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## Green Grappler

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Marcelo Archuleta operates the Green Grappler for the City of Las Cruces, collecting recyclable green materials from yard waste to Christmas trees and has been doing so for 13 years. City residents can also take their compostable/mulchable material at no cost to the Las Cruces Solid Waste Facility at 555 S. Sonoma Ranch Blvd. The mulch and compost resulting from the green waste is also available free for community members. See the story on page 12 in this week's Bulletin for more on the Green Grappler. You can also visit [www.las-cruces.org/1374/Clean-Fill-Yard-Waste](http://www.las-cruces.org/1374/Clean-Fill-Yard-Waste).

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## EXCITEMENT BUILDS FOR NEW BMX PUMP TRACK

The latest project from Doña Ana County's Facilities and Parks Department has been racing along quickly. The new BMX pump track located in Chaparral is nearing completion sooner than expected. Soon residents can enjoy the new pump track located behind the Delores C. Wright Community Center (400 E. Lisa Drive).

Although the construction is ahead of schedule, the track is not yet completed. The project has a six-month completion date, just in time for summer 2022. County staff is advising the public to not approach the worksite until the project has been finalized. An opening date will be released as the project continues to progress.

A pump track is a circuit of rollers, banked turns and features designed to be ridden by "pumping," which is generating momentum by shifting the body's weight up and down body, instead of pedaling. The design of the BMX pump track is an oblong shape with various grades and ramps. The track will cover about 40,000 square feet and sits on just under an acre of land. Mountain Bikes, roller skates, and skateboards will be welcomed.

This new community feature is made possible with capital outlay sponsored by Representative Willie Madrid. The project was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on July 27, and is overseen by Vigil and Associates Architectural Group, P.C. Construction began on the new BMX Pump Track in November.

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# Actor William H. Macy returns to New Mexico for film festival

## ' Fargo ' star discusses acting, storytelling, future

By ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH  
Las Cruces Bulletin

William H. Macy does not remember playing a truly evil character.

The actor, perhaps best known for his parts in the movie "Fargo" (1996), and the streaming show "Shameless" (2011-2021), will be in Las Cruces March 3 for the Las Cruces International Film Festival and is looking forward to coming back to New Mexico.

He said he has played weak guys, like Jerry Lundegaard in "Fargo," and ruthless guys like Walt Price in "State and Main" (2000), but it is the actor's task to "human-



COURTESY PHOTO PROVIDED BY MARK KLECKNER

Actor William H. Macy and his ukulele.

ize the character and be a champion of that character regardless of who that

is," he said.

"The vast majority of terrible things come from weakness or delusion or mental illness," he said. "I played rascally, and corrupt guys and I really like them. I certainly like playing Frank in 'Shameless.'"

Macy said he doesn't like violence in movies and has gone as far as taking a political stand against incredibly violent roles. He believes the "completely fake" gratuitous violence hurts the world.

Macy's experience with New Mexico is reflected in the comedy "Wild Hogs" (2007), a movie he loved doing and is especially fond of. Macy and his co-stars, John Travolta, Martin Lawrence and Tim Allen, played a group of suburban biker wannabes looking for adventure who get more than they bargained for.

"Oh, my lord we had a

## Film festival Poster Reveal Party on tap

### BULLETIN REPORT

The Las Cruces International Film Festival is hosting its Poster Reveal Party from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21 at the Las Cruces Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main.

Artist Mary Beagle has created the LCIFF 2022 collectible commemorative poster. Beagle will be on hand at the party to sign limited edition prints of her poster during the event.

There will be food, drinks and live music at the party. The poster party admission tickets are \$25 and VIP passes will be sold at a discounted rate of \$100 instead of \$150. These discounted passes will only be available at the poster party. The original artwork, an oil on canvas, will be auctioned off at the event with the proceeds going to the film festival.

For more information contact Ross Marks at [rossm@nmsu.edu](mailto:rossm@nmsu.edu), or 575-646-6149. All guests will need to comply with the current Covid-19 New Mexico Public Health Order and wear a mask or face covering at the event unless eating or drinking.

The seventh Las Cruces International Film Festival takes place March 2-6, and will be live and in-person. Ticketing information is available at [www.lascrucesfilmfest.com](http://www.lascrucesfilmfest.com).

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# Legislature 'awash in money' as it convenes for 30-day session

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

The second session of the 55th New Mexico Legislature will convene at noon Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, at the state capitol in Santa Fe.

New Mexico's 42 state senators and 70 state representatives are expected to gather in person for the 30-day session, which will be conducted live and via Zoom.

If you plan to visit the state capitol building, 490 Old Santa Fe Trail, during the session, go to [nmlegis.gov](http://nmlegis.gov), click on "Quick Links" and then "Admittance to the New Mexico State Capitol" for vaccination requirements and firearms restrictions information. Click on "Webcasts" to follow the



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session online.

The Legislature meets in 30-day sessions in even-numbered years and 60-day sessions in odd-numbered years. "Short sessions," like the one this year, are restricted to budget matters and the governor's legislative agenda.

In a Dec. 1 news release, Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham said her 2022 call will include a 7-percent raise for all New Mexico education personnel, "increasing pay for more

than 50,000 K-12 educators and school staff across the state." The governor's call is also expected to include a cut in state gross receipts taxes and legislation to address crime issues and climate change.

"We're looking at making important investments, supporting more teachers, supporting our schools, rebuilding infrastructure like roads and bridges and (expanding) broadband, supporting value-added

agriculture (and outdoor recreation) and becoming the international leader in carbon free and clean energy," said state Rep. Nathan Small, D-Doña Ana, who is vice chair of the House Appropriations and Finance Committee. A former Las Cruces city councilor, Small's House District 36 includes part of Las Cruces and stretches north to the Sierra County line.

The state's current budget (FY22) is approximately \$7.3 billion in recurring appropriations, which includes an increase of \$169 million in new revenue over the previous year. Revenue estimates are that New Mexico will have about \$1.6 billion in additional revenue for FY23, which begins July 1, 2022.

The Legislature also is expected to increase state reserve funds from their current 25 percent to at least 30 percent during the session.

"We are awash in money but most of it is one-time dollars, making expenditures on capital projects very likely — roads, bridges, buildings as well as solar projects for existing buildings," said state Sen. Ron Griggs, R-Otero, Eddy, Doña Ana. A former mayor of Alamogordo, Griggs represents state Senate District 34, which includes precincts in Chaparral in Doña Ana County.

A change to the composition of the New Mexico House of Representatives was announced Dec. 31, as state Rep. Alonzo Baldonado, R-Valencia,

retired. The Valencia County Commission will appoint a replacement for Baldonado, a Los Lunas real estate broker who was first elected in 2010. The five-member commission is comprised entirely of Republicans, so the appointment likely will not change the balance of power in the House.

