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New AD is former Ag

By **Marissa Bond**
Las Cruces Bulletin

At a press conference on Monday, Nov. 24, New Mexico State University President Garrey Carruthers announced Mario Moccia as the new athletics director (AD) for NMSU.

"I will tell you the important part," Carruthers said. "He is an Aggie."

Moccia will take over NMSU's Athletics Department, effective Jan. 5, 2015.

Moccia got his bachelor's degree in psychology from NMSU and was named the most valuable player on the Aggies baseball team for the 1988 and 1989 seasons. After graduation, he was drafted by the Detroit Tigers for whom he played minor league baseball for two years. In 1998, he was inducted into the NMSU Hall of Fame.



MOCCIA

"It's always important to hire Aggies, and I do that with reckless abandon," said Carruthers. "But that's not the primary condition. In all of his interviews he seemed to stand out a little bit, in terms of visibility to go out into the community and to raise funds and to advance the brand of athletics. ... I think being an Aggie kind of connects you with Aggies. So he'll have a better time with our alumni base than perhaps someone else. But that's not going to get the job done, he's

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HEAD OVER HEELS



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE

Kayla Jones dazzles the audience with a burlesque rendition during the eighth annual High Heels for High Hopes "Viva Las Vegas" style show Friday, Nov. 21, at the Las Cruces Convention Center. The event raises funds for March of Dimes. For more photos see page C10.

Thanksgiving's charitable giving

By **Todd G. Dickson**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Just as businesses depend on Black Friday shopping, nonprofit charitable organizations usually see a boost in donations between Thanksgiving and Christmas, perhaps prompted from feelings of guilt about the abundance of food and indulgence of gifts.

Although organizations such as El Caldito Soup Kitchen can use volunteers and donations year-round, the organization won't turn away such holiday season-inspired giving, said Donna Woods, a longtime volunteer with El Caldito.

While the soup kitchen has an abundance of volunteers for the heavy crowds for its Thanksgiving dinner, perhaps people can pick up food items to donate

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Mayor dials back wage exemptions

By **Todd G. Dickson**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In the Las Cruces City Council work session Monday, Nov. 24, Mayor Ken Miyagishima said he was fine with leaving out federal exemptions to the city's new minimum wage ordinance if that's what the other councillors want.

The work session precedes the regular City Council meeting Monday, Dec. 1, which will include acting on a resolution adding federal exemptions to its new minimum wage law that begins Jan. 1, 2015.

In addition to exempting businesses that make less than \$500,000 a year, the federal exemptions include: motion

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Panel OKs Gila River diversion project

Opponents of the controversial Gila River dam and diversion project call on Gov. Susana Martinez to stop it.



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Georges Duboeuf reports: "2014 is a very good year...it may even be a great one. In the nose the wine is bursting with red berries which gradually drop into notes of blueberry and black currant. In the mouth it expresses itself equally magnificently. The wine is harmonious, tender, rounded and delicious, displaying a truly superb balance of flavors, grape varietal: Gamay.



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NMSU prof: Shopping season should be merrier

By **Amanda Bradford**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Retailers could be jingling all the way to the bank this holiday season thanks in part to improved employment numbers and lower gas prices, according to a New Mexico State University researcher.



HUHMANN

"I expect a solid holiday sales season this year," said Bruce Huhmann, an associate professor of marketing in NMSU's College of Business.

Huhmann's forecast this year for New Mexico is a 2.7 percent increase over 2013 holiday sales.

Nationally, he predicts a 3.9 percent increase for fourth-quarter retail sales, following increases of 3.5 percent in 2013, 3 percent in 2012 and 4 percent in 2011.

Since 2005, Black Friday has been the biggest shopping day of the year.

During the long weekend after Thanksgiving Day, retail-

ers typically ring up 9 to 10 percent of annual retail sales, Huhmann said.

"The ever-earlier start of holiday shopping, or 'holiday creep,' is approaching a tipping point," Huhmann said.

ShopperTrak, a Chicago market-research company, expects Thanksgiving Day will replace Black Friday in 2014 as the biggest shopping day. This switch is occurring because more stores are opening earlier on Thanksgiving Day.

He said the busiest shopping days of this year should be Thanksgiving Day, Black Friday, Cyber Monday and the weekend before Christmas.

"Holiday sales are important to retailers, as they produce one-third of annual retail industry profits," Huhmann said.

"More than one-fourth of all retail sales occur from October through December. For some retailers, sales during these three months are 40 percent or more of annual sales."

Huhmann said his sales forecast is slightly lower than other industry projections, which range from 4 to 4.5 percent.

The National Retail Federation, the world's largest retail trade association, projects \$616.9 billion in November and December sales – a 4.1 percent increase.

PricewaterhouseCoopers, however, estimates the average U.S. household will spend \$684 on the holidays in 2014, down roughly 7 percent from \$735 last Christmas.

Since the Great Recession, consumers have become more promotion-oriented, Huhmann said.

Although wages are creeping upward and the economy has improved slowly since the 2008-09 crash, consumers have grown more confident, and are buying more cars and other durable goods.

That trend, though, is cresting, he said.

Reports from several indexes of consumer confidence, outlook assessment and future expectations show that consumers have an increasingly optimistic outlook, which Huhmann said will boost holiday spending.

Labor demand continues to increase nationally, with the

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BRUCE HUHMANN

New Mexico State University business professor

national unemployment rate down to 5.9 percent in September 2014, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, compared to 7.2 percent one year earlier.

New Mexico's labor demand remained largely unchanged during the past year, and the state's unemployment rate of 6.6 percent is higher than the national rate – Huhmann expects this will lead to lower holiday retail sales for local compared to national merchants.

Lower fuel prices should have a positive impact on spending this season.

Huhmann said a good rule of thumb is that every one-cent decline in gas prices leads to a \$2-per-person increase in total consumer spending and a \$4-per-person increase in disposable income for the holiday season.

"On average, gasoline prices are 7 percent lower than last year," he said, "which should boost holiday retail purchases, especially by middle- and low-income consumers."

While online shopping continues to grow, Huhmann said more than 87 percent of sales still take place in brick-and-mortar stores.

City reopens Munson Center

The Munson Center is open once again.

A nearly \$900,000 renovation project kept the Las Cruces senior center located at 975 S. Mesquite St. closed since Aug. 30. The doors reopened Monday, Nov 17.

Senior Centers Manager Sally Schutte said that activities have started back up at the location.

The City of Las Cruces originally closed the property for upgrades and expansion of the nearly 40-year-old senior center, with most of its services being temporarily relocated to other centers.

The main objective of the work was to install an improved – and safer – heating,

ventilation and air conditioning system.

Last year, the Munson Center was shut down after high levels of carbon monoxide were found in the building. The cause was the center's antiquated boiler system.

"We put in a new HVAC (heating, ventilating, air conditioning) system," Munson Center Administrator Sonia Saldana said.

Schutte reports a variety of arts-and-crafts and fitness classes have begun at the Munson Center. There are also support groups and games groups that meet at the center.

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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Think and be thankful

I don't mean to put a damper on anyone's holiday time, but my goal is to seek a positive light. Earlier this year, in a three-month stretch, three people I know took their own lives.

One was a friend, one a warm acquaintance and one I only met once, but we had a long and interesting conversation.

I remember that conversation well. It was a discussion about Lubbock, Texas. My sister lived there for a time, and I related how the flatness of the terrain there – especially after you've lived around mountains for a time – can cause you to lose your bearings without a reference point.

"I kept finding myself on the right road, but going in the wrong direction," I said.

He seized not on the literal, but the philosophical meaning of that line. It took the discussion in an unexpected direction.

Often, people come into our lives with no notice and little apparent rhyme or reason. Later, sometimes, you see an impact disproportionate to the time you spent with them. That conversation was one of those times.

It's a powerful thing, the taking of one's life. No matter how happy or troubled you are, there's probably been a time or two you've pondered the prospect of suicide, most likely in a wildly distant, hypothetical what-if scenario.

However, most of us can turn off that switch and return to our interests and responsibilities. Others cannot. Nearly 800,000 people in the United States attempt suicide each year. About 1 in 20 are successful.

Statistics reveal – as many as 90 percent – of victims suffer from mental health issues or substance abuse. People who might be likely victims of suicide become good at hiding the signs. Friends and family members sometimes say, "We had no idea." Such is the stigma of mental disorders.

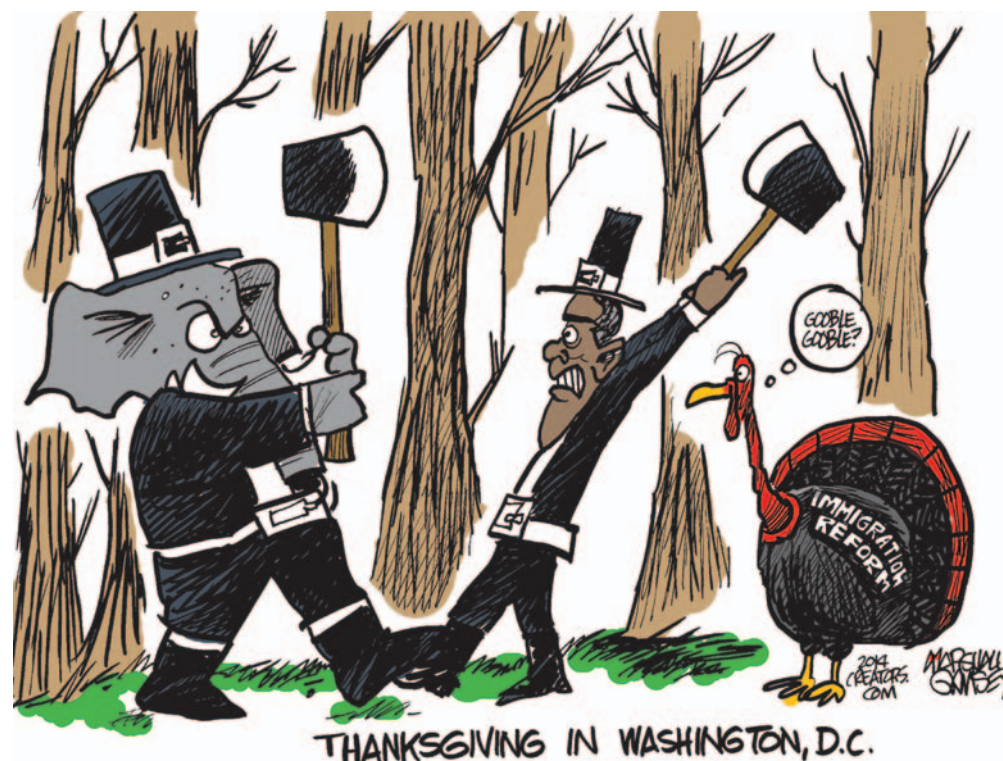
In recent years, Americans have become more aware of the effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder on returning military members. The suicide of beloved comedian Robin Williams also briefly shed light on the profound pain faced by many with mental disorders. Awareness may break down some of the stigma, but it clearly remains.

Family and friends left behind by suicide inevitably feel guilty, but there's only so much we can do. What we can do is listen, care, be there and help people feel comfortable about seeking clinical help.

While many work to hide signs, many reveal them as well. And no person's discussion about killing himself should be shrugged off.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, December has the nation's lowest suicide rate. That doesn't mean, however, people are not considering it and doing it.

The holiday season does mean we're more likely to see friends and loved ones. Take advantage of that to really spend time with them. Maybe forget rushing back to the store to fight the crowds for the forgotten nutmeg for that 1/8 tablespoon required in Aunt Victoria's secret recipe. Maybe spend a little more time talking with and listening to Aunt Victoria. Or your brother. Or your sister. Or your mother, your father, your spouse, your child, your friends.



Letters to the editor

Higher minimum wage improves the economy

The premise of Michael Swickard's column against the minimum wage is that it does nothing for the unemployed, and would in fact make it "even harder to get a job."

The data tell a different story. Since the end of 2013, 13 states have raised their minimum wage. According to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 12 of those states are seeing employment growth (the exception is New Jersey). Furthermore, the average growth in states that raised their minimum wage is higher than the average in states that did not.

While we should not leap to any conclusions from this data, since there are a number of factors affecting employment rates from state to state, it

is sufficient to invite us to reconsider our ideological commitments and, perhaps, mythical beliefs about macroeconomics. It certainly questions the theory that minimum wage increases are job-killers.

Algernon D'Amassa

Government should not set minimum wage

The correct minimum wage is \$0, zero. Why do the bleeding heart liberals feel that the government can decide what a proper wage is when in a capitalist system the marketplace sets the price based on value?

The conflict we face is a direct result of an educational system that fails to teach how our own form of economics works.

Rob Wood

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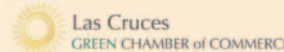
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If businesses don't want to come, nobody's gonna stop 'em

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



"If people don't want to come out to the ball park, nobody's gonna stop 'em."

Yogi Berra

Likewise, if businesses don't want to come to New Mexico, nobody's gonna stop 'em. This Thanksgiving we pause to count our blessings. Many of us have many blessings to count. But some New Mexicans are not as fortunate because New Mexico is not a business-friendly state. Many New Mexicans are long-term unemployed.

New Mexico is government-friendly. The number of government jobs is amazing. However, the private sector is not as blessed. While we say our blessings and wipe the butter from our lips at our Thanksgiving dinner, we must confront the part of New Mexico that needs help: private businesses.

Those of us in business are aware of

anti-business attitudes, but most New Mexicans refuse to see these actions as harmful. Business unfriendly means the government – state, county and local – makes it harder to conduct business in New Mexico than it needs to be.

Often government makes it harder to do business in New Mexico than in competing states. We rarely know about businesses that thought about moving their operation to New Mexico but upon investigation decided to move to a different state. It would seem lots of businesses are not coming.

Part of the problem is governance, which makes things harder on businesses than need be. There are inspectors who can dispirit businesses with overdoing regulations and enforcement.

And part of the problem in New Mexico is finding a professional work force ready, willing and able to work for a new business.

Both Albuquerque and Santa Fe have higher minimum wages, which is a barrier to a first job by young people.

There are many young people who are in their 20s and still have not had a first job. Employers want workers with a work history to predict how they will work.

Additionally, many benefit programs provide more resources than working, so some people who might be available to work are disinclined by the comparison of work to benefits. The longer New Mexicans are able to go without a job, the less likely it is they will find a job.

We do not know the names of the people who did not move to our little slice of heaven. We are a people that can and do shift to places we like better. Some states attract businesses while others do not.

On my radio talk show years ago I asked a man what brought him to my hometown. He smiled, "I lived in Michigan. It snowed 100 days in a row and I snapped. I tied a snow shovel to the roof of my car and drove south and west until I got to a place where someone asked, 'Hey Buddy, what is that thing?' I've lived in Las Cruces ever since."

So the number one reason to live in

New Mexico, as compared to other states, perhaps is the weather. We cannot harvest that bounty of people sick-to-death of snow unless our state becomes business friendly. Let our government in New Mexico not make it worse to be in New Mexico than in a comparison state. And let us get our young people ready for jobs by getting them jobs while they are teenagers.

I give thanks this Thanksgiving for my life, my friends and family and my state. It could be vastly more business friendly, but we have to insist. We also must stamp out the crony corruption. It is not easy.

No one has to move their business to New Mexico, but we can adjust our government to make New Mexico more inviting. More businesses sick of snow can move here and hire our citizens. And next Thanksgiving more New Mexicans can be thankful for their jobs and improved standard of living.

Michael Swickard may be contacted at michael@swickard.com.

Official offers some reflections on the 2014 general election

By **Scott Krahling**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

As Doña Ana County's chief deputy clerk, I want you to know that democracy is strong in Doña Ana County.

Many will look at the small turnout in the 2014 general election and think the opposite, but I have reasons to think otherwise.

While I wish every qualified voter had shown up, we should keep in mind that more than 40,000 did. Those voters were treated well, most had short wait times and all of them can rest assured that their votes counted.

Our poll workers are asked to be the gatekeepers of democracy twice every two years, and they exceed expectations every time. This job requires almost 16 hours of continuous work on Election Day, as well as mandatory training in advance of the big day. It is a demanding job and we are always improving, but it amazes me how consistently well our poll workers do, considering the conditions and challenges they face.

The paid Bureau of Elections staff ensures

democracy is strong through training and implementing good plans. They help new citizens register at every naturalization ceremony. They make voter registration available at most major community events, and they organize other events to encourage active citizenship. When election time comes around, our team is trained to solve problems, answer questions and help qualified residents vote.

We also benefit from the commitment of the rest of county government. For instance, the Doña Ana County IT department stays up late to post live results to the website as they become available. In fact, every department

contributes in one way or another. Overall, your elections wouldn't be as successful if those in county government were not collectively committed to fair elections with trustworthy results.

The county also helps us by providing some polling locations, but the vast majority of polling locations are provided by the school districts. Schools go out of their ways to make accommodations for voters. The custodians are always willing to interrupt their regular schedules and extend their hours to help.

All this creates the conditions for you being able to exercise your right to vote. While all of you don't show up, those who

do should be proud to be involved in being architects of our future. Everyone else should know that voting is a positive experience.

Democracy is strong in Doña Ana County and I think the winners of each contest have an opportunity to make it stronger.

Voter turnout is low, and many people are skeptical of our leaders and politics in general. I believe that will change if our leaders cooperate with each other and develop respectful relationships as they debate and disagree. That is how we find creative solutions and inspire


confidence in the system. I know this can happen, because I've watched the leaders in Doña Ana County up close. It is within their capacity to inspire us, and it is within our capacity to allow ourselves to be inspired.

Scott Krahling is Doña Ana County's Bureau of Elections supervisor.

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“jump-starting ultrasound training” in Vietnam.

Director of DMS, Darla Mathew and assistant professor Faith Hutson spent two weeks in 2010 and 2011 educating doctors and other medical personnel in

Vietnam. Mathew's blog of the experience was featured this month and last in the Pegasus Lectures Website www.pegasuslectures.com/blog.

Ho Chi Minh City has 9 million people but had no formal training for

doctors using ultrasound to assess the condition of a mother and fetus. A doctor who worked with Mathew and Hutson found it astounding that KFC, McDonalds and Starbucks were thriving in the city while advanced medical education in ultrasound training standards languished. His hope is the medical personnel in that city will embrace academic training in ultrasound with the same fervor that they embraced food from KFC and McDonalds.

The 2010 trip resulted in an effort to begin training programs so that doctors could complete course work in order to perform ultrasound examinations with U.S. standards and qualify to earn internationally recognized credentials in obstetrical ultrasound. According to Mathew's blog: “Upon our arrival and during our stay, the hospitality of the medical staff and physicians was outstanding. However, my personal emotions

swung wildly in an attempt to reconcile the depth of gratitude for the learned knowledge that we had to offer against the desperate needs of the population.

“Teach me more, please” was the overriding spirit. The fervor for learning sonography among the attendees was stirring.”

The two DACC instructors led intense learning sessions consisting of four hour lectures in the morning followed by afternoon demonstrations on performing ultrasound testing over a period of two weeks.

Mathew and Hutson were invited back again in 2011 to further train medical personnel and assess the progress of efforts from the previous year and subsequent training. Prior to their trip, they learned that the International Foundation for Education and Research supported the assessment of the physicians and would provide a certificate of recognition for successful

completion of course work and a demonstration of proficiency in obstetrics (OB) ultrasound skills.

According to Mathew's blog, the 2011 trip included expanded training. “The training schedule this time included lectures in first trimester, gynaecology and more ultrasound physics. All eight of the physicians who presented themselves for direct observation were able to demonstrate appropriate scanning skills in OB ultrasound and were awarded a certificate of achievement.”

By providing instruction, Mathew and Hutson have made a difference in Vietnam, even as they make a difference in their students' professional lives at DACC. The DACC DMS program offers both a certificate and an associate degree in DMS.

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Letters to the editor

Minimum wage opponent stuck in time

Dan Schneider, your opinion in the Bulletin on Nov. 21 doesn't fit reality. "Practically speaking," your basic points on minimum wage issues are so 1932. Same words. Guess what? The USA – and the minimum wage – are still here.

Your second paragraph? Comunidades en Acción y de Fé (CAFé) never said that "... people of faith must support a \$10.10 minimum wage." CAFé proposed a legal ballot initiative under Article VIII of the City Charter. It was approved, offered and the people came out. Must be an issue here, no?

As for the MIT study you cite, the \$8.12 wage refers to one adult. Less than 30 percent of Cruces' low-wage workers are such. Most are families, many with children. A living wage, depending on family size, is three times \$8.12 and higher. Yes, see the MIT study.

By the way, your last paragraph is nonsense. CAFé has usurped nothing. CAFé encouraged people to use the democratic process laid out in the charter. CAFé staff and the hundreds of volunteers who collected signatures are all citizens and Las Cruces residents. Now, resolution is with the City Council. CAFé is not dangerous. I'm happy our citizens have a right to speak out. There is more to this story than the business viewpoint.

Jerry Nachison

Bad math?

In his editorial, "Doing the Real World Business Math" Nov. 14, Bulletin Publisher Richard Coltharp makes an effort to support the local business community's desire to undermine the minimum wage ordinance going into effect on Jan. 1, 2015. It strikes me as a particularly ambivalent effort.

Truth be told, even though I support the new ordinance as passed, that is, raising the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour over three years, I could make a far better argument against that plan.

His arguments are weak and simplistic. And I believe his math is wrong, too. When I multiply 12,480 hours (six full-time employees for one year, using Coltharp's figure) by \$0.50, I get a payroll increase of \$6,240 for Councillor Miguel Silva's plan, not \$3,120 as Coltharp reports. Compare this to the \$11,232 increase of the CAFé plan and the difference between the two is only \$4,992 rather than the "about \$8,000 with the bigger increase." The correct figure negates Coltharp's subsequent argument about the impact on profitability. Further, Coltharp neglects to mention the tax implications of the increased wages. Profitability is not simply reduced by the full amount paid out. There is always creative accounting (the legal type, of course).

Then we have the strained assertion

that the 2,257 certified signatures on the CAFé initiative represent the percentage of Las Cruces who were interested in voting for the initiative. It is really a non-argument, since I suspect nearly everyone believes that, had the initiative been on the ballot, it would have passed easily.

Max Mastellone

Who is really being unethical?

For two weeks now, New Mexicans for a Better Tomorrow has been calling me up and asking me the same question: "If you knew a City Council member was playing unethical games at your expense, would you be willing to sign a petition to have them removed from office?"

Now that's a leading question if I've ever heard one. Yes, and I'm on their side, but I don't know who the Better Tomorrow people are, where or who they're talking about. Nor do I condone unethical games.

After about the third call, I decided to try to find out what they're talking about. What town? Las Cruces. Which council member? None of them in particular. Is this a theoretical question? Yes. This just doesn't make a whole lot of sense.

Might as well call people up and ask them if they want to get rid of unethical anybody. So to the Better Tomorrow people: Be open and state your case. And, please, take me off your call list.

Sandra Lantz

Recall effort is misguided

This foolhardy campaign by a group calling themselves New Mexicans For A Better Tomorrow to recall Las Cruces City Councillor Nathan Small, among others, is a typical political exercise of looking down the narrow end of the funnel.

I am 85 years old and Small is the city councillor for my district. In all my years, I have never been represented by a more capable and honest man with utmost integrity.

The attempt at recall led by Jeffrey Isbell does not in any manner serve the best interests of this community, and should be disregarded as another petty Republican ploy for power that would cheat the community of first-rate, honest representation.

How does Congressman Steve Pearce fit in with this group? He represents the eastern New Mexico oil interests that are constantly attempting to invade Doña Ana County. We need Small to make sure this does not happen or we will all be "fracked."

John Duncklee

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE



Hirin' a cowboy

There's an old saying that "A cowboy is born, not made." However, I'd like to propose that if you're hirin' a cowboy to help you take care of your stock, you might look twice.

You can't necessarily assume that because he's got a black hat and is broke, that he's a cowboy. He might need a little educatin' to your way of doin' things. Even a team roper can be taught to check cattle.

If you're hirin' him to ride pens in the feedlot explain to him the rules: He'll have to take Thursday as his day off; no ropes or dogs in the yard. He's expected to help process, he'll have to ride either the oldest horse or the youngest colt on the place and he'll have to furnish his own saddle, but the company's not responsible for damage or theft.

Then fill him in on the advantages of workin' for you. Tell him he can have every holiday off that falls on Thursday. Housing is furnished; a cozy little 10-foot-wide trailer house behind the barn. He'll get to share it with three other cowboys and an "exchange student" from Chihuahua. He'll get excellent medical and life insurance once he's worked for the outfit 18 months and, he'll gain experience.

Once you get him hired and have given him a \$200 advance on his salary, put him with one of the cowboys that knows what he's doin'. Your good cowboy'll soon know

whether the new man's got an eye for sick cattle.

If he's green but has potential, you're better off puttin' a little time into him. He might stay through the summer, who knows? But how do you teach a man to look at cattle? Mostly by trial and error. It's an art that's hard to put in books. Ridin' with somebody who knows for a couple weeks is good practice. Having the new man follow his pulls through the hospital helps. If the manager or cattle foreman or veterinarian will stop occasionally over his first couple months and visit him, he'll learn.

Answer his questions. More important, ask him questions about his cattle and their problems. Don't climb on his back when he's not quite sure what he's doin'. Give him a little slack and help him learn.

I'll also put in a plug for educational meetings on animal health. It's nice to send your top people to these meetings, but don't forget to send those who need it most – the cowboys.

Tom Hall told me one time when I was fumin' at a new hand for missin' some sick ones, "Remember," he said, "There's two things a cowboy don't know anything about; one of 'em's a cow and the other's a horse!"

Baxter Black can be contacted through his website, www.baxterblack.com.

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Councillor Olga Pedroza said she would prefer to have no exemptions. She said she was concerned with the disabled employee exemption because it opens up the possibility of worker exploitation.

Pedroza said she the council could see if there are problems by the next increase at the start of 2016. The new law raises

the minimum wage from \$7.50 an hour to \$8.40 in 2015, \$9.20 in 2016 and \$10.10 in 2017.

Councillor Ceil Levatino said she was very opposed to removing the exemptions and would prefer to add a few more. Levatino said she was taken aback by Pedroza's suggestion to wait until 2016 to consider adding exemptions later if there are problems. She questioned how the council would be able to determine what those prob-

lems are if businesses simply shut their doors or cut back in hiring.

"This is absolutely no way to govern," Levatino said.

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith said he would like a verification of the number of businesses in the city that make less than \$500,000 a year.

"To me, that would be a significant question, if we could have some sense of is this 25 percent of all businesses, is this 50 percent of our local businesses?" Smith said. "Is this 75 percent of our local businesses?"

The mayor questioned the city's ability to determine how much a business makes. As for contesting a business not paying its employees the minimum wage, an employee would have to sue to resolve the issue, Miyagishima said.

Councillor Miguel Silva said these kinds of concerns are why he preferred the city adopt an entire list of existing exemptions – either the fed-

eral list or the list of exemptions to the state minimum wage law.

Miyagishima acknowledged this was a very challenging issue because the city has never tried to set its own minimum wage before.

Sarah Nolan, executive director of Comunidades en Acción y de Fé (CAFÉ) said her organization – which drafted the \$10.10 an hour ordinance – opposes using the state list.

"We believe that the state exemptions are a little bit excessive," she said.

Nolan said the current ordinance already has exemptions for those working for government entities (except for those working for the City of Las Cruces), employees related by blood or marriage to the business owner, nonprofits that hire workers through Medicaid waivers, nonprofits offering apprenticeships and interns and those working as part of court-ordered community service.

The possibility of people with developmental disabilities being exempt prompted parent Edan Luschei to tell the council such an exemption could result in her son – who works for the city's library – making a higher minimum wage than her daughter, who is developmentally disabled and already loses Supplemental Security Income to whatever money she makes in her part-time job.

Another resident, Alphonso Archuleta, said his auto mechanics are paid based on the number of vehicles they work on. If he were to pay them minimum wage instead, his business would actually end up making more profit and the mechanics less money, he said. Archuleta said he knows of some work in the construction industry also based on quantity of work completed instead of hours spent.

Todd G. Dickson may be reached at 680-1983 or todd@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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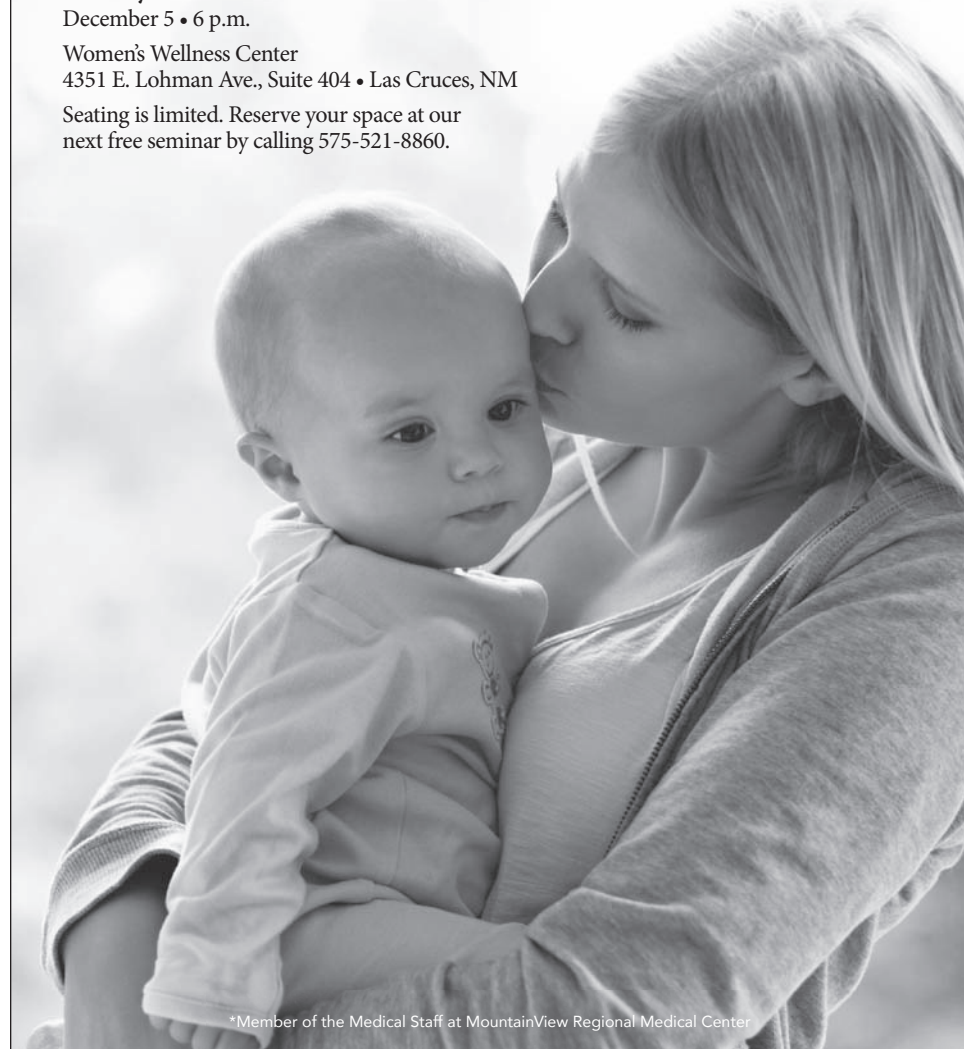

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Twins return to prepare dinners



Adriana and Annette Enriquez chop celery for turkey stuffing in El Caldito's kitchen for last year's Thanksgiving dinners at the soup kitchen. The twins return this year to prep for Sharon McKee, who is again making all the dressing for this year's Thanksgiving turkeys.

