made the decision to take the next step, expecting that doing so would make their life better - and it probably did for that individual, but population growth shortly eliminated the advantage.

Agriculture did allow farmers to enjoy more luxuries, which often took the form of larger families. The result was burgeoning populations. The hard-working farmer would then enjoy a larger family; more children would make it to adulthood. The larger population would absorb any surplus. Farming became

more intensive, and, before you knew it, farmers were toiling in the fields from morning 'til night, while total calories remained only just barely able to maintain a stable population.

What lessons does the agricultural revolution have for our day? Are our post-industrial revolution societies on the same path as our early farmer ancestors? Perhaps.

For early farmers, it was population growth that caused immiseration. For us, it may very well be global warming, a clear example of market failure. The solution is permit trading that forces capitalists to internalize the social cost of greenhouse gases.

We living today in capitalist societies have a better understanding of the interaction of nature and the economy. The question is, will we use this knowledge to reshape our economy to ensure that the economy works for making a better life. Or will we fall

into the same trap.

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In accordance with state statute 7-38-46D, notice is hereby given that the 2015 tax bills have been mailed. Taxes will become delinquent after December 10, 2015. To avoid penalty and interest charges please pay the first half installment amount before December 10, 2015.

For your convenience a self addressed return envelope is included with your tax bill to facilitate payment. Also you may pay in person at the Treasurers office at the above address.

You may pay online with a credit or debit card, or an electronic check at www.donaanacounty.org/tax/ or by phone at (866) 495-8925. There is a nominal fee for these services.

ATTENTION MOBILE HOME OWNERS

If you own a mobile home and did not receive a tax bill, please contact the Treasurer's office. Mobile homes are taxed separately from your land. The first half is due by December 10, 2015.

IMPORTANT

New Mexico Property Tax Code does not allow the County Treasurer to forgive penalty and interest once it is incurred. If you have not received a tax bill please come by our office or call us at 575-647-7433 or 1-877-827-7200 EXT 7433

For property owners who may not live full time in Dona Ana County, the office has implemented a procedure by which any property owner can put an alternate mailing address on file. Once the December 10th deadline has passed, the staff will review the files and send a copy of the tax bill to the alternate address of any person with a delinquent account who has registered.

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and then stroll Downtown to enjoy and vote for the prettiest lights.

White Friday happenings will include:

- Hot cocoa sold by board members of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership in a booth at La Placita
- A photo booth on La

Placita where attendees can receive a candy cane and vote for the winner of a storefront decorating contest sponsored by JRG Insurance

- Free portrait sketches by Rick Rotante in the lobby of the Community Enterprise Center, 125 N. Main St.

- Fee gift wrapping at Mas Mart, 126 S. Main St.

- Homemade biscochitos and a canned food drive at Patina Home, 300 N. Main St.

Ray said music for the evening is expected to include a children's choir caroling in front of the businesses, a brass trio, a Praise Band and a children's Mariachi Band.

"Also, that night is the arrival of Santa at the Railroad Museum and the Rio Grande Theater's production of the Santa Fe Opera at 7, and Shrek, at the Las Cruces Community Theater. The Arts Ramble takes place that night as well, from 5 to 7. Main Street will be alive that night. It will be magical," she said.

Save the Date

SAT 11/28

Small Business Saturday
Horse N Hound Feed N Supply s hosting a business hop for the benefit of CARE (Cancer Aid Resource and Education Inc.) For more information, contact Rachel Courtney at 523-8790 or rachel@horsenhoundfeed.com.

TUE 12/1

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MVEDA Business in the Borderplex Forum on health-care reform and economic development, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Dr. Martin Hickey, CEO of the New Mexico Health Connections, will speak. Advance registration and payment at www.mveda.com, \$25. Payment at the door, \$30. For more information, call 525-2852.

FRI 12/11

Las Cruces Home Builders Association installation banquet, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Cost \$40. Reservations by Wednesday, Dec. 9. RSVP to Nicole Black at 526-6126 or membership@lchba.com.

FRI 1/30 - MON 2/1

Las Cruces Day Santa

Fe, Eldorado Hotel & Spa,

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

Patina Home hosts birthday party



Patina Home at 300 N. Main St. celebrated its first birthday with a Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting and an open house Saturday, Nov. 14.



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY ALTA LECOMPTÉ

Owner Beverly Chavez-Floyd visits with Samantha Kindred.



In honor of the occasion, Aaron and Javier Morales of Caliche's Frozen Custard serve sundaes in the courtyard.

Communities benefit from Black Friday when shoppers buy local

By Finance New Mexico
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The arguments for shopping at independent, locally owned New Mexico businesses before bargain hunting at national retail chains are many - and they're all good.

Local businesses are more than twice as generous to hometown nonprofits that fulfill community-specific needs, according to the American Independent Business Alliance (AMIBA), and they are more loyal and accountable to the people they employ and live among. Local businesses are typically small, and this sector of the economy employs 48 percent of the private sector workforce.

Shopping locally reduces environmental impacts associated with transportation. It supports businesses that offer products and services that re-



flect local tastes and a community's distinctive character.

But the best reason to spend money at a local business rather than an absentee-owned business - including during the critical holiday shopping season - is the financial recycling that results.

Follow the money

Numerous studies by the Civic Economics strategic-planning group reinforce the concept of the "local multiplier effect." Simply put, a dollar spent at a locally owned business has a much greater likelihood of staying - and recirculating - in the local community than a dollar spent at a national chain store.

A 2013 Civic Economics sur-

vey conducted in Albuquerque for the Buy Local Business Alliance found that the local circulation of revenue from national retail chains was 13.6 percent compared to 39 percent for locally owned retailers. In the restaurant industry, national chains recirculated 30.4 percent of revenue earned and independents 77.3 percent.

Multiplier impacts are direct and indirect.

A local business makes a direct impact by buying inventory, services and equipment from local suppliers and paying wages to area employees.

When employees and business owners spend revenue and wages in the local economy, that represents an indirect impact.

"While chain stores and restaurants extract locally generated revenues from the community with each nightly bank

transaction, independents are creating a virtuous cycle of local spending," Civic Economics wrote in Indie Impact Study Series 2013-14: Survey. "The extra dollars in the local economy produce more jobs for residents, extra tax revenues for local governments, more investment in commercial and residential districts and enhanced support for local nonprofits. In short, these businesses create better places."

Better use of public funds

A 2002 study of Barnstable, Mass., by Tischler and Associates tangibly demonstrates how small, local businesses make better use of tax revenue by placing less demand on infrastructure and public services.

The study compared land-use impacts on tax revenue and expenditures and found that big retailers and fast-food outlets

leach more from public services than they generate in revenue: A big-box store actually creates an annual tax deficit of \$468 per 1,000 square feet versus the annual surplus of \$326 per 1,000 square feet generated by Barnstable's small downtown stores.

Organizations like the New Mexico Green Chamber of Commerce and New Mexico's MainStreet program cite studies such as this when urging New Mexicans to think beyond the short-term savings of a big-box bargain. Keeping local wealth closer to home, they say, pays social, environmental and economic dividends over a much longer term.

Finance New Mexico is a public service initiative to assist individuals and businesses with obtaining skills and funding resources for their business or idea. To learn more, go to www.FinanceNewMexico.org.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Lopez is NM Developer of the Year

New Mexico IDEA presented awards to individuals recognized for stellar achievements in economic development at its annual meeting Nov. 13 in Las Cruces.

The Developer of the Year Award went to Davin Lopez, president and CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, for outstanding results achieved in new and expanded companies over the past year.

According to nominations, "Davin and MVEDA worked with a group of completed projects over the past year that is the most impressive of any region in the state. A sample list includes CN Wire (Turkish wire manufacturer), ARCA Space (unmanned vehicles), Franco Whole Foods (food processing) and MCS (manufacturer and distributor).

"He is collaborative and inclusive in engaging those organization's that can help develop and close projects. He then shares credit among all the players engaged."

The awards are intended to recognize professional economic developers as well as volunteer leaders and public servants.

Linda McArthur, special events coordinator with the Small Business Development Center at Western New Mexico University, is the Linda Kay Jones New Mexico First Award winner, which recognizes an individual whose career has exempli-

fied a statewide impact on economic development.

Mike Espiritu, president and CEO of the Otero County Economic Development Council and Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce, was recognized with the Dallan Sanders Award in recognition of his dedication and achievements in rural New Mexico.

Sean Ormand, president of First New Mexico Bank of Silver City and vice chair of the New Mexico Partnership, was selected as Volunteer of the Year. Eric Baca, the New Mexico Partnership's vice president of Business Development, was recognized with the Ethics Award for his commitment to ethical behavior in the economic development profession.

Health care reform subject of December forum

The December meeting of the MVEDA Business in the Borderplex Forum will focus on health-care reform and its impact on economic development.

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

The forum will feature Dr. Martin Hickey, CEO of the New Mexico Health Connections. Hickey serves nationally as the chairman of the board of the National Alliance of State Health Co-Ops (NASHCO).

The meeting will begin with a hot entree buffet.

Advance registration is

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

Register online at mveda.com/blog.

Horse N Hound hosts business hop

Horse N Hound Feed N Supply is hosting a hop for local businesses for the benefit of CARE (Cancer Aid Resource and Education Inc.) on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 28.

The cost to play is \$10. Participants will receive a map with a list of locations to visit. Once they visit each business, they will come back to Horse N Hound and receive a raffle ticket for each place they visited.

At 4 p.m., there will be a drawing for a winner of a \$1,000 Visa gift card. There will also be many raffle items available from the participating businesses.

For more information, contact Rachel Courtney at 523-8790 or rachel@horsenhoundfeed.com.

Tres Manos seeks trainees

Tres Manos Weaving of Mesilla has immediate openings for low-income people who want to become weaving trainees.

This is an opportunity for veterans and others looking for a supportive environment and a creative income activity.

Tres Manos is a charita-

ble nonprofit whose mission is to help low income people in southern New Mexico to increase their economic security and quality of life.

Tres Manos provides free weaving training, life skills and business training.

The weavers receive 70 percent of the retail price of their hand-woven products.

Donations to Tres Manos are tax deductible.

For more information, call Teresa Guerra at Tres Manos, 635-8914 or visit www.tresmanosweaving.org.

Clovis cheese company expands

Governor Susana Martinez announced that Southwest Cheese will expand in Clovis, creating more than 50 new high-paying jobs.

Southwest Cheese will increase its operational capacity by 30 percent as part of the expansion, and these new jobs will have an average compensation of \$62,000, including benefits.

The company exports all their products outside of New Mexico, with at least 25 percent destined for international markets. Southwest Cheese will invest \$140 million, and break ground on their expansion in early 2016. Additionally, Southwest Cheese will be increasing its consumption of locally sourced dairy milk.

The joint venture between Southwest Cheese's parent company Glanbia and the dairy cooperatives of the Greater Southwest Agency, including Dairy Farmers of America and Select Milk Producers, currently processes over 220 truckloads of milk per day, making it one of the largest single site manufacturers of premium quality cheese and whey protein in the world.

New Mexico will provide \$350,000 for the expansion through the state's closing fund, known as Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) funding. LEDA is a valuable tool for recruiting new businesses to the state and helping those that are already here grow and thrive.

Online shopping expected to increase

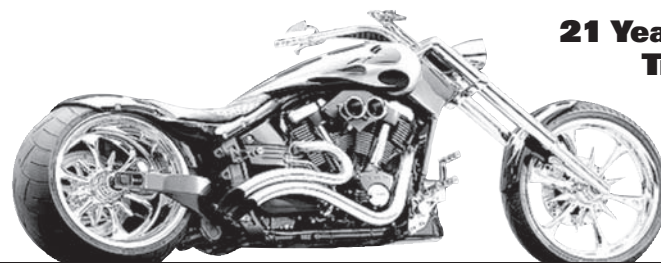
Projections for this year's shopping season are showing that the internet will play a bigger role than ever before.

A recent survey by the National Retail Federation found that 44 percent of the average consumer's shopping will be on the internet. While these numbers show an increase, the influence the Web has on shoppers far surpasses just purchases. The research phase is where the power of the internet really shows its force. Deloitte LLP's research found that 80 percent of shoppers say they engage with a retailer or brand through digital channels before heading out to a store.

In addition, a nationwide survey by LoyaltyOne indicated that of the more than 1,000 American shoppers surveyed, 47 percent say they would be reluctant to make in-store holiday season purchases from a retailer with which they had an unsatisfactory experience online.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Red hot Ags play final home game

Bulletin Report

The Aggies are on a roll and they hope to send their seniors off in fine fashion.

Coming off a 37-34 victory against Louisiana-Lafayette, New Mexico State University's football team has not lost a game in a month and brings its three-game winning streak home 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 28 at Aggie Memorial Stadium.

In their final home

ARKANSAS ST. AT NMSU

Kickoff: 2 p.m.

When: Saturday, Nov. 28

Where: Aggie Memorial Stadium

Radio: AM 570

game of the season, NMSU tangles with Arkansas State for Senior Day.

To extend their winning streak to four, though, the Aggies (3-7 overall, 3-3 Sun Belt) will have to

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HS FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS



BULLETIN PHOTO BY ORLANDO SANTANA

Centennial High School's Joaquin Gutierrez scores a touchdown to put the Hawks up 45-12 in the third quarter against Goddard in the 5A state quarterfinals. Centennial now plays Moriarty for the right to go to the championship game.

Cruces teams fight for title spots

IF YOU GO

6A semifinals

Eldorado at Las Cruces, 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 27

Cleveland at Mayfield, 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 28

5A semifinals

Moriarty at Centennial, 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 27

Piedra Vista at Artesia, 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 28

Bulletin Report

The Field of Dreams will be hopping.

In a 24-hour period from 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27 until 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Las Cruces will host three high school football semifinal contests.

When the dust settles, southern New Mexico's largest city could see

three local teams in New Mexico Activities Association state championship games for the first time since 2002, when Las Cruces beat Mayfield and Oñate beat Goddard to take titles on the same day.

In 6A playoff action, Las Cruces High (9-3) plays host to Eldorado

(9-2) at 1 p.m., Friday. Centennial, the top seed in the 5A brackets, makes it a day-night double header for the Field of Dreams as the Hawks take on Moriarty at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, Mayfield (9-3) plays host to No. 1

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BULLETIN PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE

Ags exorcise Delta Devils

New Mexico State University forward Harold Givens shoots over the Mississippi Valley State University defense Saturday, Nov. 21 at the Pan American Center. The Aggies won their fourth game of the season with an 85-46 victory against the Delta Devils. The Aggies next take to the court at noon, Saturday Nov. 28 at Air Force. They then return home to take on I-25 rival UTEP at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 2 in the Pan American Center.

Henson inducted into Hall of Fame

Bulletin report

He has more wins as men's basketball coach than anyone in New Mexico State University history. Now he's been recognized as one of the greatest coaches in the sport.

Former NMSU coach Lou Henson was induct-



LOU HENSON

Nov. 20 in Kansas City. Henson, 83, was one of

ed into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame, Friday,

eight individuals, including three coaches, who were honored.

"I am deeply humbled to be included in this 2015 Hall of Fame Class by the National Association of Basketball Coaches," Henson said.

Joining Henson in the 2015 class are players

Rolando Blackman of Kansas State, Quinn Buckner of Indiana, John Havlicek of Ohio State, Ed Ratleff of Long Beach State, Charlie Scott of North Carolina, and coaches Don Donoher of Dayton and

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NMSU volleyball snares WAC championship

Bulletin report

New Mexico State University rolled to a 3-0 victory against CSU Bakersfield to claim the Western Athletic Conference Tournament Championship on Saturday, Nov. 21.

“I thought we were tentative for long stretches of the first couple of sets, but we managed to make plays late and that’s the sign of a veteran team,” said head coach Mike Jordan.

“I’m just really proud of the effort they gave. I

think everyone had a big hand in what was going on there, including the people that didn’t play. Our practices have been good, we are a competitive group with each other, and that helps us get better.

“Especially proud of the seniors, Nathalie for gutting it out with a bad back, until she took that hard fall. Cassandra Tohm came in and got a couple kills. It was a good team win. Our fans that traveled to Kansas City

provided a great atmosphere tonight as well.”

The Aggies were able to put the ‘Runners away in a 25-22, 25-23, 25-16 decision.

Senior Andrea Tauai and All-America candidate Gwen Murphy were named to the All-Tournament team.

Murphy, the tournament MVP, led NM State in the match. The Elfrida, Ariz./Valley Union HS native racked up 12 kills, a .435 hitting percentage and three blocks.

All-WAC selection Kelsey Sawyer paced Bakersfield with 11 kills and a block.

The Aggies started the opening set slow with a 1-4 deficit, and didn’t take their first lead until 12-11. But once they got the lead, NM State never let go and took the set 25-22.

The second set was the most hotly contested frame of the night, with 16 ties and five lead changes. Both teams were matching each other point for point for most of

the set.

Neither team was able to go on sustained runs or open up a sizable lead, never getting further than two points away. The Aggies finally went up to stay at 23-22, and took the set 25-23.

It was in the second set where senior Nathalie Castellanos took a nasty spill coming down from a block and was helped off the floor. She did not play the rest of the match.

After the break, NM State came out on fire,

opening up on a 5-3 run. At the height of their lead, the Aggies held an eight-point advantage at 18-10. They eventually clinched the set and the championship 25-16.

By winning the WAC Championship, the Aggies clinched an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament. NM State will find out their first round opponent on Sunday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m during the NCAA Volleyball Selection Show on ESPNU.

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seed Cleveland (11-0) at 1 p.m. in the other 6A semifinal.

If Mayfield – which lost to Rio Rancho by two points in the title game last year – and Las Cruces both win, the state championship game will feature the crosstown rivals for the third time in 13 years. Las Cruces won both previous championship showdowns – in 2002 and 2013.