The speaker of the New Mexico House of Representatives is state Rep. Brian Egoft, D-Santa Fe, who lives in Santa Fe. The House majority leader is Rep. Javier Martinez, D-Bernalillo, of Albuquerque; the majority whip is Rep. Doreen Gallegos, D-Doña Ana, of Las Cruces. The House minority leader is James G. Townsend, R-Chaves,

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## Growth at Las Cruces Utilities Needs People Like You

By Cassie McClure

As of January 3, 2022, there are 66 positions to be filled at Las Cruces Utilities (LCU). Some of those positions will be filled by internal employees who have grown their skills and are ready to take on new challenges, just like LCU Interim Staffing Specialist Valerie Marrs.

Marrs has been with LCU since 2013 in Customer Central but was drawn to being able to help others in her department by reconfiguring training and standard operating procedures.

“Not everyone learns in the same way, and I made it my personal mission to figure out ways to get people to understand situations and scenarios better,” said Marrs.

She estimated that over the years she’s trained over 30 people. “I enjoy seeing employees

learn, especially when they develop better communication skills,” she said. “It’s important that employees know the why behind what they are doing to be more effective at their role.”

In her new role as staffing specialist, Marrs sees how being adaptable to new challenges and showing how she overcame those challenges in her career can bring success to herself and others.

“I’d recommend taking the time to reevaluate if there are different skills or things that you’ve achieved that should be highlighted for the job for which you’re applying each time you submit an application, even if there is a single, reusable profile available,” she said. “For example, if there has been a



LCU Interim Staffing Specialist Valerie Marrs stands in front of the City of Las Cruces posted jobs that you can find at locations like City Hall and the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library.

leadership moment that you can share for a job that might have a supervisory role, a situation that might catch the eye of those who review the applications, put it higher up on your resume or list it in a revised cover letter.

Experience can align better for one job than it might for another.” Marrs explained too that some positions have more than one position to fill, and even if those positions get filled, the applications to that job get stored in an applicant pool where LCU could reach out to the same group of people within six months.

To find out what jobs are currently open at LCU (all positions start at \$15 per hour), check out: <https://www.las-cruces.org/2001/Work-For-Us>

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## COMING UP

### Friday, Jan. 14

» Workshop by Agave Artist Gallery’s featured artist Kathy Baker. 2 to 3 p.m. Introduction to solar dyeing. Pre-registration at [www.agaveartists.com](http://www.agaveartists.com) or 575-339-9870. Space is limited.

### Saturday, Jan. 15

» Weaving for Justice is moving and has postponed its monthly sale from Jan. 15 to Feb. 19 in its new location, in the atrium of the First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Rd. To arrange an appointment before then, email [weavingforjustice@gmail.com](mailto:weavingforjustice@gmail.com).

### Sunday, Jan. 16

» Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society monthly concert. 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo. Featured band will be Lush Life. Cost is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members and \$1 for students.

### Monday, Jan. 17

» Academy for Learning in Retirement. 10:30 a.m. Mario Moccia, director of athletics, NMSU will present “Issues and Challenges” in our “Sports and Society” series. Zoom session, small fee. Info: register at [dacc.nmsu.edu/alr/memberships/#programs-presentations](http://dacc.nmsu.edu/alr/memberships/#programs-presentations).

### Wednesday, Jan. 19

» AARP virtual presentation on the cannabis regulations: 2 to 3 p.m. on Zoom. Discussion by Gabriel Arenibas, Las Cruces narcotics team of LCPD, on the Cannabis Regulation Act and how it impacts law enforcement. Free to public. Register at [www.aarp.org/lascrucesevents](http://www.aarp.org/lascrucesevents).

» Academy for Learning in Retirement. 10:30 a.m. Kathy Rodolph, women’s softball coach, NMSU will present “How do You Maintain a Championship Culture in an Ever-

Changing Landscape?” in our “Sports and Society” series. Zoom session, small fee. Info: register at [dacc.nmsu.edu/alr/memberships/#programs-presentations](http://dacc.nmsu.edu/alr/memberships/#programs-presentations).

### Thursday, Jan. 20

» AARP Virtual Event on HomeFit: 10 to 11 a.m. on Zoom. Interactive presentation by Dave Lynch, Las Cruces chapter president, on how to make modifications to your home to help aging in place. Event is free. Register at [www.aarp.org/lascrucesevents](http://www.aarp.org/lascrucesevents).

### Friday, Jan. 21

» Workshop by Agave Artist Gallery’s featured artist Kathy Baker. 2 to 3 p.m. Demonstration on spinning art yarn. Pre-registration at [www.agaveartists.com](http://www.agaveartists.com) or 575-339-9870. Space is limited.

» “Listen to Your Art.” 1:30 p.m. through the Museum of Art. Megan Jacobs, an associate professor in the Honors College at the University of New Mexico, will discuss the life and work of Japanese photographer Rinko Kawauchi. The lecture will be hosted through Zoom. Use the following link and passcode: [us02web.zoom.us/j/81713079226](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81713079226). Passcode: 598345.

### Saturday, Jan. 22

» High school girls lacrosse clinic. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at front grassy field at Organ Mountain High School. Equipment provided. Free.

### Saturday, Jan. 29

» TryLax lacrosse clinic. 10 a.m. to noon at Frenger Park, 800 Parkview Dr. For boys and girls in kindergarten through eight grade. Cost is \$35 per player. Register at [Las-Cruces-](http://Las-Cruces-)



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The east entrance of the state capitol building in Santa Fe.

## SESSION

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Eddy and Otero, of Artesia; and the minority whip is Ron Montoya, R-San Juan, of Farmington.

The president pro tempore of the New Mexico state Senate is Sen. Mimi Stewart, D-Bernalillo, of Albuquerque. The Senate majority leader is Sen. Peter Wirth, D-Santa Fe, of Santa Fe; the majority whip is Sen. Linda Lopez, D-Bernalillo, of Albuquerque.

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The Senate minority leader is Sen. Greg Baca, R-Bernalillo and Valencia, of Belen; the minority whip is Sen. Craig Brandt, R-Sandoval, of Rio Rancho.

The Legislature met in special session in December to redraw congressional and legislative districts as well as districts for the state Public Education Commission based on the 2020 census. Those elected in November 2022 will represent the newly drawn districts.

