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Big pool is cool

By **Todd G. Dickson**
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Although it was a work session Monday, Dec. 8, the Las Cruces City Council put its sights on a full-sized, indoor competitive pool for the next phase of the Regional Aquatic Center.

While there were other options presented, councillors said they preferred to shoot for building a “five-star facility” – in the words of City Parks and Recreation Director Mark Johnston – that would include a 25-yard-by-50-meter competitive pool, a diving tank, changing areas and area for spectator bleachers that would be enclosed along with added parking.

The Regional Aquatic Center located on the corner of Solano Drive and Hadley Street opened in 2010, thanks to about \$14 million in capital outlay funds provided through Doña Ana County legislators, with the first phase focused on providing swim activities for families and seniors.

Members and supporters of the Las Cruces Aquatic Team (LCAT), as well as adult swim competitors, have long advocated for the city to find a way to provide a competitive-sized pool. Currently, competitive swimmers have to train at New Mexico State University’s Aquatic Center – working around NMSU team training times as well as other users of the center – and at the city’s aging Frenger Pool.

The envisioned addition to the

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Under a rising full moon, residents gather around the City of Las Cruces’ Christmas tree after it was lit up Friday, Dec. 5, before the start of the Downtown WinterFest.

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New WSMR boss praises support

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

Strong community support helps keep White Sands Missile Range a strong, viable operation, WSMR’s new commander, Brig. Gen. Timothy Coffin, said at the annual Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Military Update Luncheon Friday, Dec. 5.

Coffin, who took command this summer, said the type of testing done at the range – which is increasingly becoming more integrated with ground troops – is needed in a world that continues to be a dangerous place even as the country seeks to end the Afghanistan War.

Even though the United States has left Iraq, advisers are returning because of the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and

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Bulletin company acquires monthly

By **Brook Stockberger**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Bulletin has gained a sister publication in southern New Mexico.

The Bulletin’s parent company, South Carolina-based Osteen Publishing Company, purchased the Silver City-based publication Desert Exposure.

The company closed on a deal with former owners David and Lisa Fryxell Friday, Dec. 5.

Desert Exposure is a free monthly publication offering features, columnists, arts, photography, events and humor.

“What I love about Desert Exposure is its focus on arts and leisure,” said Richard Coltharp, Las Cruces Bulletin publisher. “In today’s world, with everyone so busy and working so hard, our leisure time is more precious than ever.”

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Holiday is around the corner for kids

Las Cruces Public Schools begins its Winter Break after morning classes Friday, Dec. 19.

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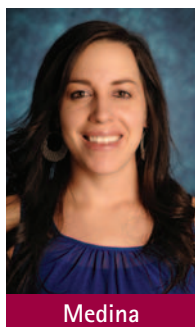
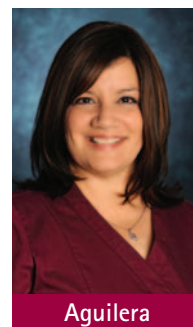
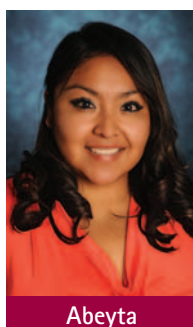


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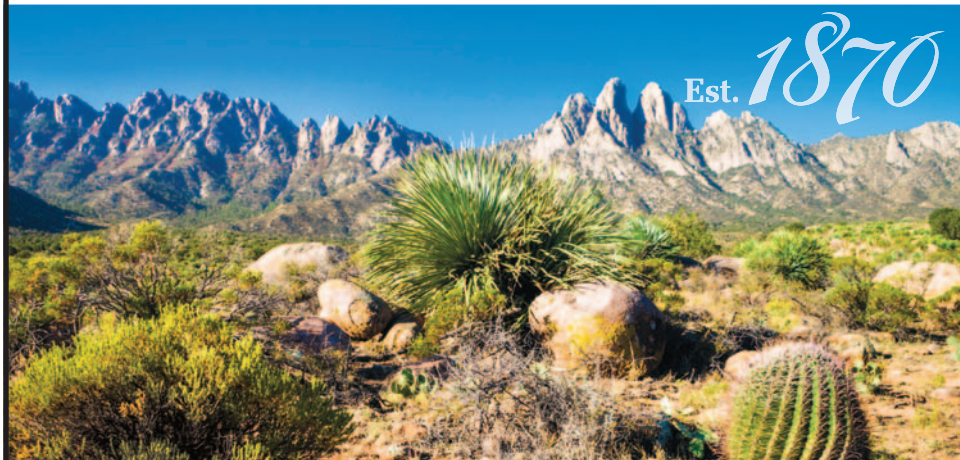
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Opinions



From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Christmas doesn't follow a thermometer

As it seems it's been for the past month, it is 66 degrees and sunny outside as I write this.

Believe me, I'm not complaining.

However, the Christmas tree is still not up at my house, and this weather is not helping.

With her article about Christmas trees on Page C14, staff writer Marissa Bond tells us, "Take a deep breath – you can do this."

I will take her at her word and get the tree up.

Eventually.

This has nothing to do with me being a Grinch. I love everything about Christmas. Well, everything except fruitcake.

Santa's Got a Brand New Bag, the James Brown Christmas album, has been in my CD player since Thanksgiving. Nothing says Christmas like JB singing "Santa Claus, Go Straight to the Ghetto."

Marissa gives several good ideas and options about how to do your Christmas tree. Most likely I'll pull the white artificial tree from my garage and my youngest daughter and I will decorate it with the various goodies we have collected over the years.

We might do what we did one year: Go to the grocery store and buy some fresh green chiles. Find the ones with curly stems and you can hang them right on the tree. Over the holidays, the chiles turn from green to red. If you're really, really, really patient, you can see the colors change before your eyes.

However, Marissa also mentions one of the coolest ways to get your tree: Go and chop it down yourself.

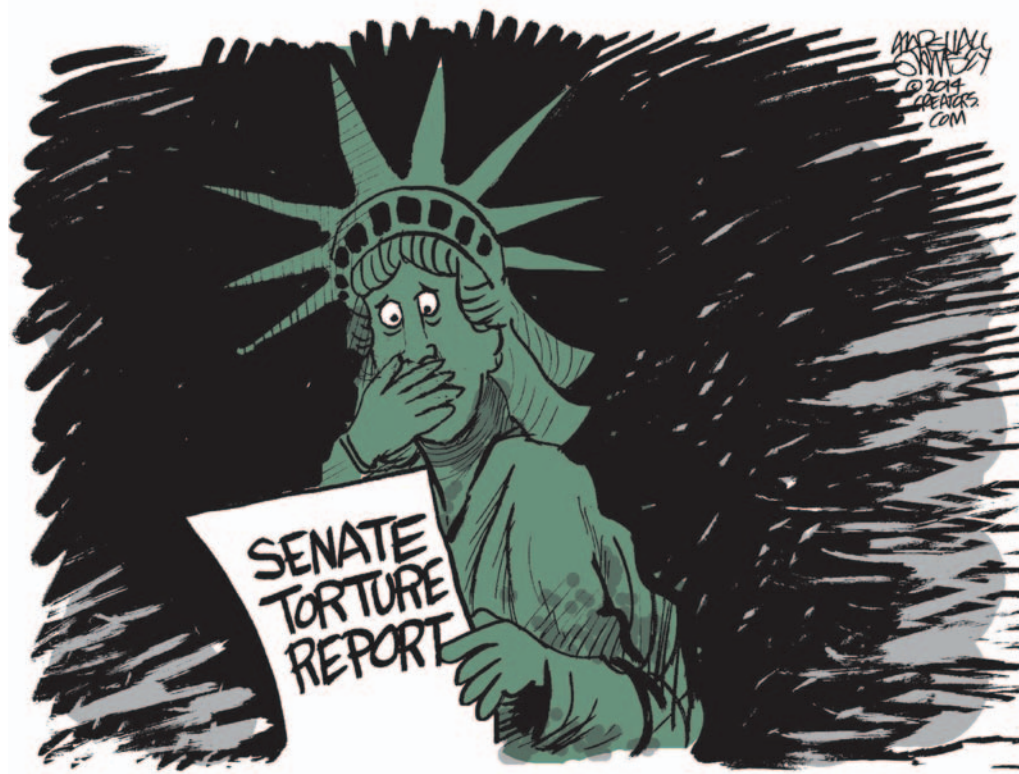
Take a road trip west to the Gila National Forest or east to the Lincoln National Forest and, with a \$5 permit, you can head to the woods, go for a hike and seek your ideal tree.

Back when I lived in Alamogordo, I did this once in the forest outside Cloudcroft. You don't actually chop it down. My experience was it was too thin and green to do that. My oldest daughter and I used a bowsaw and my Swiss Army knife to get it down. We strapped it to the top of my vehicle, then headed into Cloudcroft for a green chile cheeseburger at the Western Café.

My second favorite Christmas tree in Alamogordo came during my first Christmas there, when I lived in a tiny apartment. I didn't have a tree until Christmas Eve, and was able to find a scraggly little fir in the Allsup's parking lot. They charged me \$5, and I put it up while listening to my favorite version of "O Tannenbaum," the Vince Guaraldi Trio jazz version from the Charlie Brown Christmas soundtrack.

Though Guaraldi passed away in 1976, you can hear the next best thing Friday, Dec. 19, here in Las Cruces at the Rio Grande Theatre. Jazz pianist David Benoit will perform the music from "A Charlie Brown Christmas." If, for some reason you're not in the Christmas spirit by then, the concert will surely get you there. And if you're already in the spirit, the concert will no doubt move you more deeply into it.

Regardless of the weather, Christmastime is here.



Letter to the editor Inadvertent overlook

On Dec. 5, the Las Cruces community came together in support of Jardín de los Niños at our annual Chile Holiday Celebration. I wanted to thank everyone who attended the event, because the revenues will go a great distance in helping Jardín maintain fiscal sustainability. It was a great event. However I failed.

I failed to recognize what is perhaps the most valuable group of people who tirelessly volunteer to assist our children daily. I failed to recognize the fabulous group of volunteers who – along with manager Madie Zolto – make La Tienda de Jardín the most valuable asset to Jardín de los Niños. During the 2013-14 fiscal year, the volunteers of La Tienda logged in 7,228

hours. With the approximate value at \$19.97 per hour, that amounts to \$142,897.50 in services. If that were not enough, La Tienda brings in over \$130,000 in revenue annually from sales in clothing and accessories. For me to fail to recognize this enormous benefit to our kids at Jardín is inexcusable and unforgivable.

If any of you have the opportunity to visit this wonderful group of volunteers at La Tienda, or if you happen to see them about town, please give them your thanks for supporting homeless and near homeless children in southern New Mexico. And, rest assured, I will not fail to recognize and thank this marvelous group ever again.

*Audrey Marion Hartley
Jardín de los Niños
executive director*

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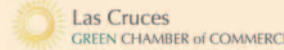
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Calling 911? Don't hang up!

In the grips of an emergency, many people dial 911 wanting desperately to speak right away to a live person. When they hear a recording or get put on hold, they often hang up and call back again. It's a terrible strategy.

Hugo Costa, executive director of the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority, said call volume often makes it impossible to avoid placing callers on hold, but when it happens, the telephone system keeps track of the order in which calls came in, so that hold times can be minimized and an operator can get back on the line in a timely fashion.

When callers hang up after being placed on hold, they lose their place in the system, and when they call back, they've secured the last place in the line again.

In the age of cell phones, high call volume coming into the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority is a constant issue of concern.

Each traffic accident generates dozens of calls from passersby, as does each house fire. To complicate matters, many people call 911 to report non-emergencies, which ties up the time of the operators and dispatchers.

Below are some suggestions for callers, which can assist 911 staff as they process incoming calls.

For non-emergencies, please refrain from calling 911. Instead, call the non-emergency number, which is (575) 526-0795.

* Being able to provide an address to 911 is the best way to ensure you receive help in the most efficient manner. Be able to give an address, city, and even county if necessary.

* Our 911 staff understands when you have an emergency, your primary concern is getting help. In most cases, with calls in progress, the telecommunicators send help while simultaneously asking questions about your call. The questions 911 staff ask are for your safety, the safety of the people involved in the emergency, and the safety of the responders. If you refuse to answer the questions, help will still respond; however, responders may be delayed in taking into account extra safety precautions.

* The Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority utilizes a software program for medical emergencies. The 911 staff is required to utilize this program EMS response to emergencies. Help does respond simultaneously while the questions

are being reviewed. This medical program is a benefit to the caller and the patient. It is in your best interest to provide answers to 911 staff for the most efficient response to the call.

* One of the most common reasons for inadvertent 911 calls is cell phones in pockets or purses with no key lock or guard. If you have a cell phone that does not have a case that protects the dial/key pad, please check your phone and see if it has a key lock feature. By locking the keypad on your phone it may prevent an accidental 911 call. These 911 hang-up calls are taken seriously, and staff always attempts to call back. By minimizing the number of misdials to 911, the system is more effective.

* Old and disconnected cell phones, if they still have a battery charge, can still call 911. If you allow a child to play with one of these phones, please remove the battery. Again, 911 staff has to attempt to locate these calls.

* Finally, for non-emergencies, please refrain in every instance from calling 911. Instead, call the non-emergency number, which is (575) 526-0795. A recording will give you options for quick and appropriate assistance. Non-emergencies include codes calls, stray animals, information about outstanding warrants, etc.

Blood drive nets 34 pints

A Dec. 5 blood drive in the rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center netted 34 pints of the gift of life.

Event coordinator Janine Divyak of the Doña Ana County Community Development Department said most of the donors were county employees, although some walk-ins from the general public also made donations.

Doña Ana County coordinates two major blood-donation events each year. The first is normally in early August, and the second is near the holidays.

Since 2001, county employees have

donated in excess of 800 pints to the Judy Price Memorial Blood Drive in early August.

Since 2006, the holiday blood drives have generated about 300 pints in donations.

United Blood Services of Las Cruces estimates that each pint donated benefits up to six people in need, meaning that the county blood drives may have helped upward of 6,600 people in the region who needed whole blood or its components to recover from emergencies and medical procedures.

Doña Ana County Sheriff cadets are studying in advance of a Dec. 18 graduation program that will be held in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center. Most of the cadets will work in Doña Ana County, although three cadets will go to other regional agencies who utilize the DASO Academy for their cadets.

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America's war on the military

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



Dec. 7 is a sacred day for our military and me.

My father George Swickard was a combat soldier in World War II. He retired in 1966. Growing up we lived on military bases. Our playmates were all from military families.

My grandfather Horace Swickard served on the border following the Pancho Villa raid and served in France during World War I, The Great War, The War to End All War, etc.

As the Bataan Death March, my father has a cousin, William Swickard.

The military and its honor is important to me. While the "Date which will live in infamy" still burns in my heart, it is a date mostly forgotten by citizens of our country. Last Sunday some media did cover Pearl Harbor Day while other media had more important things to do.

My local daily newspaper did something odd, it presented Dec. 7, 1941, from the viewpoint of the Japanese. What were their motivations and what do the Japanese think about the second world war? There was more, but I shredded the newspaper and threw it in the trash.

Seems those in charge of that newspaper did not serve in the military. It was a slap in the face

of veterans, especially those who served in WWII. I lived three years in Japan and also have studied their culture. The article about how the Japanese view that conflict might have been interesting on the anniversary of V-J day which is the day Japan formally surrendered. But there was nothing else in the paper commemorating that Sunday morning 73 years earlier.

I still know veterans who do not buy Japanese cars or watches. The hatred between the Marines and Japanese combat soldiers was the most intense in all of our history. And when the war ended America took great pains to lift the Japanese citizens back up onto their feet much like we lifted the Germans up. Most Americans have left that hatred in the past. But if you watched your buddy get butchered, time will not heal that wound.

Worse, it seems our society is at war with our military and the veterans. They give lip service to loving our military, but every financial cut is upon the military. Combat personnel are getting their pink slips while in a theater of war. Washington is cutting benefits for veterans while taking on more financial expense from people who come to our country without legal status.

My buddy Charlie says that America is not at war: the military is at war, America is at the Mall. There is truth to that saying. We are reading that public schools are

banning parents in military garb from dropping off or picking up students like something is wrong with being in the military.

One Supreme Court Justice before being appointed banned the military from her college's campus. We hear about public high schools that do not want recruiters on campus. There is the notion that service to our country is somehow less than going to college.

When elections come, the far-flung men and women serving often do not get to vote because they tend to vote Republican. So they will give their life for our country but as quickly as possible our country turns its back on them. There have been a number of incidents where doubt is cast on this society's commitment to our servicemen.

Serving in the military is both interesting and an honor. These volunteers are being dishonored by poor treatment even while serving. Then there is the Veterans Administration that would rather keep very ill patients waiting while this country literally blows several trillion dollars on political actions.

Some of the leadership is at war with our military and veterans. I know which side I am on. Time to elect a new batch of politicians who appreciate our military and throw those other bums out. We must have the military's back.

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ON THE EDGE OF
COMMON SENSE



Try me - a rodeo story

When Marvin Garrett nodded his head, no one knew that eight seconds later the Thomas and Mack Arena would be covered with goose bumps.

Marvin drew "Try Me" in the fourth round at the National Finals Rodeo 1989. He marked her out and hung the steel to 'er like the rods on a Union Pacific driver. "Try Me" jumped the track. She slid, slipped and rolled around inside her skin. She punched holes in the arena dirt.

Somewhere in the last two seconds, Marvin reached his limit. Everything in his firebox ...experience, intuition, talent and training were at full throttle and blowin' blue smoke. It was then, over the din of 15,000 rabid fans, Marvin reached down inside himself, I heard him whisper, "Yer mine. ..."

The hair stood up on the back of my neck. The buckin' horse went down! From where I sat 60 rows up it looked like Marvin's shoulders actually hit the ground. His legs pistoned. The horse exploded. She climbed out of that hold with Marvin stuck to 'er like a remora on a shark's belly.

I don't believe you could'a cut Marvin loose with an acetylene torch.

The whistle blew.

The crowd went wild. Marvin tipped his hat. But if you'd touched him at that moment it would'a been like layin' your hand on an electric motor. He was hummin'.

Marvin had ridden "Try Me" with all he had left ... will. Will, want-to, gumption, grit, whatever it is that allows housewives to lift cars off babies and Samsons to pull down temples.

The crowd waited nervously for the score to be posted. We were nervous because of a loose brick in the façade of rodeo rules that says: Hard-to-ride horses don't always score the best. Most of us in the arena that night would have been disgruntled but not surprised if Marvin's ride had scored out of the money. Style often counts more than difficulty.

But rodeo is not like making a centerpiece out of angel hair and glitter. We're talkin' about a horse that can buck you off and a cowboy who claims she can't. That's how rodeo began, and that night at the National Finals the judges didn't forget it. Marvin and his pardner "Try Me" scored an 82 ... good for top money in the go 'round.

They deserved it.

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Letters to the editor

Wage rebuttal

I would like to add more Catholic social teaching in response to (Nov. 21) Dan Schneider's guest column.

In January 2014, the Conference of Catholic Bishops called for an increase the minimum wage because the "current federal minimum wage falls

short of the standard for its failure to provide sufficient resources for individuals to form and support families." Pope Francis said, "It is therefore necessary to remove centrality from the law of profit and gain, and to put the person and the common good back at the center."

I would like to stop

subsidizing businesses with my tax money in the form of assistance for workers who are paid below the poverty level.

Patricia M. Bonneau-White

Wrong number

I received a robo-call from New Mexicans For a Better Tomorrow that said the street where Las Cruces City Councillor Nathan Small lives was newly paved while my street was not. The caller asked "What is wrong with this picture?"

One cannot answer robo-calls, an annoying feature. I will answer here: Fourth Street was paved before Small moved to his present location. There is something wrong with robo-calls when truth is disregarded.

John Duncklee



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DESERT, FROM PAGE A1

“Desert Exposure helps you plan getaways and better experience this amazing part of the world, and maximize your leisure time,” Coltharp said. “In fact, Desert Exposure itself is a wonderful leisure activity. I find simply reading it and looking at the photos and artwork is a relaxing getaway all its own.”

Larry Miller, Osteen Publishing CEO, said the company has wanted to expand its footprint in southern New Mexico.

“We have always been interested in a more regional approach, and we think Desert Exposure will prove to be the perfect vehicle,” Miller said. “It doesn’t duplicate what we’re doing in Las Cruces with the Bulletin and it has content that is of interest to a wide audience.”

Desert Exposure’s distribution areas include Las Cruces, Silver City and Deming, but will expand to Alamogordo, Ruidoso, Cloudcroft and Truth or Consequences by the end of the first quarter of 2015, Miller said.

The publication’s circulation is 10,000 but will increase to 12,000 with the January issue.

Miller said Osteen Publishing Company was impressed by Desert Exposure.

“It has a strong brand with a lot of



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Las Cruces Bulletin Publisher Richard Coltharp reads a copy of Desert Exposure.

reader and advertiser loyalty,” he said. “It seems like a great publication that fits our strategic plans for the area. I showed it to our owners and they liked it as well.”

“We look forward to continuing and building upon the great work David and Lisa Fryxell have done,” Coltharp said.

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WSMR, FROM PAGE A1

the Levant (ISIL), he said. Russian expansion into Crimea and worry about Chinese expansion also have brought pause to the Pentagon’s plans to reduce military force, he said.

While Army reorganization is decommissioning the Second Engineer Battalion stationed at WSMR, technology for unconventional and urban warfare is increasingly being tested at the range, he said.

Bombing is much more precise because of the testing done at the range, Coffin said. The range also looks at new kinds of weapons for even more precise actions, such as high-energy beams, he said.

“At the range, the accomplishments sometimes make my head spin,” he said.

The large range also offers the kind of space and real-world conditions that can’t be found at any other military installation, Coffin said. Weapon systems are tested in the mountains, across deserts and through dust storms, he said.

But even that testing is less focused because of a lack of a real budget, he said, along with possible future implementation of sequestration cutbacks, or, even worse, another federal government shutdown.