When the teams met in the regular season,

Mayfield prevailed.

The Las Cruces Bulldogs stomped defending state champs Rio Rancho 55-14 previously in the quarterfinals while the Mayfield Trojans shut down Clovis to the tune of 21-3.

Setting up another showdown, though, will not be easy.

Cleveland heads to town unbeaten and coming off a 50-7 drubbing of a Manzano team that defeated the Trojans 21-17 earlier this

season.

Eldorado, the second-ranked team in 6A, obliterated Hobbs 70-20 in the quarterfinals.

As for Centennial, the Hawks had a first-round bye in the 5A postseason and then took care of Goddard 53-18. Centennial now plays a Moriarty team that squeaked past Farmington, 27-26 in the quarterfinals.

If Centennial wins, the Hawks will face the winner of the Piedra Vista-Artesia quarterfinal.

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Cesar “Zip” Gayles of Langston.

Henson had a 41-year career as a collegiate head coach, all at the NCAA Division I level, posting a record of 779-412 with a 65.4 winning percentage.

He’s the all-time winningest coach at both New Mexico State and Illinois, and started his

career at Hardin-Simmons.

He also coached at Las Cruces High before he started his college career on the bench.

Henson, a 1955 graduate of NM State, coached 16 years in two stints for his alma mater, posting a 289-152 record. He also tallied a 423-224 mark in 21

years at Illinois and amassed a 67-36 record in four seasons at HSU.

He is currently 11th all-time in career Division I victories, and is one of just 12 coaches to take two different schools to the Final Four.

During his Aggie career, Henson’s 1970 team made NM State’s only Final Four appearance.

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Hours after two explosive devices were detonated at Calvary Baptist Church and Holy Cross Catholic Church in Las Cruces, members of Las Cruces clergy, including Rev. José Martín Alcántara, Parochial Vicar of Holy Cross Catholic Church, left, Rev. Jared Carson of Peace Lutheran Church, and Monsignor John Anderson of Holy Cross, and Fr. Jim Lehman of Holy Family American National Catholic Church, join in prayer with members of the Las Cruces community Sunday, Aug. 2 at Pioneer Women's Park. Both churches suffered damage, but there were no injuries. The places of worship both plan to continue to hold services. For more information, see page A7.

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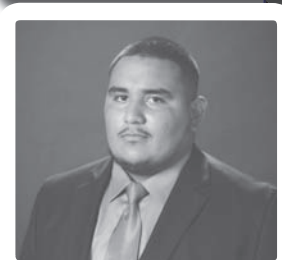
ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Savannah Bush is a 17-year-old senior at Centennial High School. She plays outside hitter and middle blocker on the Lady Hawks volleyball team. So far this season, Bush has had 322 kills and 63 blocks. She is intelligent, responsible, respectful and caring. Bush is an outstanding student, with a 4.30 GPA and outside of school and sports enjoys working out, her family and dogs.



George Niño is an 18-year-old senior at Centennial High School. He plays center on the Hawks football team. This season he has had 57 knock-downs. Niño is outgoing, humorous and easy to get along with. His interest outside of sports is school and going to college. Niño is a dedicated student, with a 3.60 GPA. When off the field and out of class, he enjoys hunting and fishing with family.



CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL

BASKETBALL

Aggies defend home turf



While pinned back by MVSU defense, NMSU forward Pascal Siakam looks for an open teammate to make a pass.



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE

New Mexico State University guard Ian Baker defends Mississippi Valley Delta Devils forward Vacha Vaughn, Saturday, Nov. 21 at the Pan American Center. Baker scored 12 points and the Aggies improved their record to 3-1.



Aggie guard Ian Baker breaks through MVSU defense.



Baker passes the ball past the NVSU defense.

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Winter golf means awareness and adjustment

The calendar may not show it, but our weather has turned to winter. "Frost delays" will be quite common at all our local golf courses for the next five months or so.

Greenskeeping folks are trying their best to make our courses as playable as possible, but as golfers who want to play well, we still need to make some adjustments for conditions that are now becoming more difficult.

You have probably noticed already the ball doesn't fly as far in colder weather. As the temperatures drop into the 50s, 40s and 30s, the air seems to be denser and there is usually more humidity. I'm not sure about the technical thermodynamics, but one of my golfer friends who has a bunch of pens clipped to a plastic shirt pocket liner gave me a simple two-word explanation: "Just physics!"

Your golf ball will probably fly lower, carry shorter and roll more unpredictably.

The air is cold, the breeze is cold, your clubheads are cold, the ball is cold, your hands are cold and sometimes one's confidence is stone cold.

These things all conspire to rob distance and desired shot shape.

Not only that, but the turf underneath your ball reacts differently in the cold of winter. Courses with dormant Bermuda – like White Sands Missile Range and New Mexico State University — that have matted wiry dry surfaces, require a bit different attack with irons than do the other local courses that have bluegrass or rye or other grasses that stay green all year. It takes some experimenting and practicing to determine what swing adjustments and club selection you should be making.

Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor



Most greens in winter months are spotty and can be different from day to day. Often hole locations can't be changed for several days and cups can get pretty ragged. Putts must be pure to go in.

Partly due to difficulty with early morning mowing opportunities crews may not be able to mow greens on the most regular basis, making the greens on some days unpredictable.

If healthy grass on the greens is allowed to grow, putts will probably roll slower. At other times, especially when the grass on greens is not growing much at all, the speed can be lightning fast.

Mentally, I suggest you brace yourself for some strange

bounces and some quirky breaks.

In my nearly 28 years of playing golf on all the golf courses in our town, I have seen that the cycle of freeze-and-thaw, freeze-and thaw, which will prevail for approximately the next 16 weeks, can lead to greens much more challenging and tricky than most golfers are accustomed to.

Also, the grain is different in the winter, with the shortened daytime sun beaming at such a low angle. If you haven't noticed this already, when a golf ball loses speed as it approaches the hole, the grass leaning toward the earlier sun will grab it and move it sideways in the direction the grain is going.

Naturally, uphill putts into the grain must be struck with authority. But what is really scary is how fast putts can get that are downhill, down wind

and down grain! I recommend you allow some time, at least 10 minutes, before your round to warm up with your putter on the practice green, mostly to get a sense of what the grass feels like and the speed to the green, as it will certainly pay off on the golf course.

From now on through at least March, we must be prepared for frequent morning frost delays, meaning later starts. Greens have to be protected from foot traffic while they are given a chance to thaw.

On the very positive side there are plenty of sunny days in the mid 50s yet to come all winter long. I for one value the opportunity to live where golf is played year round, and playing golf in the shortened daylight and long shadows is an acquired taste. Our visiting snowbirds from the north like our winter golf, that's for sure.

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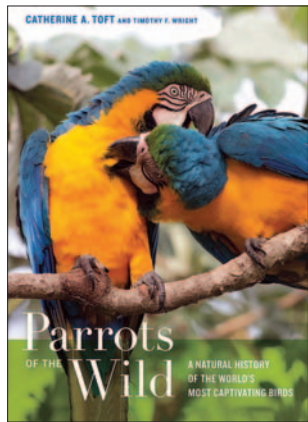
Prof publishes 'Parrots' as part of mentor's legacy

By Dana Beasley
For the Bulletin

With their tight social relationships, long lives and big brains, New Mexico State University biology professor Tim Wright considers parrots to be the most human of all birds.

"There's a reason that they can be such charming pets: they have a lot of characteristics that we think of as human," Wright said. "They're particularly intelligent – they have advanced cognitive abilities, they're capable of learning vocalizations and of mimicking our vocalizations. They also tend to have very tight social bonds."

These captivating qualities led Wright to spend the last 20 years studying this fascinating group of birds, and, more recently, to co-author "Parrots of the Wild," a book exploring the lives and history of



Tim Wright, NMSU professor of biology, recently co-authored "Parrots of the Wild," a book exploring the lives and history of wild parrots. (Courtesy photo)

wild parrots.

The book, released this month, was the brainchild of late co-author Catherine Toft, a professor emerita in the Department of Evolution and Ecology at the University of California, Davis, who hosted Wright in her lab during an extended research visit

to the school. Toft, who was diagnosed with lung cancer shortly after completing the first draft of the book, requested Wright take over the final steps toward publication.

"It was a tremendous honor," Wright said. "I knew it was going to be a very exciting book in that it was trying to meet twin goals; It was trying to be a real scientific work – it was synthesizing a lot of what was known from field studies about parrots, as well as laboratory studies of their behavior, sensory capacities and cognitive abilities – yet also making it accessible to the public."

To achieve this balance, the authors worked to put this compilation of scientific work into language that a general audience could appreciate and understand. On top of that, the book is interspersed

with a vast collection of brightly colored photographs of wild parrots.

Section topics include: the evolutionary history of parrots, parrot feeding habits, social behavior, mating systems and conservation.

The first chapter explores how parrots came to evolve from a single ancestral species into the more than 350 species that exist today, while the last chapter brings in new data to explore parrot endangerment and conservation efforts.

"Parrots are actually one of the most endangered groups of birds," Wright said. "Some of that is due to loss of habitat – that's one of the very characteristic things people do is cut down forests for agriculture or other reasons, and that can hurt parrots. The other main reason for endangerment is capture

for the pet trade, which has decimated some species."

Though the book shares gripping accounts of parrot endangerment, it is balanced with conservation success stories. Aiding in these efforts is the World Parrot Trust, a prominent world parrot conservation organization and recipient of the book's proceeds.

"I think Cathy's hope was to show people who are fascinated by parrots as captive animals, what wild parrots were like," Wright said.

"It might help them be better pet owners, be more considerate and perhaps to do a better job of preserving wild parrot populations."

While there is still much to learn about how parrots live in the wild, Wright explained that the glimpses we do have share similarities with, and could even offer insight into, our own

species.

"I think that some of the aspects of parrot ecology – the way they move through the environment, the way they communicate to help each other find food, that sort of thing – is instructive for thinking about human evolution, as social, large-brained, communicative animals," Wright said.

For more information on "Parrots of the Wild," listen to a podcast of Wright discussing the book with the World Parrot Trust: https://s3.amazonaws.com/wpt_podcasts/twright/Dr+Tim+Wright+Parrots+of+the+Wild.mp3

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go through a tough Red Wolves squad on a winning streak of its own.

Arkansas State has won six straight contests and holds first place in the Sun Belt Conference with a 6-0 league record and a 7-3 overall mark.

The Red Wolves are coming off of a bye week after topping Louisiana-Monroe 59-21 on Nov. 14. The Red Wolves were led by Fredi Knighten who completed 15-of-30 passes for 300 yards and five touchdowns.

Knighten has thrown 15 touchdown passes against four interceptions so far this season and averages 162 yards through the air. ASU chews up more yards on the ground with an average of 225 yards rushing per game so far. Michael Gordon leads the way for the Red Wolves with 832 yards.

The Aggies have given up about 260 yards a game this season.

On offense, sophomore running back Larry Rose III has set the pace with 1,477 yards rushing and 12 touchdowns.

Through six games under center, quarterback Andrew Allen has averaged 168 yards pass-

ing a game with 11 touchdowns and four interceptions.

On defense, linebacker Derek Ibekwe sets the pace with 77 tackles.

NMSU leads the series with Arkansas State 6-3. The two teams last faced each other Nov. 29, 2014 as the Red Wolves grabbed a 68-35 victory in Jonesboro, Ark.

Dedicated to his father

In their previous game Nov. 21, the Aggies won a back-and-forth contest against Louisiana-Lafayette.

And it was four touchdown passes by Allen – who recently lost his father to gunshot wounds – that led the Aggies to victory.

Allen's father, a police officer, was shot on Halloween night and died Nov. 10. Allen was able to see his father before he passed.

Saturday morning of the UL-Lafayette game, the sophomore said his final goodbyes at a memorial service with his family and the sheriff's department where his father worked, then he traveled four hours to

Lafayette to guide NMSU to victory.

After not playing in a game for three weeks due to an injury and the team's second bye week, Allen completed 13-of-31 passes for 243 yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions.

Allen and Aggie kicker Parker Davidson were named the Sun Belt Conference's Offensive Student-Athlete of

the Week and Special Teams Student-Athlete of the Week, respectively.

Davidson tied a career-high with three

field goals. With the game knotted at 34-34 with 1:29 remaining, the freshman hit a 21-yard field goal to give the Aggies the win.



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New Horizons Band

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New Horizons Band celebrates 20th year with Dec. 12 concert

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Everyone has heard of the wonderful Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra, and many people regularly attend performances of bands comprised of New Mexico State University students and students at local middle and high schools, but, did you know there is another fully orchestrated band here in Las Cruces that brings together talented musicians from age 14 to age 86 – and is always on the lookout for new members?

The New Horizons Band includes two twins who are students at Arrowhead Park Early College High School, a retired airline pilot and fighter pilot, homemakers, teachers, clergy, a dentist, a doctor, two soldiers, an engineer, a graphic designer, a dance instructor and many more. The band's average age is 70 to 75, and most are retired,



but they all love making music together.

The band also includes four members of the Cleveland family – father and husband, Daryl, on the alto saxophone; mother and wife, Lori, on the

bassoon; daughter Annika, 17, on the French horn; and son, Zach, 14, on the trumpet.

Zach is the band's youngest member; the oldest is flutist Cathryn Kittleson, who is 90.

Oh, and let's not forget the music professionals who lead the band. John Schutz, who recently retired for the second time after more than 40 years as a middle- and high-school band director and as coordinator for visual and performing arts for Las Cruces Public Schools, is the director of New Horizons Band (NHB). Judy Bethmann, who also had a long career with LCPS, is the associate director.

NHB recently celebrated its 20th year of performing in Las Cruces, making it one of the oldest New Horizons bands in the country. It was formed in 1995 by then NMSU Music Department Director Dr. William Clark. Clark served as director for more than a dozen years, before turn-

NEW HORIZONS BAND WINTER CONCERT DEC. 12

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WHEN: 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12

WHERE: NMSU Music Building (Atkinson Recital Hall), 1075 N. Horseshoe Drive on the NMSU campus

ADMISSION: Free

FEATURING: Performances of "Little Suite for Band," by Clare Grundman; "Blue Angels Overture," by John Edmondson; "The Best of Henry Mancini," featuring "The Pink Panther," "Baby Elephant Walk," "The Sweetheart Tree" and "Peter Gunn"; "And All the Bells Shall Ring," by Rob Romeyn; and "The Pine Rivers March" by Barrie Gott.

INCLUDING: The Las Cruces Good Time Singers holiday concert, "A Not So Silent Night," including a Christmas singalong; directed by Diane Schutz. Pieces will include "On A Silent Night," by Jay Althouse and Sally K. Albrecht; "I Wish You Christmas," by John Rutter; and "It's the Holiday Season," by Roger Emerson.

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ing over the reins – and the baton – to Schutz about seven years ago.

NHB is a nonprofit and continues its affiliation with NMSU. Mike White, of White's Music Box of Las Cruces, is also a band sponsor. All band rehearsals are on the NMSU campus, and it performs three or more times a year at NMSU's Atkinson Recital Hall, which is also called the Music Building.

The first New Horizons band was formed by Dr. Roy Ernst, who taught for 25 years at Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester in Rochester, NY. He started an NHB there in 1991, and the model has since expanded to more than 130 bands across the country, including three in Las Cruces, the NHB, the New Horizons Swing Band and the New Horizons Symphony; and one other in New Mexico, the NHB of Rio Rancho. There are also NHBs in England, Ireland, the Netherlands, Italy and Australia.

Ernst's philosophy for New Horizons is that "the style of instruction must

be completely supportive and free of competition and intimidation. My motto is, "Your best is good enough," he said.

"Roy Ernst was the driving force behind the whole concept, and the National Association of Music Merchandisers put a lot of seed money into the (NHB) program," Clark said. "Roy tried to establish at least one program in every state. I don't know if he succeeded, but I know he got close. We took a few years to establish a mission and just what we were endeavoring to accomplish and it has evolved quite well in my view. John Schutz is as good as they get as a teacher/musician/educator."

The Las Cruces NHB rehearses from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday evening, August through May. And, after the long summer break, "they're anxious to come back," Schutz said. "There's a real social aspect to the band," Schutz said, but, "the members of the band are very serious about it. We work hard. I demand a

lot of them."

"The attendance is really very good" at rehearsals, he said. And Schutz said its obvious band members are practicing on their own between rehearsals and before performances. "I expect them to come back prepared. I think there's some pretty good practice going on," he said.

NHB usually performs concerts in May, June and December; and often works with school groups, churches, senior centers, veterans groups and other organizations.

There is never any charge to attend an NHB performance.

Band membership usually stays around 50 to 55, Schutz said. It goes up a little each winter when "snow birds" return to the area, he said.

The Las Cruces NHB is fully orchestrated, Schutz said, but does need at least one oboe player. And musicians who play other instruments are also welcome to join. You don't have to have any musical experience, and, thanks to support from the Conrad Instrument Endowment Fund, the band can even help you get an instrument if you don't have one.

"If people want to come and play, we have room for them," Schutz said. One of Schutz's instructions to his band is to "play what you can play. The sign of a good musician," he said, "is to know when not to play."

The band plays a wide range of music, usually in the middle range in terms of difficulty, Schutz said. A typical NHB concert will include one to two marches, and most pieces

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performed will be arrangements rather than original scores, because they are usually in a more accessible key and range, he said.

Dues are \$45 a year for adult members. Students, including NMSU students, pay no dues.

Schutz, who had been associate band director until Clark retired, said he was happy to take over direction of the band, even though it's volunteer duty. "It's a community service," he said, "and I'm doing something I love to do. Musicians and music teachers don't really retire," he said.

Bethmann has been associate NHB director since 2002. She spent 12 years with LCPS, first as general music teacher at Doña Ana Elementary School and then at White Sands School, where she taught music to students in grades one through six plus beginning and advanced band.