## FESTIVAL

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good time," he said. "We were riding motorcycles. It was liberating, efficient and athletic. I loved the film; it had so much heart to it"

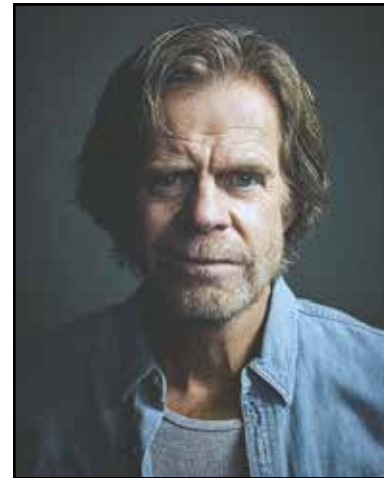
He said the mountains of New Mexico were spectacular and called it "magnificent country." Many of the crew members came from the state and they always do a good job. And Madrid, the town much of the movie took place in, was the "cutest place," he said.

Macy said he has been an actor his entire life. He is married with two children.

"I love to tell jokes," he said. "I love funny, I am an optimist and a serendipitist."

Macy said, as an audience, we have all grown up watching television and film and have been told thousands of stories.

"We are sophisticated in stories," he said. "If the audience gets ahead of you, it's death. If the climax has an unexpected twist, you have a good script, and if then, you can put another



COURTESY PHOTO

**William H. Macy will make an appearance at the Las Cruces International Film Festival March 3. He will screen his Academy Award-winning movie "Fargo," host a question-and-answer session and will receive an award.**

twist, you too can have multiple homes."

When "Shameless" ended, Macy thought he would retire, but it didn't exactly work out that way. He said he wants to spend more time at his Colorado home, but he does still want to keep

working, probably even doing another film starting in February.

For now, he is working as a "spokes-dude" for Woody Creek Distillery in Colorado and writes little tunes for his ukulele, which he loves to play.

At this year's Las Cruces International Film Festival, Macy is to receive the "Outstanding Achievement in Entertainment" award and will be present to accept it. On March 3, he will screen his Academy Award-winning film "Fargo" at the Allen Theatres Cineport at 7 p.m. and host a question-and-answer session with the audience. Earlier that afternoon, Macy will speak at New Mexico State University about his long and esteemed career.

After the screening, at the LCIFF VIP Party at the Amador Bar & Grill he will receive his award.

Tickets and updated Covid protocols are available at [www.lascrucesfilmfest.com](http://www.lascrucesfilmfest.com).

"Theater is one of the places you go to learn the truth," Macy said. "It's an amazing way to make a living."



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## Las Cruces publications are labors of love

In the last three weeks, we've put out the latest editions of three of the Las Cruces Bulletin's most popular publications.

On Dec. 31, we distributed our 2022 edition of "Bulletin's Best of the Mesilla Valley." A few days before that, we uploaded to our website, the 2022 edition of the Visitor & Community Guide: Life is Good in Las Cruces. The printed version of Life is Good will be hitting the streets this week. Also this week, we're uploading the annual Southwest New Mexico Legislative Guide to our website. The printed version of that will follow once the legislative session opens in late January.

Our Legislative Guide always serves as a great resource and tool for New Mexicans interested in the state Legislature. Our goal is to introduce, or re-introduce, the legislators

who represent the areas in southwest New Mexico to their constituents.

We always appreciate the state representatives and senators.

They take time from their schedules, which include in most cases, a full-time job and several other duties in addition to their roles as legislators. Remember, New Mexico is the only state in America where

legislators are unpaid for their role as lawmakers.

It's also good to get to know them. Our reporter Mike Cook does many of the legislator interviews. Reporter Elva Österreich does several others, and I pitch in as needed.

In our experiences talking with our legislators for this publication, in formal or informal settings in their districts, in Santa Fe and around the state, they are genuinely earnest about the work they do.



**RICHARD COLTHARP**  
From the Publisher

They genuinely care about the people in their districts. I often disagree with their positions, but I appreciate the work and research they do when coming to those positions.

Every legislator's district has Republicans, Democrats, independents, members of smaller parties and non-voters. Because of that, legislators will never please everyone. They know this going in, which illustrates the difficulty of their work.

For those of you interested in government, we predict you'll find our guide useful during the upcoming legislative session and throughout the year. This year being an election year, all of our state representative positions will be open again.

The Visitor & Community Guide: Life is Good in Las Cruces, is a joint project between us and Visit Las Cruces. As I wrote in the introduction to that publication, "whether

you're planning to move to Las Cruces, are just visiting, or have lived here your whole life, you'll find many reasons in this magazine to convince you that, yes, Life is Good in Las Cruces."

This year's publication has a lot of great photos from Norm Detlaff, a longtime Las Cruces photographer who joined Visit Las Cruces after a decade working with the Las Cruces Police Department. Dan Trujillo, Rochelle Miller Hernandez and others at Visit Las Cruces also provided key contributions to the magazine.

All of these products always require a big effort from all of our team here at the Bulletin, and I'd like to recognize and thank the team by name. Our news team that puts together the articles, headlines and many of the photos, but also edits and proofreads everything, includes the aforementioned Cook and Österreich, as

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## Final score: Facemasks 12, plastic bags 1

The other morning, as I walked for 30 minutes along parts of several streets between B & G Automotive and the Bulletin, I counted 12 discarded facemasks and one plastic bag, which was clinging to a dead weed.

The City of Las Cruces began a so-called plastic-bag ban Jan. 1. I can't imagine there will ever be a similar ban on facemasks, but they certainly have added a new dimension to



the landscape. Perhaps they are becoming New Mexico's new basura del dia (trash de jour).

My greatest disappointment was that the abandoned masks I saw during my walk were all either black, blue or white.

When it was clear that the mask mandate was here to stay, you see, I bought red, blue (two shades), green (two shades), yellow, pink, purple and orange

masks. Since a very early age, I have been all about color and coordinating the colors I wear. I am the only person I know (except for Santa, course) who owns a red suit. I now have masks that go with everything.

My workout clothes are similarly coordinated into red, green, yellow, black and blue, with matching masks. The first four are built around Kansas City Chiefs caps and T-shirts — yes, I have them in green — and the last goes with Los Angeles Rams gear. I am also a Packers

fan, but I haven't worked Green Bay into my color scheme.

I think it's also worth noting that I counted about a half-dozen travel-size liquor bottles (all empty) during my walk, about that many beer cans (also empty, one flattened), four drinking straws, a small plastic skeleton in two parts (left over from Halloween?), a shoe, a glove, two socks many feet (no pun intended) apart and two halves of a pizza box — all at dif-

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Reader concerned about future of airport, noise

To the miniscule-miniscule statistically insignificant number of folks who are craving a larger commercial “international” airport...to those who

don't think this tiny airport will rapidly grow into a noise-producing bane (especially for residents on the far-west-side of Las Cruces) on this presently quiet town (go outside right now and notice how quiet it is...no buzz-buzz-buzz of

aircraft overhead!), if you absolutely crave a grow-grow-go-go-go anthill of a city, relo to Tucson, Phoenix, Albuquerque or El Paso.