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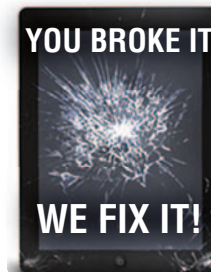
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Sobriety checkpoints

The Las Cruces Police Department will hold at least two sobriety checkpoints and two saturation patrols during the month of November.

Sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols are intended to reduce and eliminate the number of motorists who drive while intoxicated.

Police will also conduct additional traffic safety activities in November including two Operation Buckle Down seat belt enforcements and at least one operation in support of the city's cell phone ordinance. It is illegal to operate or manipulate an electronic device, such as a cell phone, within city limits unless doing so is completely hands-free.

Las Cruces Police encourage those who plan on consuming alcoholic beverages to use a sober designated driver.

Anyone who needs a safe ride home on Fridays, Saturdays or holidays between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 3 a.m. can take advantage of Project Home, sponsored by Doña Ana County and Las Cruces Shuttle and Taxi. One or two people can receive a \$5 taxi ride home from anywhere within Doña Ana County. For up to four people the fee is \$10. Grant funding pays the balance of transportation charges.

For Project Home taxi service call 524-TAXI (8244).

Stitchers to gather

Las Cruces Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, a national organization of stitchers, meets twice a month at the Village at Northrise, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Hallmark Building.

Meetings are held at 1 p.m. the second Saturday and fourth Wednesday of each month.

Anyone who enjoys cross stitch, needlepoint, crewel and more is welcome to attend.

For more information, call 522-4684.

Bingo event

The United Military Women of the SouthWest (UMWSW) will hold its third annual Bingo Saturday, Dec. 6, at the St. Genevieve's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 100 S. Espina St.

The doors open at 1 p.m. and the game starts at 5 p.m.

In an effort to collect Christmas toys, those who purchase ticket(s) will get five extra door prize tickets for each unwrapped toy they bring.

Door prizes include a 19-inch TV. Food will be available.

For tickets call UMWSW at 639-1265 or go to SOB's Antiques at 928 W. Picacho Ave. Tickets are \$25 each.

Downtown Plaza design open house

The Las Cruces Community Partners and PlaceMakers, in cooperation with the City of Las Cruces Community Development Department, will host a design open house for the Downtown plaza from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday,

Dec. 6, at the Community Enterprise Center, 125 N. Main St.

City councillor meetings provide opportunity for residents to give input

Residents throughout Las Cruces will have a chance to discuss issues with their city councillors during meetings held in their respective districts in December.

"This is a really good opportunity for residents in these city council districts to interact with their representatives and discuss current issues," said Jamey Rickman, community liaison for the City of Las Cruces.

By attending these meetings, Las Cruces actively help improve their community, she said.

"There are many ways that people can provide input to the city, but attending the councillors' meetings is a direct approach to hear what your neighbors are saying, identify common interests and to work together as a group with your local representative for solutions," Rickman said.

Anyone who is not sure who their city councillor is should contact Rickman at 541-2192 or email at jrickman@las-cruces.org with a physical address for look-up assistance.

Meetings scheduled include:

District 1 – Councillor Miguel Silva. All meetings are from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., Swartz Room.

- Tuesday, Dec. 2
- Wednesday, Dec. 3
- Thursday, Dec. 4

District 4 – Councillor Nathan Small. These meetings will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the following locations:

- Tuesday, Dec. 2, Railroad Museum,

351 N. Mesilla St.

- Thursday, Dec. 4, Henry Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road.
- Tuesday, Dec. 16, El Caldito Soup Kitchen, 999 W. Amador Ave.
- Thursday, Dec. 18, City Hall, Council Chambers, 700 N. Main St.

District 5 – Councillor Gill Sorg. These meetings will be from 6 to 8 p.m. at the following locations:

- Tuesday, Dec. 2, Mesilla Valley Hospital, 3751 Del Rey Blvd.
- Tuesday, Dec. 9, Sage Café, 6121 Reynolds Drive

Las Cruces Bead Society meeting

The Las Cruces Bead Society will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at Western Traders, 1300 El Paseo Road. For more information, call 527-1470.

Stamp Club meets

The Mesilla Valley Stamp Club will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, in the Roadrunner Room of the Thomas Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The public and stamp collectors are invited to trade, buy or sell stamps. For more information, call 202-1937.

Native American style shaker class

There will be a Native American Style Shaker class Saturday, Dec. 6, at Cactus Flower Gallery and Consignment Shop. You can register at the gallery or call 210-749-1719 to register. There is a limit of 10 people. To cover expenses, the cost for the class is \$10 per gourd. The gallery is located on Mesquite

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Light Up the Desert

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From 5 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, stroll along the Desert Discovery Trail while enjoying hundreds of luminarias. Enjoy a campfire, hot chocolate, and the holiday spirit. Family friendly and free.

The Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park is located northeast of Las Cruces. From Interstate 25 in Las Cruces, head east on Highway 70. Take the Mesa Grande Road exit (at Oñate High School). Make a U-turn under the highway to head west and stay in the right lane. Turn right (north) on Jornada Road. Follow Jornada Road for 6.4 miles and turn left at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park sign. Follow the entrance road to the parking area and trailhead.

The Asombro Institute for Science Education is a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing scientific literacy by fostering an understanding of the Chihuahuan Desert.

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hands-on science education programs for more than 19,000 students throughout southern New Mexico and west Texas each year. Anyone interested in learning more about the Asombro Institute for Science Education, membership and volunteer opportunities can call the Institute office at 524-3334 or visit www.asombro.org

Ornament kid activity

Join us for holiday ornament making from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 13 and 20, at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St.

Drop by anytime and make your choice of ornaments.

Materials will be available for you to make historic- and scientific-themed ornaments and cards. Come put your imagination to work to make something truly special for family or friends. Staff members from the Branigan Cultural Center, the Las Cruces Museum of Art, the Museum of Nature & Science and the Las Cruces Railroad Museum will be on hand to assist with your creations.

Ages 6 and older are welcome, with parental attendance encouraged. A \$1 suggested donation per child at time of class.

For more information, call Joanne at 647-4480.

NARFE chapter meeting

NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association) Chapter 182 will meet at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, in the San Rafael Room of Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Come and enjoy a program of excellent Christmas music by the New Desert Harmony Singers.

All current and retired federal employees are encouraged to attend the meeting and become part of the group. There is a cost of \$12 (cash

only) for the breakfast buffet beginning at 8:45 a.m., and reservations must be made by Tuesday, Dec. 9, by calling Carol Main at 382-7686 or Carol Decker at 522-3033.

Thanksgiving closings

Most Doña Ana County and City of Las Cruces offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27-28, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will be closed. City Hall and most other City of Las Cruces offices will be closed.

City services that will be operating Friday include Frenger pool (lap swim only from 6 to 10 a.m.), Regional Aquatic Center from 8 a.m. to noon, Meerscheidt Recreation Center from 8 a.m. to noon, Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center from 8 a.m. to noon, RoadRUNNER Transit services on a modified schedule from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Trash collection for residential customers will occur on Friday or Saturday.

For Las Cruces Public Schools, the Thanksgiving holiday begins Wednesday, Nov. 26, with classes resuming Monday, Dec. 1. New Mexico State University's weeklong Thanksgiving break began Monday, Nov. 24.

Most state and federal government services resume Friday.

Annual bird census prep

The Mesilla Valley Audubon Society, will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 Main St.

The meeting will focus on the upcoming Christmas Bird Count. If you are interested in joining the count or for more information, call Wayne Treers at 528-8696. More information on MVAS is available at www.new-mexico-birds.com.



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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 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, 2014**.

IMPORTANT

New Mexico Property Tax Code does not allow the County Treasurer to forgive interest and penalty 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 Doña 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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AD,
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going to have to expand his target area dramatically.”

Moccia returns to NMSU from Southern Illinois University, where he has been the athletic director since 2006. Prior to his time with SIU, he worked as senior associate athletic director for Missouri and associate athletic director for external operations for Southwestern Texas University.

Moccia is first vice president of the Minority Opportunities Athletic Association and serves on its Executive Committee. He also was named the Under Armour Athletics Director of the Year in 2013.

Moccia currently serves on the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet. He is the FCS representative for the NCAA's Administration Committee and serves as liaison to Men's Basketball Committee.

“I'm really excited today, not just from a professional standpoint, but from a personal standpoint,” Moccia said. “NMSU is a tremendous institution. It's an insti-



New Mexico State University President Garrey Carruthers shakes the hand of Mario Moccia, who will be NMSU's new athletics director, at a press conference Monday, Nov. 24.

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tution that has a special place in my heart, and it's an institution that has a tremendous amount of potential from an athletics standpoint.”

Moccia said that he knows there's a lot of work to be done, but he plans to operate the athletic program on three core principles – academic integrity, social responsibility and competitive intensity.

“We want to win in everything we do,” he said.

Moccia said his administration will focus on

football and making sure the team has the resources to win.

He also praised basketball as having been the “crown jewel of this institution” and said he looks forward to working with Coach Menzies to make sure NMSU keeps its winning ways in basketball.

Both Carruthers and Moccia praised outgoing AD McKinley Boston.

“I want to thank Dr. Boston for his great 10 years of service to New Mexico State University,”

said Carruthers. “I'd particularly like to highlight the good work he's done in academics and community service and building our athletic programs here.”

As athletic director, Moccia comes ready and eager to be involved.

“There's no job too big or too small for us in the athletic program, but we're going to need help, and I'm going to ask for it, starting today,” he said. “It's time for us to roll up our sleeves and to get to work.”

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while they're doing their Christmas shopping, Woods said. It doesn't always have to be the main course, she said.

For example, El Caldito serves salads every day and, while there is a steady flow of donated produce, the soup kitchen can always use stores of salad dressing. So, if one sees a large container of salad dressing – ranch, Italian and thousand island are the most popular – they can buy one and drop it off at the soup kitchen on the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (MVCH) campus at 999 W. Amador Ave., she said.

“The soup kitchen also goes through a lot of condiments,” she said.

Those large tubs of mustard, mayonnaise, ketchup and relish one often muses about buying at Sam's Club will be put

to good use at the soup kitchen, Woods said.

“If people want to donate, I'd encourage them to try to think outside the box,” she said.

Likewise, maybe comfort donations will help make the season brighter for homeless residents staying at Camp Home, said MVCH Executive Director Nicole Martinez. Of course, donations of tents, tarps and charcoal are useful, but if those are a little too costly, a donation of hot chocolate packets would help bring a little holiday spirit to the residents, she said.

“Something like that can bring a little bit of holiday cheer,” Martinez said.

Similarly, items of clothing, such as socks, can also bring a little more comfort to people living in less than comfortable conditions, she said.

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Pat Bellestri-Martinez of Soledad Canyon Earth Builders cuts open a bag of potatoes during the Las Cruces Home Builders Association Thanksgiving box packing event Tuesday, Nov. 25.

A line of volunteers moves the food items into the LCHBA event hall to be sorted into 420 individual boxes.



Jami Thomas and Ana Mangino include a pumpkin pie in each box. The boxes were later distributed to families from four local elementary schools.

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CrimeStoppers

Jewelry stolen from M. Phillip's Gallery

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that helps identify the man who broke into a local gallery and stole several thousand dollars worth of merchandise.

Las Cruces Police detectives believe that around 4 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, a man broke into M. Phillips Fine Art Gallery at 221 N. Main St., gained access to a display cabinet and stole approximately \$10,000 worth of jewelry.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male with dark hair. He was wearing a white shirt, dark color pants and had a bandanna covering his face. He was also seen carrying a satchel over his shoulder and across his body.

Anyone with information that can help identify the suspect is asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip by text



message to CRIMES (274637), keyword LCTIPS.

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Police offer safety tips for holiday shopping

The Las Cruces Police Department is encouraging holiday shoppers to follow some basic safety tips that can help keep them out of harm's way.

Possibly the most sensible rule doubles as the most enjoyable: Take a friend and travel in pairs, as people are less vulnerable to criminal activity when traveling together.

Additional shopping safety tips include:

- Do not leave personal electronics, valuables or merchandise visible in a vehicle. Conceal those items in a trunk or take them home before continuing to shop.
- Roll up windows and lock doors when leaving vehicle.
- Never leave children or pets alone in a parked vehicle.
- If you take children shopping, keep them within sight and nearby at all times.
- Do not allow young children to shop or walk around stores on their own.
- If possible, avoid placing a purse in a shopping cart. If you do, use the cart's child safety strap to help secure the purse and then keep watch

at all times.

- Carry a purse close to your body or, better yet, avoid taking it and carry a wallet in a front pocket.
- When possible, pay for items with a credit or debit card and avoid having to carry large amounts of cash while shopping.
- Do not overburden yourself by carrying too many bags or packages – especially in darkened or busy parking lots.
- Have automobile keys ready, in your hand, prior to leaving the store.
- If shopping after dark, park in a well-lit area and near the storefront.
- Another good parking option is to park near the shopping cart return "corral" so you can unload merchandise and return the cart without walking across a parking lot.
- Do not hesitate to ask store security for an escort to your vehicle.
- Always be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious activity.
- Tell a friend or family member when and where you're going, and when you're expected to return.

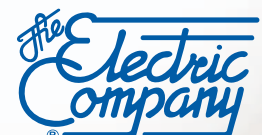
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Citizens' Academy taking apps

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office is taking applications for its next Citizen's Police Academy, which will span eight consecutive Saturdays beginning Jan. 10, 2015. Classes will be held from 8 a.m. to noon at DASO's Las Cruces headquarters at 845 N. Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces.

To date, more than 100 Doña Ana County residents have graduated from the program, which was re-introduced in 2011.

Each Citizen's Academy applicant must be 18 years of age or older to be considered for the program, must be a resident of Doña Ana County, and must have a valid driver's license or photo ID. Because of the sensitive nature of police work, a brief background check will be performed on all applicants.

Academy participants must not have any prior felony convictions and no misdemeanor arrests within the last three years.

The academy takes class members through various divisions of the department in an effort to strengthen community partnerships through



The 2014 Citizens' Academy graduates pose next to DASO's BEAR unit, which is used in standoff situations.

education and awareness. Academy participants are volunteers who wish to learn more about the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office; it is not the cadet academy for those who wish to become certified law-enforcement officers with DASO.

Classes are interactive and give participants hands-on knowledge of how sheriff's deputies are trained to handle real-life situations. Class members will examine traffic enforcement, understand the use of force – including the use of deadly force – observe K-9 demonstrations and presentations by the Special Response Team, bomb squad, and Animal Control. Several field trips are included in the academy, including tours of the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority and the Doña Ana County Detention Center.

The 2015 Citizen's Academy is free of charge and runs through Feb. 28, 2015. Applications can be downloaded online at www.donaanacounty.org/sheriff, and are also available at the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, 845 N.

Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces. The deadline to apply is Jan. 6, 2015, and class size is limited to 25 people.

For more information, call (575) 386-4302 or contact Deputy Michelle Ugalde via email at michelleu@donaanacounty.org.

Holiday DWI blitzes planned

The holiday season is in full swing, which means that area law-enforcement agencies – including the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office – will step up saturation patrols and checkpoints designed to apprehend drunken drivers.

Repeat DWI offenders and those driving on suspended or revoked licenses related to prior DWIs can have their cars forfeited and subsequently sold at auction.

"We want everyone to have a safe and happy holiday season," said Doña Ana County Sheriff Todd Garrison. "We don't want to arrest you, and we don't want to confiscate your property. But if you endanger public safety by driving while you're drunk, we'll exercise every option available to us to get you off the road and keep you off the road. The holidays do not represent an excuse to act irresponsibly."

Garrison said deputies also will be looking for other offenses, such as failure to properly restrain children in the car and failure on the part of adult passengers to wear seatbelts. Deputies also will check for current registrations and insurance coverage.

Property taxes due by Dec. 10

Doña Ana County property owners are reminded that the last day to pay your property taxes in Doña Ana County is Dec. 10.

The Treasurer's Office has made convenience a priority for taxpayers, and urges all property owners to get their payments in by Wednesday, Dec. 10. Tax payments can be made in several different ways: via U.S. mail (postmarked by Dec. 10), in person at the Government Center on or before Dec. 10 (use the teller windows or the indoor drop box), or online at www.donaanacounty.org. Any online payment will be assessed a 2.49% service fee. The Treasurer's Office cannot absorb the fee.

According to Chief Deputy Treasurer René Barba, late fees will be assessed after the deadline per New Mexico Property Tax Code. The code does not allow the county to forgive penalties and/or interest once incurred.

"There are no special circumstances to postpone or not pay your taxes," said Barba. "We have taken every measure allowable by law to notify the public, so if you have not received your tax bill, we ask that you call or come by our office as soon as possible."

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NMSU raises the bar for peer mentoring

If a college student takes the same course twice, it's usually because he or she didn't do well the first time. But a new program at New Mexico State University is promoting déjà vu in the classroom to help students succeed.

"My job is to help the students understand the material by explaining it in a way that they can understand," said Sarah Medina, one of the first 26 students in NMSU's Peer Learning Assistants Program. "Sometimes they just need it broken down for them by someone who can put the material in simpler terms. I spend hours and hours with students so they get one-on-one experience and explanations."

NMSU's College of Arts and Sciences recruited its first group of peer learning assistants in the fall 2014 semester. Twenty-six students who have already completed a particular course are working alongside new students in 18 different courses. They are serving as mentors for those students taking the class for the first time. The courses they are involved in this semester range from art, philosophy and anthropology to biology, computer science, math and physics.

"The most effective way is to have the peer learning assistants embedded in the lectures, workshops, classrooms or labs," said Michaela Burkardt, physics college professor and coordinator of the Peer Learning Assistants Program. "This

guarantees contact time with the other students. If the peer learning assistant is visible and accessible, it's easier for the other students to seek them out and get help."

The new program is one of a number of initiatives funded through NMSU President Garrey Car-ruthers' Performance Fund. The program will receive \$88,668 over three years. Each peer learning assistant receives an award for the semester through NMSU's Scholar Dollars.

"Helping peers to learn can be a daunting task," said Christa Slaton, dean of NMSU's College of Arts and Sciences. "This program requires a high level of commitment from both the faculty member and the learning assistant. From what we've seen so far, the Peer Learning Assistants Program has the potential to grow into a valuable addition to the college's efforts to help our students."

Julia Barello, art professor and department head, is among the first group of faculty working with these assistants this semester.

"The peer learning assistant is closer in age, and experience to the introductory level students, so there is a different relationship that occurs between them, than between me and the students," said Barello. "It is more fluid, more comfortable, easy going and somewhat collaborative – all of them working together toward a joint goal of success."

Some professors who have very large classes may have more than one peer learning assistant. These teams of young people can move around a large lecture hall, engaging the students, asking questions and working with them to solve problems.

"It's easier for a student who's very recently had all these same challenges to help other students in class," Burkardt said. "The students connect very quickly and easily to the PLAs. They are the same age and they may have taken the course last year. Students may be more hesitant to ask a professor but they're not afraid of asking the PLA a question. It's a different relationship."

Computer science major Joseph Cahill said being a peer learning assistant is having an impact on his own studies as well as the students he helps in the classroom.

"I feel as though I'm making a difference to the students," Cahill said. "They seem to be understanding the concepts better and



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NMSU Peer learning assistant Nathan Nunley assists students with an assignment during a vector calculus class taught by Matthias Burkardt.

getting homework done in a timelier manner. I also have a deeper understanding of the fundamentals of Java, how to debug code easier and faster, and a renewed perspective on how to approach my current homework in other classes."

Burkardt has received positive feedback from both faculty and students

in the program and is in the process of recruiting the next group of peer learning assistants for the spring semester.

While NMSU has had other specialized peer mentoring programs, this effort has a broader focus.

"I've never seen this kind of model reaching out to so many different disciplines," Burkardt explained. "There is no

one-size-fits all. What is taught is so different that the approaches need to be different.

"Without the PLAs, it's much harder to do in-class engagement activities with just one person there. If you have more people to circulate in the classroom and interact with the students it helps them grasp the concepts more easily."

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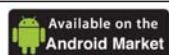
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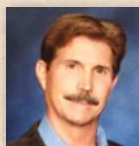
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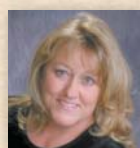
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BLM seeks public input on SunZia line

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced Tuesday, Nov. 25, it is seeking public input on an Environmental Assessment (EA) that analyzes mitigation efforts proposed by the Department of Defense (DOD) to place three segments of the SunZia Southwest Transmission Line Project underground to address overlap with military readiness and operations near White Sands Missile Range.

The BLM has reached a preliminary Finding of No New Significant Impact (FONNSI) on the DOD proposal.

A Notice of Availability for the EA will be published in the Federal Register on Friday, Nov. 28, and public comments for the project and the FONNSI will be accepted until Dec 28.

"The progress made today on the SunZia project reflects the strong partnership between the Department of Defense, the Department of the Interior, military installations in New Mexico, and the BLM," said BLM New Mexico State Director Jesse Juen. "The proposed mitigation measures will protect national security interests and increase access to previously stranded renewable energy resources in New Mexico."

The SunZia Southwest Transmission Line is one of the priority projects of the Obama Administration's Rapid Response Team for Transmission, which aims to improve the overall quality and timeliness of electric transmission infrastructure permitting. When built, these projects will help increase electric reliability, integrate new renewable energy into the grid and save consumers money. In particular, the SunZia project expects to provide access to the abundant renewable energy resources in this region of the country and catalyze new renewable energy development.

SunZia Transmission, LLC proposes to construct, operate and maintain two parallel overhead 500-kilovolt transmission

lines on federal, state and private lands, extending from the proposed SunZia East Substation in Lincoln County, N.M., to the existing Pinal Central Substation in Pinal County, Arizona. If approved, the length of the transmission lines would range from 460 miles to more than 500 miles, depending on which of the analyzed route alignment alternatives is selected. The project has the potential to add 3,000 to 4,500 megawatts of electric capacity to the desert southwest region of the United States, increasing energy security for the nation by providing access to currently stranded renewable energy resources in eastern New Mexico.

Following the BLM's publication of the final Environmental Impact Statement for the SunZia project in June 2013, the DOD identified issues with the preferred alternative corridor detailed in that analysis, citing potential impacts of the above-ground transmission line on military operations and readiness activities in a locale north of the White Sands Missile Range, known as the "call-up area." Specifically, DOD said the aboveground line would impact low-altitude training exercises and missile test launches.

On May 27, 2014, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel sent a letter to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell proposing mitigation measures that, if adopted, would address the DOD's objections. In response to the DOD's proposed mitigation measures, the BLM prepared an EA to examine one of the proposed mitigation measures, placing three segments totaling about five miles of the line underground in the call-up area. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the EA examines whether this portion of the DOD's mitigation proposal represents a substantial change in the preferred action identified in the BLM's FEIS for the project or significant new circumstances or information relevant to envi-

ronmental concerns and bearing on the preferred action or its impacts. The EA's scope is limited to analyzing the impacts of the portion of the DOD mitigation proposal related to the underground segments of the transmission line and therefore only those comments that relate to that measure will be considered.

Based on the EA announced today, the BLM has preliminarily concluded that the DOD mitigation proposal is not a substantial change from the preferred alternative and would not have new impacts significantly different from those analyzed in the 2013 final EIS. Therefore, the BLM has reached a preliminary FONNSI and the agency would proceed with consideration of the preferred alternative identified in the SunZia final EIS as modified by the DOD mitigation proposal. A draft unsigned preliminary FONNSI is attached to the EA for review.

The EA, final EIS and other information about the project is available from www.blm.gov/nm/sunzia, or by contacting the BLM Project Lead, Adrian Garcia at 505-954-2199.

Comments will be accepted on the EA until Dec. 28. Comments may be submitted electronically

at: NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov. Comments may also be submitted by mail to: Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office, Attention: SunZia Southwest Transmission Project, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115. Only those comments that relate to the mitigation proposal will be considered by the BLM as part of this comment period.

Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, the BLM cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

Copies of the EA are available for public inspection on the BLM website at www.blm.gov/nm/sunzia.

Copies are also available for public inspection at the following BLM locations:


- New Mexico State Office, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87502
- Socorro Field Office, 901 S. Highway 85, Socorro, NM 87801

Last burning



WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE PHOTO

Command Sgt. Maj. Roderick Taylor holds the burning battalion flag at the Second Engineer (2E) battalion's burning of the colors ceremony Thursday, Nov. 20, at White Sands Missile Range. The event memorializes those lost in the Battle of Kunu Ri. It is the last time for the 2E to hold the ceremony as the battalion is being decommissioned as part of the Army's re-organization.



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Railroad Museum, 351 Mesilla St.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

Henry Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Rd

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Aggie men look for first road win

After an 0-2 start against stiff competition on the road, the New Mexico State University basketball team came home and won two games – with a loss at the University of Texas-El Paso in between.

NMSU topped Northern Colorado in its home opener Wednesday, Nov. 19, and played host to Stetson Monday, Nov. 24, and won by 20 points, 88-68.

Aggie freshman Pascal Siakam scored 10 points and grabbed 17 rebounds for his first career double-double.

NMSU crashed the boards and came away with 62 rebounds – including 38 on offense.

“They were really aggressive and it was something that we talked about at the beginning of the game,” head coach Marvin Menzies said. “We’d struggled with that (rebounding) so far this season, but I’ll take what we did tonight.”

DK Eldridge finished with a team-high 17 points on 7-of-15 shooting from the field. Tshilidzi Nephawe scored 14 points in 14 minutes.

The Aggies also hosted Florida A&M Wednesday, Nov. 26, but the game was not over by presstime.

Next up for the Aggies are two road games. They’ll be at Wyoming Saturday, Nov. 29, and at in-state rival New Mexico Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Four Aggies are averaging double digits in points per game. Remi Barry leads the way with 14.4 ppg, while Daniel Mullings scores an average of 13. Eldridge sits at 11.6 and Pascal Siakam has a 10.4 ppg.

Women seek first win

The NMSU women’s team completes an eight-day layoff and returns to action at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, at home in the Pan American Center.

The Aggies started the season 0-3. In their game against Sacramento State Thursday, Nov. 20, Shanice Davis scored a game-high 23 points but NMSU fell 93-85.

Davis is the team’s leading scorer with an average of 17.7 points per game. The second leading scorers are Abby Scott and Zaire Williams, tied for second on the team at 8.7 ppg.

Trojans, Hawks play semis

Teams are one victory away from title shot

By **Lewis Harry**
 For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico high school football playoff brackets are getting tighter and only the best remain.

In class 6A, the top four teams still remain intact. No. 1 seed Rio Rancho will face Eldorado, while Mayfield will travel to Albuquerque to square off with La Cueva.

Just as in class 6A, all four top seeds remain in class 5A. Powerhouse and No. 1 seed Artesia will host Goddard and Centennial will square off against No. 2 Belen.

The Mayfield Trojans take on La Cueva at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, at Wilson Stadium in Albuquerque.

The Centennial Hawks play at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at home in the Field of Dreams.

Mayfield, which got off to an extremely quick start against previous opponent Clovis, has shown a steady trend of improvement on offense and defense.

“I thought we played a great first half against Clovis, probably the best first half we played all year long,” head coach Michael Bradley said. “We got out to a big lead and hung on there at the end.”

Despite the Trojans’ quick start, Mayfield went scoreless in the fourth quarter and gave up a touchdown to the Wildcats en route to a 35-21 victory. A season-long trend, the Trojans have shown they are a first-half dominant team, but Bradley said he is moving his team in the right direction to finish out the game strong.

Although the Trojans scored below their season average, they executed plays well on offense. That is going to be crucial against La Cueva, which has held opponent to an average of just 20.7 points this season.

“We threw the ball real well against Clovis and our running wasn’t what it usually is, but we didn’t run the ball a whole lot in the first half. I would say we need to run the ball a little bit better for this week to have a chance against the Bears,” Bradley said.

See **Semis** on page A19



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Above, Mayfield High School seniors Kavika Johnson and Ben Monsivaiz congratulate one another after the Trojans beat Clovis High 35-21 at Field of Dreams in a 6A state quarterfinal. The Trojans play La Cueva at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, in Albuquerque at Wilson Stadium. Below, the Centennial High School defense swarms over the Miyamura High quarterback in the Hawks’ victory Saturday, Nov. 22. Centennial plays host to Belen at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Field of Dreams.