"Playing and performing music not only keeps the brain active, but fills our soul and keeps us young," Bethmann said.

"I have been in NHB for 13 years and a part of that time I have been the treasurer for the organization," Heather Pfeiffer said. "I joined after 25 years of no playing. It took time to get my embouchure back and to be

able to play proficiently again. Dr. Clark was the conductor when I joined, and he and John Schutz were very supportive of returning (and new) students. They help you grow and mature as a musician even in one's retirement (even though I am not retired) years. It is also a wonderful group of people that enjoy making music together."

NHB's sister organization in Las Cruces is the

New Horizons Orchestra, from which it split a few years ago.

To give NHB a more regional flavor, Schutz hopes it soon will be able to perform with the NHB of Rio Rancho, and maybe even do some musician exchanges from time to time. "That's my grand plan," he said. "Whatever band we are, we're going to be damned good," he said.

Schutz said he is always

taking ideas for pieces and performances from band members. Being part of NHB is "musically exciting," Schutz said. "You can tell by the sparkle."

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



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No String's 'On Golden Pond' is heartwarming fun

Review by Karen Caroe
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The only thing missing from No Strings Theatre Company's production of "On Golden Pond" is the scent of pine in the air. From the charming, rustic set of a backwoods Maine cabin, designed by director Larry Chandler, to the imaginary mosquitoes and black flies, the audience is drawn into the lakeside summer home of Norman (Jack Ullrich) and Ethel (Nikka Zeimer) Thayer.

The Thayers are returning to their summer home to celebrate Norman's 80th birthday. Having spent 43 summers together on Golden Pond, Norman and Ethel have passed through all the phases of life from young lovers to parents to retirees. Norman, suffering from failing health, is convinced that this will be his last summer at the cabin.

Many theatergoers know "On Golden Pond" from the 1981 movie with Henry Fonda and Katherine Hepburn; two icons who created characters that were memorably irascible. For many, creating these roles on the live stage might have been a daunting task, yet Ullrich and Zeimer met the challenge as the veteran actors that they are. Both approached the roles from their own points of view and gave the audience fresh inter-

pretations of the characters.

Ullrich's portrayal of the outspoken Norman was much more winsome and engaging than expected. In contrast to Henry Fonda's portrayal of a mostly humorless man, Ullrich was actually quite likeable from the very beginning. Zeimer's development of Ethel as the touchstone of the family provided the perfect balance for each of the other characters. The chemistry between Zeimer and Ullrich was outstanding. Kudos to director, Larry Chandler, for giving his actors the freedom to reinvent these well-known characters and staging the show to accommodate their choices.

Early into the first act, Norman and Ethel are surprised by a visit from their estranged, middle-aged daughter Chelsea Thayer, played by Karen Buerdsell. She has brought along her boyfriend, Bill Ray, played by Mike Cook, and Bill's 13-year-old son, Billy Ray, played by Owen Glidewell. A relationship between Billy and Norman brings a fresh vitality for life to the aging Norman and helps open the door for healing some of the family's troubled past.

Throughout the evening, Zeimer allows us to see Ethel's many layers and successfully demonstrated the complexity of



the Thayer family relationships. Zeimer was delightful, flitting around the enlarged stage to enjoy the loons on the lake while softening the edges of her "old poop," Norman. There was a particularly lovely scene between Ethel and Chelsea (Buerdsell) as they danced and sang a campfire song, recreating childhood memories of the summer camp on the opposite shore of Golden Pond. Buerdsell may

have the most challenging role in this play – she must exhibit the fallout of strained family relationships, attempt reconciliation and relinquish her emotional baggage in a very limited number of scenes.

Owen Glidewell, a newcomer to No Strings Theatre Company, was fabulous in every one of his scenes as the awkward thirteen-year-old Billy Ray. Again, Larry Chandler's directorial deci-

sion to make Billy Ray more awkward than bratty, endeared him to the audience. Glidewell's comedic timing is spot on, and the evolution of his character through a relationship with Norman is captivating.

Mike Cook, as Bill Ray the dentist, was brilliantly played. His "sex" talk scene with Norman about bedroom assignments was a highlight of the evening. Their exchange was witty, per-

fectly timed and yielded some of the best audience response of the evening. Completing the cast is Marilyn Artuso and Bobby Senecal. Artuso is perfectly cast as the candy-loving regional telephone operator while Senecal plays Charlie the Mailman, a classic Maine native. His lifelong crush on Chelsea is so sweetly played, I almost hoped they'd get together in the end.

Peter Herman's lighting design of the spacious Maine cabin was superb. Dawn's early light in one scene was never so appealing. The sunshine grew as the early morning progressed and I was certain that the sun had risen on stage. Rafael Medina's sound design and Autumn Gieb's costume designs complemented the set and the action.

"On Golden Pond" is loaded with some amusing one-liners and clever sarcasm, but it also contains some poignant commentary on the complexities of familial relationships, forgiveness, and fresh starts. It is much more than two old codgers saying slightly risqué things and dispensing misty truisms about family strife and death. It is heartwarming and just good plain fun. Make your reservation today for "On Golden Pond" at the newly remodeled Black Box Theatre.

The Black Box Theatre is located at 430 N. Main St. Performances are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, with a special 7 p.m. performance Thursday, Dec. 3. Tickets are \$12 regular admission, \$10 students and seniors over 65 and all seats on Thursday are \$8. For more information or to make reservations, call 523-1223.



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Nov 27 - Dec 3

The Assassin

A female assassin during the Tang Dynasty begins to question her loyalties when she falls in love with one of her targets.
In Mandarin w English subtitles.
**Guest speaker Nov 27 7:15 p.m.
**No Saturday matinee Nov 28.

Dec 4 - 10

Truth

Newsroom drama detailing the 2004 60 Minutes report on President Bush's military service by anchor Dan Rather (**Robert Redford**) and producer Mary Mapes (**Cate Blanchett**).

Nightly 7:30 pm Saturday Matinee 1:30 pm Sunday Matinee 2:30 pm
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Call to Artists

NMSU Theatre auditions set for Dec. 2

Auditions for the New Mexico State University Department of Theatre Arts spring 2016 productions will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. Callbacks will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. No roles for either production

have been pre-cast, and all are welcome to audition, including students and community members. Auditions are being held for the play "In the Time of Butterflies" and the musical "The Drowsy Chaperone." Needed are men and women ages 18 to 65. Everyone who auditions is asked to prepare one 60-second contemporary monologue. If you are trying out for the musical, please also prepare a 16-bar song selection. For more information, visit www.nmsutheatre.com/audition/51/spring_2016_on_dec2/.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery accepting applications

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is accepting applications for exhibitions, and encourages artists to stop by the gallery to learn more. Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933 or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

PFLAG celebrates 20 years

The Las Cruces Chapter of PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is celebrating its 20th anniversary 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces.

The Anniversary Celebration dinner will include a keynote address by Jody Huckaby, Executive Director of PFLAG National, the umbrella organization for over 400 PFLAG chapters nationwide.

Carrie Hamblen, president of PFLAG Las Cruces, says, "Celebrating 20 years is an incredible milestone for us. It has been an honor to be the organization that advocates and equality for our LGBTQ family members and friends. There is still work to be done and that is the future of PFLAG Las Cruces."

Over the last 20 years, PFLAG Las Cruces has participated in sensitivity training for the Las Cruces Police Academy and for students at New Mexico State University, engaged the community around pro-LGBT legislation, supported anti-bullying initiatives, as well as advocate and celebrate marriage equality. PFLAG Las Cruces is committed to advancing equality and full societal affirmation for LGBTQ people through its three-fold mission of support, education and advocacy.

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Mayor Ken Miyagishima will lead the lighting ceremony. Performance by the Picacho Middle School Choir. Snacks, beverages and candy canes will be provided.

Join in the official start of the holiday season and the many fun-filled activities in Downtown Las Cruces.

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Events Calendar

FRI. 11/27

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

8 to 10 p.m. Live folk and pop with Simon, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Guadalupe. No cover. Call 523-9463.

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

SAT. 11/28

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10 a.m. Family Science Saturday, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Join the museum to learn about the lives of some famous scientists and attempt to recreate their experiments. This week's topic is Otto von Guericke (1608-1686) and vacuums. All ages are welcome, from 3 to 93. Free. Call 522-3120.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 1101 S. Solano Drive and 317 S. Main St. This week, Louise O'Donnell will

be the storyteller at the Downtown location and Nancy Banks will be the storyteller at the Solano location. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 524-8471.

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11:30 a.m. Animal Encounters: Mammals, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Join the nature center staff at the museum each week to take an in-depth look at the six different families of animals and the many different species that makeup these families. This week, jump into adventure as we take a look at the world of mammals; what makes a mammal a mammal? What do humans have in common? Free. Call 522-3120.

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

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

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

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

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

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Through Sunday, Dec. 6

Frankenstein

American Southwest Theatre Company
ASNMSU Center for the Arts
1000 E. University Ave.
646-4515
Tickets \$10 to \$17
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
Through Sunday, Dec. 6

OPENING SOON:

Shrek the Musical

Las Cruces Community Theatre
313 N. Main St.
523-1200
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2 p.m. Sunday
7 p.m. Thursday
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Through Sunday, Dec. 20

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WED. 12/2

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FRI. 12/4

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.

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

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TUE. 12/8

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Branigan Library sponsors holiday Mitten Tree

In support of National Mitten Tree Day, celebrated Dec. 6, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library will sponsor a Mitten Tree this holiday season. Las Cruces residents and library patrons are invited to donate mittens, hats and scarves to decorate the holiday tree in the library. In conjunction with the Mitten Tree, a canned food drive is also planned. All items will be donated to local community organizations such as the Community of Hope, La Casa, Gospel Rescue Mission and the Casa de Peregrinos Food Pantry.

“We are excited to offer a Mitten Tree for the third year now,” said Renee Frankel, Library Administrator. “More than 200 clothing items were donated last year. Branigan Library wants to do its part to give back to the community and make sure that people who need warm winter items have them.”

Donations will be accepted at the Library beginning Saturday, Nov. 28, through Tuesday, Dec. 22, during regular library hours.

Last year, Branigan Library served more than 300,000 visitors who checked out more than 400,000 items. The Library is located at 200 E. Picacho Ave. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 528-4000.

NMSU students win CampusLink competition

Four graduate students from the New Mexico State University College of Education’s Curriculum and Instruction Department won a trip to Peru during last month’s CampusLink technology and innovation conference.

The conference took place at NMSU’s Corbett Center on Oct. 29 and attracted more than 600 high school and college students from across the region. The graduate students — Cecilia Palacio-Ribón, Francisco Serrano Wall, Ruth Torres Castillo and Armando Altamirano Garcia — participated in the “IdeaHack” competition hosted by the Organization of American States to develop a digital framework to prevent gender violence and cyberbullying.

The team decided to take on the difficult task of developing a game that could inform players about how to prevent gender violence while providing an engaging experience, Altamirano Garcia said.

“Our group is very excited about winning this contest, as it showcases the great student talent currently molding the College of Education,” Altamirano Garcia said. “We have students who are experts in the use of technology, but more importantly we have students who understand and deeply care about improving the lives of underrepresented groups and society as a whole.”

Altamirano Garcia said he served



COURTESY PHOTO

A team of graduate students from the NMSU College of Education’s Department of Curriculum and Instruction won a trip to attend a technology conference in Peru next year in last month’s CampusLink Idea Hack Competition. Team members, from left, are Francisco Serrano Wall, Armando Altamirano Garcia, Ruth Torres Castillo and Cecilia Palacio-Ribon.

as the group coordinator with a background in curriculum learning technologies and web design. Both Palacio-Ribón and Serrano Wall have backgrounds in language, literacy and culture. And Torres Castillo is programming the game and has a background in computer science.

“Games are great tools for learning,” Altamirano Garcia said. “They are an expressive medium that stimulate players to explore real or imaginary worlds that can reflect the values of the societies they live in. We also wanted to move away from a violent game design were you have char-

acters fighting each other and dying, which is why we choose to frame our game based on the value of life, dialogue and prevention.”

Altamirano Garcia said he believes the contest presented a unique opportunity to demonstrate how educators can use their knowledge about teaching and learning to develop digital tools that can enable people to find solutions to real world problems across different fields of study.

The team will be presenting the game’s concept to the members of the International Organization of American States next year in Lima, Peru, during their annual meeting.

Sudoku

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

Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

BEGINNER

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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CHALLENGER

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EXPERT

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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.

BUYING A HOME

ENGLISH	SPANISH
BUDGET	PRESUPUESTO
BUYER	COMPRADOR
CLOSING COSTS	COSTOS DE CIERRE
CREDITOR	ACREEDOR
DOWN PAYMENT	PAGO INICIAL
OFFER	OFERTA
PROPERTY	PROPIEDAD
REAL ESTATE	BIENES RAÍCES
SELLER	VENDEDOR
TITLE	TÍTULO
TO PURCHASE	COMPRAR
VALUE	VALOR

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

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Crossword Puzzles

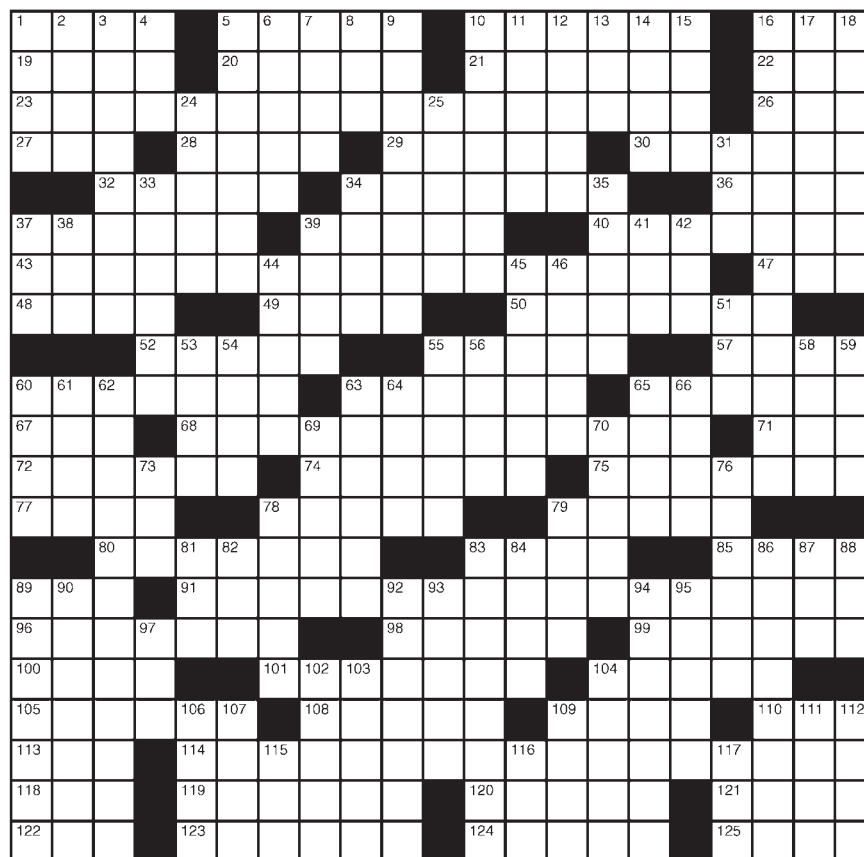
Diagramless, 21 x 21

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**
- Crater
 - Account
 - Barely adequate
 - Buck
 - Place for students run by a religious organization
 - Bucko
 - Stringed instrument
 - Perp prosecutors
 - Swindle
 - Sci-fi killer
 - It may be easily bruised
 - "Whew!"
 - Thickness
 - Foot long
 - Brit. fliers
 - Be decisive
 - Good times
 - Get in a pool
 - Payment
 - Bar stock
 - Kind of station
 - Alter, in a way
 - Hornswoggled
 - Claire, Wis.
 - Kind of shot
 - It was dropped in the '60s
 - Wax producer
 - It may be boring
 - Aviary sound
 - Eucharist vessel
 - Starr of song
 - Clod chopper
 - Kay Kyser's "___ Reveille"
 - Cincy player
 - 16th century dance
 - Big time
 - Educational establishment
 - Doo-___
 - Like a liner, for example
 - Be in the red
 - Lent's start, e.g. (abbr.)
- DOWN**
- Apiece
 - Bachelor's last words
 - Behavioral quirk
 - "Crazy" bird
 - "Walking on Thin Ice" singer
 - Come together
 - Cuckoo
 - Eponymous physicist
 - It has moles, for short
 - Campaigned
 - Antiquity, in antiquity
 - Dance bit
 - Damp
 - Madison Avenue award
 - Turning point?
 - Ballad
 - Calendar square
 - Mug
 - Grimm character
 - Montana city
 - Go for the gold?
 - Design detail
 - Morgue, for one
 - It's a wrap
 - Effeminate
 - Beanie Babies, e.g.
 - Joker
 - DNA half
 - Magi's origin
 - Kind of pie
 - Peach or plum
 - Copy cats?
 - Dark horse
 - "Ciao!"
 - Graphy start
 - Detachable container
 - Hot spot
 - Biddy
 - Popular sushi fish
 - Beluga yield
 - Be slack-jawed
 - Advantages
 - Well-kept secret, for some
 - Big TV maker
 - Follow
 - Grade A item
 - Low card
 - Brouhaha
 - Blue
 - Golf ball position
 - Denouement