Better yet, for that real one-of-a-kind big town rush, relo to Boca Raton,

Florida.

Fortunately, the skies here are void of commercial and private “personal toy” aircraft.

This provides us a very valuable and quiet place to live, work, worship and socialize! Want property-

value destroying aircraft noise, then relo to where that noise is invasive and annoying: Tucson, Phoenix, Albuquerque, Boca Raton! Lots of private “toy” and commercial aircraft crowding the skies there. If we allow the few

to have their way over the majority of citizens, the silent majority will regret that day sure as the sun rises in the east.

Eric-Helge Sorensen  
Las Cruces

## LOVE

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well as news editor Dave Burge. Doing yeoman's work on the design of the publications is the talented and super-steady Albert Vasquez. Advertising is the engine that makes it go, and our sales team consists of manager Jamila Khalil, longtime marketing consultant Claire Frohs and new-

comers Amelia Ontiveros and Cassidy Schmidt. Administrative assistant Maggie Adams is a jill of all trades, and pitched in with an article in Life is Good. And, of course, none of these products can make it into your hands without the efforts of Circulation Manager Teresa Tolonen, her assistant Becky Jimenez and a great team of distributors.

While we've done the legislative guide and community guide for more than a dozen years each, we've only done Bulletin's Best for two years. It has already become very popular.

Everyone has a different Bulletin's Best list, but also, everyone in Las Cruces can agree with many of the winners in the contest.

For example, here's a composite of a day I've

had many times in the last 15 years in Las Cruces, using only winners in this year's Bulletin's Best.

I attended Mass at my church, St. Albert the Great (Best Church, second place), then took my daughter to breakfast at La Nueva Casita Café (Best Mexican Restaurant, second place). Later, I went to the ATM at my bank since 1995, Pioneer Bank (Best Bank, runner-

up), picked up my tickets for the upcoming Aggie men's basketball game (Best Local Sports Team, winner), then perused the sports, history and literature sections at one of my favorite haunts, COAS Books (Best Bookstore, winner). Later some friends and I drove to Hatch for burgers at Sparky's (Best Green Chile Cheeseburger, winner). Then we came back to Mesilla for a glass at

La Posta de Mesilla (Best Tequila Selection, winner), then a nightcap at El Patio (Best Dive Bar, second place) and listened to Nosotros (Best Spanish Band, winner).

You can create your own adventures, experiences and habits based on the information of any or all of these three publications. We thank our readers and advertisers for making them all happen.

## FACEMASKS

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ferent locations. (Please note that I was only observing; I picked up nothing.) I also passed one guy on a bicycle, who (the rider, not the bike) smiled at me. Thank you!

It occurred to me that there really wasn't very much trash or that many weeds along the two busy streets and the two quiet

streets where I was walking. Granted, the walk only covered about 2 ½ miles, but it was pretty tidy. Mask colors notwithstanding, it was a beautiful walk in a beautiful city that I love very much and am very, very grateful to live in.

If you happen to see an abandoned facemask as you are driving or walking and it's any color except black, blue or white, I may have lost it.

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# Lack of transparency doomed NMSU plan

Watching Montana State play in the Football Championship Subdivision national title game Jan. 8, I wondered if Waded Cruzado was still the president there.

Sure enough, she has been president since 2010, leading the university through significant increases in enrollment and retention; an all-time high in research expenditures; and advances in academic achievement, including three Rhodes scholars.

She is also, I assume, well liked and respected in Bozeman, just as she was in Las Cruces after being named interim president of New Mexico State University in 2008. With all due respect to Garrey Carruthers, no president since she left has been as successful at bringing together faculty, staff, students and the community. Not keeping her was a mistake.

Sadly, it wasn't the last mistake NMSU regents would make.

In 2018, they showed Carruthers the same door they had shown Cruzado. The former governor was earning a salary of \$373,450 a year when regents decided not to renew his contract, and began the search for his successor.

As often happens in such searches, it came down to two strong candidates whom regents had a hard time choosing between.



**WALT RUBEL**  
The View  
From Here

What doesn't often happen is they chose both.

John Floros was hired as president, at a salary of \$450,000 a year, and Dan Arvizu was hired as chancellor, at

a salary of \$500,000 a year. Floros would be responsible for the main campus, and Arvizu would oversee all other campuses.

The decision, which dramatically increased administrative costs and rearranged the leadership structure, was announced by regents out of the blue, without any public input or even the indication that such moves were under consideration.

Regents appeared to be operating under the old theory used by husbands everywhere, that forgiveness comes easier than permission. But in this case, forgiveness never came.

Faculty, students and staff who were left in the dark when the changes were being considered never bought into them. And, they never understood why so much more money was being shifted to administrative salaries at the very top.

And so, they responded by passing no-confidence resolutions against university leadership.

Last week, it became official: the experiment was a flop.

Floros announced that he was stepping down as president. Arvizu will take over that position,

and his old job will not be filled.

"It's time for our university to return to a more common leadership structure," Arvizu said.

The transition from Carruthers to Floros/Arvizu was a murky, non-transparent mess at every step along the way.

Regents never explained why they wanted new leadership.

Instead, they worked behind the scenes trying to pressure Carruthers to resign when his contract came up.

When that failed, they were forced to take a public vote ousting him.

They did so entirely on their own. Whatever public comment they may have received was uninvited.

Then, they met in secret to fundamentally overhaul the university's administrative structure. Those who would be most directly impacted by the changes were not consulted or informed ahead of time.

Even if the changes had been a good idea, the plan was doomed to fail from the start because of the secretive way it was crafted.

I hope the current regents understand that, and will be much more transparent moving forward.

*Walter Rubel can be reached at waltrubel@gmail.com.*



## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PROMOTION FARRAH!

The Board of Directors and CEO Greg Marrs proudly announce the promotion of Farrah Marquez to Bank Center President/Managing Officer.

Farrah began her banking career in 2001 and has held many positions including Teller, Customer Service Representative, Operations Supervisor, Credit Analyst, Commercial Lending Officer, and most recently SVP/Commercial Lender/Managing Officer. She will oversee the Las Cruces, Alamogordo and Chaparral Bank Centers.

Congratulations to Farrah on this well-deserved promotion!



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# Optimists encourage students to share 'fresh ideas' in essay contest

## BULLETIN REPORT

The Optimist Club of Las Cruces is encouraging area students to contemplate the phrase "How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change My Tomorrow?" as part of the Optimist International Essay Contest for the 2021-22 school year.