In the midst of this uncertainty, one thing is solid, Coffin said: The support of the range and its people by the surrounding communities, especially Las Cruces.

“This area, this people, this town – it feels like family,” he said. “I feel comfortable because of the way you support us.”

ISIL has called for its supporters to attack military families, but Coffin said he knows the local communities “have our backs” and will report anything suspicious.

“They are part of our protection,” he said. “We appreciate that.”

The communities depend on the range, as well, Coffin said. WSMR adds a little more than \$2 million a day salaries alone, he said. That exceeds \$4 million a day when indirect contributions to this community are factored in.

Coffin likened the relationship of the range to its supporting communities to the gears in a Swiss watch. Communication between the communities and range officials is the lubricant, he said, that keeps those gears running smoothly.

That support also helps the range to preserve its operations and frequencies “so we can continue to do our jobs in the future,” Coffin said.

Aiding that is a long-range planning that has never been done before, he said. That planning process will provide a road map for both the range and its surrounding communities for the longterm, he said.

Also speaking at the luncheon was Hanson Scott, the State of New Mexico’s director for the Office of Military Base Planning and Support. Scott said he continues to closely monitor the proposed SunZia transmission line that seeks to cross an important testing area of the range. Critics of the proposal say it could jeopardize up to a third of the testing conducted on the range and question whether a plan to bury portions of the line will adequately mitigate its affect.

POOL, FROM PAGE A1

Regional Aquatic Center is estimated to cost \$17 million to \$18 million to complete, Johnston said. With oil and gas revenue down and limiting “one-time” money for capital outlay funding, Johnston said it was most realistic to ask lawmakers to fund it three \$6 million phases. The first phase would build the lane and diving pools without added amenities, he said. The second phase would add the changing and spectator areas and the final phase would enclose the facility.

In addition to the construction of the pool, officials had been cautionary in the past about building a competitive-sized pool because the city would have to subsidize operational costs, which Johnston estimated would be between \$1 million and \$1.5 million. However, fees for use and income from tournaments should offset the operational cost by between 30 percent and 50 percent, he said.

Operational costs to parks and recreation would also be absorbed some by closing Frenger Pool due to the added capacity that the 25-yard by 50-meter pool would bring, said Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith, who was a competitive swimmer in his youth. If the city is successful in attracting large tournaments, he said the income could be significant, as well as boosting the city’s gross receipts and lodger’s tax revenues.

Johnston agreed that closing Frenger would free up about \$300,000 for his department.

Smith said the large pool also opens options for other activities, such as water polo and scuba training.

Because the larger pool would be very beneficial to local high school athletic teams, Johnston said city officials are willing to engage in talks with Las Cruces

Public Schools about what the district can do to help share in covering some of the operational costs.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima said the larger pool was the best next step to what is in store for the aquatic center, so the city should “bite the bullet” now.

Councillor Gill Sorg said he would prefer the best pool be built, but remained concerned where the funding would be found.

Councillor Miguel Silva said he was excited that the council is having this conversation as it’s something many of his constituents would like to see.

Smith said it had been a while since the city last got behind a large project. He said he knew of local construction firms that would be willing to offer ways to help the project along to make the most use of available funding.

Councillor Nathan Small said he still had reservations because he knows of many other needs for capital outlay money. However, the larger pool is bringing up “many enticing opportunities” that weren’t considered before.

Councillor Ceil Levatino said she was originally worried about spending so much on a swimming pool, but she has since learned from people in the real estate industry that a larger pool is an attraction. Having a new, five-star swimming pool could generate interest from people thinking about moving here, especially young families, she said.

“The answers I got I didn’t expect,” Levatino said. “I was shocked. This is a big deal. ... This is really important to economic development and growth in the city.”

At the work session, the council was briefed on progress by Sites Southwest to develop a master plan for revamping Klein Park in the Mesquite historic district.

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Sons of the American Revolution Public Safety Awards



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Deming Fire Department Battalion Chief Delbert Rivera accepts a Public Safety Award for Emergency Services Saturday, Dec. 6, from Capt. Walt Baker, a member the Sons of the American Revolution Gadsden chapter, which gives out the awards annually.



Las Cruces firefighter Arnold Diaz accepts his award for fire safety from Baker.



Otero County Sheriff Benny House receives his law enforcement award for the department's success in combating narcotics.

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Coming up

NMSU library hours

Due to the upcoming holidays and breaks, the New Mexico State University Library has adjusted hours for its Zuhl and Branson locations.

The following is an updated library hours schedule for the remainder of the month:

- Friday, Dec. 12: 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 14: closed
- Monday, Dec. 15, through Friday, Dec. 19: 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 20, and Sunday, Dec. 21: closed
- Monday, Dec. 22, and Tuesday, Dec. 23: 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 24, through Sunday, Jan. 4: closed

The Archives and Special Collections Reading Room will be open by appointment only between the following dates:

- Wednesday, Dec. 17, through Tuesday, Dec. 23
- Monday, Jan. 5, through Friday, Jan. 9

To make an appointment for the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room, call 646-7455 or email archives@lib.nmsu.edu.

Current hours of operation are available at 646-4749 or <http://lib.nmsu.edu/aboutlib/libhours.html>.

Light up the desert

The Asombro Institute for Science Education is giving the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park some holiday cheer by lighting up the desert.

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.

The Asombro Institute provides 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 any time 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.

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

For more information, call Joanne at 647-4480.

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.

Anyone who is not sure who their city councillor is should contact Jamey Rickman, community liaison for the City of Las Cruces, at 541-2192 or email at jrickman@las-cruces.org with a physical address for look-up assistance.

The remaining meetings scheduled this month are for District 4 Councillor Nathan Small. These meetings will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. the following days:

- Tuesday, Dec. 16, El Caldito Soup Kitchen, 999 W. Amador Ave.
- Thursday, Dec. 18, City Hall, Council Chambers, 700 N. Main St.

NMSU Astronomy Department open house

The New Mexico State University Department of Astronomy will hold an Observatory Open House at the NMSU campus observatory at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12.

Astronomy personnel on hand will be professor Jim Murphy and graduate assistants Teresa Ross, Nikki Nielsen and Michael Hayden.

Objects attendees may observe include the planet Uranus and its soft blue appearance. They will view the young double open star clusters h and x ('chi') Persei (NGC 869 and NGC 884 respectively) in the constellation Perseus.

They also will observe the spiral Andromeda Galaxy (M31), the Milky Way Galaxy's nearest large galaxy neighbor, located about 2.9 million light years distant from Earth.

The Geminid Meteor Shower will be active late this week, but best viewing for the meteors occurs after midnight, though they may be fortunate and see a few during the open house.

A brief introductory talk will focus upon robotic exploration missions currently active in our solar system.

For more information, contact the NMSU Astronomy Department at 646-1868. Everyone is welcome to come and spends and evening of stargazing. Admission is free and children are especially welcome to attend.

Sky Safari

The New Mexico State University Department of Astronomy and the Southern New Mexico Natural History Foundation will host a Sky Safari at the NMSU campus observatory from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13.

Graduate assistants Kathryn Steakley and Ethan Dederick will be available for information at the event.

On Saturday evening, attendees will be observing the Andromeda Galaxy as well as the magnificent Double Cluster. They will also observe other globular/open clusters and the Orion Nebula toward the end of the night.


For more information, contact the astronomy department at 646-4438.

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Model railroad club

The National Model Railroad Association Roadrunner Division will hold its monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum at 351 N. Mesilla St.

The meeting is free and open to anyone interested in model railroading.

For more information, contact Eric Hansmann at eric@hansmanns.org or 304-376-0256.

Audubon Society

The next meeting of the Mesilla Valley Audubon Society (MVAS) will focus on the upcoming Christmas Bird Count.

The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St.

This program will prepare participants for the MVAS 40th annual census of birds around Las Cruces. Members will review birds expected to be seen on the count and logistics.

If you are interested in joining the count, call Wayne Treers for more information at 528-8696.

Mesilla Valley Audubon Society meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month. Join the board for refreshments at a 6:30 p.m. meet and greet. Presentations follow a brief business meeting. New members and guests are welcome and there is no charge.

More information on MVAS is available at www.new-mexico-birds.com.

Minnesota Club

Celebrate the holiday season with the Minnesota club at noon Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the Golden Corral, 601 S. Telshor Blvd.

With 1,000 students projected to participate in the fall 2014 commencement ceremony at New Mexico State University 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Pan American Center, the 122nd event will be one of the largest attended for a fall ceremony.

Of the 1,455 students who are degree candidates on the Las Cruces campus, 11 are associate degrees, 1,036 are bachelor's degrees, 329 are master's degrees and 79 are doctoral degrees. Additionally, 498 associate degrees will be conferred to students graduating from NMSU Doña Ana Community College, NMSU Alamogordo, NMSU Carlsbad and NMSU Grants this fall. Summer graduates who did not participate in the spring commencement also were invited to attend.

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

Arrowhead Drive between Triviz Drive and Stewart Street along the Pan Am will be closed for commencement. Candidates and general parking will be in the lots to the north and east of the Pan Am, with handicapped parking to the north and northeast of the building.

NMSU will recognize author Max Evans with an honorary degree during the ceremony.

Prior to graduation, the NMSU Board of Regents will hold a regular meeting at 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, in the Regents Room in the Educational Services Building on the Las Cruces campus.

The meeting will be webcast at <http://panopto.nmsu.edu/bor>.

A closed executive session will be held at 7:15 a.m. in the Regents Room



NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY PHOTO

New Mexico State University's 2014 fall commencement will be Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Pan American Center.

Conference Room on the Las Cruces campus to discuss personnel, real estate and legal matters in accordance with sections 10-15-1 H (2), (7), and (8) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.

Copies of the agenda for the regular meeting will be available at NMSU's Zuhl Library, Las Cruces campus, not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting and also will be posted on the university website at <http://regents.nmsu.edu/agenda>.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader,

amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the meeting, contact the Office of the Regents' Special Advisor at 646-2227 at least three days prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

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Fund gives NMSU \$1.25 million for ethics initiative

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

Following the success of its five-year pilot program, the New Mexico State University College of Business has been awarded an additional \$1.25 million over the next five years to continue its principle-based ethics program. The grant is part of the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative, whose goal is to strengthen principle-based ethics education and to foster a high standard of ethics in young people.

The college received its first \$1.25 million award through the Daniels Fund in 2010.

"We are very excited that the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative at New Mexico State University has been renewed for an-

other five years," said the program's director, Bruce Huhmann, an associate professor of marketing in the business college. "We will continue to work closely with our partner schools in the Daniels Fund Ethics Consortium, especially our partners at the University of New Mexico."

Three additional Colorado colleges have been accepted into the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative this year, bringing the consortium to a total of 11 institutions in New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Wyoming.

Huhmann said students have been the biggest beneficiaries of the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative at NMSU since its inception in 2010.

"NMSU business students are now

consistently exposed to ethics issues via case studies, modules, activities and guest speakers," Huhmann said. "Principle-based ethics is integrated into graduate and undergraduate classes across the curriculum in all business disciplines."

The initiative uses principle-based ethics as a framework for personal

and organizational decision-making and leadership, he said, demonstrating that business and personal success can be achieved by following certain universal principles, such as respect, accountability, transparency and fairness. The Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative at New Mexico State University teaches students decision-making tools that


help put these ethical principles into practice.

Students in other disciplines, including engineering, English, philosophy and criminal justice have also benefitted from course materials created by Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative Fellows at NMSU.

The Honors College has brought principle-based ethics curriculum to the


university's top academic achieving students across the university, and a Student Center for the Public Trust campus chapter was established to expose students from many disciplines to the importance and multifaceted issues of ethical leadership and professionalism, Huhmann said.

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For more information call Patrick Morrow at 678-7095.

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Gospel Rescue Mission kitchen staff George Bagley and Robert Ramos accept food donations Thursday, Dec. 4, from Bruce Fonest and Lawrence Orvis on behalf of the American Legion Riders Chapter 4. The group also donated food to El Caldito Soup Kitchen and Camp Hope tent city residents. "This is about veterans helping veterans," Orvis said.

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Las Cruces Academy students give to Camp Hope

PHOTOS BY TODD DICKSON

Matt Mercer, Camp Hope and resource room outreach coordinator for the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (MVCH), pushes a shopping cart Friday, Dec. 5, filled with care packages made by Las Cruces Academy students. For the students' community service and holiday charity activity, teacher Andrea Camuñez helped them brainstorm items Camp Hope residents could use. Parents contributed items for the care packages, as did Toucan Market, Mountain View Market, Albertsons and La Clinica de Familia. Camp Hope is a tent city on the MVCH campus providing temporary shelter for homeless people. Las Cruces Academy is a private school in Mesilla.



Camp Hope residents were on hand to receive donations in person from the students. A general care package contained items such as simple foods, tea, instant coffee, gloves, envelopes with stamps, cough drops and toilet paper. The students also offered bottled water, fruits and pet food.

Students unload snacks and pet food on a table in the Camp Hope commons area.



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Late Night Finals Pancakes

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Angela Johnson, freshman at New Mexico State University, gets her first serving of pancakes Tuesday, Dec. 9, from Sodexo's Blanca Torres during the annual Late Night Finals Pancakes held in Corbett Center Student Union. The late-night breakfast also is served to students by NMSU staff, faculty and administrators.



NMSU students Hailey Hightower and Danielle Best duked it out through a Rock'em, Sock'em Robot game to win treats. In addition to games, there was dancing and music.

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Karime Parra, 7, gets help finding the right pair of jeans from Kristen Paz, 17, of Centennial High School.



Emily Fry of Oñate High School helps Andres Piñon, 12, shop for new school clothes Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Kohl's Department Store on the final round of Dress the Child shopping. Sponsored by the Rotary Foundation, Dress the Child was able to provide more than \$100 worth of new clothes for 450 disadvantaged local children with support from Kohl's and Old Navy stores.

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Santa Claus and his fellow Toys for Tots supporters cycle down University Avenue Sunday, Dec. 8, during the annual Toys for Tots Bike Rally, which collects toys for needy children during the holiday season.

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Cell phone burglar suspect sought

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that helps identify a man suspected of burglarizing a cell phone repair shop on south Solano Drive.

Police learned that the burglary occurred at around 4:45 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 6. Surveillance photos showed a man use a rock to smash a front window of the Cell Phone Factory at 590 S. Solano Drive. The suspect then entered the business and stole approximately \$18,000 worth of cell phones, iPads and tablets.

Property stolen included at least four iPads, two Samsung tablets and more than 80 cell phones that are contracted

through Sprint or T-Mobile. The suspect will most likely try to dispose of the stolen property by selling the items, most likely at prices far below retail value.

Detectives believe the suspect is in his late teens or early 20s. He was wearing a light gray or white hoodie.

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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This surveillance photo shows the suspect in the Nov. 6 burglary of Cell Phone Factory at 590 S. Solano Drive.




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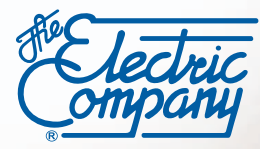
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No title, but Cruces teams wrap up good 2014 season

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

The high school football season has come to an end, but for coaches and returning players, it's never too early to start thinking about next year. With four Las Cruces high schools making the playoffs, the spotlight focused on local football many times this season.

Losing by two points at No. 1 Rio Rancho Friday, Dec. 5, in the 6A state championship game, the Mayfield Trojans finished their season with consecutive state runner-up titles. The Trojans capped their season at 11-2 with a 4-0 district record.

Michael Bradley and his team were among the best offenses in class 6A, averaging 43.2 points per game. Mayfields' dominant offense scored 50 or more points in five. Although quarterback Kavika Johnson will be graduating, Bradley has developed a quantity of underclassmen talented enough to take over and guide the team back to the state championship game and hopefully claim the blue trophy.

Las Cruces High finished the season 6-6 with a 2-2 district record. Jim Millers' Bulldawgs endured a hard-fought year that resulted in a second round exit in the class 6A state playoffs. The .500 campaign fell short of 2013, when the Bulldawgs captured the state title against rival Mayfield. Burdened with injuries to key players, the Bulldawgs suffered notable tough losses at the hands of Centennial, Oñate, Artesia and Rio Rancho.

Quarterback Kamron Miller will return next year for the Bulldawgs for his senior season.

In his first year as head coach, Brent Jaquess took control of the Oñate Knights football program and provided a spark. The Knights finished the season at 8-5 and 3-1 in district play, a massive difference from 2013's record of 3-7 and 1-3 district. Fueled by a late, three-game district win streak, Oñate was able to secure a spot in the class 6A playoffs for the first time since 2009.

Jaquess remains hopeful that the success his team enjoyed this year can serve as momentum to carry

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Aggies head back out on road



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE
 New Mexico State University senior forward Remi Barry passes the ball against the University of Texas-El Paso Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Pan American Center.

NMSU tops UTEP, prepares to meet Oral Roberts, BU

Bulletin Staff Report

A week after it topped rival University of Texas-El Paso, the New Mexico State University basketball team heads back out on the road for a pair of nonconference games.

The Aggies (4-5) tip off with Oral Roberts in Tulsa, Okla., at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and then head to Waco, Texas, to clash with Baylor at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17.

NMSU has four victories in its last seven game, but will have to play well into next year without senior leader Daniel Mullings, who broke a finger before the UTEP game and is expected to be out for as long as two months.

An Associated Press honorable mention All-American last season, Mullings ranks ninth in NMSU career scoring with 1,512 points and grabbed the Aggies all-time career steals record of 218 earlier this season.

"Not having Daniel is a great loss, but his leadership will remain with us on the bench," head coach Marvin Menzies said.

NMSU beat UTEP 71-64 without Mullings to avenge a 77-76 loss to the Miners in November.

Menzies was named Coach of the Week by www.rushthecourt.net.

The Oral Roberts Golden Eagles (2-4), have just two players scoring in double digits: Guards Obi Emegano and Corey Billbury, who average 16.5 and 14.2 points per game respectively.

With Mullings out, NMSU still has three double-digit scorers in forward Remi Barry (13.9 ppg), guard Pascal Siakam (11.1 ppg) and forward DK Eldridge (10.9 ppg).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

New Mexico State at Oral Roberts

Tipoff: 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13

Radio: 98.7 FM

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New Mexico State at Baylor

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into the next season.

Centennial, the city's lone 5A team, displayed this season that they have the talent, heart and will to play with the big schools. The Hawks finished the season at 11-2 with a 4-1 district record. Centennial's high-powered offense averaged 51.6 points per game.

The Hawks also asserted their dominance with wins over cross-town 6A opponents Oñate and Las Cruces High. Although

the Hawks' season was full of streaks of success, the Belen Eagles proved to be the thorn in the Hawks' side. Centennial suffered a narrow 38-35 loss to Belen during the regular season before falling to the Eagles again in the semifinals of the class 5A state playoffs. Head coach Aaron Ocampo and his team must return healthy and ready to go next season to enjoy the same or a higher level of success than they did this season.

NMSU volleyball ends season with win

Head coach Mike Jordan and the New Mexico State University volleyball team ended their 2014 season with a victory in straight sets against the University of Texas-El Paso Friday, Nov. 28.

The Aggies, though, did not head on to the NCAA Tournament because they did not win the WAC championship for the first time since 2011.

Still, Jordan led NMSU (17-11)


to at least 15 wins for the 16th-straight year and to a winning record for the 14th-consecutive season. Jordan, who finished his 17th season at the helm of the Aggies and is the program's all-time winningest coach, now sits with a record of 369-171.

As was the case throughout the season, NM State was hampered by injuries during the tournament match.

The Aggies went into the tournament without their leading blocker, freshman Sasha-Lee Thomas, and with a hampered libero in Hannah Walker. NM State would then lose opposite hitter Nathalie Castellanos, who led the squad in kills during WAC play and was just honored on the All-WAC second team, during the second set of the semifinal match to a concussion.

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Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

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We are wise, though, to be informed about keeping our body warm and functioning comfortably and the golf course conditions in the winter, as well as issues that affect how we swing the club and hit the ball.

Some people are new to southern New Mexico and may not be aware of the often volatile weather patterns. The sun can be brightly shining and the wind calm one minute, and a storm cell can move in the next minute, dropping the mercury 20 degrees with rain, dust and sleet blowing sideways. We have four golf courses here in Las Cruces – five if you count the course

at White Sands Missile Range – and the conditions are slightly different at each one of them – sometimes dramatically different.

If I'm traveling to El Paso to play, or to Elephant Butte or White Sands, I always check the weather report for that specific area. I advise you snowbirds carry some form of cold weather gear in your golf bag at all times, if only just a light pullover. On cold but playable days, I like to bring along a thermos of hot cocoa or broth. A few sips seem to take the edge off.

We're not talking "the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field" here, but it can certainly get frigid at times. Walking the golf course on cool, breezy days tends to help maintain body heat, simply due to the increased motion and activity. It isn't like riding a bicycle or running, but walking is definitely better exercise than riding in a golf cart.

All of our local golf

"My rule of thumb is, if my thumbs are numb, it's too cold for golf."

courses permit walkers. For golf cart riders, it can get windy and downright uncomfortable if you don't have a vehicle with a full cart cover.

Windshields help, but side shields help even more. I haven't been able to find any suitable portable plastic side panels; someone could make a fortune inventing some.

Coleman makes a nice, affordable golf cart heater that operates on propane gas bottles about the size of a large can of baked beans and fits in the beverage holder. Available online and in some sporting goods stores, the units are called the Coleman Golf Cart Catalytic Heater.

Having covered layered outerwear last week, we can't forget essentials like a hat and gloves. Remember, major body heat escapes above the neck, and that's not even

when you're steamed over missing a four-footer.

I like a soft, fleece, ski-type cap on cold days, but still carry a regular golf cap in my bag if I get too warm.

My rule of thumb is, if my thumbs are numb, it's too cold for golf.

For those winter days just on the edge of unplayable, gloves are a must. When it comes to gloves made expressly to suit golfers FootJoy gives us a few nice options: sturdy five-finger winter gloves with leather palms for gripping even in dampness; fleece mitts with open finger tips allowing you to slip over your golf glove and then slide up your wrists; and large waterproof fleece mitts that can warm your hands in between shots.