MUST "C" MOVIES

- ACROSS**
- Fuzzy fruit
 - Use elbow grease
 - Distribute widely
 - 6-pointers
 - Seed protector
 - Bath sponge
 - Location of Bradley University
 - Female lobster
 - Movie about George M. Cohan's sweet tooth?
 - Ike's WWII bailiwick
 - Language ending
 - No water or ice
 - Printers' measures
 - Beckham's game
 - Connections
 - Makes new coins from old?
 - Yarn bundle
 - Close-knit group
 - Salami type
 - Adriatic gulf
 - Movie about interpreter fees?
 - ___ Aviv-Jaffa
 - Deserve
 - Sacred
 - "Leave It to Beaver" co-star
 - Intelligent
 - In the middle of
 - Baylor U. location
 - Iceberg, e.g.
 - Grilled sandwiches
 - Gas station option
 - Bremen exclamation
 - Movie about a rain forest chef?
 - Warbler's syllable
 - Comely
 - Loose
 - Twisted treat
 - Pond quacker
 - Classic single
 - Rose extract
 - Rhine siren
 - Legendary Hun king
 - Tiny particle
 - Disco of "The Simpsons"
 - Movie about a kennel owner's purchase?
 - Hack's question
 - Water, elec. etc.
 - Baker's item
- DOWN**
- Present day
 - Persia
 - Had on
 - Ancient letters
 - Designate again
 - "Over the Rainbow" composer
 - Fort Knox cache
 - Osaka Okay
 - Fail to keep up
 - Movie about a versatile container?
 - Summer at the Sorbonne
 - Block
 - Marketing tactic
 - Certain lapdog, briefly
 - High-speed PC line
 - Grandstander
 - Occurrence
 - U.S. tennis stadium
 - Danny or Stubby
 - Pension \$\$
 - Restaurant handout
 - Type
 - Make glossy
 - Musical wrapups
 - Plant part
 - E.T.'s ride
 - Undesirable individual
 - One of a kind
 - Nut for pies
 - Facetious tribute
 - Fish-eating eagle
 - Gives a hand to
 - "Banana Boat" shout
 - Made amends
 - Pick-me-up
 - Quiet flyer
 - Pound pup
 - Feeling sore
 - Hit by the Stones
 - Stretched rides
 - Fidel's comrade
 - Brainpower meas.
 - Concrete
 - Smarting pain
 - "Travelin' Band" band,



- Mauna ___ volcano
- Small cave
- Trigger rider
- Ky. neighbor
- Final strike
- Made amends
- Pick-me-up
- Quiet flyer
- Pound pup
- Feeling sore
- Hit by the Stones
- Unit of distance
- Remedy
- Iridescent stone
- Kin of CHIPs
- Buff color
- Movie about a sleuth's
- heavenly helper?
- Opinion-leader
- Biotic beginning?
- Military stronghold
- Home decor co.
- Verne of sci-fi
- Of the eyes
- Bout-stopper
- Kerry county seat
- Hodgepodes
- Landon et al.
- ___ Dawn Chong
- Immature newt
- Estrange
- Related
- Hines footwear
- ___ pro nobis
- AOL alternative
- Eddied
- Saber-rattling statements
- Track distance
- Out-and-out
- Richly appointed
- Vocalist Ronstadt
- Cell stuff
- Like many a window
- Monteverdi opera "L'___"
- Pine product
- Pulverize
- Behold, to Guido
- Mirth
- Egyptian cross
- It's all clear to me now
- Gallery work
- Tyler or Ullmann
- Bath, for one

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

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

Diagramless

FLY GLEAMS METO
EVIL
ENIGMAS GREED
SWAP SAT TREND
CLEW SAT FAULT
DOUR AWL JIFFY
FCC MOT AUNTY
THE MOON EDIT
ALLEGAR EVE SIR
PIERU BULGE ACTS
PLICAGE GROK
HART JUPITER
SHALE ODE EGO
LOUSY BEE CRT
SOLFA SHES
SERIF DINT
M T R E D T H O N O G O
E A T I N I M P E A C H
T R U E S M A R T S
A S P S L E O

Canine Connections

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

CRYPTOGRAM

F X B A X P F H W P B M I D G W
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A E W U G D D N ? E W D G L W G W L
G R L D J U E A D A R G B E P F
H G P M E A G W L B D F W D J P Z W

M G W W B !
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
Our fine, garrulous school board has decided to cut debate from the high school program. It was a simple matter. There was no argument.

Mandoe holds Quesenberry Farmhouse Gallery show

By Zak Hansen
Las Cruces Bulletin

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 28-29 — Thanksgiving weekend — the perfect way to pull out of the Black Friday madness and enjoy food, drinks and, most of all, unique artworks perfectly timed and priced for holiday gift-giving.

This year marks the gallery's eighth Thanksgiving weekend open-studio featuring works from artist and gallery owner Bonnie Mandoe, who has taken up residence at the century-old Quesenberry Farmhouse for just more than a decade, transforming its aged and ill-maintained interior to a stunning and elegant gallery space.

For many years, the farmhouse was a popular stop on the annual Picacho Corridor Studio Tour, which has since disbanded. However, Mandoe said, she "always enjoyed the tour... since Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday, I'm continuing the Thanksgiving tradition and doing things a little differently."

Always looking to keep things fresh from year to year, Mandoe this year will bring in a troupe of Native American dancers — Danza la Virgen de



Las Cruces painter Bonnie Mandoe shakes hand with Operations Manager Ed Padilla, following the permanent installation of her painting "Irrigating the Pecans" at the University of New Mexico Zimmerman Library Nov. 12. Mandoe will host a one-woman show of her work at Quesenberry Farmhouse Gallery Nov. 28-29.

COURTESY PHOTO

Guadalupe, which includes four generations of dancers. Danza la Virgen de Guadalupe will

perform at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, and the performance is also open to those in attendance who wish to learn the dances themselves — though, as Mandoe noted, "I've tried myself ... it's much harder than it looks, and I've decided to paint them instead!"

The one-person show features new work from Mandoe, a color-loving painter who said she enjoys both studio and outdoor — "en plein aire" — painting. Her works feature predominantly New Mexico scenes, among them Percha Creek, Fort Selden and Picacho Peak, as well as state historic

sites such as Jemez Mission Church and the ruins at Quarai, one of the former Salinas Missions.

Mandoe said she "also paints interesting architecture: homes, cotton gins, farms, etc.," with which southern New Mexico is rife, although, Mandoe said, "subject matter is often inherently interesting," making her challenge "how something is painted, rather than what is painted."

For instance, Mandoe said, "on my way to Leasburg State Park, I often passed Fort Selden. One day I decided to check it out. I was amazed to see

the degrading walls and how they caught the sunlight."

Next, Mandoe said, she noticed the Doña Ana and Organ Mountains were lined up directly behind the fort, and she "began to see how all these structures were being worn down by time and, bingo — the idea for my painting was born."

The question was then "how to paint it," a query to which Mandoe responded with "thick, impasto paint, building up interlocking layers like adobe bricks, then wearing them away with the palette knife" — not unlike the patient, unend-

ing erosion of mountain ranges and man-made structures alike.

In much the same way, Mandoe said, visitors to the gallery find fun not only in the art, but in "the building itself — its ample walls provide a great backdrop for work, and the large kitchen is a great place to talk about art while enjoying food."

For more information on Mandoe, her work, the Quesenberry Farmhouse and more, visit www.bonniemandoe.com or call 523-9760.

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Galleries & Openings

OPENING

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 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, with another reception slated for 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.

LAST CHANCE

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents two new exhibits to celebrate the center's reopening after its remodel, "Coyote Tales: Wildlife Photography by Ann McMahon" and "More Than Sugar Skulls: Dia de los Muertos in the Borderlands."

Utilizing mediums of fiber rag paper and canvas, photographer McMahon has built a portfolio of the wildlife of New Mexico titled "Coyote Tales: Wildlife Photography by Ann McMahon." Inspired by Native American folklore, McMahon has captured images of native birds, elk, deer, sheep, rabbits, horses and, of course, coyotes throughout New Mexico. Images are accompanied by excerpts of Apache, Navajo and Zuni stories.

Presented by The Borderland Fridas, "More Than Sugar Skulls: Dia de los Muertos in the Borderlands" brings together artists from California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas to express their deep ties to El Dia del los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and its cultural significance – it is so much more than sugar skulls. It is a time for remembering ancestors, family members, friends and pets who have left this world. "More Than Sugar Skulls" is a personal insight into the lives of each artist and what El Dia de los Muertos means to them.

"Coyote Tales" and "More Than Sugar Skulls" will remain on display through Saturday, Nov. 28.

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.

UNSETTLED GALLERY presents "Now You're Home," an exhibit of work by local artist Jeri Desrochers as a fundraiser art show for Desrochers' Books for Furever Friends (BFF) Project, which places animal welfare-related books into the hands of local children, beginning with a donation of 50 books from Desrochers herself. A portion of all proceeds from the show benefit

the Doña Ana County Humane Society. A book will also be donated to the BFF Project for each piece sold. Throughout the month of November, special events will take place, and Desrochers' work will remain on display through Saturday, Nov. 28.

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.

WEST END ART DEPOT presents its final group show in its current location, "Friends of We.AD: Affordable Art," featuring work from more than 20 artists from around southern New Mexico in painting, printmaking, weaving, sculpture and more, all for modest prices for the holiday season. Participating artists are Diane Alire, Sara Austin, Cassie Banks, David Canales, Rochelle Cox, Crook, Jessi Cross, Verna Dawson, Glenn Holgerson, Jessica Jim, Diane Kesler, Moshe Koenik, Dennis Lujan, Robert Maestas, Gwendolyn Mintz, Raymond Ponteri, Matthew Reddington, Jay Savage, Cody Smith, Leslie Toombs and Lea WiseSurguy-Sophillazo. "Friends of We.AD: Affordable Art" will remain on display through the end of November.

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.

MESQUITE ART GALLERY presents an exhibit of work from owner Mel Stone's impressive art collection, amassed over the years and especially since moving to Las Cruces, featuring watercolors, pastels, monotypes, photographs, oils, etching and etc. The show will remain on display through the end of November.

Mesquite Art Gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 640-3502.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART presents "Paul Outerbridge: New Photographs from Mexico and California, 1948-1955." Paul Outerbridge (1896-1958) is regarded as one of America's earliest masters of color photography. This exhibition is comprised of 35 images never printed during the artist's lifetime. The photos, recently printed from the original transparencies, offer a look at the culture Outerbridge lived and worked in during the last years of his life. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of November.

Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2137.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY presents "Worlds within Worlds: Encounters with Spirits of the Land," an exhibit of the photographic work of Lyndia Radice. After a lifetime drawing, painting and taking photographs, Radice moved from New York City to the high desert of New

Mexico, bringing her into daily intimate contact with Mother Earth and her creatures. One day, playing with a reflection filter on her camera, she focused on a set of gnarled, old fence posts; the resulting mirror images revealed each post had a unique personality and spirit. They are the guardians of the land. Using this reflection technique, Radice's photos uncover "worlds within worlds," revealing the hidden spirits of the land and nature herself. "Worlds within Worlds" will remain on display through Sunday, Nov. 29.

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 "This Vibrant Land" by fine artist Marjorie Moeser. Moeser's paintings are inspired by the Mesilla Valley landscape. The artworks are memory pieces evolved from her day-to-day interaction with the agrarian land that sits afoot the Organ Mountains. The farmland becomes an oasis in the surrounding desert. Tilled fields become linear rhythms and patterns and the furrows become water channels that reflect the brilliant blues of the sky. Moeser's landscapes are not place-specific – they are intuitively evolved and meant to transport the view to a place of imagining only he or she knows. "This Vibrant Land" will remain on display through the end of November.

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.

EL PASO ELECTRIC GALLERY presents an exhibition of the work of New Mexico State University Fine Arts graduates Sue Ann Bonnar and Alia Pinedo, presenting their latest mixed-media works. Studying the camera lens most of her life, Bonnar's work explores the connection of time and place, spurring a conversation concerning the impact of our everyday life decisions on the world around us. Pinedo's work is a reflection on the vestiges of human occupation in the environment. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of November.

El Paso Electric Gallery is located inside the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 523-6403 or visit www.riograndetheatre.com.

M. PHILLIP'S GALLERY presents an exhibit of the work of Las Cruces artist Lindy Bridgers showcasing her incredible paintings of the New Mexico landscape. Said Bridgers, "The ever-changing light and colors of the New Mexico landscape thrill me. I am daily amazed by the sunrise on the river, the evening glow of the Organ Mountains and the never-ending view of the sky. Using the brush and color, I capture moments that I want to notice, appreciate and remember. My work is a tribute to the Artists who created it all." Bridgers' show will remain on display through the end of November.

M. Phillip's Gallery is located at 221 N. Main St. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 525-1367 or visit www.mphillipsgallery.com.

MAS ART presents "Monochromatic Rhythm," a dual exhibition of artwork from two very talented New Mexico State University students Mariah Morrell and Mathew Garza. "Monochromatic Rhythm" will remain on display through the end of November.

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.

CUTTER GALLERY presents an exhibit of the work of painter Robert Highsmith. The show will consist of 30 new watercolors and acrylics with desert, water, river, mountain, canyon, horse, buffalo, canyon de chilly and cow themes. Highsmith's show will remain on display through November.

Cutter Gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 541-0658.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM presents "Native New Mexico: The Art of Collette Marie." From the earliest pre-historic cave paintings and rock art to the present, artists have long found inspiration for their work in animals. For native Las Cruces artist Collette Marie, the animals and plants of New Mexico not only provide inspiration – they carry a spiritual meaning as well. A graphic designer by trade and desert rat by nature, Collette's deeply

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Rated: R
Genre: Comedy, action
Starring: Jesse Eisenberg, Kristin Stewart
Director: Nima Nourizadeh

Ricki and the Flash

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Comedy, drama
Starring: Meryl Streep, Mamie Gummer
Director: Jonathan Demme

No Escape

Rated: R
Genre: Suspense
Starring: Pierce Brosnan, Owen Wilson
Director: John Erick Dowdle

Shaun the Sheep Movie

Rated: PG
Genre: Family, comedy
Starring: Justin Fletcher, John Sparkes (voices)
Director: Mark Burton, Richard Starzak

Top-grossing Nov. 20-22

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|---|--|
| 1 The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2
(Week No. 1) \$102,665,981 | 6 Love the Coopers (Week No. 2)
\$4,134,130 |
| 2 Spectre (Week No. 3)
\$15,043,729 | 7 The Martian (Week No. 8)
\$3,797,770 |
| 3 The Peanuts Movie (Week No. 1)
\$13,203,590 | 8 The 33 (Week No. 2)
\$2,342,030 |
| 4 The Night Before (Week No. 1)
\$9,880,536 | 9 Bridge of Spies (Week No. 6)
\$2,006,155 |
| 5 Secret in Their Eyes (Week No. 1)
\$6,652,996 | 10 Goosebumps (Week No. 6)
\$1,861,967 |

Picking the Flicks

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

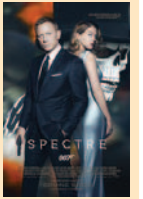
Goosebumps

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



The Martian

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: An astronaut marooned on a manned mission to Mars must survive on a hostile planet with dwindling supplies – and find a way to contact Earth.
Starring: Matt Damon
Director: Ridley Scott



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



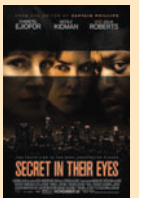
The 33

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



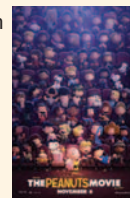
Secret in Their Eyes

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



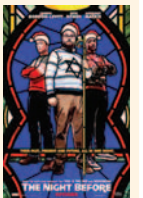
The Peanuts Movie

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 Leviner



Hotel Transylvania 2

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: To keep him from leaving the hotel, Dracula and friends try to bring out the monster in his half-vampire, half-human grandson.
Starring: Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg (voices)
Director: Genndy Tartakovsky



Ant-Man

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Former con-man Scott Lang is armed with a suit allowing him to shrink in size and increase in strength, and must pull off a heist to save the world.
Starring: Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas
Director: Peyton Reed



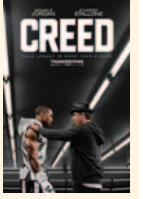
Love the Coopers

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
OPENS WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25



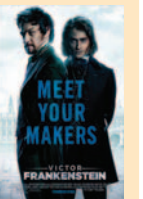
The Good Dinosaur

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
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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 Radcliff, James McAvoy
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Qi Shu stars as Nie Yinniang in Taiwanese director Hsiao-Hsien Hou's "The Assassin," now playing at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla.

'The Assassin' low energy, but beautifully filmed

Review by Jeff Berg
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Sumptuous cinematography and beautiful imagery often mean we're well on our way to a good movie.

Alas, not quite true for the "The Assassin," another title heralded by real reviewers around the country, since they don't seem to see the need for continuity within a story.

The story takes place during the early years of the Tang Dynasty in 7th Century China,

It is a bit of an unusual turn to have a female protagonist as a political assassin, but that does give the film more reason to see it. The performance by Qi Shu in the lead as Nie Yinniang is pretty awe inspiring. She is at once obedient and forceful, determined and merciful – and, of course, young and beautiful.

At the age of 10, Nie, a general's daughter, was seized by a nun who initiated her into the world of martial arts.

She becomes a very successful assassin, who seems to specialize in dismissing with prejudice, local governors who mistreat their wards.

After a failed assassination, in which her heart bears witness for a child, she is next ordered to off the man to whom she was promised.

This man, a cousin, is the leader of a large region of northern China, and with that assignment Nie has to come

face to face with her parents, emotions and her own life. She is harshly ruled by the power-hungry mistress, who refuses

to allow any leeway in Nie's assignments.

Even though she has killed, she does have a heart and feelings, including those for the governor, who doesn't seem too bad a guy, all in all.

The best audience for "The Assassin" will be those who are truly taken in by cinematography, editing be damned. There are tiny vignettes within the film that just seem to appear out of nowhere. The sword-

play and violence isn't too prevalent after the opening scene, in which a man has his throat cut in a move so quick we don't even know it has happened until he falters and falls to the ground.