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The Bears have only averaged 30.6 points on the season, but narrow victories over Eldorado and Manzano have proved that La Cueva has what it takes to pull through when it matters.

Coming off of an enormous 69-20 win over Miyamura, the Centennial Hawks roll into the semifinals on a high note and find themselves facing a familiar opponent. The Belen Eagles enter the semifinals on an 11-game winning streak, including a 38-35 win over Centennial during the regular season.

Centennial coach Aaron Ocampo was impressed with the level of play from his team last week.

"I felt like we came out pretty strong and excited to play. You know, when you have the previous week off, you usually do come out like that," Ocampo said. "I thought for the most part we came out and played physical and accomplished things we wanted to. Despite the impressive showing, Ocampo said after watching film he was disappointed at various incorrect executions by his team but remains optimistic.

"We have two games hopefully to grow and get better."

Centennial has relied on underclassmen to step up and create offensive

production for the latter part of the season and it has worked well for them. The Hawks dominant offense, averaging 49.5 points per game, has been the key to success this season. The Hawks rematch with Belen will definitely be an offensive shootout.

"I think we have been operating on a pretty high level lately with our offense," Ocampo said. "Every week, we kind of tinker with formations to try and give us an advantage. It's going to come down to blocking well and fundamentals and we need to try and take care of the fundamentals this week."

Although Centennial's blowout of Miyamura showed what the Hawks executed correctly, it also taught Ocampo what needs to be improved and refined to be successful and walk away with a win against Belen.

"I know that there were some blocking schemes that we messed up that I would have though we would have known and we made some mistakes on those," he said.

"I think it is some execution things like guys running harder. I don't think as a coach you're ever happy, you're always striving for perfection and you want to be as close to that as you can get."

DeVoe wins horsemanship challenge

New Mexico State University senior Lauren DeVoe won the 2014 American Quarter Horse Association Horsemanship Challenge Thursday, Nov. 20, at the famed Jim Norick Arena in Oklahoma City.

For the competition, riders were mounted on unfamiliar horses, donated to the event by AQHA Professional Horsemen and Horsewomen.

"We were thrilled to be a part of this great event," NMSU equestrian coach Robin Morris-Walters said. "Lauren rode with brilliance and showed each horse in each round with confidence. Her finals pattern was flawless."

The AQHA Collegiate Horsemanship Challenge blends the styles of Intercollegiate Horse Show Association and National Collegiate Equestrian Association

competition, drawing the best horsemanship athletes from each organization.

The team also announced the signing of five freshman.

The incoming riders are: Claire Streeter, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Samantha Perlman, New York; Kiley Newkirk, Porterville, Calif.; Karianna Knezevich, Katy, Texas; and Allison Nordvall, Greenfield, Minn.

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Gill Sorg
District 5, City Councillor

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Tuesday, December 9
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Final 2014 football game at Aggie Memorial



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CHRISTOPHER BELARDE

During the final home game for New Mexico State University's football team, Saturday, Nov. 22, linebacker Derek Ibkwé, above, pushes Louisiana-Monroe tight end Alex Osborne, out of bounds. Right, a punt attempted by NMSU's Alex Louthan resulted in a ULM touchdown after it was blocked by linebacker Alex Johnson. NMSU lost 30-17.



NMSU running back Larry Rose III prepares to stiff arm a ULM defender. Rose ran for 229 yards. Rose is now No. 5 all time in NMSU history for single-game rushing attempts with 35 carries and No. 7 all time for single game performances with his 229 yards.

NMSU football to finish at ASU

Bulletin Staff Report

One more game.

The season started with promise for New Mexico State University's football team as the Aggies won their first two games.

Nine contests later, though, NMSU still sits at "2" in the wins column.

The Aggies (2-9 overall, 1-6 Sun Belt Conference) play at Arkansas State (6-5, 4-3) Saturday, Nov. 29, in their final game of the season. Kick-off is scheduled for 1 p.m. (MT) in Jonesboro, Ark. and can be heard on 98.7 FM.

The Arkansas State Red Wolves will present the Aggies defense with a balanced offense. ASU likes to run

and averages 207 yards per game on the ground. Quarterback Fredi Knighten averages 234 yards per outing through the air.

He has also tossed 17 touchdown passes compared to just five interceptions.

The Aggies defense is surrendering just 163 yards passing per game, but teams have had success on the ground as NMSU opponents are averaging nearly 300 yards per game.

Larry Rose III paces the NMSU offense with 965 yards rushing.

Aggie quarterback Tyler Rogers throws for 224 yards per game, but has 21 interceptions compared to 15 touchdowns.

Rose III rushes into record books

Freshman running back Larry Rose III ran for 229 yards, etching his name in the New Mexico State record book Saturday, Nov. 22, in a 30-17 loss to Louisiana-Monroe in the Aggies' final home game of the season.

NMSU is now 2-9 on the season and 1-6 in Sun Belt Conference play, while ULM moved to 4-7 overall and 3-4 in the SBC.

Rose is now No. 5 all time for single game rushing attempts with 35 carries and No. 7 all time for single game performances with his 229 yards. The last time an Aggie ran for over 200 yards was in 2003, when Eric Higgins recorded 218 yards, coincidentally against the Warhawks.

"When you (Rose III) are up over 6 yards a carry you are doing some special things," Aggies head coach Doug

Martin said. "He is going to be a special player and grew up a bit, too."

"He battled through a couple bruises and he is going to be a special player here for a long time."

Rose also recorded two touchdowns on the night, giving him nine total for the season. He leads the team in scoring with 54 points for the year.

Rose has 965 rushing yards on the season with one game left for the Aggies. His 107 yards-per-game average puts him on pace to be the first 1,000-yard rusher for the Aggies since Kenny Turner in 2011.

NMSU's sophomore quarterback Tyler Rogers finished the game going 15-for-32 for 102 yards and one interception. Teldrick Morgan had a quiet night, catching four passes for 41 yards.

Use your business acumen to improve



Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

In a few past columns I have presented strategies about how you can apply the lessons you learn from playing golf to enhance your success in leadership and business.

You also can use some of the behaviors, attitudes and thinking which have made you successful in business to improve your golf game.

As a personal executive coach, when I coach CEOs, managers and professionals to help them perform better on the job, the first place I start is to find out what the client wants to happen.

This prevents the individual getting stuck in complaints about wanting other people to change.

The complaints sound like this: "Well, I work for a jerk, and he just needs to respect my work and my effort more and get off my back."

In the office, as in marriage, you can't really change the other person.

You have to work with what is there.

Nor can you change the golf course.

Two of the original rules of golf – settled hundreds of years ago by the Scots – are: Play the course as you find it; play the ball as it lies.

Now, that's a challenging business premise. Since you can't change your boss or your co-workers, I guess you must change yourself for things to improve and you to be happier. This is what coaching helps you do.

You ask yourself, "How do I get better?"

So don't look at the golf course. Don't count on your opponents to collapse during a match. Don't think a new driver is the answer. Don't complain about bad luck.

The answer is to improve yourself: Seek out coaching; take lessons; read the literature; practice regularly.

Raise the bar on your own performance.

Isn't that how you've made it so far in

business?

Bill has been one of my past personal coaching clients and a serious golfer. One day I asked Bill, a senior executive in investment banking, how his skill and behavior at work have helped him play better golf. Without hesitating Bill replied, "What comes to mind first is that to do well in this arena (investments) you have to work hard with a lot of effort, and do a lot of careful planning, sizing up the probabilities in your decisions, before making a move."

Bill's golf game does reflect some of the idea, because he takes most factors into account before deciding on any given golf shot.

Paying close attention quickly to many, many details pays off in both business and golf. Listening to Bill also reminded me our work in just about any field – sales,

teaching, medicine, building, you name it – demands that we clearly see and process both the big picture and the finer picture in what we do.



"When experts on achievement and success are asked to ... define the qualities of highly successful persons ... the experts all agree on one thing: attitude."

Golfers competing in the U.S. Open know they can't win the tournament with one spectacular shot, but they can certainly lose it with one very bad play.

A lot of those are caused by a failure to pay attention to details.

When experts on achievement and success are asked to assess personal traits and define the qualities of highly successful persons, regardless of what fields they are in, the experts all agree on one thing: attitude. So much in sport and life depends on having the right frame of mind.

Attitude is everything. Henry Ford once said, "Whether you believe you can do it or you can't do it, either way you're right."

It's not very likely you will

advance very far in your profession, or play winning golf with a negative attitude. However, you can train yourself, with the help of a good coach, to adopt a consistently positive mental attitude. Doubt and fear, anger, frustration, worry and tension are all negative thoughts, feelings and attitudes.

They are counter-productive to the kind of performance you would like to experience.

Solid belief in your potential, trust in your choices and confidence in the heat of battle are part of a mentality that promotes improvement, mastery and success, in work and in golf.

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Former Trojan a success in the pool for Huskers



Barbara Boxleitner
Keeping up

Jordan Ehly is having an impressive season for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln women's swimming team.

The freshman out of Mayfield High School has been a winner in multiple individual events facing the elite teams of the Big Ten Conference.

"I came in with the goal of: 'I'm going to train hard,'" Ehly said. "The first couple of meets, I was able to come out with some victories. It's great to be racing with all our girls and have great competition."

Ehly did her due diligence before committing to Nebraska. She considered other Division I programs, including the Universities of Minnesota and Utah. She got to see a workout during her two-day official visit to Nebraska.

"I came in with high expectations," she said. "I'm

more confident than ever."

Though her specialty is the breaststroke, Ehly has been a winner in other sprint strokes as well. Strong showings in multiple events during consecutive meets have gone a long way to sustain her confidence.

She won the 200-yard breaststroke and 200 individual medley against Iowa State and was part of the winning 200 medley relay. She won the 200 butterfly against South Dakota State in the next meet.

Ehly is competing in events, such as the breaststroke and IM, where she said the team is eight deep.

"The girls on the team are incredible," she said. "There's no jealousy. They encourage you in practice. They push me."

She was second in the 200 breaststroke and 400 IM against Arkansas and finished third in the 100 breaststroke. She also was on the 200 medley relay that placed second.

"I got kind of nervous

"I'm more confident than ever."

JORDAN EHLI

University of Nebraska swimmer

against Arkansas," she said.

"The girls are incredibly fast. I really like racing against really fast swimmers."

She has made minor changes to her technique, including arm strokes and pushes off walls on turns. For example, she has altered her breaststroke motion to improve efficiency. "My right arm used to cross over a lot," she said. "I have a better catch in the water."

Women's soccer

Alyssa Prince was recognized for her soccer play this season.

The Eastern New Mexico University senior was named to the all-Lone Star Conference first team and all-academic team.

The Mayfield High School graduate had six goals,

including a team-best four game winners, and one assist in 17 games. She led the team with 13 points and finished seventh in the conference in points per game.

Women's soccer

Las Cruces High graduate Raeanna Rosales played in three games for Metropolitan State University of Denver. The freshman goalkeeper made one save without allowing a goal.

Volleyball

University of Charleston's Elle Martin, a Mayfield product, finished the season with 226 digs, second on the team.

Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at BKLE3@aol.com.

Aggie volleyball eliminated

The New Mexico State University volleyball team's run at three consecutive Western Athletic Conference championships ended abruptly Friday, Nov. 21, after the second-seeded Aggies lost a semifinal match to No. 3 seed and host Bakersfield in four sets, 21-25, 26-24, 26-24, 25-20.

The Aggies, already playing without WAC All-Freshman Sasha-Lee Thomas, had to go without All-WAC second teamer Nathalie Castellanos after she suffered a concussion early in the second set.

The season is not over, however, as the Aggies meet I-10 rival UTEP at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 28, in El Paso to conclude the season.

LookingBack

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



Zak Hansen
Reflections

100yearsago

1914
• The Las Cruces Citizen reported the local U.S. land office had received instructions from the general land office regarding homesteads, and was to thereby collect a fee of \$5 on homesteads smaller than 81 acres, and \$10 for those larger.

• Hal Cox was the talk of the town after killing an eagle – reported by the Citizen as “the largest bird ever killed in this country” – measuring “seven feet ten inches in length” and weighing 18 pounds.

• An alleged gold strike in the Rincon area – which the Citizen itself previously reported – proved to be a fake, and “the large number who flocked there are now blaming the newspapers that published the news, for their troubles and pains.”

75yearsago

1939
• Jolly Old St. Nicholas was slated

to make his first “official visit” to Las Cruces, the Citizen reported, for a celebration that was to be staged “down the principal streets of the city.” Thousands of valley people were expected to join the “biggest and best holiday celebration ever staged in Las Cruces.”

• An “interesting case” was before Judge Numa C. Frenger, the Citizen reported. Plaintiff Jesus P. Sepulveda was seeking \$10,685 for damage and injuries he alleged he received after being struck by a truck belonging to Rod Bason. Sepulveda claimed his car was damaged to the extent of \$45 and that his injuries included the loss of four upper teeth and facial disfigurements.

50yearsago

1964
• The Aggies took a drubbing at the hands of opponent Utah University, losing 98 to 65 at both teams’ season opener. The night was big for NMSU’s 7-foot-0-inch Mike Dabich, however, who made his debut to clock 15 points and 15 rebounds

• Mr. Rex Ross, vice president of the Trade Development Division of Mesilla Valley Chamber of Commerce, encouraged all business owners keep their shops open until 8 p.m. from Dec. 7 to Dec. 23, for last-minute shopping.



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This photo shows the early progress on the construction of the Elephant Butte Dam, which began in 1911 and was completed in 1916.

25yearsago

1989
• The Bulletin reported Mesillans were skeptical of figures given to the Mesilla Board of Trustees by Tom McKinnon, director of the Center for Real Estate Research at NMSU, regarding the incoming GRT of businesses moving into Ben Boldt’s proposed commercial development. McKinnon claimed the town could expect to receive revenues

of \$763,800; one week earlier, at a public hearing, the figure quoted was \$117,000.

• A study released by the State Highway and Transportation Department showed that drunk-driving crashes cost the Doña Ana economy nearly \$110 million from 1986-88. The statewide economic loss of the same period was in excess of \$1.6 billion – about \$3,00 per family.

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In the news

Man killed in plane crash

A 29-year-old man was killed in a plane crash near the Las Cruces International Airport Monday, Nov. 24. The victim was Tyler Francis, president of Santa Teresa-based Francis Aviation.

New Mexico State Police Lt. James Frieze said a call came in about the crash at 12:50 p.m. He said there was no fire on impact. Francis was the only person on the plane.

Francis is the son of Rick Francis, WestStar Bank's executive chairman, and grandson of former El Paso Mayor Larry Francis, according to www.KVIA.com.

'True Heroes' honored by Gov. Martinez

Gov. Susana Martinez Monday, Nov. 24, acknowledged the selfless acts of four New Mexicans who have gone above and beyond in making their communities a better place.

The four New Mexico True Heroes, credited for their bravery, dedication, kindness and compassion, are the inaugural group of citizens receiving recognition from the State of New Mexico and the Gildan New Mexico Bowl.

"The quality we seek in a hero, first and foremost, is courage," Martinez said. "From convincing a student to drop his gun to standing by a veteran suffering from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), these four individuals have demonstrated that they have the courage to stand up and do what is necessary to be good friends, neighbors and citizens."

Recognized were: John Masterson of Roswell for his bravery in stopping a school shooting at Berrendo Middle School; Jan DeMaggio of Albuquerque for her creation of dream bedrooms for children with life-threatening illnesses; Chuck Howe of Angel Fire for his work in

aiding veterans suffering from PTSD; and Jim Stogsdill of Albuquerque for the advocacy and protection he and his group provide to children in abusive or intimidating situations.

"In New Mexico, we have a lot to be proud of – our culture, our landscape and, most importantly, our people," Martinez said. "I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the four of you for lending your time and talents in making our communities safer, healthier and more enjoyable."

Masterson was honored for his bravery in stopping a school shooting at Berrendo Middle School early this year.

Masterson is a married father of three who teaches social studies and coaches track and soccer. His selfless act has inspired students in Roswell to speak up when they witness bullying or if they notice another student is having trouble coping.

"The difference John has made is giving the people of Roswell the comfort of knowing that their teachers are willing and able to provide safety for their children, whenever the need may arise," said Masterson's sister, Deb Stephens.

DeMaggio was honored for her work as director of Special Spaces, a nonprofit organization that creates dream bedrooms for children with life-threatening illnesses.

DeMaggio founded the Albuquerque chapter of this nationwide group in 2011 and is motivated by the moment a child walks into their new bedroom and forgets that they are sick.

"The children that we work with through Special Spaces live a life of fear, trauma and needles outside," DeMaggio said. "Everything we do is about making them smile, and when they walk in to their new bedroom they forget, for a moment, that they're sick."

Howe was recognized for his work as a veterans advocate and in aiding veterans suffering from

PTSD. A veteran himself, Howe is the force behind the the National Veteran's Wellness and Healing Center in Angel Fire and serves on the board of the David Westphall Veterans Foundation.

When asked about working with veterans suffering from PTSD, Howe said, "Watching veterans heal. We don't use the word 'cure;' we use the word 'heal.'"

Stogsdill was honored for the work he and the Guardians of the Children – Rio Grande Chapter do as advocates and protectors of children put in abusive situations.

Stogsdill is a Marine Corps veteran and motorcycle enthusiast who uses his biker image to provide strength and stability for families in crisis.

When asked about protecting children from abuse, Stogsdill said there is heartache, but they do what's necessary.

"Somebody has to stand up for the children," he said.

The New Mexico True Heroes program was developed by New Mexico's Tourism Department in partnership with the Gildan New Mexico Bowl. Nominations were submitted by friends, family members, students and co-workers answering the questions "What makes the person you're nominating a New Mexico True Hero?" and "What have this person's actions done to make their community a better place?"

"We see some of the best of what New Mexico has to offer in telling the world about our beautiful state," Cabinet Secretary of Tourism Monique Jacobson said, "but there's more to New Mexico than breathtaking scenery and unparalleled adventure. New Mexico has heart, and we're so excited to tell that story through these four New Mexico True Heroes."

The New Mexico True Heroes will also be recognized during the festivities during the Gildan New Mexico Bowl Dec. 20.

"The Gildan New Mexico Bowl is very excited to be associated with the New Mexico True Heroes program," said Jeff Siembieda, executive director

of the Gildan New Mexico Bowl. "There are truly magnificent people with amazing stories in the Land of Enchantment. We look forward to honoring and recognizing more of New Mexico's extraordinary residents each year during our state's premier annual sporting event."

Police increase presence for Black Friday

Las Cruces Police will park its Mobile Operations Command (MOC) center near Mesilla Valley Mall beginning Black Friday and officers will have an increased presence along the Lohman Avenue-Telshor Boulevard business district in the days following Thanksgiving.

Offices will work out of the MOC and have around-the-clock patrols of the business district along Lohman Avenue and Telshor Boulevard.

The MOC will be parked at the north end of the mall, near the Sears department store, beginning Friday, Nov. 28. The MOC will be manned 24 hours a day through Sunday evening, Nov. 30. No appointment is necessary to visit with a police officer while the MOC is stationed at Mesilla Valley Mall.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, inside the mall, police will hold an Ident-A-Child from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parents and caregivers will receive an ID card with their child's fingerprints and other identifiable information.

Detective sentenced for sexual assault

Michael Garcia, 38, a former detective with the Las Cruces Police Department, was sentenced Wednesday, Nov. 19, for violating the civil rights of a student intern.

Garcia was sentenced to nine years in prison followed by five years of supervised release. Garcia also was ordered to forfeit his law enforcement certification and comply with federal and state sex offender registration requirements.

Garcia pled guilty April

17 to a one count information charging him with violating the civil rights of the victim by sexually assaulting her.

At the time of the assault, Garcia was assigned to a unit that focused on child abuse and sex crimes investigations. According to court documents, as a detective, Garcia worked with students who participated in Las Cruces High School's Excel program, through which students interned at the LCPD.

On or about May 4, 2011, Garcia took the victim on a ride-along in his department-issued vehicle to visit a crime scene. Afterward, instead of driving the victim directly back to the police department so she could retrieve her belongings and go home, Garcia drove her to a secluded location where he sexually assaulted her.

"The defendant abused his authority as a sex crimes detective in the most horrific way, exploiting the victim's trust in him to commit his egregious acts," said Acting Assistant Attorney General Vanita Gupta for the Civil Rights Division. "The Civil Rights Division will continue to vigorously prosecute law enforcement officers who use the power of their position to engage in sexual abuse. The victim showed

tremendous bravery when she came forward, and we are thankful for the law enforcement officers in this case, as well as the vast majority of others, who support and help victims of crime."

"Our system of justice is clear and unequivocal – every law enforcement officer must follow the laws they are sworn to enforce," said U.S. Attorney Damon Martinez.

"Any time a law enforcement officer breaks the law, it undermines the public's trust in the legal system, and we will do everything we can to ensure that trust is not compromised."

"Law enforcement officers receive a lot of authority in order to serve their community, and the majority of them use that power wisely," said Carol K.O. Lee of the FBI's Albuquerque Division.

"But when an officer tramples on the civil rights of someone he swore to protect, it's up to the FBI and our partners to make sure that violator is investigated and prosecuted to the full extent of the law," Lee said.

"I would like to thank the Las Cruces Police Department for assisting with this investigation, and congratulate the U.S. Attorney's Office on its successful prosecution."

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Catholic school students prepare gift baskets

Students of Las Cruces Catholic School, which consists of Holy Cross Elementary and St. Mary's School, donated Thanksgiving Day meals Wednesday, Nov. 19, to dozens of area needy families. The baskets were donated to Jardín de Los Niños. Students, lead by the school's Student Council and yearbook staff, put together 40 baskets which consisted of turkeys, vegetables, stuffing, biscuits, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes and boxed desserts. Jardín de Los Niños is a local nonprofit organization that provides day-care services for homeless and near-homeless children. "We are so tremendously proud and blessed to be able to do this every year," Principal Connie Limon said. "These donations will now provide meals to those in our community who otherwise wouldn't have a traditional Thanksgiving Day meal."



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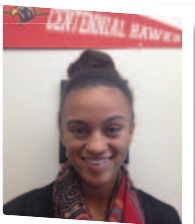
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MARIN SMITH is a 15-year-old freshman at Centennial High School. She plays defensive specialist and libero on the Lady Hawk's volleyball team. Smith was a critical member of the state championship team. She was placed in the varsity rotation midway into the volleyball season. Understanding that she is a freshman, this says lots about her ability and the respect she has earned from the coaching staff. Smith exemplifies a student athlete, with a 3.83 GPA. She is in advanced academic classes and works hard at becoming a better athlete every day. She is always a positive individual and tends to be boisterous and outgoing. Off the court and out of class, Smith likes to hang out with her friends and enjoys going to the movies. She plans to go to college and would like to go to either Texas Tech or Florida State and study to be a nurse.



MARY JANE HENRY is a 15-year-old sophomore at Centennial High School and plays shooting guard on the Lady Hawk's basketball team. In the first season game against Gadsden, she was 3 for 4 or 75 percent from the floor. Henry is a great representation of the Lady Hawk's program; she is an extremely hard worker, very coachable and a great team player. Henry is a very positive person and a great motivator. She is a dedicated student, with a 3.00 GPA. Outside of academics and basketball, she loves to spend quality time with her mother and father and values the time they get to spend at home or when they go to the movies. Henry plans to go to college on an athletic scholarship to study criminal justice. She is extremely interested in the investigation aspect of the criminal justice system.

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The Thursday Bridge Club meets for lunch and bridge at 11 a.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at the Saratoga Room, 1763 E. University Ave.

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Bingo will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays at American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave.

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Bingo Mania is from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesdays at Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

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CHAIR EXERCISES

Chair exercises led by Lisa Ortega are from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

Participants must be age 60 or older and Senior Programs members. A \$1 donation is suggested.

ENHANCE FITNESS

Enhance Fitness classes are offered from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

Participants must be age 60 or older and members of Senior Programs. The class is free.

CALL FOR LOCAL SENIOR ARTISTS

An artist is needed to paint a mural on the Eastside Community Center at 310 N. Tornillo St.

The work medium is paint and the surface is

the exterior of the Tornillo side of the building. Submit résumés by Jan. 31, 2015, to Lori Crumet at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

LECTURE SERIES

The Academy for Learning in Retirement is hosting a lecture series at 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays, Dec. 2, 4, 9 and 11, in the Good Samaritan auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

Professor Melissa Guynn will be presenting a series of topics on the subject of How Memory Works.

Topics include: problems with memory, techniques to improve memory, aging and memory and more.

The events cost \$5 per day or \$4 per day for members. Coffee and cookies will be provided at 10 a.m.

HOLIDAY WREATH MAKING CLASS

A holiday wreath making class with Vannah Peterson will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Registration is required. There is a \$14 fee that

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NMSU to honor Max Evans at commencement

Max Evans' body of work reflects his love of New Mexico and the Western way of life. New Mexico State University will recognize Evans' contribution to New Mexico with an honorary doctorate during the fall 2014 commencement ceremony Saturday, Dec. 13.

Evans has spent his career promoting the Western way of life through his novels and paintings, and helping form the New Mexico Film Commission and the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

He will receive an honorary Doctorate of Letters during the ceremony, which will begin at 10 a.m. at the Pan American Center.

"Max Evans is a classic New Mexican," NMSU President Garrey Carruthers said. "He's been a cowboy, a painter and a writer. He's really done everything and he's one of the finest storytellers I've met."

The author of 30 novels, including "The Rounders" and "The Hi Lo Country," which were adapted into movies, has received among other honors the Western Writers of America Owen Wister Lifetime Achievement Award, as well as the organization's Spur Award for his creative works depicting the cowboy way of life in the 1940s and 1950s.

Other honors bestowed on Evans include

three Western Heritage Awards from the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, and the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts through the New Mexico Arts Commission.

"I've been called a Western writer, however I see myself as a writer of the West," said 90-year-old Evans. "I write about the period before World War II. I thought that was a time in history that people wouldn't be writing about."

The Texas-born Evans has spent the majority of his life in New Mexico in Lea and Union counties, including the towns of Lamy, Des Moines, Hillsboro and Taos. He and his wife, Pat, have lived in Albuquerque since 1968. They have twin daughters, Charlotte and Sheryl.

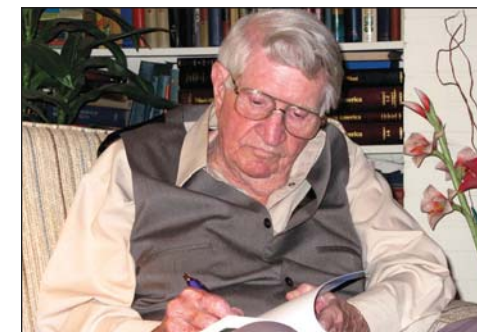
Evans has turned his personal experiences as a cowboy and rancher; prospector and miner; and film promoter into material for his novels and paintings, which have been created over the past 60 years.

"As a student at Andrews High School in Texas, I learned the importance of encouraging individuals to accomplish their dream when a teacher challenged me to read all of the classics of the world," Evans said.

That challenge gave Evans the foundation for his chosen work of writing.

With the establishment of the Pat and Max Evans Rounders Endowed Scholarship at NMSU, Evans hopes the royalties from his novels will help encourage rural undergraduate students, for many years to come, to obtain degrees in animal science or media communications. The first scholarship will be awarded in spring 2015.

"The two projects I am most proud of are the creation of the New Mexico Film Commission and the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces," he said.



NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY PHOTO

Writer Max Evans signs his latest book, "Goin' Crazy with Sam Peckinpah and All Our Friends." New Mexico State University is honoring Max Evans with an honorary doctorate during the fall 2014 commencement ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Pan American Center.

Evans' novel "The Rounders" set the stage for him to enter the world of Hollywood and the film industry when it was adapted into a movie in 1965 with Burt Kennedy directing and starring Henry Fonda and Glenn Ford.

"From my experiences while promoting story options to Hollywood producers, I realized the potential economic benefit of the film industry for the state of New Mexico," he said. "I would take photos of various potential film locations to producers to show them the natural vistas that could be in their films."

Through the newly formed film commission's efforts, movies filmed in New Mexico increased from one or two a year to 14 in 1970. During the '70s, 98 movies were filmed in New Mexico.

"The creation of the 47-acre New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum fulfilled my desire to preserve the history of rural America, and a way of life that established my value system. I would like the rest of the world to see and learn what America is made of and how it started," he said of the museum, where among last year's visitors, 18 foreign countries were represented.