Don't forget about those small, disposable chemical hand warming packs I

consider a must for really chilly days. They're available at most pro shops and sporting goods stores.

Playing in cold weather on either side of the Winter Solstice is bound to try your patience.

Your body may be stiff from the chill and you won't hit the ball as far.

Those and other factors may induce mental challenges, the first of which is more bad luck, as balls do funny things like double hitting your wedge and plugging in a bunker.

Frost delays are a given, so try to be patient as you wait your turn on the tee. If you start your round after noon, remember that the days are short and the light is low. Putting in the dark for all the cash is not for the faint of heart.

Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership. Contact Blanchard at performancecoach@zianet.com.

NMSU hall of fame nominations open

Nominations are now open for the US Bank/New Mexico State University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Fans may nominate their favorite Aggie student athletes of all-time by completing a nomination form at any

US Bank location or at the Stan Fulton Athletic Center.

NM State student-athletes who completed their eligibility prior to the 2009-10 season are eligible to be nominated.

NMSU's Black battles injury



Barbara Boxleitner
Keeping up

Taylor Black is doing all she can to return to the pole vault.

The New Mexico State University senior had surgery in October to correct a ligament tear on the top of her left foot. Screws were inserted to give the foot stability.

The foot bothered her the past two track and field seasons, the Mayfield High School graduate said, adding that the injury was mainly from years of pole vaulting. By this fall, she said, "I couldn't run as much anymore."

The foot was in a cast for six weeks and has been in a boot for three weeks. She uses crutches to get around and said she visits the doctor in two weeks to see if the boot can be removed.

She has been attending physical therapy three days a week and gets additional treatment in the training room every weekday. She's been able to do modified conditioning, such as exercises for the healthy leg and for the upper body and core.

Black said she hopes to return for the indoor season, at which point she

will try to duplicate the success she has had the past two years. She said she was named to the all-Western Athletic Conference second team for indoor two years and the all-conference second and first teams for outdoor. She received a plaque for each second team, a medal for first team.

She has excelled despite having to monitor activity before practices and meets.

"We would do as much as we could," she said. "Every week was a little different."

The training staff had to carefully manage treatment, including ultrasound and icing, before meets so that she would be able to perform with the least amount of discomfort.

"She's one of the top vaulters on the team," assistant coach Adriana Osornio said. "She does what she can. She's fought through it."

Black has been setting personal and school records since the outdoor season of her freshman year. She holds the school indoor record (11 feet, 9.75 inches) and is second for the outdoor record (11-6.5), both set during 2013.

"Pole vaulting is a difficult sport physically and mentally," Black said. "Any improvement on your PR takes away from the physical aspect."

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

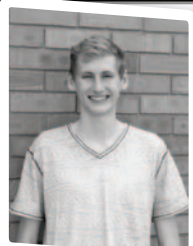
ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

MESILLA VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS



QUINCY RUSSELL

is a 16-year-old sophomore at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. She plays on the Lady Blazer's basketball, volleyball and softball teams. Russell plays forward on the basketball team and this season has averaged 14 points, three rebounds and two assists per game. She plays middle hitter on the volleyball team and outfield on the softball team. Russell is a three-sport athlete and loves competing in games and practice. She is not only competitive, but hardworking. Russell acts goofy sometimes, but that is part of her outgoing personality, however, she is very dedicated to her sports and academics, with a 3.80 GPA. Outside of sports and school, Russell enjoys working out at the gym, movies, shopping, hanging with friends and loves to hunt. She is involved with FFA and attends University Presbyterian Church.

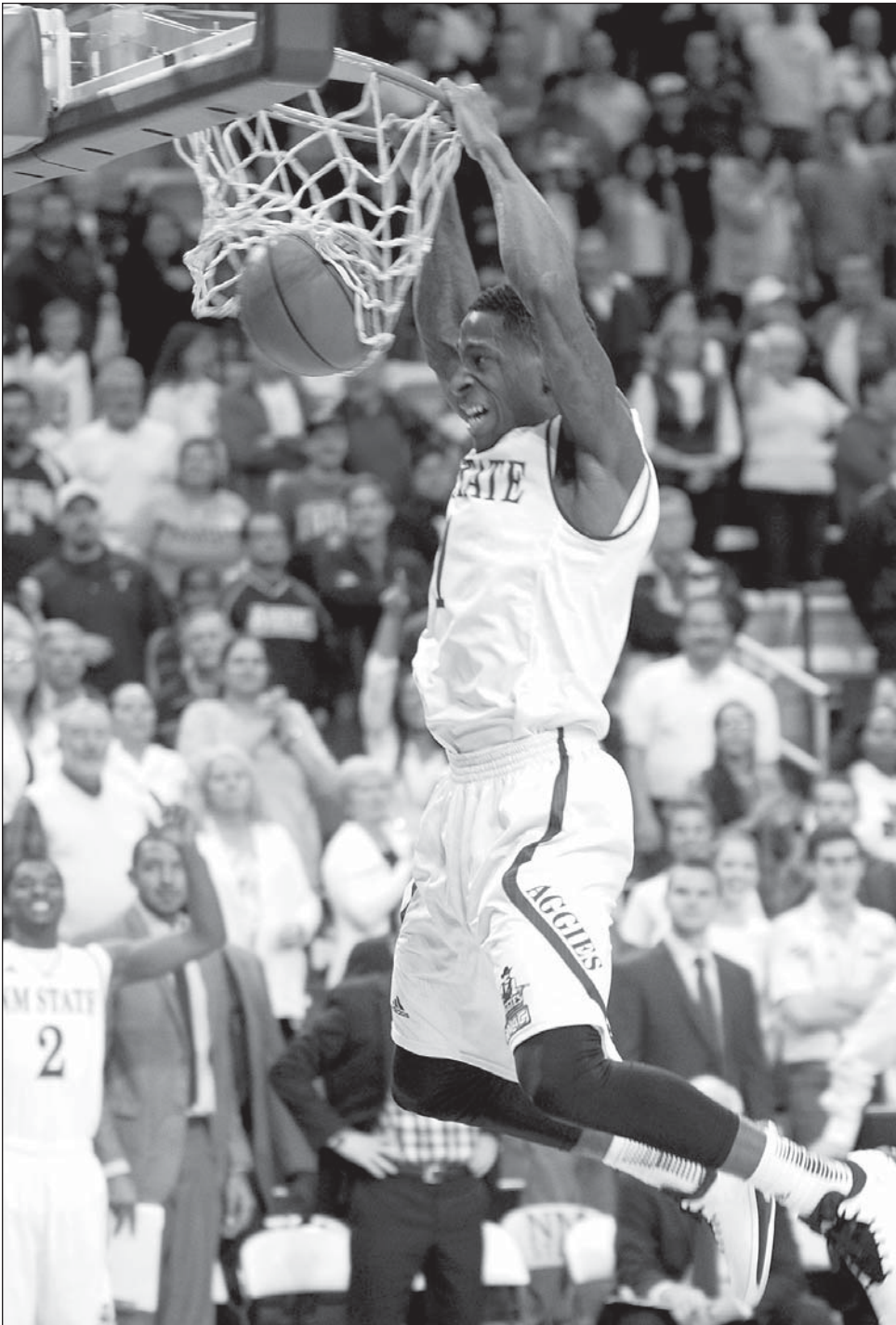


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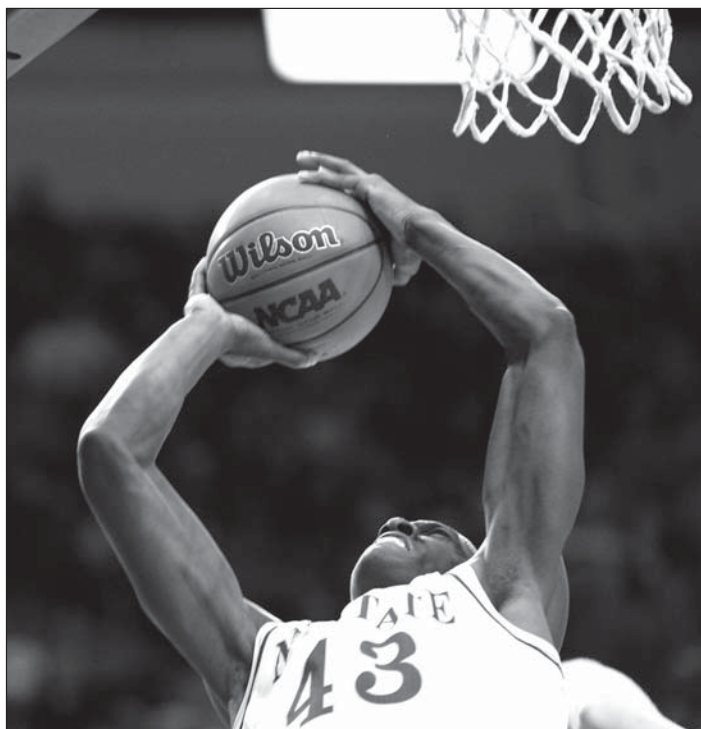
is an 18-year-old senior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. He is on the Son Blazer basketball team and plays forward position. Adler averaged 28 points, seven rebounds and two assists at the Cliff Invitational Tournament this past weekend; his game high was 39 against Lordsburg... He's quiet, humble, hardworking, knowledgeable about the game of basketball and has consistent habits in practicing. Adler is honest and studious, with a 4.0 GPA. He possesses great character traits. Outside of school and basketball, Adler enjoys movies, ping-pong, cards and board games. He has a competitive nature in all that he does. Adler attends University Church of Christ, is active in their youth department and plans on attending the Air Force Academy.

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Ags beat UTEP, defend home court in I-10 clash



With one second left on the clock, NMSU guard DK Eldridge finishes the game with a slam dunk. The senior was the team's second-leading scorer on the night with 14 points.



NMSU forward Pascal Siakam takes the ball to the hoop. Siakam scored 12 points and pulled down six rebounds for the Aggies.



PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE

Above, New Mexico State University head basketball coach Marvin Menzies speaks to members of the media after his Aggies defeated rival University of Texas-El Paso 71-64 at home in the Pan American Center Saturday, Dec. 6. Below, NMSU guard Travon Landry attempts a layup against UTEP's Matt Willms. Landry finished the game with 8 points.



LookingBack

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



Zak Hansen
Reflections

100yearsago

1914

• According to the Dec. 12 Las Cruces Citizen, the first state bank in the area, which held the \$7,300 deposit on funds for the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, had closed its doors. While there was “no information that the bank would likely have trouble, for it was considered one of the solid financial institutions of southern New Mexico,” a reorganization of the bank was already under way under W.R. Bradford, “a wealthy lumberman,” and Frank Murchison, an El Paso banker.

• Over the Santa Fe New Mexican’s drubbing of its home city as “the dirtiest city in the state,” Citizen publisher Will P. LaPoint opined, “We condemn the New Mexican for putting in print the statement (...) even if it be truthful, which we do not question.”

75yearsago

1939

• The Dec. 14 edition of the Las

Cruces Citizen was devoted largely to “advertorials,” in which local businesses expounded on their offerings to the community just in time for Christmas. “This edition means more than just a group of business firms placing their Christmas message before the people,” an opening editorial read, going on to describe each as “the backbone of your community, and none anywhere are half so deserving of your support.” Among those represented were Rio Grande Motor Co., Graham Mortuary, Las Cruces Drug Co. and Valley Loan and Finance Co.

50yearsago

1964

• As reported by the Dec. 17 Las Cruces Citizen, a national survey showed Doña Ana County ranked high in automobile ownership, with 22,020 cars registered with the county. According to the report, Doña Ana County had 133 cars per 100 families, as opposed to the national average of 122 per 100 families.

• An application had been made for the proposed Citizens National Bank of Las Cruces, the Citizen reported. Officials said the capital of the proposed bank was listed at \$350,000, with 35,000 shares at par value of \$10 each.



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Col. John P. Stapp rides a high-speed sled at Holloman Air Force Base. On Dec. 10, 1954, Stapp raced along at 632 miles per hour.

25yearsago

1989

• A report in the Dec. 13 Las Cruces Bulletin said “professionals, especially engineers, working in the city’s utilities and engineering departments are leaving their jobs to seek greener pastures – and higher wages,” according to City Manager Dana Miller. While the city was looking to save on salaries, it also faced possible

project delays, overtime pay and the need to find consultants for work normally completed in-house, the report stated.

• A petition signed by 22 Mesilla business owners opposing a potential rezoning of 43 acres owned by developer Ben Boldt from rural/farm to general commercial was turned over to the town, the Bulletin reported.

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Lawsuit expected in wake of plane crash

By **Brook Stockberger**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Another lawsuit will be filed in relation to a fatal plane crash in August near Las Cruces International Airport.

Mark Pierce, a partner with national law firm Slack & Davis, represents Fred Green, one of the victims in the Aug. 27 Las Cruces crash.

Green, 59, was a patient on the medical transport flight headed to Phoenix for treatment related to a tumor removed from his head. He was

killed along with the pilot and two medical professionals when the plane crashed shortly after takeoff.

A preliminary report from the National Transportation Safety Board says the plane – a Cessna 421C – was given incorrect fuel at the Las Cruces airport. The NTSB reports Jet A fuel was put in the plane instead of the required 100LL aviation gasoline.

A lawsuit was filed last month by the family of pilot Juan Martinez against Southwest Avia-

tion and the City of Las Cruces.

Pierce, based out of Austin, Texas, said Monday, Dec. 1, he also expects to file a lawsuit soon.

“That’s fairly imminent,” Pierce said. “Our claim is different than the one that has already been filed. Our case will not mirror theirs.”

Pierce said because Green was solely a passenger, the claims could be broader, including against the medical transport company, Elite Medical Air Transport, LLC.

Pierce, an experienced pilot himself who has flown in and out of the Las Cruces International Airport, said a “series of errors” likely led to the crash.

“There’s a lot to be learned about procedures,” Pierce said.

More information is expected.

“There is multiple stages to (the NTSB) reporting,” he said.

Pierce said that plane likely took off and soon the engines could not handle the jet fuel.

“Those fuels are not equivalent or compatible,” he said.

“There might have been enough (gas) in the fuel lines to take off.”

He said even if the engines shut off, a plane can glide and a pilot might have a chance to find a place to land.

“It happened at the worst possible time when there was not sufficient altitude to find a flat place to try and survive (a landing),” he said.

Brook Stockberger may be reached at 680-1977 or brook@lascrucesbulletin.com.

In the news

New city attorney named

City Manager Robert Garza has announced that Deputy City Attorney William “Rusty” Babington will take over as city attorney for the City of Las Cruces on Monday, Dec. 15.

Also, Harry “Pete” Connelly, who currently serves as city attorney, will assume the duties of deputy city attorney.

The move is part of the succession planning initiative Garza established upon becoming city manager in January 2010.



BABINGTON

“One of my highest priorities has always been effective succession planning to ensure city operations are consistently maintained at the highest levels,” Garza said. “When I hired Mr. Babington as deputy city attorney in May 2011, it was with the clear understanding that he would eventually become city attorney. I feel the timing is right for that transition to take place.”

The city attorney serves as the chief legal advisor to the City Council, the city manager and all organizational units of the city. The city attorney’s office represents the city in legal and administrative proceedings.

“Mr. Babington has consistently demonstrat-

ed his ability and value in the city attorney’s office given his diverse background and exemplary past experiences both as an officer and judge advocate in the United States Navy, and as a founding partner in one of Las Cruces’ premier law firms,” Garza said. “I have full faith and confidence in him as our city attorney.”

“I look forward to continuing serving the City of Las Cruces and the important work it does for the citizens of our community,” Babington said.

Identity theft suspect wanted for child sex crime

The man suspected of identity theft and arrested Tuesday, Dec. 9, in Santa Fe, is believed to be a sex offender wanted in Texas since 2009.

Fingerprints of the suspect have positively identified him as Rafael Marquez Piñeda, 43, of Ama-

rillo, Texas. A warrant was issued for Piñeda’s arrest in May 2009 where he was wanted for criminal sexual contact of a minor.

Las Cruces Police believe that sometime around May 2009 is when Piñeda moved to Las Cruces and assumed the name of “Armando Ryan Alvarez.” Piñeda used the Social Security number and other personal information of a Texas man to obtain a New Mexico driver’s license.

Under the assumed name, Piñeda obtained work in Las Cruces and took out at least four loans in five years under the Texas man’s name. After moving to Santa Fe in 2014, Piñeda failed to make payments on his latest loan, forcing the finance company to seek compensation.

When finance company officials made contact with the person named on the loan, they realized he was not the man who signed off on the loans.



PINEDA

Las Cruces police were called and determined that Piñeda stole the identity of a Texas man and had been using that identification since 2009.

The Las Cruces Police Department (LCPD) received numerous tips through Crime Stoppers and one of those leads suggested that the then unidentified man may be working as a mechanic in Santa Fe. LCPD detectives followed up on that tip and, with the assistance of officers from the Santa Fe Police Department, confirmed the whereabouts of the suspect.

He was detained Tuesday morning in Santa Fe. Fingerprints taken during his booking were submitted to IAFIS – the FBI’s Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System. A match was confirmed and positively identified the fingerprints as Piñeda’s.

Piñeda is charged with one count of identity theft and one count of fraud. Additional charges are

pending. He will be returned to Las Cruces and held on cash-only bonds totaling \$280,000. Ultimately, he will be extradited to Texas to face charges in that state.

Some county officials to get raises

The Doña Ana County Commissioners Tuesday, Dec. 9, approved increasing the salaries of other elected county officials by 15 percent.

The Legislature gave authority to county commissions to approve pay raises for elected officials. The county treasurer, assessor, clerk, sheriff and probate judge positions will receive a 15 percent increase effective at the start of each new term.

District 3 Commissioner Ben Rawson was the lone opposing the increase.

“I think the same rate should be for all elected officials,” Rawson said. “I think it’s important mov-

ing forward that we don’t cherry-pick certain officials over others.”

Commissioners could have also received a raise, but Chairman Billy Garrett pushed to exclude commissioners from the proposal that the other commissioners affirmed.

“I think the great difficulty and challenge is for people not to look at this as being self-serving when we’re voting on things that affect us,” Garrett said.

Treasurer David Gutierrez, Assessor Andy Segovia and County Clerk Lynn Ellins make \$65,499 annually. Probate Judge Alice Salcido makes \$28,808 and Sheriff Todd Garrison makes \$68,307. The new county treasurer, assessor and clerk will make \$75,324, probate judge will make \$33,129 and county sheriff will make \$78,553. The increase will cost taxpayers a total of about \$24,392 a year. This January is the start of new terms for assessor, sheriff and probate judge.

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Aaron Reyes shows Tombaugh Elementary School art teacher Maggie Hornung his Be a Santa to a Senior creation. The individually decorated bags are gifts in themselves, reminding recipients community members of all ages are wishing them well during the holiday season.



Hornung helps student Hannah Michaels as she decorates a bag for the Be a Santa to a Senior Program Wednesday, Dec. 10. For 10 years, the program has been reaching out to lonely, homebound or poor seniors throughout the community with the reminder they are not alone during the holidays. A tree in Mesilla Valley Mall is decorated with ornaments marked with the names and requests of local seniors. Ornaments may be taken from the tree and then the gifts delivered, with ornament tag attached, to the Mesilla Valley Mall Office.



Hornung demonstrates different art techniques to Isabella Mena's fourth grade students. Tombaugh Elementary School students work hard decorating their bags. More than 700 bags will be delivered to seniors throughout the community, each containing presents collected through the Be a Santa to a Senior Program.



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Spread Christmas cheer to a Las Cruces senior by participating in the annual Be a Santa to a Senior Program. Visit Mesilla Valley Mall and pick up an ornament with a senior's gift request from the Christmas tree near Santa's Court. Gifts need to be returned to the MVM Office by Wednesday, Dec. 17. For more information, contact Jan Wimsatt at 522-7133 or jan.wimsatt@homeinstead.com, or visit www.homeinstead.com/138.

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New Mexico State University's DanceSport team teaches two weekly lessons from 7 to 8 p.m. and from 8 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays in the Rentfrow Gym on the NMSU campus, 3165 Williams Ave.

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Board games such as Scrabble, dominoes, Mexican train, Uno, Skip-Bo, cribbage and 1 to 13/Five Crown are held from 9 to 11 a.m. Fridays at Sage Cafe, 6121 Reynolds Drive.

For more information, call 528-3035.

BRIDGE CLUB

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.

For more information, call Judy at 373-9309 or Ann at 522-7240.

BINGO

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

Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and first game is at 6:30 p.m.

Food and sodas will be available.

For more information, call 526-9139.

Bingo Mania is from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m.

Wednesdays at Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

There is no cost to play.

Free bingo is offered from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays at Benavidez Center, 1045 McClure Road.

Players have a chance to win a prize and have fun with friends and neighbors.

For more information, call 528-3000.

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.

CALL FOR LOCAL SENIOR ARTISTS

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

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Honor Flight celebration



At left, Korean War veteran Jesse Jacobs arrives at a Cineport 10 theater Tuesday, Dec. 9, for the Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico and El Paso reunion lunch and showing of the documentary of their trip to Washington, D.C. in October to visit national war memorials. Below, World War II and Korean War veteran Irene Martin of El Paso arrives with her daughter Marsha Cobb.

PHOTOS BY TODD DICKSON



Korean War veteran John Neuquette of Elephant Butte brought his walking pole that he uses to display the American flag that he took with him on his trip to the national war memorials in Washington, D.C.

Honor Flight veterans, spouses and family members were treated to a buffet luncheon before the showing of the Honor Flight documentary, chronicling the trip and the veterans' stories. Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico has been taking veterans to the war memorials since 2008, and expanded this year to include veterans from El Paso.



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Dominic Romero and Skyler Scott chat with fellow Rio Grande Preparatory Institute seniors following a full day of learning and practicing soft skills needed in the work place at the Job to Career Readiness Boot Camp Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Doña Ana County Community College.

Students ask the right questions at campus Job to Career Boot Camp

By Alta LeCompte
Las Cruces Bulletin

The young man in the white shirt extended his hand and, with a firm handshake, introduced himself.