The Optimist Club will judge local students' essays, based on that theme and determine local winners. Entrants will compete for prizes and, winning entries will be submitted to the district

level, where college scholarships are available to top finishers.

The deadline to submit an essay is Feb. 5.

The word limit is 700-800 words.

Find the essay contest application form at [optimist.org/Forms/21-22\\_Essay\\_Application.pdf](http://optimist.org/Forms/21-22_Essay_Application.pdf).

"Young students today have so many fresh ideas about the world and their



LEN HAMPTON

future," Optimist Club of Las Cruces President Len Hampton said. "As Optimists, it is our goal to encourage them and do what we can to bring out the best in each of them. This gives them a wonderful opportunity to tap into their creativity and pursue possible scholarships at the same time."

The Optimist Club of Las Cruces has been par-

ticipating in the Optimist Essay Contest for 20 years and has been active in the community since 1961. Other programs and service projects that the club is involved in include Boys and Girls Club, Ronald McDonald House and The Mayor's Top Teens, and it has sponsored the Bob Ogas All-Star Baseball Series (North-South) in Las Cruces for the past 44

years.

Students wishing to participate in the essay contest can find out more about the contest by contacting Warren Noland at [aggieshepherd@gmail.com](mailto:aggieshepherd@gmail.com) or Len Hampton at [mixedcompany2@hotmail.com](mailto:mixedcompany2@hotmail.com).

Optimist International is one of the world's largest service club organizations, with 80,000 adult

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# Martin Luther King rally postponed; breakfast continues via Zoom

## BULLETIN REPORT

Because of the pandemic, the Doña Ana Branch of the NAACP has postponed the Martin Luther King Jr. rally that was scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 16, at Plaza de Las Cruces, the branch announced.

However, the Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast will be held live via Zoom beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 17. The keynote speaker will be Lt. Gov. Howie Morales of Silver City. There is no cost to

participate, but registration is required.

To register for the breakfast, visit [us02web.zoom.us/join/98512345678](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/98512345678) or [www.zoom.us/join/98512345678](https://www.zoom.us/join/98512345678). Or visit [naacpdac.org](https://www.naacpdac.org), click on "CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO" and then click on "Register Click Here."

The theme of this year's



**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**



**HOWIE MORALES**

breakfast is "Always Fighting Forward."

Morales was elected New Mexico's 30th lieutenant

governor in 2018.

A native of Silver City, he worked as a special education teacher in the Silver City and Cobre (Baird, New Mexico) school districts before being elected Grant County

clerk in 2004. Morales held that position until his appointment to the New Mexico State Senate representing District 28 in January 2008 following the death of long-time state Sen. Ben Altamirano. He held the Senate seat until his election as lieutenant governor.

King was born Jan. 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. He was assassinated April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee. A Baptist minister and civil rights leader, King won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 and was

posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977. He earned a doctorate in systematic theology from Boston University. King led the 1955 bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama where, on Dec. 5, 1955, Rosa Parks, a Black woman, was arrested for refusing to give her seat on a bus to a white person. The boycott lasted Dec. 5, 1955-Dec. 20, 1956.

King helped organize the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, during which

he delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for combating racial inequality through nonviolent resistance. King was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established as a holiday in numerous cities and states beginning in 1971. President Ronald Reagan made it a federal holiday in 1986.

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## COMING UP

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### January

» Doña Ana Arts Council

monthly show. Darien Bogart's landscapes will be shown in the main gallery, while Mary Prentice's whimsical birds will be

shown in the Staszewski Library. Located at 250 W. Amador. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. on

second Saturday of each month. Information: 575-523-6403 or [www.daarts.org](https://www.daarts.org).

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# Steinborn introduces bill to pay for high-quality masks, home testing

## BULLETIN REPORT

New Mexico Sen. Jeff Steinborn, D-Doña Ana, introduced legislation Jan. 3 to provide free high-quality KN 95 facemasks and Covid-19 home testing kits to New Mexicans, Stein-



**JEFF STEINBORN**

born said in a news release. Steinborn said his bills would appropriate \$10 million to the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) to pay for up to four KN 95 masks and \$50 million to NMDOH to pay for two

home test kits for all New Mexico residents.

The state has more than \$500 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding remaining to be appropriated in the upcoming 2022 legislative session, the news release said.

The bill will be con-

sidered during the 2022 session of the New Mexico Legislature, which convenes Jan. 18 for 30 days.

"It's important New Mexico stay on the offensive against Covid-19 and do all we can to keep people safe," Steinborn said. "This funding can help provide some of the most powerful tools we have to

limit the spread of Covid, and that's high-quality masks, and convenient accessible tests."

N 95 and KN 95 masks are designed to offer the greatest protection from Covid particles being inhaled, preventing up to 95 percent of infectious particles, as compared to a surgical or cloth face-

mask, the news release said. According to medical experts, cloth masks may only provide up to 30 percent protection against Covid, while surgical masks provide approximately 60 percent protection, Steinborn said.

Steinborn serves on the Senate Finance Committee.

## Bulletin's 2022 Legislative Guide now available online, in print later this month

### By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Bulletin's 2022 Southwest New Mexico Legislative Guide will be published later this month and will include information about all 112

members of the New Mexico Legislature, Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and Lt. Gov. Howie Morales and other state officials.

Starting this week, you can also view the Legislative Guide online at [www.lascrucesbulletin.com](http://www.lascrucesbulletin.com).

The publication will focus on state senators and representatives from nine southwest New Mexico counties: Catron, Doña Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Lincoln, Luna, Otero, Sierra and Socorro.

The guide will provide

contact information for all legislators as well as updates on changes to the House membership as a result of 2021 resignations. It also includes information and links to the newly drawn congressional, legislative

and New Mexico Public Education Commission districts as approved by the Legislature during its December special session and signed into law by Lujan Grisham.

The 76-page guide includes a cover photo from

White Sands National Park as well as photos from all nine featured counties and information on their histories, governments and schools and information about the communities in each county.

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# Green Grapppler: City releases new schedule, plus info on what service does

## BULLETIN REPORT

The City of Las Cruces has mailed its 2022 Green Grapppler pickup schedule to city residents.

“The Grapppler is a monthly residential service provided by Las Cruces Utilities to pick up large, bulky trash items that are too big to fit into your brown city trash container. On the same day, the Green Grapppler picks up yard waste (green waste) to be recycled into composted mulch,” according to the city’s website.

“Both grapplers come to



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**The Green Grapppler picks up yard waste, such as grass clippings, leaves, weeds and tree branches to be recycled.**

your house once-a-month on your normal trash day. There is no additional charge for this service,” the website added.