The second best audience will be those who love martial arts works that are not overly melodramatic and mix in a nice amount of acrobatics with the action. The film did win the "best director" award at the Cannes Film Festival this year.

For a first timer to the genre, though, I would wait a while, or see something like the still amazing "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" – which has a sequel or prequel coming out in 2016, but not directed by Ang Lee – which combines all of the mastery of the martial arts pictures along with a believable story and amazing directing and editing.



NMSU professor and China scholar discusses 'The Assassin'

The Mesilla Valley Film Society (MVFS), housed at the historic Fountain Theatre in Mesilla, will present the Chinese martial arts film "The Assassin" with an introduction by Elvira Hammond, New Mexico State University college associate professor of history, at 7:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, the film's premiere night.

Professor Hammond studied at the Beijing Foreign Language Normal College and Stanford University with a focus on Chinese literature and theater. She lived and worked in Beijing for almost a decade working in Sino-American educational and academic exchange; she came to NMSU in 1995. Since 2007, she has served as a Co-Director of the Confucius Institute at

NMSU, which provides Chinese language and culture programs in New Mexico and El Paso. For more information on the NMSU Confucius Institute, visit <http://confucius.nmsu.edu>.

Hammond will give an overview of the Tang dynasty (618-907) and briefly explain "wuxia," a genre of Chinese fiction – traditionally literature, but spreading to diverse forms including opera, television, video games and, of course, film – dealing with martial arts, sorcery and chivalry to which "The Assassin" belongs, alongside films like "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" and "House of Flying Daggers," which introduced the genre to Hollywood and

larger Western audiences. A question-and-answer session will follow the film. Her introduction begins at 7:15 p.m.

The MVFS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing independent, foreign and documentary films to audiences in southern New Mexico and west Texas. The Fountain Theatre is located at 2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla, a half block south of the plaza. "The Assassin," directed by Hsiao-Hsien Hou, will play Friday, Nov. 27, through Thursday, Dec. 1, has a running time of 2 hours. The film is in Mandarin with English subtitles. For more information, call 524-8287 or visit www.mesillavalleyfilm.org.

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cherished connection with nature is strongly reflected throughout the collection of screen prints and paintings that make up this body of work. "My work is an invitation to experience the natural world with reverence and joy." "Native New Mexico" will remain on display through Nov. 29.

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.

NOPALITO'S GALERÍA presents a joint exhibit between 11 members of the "Artistic Moments" artist group and five students, ages 6 to 13, of artist and teacher Irma Lee's "From the HeART" classes. The exhibit will remain on display through Sunday, Nov. 29.

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 November, Naida Zucker and Yvonne Postelle. Zucker is a mixed-media artist who combines gelatin monoprinting with digital photography, a process called hectography, in which paint is thinly applied to the gelatin sheets, and stencils, stamps and other objects are used to create patterns in the paint. Postelle works primarily in oils as a landscape painter. 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.

ONGOING

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.

ART OBSCURA GALLERY presents a group show by the DANG Art Gang. The DANG – Doña Ana New Ground – Art Gang is made up of Las Cruces artists Jesse Reinhard, Coy Lowther, Sonia Payan, Emma Henderson, Meg G Freyermuth and Jennifer Craig. The DANG Art Gang's show will remain on display through the first week of December.

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.

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.

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, Jeal 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. "Small is Beautiful II" will remain on display through December.

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.

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.

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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.

COTTONWOOD GALLERY, inside Southwest Environmental Center, presents "Ebb & Flow," an ambitious three-month 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. "Ebb & Flow" will remain on display through November.

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.

ART ON EASELS GALLERY, located inside the Community Enterprise Center, features nearly 50 works by members of the Las Cruces Arts Association. This month's LCAA featured artist is Kay Susin. Susin has been working with art for as long as she can remember, usually in oil and acrylic and with some watercolor, and her favorite subject is whatever inspires her, in particular the breathtaking Southwestern landscape. She also enjoys painting flowers and nature.

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.

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.



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Some think about thanking all year long

Years ago, my older children and I would walk to a local diner in Chicago and have great theological discussions on the walk. This diner had steam tables, and the kids loved the fried chicken and mashed potatoes that plopped across the plates on your plastic tray.

Autumn was cold, and, as we walked, our cheeks grew ruddy. We gabbed on lots of different topics, God included in the mix. I was teaching in seminary, and it was only logical that they heard buzz from the students and it carried over into their lives. The cold weather stimulated our conversations.

Thirty-plus years later, I remember almost word-for-word several of those dialogues with stunning clarity. On one occasion, the topic turned to



Gabriel Rochelle
Tales from the Cassock

thanksgiving and gratitude. My loquacious daughter, never at a loss for words, began by asking about the backdrop for the annual thanksgiving ritual. Her brother gave the usual story about the Native Americans and the Pilgrims and so forth in Massachusetts. The topic turned to God, as it often did, and then out of the blue came this: "What if you don't believe in God? Who are you thankful to, or what are you thankful for?"

The talk shifted onto why one of my children didn't like to write thank-you notes after Christmas, deeming that it was unnecessary to do more than

accept the gift – that the acceptance was a form of gratitude. Another said, "Oh no, you have to give thanks. It's only right."

The debate went on until we reached the cafeteria where hunger kicked in, and the talk turned to immediate concerns: chicken or hamburgers? French fries or mashed? With or without gravy?

The question stuck, however. Does the rite of thanksgiving – leave aside the turkey and trimmings for a moment – presuppose a Giver who should be thanked for the gifts? In 1936, Connecticut Governor Wilbur Cross issued what may be the most famous Thanksgiving Proclamation in our history. Written by the governor himself, it begins, "Time out of mind at this turn of the seasons, when the hardy oak leaves rustle in the wind and

the frost gives a tang to the air and the dusk falls early and the friendly evenings lengthen under the heel of Orion, it has seemed good to our people to join together in praising the Creator and Preserver, who has brought us by a way that we did not know to the end of another year."

There is a naturalness to his poetic expressions that eases one into thankfulness and gratitude for the gifts of the earth and the products of our labors. And it was, without treading on the hallowed separation of church and state, a simple statement that allowed for God's presence in the lives of the citizens of the state as the Giver of all good gifts. Hence it invoked and invited a sense of gratitude.

I continue to wrestle with the question. As someone satu-

rated in the Psalms, I see everywhere in that great book the note of thanksgiving to the "Creator and Preserver," to use Governor Cross's phrase. I know that those who do not accept a creator or preserver give thanks, too. Yet I wonder if we aren't constructed in such a way as to be drawn to a personal recipient of our gratitude, and I wonder if this is not the natural origin of rituals of thanksgiving. Do we have to send thank you notes? Of course not; they are not obligatory. We can simply receive the gift. But maybe my child who said, "it's only right," was onto something.

Fr. Gabriel Rochelle is priest of St Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, Las Cruces. Visit the church web site at <http://stanthonylc.org>.

RELIGION LISTINGS

GRIEFSHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Griefshare: Surviving the Holidays will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, December 5 at Mesilla Park Community Church, 3100 Oak Street. Griefshare: Surviving the Holidays is geared to people who have lost a loved one to death and are grieving, adjusting or having a difficult time during the holidays due to a death. This 2-hour seminar will teach different methods of getting through the holidays as well as adjusting to life with a new normal. This class is open to the public. The class costs \$5 to cover the cost of the workbook. SonTown provides "Children's Classes" for birth through 5th grade. Please specify in advance if you require these classes as well as the age of your child. Register at www.getrealchurch.org, emailing james.pacheco@fbfs.com, or by calling 496-5150.

COMMUNITY CAROL CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG

The Las Cruces Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and Peace Lutheran Church present a sing-along at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. All ages are welcome at this free event. Take a break from the rush of last min-

ute Christmas preparations to come join in the singing of carols and reflect the reason for the season during this hour-long event. Hot cider and biscocitos will be available. For information, call 523-5229.

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Classes are offered on a dana (voluntary donation) basis. For more information, contact Diane at diane.schneider09@gmail.com.

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STUDY BHAGAVAD-GITA WISDOM

The Bhagavad-gita, a class in the exploration of spiritual philosophy as it applies to daily living, will be offered from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Thursdays in Jett Hall, Room 203, 1040 S. Horseshoe Drive, on New Mexico State University campus.

Taught by Vimal Chaitanya, the ongoing series of classes will provide students with a synthesis of New Thought for today's challenges. For more information, call 650-7344.

MASCULINE SPIRITUALITY

Men are invited to gather from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sundays at Wellspring Church, 140 Taylor Road, to discuss spiritual issues and the male persona. All are welcome for coffee, camaraderie and topics for guys in search of a path that works. For more information, call 647-2560.

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The Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive, offers Modern Buddhism meditation classes, sponsored by the Kadampa Meditation Center, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. the first and third Saturday of each month in the R.S. Great Room. Classes are open to the public. A \$10 donation is suggested. For more information, call 496-4271.

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New, open, spiritual book study meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every other Wednesday at the Bahai'i Information Center, 525 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call 805-7340 or 522-0467.

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A Christian men's luncheon meets at noon every Tuesday at IHOP, 2900 Del Rey Blvd., for open discussion. Bring a friend. For more information, call 635-7262.



Gary Guzman
Gardening Guru

Caring for your Christmas tree

What a beautiful time of year, with these cold, crisp nights and warm, sunny days. It is the end of the year – 34 more days, and it will be 2016. Now is the time where many evergreen trees are available, either for Christmas, or just to plant out in the yard.

First, let us consider potted live trees. You can choose from several varieties such as Eldarica, (Afghan, Mondale), Aleppo, Italian Stone, Austrian Black Pine and Piñon. These are some of the most commonly available trees that will actually survive in the southern New Mexico climate. These plants are listed in approximate rate of growth and size – Eldarica is the largest and fastest, and Piñon being the slowest.

If you choose one of these to plant outside after the holidays, please keep in mind the mature width and height of each. Too often I see some of the Afghan pines planted or already growing up into telephone lines or creeping up and over neighbors' yards. Keep in mind, the larger the tree, the larger the root system will be. These roots can upheave foundations, sidewalks and rock walls or into leach lines or sewer systems.

When keeping these indoors, it is advised not to leave them in for more than two weeks. The longer they are inside, the more they acclimate to the warmer temperatures. Try to use the coldest room in the home or close the heating vent to that room. Do not place tree near a fireplace or heating stove. It is important to keep the soil moist, but not saturated. One of the easiest ways to do this is by using ice instead of water. This action will slowly saturate the root ball without making a mess.

The weather has been very mild this year, but

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Reduce risks of home fires

While the number of home fires occurring in the U.S. each year has fallen by more than 50 percent since 1977, the ratio of people who die in home fires has remained virtually unchanged, based on data from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). In 1977, deaths occurred in .8 percent of home fires, and in 2013, that rate was .7 percent. One possible explanation for this discrepancy: home fires now burn hotter and faster than they did 40 years ago, meaning victims have less time to escape a burning house.

“In a series of experiments, [safety certification and consulting

company] UL demonstrated that the nature of residential fires has changed dramatically,” said Eric Skare, a volunteer firefighter in Minnesota and product manager of fire safety systems for Uponor. “Flashover — the point when intense heat causes an entire room to become engulfed in flames — now occurs less than five minutes after a fire starts. It used to take 30 minutes or longer for flashover to occur. People now have less time to get out of a burning house, even if their smoke alarms have alerted them to the fire.”

The results of this evolution in home fires can turn tragic quickly,

Skare notes. “A study by the NFPA found that a third of those killed in home fires were trying to escape when they died,” he said.

The UL study cites several factors as driving the changes in home residential fires, including:

- Modern home design trends toward larger homes with more open floor plans, an arrangement that facilitates the spread of fire. Older homes were smaller overall, and featured smaller room plans.

- Construction materials currently in use contribute to a faster burn time.

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NMSU weed expert Arnold retires after 36 years with university

By Jane Moorman
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

For 36 years, Rick Arnold has been the go-to guy regarding weed control in the Four Corners region.

Agricultural producers in the area have relied on the field trials he has conducted at the New Mexico State University Agricultural Science Center at Farmington to help them buy herbicides that are proven to work in the region.

On Oct. 31, Arnold took on a new role – retiree. While he might be retired from NMSU, the highly honored weed specialist says he'll probably continue to help area producers as a consultant.

"I was born and raised in the Four Corners region and have worked here since 1975, when I returned home from attending NMSU," said the Central High School Class of 1971 alum.

With a degree in crop science, Arnold began working at Navajo Agricultural Products Industry as an assistant technical service director. In 1979, he moved over to NMSU's science center, located on NAPI land south of Farmington, where he was a research assistant.

"I started as an entomologist, but quickly realized insects are not really



NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY PHOTO

Rick Arnold, superintendent of New Mexico State University's Agricultural Science Center at Farmington, has retired after 36 years with the university. He served his entire university career at the Farmington science center.

a problem in this climate," he said. "But weeds are. Whenever you apply water to new, virgin land, you're going

to have weeds. Seeds to undesired plants have lain dormant in the soil for as long as 80 years, until there is enough water applied to the soil for them to germinate."

While he has worked his entire NMSU career at the Farmington science center, his titles reflect his professional growth from research assistant, instructor and assistant professor to pest management specialist, college professor and, finally, superintendent of the science center.

During his years at the agricultural science center, Arnold's research interests, besides weed control, have been insect control in crops and the revegetation of disturbed land around oil and gas wells.

"Working with the oil and gas industry was rewarding," he said. "We developed a mixture of varieties of cold- and warm-season grass seeds to revegetate the well sites to prevent erosion. The research also included using coal-bed-methane-produced water for establishing the grasses."

He also worked on a study of desalination technology for treating coal-bed-natural-gas-produced water to provide for rehabilitation of the riparian area

and rangeland.

Through the years, Arnold and the other NMSU faculty at the Farmington science center have published the results of their research and field trial.

Arnold is respected by fellow weed experts throughout the western United States. He has held a wide range of offices with the Western Society of Weed Science and the Weed Science Society of America.

He has also received honors from various professional organizations, including being named a Western Society of Weed Sciences Fellow in 2010 and Outstanding Weed Scientist for the Public Sector in 2006, and receiving the Bureau of Land Management's Leadership Award and the NMSU Staff Appreciation Award in 2004.

Other honors have included his Distinguished Educator Award in 2011 from the Rocky Mountain Agribusiness Association, Outstanding Young Agriculturist in 1980 from the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, Honorary Chapter Member in 1992 from the Kirtland Chapter of Future Farmers of America, and Outstanding Young Farmer in 1980 from the New Mexico Jaycees.

Funds will allow nonprofit to distribute more food to those in need

Casa de Peregrinos, a Las Cruces Food Pantry, accepted \$32,000 from the Walmart Foundation to buy a new refrigerator unit for their flagship pantry location on Amador Ave. Thursday, Nov. 19. The new unit is expected to be installed and operational in early January.

"Our partnership with Walmart is vitally important to us," said Lorenzo Alba, Executive Director

of Casa de Peregrinos. "This grant from the Walmart Foundation and the help of local Walmart stores donating food helps us take the mission of Casa de Peregrinos to a whole new level."

The new refrigerator will mean that Casa de Peregrinos won't have to turn down large donations of fresh food. The food pantry will be able to increase the amount of food donations and res-

cued food it's able to accept and distribute to families in need in Doña Ana County.

"We're excited that we can continue to support Casa de Peregrinos and the important work it does to feed families in Doña Ana County," said Walmart Market Manager Carolyn Kazmi. "Las Cruces Walmart stores have already made a commitment to help serve those in need by partnering with food pantries to donate food. This grant helps expand that commitment to local families."

The food rescue program has grown substantially since it launched in March, 2014. Earlier this year, Casa de Peregrinos bought and began operating its first refrigerated food truck, using another grant from the Walmart



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Javier Angulo, director of community affairs for Walmart (center) presents Casa de Peregrinos Executive Director Lorenzo Alba, Jr. (with hat) with a check for \$32,000 to benefit the Las Cruces based emergency food program on Thursday, Nov. 19. Flanking both sides are Walmart managers, representatives of United Way and Roadrunner Food Bank, Casa de Peregrinos board members, grant committee members and volunteers. The funds are earmarked for the purchase of a new refrigerator unit for the pantry located on Amador Avenue.

Foundation. The new truck has allowed Casa de Peregrinos to increase the amount of fresh and frozen food it rescues and distributes.

"Before we got the refrigerated truck, we were able to rescue more than 280,000 pounds of food an-

nually," said Alba. "Now that we're operating with the truck, we're on pace to rescue about 500,000 pounds of food this year. We expect that the addition of the refrigerator unit will increase our ability to rescue and distribute even more food to

the families we serve."

Through the food rescue program, donations, and partnerships with food banks, Casa de Peregrinos is on track to distribute 2 million pounds of food to families in Doña Ana County this year.

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• Today's home furnishings are made from many synthetic materials that combust easily, meaning fires have more fuel.

• In UL testing, modern windows of all types failed faster than windows made from older – or “legacy” – materials. In some cases, the time difference was significant. For example, legacy windows made of wood with a metal frame and nine

single-glazed panes failed in about 12 to 16 minutes, while modern premium wooden frame windows with two panes of double-glazed glass failed in about four to six minutes. When windows fail, they admit more oxygen into a burning building to feed the fire.

All these factors contributed to UL test results that showed how much faster modern homes burn, and how escape time is much less than in decades past.

Working smoke alarms in a home are proven to reduce the risk of injuries and fatalities. Virtually every construction code in the U.S. requires smoke alarms in new construction. Functioning smoke alarms reduce the risk of home fire fatalities by 50 percent, according to the NFPA. A residential sprinkler system slashes the risks even further – by 80 percent. The U.S. Fire Administration recommends that all homes should be

equipped with both smoke alarms and sprinklers. And the International Residential Code also requires fire sprinklers for new-home construction.