He was one of many attendees who confidently met business owners, economic development professionals and Doña Ana Community College staff at a social hour following a daylong Job to Career

Readiness Boot Camp Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the East Mesa Campus of DACC.

Billed as “basic training to get your foot in the door,” a series of boot camps began in July because local employers are looking to fill as many as 1,000 jobs.

The workshops focused on bridging the gap between companies and the work force. They provided training on landing interviews, demonstrated workplace do’s and don’ts, highlighted workplace

etiquette and showed attendees how to apply for jobs online.

Rosa De La Torre-Burmeister, DACC director of Career Services, partnered with Davin Lopez of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance and Richard Wagner of New Mexico Workforce Connection to produce the workshops. They received support from

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Business group forms to influence government

By Brook Stockberger
Las Cruces Bulletin

There is a “void of leadership” in the Las Cruces area, three members of the business community feel. So the trio has formed an organization – Southern New Mexico Business Coalition (SNMBC) – to help influence the filling of that void and make sure their interests are taken seriously.

“Somebody needed to step up and start representing the small business and large busi-

ness in town,” said Gary Coppedge, with Circle 7 Development LLC. “We are basically formed as a local, pro-business group.”

In September, SNMBC officially came into existence as a 501(c)4 nonprofit organization. Businessmen Dan Schneider and Don Biad are president and secretary/treasurer, respectively, while Coppedge is vice president.

One of the first steps of SNMBC was to throw its support behind a recall effort

against Las Cruces City Councillors Nathan Small, Gil Sorg and Olga Pedroza. The group New Mexicans for a Better Tomorrow has pushed for the recalls because it believes those councilors have been influenced by outside parties during a recent debate about raising the minimum wage.

“We are supporting the New Mexicans for Better Tomorrow that is currently singularly focused on (a) recall election,” Coppedge said. “That is not our

group, (but) we do support it.”

SNMBC was formed to concentrate on education of the public about business matters and to be involved in politics.

“There is not (just) one rule or one law we want to change,” Biad said.

Coppedge said informal groups began to form during the summer.

“Roughly about once a month we would get together with business owners we knew and

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BRIEFS

Steinborn Realty goes solar

Sunspot Solar Energy of Las Cruces is installing a solar-electricity system at the Steinborn Inc. Realtors office building in Las Cruces, making it the largest privately owned office-building system in west Texas and southern New Mexico.

Steinborn Inc. will produce almost 70 kilowatts of power from 230 solar panels at the office at 141 N. Roadrunner Parkway.

A ribbon cutting for the system will take place at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 18.

John Hummer, CEO of Steinborn Inc. Realtors, called the system a great investment for the company, “giving us a safe, steady financial return guaranteed for the next 25 years.”

“We continuously look for innovation and efficiency in all aspects of our company and by investing and implementing solar, we demonstrate our commitment to not only innovation but also community responsibility,” he said.

“As a locally owned company, we are thrilled to help other local individuals and businesses save money with solar electricity,” Mellow Honek of Sunspot said. “Solar is not only a great investment, but it is a step towards energy independence and with the amount of sun here in Las Cruces, it makes a lot of sense.”

Sunspot Solar Energy has installed more than 800 systems in homes and businesses.

For more information, contact Morgan Switzer-McGinley at morgan@steinborn.com or 532-2370 or Bill McCamley at billm@sunspotenergy.com or 636-2261.

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the City of Las Cruces, businesses and the community, including El Paso Electric Co. and local chambers of commerce.

Previous boot camps were open to the public and held at locations throughout Doña Ana County. They drew primarily older job seekers, many of them unemployed.

Last week's event, however, was held exclusively for seniors attending Rio Grande Preparatory Institute. It was unique in its opportunity to practice networking skills and placed less emphasis on online job application, since most high school students are Internet savvy.

This was the first in what Burmeister hopes will be an ongoing partnership with Las Cruces Public Schools to expose students to soft skills needed to succeed in higher education and the work place.

"It was a great pilot," she said.

Burmeister said the message she hoped to convey to the diverse group of students was that whether they will be transitioning into the work force when they graduate in May or going on to higher



Janet Honek of Sunspot Solar and Eric Montgomery of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance compare impressions of their Boot Camp networking experience.

education, her office is there to assist them in that transition.

Janet Honek of Sunspot Solar attended the social hour "to meet the kids."

"They were terrific," she told Eric Montgomery MVEDA. "They engaged me in what we do at our business, and I was able to give them some referrals to an apprenticeship program."

"I am very impressed by the students," Montgomery said. "They have a lot of focus."

Michael Montoya, a Rio Grande Prep student who works part-

time at Burger Time, said he is charting a path he hopes will lead to doing cancer research. He said he learned a lot about communication at the boot camp, including the importance of making eye contact.

"The biggest surprise to me was the lunch event," said student Evan Evans.

The full-course business lunch came complete with etiquette instruction from Janet Green, director of the New Mexico State University School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management.

"I never knew eating could be so complicated," Evans said.

Other than lunch etiquette, Evans said he found the business networking opportunity most helpful.

Evans is a dual-credit student taking creative media at DACC and considering a college major in biochemistry or nursing. He didn't have to catch the bus, because he was staying on for an evening DACC class, so he continued to meet new people while the cleanup crew got to work.

He was last seen talking with Montgomery of MVEDA.

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CN Wire, Samson Equipment awarded JTIP funds

Two Doña Ana County companies were among 13 statewide to receive Job Training Incentive Programs (JTIP) grants in October and November.

In November, CN wire of Santa Teresa was awarded \$298,465 to train workers for 68 jobs, CN Wire is the U.S. affiliate of Turkish company, ER-BAKIR Elektrolitik Bakir Mamulleri. CN Wire's products include single wire, multiwire, bunched/stranded wire, tin-plated copper and braid wire.

The company received the largest grant and will create the most jobs of any business qualifying for JTIP assistance in October and November.

In October, Samson Equipment Inc. of Las Cruces, received \$33,989 to add five jobs. The company located in the West Mesa Industrial Park manufactures and sells weight training equipment to public and private schools and universities in every state in the United States as well as to Mexico, Canada, Japan, Northern Ireland, Bahrain and other countries.

The Job Training Incentive Program reimburses qualified economic-based companies for a portion of training costs associated with job creation. The program provides for classroom or on-the-

job training, reimbursing an expanding or relocating business for up to 75 percent of a trainee's wages for as long as six months. The amount of the award depends on the number and complexity of jobs, the wages paid, and the business location.

To qualify, new or expanding companies must either create a product in New Mexico or provide a non-retail service with 50 percent of the company's customer or revenue base outside of the state. The eligible jobs must be full-time and year-round. The trainee must be a new hire to the company and have been a New Mexico resident for at least one year at any time prior to being hired.

For more information on JTIP, visit www.gonm.biz.

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start talking," he said.

"When the city is setting policy, it is appropriate that different aspects of the community should have a say," Biad said. "I don't think the business community has had a say whatsoever."

"We're local business people who get together and we want an accountable, responsible government that puts responsible legislation out there," Schneider said. "Six months ago, I couldn't have named three of the six city council members."

Schneider said he became concerned during the past six months as he followed the minimum wage debate. He said he believes outside

interests found success influencing the local issue because there was not strong government leadership.

"Nature abhors a vacuum," he said.

SNMBC said it does plan to support and endorse candidates in city and county elections.

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Building Las Cruces



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With its parking lot paved and landscaping installed, CVS pharmacy at the intersection of Main Street and Picacho Avenue nears completion. The store is expected to open in mid-January, employing about 20, according to company spokesman Michael DeAngelis. To apply, visit CVS at 3041 N. Main St. or www.cvs.com/careers.

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information, call the chamber at 524-1968.

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Mix N Mingle, AAA, 3991 E. Lohman Ave. Suite A. For more information, call the chamber at 524-8900.

FRI. 12/19

5 to 8 p.m. Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Good Evening Las Cruces, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. For more information, call the chamber at 524-1968.

FRI. 1/16

6 p.m. 2014 Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Choice Awards & Gala, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

HHS: Health Insurance Marketplace choices expand in 2015

New choices and more competition in the Health Insurance Marketplace are giving New Mexico consumers affordable options during open enrollment this year, and the majority of returning consumers who shop can save money on premiums, according to a report released Thursday, Dec. 4, by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

With 25 percent more issuers participating in the Marketplace in 2015, based on analysis of 35 states, more than 90 percent of consumers nationwide will be able to choose from three or more issuers – up from 74 percent in 2014.

In New Mexico, consumers can choose from five issuers in the Marketplace in 2015 – up from four in 2014. New Mexico consumers can select from an average of 43 health plans in their county for 2015 coverage, up from 36 in 2014.

Nearly 8 in 10 current Marketplace consumers can find coverage in the 2015 Marketplace for \$100 or less, taking into account any applicable tax credits.

In 2014, 79 percent of New Mexico consumers who selected a Marketplace plan received financial assistance.

For returning customers, it pays to shop. More than seven in 10 current Marketplace enrollees can find a lower premium plan in the same metal level – before tax credits – by returning to shop. If all returning consumers switched from their current plan to the lowest-cost premium plan in the same metal level, the total savings in premiums would be more than \$2 billion.

“The Health Insurance Marketplace is open for business, and New Mexico consumers have affordable choices for renewing their coverage and signing up for the first time,” said HHS Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell. “In today’s

Marketplace, issuers are competing for business. With additional quality, affordable plans available, returning New Mexico customers may find an even better deal if they shop and save.”

The HHS report finds that premiums for the second-lowest cost, or “benchmark,” silver plan held stable in New Mexico for 2015 coverage, with a 10 percent decrease on average before tax credits. Nationally, premiums for the silver plan held stable for 2015 coverage, with a 2 percent increase on average before tax credits in 35 states. Many consumers will be eligible for tax credits to help with the cost of monthly premiums.

Before the Affordable Care Act, people who purchased health insurance plans in the individual market often saw double-digit rate increases on average, with very limited options for shopping around because plans could deny them coverage, or charge them higher rates based on pre-existing conditions or their gender.

This year, consumers have the option to renew their current plan or shop around to select the plan that best meets their needs and their budget. A new “window shopping” tool has been added HealthCare.gov.

Open enrollment in the Marketplace runs from Nov. 15, 2014, through Feb. 15, 2015. Consumers should visit HealthCare.gov to review and compare health plan options. All consumers shopping for health insurance coverage for 2015 – even those who currently have coverage through the Marketplace – should enroll or re-enroll between Nov. 15 and Dec. 15 in order to have coverage effective on Jan. 1, 2015.

Today’s report reflects individual market health plan premium data for 35 states. It does not include Oregon or

Nevada, which are using the federal eligibility and enrollment platform this year, and other state-based Marketplaces. Findings are presented at the county level, rather than by rating area, to better reflect plan service areas and the consumer experience.

For additional information on Health plan choice, premiums and affordability in the 2015 Health Insurance Marketplace, including data for states and select counties visit: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/>

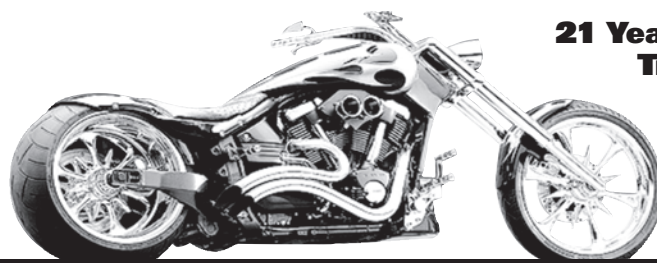
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To preview plans, prices, covered benefits and physician and hospital networks in each area visit www.healthcare.gov/find-premium-estimates.

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Spaceport in demand as setting for commercials

Spaceport America is best known for its space launch customers such as NASA, SpaceX, UP Aerospace and Virgin Galactic.

What the spaceport is not known for, however, is its growing list of national and international clients such as Kawasaki Motors that have partnered with the spaceport to film commercial still and video photography.

Kawasaki Motors recently shot an international commercial at Spaceport America for its new, high-performance motorcycles, the Kawasaki Ninja H2 and H2R.

The H2 and H2R are the world's first supercharged production street and closed-circuit bikes, respectively, and the company recently unveiled the new models in an action film entitled "Built Beyond Belief," shot at Spaceport America.

The production features the new motorcycles utilizing the spaceport's 12,000-foot long spaceway and futuristic buildings as a backdrop. The 30-person film production crew shot video and photographs over a five-day shoot on location at the spaceport in late September.

The spaceport's 2-mile-long-plus spaceway, 24/7 security, 340 days-a-year blue skies, scenic landscapes and futuristic buildings make it an attractive place to shoot commercials, said New Mexico Spaceport Authority Executive Director Christine Anderson.

An LED thematic light



Virgin Galactic's Gateway to Space at Spaceport America, as seen by guests at a ceremony in October 2011 turning the \$32.5 million terminal and hangar over to the company.

system that illuminates the entrance of the Gateway to Space building made its debut in the commercial. The programmable lighting system enables commercial production companies to customize ambient lighting schemes and effects, down to matching a company's corporate brand colors, as Kawasaki did in its

video production.

"These commercial advertising shoots have become a new revenue stream, generating hundreds of thousands of dollars for Spaceport America and the local communities," Anderson said. "We also welcome growing interest in using the spaceport for major motion pictures and the television in-

dustry, too."

Other companies that have done advertising and public relations projects at the spaceport facilities include Sony/Columbia-TriStar Pictures, Nike, GMC Trucks, J. Crew, Ford Trucks Division, United Equipment Rentals, Dodge and British automakers Aston Martin and Land Rover.

The spaceport launch complex, situated on 18,000 acres adjacent to the U.S. Army White Sands Missile Range, has been providing commercial vertical launch services since 2006. Spaceport America has hosted 21 vertical launches thus far.

For more information, visit www.spaceportamerica.com.

Virgin Galactic continues New Mexico ramp-up

Bulletin Staff Report

Although Virgin Galactic is still crafting its path forward following a fatal crash of SpaceShip Two Oct. 31 during a test flight in Mojave, Calif., the company's Las Cruces-based supply chain team is lining up the goods and services that will be needed when passenger flights begin at Spaceport America.

"Virgin Galactic is still in the process of pulling together a new plan," Supply Chain Manager Nick Kaczmarek said Wednesday, Dec. 3. "We are still moving forward, although (the crash) was obviously a traumatic event. We paused and worked on things associated with that

event. We are now regrouping and looking at the path ahead.

"We are going to press forward with New Mexico commercial spaceflight projects."

Kaczmarek said his team is continuing to source goods and services that are not tied to a passenger flight timeline, such as IT and security.

"We are identifying requirements for services such as janitorial and pest control – any services required to keep our operations up and running."

Kaczmarek said he has a "fairly robust" list of potential local suppliers of goods and services and continues to look for more. The contacts are being entered into a data base, even if the ser-

vices aren't needed immediately.

The supply chain team based in Las Cruces currently consists of four permanent and one temporary staffer, he said. An additional three remain in Mojave, and no date has been projected for their move to New Mexico.

"They are still extremely busy there," Kaczmarek said.

He said due to the nature of their work, members of the supply chain team are able to be productive almost anywhere.

SpaceShipTwo is designed to carry passengers up to an altitude of 62 miles, giving them a few minutes of weightlessness and a view of Earth against the edge of space.

The rocketship's wings are designed to pivot upright, allowing a slow descent until atmospheric conditions return and then return to a traditional flight angle in order for the craft to glide back to the ground.

On Nov. 2 the National Transportation Safety Board, which is investigating the accident, said SpaceShipTwo's "feathering" system deployed too early during the Oct. 31 flight.

Virgin Galactic CEO George Whitesides said passenger flights would not takeoff until safety is assured.

In addition to aiming to take passengers to the edge of space, Virgin Galactic is developing the technology to launch small satellites.

Business friendliness can help create jobs



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

How friendly or not a state is toward business is often cited as an important determinant of economic growth.

Exactly what should be included in business friendliness is open to debate. Common elements are regulation, probability of litigation and the ease of starting a business, among other factors.

The United Nations, for example, publishes an “ease of doing business” index that incorporates 10 indicators of business competitiveness. Items include the time involved in dealing with building permits and the time it takes to connect to

electricity. No. 1 on the United Nation’s list is Singapore.

The United States ranks just behind Norway and just ahead of the United Kingdom. Bottom, at 189th, is Eritrea.

Closer to home is a list based on a survey of 12,000 plus small businesses Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation for the website www.thumbtack.com. The index included factors such as ease of starting a business, ease of hiring a new worker, ease of regulatory compliance and training and networking services.

Small business in Utah, Idaho, Texas, Virginia and Louisiana gave their states the highest rating for friendliness to small business. Worst performing states were California, Rhode Island and Illinois, each receiving an F.

New Mexico received a grade of D+, down from a C in the previous year.

The state’s rating depends less on tax rates than on ease of regulatory compliance. Indeed, two-thirds of small businesses reported they were paying their fair share in taxes.

States that offer small businesses access to state-sponsored training programs did significantly better on the survey. Interestingly, this is one area New Mexico did particularly well, ranked as A in the category.

New Mexico received high marks for regulatory friendliness on the Thumbtack.com survey, earning a B, including an A for licensing friendliness.

We ranked third in the country for ease of tax compliance, a somewhat surpris-

ing result given all the angst over the gross receipts tax.

Litigation costs are another important factor in determining businesses friendliness. The U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform issues a biannual lawsuit climate report that ranks every state based on litigation costs. Ranks are based on a survey of 1,125 in-house general counsels. New Mexico ranks 44th on this list. The No. 1 state on the chamber list is Delaware and bottom is West Virginia.

Of course, while business friendliness is important for attracting business, other factors also matter.

CNBC, for example, does a “Top States for Business” list that includes a number of factors, of which business friendliness – defined as litigation and regulation costs –

is only one factor. New Mexico ranks 37th on this list, but is only 47th for business friendliness. Factors where New Mexico does well are cost of doing business (15) and infrastructure (17). Top on the CNBC list is Georgia; bottom is Rhode Island.

Taken as a whole, New Mexico comes off as a state that is not particularly business friendly. Litigation costs are high, but other regulation costs are not that bad.

Businesses like our training programs.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at New Mexico State University. Erickson teaches in the NMSU economic development program. The views expressed may not be shared by the regents and administration of NMSU.

Businesses see benefits of lean inventory management

By **Claudia Infante**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Irene Salasar of Twin Stars Ltd. and Cari Drake of Air Star Inc. had a business-to-business relationship for years, but didn’t meet in person until both attended an October class on inventory control sponsored by the New Mexico Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

Salasar is the warehouse manager at Twin Stars, and Drake owns Air Star with her husband, Kenneth. Both Bloomfield businesses supply parts and services to the oil and gas industry, and both began working with Denise Williams, MEP’s local representative, to improve their inventory management systems.

Interventions began with site visits. Classroom sessions helped managers and employees compare the inventory management ideal against their internal procedures.

The inventory enigma
Twin Stars, in

business since 1991, sells, maintains and repairs compressors at its Bloomfield site and a satellite shop in Artesia. About 60 people work in the warehouse and as mechanics.

In her first year as warehouse manager, Salasar noticed problems that others didn’t see. Working with MEP further helped her see the system from outside, deepening her understanding of its strengths and challenges.

She began moving obsolete inventory to create space for products in greater demand, shifting bestselling products closer to the point of sale, surveying customers about their product priorities and conducting regular cycle counts to test the system’s integrity. Sales are up, she said, and the company is attracting more repeat business.

Air Star, launched in 1984, is a smaller company, employing about a dozen people. It performs crane inspections and equipment repairs in the field and began supplying parts in 2005.

“We always just fixed broken stuff,” Kenneth Drake said. “We’re relatively new to supplies.”

MEP helped the owners and warehouse personnel improve communication about Air Star’s inventory challenges.

“Her job,” Drake said of Williams, “isn’t to teach us how to put widgets in a bin; it’s how to get us to communicate at the same level.”

Poor monitoring hurts profits in numerous ways – most obviously in sales if a part isn’t in stock or can’t be found when needed. Stagnant inventory represents money that’s unavailable for other needs and it’s easily damaged if moved frequently.

Lean inventory management, by contrast, helps a business improve its competitiveness by reducing waste and basing production or stocking on actual demand rather than forecasts.

Moving forward

Weekly meetings of warehouse workers and sales staff to discuss purchase orders have improved inventory

awareness at Twin Stars, Salasar said. And a new software system improves tracking.

Meanwhile, Air Star has fine-tuned its ordering procedures to reduce dead inventory and ensure product availability.

Communication between outside-sales staff and the main office has improved since the company identified one employee as the point person for procurement.

For more information, call 505-262-0921 or visit

www.newmexicomep.org.

Claudia Infante is projects coordinator for the New Mexico Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

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Residents question flexibility of plaza plan

Bulletin Staff Report

City planning staff, architects, engineers and project developers mingled with visitors attending an open house Saturday, Dec. 6, to discuss plans for a \$5.5 million plaza to be built in the heart of Downtown Las Cruces.

Sketches of the proposed plaza ringed the Community Enterprise Center.

On flip charts, attendees crayoned in their concerns about how the space will be configured and what materials will be used.

This was the community's first look at drawings for a proposed plaza since preliminary sketches were unveiled during a design charrette held in fall 2013.

At the charrette, residents strongly backed the plaza concept and gave input on how it should look and function. Tops on the list of criteria for the plaza was flexibility.

Water feature and stage proposed

At Saturday's open house developer Bob Pofahl of Las Cruces Community Partners, the investment group that purchased the plaza site, said the driving design criterion for the plans on display was flexibility.

"This is for all the people, not one person," Pofahl said. "We are here to make it flexible enough to serve all people."

In the opinion of local artist Julie Ford Oliver, the effort to incorporate flexibility hasn't gone far enough.

Oliver said she is opposed to the construction of "a huge, permanent stage."

She suggested the final design should incorporate an "organic flexibility."

"We need to find a way to work these things through," she said.

Pofahl said the designers, responding to input from the charrette, moved the performance platform back.