“The Grapppler will pick up an amount equal to two-level half-ton pickup

truck loads, or 4 cubic yards, which is equivalent to four 5-foot by 3-foot by 2-foot adjacent piles.

“All Grapppler and Green Grapppler items should be placed at the curb and should be at

least 5 feet away from all other items and obstacles, such as any other trash, furniture, trash container, cars, trees and mailboxes,” the website continued.

“Examples of items the Grapppler can pick up include extra trash, furniture, mattresses and appliances.

“The Grapppler cannot pick up any type of construction or remodeling material such as glass or mirrors, cast iron sinks or bathtubs, concrete, flooring, fluorescent bulbs or fixtures, hazardous waste, insulation or fiberglass,

paint, roofing, toilets or any ceramic appliances or vehicle parts.

“The Green Grapppler picks up yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, weeds and tree branches. These items are then taken to the Old Foothills Landfill to be recycled into composted mulch, helping divert unnecessary items taking up space in the regional landfill.”

Customer Central is located at Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main St. Call 575-541-2111. The emergency number is 575-526-0500.

Hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Monday-Friday. The city’s East Mesa facility, 5195 Bataan Memorial West No. 2, is open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Contact Customer Central to schedule additional pickups. Larger loads can be scheduled for pick up for an additional charge as explained in the Solid Waste Rates.

Visit externalforms.las-cruces.org/Grapppler/Grapppler and enter your street address to find your Green Grapppler route.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

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ing the use of well LRG-07859-POD2, located within the NE 1/4 of projected Section 35, Township 23 South, Range 1 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 16' 13.63" N, 106° 48' 11.47" W (WGS84) on land owned by Rancho Barro, LLC and by drilling new well LRG-06368-POD4, to a depth of 200 ft. with an 8 in casing, to be located within the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 35, Township 23 South, Range 1 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 57.89" N, 106° 48' 21.24" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 4.19 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE 1/4 of projected Section 35, Township 23 South, Range 1 East (NMPM) as described by Subfile Order No. LRN-28-012-0324, Right A of the Third Judicial District Court, Dona Ana County, State of New Mexico.

The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23.

Dona Ana is the County affected by the diversion and in which the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. This notice is ordered to be published in the Las Cruces Bulletin.

To view the application and supporting documents contact the State Engineer District Office to arrange a date and time for an appointment located at 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

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, email address, 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 on or before **February 25, 2022**. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest if 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, at 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 12/31/21, 01/07/22, 01/14/22

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on November 17, 2021, Elvia and Miguel Cisneros, 1845 Martha Dr. Las Cruces, NM 88001 filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No. LRG-04286-POD5, OSE File No. LRG-04286-B, for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by drilling new well LRG-04286-POD5, to be located within the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 28, Township 25 South, Range 3 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 5' 50.36" N, 106° 38' 34.02" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, and by discontinuing the use of wells LRG-04286-S, LRG-04286-S-2, and LRG-04286-POD4, as described by OSE File No. LRG-04286, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 22.007 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW 1/4 of Section 28, Township 25 South,

Range 3 East (NMPM).

The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23.

The proposed site of new well LRG-04286-POD5 is south of Vado, NM and is approximately 815 ft. east of the intersection of Mustang St. and Franco Rd.

Dona Ana is the County affected by the diversion and in which the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. This notice is ordered to be published in the Las Cruces Bulletin.

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Dates: 01/07, 01/14, 01/21 2022

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on November 18, 2021, James and Deborah Michael, 2265 Avalon Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No. LRG-14534-1 into LRG-18287 for Permit to Change Point of Diversion and Place and Purpose of Use of Groundwater within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico.

Dona Ana is the County affected by the diversion and in which the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. This notice is ordered to be published in the Las Cruces Bulletin.

Request to transfer the consumptive use of 2.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater associated with groundwater right file LRG-14534-1, historically exercised from wells LRG-14534-POD1, LRG-14534-POD2, and LRG-14534-POD3, all located within the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 01, Township 23 South, Range 01 East NMPM, and more specifically described as where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 19' 50.04" N, 106° 47' 21.19" W, and 32° 19' 50.03" N and 106° 47' 21.14" W, and 32° 19' 49.94" N and 106° 47' 21.51" W (WGS84), respectively, on land owned by James and Deborah Michael, adjudicated for mobile home park used at 2200 N. Alameda Blvd. and 365 Karen Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, owned James and Deborah Michael, as described by subfile Order No. LRN-28-010-9006, Right A, of the Third Judicial District Court, Dona Ana County, State of New Mexico.

The transferred 2.0 acre-feet per annum consumptive use of shallow groundwater is to instead be exercised from existing drinking and sanitary well LRG-15883-POD1, located within NW 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 04, Township 24 South, Range 2 East NMPM, and more specifically described as where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 14' 40.73" N, 106° 44' 46.63" W (WGS84), on land owned Isidro Pena, drilled to a depth of 400 feet below ground surface with four casing to be used for commercial greenhouse operation located on land

owned by Isidro Pena, within the SW 1/4 of Section 04, Township 24 South, Range 2 East.

Proposed Place of Use and existing Well LRG-15883-POD1 can be found at the physical address of 5555 South Main Street, Mesilla Park, NM

Wells LRG-14534-POD1, LRG-14534-POD2, and LRG-14534-POD3 located approximately 140 feet north of the intersection of Alameda Avenue and Three Crosses, in Las Cruces, NM and will be retained for the exercise of other groundwater rights,

To view the application and supporting documents contact the State Engineer District Office to arrange a date and time for an appointment located at 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity asserting 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, email address, 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 on or before February 11, 2022. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest if 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, at 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 01/07, 01/14, 01/21 2022

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on November 22, 2021, Kevin and Angie Taylor, 1892 Tejean

Trail Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No. LRG-01566-POD6, OSE File No. LRG-01566-EA, for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower

Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by drilling new well LRG-01566-POD6, to a depth of 300 ft. with an 8 in. casing, to be located within the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 9, Township 22 South, Range 1 East (NMPM), and more specifically

located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 24' 25.90" N, 106° 50' 30.73" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, and by discontinuing the use of wells LRG-01566, LRG-01566-S, LRG-01566-S-2, LRG-01566-S-3, and LRG-01566-S-4, as described by OSE

File No. LRG-01566-EA, on land owned by multiple others, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 11.56 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SE 1/4 of projected Section 9, Township 22 South, Range 1 East (NMPM) as described by Subfile Order No. LRN-28-003-0053-A, Right A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23.

The proposed site of new well LRG-01566-POD6 is north of Dona Ana, NM and is approximately 652 ft. northeast of the intersection of Catalana Dr. and Harvey Farm Rd.