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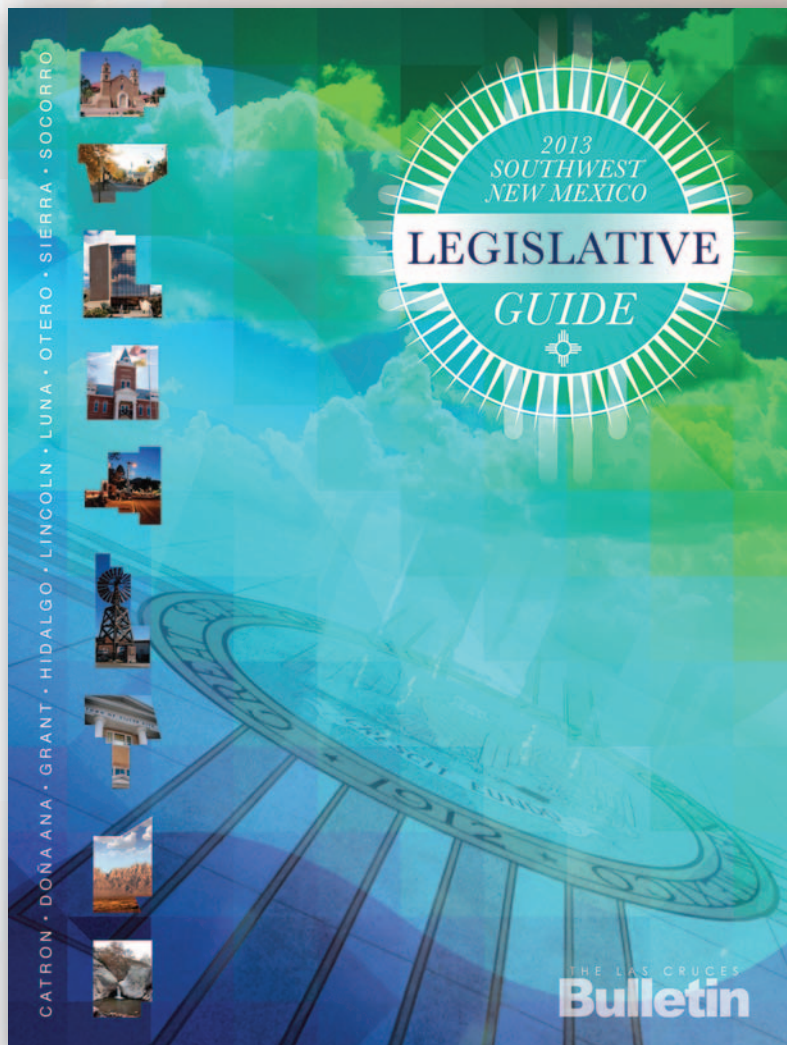
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Applications for LCPS early college high schools sought

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Principal Jennifer Amis said they will select students based on their expressed desire to accomplish their

educational goals.

"We offer students the opportunity to complete six years of education in four years; this includes two years of free college coursework," Amis said. "This is a great opportunity for families to enroll their children headed to ninth-grade."

Amis said APECHS will accept approximately 125 students while APMA, currently in its first year

of operation, will select approximately 75 students. The two schools are located adjacent to each other at 3600 Arrowhead Drive on the campus of New Mexico State University. Officials said the schools do not have specific attendance boundaries and are populated by high school students from throughout Las Cruces.

Officials said in keeping

with the mission of the school, APECHS and APMA continue to encourage first-generation college students to apply.

"We provide a unique opportunity for students who will be the first in their family to attend college," said APECHS Dean of Students Josh Silver. "We want to make sure every interested student in our community

knows what we offer."

Arrowhead Park schools offer academic pathways in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) and a variety of health occupations choices. Co-curricular and extracurricular classes such as athletics or music are not part of the curriculum, however, physical education is offered.

"Students who are willing to work hard and prioritize their high school studies have much to gain with us," Amis added. "These students face high academic expectations in a college setting, so family support after school hours is really critical for our students to be successful."

"We know that some eighth-graders are interested in the early

college environment but haven't decided which school they want," said APECHS Dean Josh Silver. "Those students should just indicate on the application form they are applying for either program and they can make that decision later."

Applications packets are available at either school or on the Arrowhead Park ECHS website: <http://apechs.lcps.k12.nm.us/wp/>. Completed packets should be turned in to the student's middle school counselor. Parents who have questions about either campus may attend the open houses scheduled for January 2015.

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NMSU institute leads statewide water study

Bulletin Staff Report

New Mexico is playing catch up in its effort to determine the seriousness of the state's water problem, Sam Fernald told the High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico at the group's meeting Friday, Nov. 21.

The question he and his colleagues are investigating for policy makers is, "How are we going to use our aquifers?"

Other Western states assess their water resources every year for the entire state, said Fernald, who is director of the Water Resources Research Institute (WRI) at New Mexico State University. New Mexico does not.

The Legislature last year awarded \$1 million to WRI for the assessment, which the institute is conducting with colleagues from New Mexico Highlands University, University of New Mexico, Eastern New Mexico University, New Mexico Tech, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and Sandia and Los Alamos national labs.

"We need to include the entire state if we want to manage New Mexico's water," Fernald said. "The brainpower of the entire state is looking at our water resources."

Among the studies under way are New Mexico Tech's investigation of where groundwater is being recharged and a USGS study of how much water comes into and out of the state. Researchers also are looking at level changes in groundwater to determine its quality and quantity throughout the state.

Fernald said WRI will request \$2 million dollars a year for the next three to four years to complete the assessment, create a statewide database and make policy recommendations.

It's the first large-scale study of New Mexico water resources in decades.

"California spends \$12 million every year for water assessments," Fernald said.

He said WRI was established with federal funding in 1963 following extreme drought in the '50s. In 1966, all the universities in the state agreed to work together to address the challenges.

"Then we got wet," Fernald said. "There were two seriously wet decades. The attention turned to the administration of water."

As an example of why the state needs to be studied as a whole, Fernald told the group that in creating their 40-year water plans, Santa Fe and Estancia used the same water, "because they didn't put it together."

Although researchers have not yet wrapped their arms around exactly how serious a water challenge New Mexico is facing, they

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LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA Lecompte

Jodi Starnes, Donna Hill, Patti Radosevich and Gerardo Martinez get started on a small group activity at the Las Cruces Business Fiesta Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the Enterprise Center.

Entrepreneurs learn from peers, experts

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Equipped with a Ph.D., software expertise and extensive experience in the military and private industry, Steve Rogers is moving from Colorado to Las Cruces to start his first business.

He's not sure what that business will be, though he hopes it will have something to do with Spaceport America. Although his future in business is uncertain, Rogers isn't waiting for something to happen.

Rogers and other entrepreneurs and would-be small business owners spent Wednesday, Nov. 19, Downtown at the Las Cruces Business Fiesta in the Las Cruces Community Enterprise Center.

The daylong fiesta featuring speakers from WESST, the New Mexico Economic Development Department, Arrowhead Center, Las Cruces Community Enterprise Center, Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, Las Cruces Small Business Development Center, SCORE, the Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces and EnergyWorks. Most speakers were paired with a small business owner who shared their perspective with the audience.

Emma Hamilton, a staffer with

U.S. Sen. Tom Udall, said the idea of holding a fiesta in celebration of Global Entrepreneurship Week came up in a conversation with Carrie Hamblen, executive director of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the event they envisioned was to connect small business owners and aspiring owners with resources available in the community as well as with successful entrepreneurs.

Topics included business operations, researching for business success, compliance, financing, attracting and retaining customers and networking.

"I got what I expected in a way in that I got an introduction to all the groups and resources available for small businesses," Rogers said.

Hamblen and Jim Hawman of The Truck Farm paired up to encourage their listeners to get out and network – with a crutch, if necessary.

"I'm really very shy," Hawman said, touting the benefits of networking and the importance of just walking up to people and talking with them.

The duo told the story of the crutch Hawman used at Green Chamber Green Drinks, where he circulated a wicker basket in which he asked attendees to place their business cards

to enter a drawing.

"I was the real winner," said Hawman, who had a chance to talk with everyone at the mixer.

Introducing a Back of the Napkin small group activity, adapted from an event at Business Alliance for Local Living Economies conference, Hamblen instructed teams of participants to "come up with creative solutions to a problem your group feels is important to address."

"This can range from getting more customers, free or cheap advertising, raising prices, terminating employees, dealing with the IRS and so much more," she said.

Each team member pitched an idea to those in their group and each group chose one idea to present.

Rogers, with teammates Patricia Guzman and Terri Munson, elected to pitch the idea of a motocross track where Las Cruces kids could ride in safety.

"We went over the challenges and possible partners," he said.

Rogers said they used just two panels of a paper napkin for their presentation, including the team members' names, their business objective and a list of possible partners for the venture. Each member of the team

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New model for artists

Making a name in the art world used to mean the artist toiled in obscurity and poverty, dependent on galleries and patrons to exhibit and champion their work.

This notion – that artistic creativity and business savvy occupy separate worlds – was reinforced by art schools that taught students how to make art, but not how to market or sell it.

An emerging, 21st century approach is that art making is a business and the artist should be at the controls – the chief executive officer of her own production and distribution network. This model borrows many ideas from the business world.

Get serious about sales. Artists should tear down the contrived wall between the creative and the commercial. They should school themselves in marketing, inventory and financial management, cash flow and all licensing and intellectual property laws that pertain to creative works.

Run like a business. Successful businesses keep track of revenues and expenses and pay their taxes on time. Most artists are sole proprietors and thus responsible for paying estimated income taxes, self-employment taxes and various state and local taxes. Artist-entrepreneurs who don't want to do the paperwork should hire a bookkeeper or accountant to do it for them. Failure to pay taxes is a serious crime that can destroy a business.

Pick a legal structure. Not every artist works alone in a studio. Many share workspace or collaborate on installations and other projects. Artists working together should use a company structure that limits their individual

legal liability for accidents or business debts and lowers their tax burden.

Be a self-promoter. Yesterday's artists relied solely on galleries and agents to display their work, and they paid a commission for this exposure and representation. While these venues continue to be important for emerging artists, they aren't the only marketing outlets available. Technology and social media empower artists to represent themselves and market their creations directly to the world. At a minimum, an artist needs a professional website.

Use available resources. Artists looking for capital and basic business skills have many service providers to choose from in New Mexico. The state's 20 Small Business Development Centers offer free confidential counseling on starting and sustaining a business, accounting, financing, e-commerce and many other aspects of running a profitable enterprise. Community development lenders WESST, Accion and The Loan Fund can connect artist-entrepreneurs to financing if they're not eligible for a loan from a traditional lender, as well as other services. To stay abreast of all business and community development workshops and events around the state, the New Mexico Business Calendar (<http://bizcalendar.org>) is a quick reference.

An artist who acts like a businessperson has a greater chance of success than one who does not.

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will receive free logo consulting and design from EnergyWorks and individual spotlights at an upcoming Green Drinks.

"All of the groups had terrific ideas and solutions, but the judges felt

this group provided a concrete example of building a motocross track and then discussed the different challenges that would come with it,"

Hamblen said after the event. "They talked about partners they

would need to connect with, zoning issues, funding and more. The judges felt this was a worthwhile endeavor, because of the solutions they provided, and hope that it comes to fruition."

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know the situation is not good.

Fernald said by studying tree rings, scientists have learned New Mexico has been hit by drought throughout human history.

"In the 1500s and 1600s, there were huge droughts, sometimes lasting 150 years," he said. "Looking at historical records, we're very vulnerable to persistent, sustained, extreme drought."

He said climate change is causing snow to melt earlier, which means more water runs off earlier and less recharges the aquifers.

"In five to 10 years, if we don't get more

precipitation, farmers will need to make some real serious decisions about how to contain their crops and manage their water," he said.

Fernald said Portales has an estimated 17-year window for using water at the current rate before it starts to bottom out its aquifer.

"We're not talking about our grandchildren's time – this is two decades," he said. "The High Plains aquifer is so depleted, you can actually see it from space."

Fernald said the state engineer is responsible for handling the administration of about 4 million acre feet of water a year. Most of it goes to agricultural use. Other uses include residential and mining. The water is withdrawn from surface sources such as Caballo Lake.

The amount of water managed by the state engineer is just a drop in the bucket compared to the 110 million acre feet of


precipitation that falls in a good year, Fernald said, but while some of that precipitation recharges the groundwater supply, most of it evaporates.

"If we don't have water from the river, we have to take it from the ground," he said. "We need to know what's going on with that."

Fernald said annual precipitation varies dramatically, from about 55 to 110 acre feet, and there has been no means of documenting that physically in New Mexico.

A groundwater assessment will look at brackish water, which New Mexico has in abundance. Fernald said brackish water is a good resource, but has not been studied since 1955.

Among concerns attendees raised were the proliferation of thirsty pecan orchards, a market that allocates water but provides no incentive to conserve and the impact of water insecurity on economic development.





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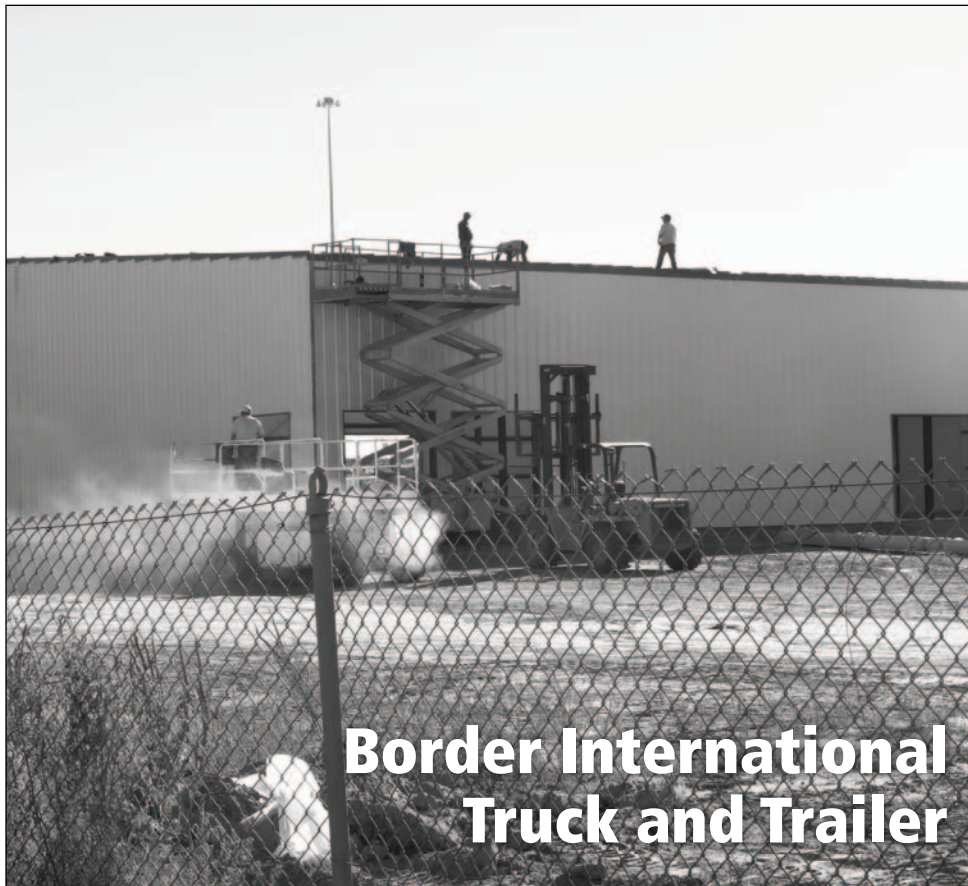
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Border International Truck and Trailer is building a dealership on Motel Boulevard at the entrance to Interstate 10. The company currently operates a parts and service facility at 1670 S. Valley Drive as well as in El Paso and Pharr, Texas, and Tucson, Ariz.

Save the Date

SAT. 11/29

9 to 11 a.m. Small Business Saturday kickoff, COAS Books, 317 N. Main St. The event presented by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce is to support shopping at local small businesses. Food and giveaways will be provided while supplies last. For more information, call the chamber at 524-1968.

TUE. 12/02

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance Business in the Borderplex forum, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Mark Lautman will speak on the New Mexico Jobs Council. Advance registration is \$20, payable by major credit card. Payment at the door with cash, check or credit card is \$25. Register online at mveda.com/blog.

THU. 12/04

11 a.m. Foundations of Investing seminar, My Kids' Café, 532 N. Telshor Blvd., Suite H. Sasha Azua, an Edward Jones financial advisor, is hosting the seminar. Free, but space is limited. To make a reservation, call Azua at 574-7175.

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Market Snapshot with Liz Ann Sonders, Charles Schwab Independent Branch, 141 S. Roadrunner Parkway, Suite 141C. Free video workshop. For more information, call 993-5050.

2 to 4 p.m. Marketing Your Business, Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 Nevada Ave., Room 101E. Learn strategies to stretch your advertising dollars. For more information call the Small Business Development Center at 527-7676 or email sbdcinfo@nmsu.edu.

6 to 8 p.m. Strategies for Social Media, Las Cruces Association of Realtors meeting room, 150 E. Idaho Ave. WESST marketing workshop on targets, how to market online, the do's and don'ts of social media and where to spend time and money. The workshop will be team taught by Carlos Parra, owner of Professional Geek. Cost is \$20, WESST clients \$15. Register online at www.wesst.org For more information call, 541-1583.

WED 12/17

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Small Business Workshop, New Mexico State University Players Grill 300 Herb Wimberly Drive. Cost is \$20 for Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce members, \$40 for nonmembers; \$5 additional fee for payment at door. For more information, call the chamber at 524-1968.

BRIEFS

El Paso Electric names vp of corporate development

The El Paso Electric Board of Directors has appointed Richard Turner to vice president of corporate development.

Turner will continue to oversee project management, process improvement activities, emerging technologies, renewable energy development, asset optimization and infrastructure initiatives and new construction activities.



TURNER

“Richard has been instrumental in El Paso Electric’s focus in renewable energy development and new technologies, and his wealth of expertise makes him the best choice to lead our company’s corporate development initiatives,” said Rocky Miracle, senior vice president of corporate planning and development and chief compliance officer. “Identifying local leadership is very important for the future of our company, and Richard’s leadership only reaffirms our commitment and responsibility to new cost-effective technologies and in particular our focus on large-scale solar energy development.”

Turner has been with EPE since 1988, holding various positions including assistant vice president and director of corporate development, corporate project manager, regulatory compliance and reporting manager, supervisor of regulatory compliance and resource planning engineer. He has led the development and integration

of solar resources. His leadership and his team were also successful in securing the Department of Energy Smart Grid Investment Grant that led to the implementation of distribution automation technology.

Turner is a native El Pasoan, holding a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering and a master’s degree in finance from University of Texas at El Paso.

Pecan Grill marks five-year anniversary

De La Vega’s Pecan Grill and Brewery will celebrate five years in business Saturday, Dec. 6, with live music throughout the afternoon and evening and specials on food and beverages.

Live music starts at 1 p.m. with De La Vega’s own James Cordova, followed by solo artist Chris Baker, The April Ticket Band and Decade of the Dead Arcade. Finishing the night will be dance music from DJ Otilio from 11 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Signature Brewer’s Bites will be served “on the house” all day.

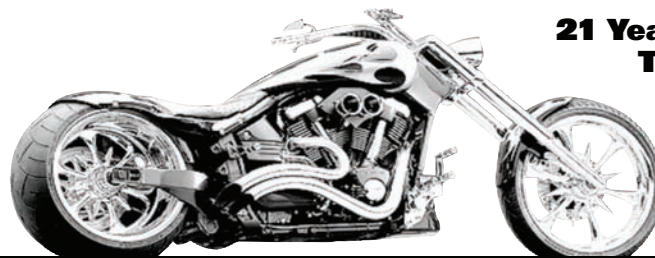
From Monday through Friday, Dec. 1-5, Pecan Grill will hold a city-wide scavenger hunt with gift cards placed around the city each day leading up to the anniversary celebration. Clues will be posted on Pecan Grill’s Facebook page as well as distributed through text message marketing.

For more information, contact Ashley Springer, director of operations at ashley@pecan grill.com or 505-239-3252.

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Small Business Saturday

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Winterfest in Klein Park

Las Esperanza will be having a wonderful Winterfest celebration from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, in Klein Park, 155 N. Mesquite St. There will be all sorts of fun activities for the entire family to enjoy Santa and Mrs. Claus



The City of Las Cruces Christmas tree near Branigan Memorial Library was lit prior to the 2013 Winterfest celebration.

Downtown Las Cruces ... it's really happening

- **Downtown Art RAMBLE**
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will, of course, be attending. The Sierra Middle School choir will sing carols and additional holiday music will be provided throughout the afternoon.

Hay rides will make the rounds throughout the historic Mesquite district, complete with jingle bells. Hot dogs will be provided for the children starting at 2:30 p.m. and Woodmen of the World will serve their delicious hot chocolate. There will even be a piñata for the kids to enjoy. Don't miss out on this wonderful event.

New Year's Eve Chile Drop

More to come in the Dec. 26 edition, however, make sure and mark your calendars for the Dec. 31 Chile Drop on Main Street.

Downtown Coffee

Downtown now has two great places to get your coffee fix – Milagros, inside COAS Books at 317 N. Main St., and Beck's Coffee at 130 N. Mesquite St. Downtown is now the cultural corridor and the coffee mecca of Las Cruces.

DLCP Business Breakfast Buzz

The December Downtown Las Cruces Partnership (DLCP) business breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 at Nopalitos, 310 S. Mesquite St. If you would like to sponsor a DLCP Business Breakfast, call 525-1955 for available months.

Downtown Art Ramble

The December Downtown Art Ramble will be 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, along Main Street.

Things to do Downtown this coming month

- Bring your family to the Downtown Art Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, on Main Street.
- Stop in at Patina, Downtown's newest business, at 300 N. Main St., and pick up some really beautiful décor for the home.
- Visit Rosie's Café at 300 N. Main St. for some fabulous Mexican food.
- Enjoy the Main Street Bistro & Ale House at 139 N. Main St. Open for lunch and dinner.
- Visit the Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces for your holiday shopping.
- Stop by Beck's Coffee for a great cup



Guests board a horse-drawn carriage for a tour of Downtown Las Cruces at the Winterfest celebration Friday, Dec. 6, 2013.

- at 130 N. Mesquite St.
- Come to the Rio Grande Theatre (www.riograndetheatre.com/calendar).
- Visit Happy Dog at the northwest corner of Griggs Avenue and Water Street for Happy Dog Tuesday (every Tuesday \$5 specials).
- Visit the Las Cruces Museum of Art, the Branigan Cultural Center and the Museum of Nature and Science. Admission is free.
- Buy a book at COAS Books (and trade in some of your own).
- Buy art at MVS, Big Picture, Julie Ford Oliver and M. Phillips galleries – all on Main Street.
- Spend the day at The Spa Downtown Spa or Carmona's Salon and Day Spa.
- Visit Las Cruces Community Theatre (<http://lcctnm.org>).
- Visit Black Box Theatre and the No Strings Theater Company (<http://www.no-strings.org>).
- Visit Gent's Barber Spa at 232 N. Campo St.
- Enjoy a green chile cheeseburger at

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For more information on how you can become part of Main Street and Downtown Las Cruces call the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership at 525-1955.

Shop, dine, spend some time Downtown!

'Stuck in the Middle with You' – the middle-income trap



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

The middle can be a problem.

People can find themselves “Stuck in the Middle with You” with a joker to the left of them and a clown to the right of them. Then there is poor Jan Brady, always upstaged by her older sister.

Mexico has got a stuck in the middle problem also – a problem that it shares with other countries and which may soon be affecting China. The problem is the middle-income trap.

We have a pretty good idea on how developing countries can succeed: attract manufacturing by emphasizing low labor cost. We also have a pretty good idea how high-income countries succeed: concentrate on high-value-added industries that require highly trained, but expensive, labor. The problem is, we don't know how to transition from one

strategy to the other.

It is during this transition that many countries get stuck. It happened to Mexico in the 1970s. It happened to Thailand in the 1990s. Many analysts, including yours truly, think it is happening to China right now.

Mexico had hoped to avoid the middle-income trap by adopting policies aimed at improving global competitiveness – balanced budgets, low inflation and export promotion. Mexico assented to the World Trade Organization and signed the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Those policies had their expected effect. Mexico's exports have grown to roughly 60 percent of GDP and net foreign investment has tripled.

Wages are up and even income inequality, long Mexico's most daunting social problem, has begun to ease.

Mexico is doing well – except in one area, the area that matters most when it comes to the middle-income trap: productivity.

Productivity has been in decline since the 1990s. As a consequence, the

standard of living in Mexico is actually falling relative to the United States and now lags behind many of its emerging market peers.

Mexico's fate is common. Two countries that have avoided it are Taiwan and South Korea. Both were the recipient of mass immigration of highly educated refugees from their communist neighbor. Access to these workers allowed them to continue growing even after higher wages made other destinations, such as China and Vietnam, more attractive for those seeking low-cost labor.

Not likely to be the recipient of mass in-migration of highly skilled refugees, most countries can't replicate the strategies adopted by Taiwan and South Korea – but they can learn from these countries of the importance of investing in human capital through education. It's a hard lesson to implement, as it requires building an education infrastructure today with the goal of educating high-tech workers for jobs that don't yet exist.

Another country that has avoided the middle-income trap is Chile. There the

story is about getting the legal environment right. A strong middle class was empowered by the transition from the brutal Pinochet regime to democracy. Strong property rights coupled with a market-oriented approach have combined to create the “Chile miracle.”

Chile's story illustrates the importance of the rule of law.

A lot of people are bullish on Mexico. President Enrique Peña Nieto has implemented a wide variety of reforms, including liberalization of the energy market. For the first time in 75 years, the state owned oil-company, Pemex, will be subject to competition. But, if past experience is any indicator of the future, breaking out of the middle-income trap won't be easy for Mexico.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at New Mexico State University. He is a Steelers Wheel fan from way back. The opinions expressed may not be shared by the regents and administration of NMSU. Erickson can be reached at chrerick@nmsu.edu.

Quarterly exports to Mexico top \$1 billion mark

The New Mexico Economic Development Department has announced that New Mexico exported \$1.082 billion in goods to Mexico, according to the third-quarter report released by the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration. This is first time exports to Mexico have surpassed \$1 billion.

The 2014 third-quarter number also exceeds the record yearly number which was last year's at \$800,733,264.

“To have surpassed our yearly record in just three quarters symbolizes what great progress New Mexico has made in reaching markets in Mexico and our efforts in connecting New Mexico businesses with new customers not just in Mexico but around the world,” said Gov. Susana Martinez.

“Growing international exports is key to continuing to grow New Mexico's private-sector economy and I am pleased we are expanding our market reach.”

According to Department of Commerce

estimates, for every \$1 billion in exports as many as 6,250 jobs are created or supported. Exports to Mexico – \$2.9 billion dollars worth – accounted for about 32 percent of the state's worldwide exports for the nine-month period. This also is a record.

“We are thrilled that

efforts in working with our Mexican counterparts to expand New Mexico's footprint is paying off,” said Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela. “I look forward to the final numbers for 2014 in January, but this is a good sign for our economy as we increase trade with Mexico, our most natural

trading partner.”

When Martinez took office, exports to Mexico totaled \$429 million. In 2012, Barela and his Chihuahua, Mexico, counterpart signed an agreement to promote

trade and commerce between the two states.

The growth in exports is reflected in the increase of merchandise in agriculture, transportation equipment, petroleum

and coal, fabricated metal products, machinery and computer and electronic products going to Mexico.

To view the entire report, visit <http://tse.export.gov/TSE/ChartDisplay.aspx>.



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Business After Hours celebrates the arts



Troy Tudor, vice president of the Greater Chamber, holds the basket for a door prize drawing.



Kathleen Albers, executive director of the Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) accepts a \$1,000 check from Stephanie Armitage, First National Bank of the Rio Grande Northrise Branch manager at a Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Thursday, Nov. 20.



Albers chats with Elaine Sasnow of the Las Cruces Bulletin and Jerry Iadicicco of Rincon de Amigos Insurance.



Gary Camarano, City of Las Cruces economic development director, visits with Bill Allen, president and CEO of the Greater Chamber. After Hours guests, left, watch to see who will win the next door prize..



Dan Duggan, former chamber board president, with John Shank, MBA adviser at New Mexico State University, and Cindie Shank of Las Cruces Public Schools



Michael Martinez of New Mexico Workforce Connection and Mary Iadicicco of Allstate Insurance. Guitarist Brandon Perrault, right, sets the mood.



LYCP Leadership Roundtable

Wendy Zuniga and Matt Mossburg of Las Cruces Young Professionals (LYCP) express the group's appreciation to Leadership Roundtable guest speaker Royal Jones, CEO of Mesilla MVT Services Inc., for sharing the story of how he built the company Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Main Street Bistro & Ale House. LYCP members, below, lunch and listen.

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Green Chamber's Green Drinks



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Alternative energy specialist Tony Matsumoto visits with attorney Rosanne Camuñez and Larry Lopez at Green Drinks hosted by the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce Thursday, Nov. 20, at Azul Ultra-Lounge and Nightclub in Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

Experts expect moderate El Niño

By **Marvin Tessner**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Climate monitoring sources report that the fringes of El Niño might touch southwest New Mexico and west Texas this winter.

"The latest forecasts say that the regions may get 2 to 4 inches of rain or snow from a moderate El Niño this winter," said Jeffery Anderson, County Extension horticulturist.

But early signs indicate that the Mesilla Valley and Elephant Irrigation District farmers could be in for a stressed season, almost as bad as 2013 – rated the worst on record.

El Niño is the South Pacific weather buildup that, with a good mountain snow pack, brings water into the Southwest.

During 2013, the snow pack was so low that Elephant Butte Irrigation District could only release 300,000 acre-feet of water during the growing season. With a good snow pack, the average release is 790,000 acre-feet.

The current storage at Elephant Butte Reservoir is 9 percent of its nearly 2 million acre-foot capacity, Anderson said. It is too early to report how many acres farmers might set aside for the coming season due lack of water, officials said.

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Startup Weekend inspires participants

The winning team from a recent Startup Weekend event at New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Center is working to make its project, an organizational mobile application, a reality – but team leader Kenneth Jacobs said the value of Startup Weekend is about much more than any one business launch.

All Startup Weekend events follow the same basic model: Anyone is welcome to pitch their startup idea and receive feedback from their peers. Teams organically form around the top ideas (as determined by popular vote) and then it's a 54-hour frenzy of business model creation, coding, designing and market validation. The weekend culminates with presentations in front of local entrepreneurial leaders with another opportunity for critical feedback.

Jacobs has attended several Startup Weekend events, including the first to be held in Las Cruces last fall. He said he keeps attending because he finds the format – getting people together and turning them loose to see what happens – inspiring.

"I love meeting other people who

are passionate about making things happen," said Jacobs, who graduated from NMSU in 2012 with a degree in business management. "It's refreshing to meet people like me who are also driven to be entrepreneurs."

Jacobs, who works as a leasing manager for the federal General Services Administration, describes himself as an idea guy and a jack-of-all-trades in his personal projects. It was his idea for an app to help people organize and visualize their lists that drew teammates Vinney Kelly and Christopher Barentine into the project, which they're initially calling Uber List.