As a result, the seating capacity of the plaza is 1,200, while an additional 2,000 people could be seated on the curbside streets surrounding the plaza.

Pofahl said the theme and materials used on Main Street will be carried forward into the plaza so the transition feels seamless.

Carrie Hamblen, executive director of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, suggested that tile used on surfaces in the plaza be created by local artisans.

Hamblen wrote that she opposes having a water feature in the plaza because of its use of scarce water resources.

Honoring St. Genevieve

The plaza, for which the city has approved funding, will be located at the current site of the Bank of the West drive-through at Main Street.



Julie Ford Oliver writes her comments on the proposed Downtown plaza plan at an open house to solicit community input Saturday, Dec. 6.

LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA LECOMPTE

It would face Main Street on the west and a new street would be constructed east of the site. At the north end, Organ Street would be reopened; at the south, the plaza would adjoin Griggs Avenue.

Pofahl said the new street to be located east of the plaza is tentatively named St. Genevieve St., and the Diocese of Las Cruces is considering the suggestion.

Pofahl said plans call for moving the St. Genevieve monument to the end of the proposed St. Genevieve Street.

Project moves forward

Andy Hume, the city's Downtown planning and development coordinator, said suggestions will be transcribed and given to the designers, who will consider them for incorporation into the plaza plan.

Patricia Bolliger, civil engineer with Zia Engineering and Environmental Consultants, said architect Steve Newby and the Zia team are working with city officials.

"The vision is to make it usable to make it usable and practical for the entire community," she said.

"We're looking to do things better than we did on Main Street," Hume said, adding the lighting would be LED and stronger street lamp poles that can support banners would be installed.

He said that while some features may need to be phased in later, conduit would be installed for future amenities.

He said construction, tentatively scheduled to begin in spring 2015, should have little or no impact on Downtown traffic flow.





COMMUNITY MEETING

J. Paul Taylor Academy, Alma d'arte Charter High School & Las Cruces Public Schools will hold a community meeting to discuss the plans for the

Court Charter School Complex

6:30 p.m. • Tuesday, Dec. 16th
Alma d'arte Auditorium
402 W. Court Ave.

See the drawings of the new JPT Academy.
Hear about the construction schedule.
Give your feedback.

For more photos and information, visit the
Court Charter School Complex website: www.csc-const.com



USDA extends deadline for dairy farmer protection to Dec. 19

U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced the application deadline for the dairy Margin Protection Program (MPP) will be extended until Friday, Dec. 19.

The program, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, protects participating dairy producers when the margin – the difference between the price of milk and feed costs – falls below levels of protection selected by the applicant.

"The 2014 Farm Bill created these safety net programs to provide safeguards against the uncertainty of weather and markets, but this safety net is not automatic. Producers must visit their local Farm Service Agency office to enroll before Dec. 19," Vilsack said.

"For just \$100, a farmer can cover 90 percent of production at \$4 margin swings, and with affordable incremental premiums, dairy farmers can cover up to \$8 margin swings," he said. "Those who apply this year will receive a slight increase in production protection that will not be available in the future."

Farmers who do not sign up for the

Margin Protection Program for 2015 will forfeit the 1 percent base production increase. For a 400 cow operation, this would equate to an additional 80,000 pounds of milk that are eligible for coverage, he said.

Vilsack said producers can use the online Web resource at www.fsa.usda.gov/mpptool to calculate the best levels of coverage for their dairy operation. They can type in specific operation data and explore price projections and market scenarios to determine what level of coverage is best for them.

The online resource is on a secure website that can be accessed from computers, mobile phones or tablets, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Farmers also have a chance to share comments and help shape the Margin Protection Program for the future. Last month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the extension of the opportunity for public comments on both the Margin Protection Program and the Dairy Product Donation Program until Monday, Dec. 15.

Hispanic Chamber Middle School Recognition

PHOTOS BY ALTA LECOMPTÉ



Seated in the second row of the auditorium at Doña Ana Community College East Mesa Campus, honorees from Las Cruces Catholic Schools Maria Limon, Natalia Kolosseus, Ashley Martinez and Catherine Goldblatt visit while waiting for the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Middle School Recognition program to begin Wednesday, Dec. 3.



DACC President Renay Scott encourages the honorees to find inspiration in the life story of Thomas Edison, inventor of the light bulb, to not let others define them, to persevere and to learn from their mistakes and the mistakes of others.



Winners from Camino Real Middle School display their awards while the audience learns about their accomplishments and goals. Members of the chamber's education committee planned and conducted the awards program.



Members of the Hispanic Chamber Board congratulate honorees. The event honored six, seventh- and eighth-grade students from 12 local middle schools.

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Legal Notice

3rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

Case No.: D-307-CV-2014-2144 Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF A PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF Alvina L. Craig

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 40-8-1 through Sec. 40-8-3 NMSA 1978, the Petitioner Alvina L. Craig will apply to the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta District Judge of the 3rd Judicial District at 201 W. Picacho Las Cruces, New Mexico at 9:00a.m. on the 20th day of January, 2015 for an ORDER FOR CHANGE OF NAME from Alvina Louise Craig to Vina Louise Craig.

/s/ Nancy Heavner District Court Clerk By: Nancy Heavner Deputy Court Clerk

Submitted by: /s/Alvina L. Craig Petitioner, Pro Se

Dates: 12/05, 12/12, 2014

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT

No. JQ-2014-04 Judge Macias

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ex rel. CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of A.L. N. A., R. A. and P.D.D.O., Children

And Concerning, Maria De Jesus Silva, Alejandro Lara, Jose Reyes Alvarado and Jesus Olivias, Respondents.



PUBLIC AUCTION

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Dates 1/3 - 12/26, 2014

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NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: ALEJANDRO LARA, Respondent.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an abuse/neglect petition has been filed against you in the above named court and county by the State of New Mexico. In the petition, the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department alleges that you have neglected and/or abused A.L. a child, and seeks legal custody of the child.

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

The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for the Petitioner is: Michelle Pickett, P.O. Box 2135, Las Cruces, NM, 88004, 575.373.6400.

THIS PROCEEDING COULD RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF ANY PARENTAL RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE TO THE NAMED CHILD/REN.

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(Seal) Date: 10/8/14

Clerk of the District Court By/s/ Noemi Ramirez Deputy

Dates: 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 2014

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Doña Ana County, New Mexico

and Incorporated Areas

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within the Cities of Anthony, Las Cruces, and Sunland Park; the Town of Mesilla; the Village of Hatch and the unincorporated areas of Doña Ana County. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for the aforementioned communities. These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information. This appeal period will commence on the second publication date of this notice scheduled on or about December 12, 2014. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

The Preliminary FIRM and FIS report have been mailed to the local Floodplain Administrators. In addition, FEMA has posted digital copies of these FIRM and FIS report materials to the following Website: http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata.

Dates: 12/05, 12/12, 2014

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(Seal) Date: 10/8/14

Clerk of the District Court by/s/ Noemi Ramirez Deputy

Dates: 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 2014

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT A Regular Meeting of the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will be held at 926 S. San Pedro St., Las Cruces, NM, on December 16, 2014 at 1 p.m. The agenda includes the Election of Officers, Strategic Planning Session, and the following approvals: Minutes of 11/18/14; Res 2014-32, Revisions to HCV Admin Plan; and Res 2014-33, Agreement with Bernalillo County to Manage the HCV Program; and an Executive Session closed to the public pursuant to §10-15-1(H) (2) NMSA 1978 to discuss limited personnel matters; and other such items as may be included on the Agenda.

An agenda for this meeting may be obtained 72 hours prior to the meeting date. If you need an accommodation to enable you to participate in this meeting, please contact 575-528-2000 at least 48 hours before the meeting.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, December 9, 2014

Ms. Robbie R. Levey, Executive Director, Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority

Date: 12/12, 2014



New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will accept Proposals for the following project in the office of the Director of Purchasing.

Proposal Invitation: 201402084-P NMSU Main Campus Zone 2000 Tunnel System Repair

Proposal Due Date & Time: 01/29/15 @ 2:00PM (local time)

Non Mandatory Pre Proposal conference: 12/19/14 @ 2:00 PM in the Facilities and Services Large Conference Room, 1530 Wells Street Las Cruces, NM

Vendors are encouraged to register with NMSU's Online Bidding System at https://NMSU.ionwave.net to obtain a copy of this RFP electronically and be registered for future RFP for this commodity.

Date: 12/12, 2014



NOTICE is hereby given that on July 24, 2013, Clemente Morales, Jr., 301 Cox Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-15157-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-15703, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by using well LRG-15157-POD2 which has been drilled to a depth of 140 feet with a 6-inch casing, in a location within the NW¼ NW¼ of projected Section 23, Township 22S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°23'8.317"N and 106°49'2.709"W (WGS84), on land owned by Ernest Moralez, and discontinue the use of well LRG-15157-POD1, located on land owned by Rosa E. Alvarez located within the NE¼ of projected Section 22, Township 22S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at intersect at 32°22'53.893"N and 106°49'13.675"W (WGS84), for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 2.0 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NW¼ NW¼ of said projected Section 23 as described in part in Subfile Nos. LRN 28-006-0079 & LRN 28-006-0081 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to use the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of well LRG-15157-POD2 is south of Doña Ana, NM and may be found approximately 0.30 miles north-northeast of the intersection of Doña Ana School Road and Wind Chime Lane, Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-15157-POD1 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Witness my hand and Seal of the District Court of the State of New Mexico.

Dates: 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 2014



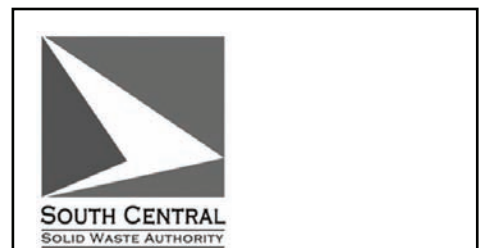
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Table with 4 columns: Description, Number, Pre-Bid/Pre-Proposal Meeting, Due Date/Time. Row 1: La Llorona Trail Improvements Phase II Re-bid, 14-15-112, December 23, 2014 / 10:00 a.m. Public Works Room 2104, 700 N Main St., Las Cruces, NM 88001, January 8, 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

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Dates 12/12/14



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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 publicsurlus.com where the public is invited to view or submit bids using this online auction service.

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

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 14-0262

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Cordie H. Smith, 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 (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana, County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 Motel Blvd, Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Dated: 12/5, 2014

/s/ Cheryl M. Smith
Cheryl M. Smith
117 Dresden Wood
Boerne, TX 78006
210-323-3612

Dates: 12/12, 12/19, 2014

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 14-0255

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Stuart L. Capling, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Dated: Dec. 4, 2014

/s/Martha M. Capling
Martha M. Capling
10240 Tuscany Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88007
575-523-0262

Dates: 12/12, 12/19, 2014

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 14-0254

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Jeanne A. Clements, DECEASED.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY (WILL)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is now given that Suzanne Saldana (name of personal representative), has been appointed to serve as the personal representative of the estate of Jeanne A. Clements, and has qualified as the decedent's personal representative by filing with the court a statement of acceptance of the duties of that office.

The personal representative has all of the powers and authorities provided by law and specifically, by Section 45-3-715 NMSA 1978.

Issued 2nd day of December, 2014.

(Seal)

/s/Lynn Ellins
Clerk of the Probate Court

By: Lydia N. Chaparro
Deputy Clerk

Dates: 12/5, 12/12, 2014

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

No. 14-0246

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM A. WOOD a/k/a WILLIAM ALBERT WOOD DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARIEM KIRSTIN BENNETT f/k/a MARIEM KRISTIN WOOD 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: December 1, 2014.

MARIEM AUSTIN BENNETT f/k/a MARIEM KRISTIN WOOD

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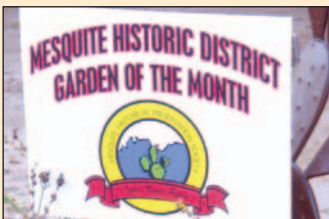
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LCCB Nutcracker marks 31 years

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Once again this year, the Las Cruces Chamber Ballet and Michele's Dance Academy will present the beloved "Nutcracker Ballet" with four performances beginning Thursday, Dec. 18.

Celebrating 31 years of continuous performances, this year's production promises another exciting combination of traditional and recent surprises.

"Every year, our mission at Las Cruces Chamber Ballet is to provide children who want to dance the opportunity to perform, and 'The Nutcracker' is the ideal vehicle to do so," said Artistic Director Kevin Self.

"It has such a wide variety of roles, it's very colorful, most people are familiar with it and, most of all, children aspire to be in it. If that inspires these kids to keep moving forward in dance, it's worth it for that alone."

New costuming and sets will blend with the comfort of a story more than

100 years old. Scurrying mice, charging soldiers and dancing dolls (Charlene Manning, Laura Vechione and Self) add to the playful antics between Clara (Angelina Randazzo), her mischievous brother Fritz (Maggie Long) and Drosselmeyer's (Travis Manning) mysterious and magical spells. The Snow Queen (Baylee Banks) leads Clara and her Prince (Miranda Romero) through a flurry of sparkling snowflakes.

Newly choreographed Sweets include Spanish Chocolate (Jacquelin Huerta), Arabian Coffee (Liz Daviet, Caroline Williams, Jade Denninger and Victoria Rel), Chinese Tea (Jade Kelley, Chloe O'Brien), Russian Trepak (Ashleigh Randazzo, Shea Green and Olivia Weinbaum) and the Mirlitons (Sky Blue and Serina Macias).

The best dessert of all will be served up by Sarah Pautz and Jayson Pescasio as Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier. Both principals of Ballet San Antonio, Pautz and Pescasio are sure to satisfy anyone's sweet tooth.

While Self is quick to cite the hard work of his cast of more than 60 young dancers, he's just as fast to give credit to the city of Las Cruces for the production's continuing success.

"We just really want to thank the community," he said. "This is an all-volunteer production and no one gets paid to do it. The only, only reason these kids are on stage is that the community donates their time and money, which all goes directly to making sure these kids are on stage. So come out and see what you, the community, has done."

Performances are 7 p.m. nightly Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 18-20, and a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, Dec. 21, at Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe Drive on the New Mexico State University campus. Tickets are \$25 for all seats, and are available through www.ticketmaster.com or the Pan Am Ticket Office at 646-1420.

For more information, visit www.michelesdanceacademy.biz or contact Self at 527-1893.



Angelina Randazzo stars as Clara in the Las Cruces Chamber Ballet production of "The Nutcracker," opening Thursday, Dec. 18.

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Christmas on the Royal Road

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In the late 1600s, Spanish Conquistador Juan de Oñate, along with several hundred followers, founded the first European settlements along the upper Rio Grande, in the process creating a road linking Mexico City with Santa Fe, some 1,500 miles that would come to be known as El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, or “The Royal Road of the Interior Land.”

Centuries later, stretches of that path would be incorporated into the iconic Route 66, the “Main Street of America” which brought settlers in droves heading westward during the Dust Bowl of the 1930s and beyond.

Call it what you will, Royal Road or the Will Rogers Highway; since its foundation more than 400 years ago, settlers have put down roots along the trail in a fertile section of land in the Mesilla Valley, in what stands today as Las Cruces’ oldest community, the Mesquite Historic District.

Today, private homes still stand along the historic route, their adobe façades wearing well the passage of time, along with parks, art galleries, churches, community centers and restaurants that dot the historic road. This weekend, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, the Mesquite Historic District comes alive – and comes together – to celebrate a New Mexico Christmas on the Camino Real.

That day, galleries and restaurants making their home along Mesquite Street and throughout the neighborhood will open their doors for a day of festive fun including art openings and receptions, craft activities for the whole family, vendors, horse-drawn surrey rides, caroling and, of course, a visit from Santa Claus himself.

Beginning at 10 a.m., crafters will set up booths along Mesquite Street, offering one-of-a-kind items great for the gift-giving season. Rides on a horse-drawn carriage begin at 11 a.m., with stops at Nopalito’s Galería (326 S. Mesquite St.) and Cactus Flower Gallery and Consignment Shop (517 N. Mesquite St.), which opened its doors in a space adjacent to the historic Sunshine Grocery over the summer.

At each exhibition space, some of the area’s best artists will be displaying their finest works. At



An array of wood-burned items rest on a display table ready for this weekend’s Christmas on the Camino Real, taking place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, along Mesquite Street at Nopalito’s Galería and Cactus Flower Gallery.

Nopalito’s Galería, local artists’ group Artistic Moments – formerly Senior Moments – continues its fourth-annual “Artistic Moments” group exhibition, which opened last week and will remain on display through Saturday, Dec. 20.

The Artistic Moments show will feature a variety of work, including wood-carvings, paintings, gourd work, stained glass, mosaics, pottery, crocheted items, metalwork and more from a number of regional artists including Olivia Solomon, Jim Moore, Belinda Soto, Irma Lee, Robie Troestler, Antoinette Hague, Gabe Martinez, Mary Lou LaCasse, Patty Sanko, Gloria Bachmann, Darlene Wier, Elaine and John Ennis, Marion Fisher, Mary Sundet, Ida Molinar, Debby Scott, Dora Wisner, Delores Fleming, Lupe Apodaca, Roxanna Cull, David Hernandez, Sandy Benedict, Angie Spears, Carrie and Toby Kopsa, Phillis and Richard Estep and event organizer Patricia Lawrence.

This year’s show is something of a departure for the group; after several years under the moniker Senior Moments, the decision was made this year to adopt the new Artistic Moments name.

“(The group) was originally called ‘Senior Moments’ since most of the artists participated in classes at either Munson Center or Eastside Center,” Lawrence said in a press release. “Artistic Moments is still mostly seniors, but does include younger artists, along with a few members of the Las Cruces Arts Association.”

Down the street at Cactus Flower Gallery, which opened in July, gallery owner and artist Consuela Ortiz will display a number of her own works in a variety of media – pottery, stained glass, mosaics, needlework and oil and watercolor paintings among them – in addition to pieces from regional artists including Evelyn Smith, Margaret McIlvoy, Audrey Hembree, Charlotte Olesky and Mary Barce.

In addition to outdoor vendors along the road, a crafts table will be set up for children to create their own decoupage Christmas ornaments to take with them and hang on the tree at home.

Of course, no Christmas celebration would be complete without the arrival of Jolly Old St. Nick, who will make an appearance at Christmas on the Camino Real at noon, riding the surrey down to each gallery and then back around, at which time he’ll be available for photos.

Zak Hansen can be reached zak@lascrucesbulletin.com or 680-1958.



“Women” by Robie Troestler and a variety of gourd art from Olivia Solomon, two members of the Artistic Moments artists group, stand on display at Nopalito’s Galería as part of the group’s fourth annual show, held in conjunction with Christmas on the Camino Real.



UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI DEC. 12 3:00 P.M.
Fantastic Friday “Tis the Season”
Branigan Library

SAT & SUN DEC. 13 & 14 7:30 P.M.
Amahl and the Night Visitors
Rio Grande Theatre

SUN DEC. 14 1:30 P.M.
SCRABBLE® for Literacy (\$3.00 Sugg. Donation)
Branigan Library

SUN DEC. 14 3 P.M.
Mesilla Valley Chorale presents Hearts Aglow
Rio Grande Theatre

MON DEC. 15 2:00 P.M.
Internet for Beginners
Branigan Library

MON DEC. 15 5:30 P.M.
Writers’ Critique Group
Branigan Library

TUE DEC. 16 10:30 A.M.
Read to Me Stories for Ages 3 and up
Branigan Library

TUE DEC. 16 4:00 P.M.
Teen Game Night: ages 12–18
Branigan Library

TUE DEC. 16 6:30 P.M.
Branigan BookClub
Branigan Library

WED DEC. 17 10:00 A.M.
Toddler Time Storytime for Kids 1–3
Branigan Library

WED DEC. 17 11:00 A.M.
Mother Goose Time Activities for Infants
Branigan Library

Fri., DEC. 19 7:30 P.M.
David Benoit: A Charlie Brown Christmas
Rio Grande Theatre

ONGOING EVENTS:

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

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'Life's a Breeze' an easy and gently funny film

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The plot of "Life's a Breeze" could be from any successful sitcom revolving around a hard-working middle class family.

It could be in any "developed" country, but this story takes place in Dublin, Ireland, which turns out to be a most apt setting.

Nan (Fionnula Flanagan), the aging mother of the unemployed Colm (Pat Shortt), who still lives with her, is a hoarder deluxe. She has probably kept everything forever, and he and the family are a bit weary of the detritus and sloppiness that has become her life. She won't be moved to do it herself, so with her birthday coming on, Colm, his niece Emma (Kelly Thornton) and his sister Margaret (Eva Birthistle), decide to surprise her by cleaning up and getting rid of everything.

Tongue not too firmly in cheek, the family gets rid of "22 years of newspapers and seven million Chinese take-away menus."

In a quick, masterly fashion, this happens. The junk is disposed of, the garbage is tossed and the appliances are replaced, as is the furniture, including an old mattress that Colm refers to as "IKEA's finest."

Nan returns home to her big surprise and is not impressed. Her deadpan face is soon replaced by one of mild horror when she discovers that the mattress is gone. Not to be deterred in their help and generosity, the clan shrugs it off, until Nan reveals her entire life savings – totaling a million Euros – was in the old mattress.

At first no one believes her, but her determined face and fierce insistence soon has the family believing they have made a monumental error. Soon, the hunt for IKEA's finest is on.

The story gets out to the media, which overhypes it. Soon, the entire neighborhood and city are out looking for the missing mattress. A reward is promised, but everyone assumes it will not surpass the alleged million Euros they all hope to find.

Emma and Nan's relationship firms up during this trying time, offering a more centered, human-interest aspect of the story.

It is never quite clear whether or not Nan is being honest about the missing fortune.

With brisk pacing, director/screenwriter/lenser Lance Daly keeps things moving along, allowing no time to ponder the

plot holes, while the cast does a very good job in all aspects. The film is



Pat Shortt stars in gently funny Irish comedy "Life's a Breeze," opening Friday, Dec. 12, for a one-week run at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla.

presented in widescreen, which enhances the comic efforts of all involved.