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To view the application and supporting documentation contact the State Engineer

District Office to arrange a date and time for an appointment located at 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

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DATES: 12/31/21; 01/07/22; 01/14/22

Notice is hereby given that the following property shall be sold at public auction or otherwise disposed of in satisfaction of lien in accordance with the New Mexico Self Storage Act.

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Dates: 01/07, 01/14, 2022

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Adoption of the Following Ordinance(s) at the Regular City Council Meeting Held on January 3, 2022:

Council Bill No. 22-013; Ordinance No. 2991: An Ordinance to Authorize the Conveyance of a City-Owned Vacant Parcel Known as Lot 2 Sierra Summary Subdivision, to Tierra Del Sol Housing Corporation for the Development of Affordable Housing as Authorized Under the State of New Mexico's Affordable Housing Act (the Act) NMSA 1978 Chapter 104, in Conjunction with the City's Affordable Housing General Oversight Ordinance.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 5th day of January, 2022.

Christine Rivera, CMC  
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Date 01/14 2022

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## New board chair takes helm

By **CRAIG BUCHANAN**  
GLCCC Chair

As we begin 2022, the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce is well positioned as an effective advocate for our business community. Special thanks to Jed Fanning, 2021 Chairman, for his leadership through a challenging but productive year. It was great to transition from nearly entirely virtual interaction in 2020 back to in-person events such as our monthly luncheons, Leadership Las Cruces events and a successful golf tournament during 2021.

During 2022, the Chamber will focus on supporting local economic

development activities, to include our growing aerospace industry, space industry, manufacturing and technology, agriculture industries and military support industries. The Chamber's Military Affairs Committee focuses on our military partners to provide support and advocacy for growth in our region. We will advocate for programs supporting educational opportunities aligned with career opportunities here in Las Cruces and across our region. The Chamber's support of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico helps connect the business community and educational institutions to focus on the needs of an ever-changing work-



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**Craig Buchanan,**  
Board Chair

place.

The Chamber, led by President & CEO Debbi Moore, along with Brandi Misquez and Cyndi Armijo, works tirelessly in support of our local business community. The

Chamber is an effective advocate due to strong support from local businesses and connection to related advocacy groups such as MVEDA, Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and The Borderplex Alliance. The Chamber maintains strong relationships with The City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County and our local elected representatives at all levels. Our Chamber maintains broader relationships with various local chambers across New Mexico and through the New Mexico Chamber of Commerce.

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# Misquez graduates from 'chamber school'

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Institute for Organization Management News Release

Institute for Organization Management, the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, is pleased to announce that Brandi Misquez, IOM, Executive Assistant to the President, of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, has graduated from the program and has received the recognition of IOM. Awarded to all graduates of the Institute program, the IOM Graduate Recognition signifies the individual's completion of 96 hours of course instruction in nonprofit management. In addition, participants can earn credit hours toward the Certified Chamber Executive (CCE) or Certified Association Executive (CAE) certifications. Nearly 1,000 individuals attend Institute annually.

"Institute graduates are recognized across the country as leaders in their industries and organizations," said Raymond P. Towle, IOM, CAE, the U.S. Chamber Foundation's vice president of Institute for Organization Management. "These individuals have the knowledge, skills, and dedication necessary to achieve professional and organizational success in the dynamic association and chamber industries."

Since its commencement in 1921, the Institute pro-



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Brandi Misquez

gram has been educating tens of thousands of association, chamber, and other nonprofit leaders on how to build stronger organizations, better serve their members and become strong business advocates. Institute's curriculum consists of four weeklong sessions at four different university locations throughout the country. Through a combination of required courses and electives in areas such as leadership, advocacy, marketing, finance, and membership, Institute participants are able to enhance their own organizational management skills and add new fuel to their organizations, making them run more efficiently and effectively.

Institute for Organization Management is the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. It is the premier nonprofit professional development program for association and chamber professionals, fostering individual growth through interactive learning and networking opportunities.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation (USCCF) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce dedicated to strengthening America's long-term competitiveness and helping community businesses thrive. For more information visit [institute.uschamber.com](http://institute.uschamber.com).

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We encourage your participation with the Chamber. Las Cruces Days in Santa Fe is scheduled for Feb. 5-7, 2022. Consider supporting Chamber leadership programs such as Leadership Las Cruces and Jr. Leadership Las Cruces. The Ambassadors host monthly S.T.I.R. events with local businesses. GLCCC hosts monthly "In the Know" luncheons. Most important, please continue supporting the Chamber with your membership. I am pleased to serve as the 2022 Chair of your Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and look forward to working with you for the success of our community.

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# Finding joy in the New Year

By **CAROLINE ZAMORA**

I enjoy some things about this New Year and some I dislike, especially going into year three of a global pandemic. Like many of my friends, I've experienced difficulty finding hope and feeling excited about the new year.

For the past six years or so, my friends have traveled from our corners of the country to Albuquerque and spent New Year's Eve together. Last New Year, we Zoom called, and it was different but still fun given the state of the pandemic.

Going into this New Year, I was not feeling enthusiastic about it. In fact, I was working hard to come up with an excuse to bail on the festivities. The "Pandemic Gloom" and "Holiday Blues" were taking over. I took some advice for overcoming the holiday blues, that is, to spend time with people who bring you joy. So rather than staying in bed staring at the ceiling, I packed

my bags for a weekend in Albuquerque.

It was a smaller gathering than our usual event. Some of my friends are new parents, and traveling with little ones is not something they want to do during a pandemic. Those of us who were there, even with the new, more transmissible Omicron variant, still felt safe because we were fully vaccinated and boosted.

So we gathered, and it was terrific. Seeing friends, eating together, playing games, laughter, and just getting to hug loved ones I hadn't seen in years brought me so much joy. For a few days, the holiday blues and pandemic gloom seemed to disappear.

When I got home, the gloom and blues were back. For those who are experiencing the same feelings, I want you to know you are not alone. I read that 14 percent of Americans experience the Holiday Blues, and I suspect that number is higher given the pandemic. So my advice is to spend time with people and do things that bring you joy safely. Or if being around others right now is not what you need, then it's okay to decline and spend some time alone. Maybe try a Zoom or phone call. Perhaps take a walk outside or take up crocheting.

A New Year can be hard for many of us. I hope you find moments to enjoy it and to look forward toward the future.