"I went with a very simple idea, because going in, you don't know who will be there and what will work," Jacobs said. "They took the idea and ran with it. Vinney and Chris worked really hard.

"I wanted to develop something that was achievable quickly, and technology like this is a natural choice for a short, intense launch," Jacobs added. "You can succeed or fail quickly."

The team is working to add unique features to the app, hoping to set it apart from similar organizational

utilities by adding visuals and an interface that allows users to see their projects at a glance.

Jacobs acknowledged that only a small percentage of entrepreneurial ideas go on to develop into full-fledged businesses, but as a person who expects to one day work for himself, he said the experience has been valuable.

"To succeed, you have to put yourself in a place where opportunities for fulfillment can arise," he said.

Out of a dozen business idea pitches, a total of four teams formed during October's Startup Weekend event in Las Cruces. El Paso venture capitalist Beto Pallares, a member of the Arrowhead Innovation Network and a judge for the event, said Jacobs' idea stood out because it meets a need and has the most potential for immediate growth.

"Data is becoming more visual," Pallares said, "and users need to represent information in a variety of formats. Uber List has the potential to be more than a list; it has the potential to be the only list you need to make."

Uber List was awarded membership in Arrowhead Technology Incubator

and legal services from Peacock Myers, a patent and intellectual property law firm in Albuquerque.

Startup Weekend organizer Zetdi Sloan, director of the Arrowhead Technology Incubator, said the event's second year drew a smaller crowd of entrepreneurs than the inaugural weekend, but the group generated exciting ideas and took advantage of the unique networking opportunities that Startup Weekend presents.

"Many people want to know if they have what it takes to be an entrepreneur," Sloan said. "You really don't know until try, and Startup Weekend gives you the opportunity."

The Arrowhead Technology Incubator provides technology-based companies connections to the resources they need to grow into thriving, sustainable ventures. ATI and other Arrowhead Center programs are supported by an i6 Challenge grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration.

For more information about Arrowhead Center at NMSU, visit <http://arrowheadcenter.nmsu.edu>.

NM October home sales outpace September

A total of 1,542 sales were reported to the REALTORS Association of New Mexico (RANM) for the month of October 2014.

This number is 3.4 percent higher than sales numbers reported in September 2014 (1,491); 3.4 percent higher than sales reported in October 2013 (1,492) and 4.8 percent higher than the number of sales reported in October 2012 (1,424).

"October activity plus continued low interest rates should mean the housing market in New Mexico will end 2014 on a positive note," said Sandylee Pasquale, RANM 2014 president. "Year to date sales numbers are slightly ahead of 2013 January through October numbers, but the big jump from September 2014 bodes well for the trends.

"First-time home buyers are still missing from the real estate marketplace. Relaxation in overly restrictive lending standards will bring the first-time home buyer back."

NAR and RANM leadership pledges to continue to advocate for relaxation

in restrictive lending standards, which the organizations believe will continue to open doors for more buyers, including first-time home buyers.

The October median price for a home in New Mexico was \$178,000. This is a less than one percent decline from the September 2014 median, but is 4.7 percent higher than the October 2013 median of \$170,000. Median price means half the homes sold for more; half for less.

"Even with the small decrease in median prices in October, the increase in number of sales over September 2014 results in a volume of \$350,932,396 generated from real estate activity. This is a 4.6 percent increase over September's volume," said Steven Anaya, RANM CEO.

"Distressed properties and foreclosures are still affecting New Mexico's real estate market," Pasquale said. "A recent report from the National Association of REALTORS showed distressed properties sold at an average 14 percent discount."

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Legal Notice

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-01064

BOKF, N.A., a national banking association dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA as successor by merger to Bank of Oklahoma, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

MARTHA LEAN BLEA, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

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

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

Cause No. D-307-CV-2014-01553
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

FORECLOSED ASSETS SALES & TRANSFER PARTNERSHIP, as ultimate successor-in-interest to FFCA ACQUISITION CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

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PORTER OIL COMPANY, INC., MARTIN DOW PORTER, a/k/a MARTIN PORTER, STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, HOLLY-FRONTIER REFINING & MARKETING, LLC, WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, TYRONE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS, and GRANT COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 4th day of December, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., at the east entrance of the Doña Ana County District Court, located at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the following real property located in said County and State:

A tract of land situate within the corporate limits of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 21, T. 23S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being part of the tract known as City Water Well No. 2 and more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof:

Beginning at a cross painted on the South line of Missouri Avenue for the Northwest corner of the tract herein described, WHENCE the Northwest corner of the City Water Well No. 2, Identical to the Northeast corner of Block "S" of College Heights, Block M and part of N and R, filed September 22, 1965 in plat Book 7, Page 76, bears, S.76deg.00'00"W., a distance of 34.32 feet;

THENCE from the point of beginning and along the South line of Missouri Avenue, N.76deg.00'00"E., 129.81 to a point on a curve;

THENCE around the arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 20.00 feet, through a central angle of 90deg.32'30" with an arc length of 21.61 feet, whose long chord bears S.58deg.43'45"E., a distance of 28.42 feet to a point on a tangent;

THENCE along the West line of Gladys Drive, S.13deg.27'30"E., 122.60 feet to an iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE leaving Gladys Drive, N.59deg.32'46"W., 27.90 feet to an iron rod found;

THENCE S.76deg.00'00"W., 129.90 feet to a nail set for the Southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N.13deg.27'30"W., 123.25 feet to the point of beginning.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Default Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale, and Appointment of Special Master, entered on October 31, 2014, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which, among other things, was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage against all secured real property by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$494,128.87 through October 16, 2014, on which post-judgment interest shall run at 9.60% per annum until satisfied in full, which the Special Master calculates to be a per diem of \$129,962.662 for 49 days to the date of the Special Masters sale (the "Sale"), for total post-judgment interest of \$6,368.17, together with attorney fees incurred and

costs of sale to the date of sale, and a reasonable Special Master's fee. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit their bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash at the sale.

Bidders, to the extent that they do not have a judgment permitted to be bid in lieu of cash, must bid cash at the sale. The successful bidder will be given until the close of the second business day following the determination of the winning bidder to supply to the Special Master cash, certified check, or cashier's check in the amount of the bid. Failure to do so will void that bid, and the Special Master shall either accept the next highest bid, or the Special Master may, in her sole discretion, telephone each bidder who attended the sale, using the telephone number each bidder submits at the sale, and communicate a new date and time for a subsequent sale, without republication of any further notice. Responsibility for reception of notice of any subsequent sale is on the bidder submitting the telephone number.

Notice is further given that the above-described real estate and improvements located on such real estate will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein and all recorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. All prospective bidders are notified that they are responsible for making their own determination as to the extent and nature of the title being conveyed by purchase at the Special Master's sale.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, this 4th day of November, 2014.

/s/Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela A. Carmody,

Special Master
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004
Telephone (575) 642-5567

Submitted by:
Kelly P. Albers
LAW OFFICE OF KELLY P. ALBERS, P.C.
650 Montana Avenue,
Suite D
Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88001
Telephone (575) 527-9064

Dates: 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 2014

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

No. 14-0245

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FELIX PFAEFFLE, a/k/a FELIX W. PFAEFFLE, a/k/a FELIX WERNER PFAEFFLE DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CLAUDIA TUCKER has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: November 20, 2014.

CLAUDIA TUCKER
106124 N. 3770 Road

Okemah, Oklahoma 74859

Prepared by:
ALAN D. GLUTH
New Mexico Bar #14950
Gluth Law, LLC
2455 East Missouri,
Suite A
Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88001
Telephone: (575) 556-8449
Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

Dates: 11/28, 12/05, 2014

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 7, 2014, Frances S. Diaz, PO Box 133, La Mesa, NM 88044, filed application numbered LRG-5042-POD3, OSE File Nos.: LRG-5042 & LRG-5042-A 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 well LRG-5042, located on land owned by the applicants within the NW¼4NE¼4 of Sec. 6, T26S, R03E NMPM and more specifically described where Lat/Long intersect at 32°4'57.158"N, 106°40'12.292"W, WGS84 and drilling a replacement well with a 14 inch casing at a depth of approximately 200 feet to be located within the NW¼4NE¼4 of said Sec. 6 NMPM and more specifically described where Lat/Long intersect at 32°4'56.593"N, 106°40'11.71"W, WGS84 on land owned by the applicant 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, NM, combined with surface water from EBID, for the irrigation of 36.92 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the NE¼ of said Sec. 6 as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-012-0007, of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. Well LRG-5042-POD3 can be found approximately 3.3 miles southeast of La Mesa, NM, approximately 363 feet

west from the intersection of Montes Rd. and E. Afton Rd. Existing well LRG-5042 will be properly plugged. 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: 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 2014



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 1/3 - 12/26, 2014



SOUTH CENTRAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The South Central Solid Waste Authority uses a web-based auction service to dispose of obsolete or surplus equipment. As items are available they will be posted to publicsurplus.com where the public is invited to view or submit bids using this online auction service.

For more information please contact the South Central Solid Waste Authority at 575-528-3709 or email scswa.prop@las-cruces.org.

Dates 1/3/14 - 12/26/14



INVITATION BID/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)/REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ)

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/Pre-Proposal Meeting	Due Date/Time
Salopek/Sunrise Subdivision Sewer Improvements Project Phase I	14-15-060	December 9, 2014 / 10:00 a.m. Public Works Room 2104, 700 N Main St., Las Cruces, NM 88001	December 18, 2014 / 10:00 a.m.

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 bidclerk@las-cruces.org

Dates 11/28/14

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Notice of Auction

There will be an auction of storage unit contents to be held on **December 20, 2014 at 10:00 am at North Telshor Self-Storage, 300 N. Telshor, Las Cruces, NM.** The following units will be auctioned to satisfy the lien for monies owed:

Unit H189

Timothy Girard
3411 Venus
Las Cruces, NM 88012
Unit consists of boxes of household goods, giraffe, tools and miscellaneous

Unit G133

Ramon Gonzales
1732 Princess Jeanne
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Unit consists of boxes of household goods, ladder and miscellaneous

Unit G163

David Sandoval
5273 Mangus Trail
Las Cruces, NM 88004
Unit consists of boxes of household goods, shelves, dolly, pallets and miscellaneous

Unit H177

Dolores Salina
PO Box 1121
Las Cruces, NM 88004
Unit consists of boxes of household goods, clothes and miscellaneous

Unit G155

Jonathan Hathway
813 Sagecoach
Las Cruces, NM 88011
Unit consists of boxes of household goods, ax, chair and miscellaneous

Unit D068

Shawna Mitchell
1767 Royal Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88011
Unit consists of boxes and bags of household goods and miscellaneous

Unit B031

Adam Tapia
517 South 5th
Raton, NM 87740
Unit consists of boxes of furniture and miscellaneous

Unit G135

Elizabeth North
2243 Durango Ct
Las Cruces, NM 88011
Unit consists of boxes of household goods and miscellaneous

Unit G151

Paul Alvarado
PO Box 1625
Mesilla Park, NM 88047
Unit consists of boxes of household goods, cabinets and miscellaneous

Dates: 11/28, 12/05, 2014

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of a transfer of ownership of Liquor License No. 2749 to Cattle Baron Restaurants, Inc. d/b/a Far-

ley's Food Fun and Pub, located at 3499 Foothills Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the transfer.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 14th day of November 2014.

/s/Esther Martinez-Carrillo,
MMC, City Clerk

Dates: 11/21, 11/28, 2014

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the issuance of a Restaurant Liquor License (beer and wine) to **RJK Dining LLC d/b/a Café A Go Go, located at 1120 Commerce Drive, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico.**

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council scheduled for **Monday, December 15, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the transfer.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 18th day of November 2014.

/s/Esther Martinez-Carrillo,
MMC, City Clerk

Dates: 11/21, 11/28, 2014

NOTICE OF VEHICLE SEIZURE

TO REGISTERED OWNERS, SECURED PARTIES AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS:

You are hereby notified that the Doña Ana Sheriff's Office has seized the following vehicles and intends to proceed with forfeiture of each vehicle to the County of Doña Ana pursuant to the DAC Ordinance #232-07 pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles related to DWI Offenses: The below listed vehicles will be auctioned to the highest bidder at our upcoming auction the location of 2821-B Las Vegas Court.

1GKEV18HXHF503247
1987 GMC PK YELLOW
CRAIG BENAVIDEZ

1Y1SK5466NZ078201
1992 CHEV. 4D BLUE

BEATRICE GUTIERREZ

3VW5C81H8RM075443
1994 VW 4D BLK
JUAN MADRID JR

JH2PC213XVM402495
1997 HONDA MC
RICHARD HOWELL

1GCEC14C7EJ129233
1984 CHEV. PK GRAY
ALEX RODRIGUEZ

2G2WS522041283997
2004 PONTIAC 4D ORA.
ELVIRA MUNOZ

JA4LS3H7XP033635
1999 MITS. SUV BLK
NICANOR HERNANDEZ

1B7GL23X0TS518953
1996 DODGE GRAY PK
VICENTE MARQUEZ

KMHND46D26U255265
2006 HYUNDAI 4D GRAY
EVA WHELAN

If you do not demand judicial review within 30 calendar days from the date of the seizure by filing a claim for the described vehicle with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office or filing a suit in court, you lose the right to a judicial determination of this forfeiture, and you lose any right you may have to the described vehicle and its contents.

Dates: 11/28, 12/05, 2014

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-PB-2014-00073
Judge Douglas Driggers

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: HARRIET COGNASI, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are 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 undersigned personal representative at 5308 Bryer St., Amarillo, TX 79109 or filed with the Third Judicial District of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED this 19th day of November, 2014.

/s/ Richard Charles Coenasi
RICHARD CHARLES
COGNASI
Personal Representative
5303 Bryer St.
Amarillo, TX 79109

KEITHLY & ENGLISH,
L.L.C.
SHANE A. ENGLISH
Attorney for Personal
Representative
Post Office Drawer 1329
Anthony, NM 88021
(575) 882-4500
(575) 882-5000 [FAX]

Dates: 11/28, 12/5, 2014

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DM-2014-1395

BERTHA MELENDEZ, Petitioner,

MANUEL MELENDEZ, Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above named Petitioner, Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

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

Francisco Mario Ortiz
Attorney for Petitioner
715 E. Idaho, Suite 1-C
Las Cruces, NM 88001
(575) 526-8247

WITNESS the Honorable Douglas R. 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 3rd day of November, 2014.

(Seal)

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
CHRISTY L. FRENCH
BY: /s/Christy L French
DEPUTY

Dates: 11/14, 11/21, 11/28,
12/05, 2014

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-244

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee for Loan Trust 2004-4, Plaintiff,

ERNESTO ROBLES; PILAR ROBLES;

LLUVIA MCCLUSKY; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

SIXTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 3, 2014, 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, 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 5547 Elbow Bend, Santa Teresa, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A certain Parcel of Land being a portion of USRS Tract 32-15, situate within The Santa Teresa Grant, Section 22, Township 28 South, Range 3 East, (Projected) New Mexico Principal Meridian, Doña Ana County, New Mexico and being more particularly described by METES AND BOUNDS as follows:

Commencing at a found New Mexico-Texas state line monument No. 69;

THENCE along the New Mexico-Texas state line S 23°-42'-02" E, a distance of 263.09 feet (Record 269.16') to a set 5/8' rebar with yellow cap No. 5948 where a found New Mexico-Texas state line Monument No. 70 bears S 23°-42'-02" E, a distance of 1330.44 feet;

THENCE, leaving said state line N 88°-57'-12" W, (Record N 89°-52'-00" W) a distance of 0.86 feet to a found rebar with cap No. TX 10472/NM 4297 and at a total distance of 190.82 feet (Record 178.94', typed wrong should be 187.94') to a set 5/8' rebar with yellow cap No. 5948, said rebar marking the northwest corner of a parcel of land belonging to Richard and Guadalupe Peet recorded in Book 416, Pages 680-682 on April 22, 2003 and also marking "THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING" of the parcel herein described;

THENCE, S 00°-33'-37" W, a distance of 213.66 feet (Record S 01°-14'-36" W, 214.69') to a found rebar with a cap "not readable" marking the southwest corner of said parcel of land belonging to Richard and Guadalupe Peet, marking a point on the north boundary line of a parcel of land belonging to Edward Juarez recorded in Book 22, Page 817 on August 16, 1995 and also marking the southeast corner of the parcel herein described;

THENCE, N 89°-00'-48" W, a distance of 240.94 feet (Record N 88°-45'-24" W, 241.36') to a found rebar with cap No. NM 7447/TX 2027 marking the northwest corner of said parcel of land belonging to Edward Juarez, marking the southwest corner of the parcel herein described and also marking a point on the easterly right-of-way line of The West Drain;

THENCE, along the easterly right-of-way line of The West Drain, N 43°-02'-55" W, a distance of 491.27 feet (Record N 42°-45'-24" W, 491.75') to a set 5/8" rebar with yellow cap No. 5948 marking the southwest corner of a parcel of land belonging to Karl and Doretha Busch recorded in Book 380, Pages 559-561 on April 19, 1994 and also marking the northwest corner of the parcel herein described;

THENCE, leaving said easterly right-of-way line of The West Drain, S 88°-57'-12" E, a distance of 499.86 feet (Record S 88°-45'-24" E) to a set rebar with yellow cap No. 5948 marking the southeast corner of said parcel of land belonging to Karl and Doretha Busch, marking a point on the west boundary line of a parcel of land belonging to Holt Revocable Trust recorded in Book 160, Pages 359-361 on December 17, 1998, and also marking the northeast corner of the parcel herein described whence, a found rebar with cap "not readable" bears N 65°-38'-21" E a distance of 4.85 feet;

THENCE, S 01°-02'-48" W, a distance of 138.92 feet (Record S 01°-14'-48" W) to a found 1/2" rebar;

THENCE, S 88°-57'-12" E, a distance of 81.12' (Record S 88°-45'-24" E, 82.97") to "THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING" of the parcel herein described containing 133,571 square feet or 3.07 of land more or less.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on July 23, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. Subsequent to the entry of the judgment, the Debtor(s) made payments pursuant to a Home Affordable Modification Trial Period Plan and partially satisfied Plaintiff's judgment. The amount now due on judgment is \$281,618.93 and the same bears interest at 7.550% per annum from June 1, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$95,942.17. 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
(505) 525-2711

Dates: 11/7, 11/14, 11/21,
11/28, 2014

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

No. D-307-PB-2014-00096

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN H. MOSLEY, deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or within two months after the mailing or delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 320 Osuna Rd NE, Ste. G4, Albuquerque, NM 87107, or filed with the Doña Ana County District Court.

DATED: November 4, 2014

/s/ Kathryn Hamm
Katherine Suzanne Hamm
a/k/a Kathryn Hamm,

Personal Representative of the Estate of John H. Mosley, deceased
3801 Cloverdale
Tyler TX 75701
(903) 509-3897

KENNETH C. LEACH & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

By /s/ Kenneth C. Leach
Kenneth C. Leach
Attorney for Katherine Suzanne Hamm a/k/a Kathryn Hamm, Personal Representative of the Estate of John H. Mosley, deceased
320 Osuna Rd NE, Ste. G4
Albuquerque NM 87107
(505) 883-2702

Dates: 11/21, 11/28, 2014

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

No. CV-2014-1905
Judge Kugler

JOE C. JARAMILLO and JIMMY JARAMILLO, Plaintiffs,

v.

NICANDRA BARRAZA and BLANCA ACOSTA de BARRAZA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Plaintiffs, requesting to quiet the title of the property known as Lot 11 and Lot 12, Block 1, Mesilla Park Townsite, located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

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

Bates Law Firm
P.O. Box 305
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305
Attorney for Plaintiffs

WITNESS the Honorable Darren 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 13th day of November, 2014.

(Seal)

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY: /s/ Mary E. Apodaca
DEPUTY

Dates: 11/21, 11/28, 12/5,
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THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. D-307-PB-2014-00106

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANCIS M. BURKE, deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned 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 within two months after the mailing or delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 320 Osuna Rd NE, Ste. G4, Albuquerque, NM 87107, or filed with the Doña Ana County District Court.

DATED: Nov 18, 2014

/s/ LuAnne Elizabeth Burke
LuAnne Elizabeth Burke,
Co-applicant
1305 Luna
Las Cruces NM 88001
(575) 523-7437

/s/ Rachel Helen Miller
Rachel Helen Miller,
Co-applicant
1503 E 20th Ave
Spokane WA 99203
(575) 680-6262

/s/ Esther Suzanne Burke
Esther Suzanne Burke,
Co-applicant
2330 Shalem Colony Trail
Las Cruces NM 88007
(575) 312-8454

KENNETH C. LEACH & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

By /s/ Kenneth C. Leach
Kenneth C. Leach
Attorney for LuAnne Elizabeth Burke, Rachel Helen Miller and Esther Suzanne Burke, Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Francis M. Burke, deceased
320 Osuna Rd NE, Ste. G4
Albuquerque NM 87107
(505) 883-2702

Dates: 11/28, 12/05, 2014

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-02011

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

LISA J. CANO, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF LISA J. CANO, De-

ceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF LISA J. CANO, Deceased, and if married, JOHN DOE A (true name unknown), her spouse, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) Lisa J. Cano, if living, if deceased, The Estate of Lisa J. Cano, Deceased, The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Lisa J. Cano, Deceased and John Doe A, Spouse of Lisa J. Cano, Deceased is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 5855 Organ Peak Drive, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

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Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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October 31, 2014

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Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable MARY ROSNER, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 5th day of November, 2014.

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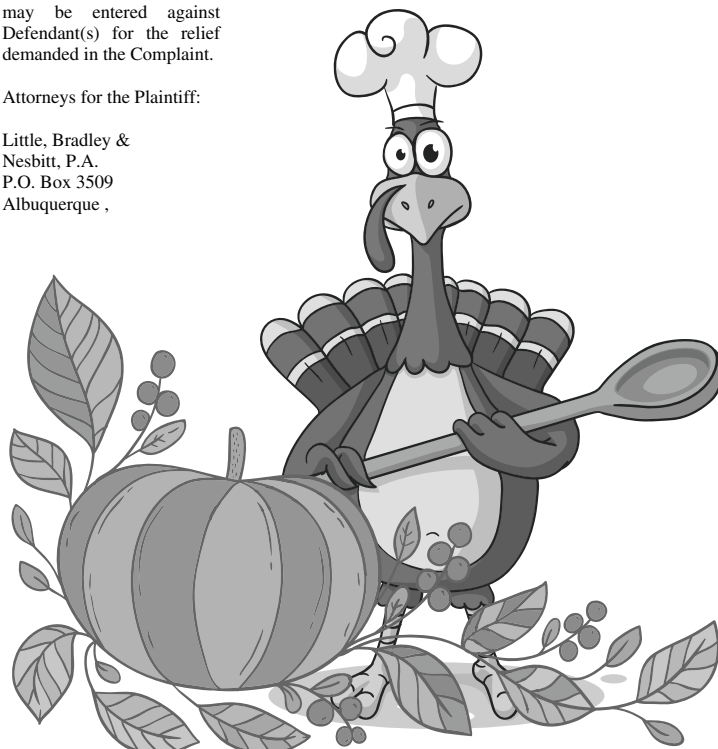
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Trans-Siberian ORCHESTRA

Group returns to Las Cruces

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Arts & Entertainment

Concerts and shows mark holiday season

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As we close the door on November, ushering in the coming holiday season, Las Cruces comes to life with a variety of seasonal concerts taking place throughout the month of December.

Kicking off the holiday concert with a bang, Trans-Siberian Orchestra will return to the Pan American Center, 1810 E. University Ave., performing its rock opera "The Christmas Attic" at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1.

While 1998's "The Christmas Attic" features one of the band's most popular songs, "Christmas Canon," surprisingly, it is the only album of "The Christmas Trilogy" never to be performed live. The 2014 Winter Tour will find TSO playing more than 120 shows in 71 cities across North America and presented nationally by Hallmark Channel.

KLAQ and Stardate Concerts are proud to welcome TSO when they return to Las Cruces for the 2014 world tour. Tickets are on sale now, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Million Koins For Kids.

"After kicking off the New Year in front of two million fans at Berlin's Brandenburg Gate, followed by our second European tour, the band felt that a perfect way to end the year would be to perform the only rock opera from the trilogy that has never been seen live," TSO creator, lyricist and composer Paul O'Neill said.

"Some of the songs off 'The Christmas Attic' have never been played live. As I have always said, 'It is fun to write the songs, it is fun to record them, but they are never really completed until we perform them in front of a live arena audience.' Of course, the second half of the show will feature TSO iconic classics and fan favorites, such as 'Wizards in Winter,' 'Requiem' and 'Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24.'"

Trans-Siberian Orchestra's rock opera, "The Christmas Attic" will be re-released, to coincide with the tour, complete with bonus tracks, as well as a special vinyl edition. Called an "inspiring story" by USA Today and "Majestic, sweeping ..." by Billboard magazine. The album's (and stage production's) narrative begins on Christmas Eve, when a young girl's curiosity leads her to a night of mischief and magic. She decides to sneak up into the attic of her parents' home while she should be asleep. There she discovers a magical doorway to the past in the form of a mysterious trunk filled with ornaments, toys, old records and bundles of handwritten letters. A startling discovery in one of the letters leads to an unlikely adventure.

TSO, which celebrated its 15th year of live shows last year, has consistently ranked in the top 10 for yearly gross revenues and attendance, according to touring industry trade Pollstar. The group has played more than 1,600 shows for more than 11 million fans, and, in the process, cemented itself as one of the world's biggest arena rock acts. This ongoing success is due to O'Neill's vision. O'Neill has melded the sound and fury of rock with the storytelling of Broadway to create a unique amalgamation he calls "rock theater" that leaves crowds of all ages speechless.

As in previous years, a portion of all ticket sales will go to benefit select local charities. The consistent growth of TSO's touring popularity has increased the



The holiday concert season kicks off in Las Cruces with the Monday, Dec. 1, return of Trans-Siberian Orchestra to the Pan American Center. The group will perform "The Christmas Attic," an album never before performed live.

group's contributions and, to date, TSO has donated more than \$11 million to local charities.

Reserved tickets start at \$34. Tickets for "The Christmas Attic" are available at www.ticketmaster.com, the Pan Am Center Ticket Office, all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at 800-745-3000. Fees may apply.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave., will host the 2014 edition of a favorite community production, "Merry Christmas, Las Cruces" for three days, Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 4-6.

Now in its 19th year, "Merry Christmas, Las Cruces" is a gift from the Music Ministry of St. Paul's to the Las Cruces community. This year is an especially exciting time as the church presents a revival of its first musical, "I'll Be Home for Christmas."

This Mark Hayes/Deborah Craig-Claar work is set in the 1940s and features lots of big band-style takes on favorite Christmas songs. The drama, directed by Dave Edwards, in the author's words, is "a musical about family and hope in the golden days of radio."

"Merry Christmas, Las Cruces," is an effort by St. Paul's to share a gift of good cheer with the Las Cruces community. It involves a cast of more than 50 people from within and outside the congregation as well as instrumentalists and a technical crew. The annual event is co-sponsored by business and professional persons from across the community.

Performances of "Merry Christmas, Las Cruces" are at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 4-5, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. Tickets are free and are available at Hubbard's Music, Sew What's New, Billy the Kid in Mesilla and at the church office.

As a gift to the citizens of Las Cruces, the Santa Fe Opera Educational Department and the Doña Ana Arts Council present the **Santa Fe Opera Holiday**

Tour featuring arias, songs of the season, musical theater selections and sacred music at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

Performed by up-and-coming opera stars and accompanied by SFO Musical Director Kirt Pavitt, the Santa Fe Opera Community Concerts have become an annual tradition at the Rio Grande Theatre. This celebration of the season in high style will be the final stop on the final Downtown Art Ramble of the year.

Taking the stage with the Santa Fe Opera Holiday Tour will be soprano Amy Owens, an apprentice of the SFO this past summer and previously with Central City Opera, Wolf Trap Opera and Utah Festival Opera. Joining her will be bass-baritone Calvin Griffin, also an apprentice last summer and a former member of the Arizona Opera Studio, Des Moines Metro Opera and Wolf Trap Opera.

Among the many songs performed in this show will be recognizable classics such as "Joy to the World," "Ave Maria" and "O Holy Night," along with arias "Mein Glaubiges Herze," by J.S. Bach, "O Luce di quest anima," by Donizetti and the traditional spiritual "Sister Mary Had-a But One Child."

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and seating is first come, first served. For more information, call 523-6403 or visit www.riograndetheatre.com.

The following week, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 14-15, the Doña Ana Lyric Opera and the Doña Ana Arts Council celebrate the season with "**Amahl and the Night Visitors**" at the Rio Grande Theatre. The one-act opera by Gian Carlo Menotti,



Ron Campbell takes the microphone as a featured soloist in last year's Living Christmas Tree, held annually at First Baptist Church. The Living Christmas Tree returns this year Saturday through Tuesday, Dec. 13-16.

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and directed by Jessica Medoff and Annie Pennies, follows a young boy who learns that gifts come in all shapes and sizes. Originally aired on television in 1951, the opera became an instant classic and has remained a perennial Christmas favorite ever since. Get into the holiday spirit with this unforgettable theatrical experience for the entire family.

Amahl, a disabled boy who needs a crutch to walk, and his mother are very poor and may have to resort to begging to stay alive. One night, they receive three very special guests: the Three Kings bearing gold and expensive gifts and following a star that will lead them to a wondrous child. The events of this night will prove miraculous for the young Amahl.

Creating a truly special experience, according to Doña Ana Lyric Opera Director John Carlo Pierce, members of New Mexico State University Music Department faculty will join forces with local community talent to produce this show. Andrea Kiesling, who has appeared in many local productions, will sing the role of the Mother and Molly Schroeder, a student at Sierra Middle School, will portray Amahl.