The search starts at the usual places – the city dump and recycling centers – but expands well beyond that, becoming a bit like the old comedy hit, "It's a Mad, Mad, World," without a chase.

The family nips and bites at each other during the search, except for the sweet and learned Emma, who takes Nan's comments for their possible merit.

It doesn't take long to get involved in this charming little picture. Will Colm

and company find the mattress? Is there really that much money in it? Nan changes the amount every time someone asks her. Most of all, do we care? Yes!

"Life's a Breeze" opens for a one-week run Friday, Dec. 12, at the Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. nightly, along with a 1:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee.

Life is a breeze in New Mexico in the spring ... nedludd76@hotmail.com

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

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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Events Calendar

FRI. 12/12

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

7 p.m. Las Cruces High School presents "Donde Esta Santa Claus?," Mayfield High School Performing Arts facility, 1955 N. Valley Drive. Advance tickets \$7 adults, \$5 students, children 5 years and younger free. Tickets at the door are an additional \$2. Call 527-9400.

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

9 p.m. Live music with Wait For What?!, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

SAT. 12/13

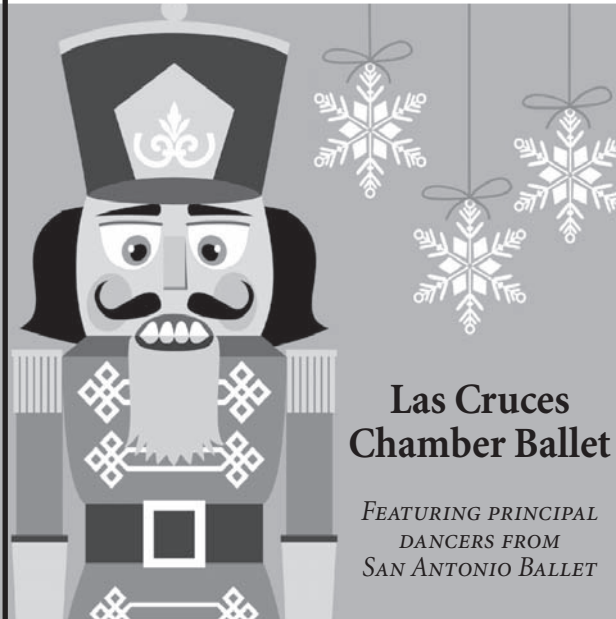
6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Daddy's Flea Market, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide variety of items will be available. Call 382-9404.

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. The market's annual Day of Giving will also take place, with three local charities – Roadrunner Food Bank, Jardin de los Niños and Community of Hope – will be accepting donations. 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.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make an Ornament class, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Make a variety of historic- and scientific-themed holiday ornaments and cards. Put your imagination to work to make something truly special for family and friends. Staff members will be on hand to assist with

"The Nutcracker"



Las Cruces Chamber Ballet

FEATURING PRINCIPAL DANCERS FROM SAN ANTONIO BALLET

Dec. 18, 19, 20 at 7 p.m., Dec. 21 at 2 p.m.
NMSU Atkinson Music Recital Hall
Pan Am Ticket Office, \$25
646-1420 or ticketmaster.com

creations. Children age 6 and older welcome with parental supervision. Suggested donation \$1 per child. Call 647-4480.

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

11 a.m. Living Christmas Tree concert, First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda St. A 24-foot tree adorned with traditional evergreen and 65,000 computer-controlled lights dazzles audiences while a 50-voice choir accompanied by a 30-piece orchestra and joined by the church's children, youth and senior adult choirs and a drama cast, present a 90-minute program of the holiday season's music and a worship experience unlike any other. Tickets \$5. Call 524-3691.

2 p.m. Las Cruces High School presents "Donde Esta Santa Claus?," Mayfield High School Performing Arts facility, 1955 N. Valley Drive. Advance tickets \$7 adults, \$5 students, children 5 years and younger free. Tickets at the door are an additional \$2. Call 527-9400.

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

5:30 to 6:30 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.

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7 p.m. Singing Out presents "Celebrate Around the World," Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Singing Out, a Las Cruces gay, bisexual, transgender and allies community chorus, presents its annual holiday show. Tickets \$10, available at the door and at Spirit Winds Coffee Bar, 2260 S. Locust St.

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

9 p.m. Live music with Wait for What?!, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

SUN. 12/14

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 arts and crafts. Free. Call 993-6521.

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

3 p.m. "Hearts Aglow," Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Mesilla Valley Chorale, under the direction of Nancy Ritchey, presents its holiday concert, "Hearts Aglow," featuring sacred selection, spirituals and exciting choral arrangements of holiday favorites with instrumental backing. Tickets \$10. Call 647-2560.

PLAYBILL

LAST CHANCE

A Tuna Christmas
 No Strings Theatre Company
 Black Box Theatre
 430 N. Main St.
 Tickets \$8 to \$12
 523-1223
 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday
 2:30 p.m. Sunday
 Through Sunday, Dec. 14

ONGOING

Meet Me in St. Louis
 Las Cruces Community Theatre
 313 N. Main St.
 Tickets \$10 to \$14
 523-1200
 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday
 2 p.m. Sunday
 Through Sunday, Dec. 21

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9 p.m. Open mic with Chris Baker and special guests, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

TUE. 12/16

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 arts and crafts. Free. Call 993-6521.

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

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

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Galleries & Openings

OPENING

ZIA COMICS presents the collected works of artist Juan Muro on display one day only, from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13. Peruse the art, speak with the artist and purchase any pieces on display. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Zia Comics is located at 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite E1. For more information, call 405-0461 or visit www.ziacomics.com.

ART OBSCURA GALLERY presents "New American Nomad," a show of paintings and ceramics by Joey Fleming. "New American Nomad" opens with an artist's reception at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and will remain on display through Friday, Jan. 9, 2015.

Art Obscura Gallery is located at 3206 Harrelson St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 494-7256.

LAST CHANCE

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" will be 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.

LUNDEEN INN OF THE ARTS presents an exhibit of the work of artist Kathy Morrow in the Linda Lundeen Gallery, adjoining the inn. 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.

ONGOING

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents "Continuing Traditions," an exhibition depicting the culture and lifestyle of the Pueblo people of New Mexico, in particular the Piro-Manso-Tiwa Tribe of Las Cruces. The exhibit features jewelry, art, textiles and more from members of the Pueblo tribe, including artists Tonio LeFebre and Louie Garcia, will be on display. "Continuing Traditions" will remain on display through the end of January 2015.

Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2154.

MAS ART presents "Dyad: A Visual Duet," an exhibit of work from partners in art and in life Anahy Nuñez and Aaron Valenzuela. "Dyad" will remain on display through the end of December.

Mas Art is located at 126 S. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 526-9113.

WEST END ART DEPOT presents "(RE)COLLECTIONS," an interactive public writing and community memory exhibit. This exhibit promotes audience participation and opens up the innovative composition space that might occur between and beyond institutional and social boundaries. Fill in your wishes on the "Before I Die" wall, collect and shelve your memories with hands-on media and collaborate with others on a public collage. Discover the collective voice of the vibrant Las Cruces community. "(RE)COLLECTIONS" will remain on display through the end of December.

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.

MAIN STREET GALLERY AND BIG PICTURE DIGITAL IMAGE EXPERTS presents "The Past Renewed." John Turkle has been working at the Big Picture for more than three years and has become skilled at vintage photo restoration. "The Past Renewed" showcases his talent at restoring precious heirloom images for future generations. These before-and-after vintage images are fascinating to view. "The Past Renewed" will remain on display through the end of December.

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.

M. PHILLIP'S FINE ART GALLERY invites the community to come in, slow down and enjoy beautiful works of art. Gifts are available in all sizes and price ranges, from something to hang on the wall or around your neck, a sculpture for your home or your finger. Storewide, everything is 15 percent off as a "thank you" for voting M. Phillip's Best Gallery in Las Cruces.

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.

ADOBE PATIO GALLERY presents "Small is Beautiful," an exhibit of small, intimate works of art 15 inches or smaller created by members of the Border Artists along with special guest artists Margaret Barrier, Mary Robertson and Mary Labe. "Small is Beautiful" will remain on display through Jan. 17, 2015.

Adobe Patio Gallery is located at 1765 Calle de Mercado. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 532-9310.

CUTTER GALLERY presents ceramic and clay artists Susi and Richard Bergquist. Susi Bergquist creates clay figures, mojaves, ledger drawings and etchings based on American Indian folklore, and Richard Bergquist works with clay santos, nativities and holy families. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of December.

Cutter Gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 541-0658.

NOPALITO'S GALERÍA presents the fourth annual "Artistic Moments" art show. Originally called "Senior Moments," as most of its artists participated in classes at the Munson or Eastside community centers, "Artistic Moments" is still mostly seniors but does include younger artists. "Artistic Moments" features wood carving, painting, gourd work, stained glass, mosaics, pottery, crocheted items, metal punch work and more. The show will remain on display through Saturday, Dec. 20. On Saturday, Dec. 13, hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to coincide with Christmas on the Camino Real.

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.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY presents "UU Bee Welcome," a quilting that has met for more than five years and provides opportunities for quilters of all skill levels and techniques to gather for one to six hours a week. The UU Bee members support, inspire, conspire, teach, learn and have way too much fun in their shared passion for this ancient art and craft. This show features a variety of original quilts and related pieces including clothing, home wares and sculpture. "UU Bee Welcome" will remain on display through Jan. 23, 2015.

Tombaugh Gallery is located inside the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and by appointment. For more information, call 522-7281.

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.

Also on display at the museum are "Cowboys: The Real Deal," through July 2015; "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 and to consider taking action to conserve and restore our most precious resource. The images featured take the viewer under-sea, 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. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2137.

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, natural quality



An exhibit of new ceramics and paintings by Joey Fleming titled "New American Nomad" opens with a reception beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Art Obscura Gallery. "New American Nomad" will remain on display through Jan. 9, 2015.

gemstone jewelry 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.

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.

EL PASO ELECTRIC GALLERY, located in the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre, presents an exhibit of the nature drawings of New Mexico State University biology graduate Denise Barella. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of December.

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.

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Opens Thursday, Dec. 18

NMSU DanceSport team takes fourth at nationals

The New Mexico State University DanceSport Company has returned from a record-setting weekend at the National Collegiate DanceSport Championships (NCDC), held Nov. 21-22 in Columbus, Ohio.

In the University team points category, NMSU's official team of 18 ballroom, Latin and swing partner dancers placed fourth overall out of 46 universities, in only its second appearance at the event, besting last year's fifth-place performance.

The team also scored first runner-up for its Team Ballroom Formation performance, as well as landing third place overall for the American Style Team Match. Out of more than 850 dancers at the NCDC, NMSU DanceSport members excelled individually, with finalists in 26 competitive events, including national champions in eight separate categories, some of which saw more than 100 couples competing.

Placing first at the NCDC were: Irvin Zavala Verdugo and Valeria Zerecero (Newcomer Cha Cha, Newcomer Rumba, Newcomer Swing, Bronze Mambo and Bronze Rhythm); Brandon Romero and Jade Augustain (Bronze Latin and Silver Viennese Waltz); and Zachary Pohl and Ariel Freilich (Pre-Championship Open Smooth).

Placing second at the NCDC were: Walker Fleming and Katrina Armstrong (Newcomer Foxtrot); Damon Harrison and Cydnee Plant (Newcomer Rumba and Newcomer East Coast Swing); Zachary Pohl and Perla Castillo (Bronze Latin); and Brandon Romero and Perla

Castillo (Gold Rhythm).

Placing third at the NCDC were: Walker Fleming and Katrina Armstrong (Newcomer Tango); Brandon Romero and Ariel Freilich (Silver Latin); Aaron Prescott and Perla Castillo (Gold Smooth); Brandon Romero and Perla Castillo (Novice Open Rhythm); and Zachary Pohl and Ariel Freilich (Merengue Fun Dance).

Other finalists at the NCDC were: Walker Fleming and Ruby Marquez (fifth Bronze Mambo); Kenneth Holley and Ruby Marquez (sixth Bronze Smooth); Irvin Zavala Verdugo and Morgan Metcalf (seventh Bronze Smooth); Zachary Pohl and Morgan Metcalf (sixth Bronze International Foxtrot); Brandon Romero and Jade Augustain (fourth Silver Smooth and fifth Gold Smooth); Zachary Pohl and Jade Augustain (fourth Silver Rhythm); and Zachary Pohl and Natalie Cardenas (eighth Gold Rhythm).

"These competitions are essential to fulfill our mission to develop highly trained collegiate DanceSport athletes and aspiring DanceSport professionals," said Hannah Cole, NMSU DanceSport Company coach and dance assistant professor.

With the help of financial support from this year's recent Look Who's Dancing! fundraiser, the NMSU DanceSport Company will next turn its competitive attention to the Manhattan Amateur Classic held in New York City in January 2015.

NMSU DanceSport Company is an athletic and performance competitive



New Mexico State University DanceSport Company members celebrate their wins at the National Collegiate Championship held last month in Columbus, Ohio. The team of 18 ballroom, Latin and swing partner dancers placed fourth overall out of the competing 46 universities.

ballroom, Latin and swing dance company in the NMSU Department of Human Performance, Dance and Recreation. The company's mission to develop highly trained collegiate DanceSport athletes and globally competitive DanceSport alumni; to foster a thriving local and regional dance community; and to build and maintain a worldwide center of excellence in partner dance training and teacher education. The ensemble group of dance majors and minors

exists to promote DanceSport as a healthy lifestyle alternative in the community and the world through performance, competition and community service.

For more information on the NMSU DanceSport Company's biggest annual performance and fundraiser, Look Who's Dancing!, visit www.lookwhosdancing.com or call 646-4067.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/nmsudancesport or www.facebook.com/lookwhosdancing.

Medoff explores early influences in Dec. talk

Much has been written about Mark Medoff during his celebrated career as an award-winning playwright, director, screenwriter, actor and professor at New Mexico State University for more than 40 years. But how his childhood and background influenced his work is not as well known to his many fans and admirers in Las Cruces.

On Sunday, Dec. 14, Medoff will give a talk at Temple Beth-El on "How It All Began," exploring his early experiences growing up Jewish in Miami Beach, Fla., and the impact of his professors and mentors, particularly from high school and his college years at the University of Miami. Medoff has said he continues to impart lessons he learned from his earliest mentors to his students.

Medoff will also discuss the role of the atheist-cultural Jew in society.

Some drama is in store for the audience as well. This January, Medoff will return to the stage after 22 years, performing in "Waiting for Godot" with veteran Las Cruces actors Richard Rundell, David Edwards, Brandon Brown and 12-year-old middle schooler Grace Marks. Performances will be at the Rio Grande Theater. Medoff and Rundell will present a short scene from the play at Medoff's Dec. 14 talk.

The author of almost 40 plays and screenplays, Medoff has won some of the highest accolades in the theater world, including a Tony, an Olivier Award and an Obie. Closer to home, he has also received the Westhafer Award (NMSU's highest faculty honor), the New Mexico Governor's Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts and the Papen Family Award for community service.

In addition to Medoff's many theatrical, film and directorial credits, he has spearheaded a number of major community efforts, including the establishment of the Creative Media Institute at NMSU, co-founding the American Southwest Theater Company, organizing a city-wide commemoration after the Sept. 11 attacks and, in the early 1990s, leading a civic intervention program called "Another Planet" after a school shooting at Zia Middle School.

Also with Medoff at the talk will be Kenny Leon, Tony Award-winning director of last season's revival of "A Raisin in the Sun." Leon will direct the first Broadway revival of Medoff's Tony Award-winning "Children of a Lesser God."

"The Heart Outright," based on Medoff's 1989 play, is currently filming in Mesilla, at La Posta and the Fountain

Theater, where Medoff's first play appeared in 1967. The movie stars Medoff's daughter, Jessica, and two of Medoff's former Florida State University grad students, Brad Makarowski and Josh Rowan. "The Heart Outright" is directed by Medoff's son in law, Ross Marks.

"The community and university have always been extremely supportive of my efforts. Anything I can do in terms of payback is my honor," Medoff said.

Proceeds from Medoff's talk will support the Mark Medoff Visiting Lecture Series at NMSU and the youth of Temple Beth-El.

Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for students), and are available at White's Music Box (200 S. Main Street) and at Steinborn Realty (141 N. Roadrunner Parkway).

For more information, visit www.tbcl.org.

LCCT brings holiday cheer with 'Meet Me in St. Louis'

Review by **Marissa Bond**

Las Cruces Bulletin

You might not guess from the title alone that "Meet Me in Saint Louis," currently playing at the Las Cruces Community Theater, is a Christmas story. Neither does the story temporally center on Christmas alone. However, the spirit of the show, with its focus on love, family and hope, are all sentiments we associate with the season.

The musical is a 1989 adaptation of the 1944 film starring Judy Garland, and also the origin of the song "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." It is without doubt a family show, both as the subject matter and target audience. The play tells the story of the Smith family through a series of vignettes taking place over the course of a few months leading up to the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. Siblings bicker, teenagers pine over other teenagers and a decision to move puts dreams of future happiness in jeopardy.

Director Janet Beatty-Payne chose a truly talented cast. The members of the Smith family all move cohesively with each other, and the daughters have a very realistic sibling dynamic.

As the leading characters, the two eldest daughters have undeniable star-quality, that ineffable trait that convinces the spotlights to burn brighter.

Tina Hartell, as eldest sister Rose, deftly portrays the tumultuous transitory time between child and woman with grace, a defiantly lifted chin and dazzling voice.

Alyssa Gose has the same mix of wide-eyed innocence and spirited gumption as Judy Garland without aping her performance. What she brings to the role of Esther is all her own and highly effective, both through her beautiful voice and her expressive acting. As the mischievous younger sisters Agnes and Tootie, Abrianna Morales and Jenifer Brouhard are equally well-paired and provide a perfect foil to the elder Misses Smith.

The famous track of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" was restructured for this performance. It was originally intended to be a solo performed by Esther, but the song was reworked to include harmonies by all four sisters. The result is hauntingly beautiful, a story of family support over the strange mixture of hope and sadness the lyrics convey.

The only brother, Lon, played by Elijah Estrada, is left outside of many of the sisterly interactions, but conveys brotherly affection well and backs it up with a strong singing voice.

As Mr. Smith, the always-delightful Teddy Aspen-Sanchez makes the father appealing and sympathetic, even in his blistering rages, and brings comic relief in his befuddlement.

It is up to the other two women of the household, the mother and maid Katie, each aptly played by veteran performers Amy Lynn Whipple and Margie Brouhard, to keep the family smiling while teaching the necessary lessons about growing up. Of course, Grandpa Prophater, played with warmth by Monte H. Wright, is also always there with the right words and the right tuxedo. Meanwhile, James Boberg, as literal boy-next-door John Truitt, conveys genteel boyishness so well he could have been cast right out of the mid-century.

I regret that the size and talents of the cast and crew exceed the space that I have to acknowledge them all individually. The chorus members skillfully



The Smith sisters – Jenifer Brouhard as Tootie, Alyssa Gose as Esther, Abrianna Morales as Agnes, and Tina Hartell as Rose – sing "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" in the Las Cruces Community Theatre production of "Meet Me in St. Louis," now playing through Sunday, Dec. 21.

executed the singing and choreography, adding liveliness and depth to their scenes. One chorus member who really stood out was Isac Quezada, who really owned his moment as Clinton Badger, bringing high-energy humor to the Christmas ball.

In classic style, the show is very music-heavy, and in some places the plot seems to service the musical numbers. Fortunately, the musical talent makes this delightful rather than tedious. This show relies heavily on harmonies, and it is obvious music director Christa Fredrickson worked closely with the actors for all of them to be so notably good.

I must mention "The Trolley Song" in particular, which was a showstopping piece and a compelling end to the first act. The choice of props and choreography was inspired. It is a great example of how ingenuity and hard work is the true magic of theatre.

"Meet Me in St. Louis" is a celebration of a time that never was but always is, a world where troubles are simple and surmountable by love and family solidarity. The simplicity can seem saccharine and risible to modern audiences (and, indeed, there are aspects that did not age well), but there is something compelling in it that has made it such a pervasive part of all of our sparkling celluloid memories. It is not a true reflection of us, but us as we imagine our best could be, lit up and glowing in the electric lights of a midway.

That's where the end of the show takes the audience, to a wistful 1944 memory of a 1904 that might never have been, where our characters face all the wonders of a World's Fair knowing that whatever the world and future has to offer, the core of families born and built can make them wonderful. Not a bad thought to have during the holiday season, and not a bad feeling to carry through the waning weeks of 2014 to the fresh dream of a new year.

"Meet Me in St. Louis" runs through Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Las Cruces Community Theater, 313 N.

Main St. Performance times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets cost \$14 for adults, \$13 for students, seniors or active-duty military and \$11 for children under the age of 7. Tickets can only be purchased at www.lcctnm.org or in the box office before the performance.

For more information, call 523-1200.

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AtTheMovies

With 'Birdman,' Keaton and Iñárritu soar

Review by **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As "Birdman (or The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)" begins, has-been celluloid superhero Riggan Thomson (Michael Keaton) sits meditating in his shabby above-Broadway dressing room, levitating several feet in the air.

More than two decades prior, Thomson turned down a multi-billion dollar offer to reprise his role as Birdman in the franchise's fourth installment. Now, plagued by the nagging suspicion that he has dropped out of relevance, he is attempting one final bid at casting off his iconic role: Mounting a production of Raymond Carver's "What We Talk about When We Talk about Love" at the famed St. James Theatre, adapted, directed by and starring himself.

The production, featuring Thomson's girlfriend Laura (Andrea Riseborough), a first-time Broadway actress Lesley (Naomi Watts) and over-actor Ralph (Jeremy Shamos) is plagued from the start when, in rehearsal, a can light plummets from the rafters, crashing down atop Ralph's head, rendering him injured and litigious. Soon enough, Thomson's bedraggled best friend, producer and attorney Jake (Zach Galifianakis) has rounded up a replacement in revered method actor and loose cannon Mike Shiner (Edward Norton), who almost immediately begins flirting with Thomson's assistant, his cynical, fresh-out-of-rehab daughter, Sam (Emma Stone).