In decades past, concerns over cost may have kept some homeowners from incorporating fire sprinklers in their new-home construction or major renovation projects, but a typical system represents about 1 to 1.5 percent of the total cost of new-home

construction.

“If you're building a new home or undertaking a major renovation, there's life-saving value in asking your builder to install a fire sprinkler system,” said Skare. “It doesn't have to cost a bundle to buy yourself and your family more time in case of a fire, and it's well worth the investment.”

For more information about fire safety and building construction, visit www.nfpa.org or www.iccsafe.org.

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after the holidays it is still best to let your tree slowly acclimate to the outside colder temperatures before planting it in its' final location. Generally, two weeks or more in a patio or porch with an overhang would be a good location before planting it out in the yard. This action will help the needles “harden off” before being subjected to the freezing temps. Be sure to use compost and root stimulator. Do not fertilize it until you see new growth appear in the spring.

Second, we have cut trees. Whether you go out and cut your own or buy one locally, it is important to make sure you put a fresh cut on it right before you place it in water. You should notice your tree take up a considerable amount of water the first time you fill up your basin. It is a good idea to have your tree hosed off to help remove dust, mud or the occasional insect that may hitch a ride and make its way into your home.

Cut trees that are commercially available are usually grown on farms specifically for the Christmas season, so don't feel guilty when purchasing one of the trees. The varieties available are typically Fraser fir, Noble fir, and

Douglas fir, among others. The Fraser seems to stay greener a little longer than The Noble, but the Noble has branches that can hold heavier and larger ornaments. The Douglas fir tends to be very dense and can dry out rather quickly if in a warm environment. As mentioned earlier, it is best to close the heating vent in the room that the cut tree is displayed in. This will help keep your tree from drying out and becoming a fire hazard.

Again, when choosing a cut tree, please remember to insist on a fresh cut and store your tree in water immediately. Mini lights are generally ok to use on cut trees; however, it is recommended never to leave the lights on the tree while you are away from home. LED lights are preferred – although they are more expensive, they will pay for themselves over the long haul by conserving electricity.

After the holidays, your cut tree, as well as any other clean yard waste, can be mulched and turned into compost by the city. Please remove any wire or nails before taking material to the recycling center. For more information, visit www.las-cruces.org and click on the links for recycling.



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Las Cruces residents pack 2,900 gifts for poverty-stricken children overseas



Las Cruces families, churches and groups did not wait until Thanksgiving Day to express gratitude. Instead, they are giving back by packing gifts for children around the world living in extreme poverty or affected by war, disease and natural disaster. For many of these children, it will be the first gift they have ever received.

Nov. 16 – 23, Las Cruces residents packed 2,900 shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, hygiene items and notes of encouragement. Operation Christmas Child, a project of the international Christian relief and evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse, will deliver the gifts to children in need overseas.

"We have so much to be thankful for here in America. Most of us have a roof over our heads, beds with pillows to sleep on, and food on our table. But for many children living overseas, tough living conditions and extreme poverty have left them with little hope," said

Operation Christmas Child Regional Director Paul Fischbach. "It is amazing to see the joy on children's faces when they receive these gifts. It can be a tangible reminder that they are loved and not forgotten, despite their difficult circumstances."

After being dropped off at a local collection site, these boxes will make a journey overseas, traveling by any means necessary – boat, plane, train and even elephant – until they reach the hands of children in need. In 2015, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach more than 11 million children. Since 1993, the project has delivered shoebox gifts to more than 124 million children in over 150 countries and territories.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization. For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call (303) 745-9179 or visit samaritanaspurse.org/occ.

NMSU joins GivingTuesday movement to build scholarships

BY Charlotte Tallman

GivingTuesday is a global day for giving when people and organizations all over the world come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to contribute to causes that matter to them. Locally, that

day will have a direct impact on student success at New Mexico State University.

On Dec. 1, GivingTuesday will unify alumni, students, faculty, staff, businesses and community members as NMSU celebrates generosity by providing people everywhere with an opportunity to make a difference.

Gifts can go to any cause, college, campus or department. To further the impact of gifts on GivingTuesday, NMSU will use the day as an opportunity to build scholarships across campus by implementing an exciting matching gift incentive. On GivingTuesday, every dollar donated to a scholarship anywhere in the NMSU system will be matched dollar for dollar.

"Scholarships provide an opportunity for me to attend a top-tier university. Without the scholarships I receive, I would be working full-time to pay for tuition," said Jacqueline Estrada, a psychology major at NMSU. "Following graduation, I would love to work with veterans and create a therapeutic riding program. I can't think of a better career than helping others."

The match will come from funds generated by the NMSU license plate program, which offers collegiate plates through the Department of Motor Vehicles and NMSU Alumni Association, with a portion of the license plate funds raised going into scholarships. In addition, a \$250,000 gift from an extraordinary Aggie who had the vision to support NMSU in his estate will

be used for matching.

Along with the matching gift incentives, NMSU leadership is stepping up to encourage an even greater impact. Currently, 13 NMSU leaders have issued challenges to faculty, staff and students – including Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, who will match \$5 for every new payroll deduction gift. Miriam S. Chaiken, dean of the William Conroy Honors College, is inviting students to participate by contributing \$1 for every \$5 or more donated by a student to the Honors International Scholarship Fund. For a complete list of challenges, visit <http://advancing.nmsu.edu/giving-tuesday-challenges>.

The public is invited to join in at NMSU from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, in NMSU's Corbett Center's Aggie Lounge in order to celebrate with daylong events. Free parking for Giving Tuesday donors during this event will be available in lot 17N in front of the Corbett Center Student Union.

To spread support for #GivingTuesday, join the social media conversations on Twitter @NMSUALumFriends, facebook/NMSUALumFriends, Instagram @nmsualumfriends and NMSU Alumni and Friends on YouTube. Watch for and share the following hashtags to spread the word about the day of giving: #GivingTuesday, #NMSUGiving, #NMSUImpactHappens, #NMSUPhilanthropy and #NMSUStudentSuccess.

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Legal Notice

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

No. 15-0303

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH A. WOLFE a/k/a JOSEPH ANDREW WOLFE DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **TERRY J. WOLFE** and **SCOTT S. WOLFE** have been appointed co-personal representatives of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the co-personal representatives in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: November 5, 2015.

TERRY J. WOLFE
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Dates: 11/20, 11/27, 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 20, 2013 Mario M. Gonzales, PO Box 2759, Mesilla Park, NM 88047 filed application numbered LRG-5235-POD8, File No. LRG-5235-G, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right by Changing Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing well LRG-5235, located at X - 1,468,508 ft and Y=495,889.4ft NMSP, NAD83 Central Zone on land owned by Rogelio & Rita Chavez, located within the SE¼ of projected Section 26, Township 22 South, Range 01 East, NMPM, and drilling a new well, LRG-5235 POD8, to a depth of 160 feet with 6 inch

casing to be located at or near X=1,469,390.95ft and Y=495,931.53ft NMSP, NAD83 Central Zone, on land owned by applicants, located within the NE¼ SE¼ of said Section 26, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 2.54 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within Pt. SE¼ of said Section 26, as described by Subfile No.: LRN-28-008-0111-A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for proposed well is described as being east of the intersection of El Camino Real and Gypsy Roads. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA, 1978.

Date: 11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that on August 17, 2015, The Salopek Foundation c/o: James Salopek, 5090 Snow Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-01243-POD4, OSE File No's. LRG-01243-1&LRG-09140-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed supplemental well LRG-01243-POD4 to a depth of 400 feet with a 16-inch casing, in a location within the SE¼ NE¼ of Section 05, Township 26S, Range 03E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where X = 1,516,609.04 ft., Y =

391,885.06 ft. NMSP, Central NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, which will supplement existing wells LRG-01243, LRG-01243-POD2, LRG-01243-POD3, LRG-09140-S, LRG-09140-POD4, and LRG-09140-POD5 located on property owned by the applicant within All of Section 05, Township 26S, Range 03E, and the NW¼ of Section 08, Township 26S, Range 03E (NMPM) and morespecifically described where: LRG-01243

X = 1,515,005,
Y = 391,053 ft.

LRG-01243-POD2
X = 1,514,960,
Y = 392,235 ft.

LRG-01243-POD3
X = 1,512,096,
Y = 387,884.9ft.


LRG-09140-S

X = 1,513,418,
Y = 392,114 ft.

LRG-09140-POD4
X = 1,512,975,
Y = 392,968 ft.

LRG-09140-POD5
X = 1,513,397,
Y = 391,097 ft.

NMSP, Central NAD83 for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 211.41 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within All of Section 05, Township 26S, Range 03E and the NW¼ of Section 08, Township 26S, Range 03E (NMPM) as described in Subfile Nos.: LRS-28-012-0029 & LRN-28-012-0030 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed well LRG-01243-POD4 will be located northwest of Berino, NM and may be found approximately 2,127 feet south of the intersection of W Six Mile Road and Three



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PUBLIC AUCTION

The City of Las Cruces (City) uses an online auction service to dispose of obsolete, unusable, or surplus equipment, furnishings, vehicles and supplies.

The public is invited to view and bid on items by accessing PublicSurplus.com through a link on the City's webpage las-cruces.org. All sales are final.

For more information, please contact the City of Las Cruces Property Transfer & Disposal Coordinator at 575-541-2683, 575-541-2590 or auction@las-cruces.org

Dates 1/2-12/25/15

Saints Road.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 3, 2015, Edward L. Provencio, PO Box 38, Chamberino, NM 88027, filed application numbered LRG-749-POD4, OSE File No. LRG-749-3, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-749-POD4 to a depth of 50 feet with a 4-inch casing, in a location within the NE¼ NE¼ of projected Section 18, Township 26S, Range 3E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near X = 1,510,531.31 ft., Y = 383,170.92 ft. NMSP Central NAD83 on land owned by the applicant, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-749, located on land owned by El Consuelo Farms, LLC located within the NE¼ SE¼ of projected Section 7, Township 26S, Range 3E (NMPM) and more specifically described near X = 1,510,166 ft., Y = 384,960.3 ft. NMSP Central NAD83 for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 1.59 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE¼ NE¼ of said projected Section 18 as described in Subfile Order No.: LRS-28-012-0049-A of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of proposed well LRG-749-POD4 will be located north of Chamberino, NM and may be found approximately 1,022 feet northeast of the intersection

of E Provencio Rd and Kili Rd, Chamberino, NM. Existing well LRG-749 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.

Date: 11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 19, 2015, W.A. and Josie Nunn, PO Box 496, Hatch, NM 87937 filed application numbered LRG-13764-POD2 for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-13764-POD1, lo-


cated on land owned by the applicants at X=1,366,283 Y=604,722 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, and drilling replacement well LRG-13764-POD2 with an 8 inch casing at a depth of approximately 80 feet to be located at approximately X=1,366,271 Y=604,814 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicants, for the continued diversion of 61.29 acre-feet per annum or that amount of water determined by May 24, 1999 Order of the Court, combined with surface water from the EBID, for the irrigation of 13.62 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within Pt. NW¼ of Sec 15, T19S, R03W, NMPM as described by Subfile Order No: LRR-28-008-0125. Proposed replacement well LRG-13764-POD2 is located southeast of Hatch and may be found at the physical address of 1140 E Hall St. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22.

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

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

Dates: 11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 5, 2015, Robert H. Provencio, 1910 Three Saints Road, Anthony, NM 88021 and Eugene Antonio Provencio, 9719 Wickway, El Paso, TX 79925 filed application numbered LRG-15956-POD1, OSE File No's. LRG-9727-5 and LRG-9727-7, 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-9727 located at X = 1,517,415 Y = 374,933 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by Rudy Provencio, LLC and using replacement well LRG-15956-POD1 located at X = 1,517,799.3 Y = 373,314.5 on land owned by Raymond D. and Martha P. Brito 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 4.52 acres of land owned by Robert H. Provencio located within Pt. of the SW¼ of projected Sec 21, T26S, R03E, NMPM, as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-014-0067 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey and 5.40 acres of land owned by Eugene Antonio Provencio located within Pt. of the SW



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

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Due Date / Time
Lees Drive Rehabilitation	15-16-098	December 8, 2015 / 10:00am Public Works Rm 2104, 700 N Main St	December 17, 2015/ 10:00am

Please use this link to access all City of Las Cruces solicitations: <https://www.newmexicobidsystem.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 bidcler@las-cruces.org

Dates 11/27/15

Friday, November 27, 2015

¼of said Sec 21, as described by Subfile Order No.: LRS-28-014-0067-B of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. Replacement well LRG-15956-POD1 is located north of Anthony, NM at the physical address of 1650 W OHara Rd. Existing well LRG-9727 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 19, 2015, Martin Poel, Agent for Matt Kev Real Estate Trust, 3100 Majestic Ridge, Las Cruces, NM 88011, filed application numbered

LRG-14759-POD2, associated with OSE File #LRG-14759 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing wells LRG-00472 and LRG-14759-POD1. LRG-00472 is located on land owned by Billy F. & Edna Fay Holbrook, within the NE¼ of Projected Section 23, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, (NMPM), at approximately X=1,498,775 ft., Y=442,246 ft., and drilling replacement well LRG-14759-POD2 to an approximate depth of 250 feet with 16" casing to be located within the NE¼ of Projected Section 23, Township 24 South, Range 2 East,

(NMPM) on land owned by the applicant at approximately X=1,498,531 ft., Y=441,383 ft., for the continued diversion of ground-water combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, in that amount determined by the Third Judicial District Court, for the irrigation of 8.01 acres of land owned by the applicant located within the NE¼ of said Section 23. The general location of replacement well LRG-14759-POD2 can be found approximately 203 ft. northeast of the intersection of Orgot Rd. and Valles Rd. Well LRG-00472 will be retained for other water rights and LRG-14759-POD1 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, (575) 524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Date: 11/20, 11/27, 12/04/15

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-02413

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-WFHE4, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-WFHE4,

v.

KIM CAMPOS and JOHN DOE CAMPOS, wife and husband; ABC Corporations I-X, XYZ Partnerships I-X, John Does I-X and Jane Does I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ANY OF

THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED, Defendants.

AMENDED 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 1314 Nancy Lopez Ct, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 10, BLOCK C, UNIVERSITY GOLF ESTATES, PHASE 1, 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 MAY 18, 1999, IN BOOK 19 PAGE(S) 278-279 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 P M on December 3, 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 US Bank National Association, As Trustee For Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-WFHE4, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WFHE4. US Bank National Association, As Trustee For Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-WFHE4, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WFHE4 was awarded a Judgment on April 2, 2015, in the total amount of \$178,946.44, with interest at the rate of 5.875% per annum from July 30, 2014 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$ 14,142.28.

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. US Bank National Association, As Trustee For Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-WFHE4, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WFHE4, 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

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tion 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
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-01957

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,
vs.

RAFAEL G. AGUIRRE; CAPITAL ONE HOME LOANS, LLC; Defendants.

AMENDED 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 1225 Akers Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 5, BLOCK 109 OF COUNTRY CLUB MANOR NO. 3, REPLAT NO. 1, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 18, 1976 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 12 AT PAGE 47, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on December 3, 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 September 12, 2014, in the total amount of \$106,945.92, with interest at the rate of 5.00% per annum

through March 12, 2014 from the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$9,244.23 .

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

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

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

By: Robert A. Doyle, Special Master
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11/20/2015 11/27/2015

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 COUNTY 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 fro m 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 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, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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 3336 Lunarridge Street, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property

THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Robert A. Doyle, Special Master
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-01475

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,
v.

DIANE MICHELE PRINDEVILLE, SARAH BOONE, FIRSLIGHT 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 DESIGNATED 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

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ty 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
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1 NM-14-647551-JUD
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

PB-2015-94 Judge Mary Rosner

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF OPHELIA M. CHAVEZ, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ANNA ELIZABETH MONTANO has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of OPHELIA M. CHAVEZ, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative c/o The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.A., P.O. Box 2277, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004, or filed with the District Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 5th day of November, 2015.

By: /s/

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ANNA ELIZABETH MONTANO, Personal Representative of the Estate of Ophelia M. Chavez, deceased.

Prepared by:
The Law Offices of
Dana M. Kyle, P.A.

By:/s/
Dana M. Kyle
P.O. Box 2277
Las Cruces, NM 88004-2277
(575) 525-0020
(575) 525-0017 fax
Attorney for Personal
Representative

Dates: 11/20, 11/27, 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 WORKFORCE 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 DEVISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED.; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 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,
Special Master
c/o Legal Process Network
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Albuquerque, NM 87181
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1 NM-14-646721-JUD
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11/20/15, 11/27/15,
12/04/15, 12/11/15

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 I, 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 SECTIONI, 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;

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

No. PB 2015-101
Judge Rosner

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF JOHN
W. COTHRON, Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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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 Mortgagee, 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 herein, 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. PB 2015-101
Judge Rosner

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF JOHN
W. COTHRON, Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **SUSAN HERERA** has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.

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

Dates: 11/27, 12/04, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-02054

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

ARNULFO MAYNES; MELISSA MAYNES; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT and TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **December 2, 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 3420 Jupiter Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 13, Block B, SUNSET HILLS 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 February 16, 1977, in Book 12 Pages 91-92 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on March 16, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$162,006.40 and the same bears interest at 4.375% per annum from February 7,

2015, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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

Dates: 11/06, 11/13, 11/20,
11/27, 2015

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

No. D-307-PB-2015-00092

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
DEANNA R. JOHNSON,
Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **FLOYD LARRY JOHNSON** has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of **DEANNA R. JOHNSON**, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative in care of the Attorney for the Personal Representative, R. Glenn Davis of SCOTTTHULSE PC, 201 North Church Street, Suite 201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001. P o n e : (575)522-0765, Fax: (575)522-0006, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, located at 201 West Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 3RD day of Nov., 2015.