"This production represents a collaborative effort on many levels," Pierce said. "For me, one of the most exciting and fulfilling aspects of this production is the chorus of shepherds. We have a truly multi-generational group, from high school students to retired persons. I'm thrilled to be sharing this experience with them."

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for "Amahl and the Night Visitors" are \$15 general admission and \$5 students. For more information, call 522-6403.

The Living Christmas Tree Concert at First Baptist Church has become an annual holiday tradition for many of the residents of the Mesilla Valley. Last year, close to 3,000 southern New Mexicans attended this unique, festive blend of timeless Christmas traditions with the tools of technology. This year, the Living Christmas tree returns for five performances Saturday through Tuesday, Dec. 13-16.

The Living Christmas Tree concert is a dramatic announcement of the celebration of Christmas. The Living Christmas Tree has become a holiday tradition for southern New Mexico, drawing audiences from all

over the region. The performances delight people of all ages with the wonders of Christmas.

Adorned with the traditional evergreen and draped with red and gold lamé, this steel structure reaches 24 feet to the ceiling of the First Baptist Church Worship Center and serves as a platform for the 50-voice choir accompanied by a 30-piece orchestra. They are joined by the church's children choirs, youth choir, senior adult choir and a drama cast to present a worship experience enabling individuals to encounter the love of God.

The 90-minute presentation is an incomparable expression of the holiday season's music. This musical extravaganza is animated with dramatic visual effects that are a unique and inspiring observance of the season. As traditional and contemporary Christmas carols are sung, 65,000 computer-controlled lights dazzle audiences with a colorful spectacle of exciting color.

Performance times for the Living Christmas Tree are 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 7 p.m. nightly Dec. 13-16. Tickets are \$5 and are available at First Baptist Church, Johnson's True Value Hardware, Picture Frame Factory Outlet, The Tanned Calf and the White Sands Missile Range Community Center. For more information, call 524-3691.

At 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, the Mesilla Valley Chorale, directed by Nancy Ritchey, presents its holiday concert "**Hearts Aglow**" at the Rio Grande Theatre. The diverse program features sacred selections, spirituals and exciting choral arrangements of holiday favorites with instrumental backup. Tickets for "Hearts Aglow" are \$10. For more information and ticket registration, call 647-2560.

Also at the Rio Grande Theatre, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, the Doña Ana Arts Council proudly continues its 2014-15 Performance Series with Grammy-nominated jazz pianist, composer and producer **David Benoit**, who will celebrate the holidays with the iconic jazz from Charles Schulz's Peanuts specials. Revive that wonderful Christmas feeling with Vince Guaraldi's perennial Peanuts tunes, featuring classics like "Linus and Lucy" and "Christmas Time Is Here," while the beloved animated classic is projected on the theater screen.

According to Smooth Jazz New York, over the last quarter century, Benoit has been a passionate musical innovator committed to the exploration of many different art forms on the American landscape. His prolific output since 2000 includes several prominent Charlie Brown related projects (including "Here's To You, Charlie Brown: 50 Great Years" and the star-studded "40 Years: A Charlie Brown Christmas") that reflect his lifelong passion for the music of original Peanuts composer Vince Guaraldi and solidify Benoit's role as his musical heir.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45.50 or \$34 and are available at the Rio Grande Theatre box office or online at www.riograndetheatre.com. For more information, call 523-6403.



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NBC	9	9	English Premier League Soccer	College Football	Bayou Classic -- Grambling State vs. Southern. (N)	AAA			Proactiv																	
CW	14	14	College Football	North Carolina State at North Carolina. (N)	College Football	Alabama-Birmingham at Southern Mississippi. (N)	(Live)																			
WGN	15	15	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Blue Bloods																
ESPN	26	26	College Football	South Carolina at Clemson. (N)	Score	College Football	Florida at Florida State. (N)	(Live)			Score	Score														
ESPN2	27	27	(10:00) College Football	Kentucky at Louisville.	Score	College Football	Baylor at Texas Tech or Michigan State at Penn State. (N)				Score	Score														
USA	31	31	NCIS "Hide and Seek"	NCIS (In Stereo)	NCIS "Toxic"	NCIS "Semper Fidelis"	NCIS Tense reunion.	NCIS	NCIS (In Stereo)			NCIS (In Stereo)														
TNT	32	32	(10:00) ** "Total Recall" (1990)	** "Terminator Salvation" (2009) Christian Bale. (DVS)	** "Battle: Los Angeles" (2011) (DVS)																					
TBS	33	33	** "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" (2006) Johnny Depp.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Raymond	Raymond														
COM	35	35	(:08) ** "Beverly Hills Cop II" (1987, Comedy)	(:12) ** "Vegas Vacation" (1997, Comedy) Chevy Chase. (DVS)	(:18) ** "Couples Retreat" (2009)																					
LIFE	39	39	"Twelve Trees"	"All She Wants for Christmas" (2006)	"Finding Mrs. Claus" (2012) Mira Sorvino. (DVS)	"Christmas-Kranks"																				
FOOD	40	Rewrapped	Beat Flay	Restaurant: Impossible	Diners	Diners	Guy's Grocery Games	Kitchen Inferno	Chopped	Chopped																
HGTV	41	Fixer Upper	Overseas	Overseas	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters																
A&E	43	Storage	Storage	Country	Country	Country	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Criminal Minds															
HIST	44	Shelby	Shelby	Shelby	Shelby	Vikings "Invasion"	Vikings "Treachery"	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings																
TLC	45	My 600-Lb. Life	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER																
DISC	47	Misfit Garage	Misfit Garage	Misfit Garage	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud																
ANPL	50	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees																
FAM	51	(10:00) *** "Hook" (1991) Dustin Hoffman.	** "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island" (2012)	** "The Hunger Games" (2012)																						
DISN	52	Dog	Girl Meets	Jessie (In Stereo)	** "Eloise at Christmastime" (DVS)	ANT Farm	ANT Farm	ANT Farm	ANT Farm	ANT Farm	Girl Meets	Girl Meets														
NICK	54	The Fairly OddParents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Nicky	Nicky	Thunder	Thunder	Henry	Henry														
AMC	57	(9:00) "The Matrix"	*** "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003, Science Fiction) Keanu Reeves. (DVS)	*** "The Matrix Revolutions" (2003) (DVS)																						
SYFY	59	** "Stargate" (1994) Kurt Russell, James Spader.	*** "The Fifth Element" (1997) Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman.	"Terminator 2"																						
CNN	62	(8:00) CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)														
CNBC	63	Paid Prog. "Kitchen	KeithUrban	Medicare	Paid Prog. "BodyBeast	SHARK!	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.														
MSNBC	64	Weekends-Witt	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera														

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															5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2	22	Grace	Red Rock Serenade	Weekend	The Best of 50s Pop (My Music)	Great Performances			Don't Worry, Retire Happy																		
CBS	3	3	Bucket	News	Paid	Christmas	Santa Claus	48 Hours (N)			News	Bucket	Clean	Jdg Judy														
ABC	7	7	News (N)	Insider	College Football	Oregon at Oregon State. (N)	(Live)			News	ABC 7	(:35) TMZ (N)	Cheaters															
FOX	8	14	College Football	Middle Tennessee State at Texas-EI Paso. (N)	(Live)			Simpsons	News	Two Men	Animation Dom	(:05) Bones																
NBC	9	9	AAA	News	City	The National Dog Show (In Stereo)	Saturday Night Live	News (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live																			
CW	14	Box Offi	Box Offi	Republic of Doyle	*** "Rudy" (1993, Drama) Sean Astin.	1st Fam	1st Fam	Access Hollywood	SAF3																			
WGN	15	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods																
ESPN	26	Score	(:45) College Football	Auburn at Alabama. (N)	(Live)			(:45) SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)																
ESPN2	27	College Football	Pittsburgh at Miami. (N)	(Live)			(:15) College Football	Utah State at Boise State. (N)	(Live)			Football Final																
USA	31	NCIS "Reunion"	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS "Endgame"	** "He's Just Not That Into You"	*** "Transformers" (2007) (DVS)																					
TNT	32	Battle LA	*** "300" (2007) Gerard Butler. (DVS)	Transporter	Transporter	Transporter	Transporter	Transporter	Transporter	Transporter	Transporter	Transporter																
TBS	33	Raymond	Raymond	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Deal With	** "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End"																
COM	35	"Couples Retreat"	Kevin Hart: Grown	Amy Schumer	All-Star	Amy Schumer	Kevin Hart: Grown	Amy Schumer	Amy Schumer	Amy Schumer	Aziz Ansari	Aziz Ansari																
LIFE	39	"Christmas-Kranks"	"Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever"	"Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever"	"Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever"	"Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever"	"Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever"	"Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever"	"Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever"	"Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever"	"Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever"	"Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever"																
FOOD	40	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped																
HGTV	41	Hunters	Hunters	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers																
A&E	43	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds																
HIST	44	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings "Boneless"	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings	(:03) Vikings	(:01) Vikings	(:01) Vikings	(:01) Vikings	(:01) Vikings																
TLC	45	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Sex Sent Me to the	Sex Sent Me to the	Sex Sent Me to the	Sex Sent Me to the	Sex Sent Me to the	Sex Sent Me to the	Sex Sent Me to the	Sex Sent Me to the																
DISC	47	Fast N' Loud	Punkin Chunkin: Super	Chunk! (N)	Punkin Chunkin: Super	Chunk! (N)	Punkin Chunkin: Super	Chunk! (N)	Punkin Chunkin: Super	Chunk! (N)	Punkin Chunkin: Super	Chunk! (N)																
ANPL	50	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole																
FAM	51	"Hunger Games"	*** "Brave" (2012) Emma Thompson	*** "Despicable Me" (2010, Comedy)	*** "ParaNorman" (2012, Comedy)																							
DISN	52	Girl	Dog	Dog	Lab Rats	Good Luck Jes.	"Nightmare-Christmas"	Jessie	Lab Rats	Lab Rats	Lab Rats	Lab Rats																
NICK	54	"Santa Hunters" (2014)	Nicky	Thunder	Awesome	Prince	Prince	Friends	Friends	Friends	How I Met/Mother	Mother																
AMC	57	"Matrix Revol."	*** "The Matrix" (1999, Science Fiction) Keanu Reeves. (DVS)	*** "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003) Keanu Reeves. (DVS)																								
SYFY	59	(4:00) "Terminator 2: Judgment Day"	** "Blade: Trinity" (2004, Horror) Wesley Snipes.	Z Nation	Z Nation	Z Nation	Z Nation	Z Nation	Z Nation	Z Nation	Z Nation	Z Nation																
CNN	62	The Hunt	The Hunt	The Hunt	The Hunt	The Hunt	The Hunt	The Hunt	The Hunt	The Hunt	The Hunt	The Hunt																
CNBC	63	Car	Car	The Profit	Suze Orman Show	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed																
MSNBC	64	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Lockup	Lock																							

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON			NOVEMBER 30, 2014										
	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	
PBS	22	Victor Borge's Timeless	JJ Virgin's Sugar Impact Secret	Deepak Chopra: The Future of God				Great Performances					
CBS	3	3 NFL Football Oakland Raiders at St. Louis Rams. (N) (Live)	NFL Football New England Patriots at Green Bay Packers. (N)										
ABC	7	7 Wildlife Outback	World of X Games (N)	World of X Games (N)	Unforgettable Holiday Moments on Ice (N)				Entertainment Tonight				
FOX	8	14 NFL Football Washington Redskins at Indianapolis Colts. (N)	The OT (N)				2014 College Football		*** "Three Kings" (1999)				
NBC	9	9 Red Bull Series	Action Sports (N)	Skiing	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix: NHK Trophy.				Paid Prog. NBC News				
CW	14	Planet Adventures	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont	Raw Travel Hiring	Outd'r	Music	Latino TV	LatiNation		
WGN	15	15 Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Brooklyn Nets. (N)				Raising		Bones (In Stereo)			
ESPN	26	26 College Basketball	Experts	Poker	World/Poker				2014 World Series of Poker Final Table. (Taped)				
ESPN2	27	27 College Basketball	College Basketball Providence at Kentucky. (N)	College Basketball Orlando Classic: Teams TBA.				Pregame Grey Cup					
USA	31	31 Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		
TNT	32	32 *** "War of the Worlds" (2005) Tom Cruise. (DVS)	*** "I, Robot" (2004, Science Fiction) Will Smith. (DVS)				*** "Clash of the Titans"						
TBS	33	33 Shrek (4:5) *** "Home Alone" (1990) (DVS)	(4:5) *** "Surviving Christmas" (2004) (DVS)				*** "Fred Claus" (2007) (DVS)						
COM	35	35 (9:35) "Major League" (:10) *** "Vegas Vacation" (1997, Comedy) Chevy Chase. (DVS)	(:16) *** "Couples Retreat" (2009) Vince Vaughn. (DVS)										
LIFE	39	39 *** "An Accidental Christmas" (2007)	*** "Merry In-Laws" (2012) Shelley Long. (DVS)				*** "Crazy for Christmas" (2005)						
FOOD	40	40 Chopped	Chopped				Chopped						
HGTV	41	41 Property Brothers	Property Brothers				Property Brothers						
A&E	43	43 Dogs of War "Duane"	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Country	Country	Shipping	Shipping	
HIST	44	44 Pawn Stars Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	
TLC	45	45 The Little Couple	The Little Couple				Couple Couple						
DISC	47	47 Epic RVs	Epic RVs	Buying Al.				Buying Al.		Last Frontier			
ANPL	50	50 To Be Announced	To Be Announced				To Be Announced						
FAM	51	51 "Journey 2-Myst"	*** "Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium" (2007)				*** "The Flintstones" (1994) John Goodman. (DVS)						
DISN	52	52 Eloise	"The Nightmare Before Christmas"				Rebels		Gravity		Dog		Jessie
NICK	54	54 SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Fairly OddParents				Sam & Cat		Nicky		Thunder	
AMC	57	57 (9:30) "Ghostbusters II"	The Walking Dead				The Walking Dead						
SYFY	59	59 **** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991) Arnold Schwarzenegger.	*** "30 Days of Night" (2007, Horror) Josh Hartnett.				Blade						
CNN	62	62 Innovators: Dr.	CNN Newswroom (N)	CNN Newswroom (N)	CNN Newswroom (N)	CNN Newswroom (N)	CNN Newswroom (N)	CNN Newswroom (N)	CNN Newswroom (N)	CNN Newswroom (N)	CNN Newswroom (N)		
CNBC	63	63 Kitchen	KeithUrban	Healthier	Clean!	Cook	Paied Prog.	Clean!	Paied Prog.	Sleep	Medicare	Paied Prog.	
MSNBC	64	64 Weekends-Witt	Meet the Press				Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Sex Slaves: Addiction		

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PBS	22	22 The Candy Bomber	Moyers	Weekend	Renée Fleming	Downton Abbey Rediscovered	Great Performances (In Stereo)				Victor			
CBS	3	3 Football	News	60 Minutes (N)	Madam Secretary	The Mentalist	CSI: Crime Scene	News	The Good Wife	News	Insider	Scandal	Blue	
ABC	7	7 News (N)	ABC	Funny Home Videos	Once Upon a Time	Resurrection (N)	(:01) Revenge (N)	ABC 7	News	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mike	Mike	
FOX	8	14 3 Kings	Fam. Guy	Ice Age	Mulaney	Simpsons Brooklyn	Fam. Guy	Burgers	KFOX14 News	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Nieman	Paied	
NBC	9	9 Football Night in America (N)	(:20) NFL Football Denver Broncos at Kansas City Chiefs. (N)	Sports	News (N)	Pain Free								
CW	14	14 *** "Working Girl" (1988)	*** "Taken" (2008) Liam Neeson.				TMZ (N)		Raising		Raising		Middle	Middle
WGN	15	15 Bones	*** "Casino Royale" (2006) Daniel Craig, Eva Green. (DVS)				(:06) *** "Three Kings" (1999)		"Bringing Down"					
ESPN	26	26 SportsCenter (N) (Live)	Who's In?				MLS Soccer		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N)			
ESPN2	27	27 (4:30) 2014 Grey Cup	Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				College Basketball				ESPN FC (N) (Live)			
USA	31	31 Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	"Brideshead Rev"		
TNT	32	32 "Clash-Titans"	*** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf. (DVS)				(:01) *** "Clash of the Titans" (2010)				*** "I, Robot"			
TBS	33	33 (3:30) "Fred Claus"	** "Four Christmases" (2008) (DVS)				** "Four Christmases" (2008) (DVS)				** "Nothing Like the Holidays" (2008)			
COM	35	35 Aziz Ansari	Kevin Hart: Laugh	Kevin Hart: Grown	All-Star	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	All-Star				
LIFE	39	39 *** "Christmas With the Kranks" (2004)	** "Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever"											
FOOD	40	40 Guy's Games	Guy's Games				Holiday Baking		Cutthroat Kitchen		Cutthroat Kitchen			
HGTV	41	41 Property Brothers	Hawaii	Hawaii	Beach	Beach	Vacation House	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Beach	Beach	Vacation House		
A&E	43	43 Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	(:02) Dogs of War	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage		
HIST	44	44 Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Ax Men (N)	Alaska Off-Road	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	(:01) Ax Men			
TLC	45	45 The Little Couple	90 Day Fiance				My Five Wives (N)		90 Day Fiance		My Five Wives			
DISC	47	47 Last Frontier	Alaska: The Last				Edge of Alaska		Last Frontier		Edge of Alaska			
ANPL	50	50 North Woods Law	North Woods Law				To Be Announced		North Woods Law		To Be Announced			
FAM	51	51 (4:00) "Brave"	*** "Despicable Me" (2010, Comedy)				"National Lamp. Christmas"		J. Osteen		Jeremiah		Robison	Paied
DISN	52	52 Jessie	Liv-Mad.	ANT	Liv-Mad.	Dog	Austin	Jessie	** "Santa Buddies" (2009)	Jessie	Austin	Dog		
NICK	54	54 HALO Awards	"Santa Hunters" (2014)				Full H'se		Prince		Prince		Friends	Friends
AMC	57	57 The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead				(:01) Talking Dead		The Walking Dead		Comic			
SYFY	59	59 (4:30) ** "Blade: Trinity" (2004, Horror)	* "The Happening" (2008)				Spartacus: War		(:05) ** "Poseidon" (2006) Josh Lucas.					
CNN	62	62 This Is Life	This Is Life				Weed 2: Cannabis		This Is Life		Weed: Gupta			
CNBC	63	63 Car	On				60 Minutes on		American Greed		American Greed			
MSNBC	64	64 Parlor Games	Sex Slaves: Dazed				Sex Slaves City		Pot Barons		Lockup			

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PBS	22	22 News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business	Antiques Roadshow (N)	50 Years	To Be Announced	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley				
CBS	3	3 CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mike	Mike	Scorpion (N)	News	Letterman	Ferguson			
ABC	7	7 News	ABC	News	Ent	CMA Country Christmas (N)	(:01) Castle (N)	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline				
FOX	8	14 KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Big Bang	Gotham "Pilot"	Sleepy Hollow (N)	KFOX News at Nine	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mike	Mike	Mike	Mike	
NBC	9	9 News (N)	News	News (N)	News	The Voice The top eight artists perform.	State of Affairs (N)	News (N)	Tonight Show	Meyers				
CW	14	14 Cougar	Raising	Middle	Middle	Reindeer	Greatest Hol	ABC 7	TMZ (N)	Cougar	Commun	Commun	Rules	
WGN	15	15 Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos				Mother		Mother		Raising			
ESPN	26	26 Monday Night	(:15) NFL Football Miami Dolphins at New York Jets. (Live)						(:20) SportsCenter (N)		NFL PrimeTime			
ESPN2	27	27 College Basketball	NBA Coast to Coast (N) (Live)				Football Final		NBA		SportsCenter (N)			
USA	31	31 NCIS "Reveille"	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (In Stereo Live)				Chrysler		Chrysler		Law & Order: SVU			
TNT	32	32 Castle (In Stereo)	Major Crimes				Transporter		Major Crimes		Law & Order			
TBS	33	33 Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	American	American	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	Childrens	Conan	Cougar	
COM	35	35 Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	At Mid	South Pk	Daily	Colbert		
LIFE	39	39 (4:00) Movie	"An En Vogue Christmas" (2014)				"Seasons of Love" (2014) LeToya Luckett.		(:02) "An En Vogue Christmas" (2014)					
FOOD	40	40 Guy's Games	My. Din	My. Din	My. Din	My. Din	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	My. Din	My. Din	Restaurant: Im.			
HGTV	41	41 Love It or List It	Love It or List It				Hunters		Love It or List It		Hunters			
A&E	43	43 The First 48	The First 48				Godfather-Pitt.		(:02) The First 48		(:01) The First 48			
HIST	44	44 Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	East-Dickering	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	
TLC	45	45 The Little Couple	Couple				The Little Couple		The Little Couple		Couple			
DISC	47	47 To Be Announced	Misfit Garage: Fired				Misfit Garage (N)		Fast N' Loud: Demo		(:01) Misfit Garage			
ANPL	50	50 Yukon Men	Yukon Men				Yukon Men		Yukon Men		Yukon Men			
FAM	51	51 "Nat'l-Christmas"	*** "Elif" (2003, Comedy) Will Ferrell.				*** "The Santa Clause" (1994)		Santa Clause, Town		Jack Frost			
DISN	52	52 Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Liv-Mad.	Liv-Mad.	I Didn't	Austin	Jessie	Austin	Movie (In Stereo)		
NICK	54	54 Nicky	Max	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Prince	Prince	Friends	Friends	How I Met/Mother		
AMC	57	57 (3:30) "Footloose"	** "The Santa Clause 2" (2002) Tim Allen. (DVS)				** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992)				** "Godzilla"			
SYFY	59	59 ** "The Uninvited" (2009, Horror)	** "Blindness" (2008) Julianne Moore. Premiere.				* "The Apparition" (2012, Horror)		Uninvited					
CNN	62	62 E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper				CNN Special Report		CNN Tonight		CNN Simulcast			
CNBC	63	63 The Profit	Shark Tank				The Profit Social		The Profit		The Profit			
MSNBC	64	64 Hardball Matthews	All In With Chris				Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Last Word			

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Call to Artists

LCCT holds "Odd Couple" auditions

Auditions for Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple (Female Version)" will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7-8, the Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St.

Needed are two lead characters, female, playable age 35 to 60 years old; four secondary characters, female, playable age 25 to 60 years old; and two characters, male, playable age 25 to 60. Also needed are a stage manager and a light board/sound operator.

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script and improvisations. For more information, contact the director, larrychandler, at larrychandler@zianet.com.

"Artistic Moments" show seeks submissions

"Artistic Moments" is looking for artists to participate in their show at Nopalito's Galería. The show will run the first three weekends of December during regular gallery hours, noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6.

Intake and setup for the show is from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, and from 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Dec. 2. If you are unable to make these setup times, alternate plans can be made for Wednesday. The cost to put in individual items goes by size: Two or three small items for \$5; one to two medium items for \$5; one large item for \$5. For extremely large pieces, cost is \$10. There is no limit on item submissions, and sale is not required.

For more information, contact Pat Lawrence at 650-0623 or plawrence13@yahoo.com.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery seeks artists

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.

Television Listings



TUESDAY EVENING											DECEMBER 2, 2014			
5:00 5:30 6:00 6:30 7:00 7:30 8:00 8:30 9:00 9:30											10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS 2	22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	Bing Crosby Rediscovered: American	The Candy Bomber	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley					
CBS 3	3	CBS News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS "Kill Chain"	NCIS: New Orleans	Person of Interest	News	Letterman	Ferguson				
ABC 7	7	News	ABC News	Ent	Toy Story C. Brown	S.H.I.E.L.D.	Forever (N) [CC]	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline				
FOX 8	14	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Big Bang	MasterChef (N)	New Girl	Mindy	KFOX News at Nine	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mike	Mike		
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	The Voice [CC]	Marry Me	About-	Chicago Fire (N)	News (N)	Tonight Show	Meyers			
CW 14		Cougar	Raising	Middle	Middle	The Flash (N) [CC]	Supernatural (N)	ABC 7	TMZ (N)	Cougar	Commun	Commun	Rules	
WGN 15		Funny Home Videos	"Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement"		Mother	Mother	Rules	Rules	Parks	Parks	Parks	Raising		
ESPN 26		Top 25	College Basketball Syracuse at Michigan.	College Basketball				SportsCenter (N) (Live) [CC]				SportsCenter (N)		
ESPN2 27		College Basketball Pittsburgh at Indiana.	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	SportCtr	NFL Live (N) [CC]	Basket	NBA	NFL		
USA 31		Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Chrisley	Benched	Chrisley	Benched	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	
TNT 32		Bones [CC]	Bones [CC]	Bones [CC]	Bones [CC]	Bones [CC]	Bones [CC]	CSI: NY "Zoo York"	CSI: NY [CC]	CSI: NY [CC]	CSI: NY [CC]	CSI: NY [CC]	CSI: NY [CC]	
TBS 33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N) [CC]	Conan (N) [CC]	Childrens	Conan [CC]	Cougar		
COM 35		South Pk	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	At Mid	Tosh.0	Daily
LIFE 39		True Tori [CC]	True Tori [CC]	True Tori [CC]	True Tori (N) [CC]	The Sisterhood	To Be Announced	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	
FOOD 40		Chopped "Belly Up"	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	
HGTV 41		Hunters	Hunters	Flip or	Flip or	Flip or	Flip or	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Fixer Upper [CC]	Flip or	Flip or	Hunters	Hunt Intl
A&E 43		Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
HIST 44		The Curse of	The Curse of	The Curse of	The Curse of	The Curse of	The Curse of	Search for the	(:03) Museum Men	The Curse of	The Curse of	The Curse of	The Curse of	
TLC 45		The Little Couple	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	Risking It All (N)	The Little Couple	Risking It All [CC]	The Little Couple	Risking It All [CC]	The Little Couple	
DISC 47		Moonshiners [CC]	Moonshiners: Out	Moonshiners (N)	Billy Bob's Gags	Moonshiners [CC]	Billy Bob's Gags	Moonshiners [CC]	Billy Bob's Gags	Moonshiners [CC]	Billy Bob's Gags	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	
ANPL 50		To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Great Barrier Reef (In Stereo)	Great Barrier Reef (In Stereo)	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Great Barrier Reef (In Stereo)	To Be Announced	Great Barrier Reef (In Stereo)	To Be Announced	Great Barrier Reef (In Stereo)	To Be Announced	
FAM 51		(4:00) *** "Elf"	*** "The Santa Clause"	(1994)	"Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause"	*** "Prancer"	(1989) Sam Elliott.							
DISN 52		Jessie	(:20) Movie (In Stereo) [CC]	Girl	Girl	Austin	Dog	Jessie	Austin	Movie (In Stereo) [CC]	Movie (In Stereo) [CC]	Movie (In Stereo) [CC]	Movie (In Stereo) [CC]	
NICK 54		Henry	Max	Nick	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Prince	Prince	Friends	Friends	How I Met/Mother	Mother	Prince
AMC 57		"Santa Claus"	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"	(1992) [CC]	** "The Santa Clause 2"	(2002) Tim Allen.	** "The Santa Clause 2"	(2002) Tim Allen.	** "The Santa Clause 2"	(2002) Tim Allen.	** "The Santa Clause 2"	(2002) Tim Allen.	** "The Santa Clause 2"	(2002) Tim Allen.
SYFY 59		** "The Crazies" (2010, Horror)	** "The Crazies" (2010, Horror)	** "The Crazies" (2010, Horror)	** "The Crazies" (2010, Horror)	** "The Crazies" (2010, Horror)	** "The Crazies" (2010, Horror)	** "The Crazies" (2010, Horror)	** "The Crazies" (2010, Horror)	** "The Crazies" (2010, Horror)	** "The Crazies" (2010, Horror)	** "The Crazies" (2010, Horror)	** "The Crazies" (2010, Horror)	** "The Crazies" (2010, Horror)
CNN 62		E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	CNN Special Report	CNN Special Report	CNN Special Report	CNN Special Report	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	CNN Special Report	CNN Special Report	CNN Special Report	CNN Special Report	CNN Simulcast
CNBC 63		The Profit	Shark Tank [CC]	Shark Tank [CC]	Shark Tank [CC]	Shark Tank [CC]	Shark Tank [CC]	Shark Tank [CC]	Shark Tank [CC]	Shark Tank [CC]	Shark Tank [CC]	Shark Tank [CC]	Shark Tank [CC]	The Profit
MSNBC 64		Hardball Matthews	All In With Chris	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Last Word	The Last Word	All In With Chris	Rachel Maddow	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Last Word	The Last Word	