Faced with mounting financial woes, production difficulties galore and the incessant, nagging doubt vocalized by the framed poster of the iconic superhero leering from his wall, Thomson pushes ever forward, increasingly disturbed that all he will be remembered for is the man behind the mask. Adding to his woes is esteemed Times critic Tabitha Dickinson (Lindsay Duncan), a notorious stickler with the power to make or break a production, who's vowed to sink the play before she's even seen it.

Mexican director Alejandro González Iñárritu has wrested some truly wonderful performances from his cast, principals and secondaries alike. Galifianakis plays unusually against his regular man-child role,

and as Sam, Stone coolly balances the detached cynicism of her character with a just-below-the-surface sadness. As method actor Mike Shiner, Norton is a revelation; he's one of the most intriguing characters on-screen this year, as repellent as he is attractive and largely for the same reasons.

However, this is Keaton's film through and through. Now 63 and more than 20 years removed from his role as Batman, his own career seemed a natural fit for the role, but at no point does he rest on that simple circumstance. Keaton has imbued Thomson with the perfect mix of determination and desperation. His role in "Birdman" has already been heralded as a comeback, and truer words may not be spoken.

What could have easily slid into standard Hollywood comeback fare in the hands of most other filmmakers, director Iñárritu handles deftly. The director, best known for his haunting and often tragic dramatic works – "Amores Perros," "21 Grams" "Biutiful" and "Babel," for which he became the first Mexican director to be nominated for the Academy Award for Best Director and by the Directors Guild of America – handles the comic undertones of "Birdman" with care, never giving over to silliness, even in the face of the film's clever surreal flourishes, just one of which is Thomson's telepathy.

On a technical level, Iñárritu's film may be unsurpassed this year. While they most certainly must have been employed, along with some necessary special effects for the film's most fantastical elements, "Birdman" plays seemingly without cuts, as one long take, camera swirling about the actors' heads, following them down hallways before latching on to another and tracing their path, even wandering off alone, pausing to gaze down an empty hallway or up toward the New York City skyline.

It's a marvelous achievement – the entire film seems like a memory, or a daydream, drifting through time and space, dwelling on the important parts and overlooking some of the more mundane details – but a filmmaker of Iñárritu's caliber never allows it to seem gimmicky. The cinematography, by Emmanuel Lubezki ("Gravity" and "Children of Men,"



Riggan Thomson (Michael Keaton), a washed-up former big-screen superhero, is haunted by fears of irrelevance – not to mention a nagging conscience embodied by his once-iconic character Birdman – in Alejandro González Iñárritu's "Birdman (or The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)," now playing at Allen Theatres.

both spectacular) gives the film a kinetic sort of energy, and while the story takes place over the course of several days, it feels almost as if it takes place in real time. The technique, too, gives the actors space and time to truly act, rather than spit lines and cut, which makes "Birdman" more theatrical than any film in recent memory.

The film's score, composed by Antonio Sánchez, consists largely of classical pieces – Rachmaninoff, Ravel, Mahler and Tchaikovsky – along with a preponderance of free-jazz drumming from an occasionally diegetic drummer who pops up street-side, even in Thomson's dressing room or the winding hallways of

the St. James.

It's the surreal touches like these – the mild telekinesis and the disappearing drummer – that really make "Birdman" soar. Whether they are real or simply manifestations of Riggan Thomson's increasingly problematic mental state, these moments of magical realism remind us, the audience, of those magical moments that can touch even the most mundane moments of our lives, the way books, films and, yes, theater, have the power to do.

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BIRDMAN

Rated: R

Running time: 119 minutes

Starring: Michael Keaton, Edward Norton

Director: Alejandro González Iñárritu

Film Review

Sad, surreal, technically thrilling and darkly comic, "Birdman" is another spectacular entry in the work of director Alejandro González Iñárritu.

Grade
A



At The Movies


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



Birdman
 Rated: R
Plot Overview: A washed-up superhero actor must overcome his personal struggles as he attempts to stage a Broadway play.
Starring: Michael Keaton, Edward Norton
Director: Alejandro González Iñárritu




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



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




Penguins of Madagascar
 Rated: PG
Plot Overview: To stop Dr. Octavius Brine from destroying the world, the penguins team with an undercover organization called The North Wind.
Starring: Tom McGrath, Chris Miller (voices)
Directors: Eric Darnell, Simon J. Smith



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




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



The Pyramid
 Rated: R
Plot Overview: A team of archaeologists unleash a deadly force as they attempt to unlock the secrets of a lost pyramid.
Starring: Ashley Hinshaw, James Buckley
Director: Grégory Levasseur



The Theory of Everything
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A look at the relationship of renowned physicist Stephen Hawking and his wife, Jane.
Starring: Eddie Redmayne, Felicity Jones
Director: James Marsh



Exodus: Gods and Kings
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Moses rises up against Ramses, the Egyptian king, leading 600,000 slaves out of Egypt and away from the deadly cycle of plagues.
Starring: Christian Bale, Joel Edgerton
Director: Ridley Scott



The Hobbit: Battle of the Five Armies
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Bilbo and his companions engage in a war to keep the dragon Smaug from obliterating Middle-Earth.
Starring: Ian McKellan, Martin Freeman
Director: Peter Jackson



OPENS FRIDAY, DEC. 12

OPENS WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17

New on DVD Tuesday, Dec. 16

Magic in the Moonlight
 Rated: PG-13
 Genre: Comedy, romance
 Starring: Emma Stone, Colin Firth
 Director: Woody Allen

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
 Rated: PG-13
 Genre: Action
 Starring: Megan Fox, Will Arnett
 Director: Jonathan Liebesman

The Maze Runner
 Rated: PG-13
 Genre: Action, science fiction
 Starring: Dylan O'Brien, Kaya Scodelario
 Director: Wes Ball

This is Where I Leave You
 Rated: R
 Genre: Comedy, drama
 Starring: Jason Bateman, Tina Fey
 Director: Shawn Levy

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| 2 Penguins of Madagascar (Week No. 2) \$10,907,030 | 7 The Theory of Everything (Week No. 5) \$2,645,428 |
| 3 Horrible Bosses 2 (Week No. 2) \$8,421,307 | 8 Gone Girl (Week No. 10) \$1,473,516 |
| 4 Big Hero 6 (Week No. 5) \$8,042,918 | 9 The Pyramid (Week No. 1) \$1,369,935 |
| 5 Interstellar (Week No. 5) \$7,788,357 | 10 Birdman (Week No. 8) \$1,150,315 |

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Homes & Southwest Living

Still time to pick your Christmas tree

Variety of options exists from live to artificial trees

By **Marissa Bond**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With Thanksgiving two weeks ago, you are staring at a long list of to-dos and to-gets. Meanwhile, your house is still as naked as it has been since last January. Take a deep breath – you can do this. Start with the centerpiece of Yuletide decorations: the tree.

Artificial trees

While they require a large initial investment, artificial trees will undoubtedly have the best return. With proper care, an artificial tree can last for years. They have also made great advances in realism since the first artificial trees were manufactured by the Addis Brush Company in 1930.

Despite a period of popularity with the garish aluminum tree, modern artificial trees are usually made of PVC and come in a variety of sizes and styles, some pre-lit with lights to prevent a little holiday frustration.

A concern with an artificial tree is to make sure you have somewhere to properly store it during the rest of the year. Before you invest in a tree, make sure you have the storage space.

Remember to take measurements of the space where you want to put the tree and then the tree itself. It will always look bigger inside your house than the store, the lot or the wild blue yonder.

Fresh trees from vendors

If you want that natural pine scent but find car freshener ornaments tacky, there are a few locations in town selling freshly cut Christmas trees. Choosing the type of tree is a matter of aesthetics, but whichever one you choose, make sure it is fresh. If you bounce the end of it on the ground and a significant number of needles shower the ground, you should find yourself a different tree.

Gary Guzman of Color Your World Greenhouse has advice on how to best care for the tree you fall in love with.

“First and most important, always ask for a fresh cut wherever you purchase your tree,” he said. “The sap can cover up a fresh cut in as little as 30 minutes, so it is best to provide another cut if your trip home takes longer than this.

“When you get home, get it water as soon as possible,” he said. “Don’t forget to keep the water basin filled, and check



Christmas trees stand ready for customers at Color Your World Greenhouse. Buyers should make sure they choose a fresh tree and put it in water as soon as possible. Live trees should be kept away from heating vents.

it daily, as a new tree can take up quite a bit of water, especially the first few days.”

Guzman said a tree preservative is available to help keep trees fresh and pliable, but make sure you follow directions.

To help preserve the tree, keep it away from heating vents, fireplaces and sunny windows if possible, and even close the vent to the room.

Guzman suggested hosing down your tree before you place it in your home to keep dust, loose needles and other critters from entering your home.

Burlap-balled live trees are an option for those who want to beautify their yard once the Christmas season has ended. The care is similar to a cut tree, but be sure to keep the root ball damp, not flooded.

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TREE,

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Buy a permit

Cutting your own tree is also an option.

You can don your best plaid flannel, fill a thermos, grab a handsaw and head to one of the nearby national forests to cut down your own Christmas tree.

Mind you, you can't just Paul Bunyan any tree that catches your fancy. First, you must get a permit from the national forest office. The closest forests that issue permits are the Gila and the Lincoln National Forests. Both offer permits from their respective offices at \$5 each. At the Gila National Forest, a separate, free permit is available for piñon trees.

"The piñon is a very common tree," said Tom Anderson, an employee with administrative services for the Gila National Forest offices. "People like it; it has a very good smell."

With these permits, of course, comes a list of rules.

The tree has to be cut with a saw, and it has to be trimmed lower than twelve inches from the ground. The tree chosen cannot be taller than 10 feet unless you purchase a separate permit.

Be sure to keep your permit and instructions with you at all times.

"The permit is important because the law enforcement officers are pretty vigilant at this point of the year, making sure people have the permit, read instructions and understand the rules," Anderson said.

Not only is this option good for the wallet, but it is good for the forests, too. Cutting some of the younger and more populous trees – such as the piñon – keeps the forests healthy and helps prevent forest fires during the dry summer months.

Safety

The website for the Las Cruces Fire Department offers many fire safety tips for Christmas trees, including the reminder fresh trees are safer than their drier counterparts.

The other aspect of fire prevention involves maintaining the tree decorations in good order, which is good practice for both artificial and fresh trees.

Always check your lights for fraying wires, excessive kinking, bare spots, and cracked or broken sockets.

A key concern is overloading the electrical outlet. Unless the directions state otherwise, you should never link more than three light strands.

Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Be sure to periodically check the wires for damage and to make sure they are not warm to the touch.

Most important, never leave your lights on unattended. Though it is heart-warming to come home to a lit Christmas tree, it is far more important to keep your home safe throughout the season.



Marissa Bond can be reached at 680-1845 or marissa@lascrucesbulletin.com.

Former Las Cruces Mayor William Mattiace and Color Your World employee Andy Tarine admire the tree Mattiace has chosen for his home.

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Garden of the Month



COURTESY PHOTO

The Mesquite Historic Preservation Society's December Garden goes to Paul Heiberger and Julie Christion at 114 South Mesquite St. The couple, who believe in conserving natural resources as evidenced by the solar panels on their roof, wanted xeriscape and low water plantings in their front yard and they succeeded in their plan with the help of Jimmy Zabriskie, owner of Robledo Vista Nursery.

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The Devil: 'God is indeed a delusion'



Rev. Mr. Tom Baca
Dwelling Places

The Devil writes:

Dear Deacon

You disappoint me. I am not a crook. I am not a schemer. Yes, I have always been in the shadows. That is why I do like bureaucratic settings. I am just the guy in the next cubicle. I am safe from all the apocalyptic paranoia about my intentions.

In the quiet shadows, there is nothing like water cooler drama to make me laugh and blush.

My stealthiness is not my choice. I obey those certain powers. They govern nature and the universe. I am no different than, let's say, a whirlwind.

Yet, I am accused of being a cyclonic rebellious spirit. Didn't I have the right to ask "Why?" And after my "Why?" I suddenly found myself marginalized by jealous Judases of my own species.

They threw me out.

It's complicated, but there was no God to ostracize me. Wouldn't a real god have "come to my assistance" as the Psalms elude. Blame the theory of everything, the big bang, or perhaps quarks, or maybe gravity, quantum physics, or thermodynamics. But I found myself having to babysit your kind.

Some have learned well from me that "God indeed is a delusion."

Don't blame them. I'm not the cause of this thought. They are just readily open to any hoity-toity suggestion. I am called "evil" or, rather, the source of all evil. The Bible says love of money is

the source. Augustine of Hippo says evil has no "mass or substance."

While I'm thinking about it, and off topic, let me correct the record: I would never eat green pea soup or make a clown out of myself spinning heads of prepubescent teens. Disinformation! As you well know, there is enough salacious scandal to go around. But let's not go there yet.

So, I'm going to just talk to you about issues and their "shades of good." Good is neither black nor white. Like evil and holiness, black and white are fantasies. So, who do you really think I am?

Unlike your invisible God, I am a being of my word. I told the first humans that bending the rules a little would not result their immediate death. I promised they "would not surely die." Voila! I kept my promise. Actually, they savored the taste of unlawful freedom. I claim credit. I put a smile on their faces. You should have seen their exhilaration at the taste of "thinking outside the box." That was a good thing, don't you think? Isn't that the nature of "true freedom?"

Don't blame me. I was just there to facilitate freedom from the chains of religion. It was I who revealed your true inner nature. Rules sclerotically clutter your hearts. Your conscience is an invention. It restricts your freedom to spread your wings and feel free.

C.S. Lewis had me all wrong. I would never have written letters to my hired helpers, stupid little cartoon demons no more real than cupid. Lewis didn't have a clue into my world. His idea of me is that my imagined helpers couldn't think their way out of a paper sack.

So he creates the rhetorical straw dog – the virtual red herring. I want to pull you away from the brink of destructive fantasy.

Read more Ayn Rand. I know you are not convinced, but I know you will publish this. Believe me, I'm just trying to make a better world. Give my best to your family.

Sincerely,
Luce, your BF.

My response:

Shakespeare probably quoted Luce in stating: "Conscience doth make cowards of us all" as though conscience prevented Hamlet from a good thing, patricide. Luce would have us believe conscience impales us on the nonexistent horn of a unicorn.

He thinks we are not in control and our choices are limited. He blames macro-movements of politics, culture, global warming and x-class solar flares. These are Luce's unseen movers behind the drama of the violence in St. Louis, civil unrest, injustice in general and certainly, the beheadings of Christians by Islamic extremists. If he traps you into thinking there is no God, then there is no hope, love is only the feeling of the moment, and thus, religion, conscience and prayer are futile.

Shakespeare again: "Take but degree away, untune that string, and hark what discord follows."

And if God does not exist, then what of the devil?

My guess is Luce likes Fox News, CNN and loves you. He triangulates for customized solutions that fit you. Beware of Greeks AND Trojans bearing gifts. In the meantime, a gentle hand gives a homeless man a \$100 bill on this cold night.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rev. Mr. Tom Baca is an ordained deacon of the Catholic Church and the former executive director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Las Cruces. He can be reached at nevarez_1@msn.com.

Religion Listings

CHABAD OFFERS HANUKKAH CELEBRATIONS

Chabad of Las Cruces offers two events to celebrate Hanukkah.

Chabad of Las Cruces has partnered with Home Depot to offer a chance to build your own Menorah. The event is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14, at Home Depot, 225 S. Telshor Blvd. There will be refreshments and music for all to enjoy.

On Wed., Dec. 17, Chabad of Las Cruces will light southern New Mexico's tallest Menorah at the Old Mesilla Plaza. The event will feature a concert by Israeli music guitarist and vocalist, Yoel Sharabi. The event is free and open to the public.

Traditional Hanukkah treats such as Latkes (potato pancakes) and Suvgniot (jelly donuts) as well as Starbucks coffee, will be served.

Also, there is a raffle to win one of three prizes: an iPad-mini, \$100 Visa Gift Card or a Cello Dreidel. Take a picture of yourself while lighting your Menorah at home and email it to rabbi@chabadlc.org or post it on Facebook and tag Chabad of Las Cruces, and you will be entered in the raffle, one raffle ticket per night.

For more information on all events, visit JewishLC.com or call 524-1330.

EL CALVARIO HOLDS ADVENT SERVICES

El Calvario United Methodist Church, at 300 N. Campo St., offers midweek Advent services each

Wednesday leading up to Christmas Eve. These are quiet, introspective services utilizing various contemplative Christian practices. All are open to the public.

On Dec. 17, "Christ in every step" offers prayer walk in silence around the historic Mesquite neighborhood. Upon return to the church, Holy Communion and anointment of oil will be offered as well as hot chocolate.

MOUNTAIN VIEW TO HOLD PERFORMANCE

The public is invited to Mountain View Baptist Church, located across the street from Las Cruces City Hall, at 705 N. Main St., at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, for the Christmas musical "A Shepherd's Tale," presented by the choir with participation by other members of the congregation.

For additional information, call Pastor Robb Redlin at 689-6271.

LA GRAN POSADA SCHEDULED

The public is invited as the Las Cruces Diocese celebrates the birth of Jesus at its traditional posada at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 Downtown. Bishop Cantú will be leading prayer.

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.

For more information, call 526-5559.

BONHOEFFER STUDY GROUP

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.

Bonhoeffer was a pastor, spy, threat to the Third Reich and martyr, but perhaps more than anything else, he was a man with a deeply held faith.

Gifted in his ability to articulate that faith, Bonhoeffer wrote books, both before and during his imprisonment, that continue to deeply challenge Christians.

The Bonhoeffer Study Group is free to attend. Short videos about Bonhoeffer will set the stage for each discussion. For more information, call 526-6333.

MODERN BUDDHISM CLASSES OFFERED

The Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive, offers Modern Buddhism meditation classes, sponsored by the Kadampa Meditation Center, in the R.S. Great Room from 10 to 11:30 a.m. the first and third Saturday of each month. The topic of the class is "The Wisdom of Fearlessness," which uses the teachings of Buddha to acquire tools to free ourselves from fear and, ultimately, all painful, limiting states of mind.

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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.

GRANDPARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

A Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group is held from 10 a.m. to noon the second Tuesday of the month at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Grandparents raising grandchildren on a full-time basis are invited to join.

For more information, call 528-3301.

LUNCHTIME YOGA

Beginners and experienced alike are invited to a 45-minute yoga class, followed by lunch.

The class is noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, Downtown Desert Yoga, 303 S. Alameda Blvd. For more information,

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NEEDLE EXCHANGE AVAILABLE

The Families & Youth Inc. Needle Exchange Program, 1190 Foster Road, seeks to reduce HIV and hepatitis C by decreasing the circulation of unclean syringes and provides free information on services.

The office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The service is confidential and no appointments are needed.

For more information, call 556-1622.

CROSSROADS CLASSES

Crossroads Accupuncture, 130 S. Main St., announces new classes. Gentle Chair Yoga will be offered from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Yoga En Español (bilingual English and Spanish) will be offered from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

For more information, call 312-6569.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of those individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from a compulsive relationship with food.

There are three weekly 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.; and 9:30 a.m. Saturdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave.

For more information, call 571-7864.

SOUTHERN NM DIABETES GROUP

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.

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 (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) 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.

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.

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.

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T'ai Chi Chih sessions taught by Rose J. Alvarez-Diosdado are from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays, from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and 11 a.m. to noon Wednesdays at Senior Circle Center, 3948 E. Lohman Ave.

Classes are free to Senior Circle members or \$2 for nonmembers.