SCOTTTHULSE PC
201 North Church Street,
Suite 201
Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88001
(575) 522-0765
(575) 522-0006
Facsimile

By: R. GLENN DAVIS
Attorneys for Personal Representative

Dates: 11/27, 12/04, 2015

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

No. D-307-PB-20 15-00080
Judge: Diggers

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF SUSAN
L. PHILLIPS, Deceased**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two month after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to MARLAINA MORSE, 648 E. Tenth Drive, Mesa, AZ 85204 or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana, New Mexico.

DATED: October 20, 2015

/s/Marlaina Morse
MARLAINA MORSE,
Personal Representative of the Estate of SUSAN L. PHILLIPS, Deceased 648 E. Tenth Drive Mesa, AZ 85204

CAMUÑEZ LAW
FIRM, P.C.

ROSANNE CAMUÑEZ
Attorney for the Personal Representative of the Estate of SUSAN L. PHILLIPS, Deceased.
833 N. Alameda Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88005
(575) 532-8270

Dates: 11/27, 12/04, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-01620

WASHINGTON FEDERAL, Successor in Interest to Gallup Federal Savings, a Division of Washington Federal Savings, and Successor in Interest to First Federal Bank, a Division of Washington Federal Savings, Plaintiff,

vs.

DOMONIC R. SILVA, and if married, JANE DOE SILVA (true name unknown), his spouse; and KAMI M. SILVA, and if married, JOHN DOE A (true name unknown), her

spouse, Defendants.

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 4047 Demos Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 2 IN BLOCK A OF PHASE I MISSION ESPADA PHASE 1 AND 2A, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID PHASE I MISSION ESPADA PHASE 1 AND 2A, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON 02/24/2006 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 534-536.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 2, 2015, being an action to foreclose two (2) mortgages on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, Count I, which includes interest and costs, is \$634,633.10 and the same bears interest at 6.250% per annum from October 27, 2015, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff's Judgment, Count II, which includes interest and costs, is \$43,009.03 and the same bears interest at 4% per annum from October 27, 2015. 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

Friday, November 27, 2015

such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

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

Dates: 11/20, 11/27, 12/04,
12/11, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-00335

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF DONALD EUGENE HATCH, Deceased; DONNA LORRAINE SIEDOW, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Donald Eugene Hatch, Deceased; HARRY JAMES HATCH; DANA MAE WILLIAMS; DAPHNE REBECCA HATCH; DONALD JOHN HATCH; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF DONALD EUGENE HATCH, Deceased; TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO; COMPASS BANK fka State National Bank; POND-S-SCAPES, LLC, Defendants.

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 Dona 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 2734 Ben Boldt Place, Las Cruces, and is situate in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 7, Block 1, Los Contentos, Phase 1 (A Townhouse Subdivision), in the City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on February 25, 1997, in Book 18 Pages 639-640 Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 10, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$103,973.38 and the same bears interest at 5.8750% per annum from September 1,

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
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Special Master
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Dates: 11/20, 11/27, 12/04,
12/11, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-00700

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, doing business as CHRISTIANA TRUST, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for BCAT 2014-4TT, Plaintiff,

vs.

VICTOR M. QUINTANA; NORMA J. QUINTANA; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; and DISCOVER BANK, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 2, 2015, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Dona 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 229 Buckhorn Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Dona Ana County, New

Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 26, BLOCK 5, OF PONDEROSA MOBILE HOME SUBDIVISION, PHASE ONE, 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 OCTOBER 8, 1982, IN BOOK 13 PAGE(S) 142-143 OF PLAT RECORDS. SERIAL NUMBER: 2238626890 MAKE: CHAMPION HOME BUILDERS MODEL: TITAN WHICH IS AFFIXED, ATTACHED TO, AND TAXED AS PART OF THE LAND AS REAL PROPERTY, PURSUANT TO 3 NMAC 6.5.33,

including, but not limited to, the manufactured home permanently attached thereto, a 1983 Champion, VIN number 2238626890, title to which has been deactivated in the records of the Motor Vehicle Department of the State of New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on October 28, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$99,273.98 and the same bears interest at 5.800% per annum from August 1, 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
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Dates: 11/06, 11/13, 11/20,
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-01175

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

BENJAMIN I ESPINOZA, Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed 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 1211 Gunsight Peak Ct, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 27 BLOCK NUMBERED 1 OF SANDHILL CENTER HEIGHTS, PHASE 6, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SANDHILL CENTER HEIGHTS, PHASE 6, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON OCTOBER 16, 2006 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 13-14.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM December 17, 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, N.A. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on September 12, 2013, in the total amount of \$175,983.87, with interest at the rate of 4.125% per annum from August 15, 2013, through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$16,984.85.

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-01975

MGC MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

STEVE PROTEXTOR AND JANE DOE PROTEXTOR, HUSBAND AND WIFE; ABC CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND JANE DOES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 2320 Skyway Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 20, BLOCK 3A, DALE BELLAMAH MANOR, SECTION 2, PLAT 1, SKYWAY DRIVE, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEROF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 21, 1958, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 8, AT PAGE 12 OF THE

PLAT RECORDS.

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 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 MGC MORTGAGE, INC.. MGC MORTGAGE, INC. was awarded a Judgment on July 24, 2015, in the total amount of \$59,302.07 with interest at the rate of 6.87% per annum from June 1, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$2,221.20.

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

By: Robert A. Doyle,
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Dates: 11/13, 11/20, 11/27,
12/04, 2015

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-01595

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

JEROME A. WARNER, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF JEROME A. WARNER, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,

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DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF JEROME A. WARNER, DECEASED; DEANNA M. WARNER, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEANNA M. WARNER (true name unknown; MATTHEW ERIC WARNER and DAWN ELIZABETH WARNER, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

To: Defendant(s) The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Jerome A. Warner, Deceased

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1205 Tamony Lane, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

LOT 4, BLOCK 2, DEL NORTE COUNTRY ESTATES SUBDIVISION UNIT NO.1, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON APRIL 14, 1978, IN BOOK 12, PAGE(S) 178 OF PLAT RECORDS.

That unless you respond to the Complaint within 30 days of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name, address, and phone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Little, Bradley & Nesbitt, P.A., P.O. Box 3509, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3509, 505-248-2400.

WITNESS the Honorable DOUGLAS DRIGGERS, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 18th day of November, 2015.

(SEAL)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
NORMAN E. OSBORNE
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

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

Dates: 11/27, 12/04, 12/11,
2015

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

No. CV-2015-01605
Judge: Kugler

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

vs.

MICHAEL A, MALONE

II, THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL A. MALONE II, ANY HEIRS KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, BUCKEYE TITLE LOANS, AND 2005 HONDA SHADOW, ORANGE; VIN: JH2PC21465 M600340; ARIZONA LICENSE PLATE NO, 1MCJ8C, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Respondent Estate of Michael A. Malone II and any Heirs Known or Unknown:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2005 Honda Shadow, Orange; VIN: JH2PC21465M600340; Arizona License Plate No. 1MCJ8C,

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF LAS CRUCES
By: Robert A. Cabello
Robert A. Cabello
Assistant City Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
(575) 541-2128
(575) 541-2017 Fax
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Darren M Kugler, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 28 day of September, 2015.

(Seal)

Claude Bowman
COURT EXECUTIVE
OFFICER

By: Maria D. Zamora
Deputy - Maria D. Zamora

Dates: 11/20, 11/27, 12/04,
2015

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, Defendants.

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 situate 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 ½" 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 ½" 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 ½" 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 ½" 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 ½" 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 ½" 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, 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

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-02146

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, Plaintiff

vs.

PATRICIA REYES AKA PATRICIA FLORES, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PATRICIA REYES

AKA PATRICIA FLORES, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 225 Wilson, Hatch, New Mexico, 87937, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND BEING AND COMPRISING THE SOUTH ONE (1.00) FOOT OF LOT EIGHTEEN (18) AND ALL OF LOTS NINETEEN (19) AND TWENTY (20), IN BLOCK TWO (2) OF THE WEILER ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF HATCH, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SAID LOTS ARE SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID ADDITION FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON JUNE 25, 1925, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARS DESCRIBED BY MEETS AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT;

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WILSON AVENUE BEING THE IDENTICAL SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 20, AS ABOVE DESCRIBED, THENCE

NORTH 51.00 FEET ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WILSON AVENUE TO A POINT THEREON BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE

EAST, 140.00 FEET ALONG A LINE 1.00 FEET NORTH OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 18, AS ABOVE DESCRIBED TO A POINT ON THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 18 BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE

SOUTH, 51.00 FEET ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARIES OF SAID LOTS 18, 19 AND 20 TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 20 BEING THE IDENTICAL SOUTHEAST CORNER OF TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE

WEST, 140.00 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 20 TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER THEREOF AND IDENTICAL SOUTHWEST CORNER TO THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND CONTAINING 7140 SQUARE FEET OF LAND, MORE OR LESS,

The sale is to begin at **11:45 a.m. on December 11, 2015**, outside the front entrance to the Doña Ana County 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 United States of America, acting through Rural Housing Service.

United States of America, acting through Rural Housing Service, was awarded a Judgment on October 29, 2015, in the principal sum on the First Note is \$68,038.96 and the sum principal on the Second Note of \$4,259.94, plus outstanding interest through August 7, 2015, in the amount of \$3,437.66 and accruing daily thereafter at a rate of 6.500% per annum, plus escrow advances in the amount of \$4,041.50, plus an in rem judgment for an interest subsidy recapture in the sum of \$2,709.48, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through August 30, 2015, in the sum of \$950.00, and costs through August 30, 2015, in the sum of \$696.40, with interest on the escrow advances, subsidy recapture, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 6.500% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

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

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

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani
Faisal Sukhyani,
Special Master
c/o Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C.
5120 San Francisco Road NE
Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87109
(505) 858-3303

Dates: 11/13, 11/20, 11/27,
12/04, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-02024

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

ANDREW J. F. HUFFERD, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF MARY LOUISE FRITZ, DE-

CEASED; ADMIRALS BANK; ABC CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND JANE DOES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEWISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY., Defendant.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendant, Andrew J. F. Hufferd, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Louise Fritz, Deceased:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC 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 917 Stagecoach Dr. Las Cruces, NM 88011. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 12, BLOCK 1, SAGECREST SUBDIVISION NUMBER 3B-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 COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 1861 ON 09/22/1988 IN BOOK 15 PAGE(S) 316-17 OF PLAT RECORDS.

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/ Umair Malik
Jeannette M. Whittaker
Umair Malik
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New Mexico 87113
(855) 809-3977
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Date:
11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-01767

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES R. NEELEY AND SHIRLEY NEELEY, HUSBAND AND WIFE; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, James R. Neeley and Shirley Neeley:

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 300 Taylor Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007-5398. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE ABOUT A MILE SOUTH OF DOÑA ANA, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO IN SECTION 26, T.22S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS TRACT 5-18H3 AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORHT LINE OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY ROAD NO. D-017 (OLD NO. 243W) FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, WHENCE THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5 - 1 8 B E A R S S.61°43'20"W., A DISTANCE OF 492.03 FEET; THENCE FROM THE PLACE OF BEGINNING LEAVING COUNTY ROAD NO. D - 0 1 7 N.34°25'30"W., 281.71 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE FROM THE PLACE OF BEGINNING LEAVING COUNTY ROAD NO. D-017 S.57°54'55"W., 123.48 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE S.61°43'20"W., 31.03 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.0000 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

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/ Susan Carter
Jeannette M. Whittaker
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New Mexico 87113
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

Date:
11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-00135

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

CRAIG STOOKEY, BRENDA STOOKEY AND MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., 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 383 & 385 Fossil View Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO IN SECTION 24, T.21S., R.1W., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O SURVEYS AS PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 1-9A1UI AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD SET AT THE SOUTH LINE OF A ROAD EASEMENT FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; WHENCE THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 24, T.21S., R.1W., BEARS N 59°48'05"E., A DISTANCE OF 2625.85 FEET; THENCE FROM THE PLACE OF BEGINNING S.30°35'30"E., 1022.15 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE BACA LATERAL FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE BACA LATERAL S.88°42'15"W., 7.66 FEET; THENCE LEAVING BACA LATERAL N.41°30"W., 486.84 FEET TO ANGLE POINT OF THIS TRACT; THENCE N.40°03'17"W., 198.18 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND; THENCE S.73°45'16"W., 172.46 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND; THENCE S.45°15"W., 60.51 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE ROAD EASEMENT N.30°35'30"E., 369.68 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTH LINE OF A ROAD EASEMENT; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE ROAD N.67°52'30"E., 90.24 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF A PREVIOUSLY CONVEYED 0.3404 ACRE TRACT; THENCE AROUND THE 0.3404 ACRE TRACT THE THREE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES S.28°54'30"., 136.89 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND; THENCE N.67°34'43"E., 110.84 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND; THENCE N.29°37'07"W., 136.53 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTH

LINE OF A ROAD EASEMENT; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE ROAD N.67°52'30"E., 160.95 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 3.645 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

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 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 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC. NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC was awarded a Judgment on July 6, 2015, in the total amount of \$252,683.18, with interest at the rate of 2.625% per annum from December 31, 2014 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$6,378.52. 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 herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-00131

**WELLS FARGO BANK
NA, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**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, deactiva-

tion of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any .

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption . **PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.**

By: Robert A. Doyle, Special Master c/o Legal Process Network P.O. Box 51526 Albuquerque, NM 87181 505-417-4113 1 NM-14-630789-JUD ID-SPub #0095398

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

No.: D-307-CV-2015-01992

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

vs.

**JOSE ESPARZA AND
DELIA V. ESPARZA
AKA DELIA V. CHAVEZ,
HUSBAND AND WIFE;
PATRICIA JONES;
STATE OF NEW MEXI-
CO DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR EMPLOYMENT
SECURITY DIVISION;
EQUABLE ASCENT FI-
NANCIAL, LLC; OCCU-
PANTS OF THE PROP-
ERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXI-
CO to Defendant Patricia
Jones:**

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff LSF8 MASTER PARTICI-PATION TRUST 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 1104 Skyway, Las Cruces, NM 88001. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 13 IN BLOCK 18A OF DALE BELLAMAH MANOR, SECTION 2, PLAT 2, DIANE MAURA DRIVE, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEROF FILED FOR RECORD N THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JUNE 11, 1958 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 8 AT PAGE 21, PLAT RECORDS.

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/Susan Carter Jeannette M. Whittaker Susan Carter 6501 Eagle Rock NE, Suite A-3 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113 Telephone No.: (505) 219-4900 Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 2015

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

No.: D-307-CV-2015-01792

BOKF N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

**DAVID E. MORALES
AND JANE DOE MO-
RALES, HUSBAND AND
WIFE; ELSA SANCHEZ
MORALES, IF LIVING;
IF DECEASED, THE UN-
KNOWN HEIRS OF EL-
SA SANCHEZ MO-
RALES, DECEASED;
OCCUPANTS OF THE
PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, David E. Morales, Jane Doe Morales, Elsa Sanchez Morales, If Living, If Deceased, The Unknown Heirs of Elsa Sanchez Morales, Deceased:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff BOKF 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 1618 Neleigh Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88007. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 3, BLCOK 3, MCCLURE MANOR SUB-DIVISION UNIT NO. 1, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, 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 COUNTY ON JUNE 20, 1984, RECORDED IN BOOK 13 AT PAGES 265-266, OF PLAT RECORDS.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the Complaint in said cause on or before thirty (30) days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

By:/s/Catherine Sanchez Jeannette M. Whittaker Catherine Sanchez

6501 Eagle Rock NE, Suite A-3 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113 Telephone No.: (855) 809-3977 Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 2015

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

No.: D-307-CV-2012-01996

**BOKF, N.A., A NATION-
AL BANKING. ASSOCI-
ATION D/B/A BANK OF
OKLAHOMA, AS SUC-
CESSOR IN INTEREST
BY MERGER TO BANK
OF OKLAHOMA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JORGE CARRILLO,
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 7765 Zircon Place, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 438 OF AMBER MESA, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID AMBER MESA, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON OCTOBER 20, 1988 IN PLAT BOOK 15, FOLIO 326-349.

The sale is to begin at 11:00 AM on December 8, 2015, at the front entrance 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 BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING. ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A. BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING. ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on October 23, 2013, in the total amount of \$130,871.97 with interest at the rate of 6.5% per annum from November 2, 2013 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$17,852.37.

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 OKLAHOMA, 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.

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TION OF THE TITLE
AND THE CONDITION
OF THE PROPERTY
AND TO CONSULT
THEIR OWN ATTOR-
NEY BEFORE BIDDING.**

By: Margaret Lake, Special Master Pro Legal Services, LLC 201 Eubank NE, Suite A3 Albuquerque, NM 87123 (505)715-3711

Date: 11/06, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 2015

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Health & Well Being

Agreement paves way for NMSU students to attend Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine

By Darrell J. Pehr
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

An agreement between New Mexico State University and the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine will give qualified students at NMSU guaranteed admission into the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine after their undergraduate degree is attained.

The Osteopathic Medicine Pathway Program will give students the opportunity to go directly from their baccalaureate program to a doctor of osteopathic



This is an artist's rendering of what the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine will look like when construction is complete.

COURTESY ILLUSTRATION

medicine program, at the same time providing a supportive and enriched undergraduate learning environment through a Living Learn-

ing Community.

The program also will enhance the availability of medical degrees for students graduating from NMSU and increase the number of health care providers in New Mexico who are serving the health needs of the diverse population.