WEDNESDAY EVENING											DECEMBER 3, 2014			
5:00 5:30 6:00 6:30 7:00 7:30 8:00 8:30 9:00 9:30											10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS 2	22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	Best of Birds (N)	NOVA (N) (In Stereo) [CC]	Katmai	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley				
CBS 3	3	CBS News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Survivor (N) [CC]	Survivor (N) [CC]	Stalker (N) [CC]	News	Letterman	Ferguson				
ABC 7	7	News	ABC News	Ent	Middle	Gold	Mod Fam	blackish	Nashville (N) [CC]	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline		
FOX 8	14	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Big Bang	Hell's Kitchen (N)	Red Band Society	KFOX News at Nine	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mike	Mike			
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Rockefeller Ctr.	Saturday Night Live (N) (In Stereo) [CC]		News (N)	Tonight Show	Meyers				
CW 14		Cougar	Raising	Middle	Middle	Arrow (N) [CC]	The 100 (N) [CC]	ABC 7	TMZ (N)	Cougar	Commun	Commun	Rules	
WGN 15		Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Rules	Rules	Parks	Parks	Parks	Raising	
ESPN 26		Valvano's	College Basketball Iowa at North Carolina.	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	SportsCenter (N) (Live) [CC]				SportsCenter (N)		
ESPN2 27		College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball
USA 31		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	
TNT 32		Castle (In Stereo)	*** "The Dark Knight Rises"	(2012, Action) Christian Bale. Premiere.	On the Menu	*** "Spider-Man"	(2002)							
TBS 33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N) [CC]	Childrens	Conan [CC]	Cougar	
COM 35		South Pk	Tosh.0	Key	Key	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Key	Daily	Colbert	At Mid	South Pk	Daily
LIFE 39		"12 Men-Cmas"	** "A Nanny for Christmas"	(2010)	"Under the Mistletoe"	(2006, Drama) [CC]	(:02) ** "A Nanny for Christmas"	(2010)						
FOOD 40		Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen
HGTV 41		Buying and Selling	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters
A&E 43		Duck Dynasty [CC]	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Country	Country	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.
HIST 44		American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	East-Dickering	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers
TLC 45		To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
DISC 47		To Be Announced	Dude--Screwed	Dude--Screwed	Dude--Screwed	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Dude--Screwed	Dude--Screwed
ANPL 50		River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	Unhooked "Face Ripper"	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters
FAM 51		"Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause"	*** "The Polar Express"	(2004)	*** "The Polar Express"	(2004)	The 700 Club [CC]	*** "A Very Brady Christmas"	(1988)					
DISN 52		Jessie	Liv-Mad.	Liv-Mad.	Liv-Mad.	Austin	Austin	Austin	Dog	Jessie	Austin	Movie (In Stereo) [CC]	Movie (In Stereo) [CC]	Movie (In Stereo) [CC]
NICK 54		iCarly	Max	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Prince	Prince	Friends	Friends	How I Met/Mother	Mother	Prince
AMC 57		"Coach Carter" [CC]	** "The Santa Clause 2"	(2002) Tim Allen.	** "The Santa Clause 2"	(2002) Tim Allen.	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"	(1992) [CC]	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"	(1992) [CC]	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"	(1992) [CC]	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"	(1992) [CC]
SYFY 59		** "Babylon A.D." (2008, Horror)	** "The Wolfman"	(2010, Horror)	** "The Wolfman"	(2010, Horror)	The Johnsons	** "Chernobyl Diaries"	(2012, Horror)					
CNN 62		E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Somebody's	CNN Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper	Somebody's	CNN Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper	Somebody's	CNN Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper	Somebody's	CNN Simulcast
CNBC 63		The Profit	Shark Tank [CC]	Shark Tank [CC]	Shark Tank [CC]	Car	Car	Shark Tank [CC]	Shark Tank [CC]	Shark Tank [CC]	Shark Tank [CC]	Shark Tank [CC]	Shark Tank [CC]	The Profit
MSNBC 64		Hardball Matthews	All In With Chris	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Last Word	The Last Word	All In With Chris	Rachel Maddow	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Last Word	The Last Word	

THURSDAY EVENING											DECEMBER 4, 2014			
5:00 5:30 6:00 6:30 7:00 7:30 8:00 8:30 9:00 9:30											10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS 2	22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	News	Frontieras	To Be Announced	TBA	NMSU	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley		
CBS 3	3	CBS News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang	(:31) Mom	Two Men	McCar	Elementary (N)	News	Letterman	Ferguson		
ABC 7	7	News	ABC News	Ent	The Taste	"Auditions & Childhood" [CC]	Away-Murder		Away-Murder	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline		
FOX 8	14	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Big Bang	Bones (N)	Gracepoint (N)	KFOX News at Nine	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mike	Mike			
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Peter Pan Live!	The iconic tale of Peter Pan. (N Same-day Tape)	News (N)	Tonight Show	Meyers				
CW 14		Cougar	Raising	Middle	Middle	The Vampire Diaries	Reign "Acts of War"	ABC 7	TMZ (N)	Cougar	Commun	Commun	Rules	
WGN 15		Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Rules	Rules	Parks	Parks	Parks	Raising	
ESPN 26		Football	College Football	Central Florida at East Carolina. (N) (Live)	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	SportsCenter (N) (Live) [CC]				SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2 27		College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball
USA 31		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	White Collar (N)	(:01) Covert Affairs	CSI: Crime Scene	(:02) White Collar	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	
TNT 32		Castle (In Stereo)	NBA Basketball: Cavaliers at Knicks	NBA Basketball: Pelicans at Warriors										Inside the NBA (N)
TBS 33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N) [CC]	Childrens	Conan [CC]	Cougar	
COM 35		South Pk	Tosh.0	South Pk	South Pk	Key	All-Star	Daily	Colbert	At Mid	Key	Daily	Colbert	
LIFE 39		Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway
FOOD 40		Chopped	Food Truck	Chopped	Chopped	Beat Play	Beat Play	Diners	Diners	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped
HGTV 41		Rehab	Rehab	Rehab	Rehab	Hunters	Hunt Intl	House Hunters	House Hunters	Rehab	Rehab	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters
A&E 43		Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared
HIST 44		Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Alaska Off-Road	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn
TLC 45		Risking It All [CC]	Surviving Exodus	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
DISC 47		To Be Announced	Surviving Exodus	Fast N' Loud [CC]	Fast N' Loud [CC]	Fast N' Loud [CC]	Fast N' Loud [CC]	Fast N' Loud [CC]	Fast N' Loud [CC]	Fast N' Loud [CC]	Fast N' Loud [CC]	Fast N' Loud [CC]	Fast N' Loud [CC]	To Be Announced
ANPL 50		To Be Announced	Surviving Exodus	Monsters Inside Me	Monsters Inside Me	Surviving Exodus	Monsters Inside Me	Surviving Exodus	Monsters Inside Me	Surviving Exodus	Monsters Inside Me	Surviving Exodus	Monsters Inside Me	Monsters Inside Me
FAM 51		*** "The Polar Express"	(2004)	*** "Disney's A Christmas Carol"	(2009)	The 700 Club [CC]	*** "Snow"	(2004) Tom Cavanagh.						
DISN 52		Movie (In Stereo) [CC]	Jessie	Jessie	Austin	Dog	Jessie	Austin	Movie (In Stereo) [CC]	Movie (In Stereo) [CC]	Movie (In Stereo) [CC]	Movie (In Stereo) [CC]	Movie (In Stereo) [CC]	Movie (In Stereo) [CC]
NICK 54		Sam & Max	Instant	See Dad	Full H'se	Full H'se	Prince	Friends	Friends	How I Met/Mother	Mother	Prince	Prince	
AMC 57		"Friday Night"	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"	(1992) [CC]	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"	(1992) [CC]	(:31) ** "The Santa Clause 2"	(2002) Tim Allen.	** "The Santa Clause 2"	(2002) Tim Allen.	** "The Santa Clause 2"	(2002) Tim Allen.	** "The Santa Clause 2"	(2002) Tim Allen.
SYFY 59		** "The Wolfman"	(2010, Horror)	** "Drive Angry"	(2011) Nicolas Cage.	The Johnsons	** "Drive Angry"	(2011) Nicolas Cage.						
CNN 62		E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Anthony Board.	CNN Tonight	Anderson Cooper	Anthony Board.	CNN Tonight	Anderson Cooper	Anthony Board.	CNN Tonight	Anderson Cooper		

RestaurantGuide

Variety highlights Café A Go Go experience

By **Richard Coltharp**
Las Cruces Bulletin

“I feel like a soup and salad.”
“I’d rather have Kung Pao Chicken.”
“I’m in the mood for a big burger.”

If this is your pre-lunch office conversation, you’ll probably be taking three separate vehicles.

Unless, however, you decide on Café A Go Go.

“Usually, you’ll find one really good dish in a restaurant,” Chef Jose Sanchez said. “I figured why not get as many good dishes as you can make well.”

That partially explains the eclectic menu at the restaurant he and his wife, Kathy Velasco, purchased about three years ago.

They had a vision of how they wanted the restaurant to evolve, and are more or less than halfway there, depending on whether you talk with Sanchez (more than halfway) or Velasco (not quite halfway).

One coming change will be the inclusion of beer and wine on the menu. That will add some more new dishes and a brighter spotlight on dinners, Sanchez said. He’d also like to see an expansion of the underused patio, adding heaters and some cover to enable year-round patio dining.

Sanchez studied at the Scottsdale Institute for Culinary Arts and said he loves working with seafood. Often, diners will get a complimentary cup of his delicious clam chowder. With seafood, freshness is key, and Sanchez has gone as far as talking with boat captains in Newport Beach, Calif., to get a better connection.

Even before bigger changes come, variety is the norm at Café A Go Go.



Cafe A Go Go co-owner and chef Jose Sanchez works up an order of Southern Chicken Tortilla Soup.

One of my favorites has always been the green chile wonton soup.

It’s also a favorite of Velasco’s, who said, “It’s our most popular dish and we make our own wontons.” I’ve also enjoyed the Kung Pao Chicken.

On my most recent visit I tried one of Sanchez’s

CAFE A GO GO

ADDRESS: 1120 Commerce Drive

HOURS: 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday

PHONE: 522-0383

WEBSITE: www.cafeaggonm.com

stuffed burgers – green chile and cheese, of course. My dining companion went for the Southern Chicken Tortilla Soup. Both meals were hearty and we liked the French fries, as well.

The fries come in a stylish vertical basket and you get your choice of dipping sauces: spicy, sweet or savory. I picked spicy and received two different samplers, including a Sriracha mayo.

We tried the crème brulee for dessert and it was quite tasty. You could also expand your meal – before, during or after – with one of the many teas and espressos they offer.

Velasco and Sanchez are both friendly and regularly make themselves available to customers. You never feel like just a number coming through the door.

Sometimes the best dishes aren’t even on the menu.

Sanchez is always coming up with a creative daily special, and when he’s got a nice cut of salmon on hand, you can look forward to a seafood special to go with the clam chowder.

No matter what your menu selection, rest assured your dining experience will be a nice change of pace from the norm.

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 gray matter.

Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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

EXPERT

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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

EXPERT

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

Events Calendar

FRI. 11/28

7 p.m. Live music with Red House Company, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. Little Red Wagon Food Truck will be on hand. No cover. Call 527-5310.

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

SAT. 11/29

6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Daddy's Flea Market, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide variety of items will be available. Call 382-9404.

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

9 a.m. to noon, Mountain View Market Co-op Farm volunteer day, Mountain View Market Farm, 2653 Snow Road. Interested in organic farming and local food production? Want to find out more about vermiculture, composting, laying hens, season extension and crop planning in our region? Come and volunteer at the Mountain View Market Farm in Mesilla. Free. Call 523-0436 for directions.

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

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

5 to 6 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.

6 to 9 p.m. Get Out of the House Jazz Supper Club, Double Eagle Restaurant, 2355 Calle de Guadalupe. Featuring the Jim Helder Smooth Jazz Trio. Cocktails, beer and wine will be available in addition to the special Jazz Supper Club menu and Double Eagle regular menu. Cover \$10 per person. Reservations encouraged. Call 523-6700 or email de@doubleeaglenm.com.

7:30 p.m. Nosotros 20th anniversary concert, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Legendary hometown favorite Nosotros returns to Las Cruces celebrating 20 years of making music and the release of the group's compilation album, "XX." Tickets \$15. Call 523-6403.

8 to 11 p.m. Live music with Alison Lewis & The Union Suits, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

9 p.m. Live music with Billy Townes Jazz Trio, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

SUN. 11/30

6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Daddy's Flea Market, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide variety of items will be available. Call 382-9404.

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

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

MON. 12/1

9 p.m. Open mic with Chris Baker and special guests, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

TUE. 12/2

4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday Farmers Market, Tractor Supply Co., 1440 W. Picacho Ave. This is a true farmers market with produce and food as the primary items, along with some arts and crafts. Free. Call 993-6521.

5 to 6 p.m. Belly Dance Club, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Join one of the longest-running dance groups in the area. Open to ages 11 and older. Great low-impact exercise. Cost \$2 per lesson. Call 639-1616.

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

7:30 p.m. El Paso Pro-Musica presents Catalyst String Quartet, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. El Paso Pro-Musica brings one of the most exciting string quartets on tour today to the Rio Grande. Hailed by the New York Times at their Carnegie Hall debut as "invariably energetic and finely burnished ... playing with earthy vigor," the Catalyst Quartet is comprised of top laureates and alumni of the internationally acclaimed Sphinx Competition. Tickets \$25 adults, \$20 seniors and military and \$5 students. Call 523-6403.

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

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

THU. 12/4

1 to 3:30 p.m. Beginning to Advanced Drawing and Painting, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. Watercolor, acrylic and water-soluble oil painting classes taught by art educator Wayne Carl Huber. Open enrollment starting any Thursday. Cost \$50 for four two and a half hour sessions. Call

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

FRI. 12/5

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

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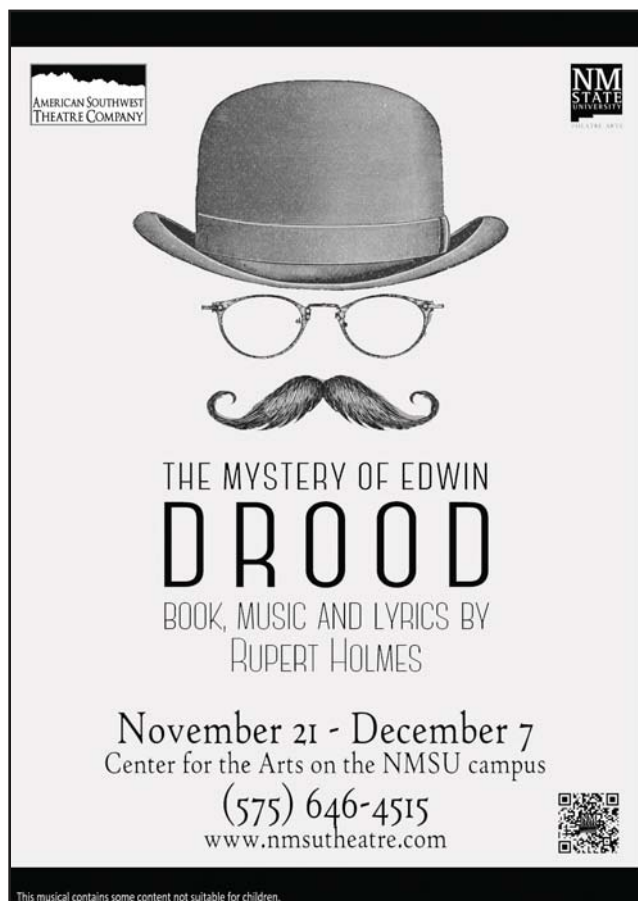
7 p.m. Howling Coyote Coffeehouse and Open Mic, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. The "granddaddy" of open mics in Las Cruces is open to acoustic musicians, poets, storytellers and singer-songwriters. Artist sign-up begins at 6:30 p.m. and performances begin at 7 p.m. Free. Call 525-9333.

7:30 p.m. Santa Fe Opera Holiday Show, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. As a gift to the citizens of Las Cruces, the Santa Fe Opera Educational Department and the Doña Ana Arts Council present a free holiday concert featuring arias, songs of the season, musical theater selections and sacred music performed by up-and-coming stars accompanied by SFO Musical Director Kirt Pavitt. Free. Call 523-6403.

SAT. 12/6

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Galleries & Openings

OPENING

UNSETTLED GALLERY presents "Let's Go Ornamental," small works created by the gallery's artists that transcend the holidays and will hold their own in any art collection and can be enjoyed every day of the year. "Let's Go Ornamental" opens with a soft opening from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, and will remain on display through Saturday, Dec. 13.

Unsettled Gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, visit www.unsettledgallery.com or call 635-2285.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY features two artists for the month of December, Bonnie MacQuarrie, wall tileist, and Patricia Black, gourd artist. The gallery is also pleased to announce its newest member, Kay Susin, a pastel and oil artist. In addition, the 31 member artists of the gallery continue to offer paintings, acrylics, pastels, fused-glass art jewelry, wood-turning, stained glass, mixed-media, photography and more.

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 or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

MESQUITE STREET STUDIOS presents "Small Treasures," art and handcrafts for gift-giving this holiday season. "Small Treasures" will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 4-6.

Mesquite Street Studios is located at 922 N. Mesquite St. For more information, call 639-9370.

LAST CHANCE

M. PHILLIP'S FINE ART GALLERY is gearing up for the holidays, featuring blown-glass ornaments for Christmas, art glass pumpkins to decorate your table with, new work from Julie Ford Oliver and Marie Dwyer, new art glass, jewelry, bronzes and more.

M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery is located at 221 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 525-1367.

NOPALITO'S GALERÍA presents "Sharing Hope through Art: Arts and Human Rights: Our Mexican Sisters," a fundraiser to benefit Weaving for Justice, Southwest Asylum and Migration Institute and Guerilla Prayer Flags. The exhibit will remain on display through Sunday, Nov. 30.

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, visit www.nopalitosgaleria.com.

COTTONWOOD GALLERY, located inside Southwest Environmental Center, presents "Nature – The Artist's Palette," including work from 12 local artists, the Ten O'Clock Club, who gather once a month at 10 a.m. on the 10th of each month. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of the month.

Southwest Environmental Center and Cottonwood Gallery are located at 275 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 522-5552 or visit www.wildmesquite.org.

EL PASO ELECTRIC GALLERY, located in the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre, presents the pencil drawings of Mike Nail for the month of November. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of the month.

El Paso Electric Gallery and the Rio Grande

Theatre are located at 211 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, visit www.riograndetheatre.com or call 523-6403.

WEST END ART DEPOT presents "Two Artists: Chris Bardey & Kelly S. Hestir," featuring installations by the two We.AD members. Hestir presents her mixed-media sculpture in "Animals & Allegory," and Bardey's installation, "9 Year Deviation," will feature prints, photos, drawings and paintings from 2005 to the present. "Two Artists" will remain on display through Friday, Nov. 28.

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.

UNSETTLED GALLERY presents "All Things Bright & Beautiful" and "All Creatures Great & Small," two events for art and animal lovers, for the month of November. "All Things Bright & Beautiful" features the colorful works of Kathleen Squires, and a portion of sale proceeds will benefit the Doña Ana County Humane Society (DACHS). "All Things Bright & Beautiful" will remain on display through the end of the month.

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AMARO WINERY presents "Boundless" by Michael Ponce, an exhibit of work from the artist's private collection created between 2004 and 2011, giving us insight into his private world as he plays with paint. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of November.

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.

MESQUITE ART GALLERY presents photographs from owner Mel Stone and original art by various artists, featuring some great gifts for the holidays.

Mesquite Art Gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 640-3502.

MAIN STREET GALLERY AND BIG PICTURE presents Storm Sermay's "A Different View." Sermay's exhibit features her black-and-white photographs of our public lands and iconic landscapes. "A Different View" will remain on display through the end of the month.

Main Street 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.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY features two artists for the month of November, Bert Gammill and Lori Shalett. Gammill is a mixed-media artist working with watercolors, oils, pastels and pencils, rendering realistic images of things close to her – horses, dogs, cats, family and friends. Shalett is a gemstone jeweler designing original patterns including a range of styles to express oneself. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of November.

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NMSU UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY presents "Off the Wall," an exhibition inspired by the minimal wall drawings and sculptures of Sol Le Witt. This two-part exhibition will trace the his-

tory of Le Witt's relationship with New Mexico State University, as well as show the extent of his influence on a new generation of artists who use the surface of the wall as their canvas. In addition to the work of Le Witt, "Off the Wall" features the work of Allie Rex, Judith Braun, Christie Blizard and Nathan Green – four contemporary artists from across the country who've traded traditional supportive mediums such as the canvas, panel and paper for the challenge of working directly on the wall. "Off the Wall" will remain on display through Saturday, Dec. 6.

NMSU University Art Gallery is located inside D.W. Williams Hall, at the intersection of University Avenue and Solano Drive. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call 646-2545.

ONGOING

LUNDEEN INN OF THE ARTS presents an exhibit of the work of artist Kathy Morrow in the Linda Lundeen Gallery, adjoining the inn. The exhibit opens with a reception from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21-22. In addition to Morrow's work, the gallery features more than 300 pieces of fine art. Morrow's work will remain on display through Monday, Dec. 15.

Lundeen Inn of the Arts is located at 618 S. Alameda Blvd. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 526-3326 or visit www.innofthearts.com.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents "Imagenes de Ayer en Doña Ana (Images of Yesterday in Doña Ana)," an integration of history, art and Mexican traditions. Guest curator Irene Oliver-Lewis said the display, featuring photographs, drawings, family artifacts and traditional Mexican art, is a tribute to the pioneer families of the area. "Images of Yesterday in Doña Ana" will remain on display through Saturday, Nov. 29.

The cultural center also presents "Desert Air: Photographs by George Steinmetz," an exhibit of photographs of the world's deserts from award-winning National Geographic photographer Steinmetz, including breathtaking photographs of sand dunes, human habitation, wildlife and vast expanses of the world's last great wildernesses. "Desert Air" will remain on display through Jan. 17, 2015.

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.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM presents Cheryl Cathcart's "In a World of Horses," featuring 32 photographs of horses from the U.S. and Europe, capturing the power, beauty and spirit of the animals in New Mexico, Montana, France, Italy and Portugal. "In a World of Horses," opens with a reception to be held Jan. 8, 2015;

Also on display at the museum are "Cowboys: The Real Deal" through July 2015, as well as "The Color of Pie Town," featuring the iconic photographs of Russell Lee, and "The Cowboy Way: Drawings by Robert 'Shoofly' Shufelt," on long-term display.

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 522-4100.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART presents "Fragile Waters," an exhibit of work from renowned photographers Ansel Adams, Ernest H. Brooks and Dorothy Kerper Monnelly featuring 117 black-and-white images, many not previously exhibited. "Fragile Waters" invites viewers to connect with the beauty of water of to consider taking action to conserve and restore our most precious resource.

The images featured take the viewer undersea, over rivers and marshes and to snow-capped peaks and ice formations around the world. "Fragile Waters" will remain on display through Jan. 10, 2015.

Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

OPENING SOON

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Border Artists: "Small is Beautiful"

Adobe Patio Gallery
1765 Avenida de Mesilla
Opens Saturday, Dec. 6

Susi and Richard Bergquist

Cutter Gallery
2640 El Paseo Road
Opens Saturday, Dec. 6

"UU Bee Welcome"

Tombaugh Gallery
2000 S. Solano Drive
Opens Sunday, Dec. 7

Joey Fleming: "New American Nomad"

Art Obscura Gallery
3206 Harrelson St.
Opens Saturday, Dec. 13

Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-213

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 Public Schools, work from Virginia Marie Romero and Alice Terry and, on semi-permanent display, Caballo de Las Cruces, a painted pony covered with millions of tiny decorative glass beads.

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.

High Heels for High Hopes



PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE

Dolores Gomez does a fan dance during the Billy the Kid Hair Studio portion of the eighth annual High Heels for High Hopes "Viva Las Vegas" style show Friday, Nov. 21, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.



Rachel Bustos of Burn Construction Co. smiles as MC Steve Chavira awards her Stiletto Award winner for raising more than \$10,000 for the March of Dimes.



Dustin and Camille Plante, the 2014 March of Dimes ambassador family, share the story of their son, Ryder, who was born at 23 weeks and weighed 1 pound, 6 ounces. He spent 178 days in the hospital and is now a happy two-year-old.



Hometown boxing champion Austin "No Doubt" Trout makes a special guest appearance during the Adore Salon and Day Spa portion of the Las Vegas-themed show.



Chelsea Green, terrestrial experience designer for Virgin Galactic and Mint Hair Studio model, does her best Marilyn Monroe performing "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" on the catwalk.

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Brandy Darden of Century Bank takes the High Heels for High Hopes audience back in time to the 1960s during the Billy the Kid Hair Design portion of the style show.

HomeGrown food show



PHOTO BY CONNIE ANAYA

Representatives from Chico Farms pose with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the inaugural "HomeGrown: A New Mexico Food Show & Gift Market," held at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 22-23.



PHOTOS BY DAVE LUNNY

Above, The Cactus Chords barber shop quartet from Las Cruces provided some of the entertainment for the event. Right, The Andele booth offered samples of their award-winning salsas, as well as pecan pies.

Cheryl Cathcart's 'In A World of Horses' debuts at NMFRHM

By **Craig Massey**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

As a small child, watching her grandfather's draft horses work on the farm left a lasting impression on Cheryl Cathcart.

The artist from Corrales, N.M., has combined her love of horses and photography and the result is an amazing collection of images that capture the power and grace of the animals. The exhibit, "Cheryl Cathcart: In a World of Horses," is now on display in the North Corridor of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum's Bruce King Building.

The exhibit features 32 large photographs of horses in New Mexico, Montana, Wyoming, France, Italy and Portugal. Cathcart began to focus her photography on horses about six years ago. Why horses?

"The hugest of eyes can be soulfully gentle or wildly inflamed," she said. "The exquisite body conformation reveals muscled velvet and steel. Their sociable nature is heart warming both with each other and with us."

This observant connection to horses happened for Cathcart at a young age.

"My first impressions of horses were created by Dolly and George, my grandfather's two gigantic bay and gray draft horses," she recalled. "They are engraved in my memory from age three or four. On a hot summer afternoon in southern Iowa, my father lifted me into a huge farm wagon, and then held me up so I could see over the sides of the wagon. Decades later, the surge of power I felt as he handed me the reins remains a tactile memory in my fingers, as much as it is a visual image decades. To my amazement, the horses walked on, towing the old wagon full of corn when barely urged. Later I would learn that the high intelligence of a horse is no guarantee of a willingness to co-operate or obey."

The images in the exhibition include sturdy working horses, elegant riding horses in Europe and America, the feral Mustangs of the Rockies, and the rare small sturdy horse breed (called Sorraia) from the Iberian Peninsula. These latter horses gave rise to the Mustangs of our western United States, when the Spanish brought their horses with them to the New World.

While the images are already on display, an artist's reception is planned for 5:30 to 7 p.m. Jan. 8, 2015. A lecture by Cathcart in the museum's theater will immediately follow the reception. The reception and lecture are free to the public. The exhibit will be on display through Oct. 25, 2015.

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. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2 for children 5 to 17. For more information, call 522-4100.

Crafts for Kids

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6

Children of all ages are invited to come by the museum and create their own holiday crafts to take home. Regular museum admission is required for all family members: \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for children 5 to 17, and free admission for children 4 and under.

Culture Series: Stories of Holidays Past

7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11

The museum's annual December living history event will offer visitors a retrospective view of New Mexico history during the holiday season. The audience will enjoy several different holiday vignettes in the museum's theater with characters from various time periods in our state's history. Admission is \$2.

New Exhibit: "Heavy Metal: Vintage Farm Equipment by Richard Ondrovic"

Opens Friday, Dec. 12

Twenty-eight photographs of the Museum's vintage farm equipment is featured in this show by Richard Ondrovic, a former software engineer from New York who now lives in El Paso. His photographs emphasize the complex shapes that make up the machinery. "I've always been told that I don't see the world the way other people do," he said. "My world is a collection of lines, curves, lights, and shadows. Old farming and ranching machinery is particularly fascinating because of all the

complex shapes that combine to create the machine. The sunlight that gives life to the crops also gives life to the machines in my imagery." There will be an artist's reception for the show on Jan. 15 from 6-8 p.m. The exhibit will be in the Arts Corridor through April 5.

Crafts for Kids

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27

Children of all ages are invited to come by the museum and create their own New Year's crafts to take home. Regular museum admission is required for all family members: \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for children 5 to 17, and free admission for children 4 and under.

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'Mockingjay' fills the gap

Review by **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Let's make one thing very clear: There is no non-monetary motive for "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part I," the final installment in Suzanne Collins' wildly popular Hunger Games trilogy, to have been split into two movies.

The film is heavy on exposition and light on action, all build-up and very little delivery – a calculated attempt to squeeze as much blood from the series as possible before its inevitable denouement. All that said, though, "Mockingjay Part I" isn't bad; as a non-devotee, I got much more from the film than I expected.

As the film opens, Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence), along with fellow victors Beetee and Finnick Odair, has been transported to District 13 following the destruction of the Hunger Games area during the games' 75th iteration and reunited with her mother and sister.

Confined to mandatory bedrest, Katniss is approached by the president of District 13, Alma Coin (Julianne Moore), the leader of the rebel facility built many stories underground below the wreckage and rubble of the decimated old District 13.

President Coin tells Katniss that her actions during the Third Quarter Quell and its subsequent fallout, have sparked riots and strikes against the Capitol throughout Panem, and along with former Gamemaker Plutarch Heavensbee (Philip Seymour Hoffman), tries to convince Katniss to become the "Mockingjay," a rallying symbol for the smoldering rebellion as part of the resistance's campaign.

However, distraught over the disappearance of her fellow District 12-er Peeta Mellark (Josh Hutcherson), Katniss flatly refuses.

To push her to become the figurehead of the rebellion, Katniss is taken to the ruins of her hometown in District 12, carpet bombed following her upset at the Games. What's more, broadcasts have begun filtering out of the Capitol with Peeta begging for a ceasefire, which Katniss assumes must be forced by President Coriolanus Snow (Donald Sutherland).

Haymitch Abernathy (Woody Harrelson) makes it clear that Katniss thrives on spontaneity, and advises Coin as such. Soon, with the help of stylist Effie Trinket (Elizabeth Banks) and best

friend/bodyguard Gale Hawthorne (Liam Hemsworth), Katniss is transformed into exactly the symbol the rebellion needs, visiting the aftermath of Capitol attacks across the districts with a camera crew in tow, ready to catch every song, tear and rallying cry the unlikely leader utters.

There's a great deal of building in "Mockingjay Part I" and very little resolution. The film ends with a small reconciliation in the face of one much larger on the horizon, leaving the audience desperate for closure and offering very little.

Die-hards will certainly appreciate it, but those not swept up in the Hunger Games may not feel the same way, given the film's heavy reliance on reams of exposition – lots of telling, rather than showing.

Still, the performances are solid all around, with Lawrence instilling

Katniss Everdeen with the right balance of reluctance and righteous indignation to suit her position as the newfound hero of the revolution. Panicked, unable to sleep and haunted by the "what ifs" surrounding Peeta's fate and the coming revolution, this is Katniss, undone.