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

FALLING LEAVES

ENGLISH

- ASH
- BEECH
- BIRCH
- CYPRESS
- DOGWOOD
- ELM
- HICKORY
- LINDEN
- LOCUST
- MAPLE
- OAK
- WEeping WILLOW

SPANISH

- FRESNO
- HAYA
- ABEDUL
- CIPRÉS
- CORNEJO
- OLMO
- NOGAL AMERICANO
- TILO
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Crossword Puzzles

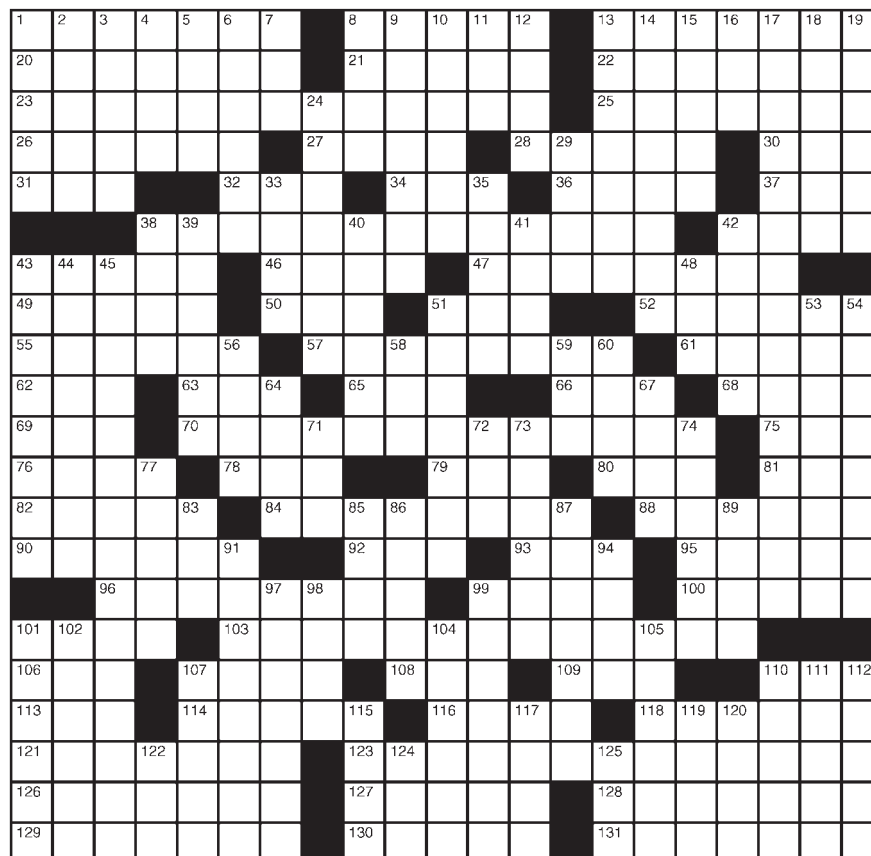
Diagramless, 21 x 21

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

- ACROSS**
- 1 Astronaut views
 - 15 Castle feature
 - 16 Hunted
 - 17 All set
 - 18 Burden
 - 19 Peach or rhubarb
 - 20 Freshly painted
 - 21 Of the ankle
 - 25 Other side
 - 26 "A Chorus Line" number
 - 27 Load from a lode
 - 28 "That means ___!"
 - 29 "Go ahead!"
 - 30 Rap sheet abbr.
 - 32 Bring in
 - 33 Mythical monster
 - 35 Modern letter
 - 38 Grp. concerned with defense
 - 41 Action of obliging
 - 46 Detailed mapping
 - 52 Opposition
 - 53 Planets
 - 55 Apprehend
 - 56 Bantu language
 - 57 Chapter in history
 - 58 Scarf fabric
 - 61 Breed
 - 63 Certain something
 - 64 Fond du ___, Wis.
 - 66 Investment option, briefly
 - 67 Ball in a socket
 - 68 Certain digital watch face, for short
 - 69 An impurity added to a pure substance
 - 73 Fifth, for one (abbr.)
 - 74 Cry from Homer Simpson
 - 75 Be hopping mad
 - 77 Contrived
 - 84 Ancestry
 - 85 Spring flower
 - 86 At one time, at one time
 - 87 Rebuild the lego house
- DOWN**
- 1 Passport to business success?
 - 2 Bit in a horse's mouth
 - 3 His "4" was retired
 - 4 Degree in math?
 - 5 Caught some Z's
 - 6 White powder
 - 7 Islamic chieftain
 - 8 Potpie morsel
 - 9 Boundary
 - 10 Hog heaven?
 - 11 Pertinent
 - 12 Buttercup
 - 13 Of a fiery sky streak
 - 14 Give one's ___
 - 22 Salty Chinese sauce
 - 23 Small forest buffalo
 - 24 White blood cell
 - 29 Atlanta-based airline
 - 31 Half-circle
 - 32 Decree
 - 34 Rounded up
 - 35 Letters
 - 36 "Who, me?"
 - 37 Personals, e.g.
 - 38 Store convenience, for short
 - 39 Fancy neckwear
 - 40 30-day mo.
 - 41 "I have an ideal!"
 - 42 Game pieces, e.g.
 - 43 Night spot
 - 44 Mozart's "L___ del Cairo"
 - 45 Kan. neighbor
 - 47 Alternative passage (music)
 - 48 Stare (at)
 - 49 Biochemistry abbr.
 - 50 Wood-shaping tool
 - 51 Fraternity letter
 - 54 Altdorf is its capital
 - 58 Eligible for jail free existence for a bit longer?
 - 59 "Farewell"
 - 60 Old cars for new cars?
 - 62 Send to the canvas
 - 65 Porcino
 - 70 Mine entrances
 - 71 7th day of March, July May and October
 - 72 "So ___!"
 - 76 Tennis call
 - 77 Ballad ending
 - 78 Scot's not
 - 79 Fed. construction overseer
 - 80 Famous movie street
 - 81 Barbecue offering
 - 82 Pipe joint
 - 83 Turn red, perhaps

SANTA'S UPGRADES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Colonel of KFC
 - 8 President Garfield's middle name
 - 13 Skirmishes
 - 20 Made into law
 - 21 Eric of "Top Hat"
 - 22 Newman of "SNL"
 - 23 Online funnies?
 - 25 Included within
 - 26 "Seinfeld" gal
 - 27 Peddle by shouting
 - 28 Land of Oranjestad
 - 30 Small, humble dwelling
 - 31 Member of the fam.
 - 32 E. O'Brien film
 - 34 ___ volente (God willing)
 - 36 Hebrew month
 - 37 Choice abbr.
 - 38 Emoticon contests?
 - 42 Church projection
 - 43 Son of Charlemagne
 - 46 Very small
 - 47 Heart rhythm
 - 49 Bonfire remnants
 - 50 Command to Fido
 - 51 Actor Knight
 - 52 Overrefined
 - 55 Volcanic rock ejecta
 - 57 Type of collar
 - 61 Cohort of Che
 - 62 Light brown
 - 63 IV x XIII
 - 65 Wire-service letters
 - 66 Curry or Russert
 - 68 Feudal laborer
 - 69 Mary of "Where Eagles Dare"
 - 70 Collectibles featuring online notables?
 - 75 Little barrel
 - 76 Spanish red
 - 78 Patriotic men's org.
 - 79 Scrooge's expletive
 - 80 Post-E.R. place
 - 81 Porthos, to Athos
 - 82 Satellite of Jupiter
 - 84 Uttered in a trilling voice
 - 88 \$100 bills
 - 90 Place position
 - 92 Help
 - 93 Married
 - 95 Full of: suff.
- DOWN**
- 96 Prayers, perhaps
 - 99 Golfer
 - 100 Hemlock homes
 - 101 Gas from the past
 - 103 Mini-Frisbee?
 - 106 So far
 - 107 Jai ___
 - 108 Sleuth Spade
 - 109 AFL-___
 - 110 School subj.
 - 113 Make a blunder
 - 114 Type of ray
 - 116 Adhesive strip
 - 118 Assign to a feedlot
 - 121 Main movie
 - 123 Small round object?
 - 126 Even less prudent
 - 127 Antiknock fluid
 - 128 Adenauer
 - 129 Pearson and Flatt
 - 130 Final authority
 - 131 Most pricey



- 35 Versifier Nash
- 38 Bleaching vat
- 39 Store, as fodder
- 40 Gilberto of Bossa-Nova fame
- 41 Confidential assistant
- 42 Michael Caine film
- 43 Grazing areas
- 44 Salad green
- 45 Pick-up sticks call?
- 48 Slightly askew
- 51 Single sleeper
- 53 Apartment building
- 54 Mournful writers
- 56 Small isles
- 58 Center starter?
- 59 Windy City rail inits.
- 60 Soprano Te Kanawa
- 64 Baghdad land
- 67 1700 in letters
- 71 Indonesian island group
- 72 Long-snouted fish
- 73 Masticated
- 74 Political pundit John
- 77 University of Maine town
- 83 Dijon donkey
- 85 Over 50 org.
- 86 Travel stamps
- 87 Contrivances
- 89 Corrida cries
- 91 Trump namer
- 94 Arnaz of show biz
- 97 Repair-shop vehicles
- 98 Issue forth
- 99 "The Bells of ___"
- 101 Quantity of a look?
- 102 Tranquil
- 104 Like successful jingles
- 105 Java
- 107 Get a smile out of
- 110 Old hat
- 111 Boston cagers, for short
- 112 Small harbor
- 115 Ed or Leon
- 117 Horseback game
- 119 Gillette razor
- 120 Skiers' ride
- 122 ___ for tat
- 124 Eng. instruction letters
- 125 Offbeat

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

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

Diagramless

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

Black to Black

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

K G H U G ' K C B T C C X O G U
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L J U U P H K!
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
 December is a really notable and uncommon month. Why? Because it's the only month with a D in it.



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Wordless books good for all ages

Perhaps you have heard, “A picture is worth a thousand words.”

Well, wordless books generate tens of thousands of words that flow from surprisingly entertaining books suitable for gift giving.

A wordless book tells its story through carefully sequenced and highly narrative illustrations. Most often thought of as books for young children, the genre of wordless books spans the generational gambit and encompasses books appropriate for every age. Think picture books with complex plot structures, subtle imagery and sophisticated tone.

Because these books are clever, well designed and of ageless quality, readers enjoy the story at their own level.

The beauty of a wordless book is that it requires an engaged response from the reader. It is the perfect choice for the “I hate to read” crowd, as well as the parent/caregiver with limited reading skills.

The discussion these books generate helps the most reluctant reader develop a positive attitude toward books.

The fun is in the sharing of ideas across generations. For parents, there is the opportunity to read with their children instead of reading to them. For children, there is the freedom to discover an even more imaginative story than any adult could have conceived. This book talk develops vocabulary and language skills at any age.

In “Big and Little” by Margaret Miller, babies recognize familiar objects in photographs and learn to label things in their environment. “Good Night Gorilla” by Peggy Rathmann provides toddlers with basic book handling skills as they point and say what they see. Preschoolers will enjoy “Pancakes for Breakfast”

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Enjoy holiday food, yet still be healthy

By **Marissa Bond**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Many of us view the holidays as a carte blanche when it comes to eating. It is the Las Vegas of dining – afterwards you may look back and feel like you did a lot of crazy, downright dangerous and possibly illegal things, but hey, it was the holidays. What happens in December stays in December.

Of course, the dietary choices you make in December are going to last into January, February and even longer. Moreover, concerns about food allergies can make planning dishes for other people feel like an impenetrable minefield.

However, by taking a little time to plan ahead, you and your loved ones can not only stay healthy during the holiday season, but gain good eating habits and knowledge for the year to come.

‘Using smaller dishes visually helps us feel like we are full sooner.’

MAUREEN SMALLIDGE

Dietitian

Eating healthy

Laura Merrill and Maureen Smallidge, dietitians at MountainView Regional Medical Center, recommend planning ahead as the key for eating during the holiday season.

“We recommend a scale of 1-10, and rate the foods that way,” Merrill said. “You want to make sure that you only get foods in the one or two range.”

She said if there is an unfamiliar dish you want to try, start with a small taste rather than a whole serving. Also, if there is a seasonal dish that is less than nutritious, don’t feel you have to avoid it completely

– just choose a small portion.

Smallidge agreed, and said you should look over the buffet beforehand to develop a plan. Though you may feel tempted or obligated to try everything, she said, “it’s better to have an idea of what you want and just focus on those foods.”

If you have a choice, a smaller plate can help control portion size.

“Using smaller dishes visually helps us feel like we are full sooner,” Smallidge said.

Merrill and Smallidge also said alcohol can pack on calories. Like their approach to eating from the

buffet, it is not to say you can’t have a drink, but be mindful and do so in moderation.

Another part of preparing before attending a gathering is to eat lightly the day of event, rather than starving yourself. Though you may think not eating will balance out the excess you anticipate yourself enjoying, you are more likely to eat far too much if you are famished.

A little preparation can be just as helpful at home as it is for gatherings. The holidays are busy season, so preparing dishes ahead of time and freezing them will prevent the temptation to just get last-minute fast food.

Of course, part of maintaining a healthy weight throughout the holiday season involves staying active. Merrill recommends a 15-minute walk twice a day.

“It is something easy you

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WORDLESS,

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by Tomie dePaola. “Chalk” by Bill Thomson is an excellent choice in the early grades. Add a box of sidewalk chalk and your gift will provide many hours of creative play.

Classics of this genre have a timeless quality and are often available at bargain prices. “A Boy a Dog” and “Frog” by Mercer Mayer bring back a simpler time. “The Snowman” by Raymond Briggs communicates emotion and humor through cheerful drawings.

Wordless books can be intellectually challenging. “Tuesday” by David Wiesner is a mind-bending fantasy that received a Caldecott Medal. “The Secret Box” by Barbara Lehman explores a city’s history and celebrates the timeless treasures of childhood. “The Mysteries of Harris Burdick” by Chris Van Allsburg has been inspiring writing contests for years.

“Zoom” by Istvan Banyai is perfect for a family event of mixed ages. This intriguing picture book presents a series of scenes, each one zooming out a bit further away. By looking at one page at a time, beginning with the cover, a group of people can make predictions

‘Perhaps there will be just adults at your holiday dinner. There is a wordless book perfect for them, too.’

about what they are actually looking at. As the perspective changes, everyone gets to refine their guesses, discuss clues they see on the page and predict what will come next. The fun is in discovering how each page is related to the one before and anticipating the next one.

Perhaps there will be just adults at your holiday dinner. There is a wordless book perfect for them, too. Memories and family stories will flow from “The Arrival.” Author Shaun Tan tells a sophisticated, somewhat dark immigration story of starting over in a strange land. The tale is told in haunting sepia-toned images. No one will confuse “The Arrival” with a children’s book.

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can do,” she said. “You don’t have to get out your workout clothes, you can just go for a walk – and as a family, it’s even better.”

“Every little bit helps – not taking the elevator, parking farther away, walking to your mailbox rather than driving to it,” Smallidge said.

Smallidge said to be realistic about weight goals. Do not expect to lose weight during the holidays.

“That’s often self-defeatist and doesn’t usually happen,” Smallidge said. “The focus should be to maintain; these strategies help us maintain our weight.”

Cooking conscientiously

Eating healthily or cooking conscientiously for family becomes more complicated if you or your loved ones have dietary restrictions. The growing understanding of and advancements in diagnosing Celiac disease and gluten intolerance brings us a level of relief mixed with new concerns about how to eat socially.

To help assuage those concerns and give recipe ideas, Loren Conway and Valarie Cozart will teach a class on gluten-free holiday baking at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Mountain View Market Co-Op, 1300 El Paseo Road.

“There’s lot of diversity in families as far as dietary restrictions go, and so if somebody is hosting their cousin who has a gluten allergy – or any

‘There’s lot of diversity in families as far as dietary restrictions go.’

LOREN CONWAY

Teacher of gluten-free cooking class

other type of allergy for that matter – people won’t get so scared, thinking, ‘What am I going to make for that person?’” Conway said, explaining the inspiration behind the class.

Cozart said her goal in teaching the class is to empower people with the knowledge that they’re going to consume will not make them ill, and the confidence to say, “I’m going to serve this to my grandchild and she will not get sick.”

The class also teaches people the benefits of cooking their own gluten-free food at home. A lot of gluten-free products on the shelf are high in starch, but by understanding the different flour options for cooking, you can make sure you are eating well, not only for your allergy, but for your whole body.

When it comes to meals, the holidays don’t have to be a recipe for stress or regret. By making conscientious choices when cooking and eating, we can spend our time enjoying the company rather than worrying about the meal.

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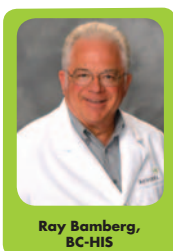
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Director and NMSU College of Arts and Sciences Regents Professor

Jeffrey Arterburn was honored during an NMSU Scholarly Excellence Rally Friday, Dec. 5.

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Health Briefs

Vegan support group meets at MVM

A "Being Vegan" group meeting will be from 7 to 8 p.m. the third Monday of the month in the Mountain View Market community room, 1300 El Paseo Road.

Being Vegan is a place for vegans and vegan-curious people to find support and knowledge about food choices.

For more information, call 523-0436.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous

If you struggle with the burden of lust and find only passing pleasure from your intimacies, or have difficulty sustaining on-going, meaningful relationships, Sexual Compulsives Anonymous provides an answer.

This 12-step recovery program meets 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays, at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor Blvd. (behind the large T-Mobile sign). For more information, contact Don B. at 908-432-7816 and leave a message.

Medical-related volunteers needed

St. Luke's Health Care Clinic's mission is to improve the health and well-being of homeless and indigent individuals and family members in Doña Ana County.

The clinic welcomes anyone with a medical background to come be a

part of the volunteer team.

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For more information, contact Dorothy Portillo at 527-5482 or dorothy@slhcc.info.

'Hungry for Change' movie

The public is invited to dinner and a viewing of the documentary "Hungry for Change" at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 17, at Picacho Hills Country Club, 6861 Via Compestre.

According to a release, the movie "exposes shocking secrets the diet, weight loss and food industries don't want you to know ... Find out what's keeping you from having the body and health you deserve and how to escape the diet trap forever."

For more info and reservations - contact Laura Smart 425-233-9082 or lauralsmart@Comcast.net

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, 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.

Cruces health care worker, judge honored at 2014 nursing awards

Two Las Cruces residents were honored at the 2014 Nursing Excellence Awards in October in Albuquerque.

Lynn Van Pelt Arnold, administrative director of Memorial Medical Center Cancer Center, received the Excellence in Community Service award while retired federal judge Leslie C. Smith was named the 2014 "Friend of Nursing."

Arnold, who has been a nurse since 1983, joined Memorial Medical Center in 2011. She was nominated for the Community Service award by her entire department because of "her advocacy and support of the health of the community since she was 15 years old and decided to become a nurse," they said.

She was cited for her overwhelming support over the past three years for cancer victims and their families in southern New Mexico. As president of Cowboys for Cancer Research (C4CR), the largest cancer research fund raising group in New

Mexico, she oversees fund raising that exceeds \$1 million each year for cancer research and education. All of the money raised stays in New Mexico. In addition, she serves as co-chair of the C4CR golf tournament and chair of the organization's silent auction for its dinner dancer.

Arnold has also served as a steering committee member for several events put on by NMSU Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink, which raises funds and promotes breast cancer awareness. She developed a program to highlight awareness of blood cancers and cancer care as well as to encourage students and staff to donate blood. She supported bringing the American Cancer Society "Look Good Feel Better" classes to southern New Mexico.

Smith and his wife, Judy, created the Leslie C. and Judy L. Smith Endowed Scholarship for Nursing at NMSU in March 2008, growing

their initial donation to more than \$40,000 to award scholarships to deserving nursing students every year.

In July 2013, recognizing a need for emergency use funds among nursing students, the couple contributed another \$10,000 to create the Smith Current Use Emergency Fund, the first-ever fund of its kind at NMSU to provide money for nursing students who might otherwise have to withdraw from the program due to a critical financial situation.

The fund provides as much as \$750 per occurrence for assistance with books, tuition and other fees.

Smith also volunteers his time as a key member on the NMSU College of Health and Social Services Advisory Board, and serves as a guest speaker for nursing classes on the topic of legal and ethical issues in nursing.

He also serves on the college's development committee.

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Pet Briefs

Domestic shorthair Pet of Week

Fluffels, a domestic shorthair cat, is the Pet of the Week.

She is a fun-loving, feisty feline who just loves to play with anything fluffy. You can see where she got her name.

When she's not playing with as many toys as you'll let her have, Fluffels loves taking long naps.

She has been at the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley for six months.

The shelter can be reached at 382-0018.



FLUFFELS

Shelter seeks dog walkers

Large breed and small breed dog walkers needed at Animal Services Center of Mesilla Valley.

Complimentary training will be available in mid-January, by reservation and only after application approval and completion of orientation.

Also, do you have a large group that requires hours for vet classes at New Mexico State University or Doña Ana Community College? Contact the volunteer coordinator to sign up as a volunteer/group day project.

Call Jan Wright at 382-0018 or send an email to jwright@las-cruces.org.

Applications for volunteers can be picked up at 3551 Bataan Memorial

West daily, or online via www.las-cruces.org.

WinterPAWlooza scheduled

Animal adoptions, pet services, pet gifts, food and entertainment will be available at WinterPAWlooza, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Las Cruces Tractor Supply, 1440 W. Picacho Ave.

Vendors include: Pet-Care Express; the Ark of Alamogordo; Crazy Maizy's; Cow Camp Vaquero BBQ; Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley; Wet Dog Mobile Pet Grooming; Pet Portraits and Doggie Dude Ranch and Cat Farm.

Call 1-800-PET-VAXX for more information.

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. Visit or call the adoption center at 800 W. Picacho Ave., 571-4654.

The APA adoption center is normally open from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and Wednesday and from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday evenings. During the Christmas holiday, the center will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, but APA encourages pets to be adopted as gifts and is offering free delivery of adopted pets on these days. Many puppies, dogs, kittens and cats will be available next month for adoption. People can also purchase gift certificates.

Shelter asks for donations

Animal Services Cen-

ter 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.

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.

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 rewarding 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 comforters or old sleeping bags to help offset the cooler temperatures for the animals that accompany the changing seasons. If you have any to donate, drop them off from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, at 800 W. Picacho Ave.

The donations will be used as dog beds.

For more information, call 571-4654.

NMSU anthropology student earns state recognition for Hurd property

By **Beth O'Leary**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Tucked away in a quiet corner of San Patricio in the mountains near Ruidoso, the 40-acre Hurd family home and studios might not be a destination everyone would immediately recognize.

Thanks to a New Mexico State University student receiving her master's degree in December, however, the property of artists Peter Hurd and his wife Henriette Wyeth-Hurd is now listed on New Mexico's State Register of Cultural Properties and has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

"There were only five other artists' homes on the register in New Mexico and all these were in northern New Mexico," said Brittany Porter, an anthropology graduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences, who spent the last two years working on the nomination, which was approved in October.

Peter Hurd is well known for painting the official White House portrait of President Lyndon Johnson as well as the landscape and people of the Southwest. Henriette Wyeth-Hurd, daughter of famed illustrator and artist N.C. Wyeth, painted portraits of women such as Pat Nixon and actress Helen Hayes. Beyond

their high-profile portraits, both artists' work reflected their connection with the Southwest.

"Their paintings showed real life and the people of New Mexico," said Porter. "That's why it was important to me that they be recognized."

The 40 acres described in the nomination were purchased in the 1930s and are part of a 417-acre parcel representing Peter Hurd's original purchase in the Hondo Valley.

Hurd expanded his ranch to more than 2,000 acres on which he raised cattle.

"Peter Hurd was born and raised in Roswell, New Mexico. I'm from Lincoln County and the Hurd property was not on the register so I thought it would be a good thing to do," Porter said.

Porter received permission to nominate the property from the couple's youngest son, Michael Hurd, an artist who lives on and preserves his parents' studios and the family's Sentinel Ranch.

"We have worked hard to preserve the house as it once was and as I've always known. I am grateful for the work Brittany Porter invested over these past months," said Michael Hurd. "She was diligent and tireless in her efforts and we are reaping the reward."



COURTESY PHOTO

Brittany Porter stands in front of the gate at Hurd House, a property she nominated for inclusion in New Mexico's State Register of Cultural Properties.

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