"The Osteopathic Medicine Pathway Program is an exciting opportunity for students interested in a medical career and should be attractive to many high school graduates from New Mexico and surrounding states," said Executive Vice President and Provost Dan Howard. "I appreciate the strong support this program has received from the leadership of the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine and I look forward to working with them to ensure that the program helps to meet the health care needs of New Mexico."

Students accepted into the program will be required to meet cer-

tain standards of academic performance, fully participate in required activities and demonstrate ethical behavior during the four years of their undergraduate experience at NMSU.

The Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine is being constructed on the NMSU campus and will open its doors in the fall of 2016. While the Burrell College is a private and free-standing college that is not a part of NMSU, it is closely affiliated with NMSU. Its students will be able to take advantage of the student life and campus community benefits that NMSU offers.

"Our mission is to improve the region's health care by sustainably increasing the number and diversity of physicians in the area," said George Mychaskiw, founding dean and chief academic officer for the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine. "This pathway program is the best

way to assure we recruit and retain the best local talent, as our motto says, 'Para la gente y el futuro,' for the people and the future."

Students interested in applying for the Pathways program must meet all admission requirements for NMSU. In addition, they must have a composite score of 23 or higher on the ACT and a high school grade point average of 3.5 or greater. Students must complete an NMSU application as well as a supplemental pathway program application by Jan. 15 for admission to NMSU the following academic year.

The program is only open to freshmen and the target cohort size is 25 students.

In addition to the other benefits of the program, students will have opportunities to be involved in research as well as internships in the medical community during the summer terms.

May the good things of life be yours at Thanksgiving and throughout the coming year.

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Group hosts diabetes awareness expo



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Lourdes Olivas, extension associate at New Mexico State Cooperative Extensions Services, takes the blood pressure of dietetic intern Joseph Cecava. The Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach Association hosted an awareness expo on Nov. 21 at Alma d'Arte High School. The event offered presentations, guest speakers, a question and answer session, a diabetes-friendly lunch and vendors.

Department offers free resources to help smokers quit

Health secretary encourages New Mexicans to make a plan

The Department of Health wants to encourage New Mexicans who smoke or use tobacco products to utilize free services available that provide helpful tools to quit and remain smoke and tobacco free.

“Smoking remains the leading cause of preventable death in the United States,” said Department of Health Cabinet Secretary Retta Ward, MPH.

“The free services offered by the Department of Health’s quit lines and online programs are proven strategies that can double, even triple a tobacco-users chance to successfully quit.”

In New Mexico, about 2,600 people die each year from smoking and another 42,000 people suffer with at least one serious smoking-related illness.

People who stop smoking greatly reduce their risk for disease and premature death. Although the health benefits are greater for people who stop at earlier ages, cessation is beneficial at all ages.

Tobacco users can access free medications, including patches, gum and lozenges, and free counseling and text messaging support through the statewide toll-free quit lines. 1-800-QUITNOW and 1-855-DEJELOYA offer telephone-based tobacco cessation services in English and Spanish. Web-based services through www.quitnownm.com and www.dejeloyanm.com are another way that tobacco users can connect to free help.

Services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Health department highlights efforts to prevent, manage diabetes

November is American Diabetes Month

The New Mexico Department of Health Diabetes Prevention and Control Program and the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) encourage people with diabetes or pre-diabetes to take steps toward greater health.

The New Mexico Department of Health reports that diabetes affects more than 170,000 adults statewide — one out of every 8 adults. Nationwide, 29.1 million people — or 9.3 percent of the U.S. population — have

diabetes, according to the latest numbers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“New Mexicans can prevent or reduce their risk for developing type 2 diabetes by making lasting lifestyle changes and maintaining a healthy weight,” said Department of Health Secretary Retta Ward, MPH. “It is important for all residents to learn about their risk for developing diabetes and take action to lower their risk.”

You are at increased risk for diabetes if:

- You are overweight.

- You are physically inactive.
- A parent, brother or sister has diabetes.
- You are Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Asian American, African American or Pacific Islander.
- You had a baby weighing more than 9 pounds or had gestational diabetes.
- You have high blood pressure.
- You have low HDL (good cholesterol).
- You have high triglycerides.

Warning signs include frequent trips to the bathroom, unquenchable thirst, losing weight without trying, weakness or fatigue, tingling or

numbness in your hands, legs or feet and more. Symptoms can also include blurred vision, itchy or dry skin, cuts and bruises that take a long time to heal.

Taking control of diabetes is more complicated than simply popping a pill.

It involves the careful balancing act of nutrition, exercise and, sometimes, medication.

That’s why you’re better off knowing your risks and taking action to prevent diabetes.

To assess your risk, go to <http://ndep.nih.gov/am-i-at-risk/diabetes-risk-test.aspx>.

Department of Health honors emergency responders, hospital staff who work in rural areas

The New Mexico Department of Health recognized rural hospitals and emergency responders on National Rural Health Day, Nov. 19, for their work to keep New Mexicans healthy and safe.

About 30 percent of New Mexico's population lives in a rural area.

"Rural hospitals and emergency medical responders in rural areas provide services for about a third of New Mexico's population. They provide services rain or shine, often times in life threatening situations," said Department of Health Secretary Retta Ward, MPH. "We want to acknowledge that we value their dedication to serving their communities."

National Rural Health Day is celebrated the third Thursday in No-

vember every year.

To recognize National Rural Health Day, the Department of Health hosted a day-long event on Nov. 13 in Albuquerque to acknowledge rural health staff and rural health emergency responders for their tireless work.

The Department issued certificates to almost 600 people in 16 counties.

New Mexico has 29 rural hospitals, many of which are involved in projects to improve the quality of life in their communities.

The Department's Office of Rural Health mission is to foster relationships, disseminate information and provide technical assistance that improves access to, and the quality of health care for its rural citizens.



These dogs in need of a home have tested positive for heartworms. The Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley will waive the adoption fees for these dogs, contingent upon the new owners' plans to treat the disease.

Help these dogs find a home during the holiday

The Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) is reaching out to the community to help eight dogs who have tested positive for heartworms.

ASCMV will waive the fees associated with the adoption/micro chipping of these dogs. In return, the ASCMV must learn the new owners plan to treat the animal's serious condi-



tion. All of these dogs will be altered before they are adopted. A rescue group has already stepped up and will be accepting the black chihuahua into its organization. The organization has until Dec 1 to find these dogs homes.

Heartworm disease is a potentially fatal condition caused by parasitic worms living in the arteries of the lungs

and occasionally in the right side of the heart of dogs and cats. It is transmitted by infected mosquitos, and it can be prevented by simply taking a monthly preventive treatment.

Those interested in helping these animals can call the ASCMV or stop by the office, 3551 Bataan Memorial West. For more information, call 382-0018.

Adopt any APA rescue animal from Nov. 1st-Jan. 4th for the low fee of \$25
 Check our adoptable animal listings and calendar for holiday adoption events: www.actionprogramsforanimals.org
575-644-0505
 APA Adoption Center, 800 W. Picacho Ave.
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PET BRIEFS

Lab mix named Pet of the Week

This big cuddle bug thinks he should be the newest addition to your family this holiday season. Weighing in at a solid 55 pounds, Cole thinks he's small enough to be a lap dog; we just don't have the



COLE

heart to tell him he's a little too big for that. When he's not trying to squeeze his way in next to you on the couch, Cole loves to go on hikes. He challenges you to try to beat him in a race up the mountain. Cole has

BRIEFS

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been in the shelter for seven months; stop by and meet him today.

Cole is at the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, 8551 Bataan Memorial West. For more information, call the shelter at 382-0018.

Safe Haven Pet Photos with Santa

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary will hold Pet Photos with Santa from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at The Safe Haven Thrift Store, 840 El Paseo Road. Santa will be available to take photos with your pets,

providing a chance to get those great shots of your pets and share with friends and family this holiday season. Photos will be framed and ready while you wait; no appointment necessary. Photographs will be \$10 each. Pets must be leashed. All proceeds from this event will benefit cats and dogs awaiting adoption at the sanctuary. For more information on Safe Haven, call 541-4942 or visit www.shas-pets.com.

Adoption center seeks volunteers

Are you retired and want to share your skills? Why not volunteer at the Cat's Meow Adoption Center, 2211 N. Mesquite St.? You

can help save a life by fostering a cat in your home while waiting for the next available space at the adoption center. Do you have fundraising and grant writing skills? Do you have a few hours a week to help with cat care? These are just a few ways your help is needed. The center is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. For more information, call 386-6938 or visit www.thecatmeowlascruces.com.

APA seeks old sleeping bags

ACTion Programs for Animals is seeking comforters or old sleeping bags to help offset the cooler evening temperatures. If you have

any to donate, drop them off from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, at 800 W. Píacho Ave. The donations will be used as dog beds at the facility and quarantine foster homes. For more information, call 571-4654.

Pet adoptions held at Petco

Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley is facilitating dog and cat adoptions from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays at Petco, 3050 E. Lohman Ave. Transport drivers are needed Saturdays. For more information, call 639-3036.

Shelter seeks dog walkers

Large-breed and

small-breed dog walkers are needed at Animal Services Center of Mesilla Valley. Applications for volunteers may be picked up daily at 3551 Bataan Memorial West, or online at www.las-cruces.org. For more information, contact Jan Wright at 382-0018 or jwright@las-cruces.org.

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 vacci-

nated, sprayed 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 welcomed. For more information, call 386-6938 or visit www.thecatmeowlascruces.com.

Shelter asks for donations

Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley is in need of dog crates and treats as well as collars, leashes, towels and igloos. Donations can be dropped off from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, call 382-0018.

Healthy Happenings



BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP

Mama's Milk Club Breastfeeding Support Group meets 10 to 11:30 a.m. every Friday at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex, Piñon A meeting room. Refreshments are provided. There is no charge for attending.

For more information, call 521-5393.

GOLDEN MESA EXERCISE CLASSES

Golden Mesa, 151 N. Roadrunner Parkway, offers different levels of exercise. On Mondays, Ball-er-cise, concentrates on resistance exercises using inflatable balls and mylar strings. On Tuesdays, there are chair exercises and other invigorating exercises. Wednesday class is Tai Chi, a somewhat slower exercise regime, which helps to stretch muscles. Thursday

classes include chair exercises and some standing, more strenuous routines, as well as pool walking, held in Golden Mesa's heated pool, for those who need to start at a slower pace and work up to a more strenuous exercise program. Friday features water aerobic classes, including polo and volleyball.

All classes are open to the public.

For more information, including class times, call 522-4219 and ask for Cheri.

SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES

A self-defense training program developed for women of all ages and abilities is offered at the Doña Ana Community College Work Center, 2345 E. Nevada St. The objectives are to enhance one's instincts as a first line of defense and the practice of easy retainable techniques.

Ages 15 and up and those with any limited physical capabilities are welcome. The class is taught by Albert Ortiz, a retired federal agent with 27 years experience.

His duties included teaching at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center located in Brunswick, Ga.

For more information, call 520-307-4631.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Parkinson's Disease Support Group of Southern New Mexico meets the third Tuesday of the month at MountainView Senior Circle, 3948 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call Sarah Stegall at 496-2550.

SEXUAL COMPULSIVES ANONYMOUS

Sexual compulsives anonymous is a 12-step fellowship of men and

women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other, that they may solve their common problem and help one another recover from sexual compulsive behaviors and activities. We release our addictions to internet porn, unhealthy addictive relationships and anyone or anything that keeps us from healthy, loving relationships.

The program meets 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays, at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor Blvd. (behind the large T-Mobile sign). For more information, call 526-9535 and leave a message.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

If you drink, that's your business. If you want to stop drinking and can't, that's ours. For more information, call 527-1803.

BRAIN INJURY GROUP MEETS

The Brain Injury Group meets 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Friday at the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority, 926 S. San Pedro St. Each meeting features games, movies, artwork, music, books, puzzles, coffee and conversation.

For more information, call Dolores Garcia at 805-1301.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETS

The Southern New Mexico Bereaved Par-

ents Support Group meets 2:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Mesilla Valley Hospice, 410 Foster Road, in the Grief Center. Parents, grandparents and siblings are invited.

For more information, call Anna Cook at 527-1193.

CANCER CARE SUPPORT GROUP

A Cancer Care support group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month

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Department reports increase in gastrointestinal illness

The New Mexico Department of Health has seen an increase in clusters of gastrointestinal illness. Over the past couple of weeks, there has been increased activity seen in Bernalillo County, particularly in schools. Investigations so far suggest that the illnesses may be caused by norovirus.

Norovirus is highly contagious and causes more than 21 million cases of acute gastroenteritis in the U.S. each year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) notes that norovirus is the most common cause of acute gastrointestinal illness and foodborne-related illness in the U.S. The Department of Health recommends that everyone take precautions, especially around the very young, elderly and immunocompromised, who are at risk for more serious illness due to norovirus infection. The Department does not track individual cases of norovirus.

Noroviruses cause inflammation of the stomach and intestines. They are often mistakenly referred to as the "stomach flu." Common symptoms of norovirus infection include vomiting, diarrhea and stomach cramping. Less common symptoms can

include low-grade fever or chills, headache and muscle aches. Symptoms usually begin one or two days after exposure to the virus.

The virus spreads primarily through close contact with infected people, such as caring for someone who is ill. It can also spread through contaminated food, water and hard surfaces. The best ways to reduce the risk of norovirus infection are through proper hand washing, safe food handling and good hygiene.

"Washing your hands is one of the best ways to protect yourself from viruses that are circulating," said Department of Health Cabinet Secretary Retta Ward, MPH. "If you have norovirus infection, stay home to avoid passing it on to others and keep away from people in hospitals and long-term care facilities."

Most people recover in one or two days and have no long-term health effects. People with norovirus should drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration, which can be a concern in the very young, the elderly or people with weakened immune systems.

To decrease the risk of getting a norovirus infec-

tion, the department recommends that you:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds
- After using the bathroom
- After changing diapers
- Before preparing foods
- Before eating
- Wash your hands more often when someone in your household is sick
- Clean and disinfect surfaces with a household bleach solution immediately after vomiting or diarrheal accidents

People working in healthcare, food service, day care or schools who become ill should remain at home for a minimum of 48 to 72 hours following the last vomiting or diarrheal episode.

Noroviruses are found in the stool (feces) or vomit of infected people. From there, noroviruses can be transferred to food, water or surfaces by the hands of infected people who have not washed adequately after using the bathroom. For more information, visit <http://nmhealth.org/about/erd/ideb/noro/>.

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at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Cancer survivors, those currently being treated and anyone in the community whose life has been touched by cancer are invited.

For more information, call 524-3994 or 522-3261.

GRANDPARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

A Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group is held from 10 a.m. to noon the second Tuesday of the month at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Grandparents raising grandchildren on a full-time basis are invited to join.

For more information, call 528-3301.

LUNCHTIME YOGA

Beginners and experienced alike are invited to a 45-minute yoga class, followed by lunch from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at Downtown Desert Yoga, 303 S. Alameda Blvd.

For more information, call 647-9642.

NEEDLE EXCHANGE AVAILABLE

The Families & Youth Inc. Needle Exchange Program, 1190 Foster Road, seeks to reduce HIV and hepatitis C by decreasing the circulation of unclean syringes and provides free information on services.

The office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The ser-

vice is confidential and no appointments are needed.

For more information, call 556-1622.

CROSSROADS CLASSES

Crossroads Accupuncture, 130 S. Main St., announces new classes: Gentle Chair Yoga from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays, and Yoga En Español (bilingual English and Spanish) from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

For more information, call 312-6569.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of those individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from a compulsive relationship with food.

Meetings take place at the following times and locations: noon Wednesdays in the library of St. James Episcopal Church, 1102 St. James Ave.; and 9:30 a.m. Saturdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave.

For more information, call 571-7864.

MINDFULNESS-BASED STRESS REDUCTION CLASS

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) class will be held in the spring of 2016 at Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 Montana Ave.

The eight-week course includes seven two-hour evening classes and one all-day Saturday workshop.

The course will be taught by nurse Gerri January. \$21 fee is for materials only.

For information or to sign up, contact

Gerri January at gerrijanuary@gmail.com.

FREE WELL BEING WORKSHOPS

Well Being Wednesday will be held at 10:15 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Well Being Room at the Good Samaritan Social Center Building, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Each free workshop lasts about an hour.

Topics of discussion will focus on the six areas of the Well Being Wheel, which include: physical; emotional; social; occupational; intellectual; and spiritual health.

For more information, contact 556-2179 or prodgers@good-sam.com.

SUICIDE SURVIVORS GROUP MEETS

Suicide Survivors, a free, peer-led group, is open to any adult survivor of suicide.

Facilitated by the Southern New Mexico Suicide Prevention and Survivor Support Coalition, the group meets from 4:30 to 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of the month at the Center for Grief Services, 209 E. Montana Ave.

For more information, call 635-6265 or email margaret.short@lpnt.net.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Breast Cancer Support Group of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. every fourth Saturday of the month at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex Building.

Monthly programs vary, with information related to breast cancer and the pursuit of wellness.

No registration is required. Meetings are free and are open to all who have been touched by breast cancer.

For more information, call 524-4373.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program designed to help those struggling with hurts, habits and hang-ups.

Examples include dependency on alcohol or drugs, pornography, low self-esteem, need to control, depression, anger, co-dependency, fear of rejection, fear of abandonment, perfectionism, broken relationships and abuse. CR maintains strict confidentiality, which promotes an atmosphere of trust and enables recovery.

Monday meetings begin at 6 p.m. at Mesilla Park Community Church, 3101 S. Main St. For more information, call Don at 650-1625.

Friday meetings begin at 6 p.m. at First Evangelical Free Church, 1435 Pecos St. For more information, call Steve at 639-3550.

For more information on the program, visit www.celebraterecovery.com.

LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

The Low Vision Support Group meets 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

For more information, call 528-3000.