As in previous installments, director Francis Lawrence has done a good job shading in the world of Panem he helped create. The ruins and wreckage left behind by the Capitol's campaigns are dark, disturbing and not altogether unfamiliar to our own world.

In all, "Mockingjay Part I" won't likely win any new converts to the "Hunger Games" canon, but for those with even a mild investment, it stands as an acceptable placeholder until the series' final piece comes out next November.

THE HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINGJAY PART I

Rated: **PG-13**

Running time: **123 minutes**

Starring: **Jennifer Lawrence,
Josh Hutcherson**

Director: **Francis Lawrence**



"Mockingjay Part I" doesn't need to exist, but as an exposition-filled penultimate chapter, it does a fine job building buzz for the final film. **Grade B-**

'Better Angels' an esoteric look at young Lincoln

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

If you are not a fan of director Terrence Malick ("The Thin Red Line," "Tree of Life" and "Days of Heaven"), "The Better Angels" is probably not the film for you. Although not directed by Malick, A.J. Edwards, who has worked on some of Malick's films, wrote and directed this piece. It is beyond obvious the influence that Malick has on it. Malick also served as a producer.

If you are or want to be familiar with Malick's work, here is a chance to see one of the finest films I have seen all year. I liked it so much I watched the advance copy that I had three times – once a few weeks ago and then back to back just the other night.

The film takes place in 1817 Indiana (although it was filmed in New York state) and is narrated by a cousin of Abraham Lincoln. Abe is 10 at this time and beyond the opening and closing shots, which feed into the story line very directly, one would think the young actor who plays Lincoln, Braydon Denney, was just another kid.

But he is not.

With sparse dialogue and lovingly placed black and white camera shots, Edwards brings to the screen an evocative and enlightening look at

the curiosity of the young man who is more or less trapped in poverty with a stern father and a new stepmother, who becomes much more than that.

Lincoln's real mother is offered in the beginning of

the film, but tragically dies after (I think) drinking milk from a cow that has come upon bad water. It is not an easy watch, since Edwards has made Mom Lincoln into a kind and likable character without fanfare and tons of drama.

Not long after her death, Tom Lincoln lights out for Kentucky and soon returns with a new bride to look after Abe, his sister and the narrating cousin, Dennis, who lives with the family after losing his own parents. There is a marvelous and strong introduction to the new character, one who later plays the most important role in Abraham's life.

Lincoln stands out in school, but in a quiet, reserved and somewhat undefined way. His teacher, played very well by veteran actor Wes Bentley, comes to the Lincoln farm to encourage Abe's father to allow Abe to read more and to have extra tutoring as well. Tom objects, noting that Mr. Crawford (Bentley) is

already paid in corn and hides and he is not about to offer more than he already does. Crawford's protest is for naught, but he still leaves two books leaning against a cornstalk in hopes that they will find his way to the boy.

Do note that this film is definitely not for all tastes. The edits are quick and sharp – some scenes as short as three seconds – and there is not an easy to find storyline, but it is definitely there. The camera shots may put off some of you as well. The musical score fits perfectly and is placed in all the right places.

The dialogue is hushed and often indiscernible, but that is OK if one watches the images and pays strong attention to the narration. Thankfully, this work was filmed in lush black and white.

"The Better Angels" is a true work of art in my humble opinion. It appealed to me on every level, and I hope it will do so for you as well.



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Picking the Flicks




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


Gone Girl
 Rated: R
Plot Overview: After his wife's disappearance, a man finds himself under intense scrutiny by the media.
Starring: Ben Affleck, Rosamund Pike
Director: David Fincher




The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: After Katniss destroys the games, the president convinces her to become a symbol of rebellion.
Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson
Director: Francis Lawrence




The Equalizer
 Rated: R
Plot Overview: A man with a mysterious past is drawn into the world of Russian gangs when he tries to protect a young girl under their control.
Starring: Denzel Washington, Chloe Grace Moretz
Director: Antoine Fuqua



The Book of Life
 Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A man torn between family and following his heart goes on an adventure across three worlds.
Starring: Diego Luna, Zoe Saldana (voices)
Director: Jorge R. Gutierrez




Guardians of the Galaxy
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A band of interstellar outlaws become the galaxy's last chance at survival.
Starring: Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana
Director: James Gunn




St. Vincent
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: After his parents' divorce, a young boy makes an unlikely friend in the misanthropic veteran next door.
Starring: Bill Murray, Melissa McCarthy
Director: Theodore Melfi




Dumb and Dumber To
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Twenty years after their first adventure, Harry and Lloyd set back out in search of Harry's adopted daughter.
Starring: Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels
Directors: Peter and Bobby Farrelly




Fury
 Rated: R
Plot Overview: A U.S. Sherman tank and her five-man crew are outnumbered and outgunned as the Allies make their final push into the European Theatre.
Starring: Brad Pitt, Shia LeBeouf
Director: David Ayer



Interstellar
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A group of space explorers use a wormhole to take them farther than ever before possible.
Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway
Director: Christopher Nolan



The Maze Runner
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A young man must join forces with his fellow runners in order to escape the maze they're trapped in.
Starring: Dylan O'Brien, Kaya Scodelario
Director: Wes Ball




Big Hero 6
 Rated: PG
Plot Overview: An inflatable robot and a child prodigy team with a group of friends to form a band of high-tech heroes.
Starring: Ryan Potter, Scott Adsit (voices)
Directors: Don Hall, Chris Williams



Nightcrawler
 Rated: R
Plot Overview: Out of work, a man stumbles into the world of underground crime journalism in Los Angeles.
Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Rene Russo
Director: Dan Gilroy



Horrible Bosses 2
 Rated: R
Plot Overview: When Dale, Kurt and Nick start a business, only to be taken by a slick investor, they attempt a harebrained kidnapping scheme.
Starring: Jason Sudekis, Jason Bateman
Director: Sean Anders



Penguins of Madagascar
 Rated: PG
Plot Overview: To stop Dr. Octavius Brine from destroying the world, Skipper, Kowalski, Rico and Private team with an undercover organization called The North Wind.
Starring: Tom McGrath, Chris Miller (voices)
Directors: Eric Darnell, Simon J. Smith



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As Above, So Below

Rated: R
 Genre: Horror
Starring: Perdita Weeks, Ben Feldman
Director: John Erick Dowdle

Dawn of the Planet of the Apes

Rated: PG-13
 Genre: Science fiction, action
Starring: Jason Clarke, Gary Oldman
Director: Matt Reeves

Cantinflas

Rated: PG
 Genre: Drama
Starring: Oscar Jaenada, Michael Imperioli
Director: Sebastian del Amo

The Hundred-Foot Journey

Rated: PG
 Genre: Drama, family
Starring: Helen Mirren, Charlotte Lebon
Director: Lasse Hallstrom

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It's all a matter of a piñon

Gary Guzman
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Wow, it's already the time of year when the piñon and pine trees are ready for fall/winter planting or to be used as Christmas trees.

Piñons are typically available after a frost.

This is the time when they are dug out of some of the higher elevations of New Mexico.

Although these trees are native to cooler areas, they actually do quite well in lower, hotter regions, such as southern New Mexico and west Texas. They will thrive once established with little water. However they will look their best with additional summer watering.

Don't expect piñon nuts in lower elevations. Piñons are slow growing – about 3 to 6 inches per year. With age they can reach a height of 25 feet or more.

These natives have varied growth habits ranging from asymmetrical gnarly bonsai-like growth to an almost rotund pyramidal cone-like shape.

If you are in need of a larger, faster-growing tree, look no further than eldarica pine – also known as goldwater, Afghan and mondell pine, depending upon what area of the U.S. they come from.

Some strains of this pine may grow more uniform than others, so choose these carefully. Some may have lateral limb crowns spaced more out than others, which will give it a dense or spindly appearance.

Although this pine will have genetic variances, which may be the reason for the different names, it will grow rapidly to height of 40 to 60 feet or more. It is suited for larger lots and can be used for wind breaks or just to hide a view.

Keep this one away from homes, sidewalks, rock walls, etc. as the roots will often mound up around the base of the trunk over time.

The Aleppo pine looks almost like an eldarica but is generally not as tall and has slower growth. This one is also best planted away from foundations, concrete etc.

The needles on this pine are slightly lighter in color than the eldarica.

The Italian stone pine grows into a beautiful, rounded shape, typically without a central leader.

See **Piñon** on page A21

A century and counting



Historic home stands ready for a buyer

By **Marissa Bond**
Las Cruces Bulletin

There are not many sights like this in the high desert.

The low evening light flares copper through the changing leaves of the oak tree in the front yard and splays out in a bright splash against the painted brick of the Thomas Tate House.

A carnival-red wooden swing lists gently in an imperceptible breeze, and the gracious breadth of the established trees lining the street filter the sound of children playing in the nearby park.

The image uncorks a chorus of Americana winnowing up to intone one word: "Home."

It stands, solid and inviting at 603 W. Las Cruces Ave. Built in 1907, the home is for sale and priced \$585,000.

The updates it has undergone have swept along its original image and intention to a new millennium, losing neither charm nor modern convenience in the



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE CAVENAUGH

The exterior, above, and interior, below, of the Thomas Tate House are shown on a recent visit. The house is 107 years old.

process. A plaque set into a low adobe wall authenticates its historic status.

In 2009, after extensive and careful renovations by then-owner Cliff Schlothauer and builder Kevin McGinley, it was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The home was built in the Tudor

revival style by Chris Hansen for Thomas Tate, who was vice president of the Las Cruces Lumber Co. Hansen was a native of Denmark, and it is suggested that his own European background may have contributed to the variety of Old World touches in the house.

The first of these striking features
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tures is multi-paned Palladian window with a keystone arch in the façade that opens up the front of the house and fills the living room with light.

Next to the formal dining room, what was formerly an open-air terrace has been enclosed to become a sunroom. Through the large picture-windows you can see Pioneer Women’s Park.

The park was built because women were concerned about the lack of lawns,” Realtor Kathy Faubion with Steinborn Real Estate, said. “Their children had nowhere to play.”

Though possibly a concern with other homes, the proximity to the park is a picturesque bonus for the Tate House. Originally four different lots parceled out in 1887, the Tate House property has plenty of lawn space in both the front and back.

The kitchen balances utility and style.

The appliances, including a four-range gas stove, are modern, but merge seamlessly with the historic home.

“The countertops are soapstone, hand-selected and shipped in from Vermont,” Faubion said.

The soapstone – dark, shot through with streaks of white

Thomas Tate House

Where: 603 W. Las Cruces Ave.

Square Footage: 3,958

Bedrooms: Four

Bathrooms: Four

Price: \$585,000

Special Features: Historical home, completely renovated, soapstone countertops, three fireplaces, detached casita, loft space, enclosed sunroom, wrap-around porch, formal dining room

Contact: Kathy Faubion with Steinborn Real Estate at 649-4700

– holds a deep, double sink. The window is set in a curvilinear Dutch colonial revival parapet, another European touch that makes the house unique in Las Cruces.

“This and two windows upstairs are the only ones that have not been replaced,” Faubion said.

“Its unique shape would be very difficult to replicate.”

All of the bedrooms have ensuite bathrooms. For one of the bedrooms, a former sleeping porch has been converted into the bathroom. The angled, paneled ceiling and wink of exposed brick hint at its original purpose, but the spacious bathroom does not feel discordant with the rest of the house.



PHOTO BY STEVE CAVENAUGH

The kitchen of the Thomas Tate House has a window set in a curvilinear Dutch colonial revival parapet .

Visible down the hallway that forms the spine of the house, a grand staircase leads up to the loft. It was installed during the renovation to replace the narrow original stairs, but most of the wood is black walnut that was salvaged from a nearby 1870 home.

“The upstairs space was actually never used for storage. Instead, it was sort of a spill-over space for entertaining,” Faubion said.

The warm yellow-pine floors – original to the house – do not wear the weight of a century’s-worth of feet. Tall

windows on each end gather the fading light, and installed skylights maximize the sunny climate to ensure the room feels bright even at shadowless mid-day.

The upstairs space could be easily converted into a large master suite, Faubion said. It has a full bathroom with an ornate claw-foot bathtub and a separate free-standing shower. The dark granite counter is a modern touch that complements the antique charm of the wainscoting.

At 107 years old, the Tate House is more than old enough to hold down a job, as it has

risen to the responsibility.

A detached rental casita makes the house an income-producing property without sacrificing privacy.

When house hunting, there always seems to be a tradeoff – space is lost for quaintness, location for charm, inhabitability for historicity. The Tate House, breathing warmth, comfort and Old World glamour is a place where for more than 100 years owners can truly have it all.

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PIÑON, FROM PAGE 14

It grows about 18 inches per year and can be used in medium to larger lots.

This is a great choice for medium sized lots.

The Austrian Black Pine is a slow growing tree well suited for smaller areas or yards.

It can be used as handsome outdoor “bonsai,” or as a focal point.

This pine typically grows only about 6 inches per year.

There is a new strain called Oregon Green that is slow growing only to about 10 to 15 feet tall.

This size makes it ideal for just about any area in the landscape.

The needles on this pine are typically dark green, even in poor soils.

So if you are still looking for an evergreen tree or pine that can

“This is the time of year when these trees are abundant.”

take our hot summers and cold winters, one of these conifers should do the job.

This is the time of year when these trees are abundant and suffer little or no stress when dug into the ground.

A word of advice; don’t forget to “look up” before planting, as we tend to overlook what may be overhead such as telephone lines, gutters, or even a beautiful view.

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Seeking new faith after the Age of Belief



Gabriel Rochelle
*Tales from
the Cassock*

When I was in college, two very popular books were “The Age of Faith” by historian Will Durant and “The Age of Belief” by the philosopher Anne Freemantle. We studied them both. They referred to the medieval period.

It never occurred to some of us, or to me, that the Age was actually over and gone; it was more like faith was muted or hidden, and you could discover it under other names in the modern age. Or renew or reinvent it, some of us thought.

The Age of Faith or Belief, take your pick, was predicated on a worldview that crumbled in subsequent centuries. It was monolithic, closely monitored and protected by an institution that held the keys to the intellectual agenda of the age. The majority of the people seem to have gone along with the church’s prescriptions and

proscriptions while simultaneously winking at some of them. Religious figures from Chaucer through Shakespeare do not always fare well.

Yet, the Age of Faith was a noble and beautiful thing. Without it we would not have the great cathedrals of Europe, much of our fine art and magnificent music, or the intellectual heritage that underlies a great deal of American thought and behavior. We called the whole structure “Christendom.”

That age is long since over. Here are two signs:

First, denominations are crumbling. Thousands of churches of all stripes have quietly closed their hymnals and shut their doors in the last three decades. Seminaries feel the heat, too. Friends who teach at well-known shops tell me that student numbers are down almost half from the 1980s. Divinity schools barely surviving today were flourishing just 20 years ago. These are signs of the times.

At the same time, religious studies is a hot field. Interest in faith traditions is high, but it is on the level of intellectual

pursuit without necessarily involving commitment to an institution.

Second, we debate false alternatives instead of tested tradition.

On one hand, many adherents of religion shrink from public debate, historic inquiry or doctrinal examination. This was not true in the Age of Faith, despite any faults it had. Recent Gallup polls reveal the shocking statistic that 46 percent of Americans believe a creationist view of human origins. One can only hope their data-collection was faulty.

On the other hand, strident atheists attack all religions as though they were completely without intellectual integrity, nuance or respectable interpretations. It’s tough to find a way between the extremes, but find it we must if we are to salvage the American experience of faith with any integrity.

I suspect that most of us with openness to faith and faith-communities want a way between these alternatives.

A wild period of experimentation to find that middle way is going on

before our eyes. Smart and savvy young people are trying to revive the church for a new era. They are learning to reframe ancient faith in ways that appeal to their peers beyond the prim or prescribed facade they feel they must overcome.

Bring them on, I say, and the more the merrier. Those of us who are still attempting renewal have grown older; it’s good to see fresh faces. I am not talking about Rick Warren or Joel Osteen or even Brian MacLaren. If you want the cutting edge, look to Rob Bell and Nadia Bolz-Weber and Peter Rollins and Fr. Stephen Freeman. Listen to Krista Tippett’s NPR show “On Being,” which you can stream on the net. Tell me what you think. Better yet, show up and see how we’re trying to renew the ancient faith.

Fr. Gabriel Rochelle is pastor of St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, Las Cruces, an old guy with a few tricks left up his sleeve. The church web site is www.stanthonylc.org.

Church Listings

NEW LOCATION

Mountain View Baptist Church announces a new location, 705 N. Main St., across from City Hall, just north of the roundabout, with 10 a.m. Bible study classes for all ages and 11 a.m. worship service each Sunday. All are invited to get acquainted with the church’s new home. A nursery service is provided.

For more information, call Pastor Robb Redlin at 680-6274.

SALT & LIGHT PROGRAM

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road, has begun its yearly Salt & Light after-school community program. The program is open to community children in grades Kindergarten through 12 and takes place Wednesday evenings.

Designed to offer a kid-friendly atmosphere, the program includes snacks, recreation, Bible classes, music, worship and dinner. The cost is \$50 per child, or \$100 for families. Some scholarships are available.

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St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 518 N. Alameda Blvd., will host a study group on the life and times of Dietrich Bonhoeffer from 7 to 8 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month.

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- 11:30 a.m. Thursdays at Sunset Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. For more information, call Jan at 522-7133.
- 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Mountain View Market Co-Op, 1300 El Paseo Road. Respite care available during meeting. For more information, call Tony or Michael at 382-5200.

BRAIN INJURY GROUP MEETS

The Brain Injury Group meets from 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 Parents 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.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Breast Cancer Support Group of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico meets from 10 to 11 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. Meetings are free, no registration required, and are open to all who have been touched by breast cancer.

For more information, call 524-4373.

CANCER CARE SUPPORT GROUP

A Cancer Care support group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month 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.

CROSSROADS CLASSES

Crossroads Acupuncture, 130 S. Main St., announces new classes. Gentle Chair Yoga will be offered from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Yoga En Espanol (bilingual English and Spanish) will be offered from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

For more information, call 312-6569.

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

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For more information, call 556-1622.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

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There are three weekly meetings: 7 p.m. Monday at Unity Church of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive; noon Wednesdays in the library of St. James Episcopal Church, 1102 St. James Ave.; and 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave.

For more information, call 571-7864.

RECOVERY GROUP

Art of Recovery, a support group for adults in recovery from mental illness, meets from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at The Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St. The group matches those in need of support with volunteers.

For more information, call 522-6404 or send an email to bridge@nmsu.edu.

SOUTHERN NM DIABETES GROUP

The diabetes educa-

tional support group meetings are held from 10 to 11:15 a.m. the third Thursday of each month at Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave.

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STROKE GROUP FOR SURVIVORS

Stroke survivors and caregivers share their experiences at support group meetings at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

For more information, call 522-2625.

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.

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 219

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 219 meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. This support group assists members in achieving and maintaining healthy weight-loss goals.

For more information, call Doris at 524-7461.

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

TOPS Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions.

The group meets at Trails West Senior Community Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla,

in the main room.

For more information, call 523-6240.

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 390

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter 390 weight loss support group works to help members achieve and maintain healthy weight.

The group meets 5:45 to 7 p.m. Thursdays at Morning Star United Methodist Church.

TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Transplant Support Group (TRIO) meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the conference room located on the right side at the entrance to the cafeteria.

For more information, call Susan at 496-2627.

12-STEP MEETINGS

The Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St., hosts ongoing 12-step meetings.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous meetings are held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays.

Overeaters Anonymous meetings are held

from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays.

For more information, call 523-4847.

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Free classes are also available at 10 a.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month at Young Park, 1905 Nevada Ave.

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Marcy Shoberg
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Deal with holiday dangers

This time of year, we tend to think about family, friends and food. I suggest you also think about protecting yourself from likely dangers.

In this season, these include stress, robbery, burglary and angry relatives. For some, cooking injuries should also be listed.

As always, habits are your first line of defense. To deal with holiday stress, build a habit of giving your mental and physical well-being high priority. To prevent robbery, build habits of noticing strangers who notice you and concealing valuables. Robbery is a predatory crime: A robber chooses a victim they believe to have something worth taking and to be unaware of their intention. Similar habits can reduce your likelihood of being a burglar's target.

Habits are also your main line of defense against cooking injuries. I recommend you start cooking most of your own meals now, to have safety habits built before the bulk of the holidays hit.

Quickly recognizing the type of danger faced is your next line of defense. In a predatory situation, such as robbery or bullying, assertive body language and words can convince the predator you are a poor choice of victim. Once a robbery is already in progress, submitting is considered the safest choice.

In a territorial situation, such as when a relative supporting an opposing football team suddenly uninvites you from their house, you have options: The common mistake would be to forget leaving is one. In FAST Defense classes, we actually practice volunteering to leave a territorial

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Cameron Lewis, Janet Acosta, Becky Horner and Jeffrey Silva talk at the World Prematurity Day Event at Mountain View Regional Medical Center, Monday Nov. 17.

LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY MARISSA BOND

March of Dimes eyes funds, prevention

By **Marissa Bond**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Though the total is still being calculated, the March of Dimes estimates it raised more than \$176,000 Friday, Nov. 21, through its High Heels for High Hopes fundraiser.

That seems like a lot of money, but the March of Dimes has an expensive battle – and, as the name suggests, every little bit matters.

The money raised is utilized on national, state and local levels. The funds allocated toward the state and local levels support research and myriad programs providing information to support the health of mothers and babies.

The overarching goal behind these efforts is an ambitious one: to stop

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premature births altogether.

As overwhelming a goal as that might seem, the March of Dimes has a history of beating the odds. Founded in 1938 by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the original purpose of the March of Dimes – the popular name for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, coined by vaudeville star Eddie Cantor – was to combat polio. The funds

raised by the foundation supported the work of scientists such as Drs. Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin. The vaccines they pioneered effectively ended polio in the United States.

Having succeeded at their original mission, the March of Dimes turned its efforts toward combating birth defects and infant mortality. Since 2003, it has largely characterized its campaign by a narrowed focus on combating

premature births. The current goal is a reduction to a 9.6 percent preterm birth rate in the U.S. by 2020.

As lofty as that goal may seem, the March of Dimes is making great strides toward it. This is the sixth consecutive year that has seen a decline in U.S. preterm births, having dropped to 11.5 percent.

One of the more important recent steps was the passage of the PREEMIE Reauthorization Act in November 2013. The bill renews federal research, education and intervention activities into preterm birth and infant mortality.

In Las Cruces, the March of Dimes works to implement many of the organization's campaigns.

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“We have a B9 (vitamin) campaign to focus on educating women that taking folic acid a year before they get pregnant can prevent birth defects,” said Margarita Eddings, senior community director for the Las Cruces branch of the March of Dimes. “We also have focus programs called GRADS for teenage mothers.”

Another campaign, the Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait initiative, is focused on “preventable” preterm births. Since its creation in 2012, its efforts have included reversing a trend toward earlier, non-medically indicated induced labor and Caesarean sections. Through a vigorous campaign that included social media outreach and the launch of an app called CineMama, millions of women were reached with the message that, if a pregnancy is healthy, it is best for the baby’s health to wait at least 39 weeks and allow labor to begin on its own.

Though the goal is prevention, the March of Dimes provides crucial support for families who are affected by preterm birth, birth defects and infant mortality.

Through the past decade, March of Dimes has partnered with hospitals nationwide – including Mountain-View Regional Medical Center – to implement the NICU Family Support

Program.

The program educates hospital staff and provides materials help support families who are dealing with the shock and strain of having a child in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU). It also provides web-based information for families in regards to what their child might be going through in the NICU.

Camille Plante is a mother who was helped by the March of Dimes during the premature birth of her son, Ryder.

“March of Dimes is what got us through,” she said. “The doctors and nurses are what got us through.”

Telling her story at the World Prematurity Day event, Plante not only praised March of Dimes for the strides it has made, but emphasized the importance of its research toward ending premature birth.

“Ryder has been the true story of what March of Dimes is,” Plante said. “The children can live. But they’re not going to get there without the research.”

Jeffrey Silva, the board chairman for the southern New Mexico March of Dimes, spoke optimistically of the possibilities of scientific discovery supported through the organization’s efforts.

“Together, we will succeed,” he said.

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situation because it is difficult to do so when tempers are flaring and angry words flying.

The third type of self-defense situation, accidental confrontation, occurs when someone feels the urge to harm another because of something that happened between them – such as car accident, cooking accident or foot-in-mouth accident.

The tendency, for a person facing someone angry, is to return anger, thus escalating the situation.

Your relatives most likely know it’s wrong to strike you or throw

mashed potatoes at you when you upset them. But, they may believe it’s OK to take angry physical action if they first can use angry words to get you to cuss at them. Control your words and actions, and you can most likely control an accidental confrontation self-defense situation.

Besides thinking about family, friends, food and holiday safety, also put some thought into your future. Could some self-defense training fit into your new year’s resolutions?

Marcy Shoberg has been teaching self-defense and martial arts in the Las Cruces area for 26 years. She can be contacted at lcsd@zianet.com.

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Overeaters Anonymous hosts weekly meetings

There are three weekly Overeaters Anonymous meetings: 7 p.m. Mondays at Unity Church of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive; noon Wednesdays in the library of St. James Episcopal Church, 1102 St. James Ave.; 9:30 a.m. Saturdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave.; and 11:30 a.m. Thursdays at Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.

For more information, call 571-7864 or 647-5684.

Debtors Anonymous holds meetings

Debtors Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. Saturdays at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.

Debtors Anonymous is a fellowship of women and men who are recovering from compulsive debt-ing, under-earning, overspending and living in fear.

Attendees can find an abundant, joyous and free life in this program.

For more information, call 647-5684.

Southern NM diabetes group meets monthly

The diabetes educational support group meetings are held from 10 to 11:15 a.m. the third Thursday of each month at Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave.

For more information, call 522-0287.

Parkinson's support group

The Parkinson's Disease Support Group of Southern New Mexico meets the third Tuesday of the month at Mountain View Senior Circle, 3948 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call John Roberts at 702-217-0450.

Desert babywearers meet third Saturday

The group meets from 10 a.m. to noon the third Saturday of the month in Mountain View Market's community room, 1300 El Paseo Road.

Learn about the art of babywearing, new methods, try different carriers and meet other babywearers.

For more information, call 312-1974.llieh1206@yahoo.com.

NMSU prof studies health impact of fly infestations

By **Angela Simental**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Not every idea for scientific research comes from deep intellectual conversations. Sometimes, the most mundane situations can spark the interest of the scientist.

Alvaro Romero, New Mexico State University professor of Urban Entomology, who is known for his bed bug program, is interested in researching urban pests that most affect people's everyday lives, including house flies.

"This summer I attended an outdoor wedding in Hatch," he said. "I was surprised at how many flies there were. Usually, flies appear when there is food, animals, fecal matter or garbage in the area, but there were no such things in the proximity of that area. The number of flies around tables was very irritant."

The focus of his research is primarily to shed light on the role of



NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY PHOTO

Alvaro Romero, New Mexico State University professor of urban entomology, will research possible health dangers of large populations of flies

house flies in the transmission of human and animal pathogens. This research will provide the public useful information about health issues that can arise from fly infestation.

"House flies are present all year round, especially during the summer and they are definitely a nuisance," Romero said.

The flies can pick up disease pathogens, which can be carried to human or animal food or

food preparation areas.

"Presence of bacteria-infected house flies, sometimes antibiotic-resistant bacteria, represents an enormous public health threat for humans, farm animals and pets," Romero said.

"Part of this research will also deal with elimination and control of this pest.

"Flies impact people's lives, so we need to find how to manage the populations in different environments."

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Pet Briefs

APA continues adoption drive

ACTion Programs for Animals continues its Blue Buffalo Home 4 the Holidays pet adoption drive through Jan 2.

During the campaign, the adoption fees for animals are reduced to \$35. APA also offers a Black Friday Special Friday to Sunday, Nov. 28-30 of fee-waived adoptions for any of our mostly black animals.

Visit or call the adoption center at 800 W. Picacho Ave., 571-4654.

Critter Christmas tickets

Tickets are currently on sale for the fifth annual Critter Christmas, held 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

Tickets are \$50 through www.holdmyticket.com. Proceeds benefit the An-

imal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley, Doña Ana County Humane Society and the Spay and Neuter Action Program (SNAP).

For information, call 642-2648.

Pet Photos with Santa

Stop by the Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary Thrift Store on from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at 840 El Paseo Road to have pet photos with Santa. The cost is \$10 and photos will be framed and ready while you wait. No appointment necessary.

Pets must be leashed.

For more information-call 541-4942.

Pet adoptions held at Petco

Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley staff and volunteers are facilitating dog, cat, puppy and kitten adoptions from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays at Petco, 3050 E. Lohman Ave.

Transport drivers who

are able to handle rambunctious dogs are needed on Saturday mornings.

For more information, call 639-3036, email jwright@las-cruces.org, or visit www.bigkittyfix.org.

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. Call 642-5888.

Pet services offered at shelter

Microchip your pet for \$20 at Animal Services Center of Mesilla Valley, 3551 Bataan Memorial West.

No appointment necessary and service is available daily. City and county pet licenses are also available daily.

Waiting for a forever home



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Cats await new homes at the Cat's Meow Adoption Center at 2211 N. Mesquite St. The center held a grand opening on Saturday, Nov. 15. The center's phone number is 386-6938.

Low-cost spay and neutering is by appointment only and is \$35 for dogs and \$25 for cats.

For more information, call the shelter at 382-0018.

Foster homes needed for animals

Fostering can be a re-

warding way to enjoy the companionship a pet provides without having the commitment that goes along with it.

For more information, call 527-4544.

APA seeks old sleeping bags

ACTion Programs for Animals is seeking com-

forters or old sleeping bags to help offset the cooler temperatures that accompany the changing seasons. If you have any to donate, drop them off from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 800 W. Picacho Ave.

The donations will be used as dog beds at the facility and quarantine foster homes.

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