**CAROLINE ZAMORA**

Chair of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors

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## “Heavenly Bites: México”

This six-episode documentary series from creators Nacho Gil (“Los Plebes”) and Laura Woldenberg (“Vice News”) follows a rotating cast of characters around the country as they seek out the best flavors, most eccentric dishes and sumptuous desserts on a gastronomic adventure that showcases the ingenuity of the food lovers creating Mexican cuisine. (ORIGINAL SERIES)



## “Movie: The Royal Treatment”

“Black Thunder” and “Night Hunter” director Rick Jacobson steps out of his usual action adventure mode to helm this romantic comedy that stars Laura Marano (“Austin & Ally”) as Izzy, a New York hairdresser who seizes the opportunity to work the wedding of charming Prince Thomas (Mena Massoud, “Aladdin”). But complications arise when sparks fly between the two. (ORIGINAL MOVIE)



## “Ozark”

The first seven episodes of the 14-episode final round finds Marty and Wendy (Jason Bateman, Laura Linney) rid of Helen and at the top of the Navarro empire. They find another opportunity to get out of the Ozarks but some past sins come back to haunt them. Julia Garner, Sofia Hublitz, Skylar Gaertner, Charlie Tahan and Jessica Frances Dukes also star. (ORIGINAL SERIES)

## In Focus



## “The Real Housewives of New Jersey” (Bravo — season premiere, Feb. 1)

New friend Traci Johnson joins familiar Housewives Teresa Giudice, Melissa Gorga, Margaret Josephs, Dolores Catania, Jackie Goldscheider and Jennifer Aydin as this long-running reality series opens Season 12. After years of marital turmoil, a resilient Teresa is pondering moving in with boyfriend Luis and blending their families. Elsewhere, Margaret is dealing with some guilt after revealing an Aydin family secret, causing pain to Jennifer. Meanwhile, Jackie finally is forced to confront her eating disorder.

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## movie review

BY JAY BOBBIN

## Denzel Washington's strong work lifts 'Flight'

If you're about to travel on an airplane, this might not be the time to see “Flight.”

That's not because the 2012 drama – which EPIX presents Monday, Jan. 17 and Tuesday, Jan. 18 – isn't a good movie. It's extremely good indeed, but early on, it presents a crisis-in-flight scene that will stand your hair on end. That's no surprise, since “Flight” is directed by someone who had done such a scene before with great and terrifying skill: Robert Zemeckis, who put Tom Hanks through a similar emergency with the crash that set “Cast Away” in motion.

That's just the beginning of “Flight,” which primarily is a character study that gives Denzel Washington a crack at a somewhat different kind of role. He surely has played flawed people, but here, he tries to conceal the flaws as the pilot who becomes a media hero after maneuvering his passenger jet out of seemingly certain doom during a fierce storm.

Not all such heroes necessarily want to be that widely praised and looked at; even Capt. “Sully” Sullenberger seemed a bit uncomfortable with all the justified praise after his “miracle landing” in New York. But Washington's character, the charismatic and

somewhat arrogant “Whip” Whitaker, has another reason for not wanting the spotlight shining so brightly on him. He had drugs and liquor in his system when he performed his heroics.

As many people as he saves in the near-disaster, he can't save everyone, and the National Transportation Safety Board comes calling to start the preliminaries of an investigation. This is where a story such as “Flight” takes a star as skilled as Washington. Once the scary special effects and aerobatics that set the tale in motion are over, the movie needs somewhere to go, and Washington steers it there most ably.



Denzel Washington  
in “Flight”

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PBS-KRWG	2	22	22	NewsHour	BBC News	Animals With Cameras		NOVA "Alaskan Dinosaurs"		Big Pacific "Voracious"		World News	Amanpour and Company (N)	Firing-Hoover	PBS NewsHour		
CBS-KDBC	3	4	4	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel	The Price Is Right at Night		The Amazing Race (N)		Good Sam (N)		CBS4 News	Late Show-Colbert	James Corden			Paid Program
ABC-KVIA	7	7	7	News	Ent. Tonight	Goldbergs	Wonder	The Conners	Home Econ.	The Chase (N)		News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!	(:37) Nightline	Ent. Tonight	Hollywood	
FOX-KFOX	8	14	14	Big Bang	Big Bang	I Can See Your Voice (N)		Next Level Chef "Fowl Play"		KFOX News at Nine (N)		Mod Fam	Mod Fam	DailyMailTV	Simpsons	Two Men	Two Men
NBC-KTSM	9	9	9	KTSM 9 News at 6 (N)		Chicago Med (N)		Chicago Fire (N)		Chicago P.D. "To Protect"		KTSM News	Tonight Show-J. Fallon	Late Night With Seth Meyers	(:37) TMZ (N)		
UNI-KINT	10	-	26	¿Qué le pasa a mi familia?		La rosa de Guadalupe (N)		Vencer el pasado (N)		Madre (N)		Noticiero Uni.	Noticiero	Contacto deportivo (N) (Live)	Vencer el pasado		
TEL-KTDO	11	48	48	Exatón Estados Unidos (N)				Hercai: amor y venganza (N)		Malverde: el santo patrón		Noticiero	Noticias	Parientes a la fuerza (N)	Señora Acero		
UMAS-KTFN	13	7593	65	Las mil y una noches (N)		Enamorándonos (N) (Live)		Inseparables, amor al límite		Esta historia me suena		Esta historia me suena	Mita y mita	Mita y mita	Mita y mita	Las mil y una noches	
CW-KVIA2	14	17	8	Sheldon	Sheldon	DC's Legends of Tomorrow		Batwoman (N)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Sheldon	Last-Standing	25 Words	Pawn Stars	Storage Wars	Highway Thru
A&E	43	118	265	The First 48		The First 48: Wrong Place		(:01) The First 48		(:04) The First 48		(:03) The First 48		The First 48: Wrong Place		(12:04) The First 48	
AMC	57	131	254	*** "Beetlejuice" (1988) Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin.		** "The Great Outdoors" (1988, Comedy) Dan Aykroyd.		*** "Beetlejuice" (1988) Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin.		Walking Dead: World							
COMEDY	35	107	249	South Park	(:45) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park
COOK	123	113	232	Carnival Eats	Carnival Eats	Carnival Eats	Carnival Eats	Food Paradise (N)		Food Paradise		Carnival Eats	Carnival Eats	Carnival Eats	Carnival Eats	Food Paradise	
DSC	47	182	278	Moonshiners "Under Pressure" (N)		(:02) Growing Belushi		Master Distiller		Moonshiners "Under Pressure"						(12:02) Growing Belushi	
E!	37	114	236	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Relatively Famous: Ranch		Relatively Famous: Ranch		Relatively Famous: Ranch	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Nightly Pop	Hollywood
ESPN	27	140	206	(5:45) NBA Basketball Charlotte Hornets at Boston Celtics.		(:05) NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Denver Nuggets. (Live)		SportsCenter W/Van Pelt		SportsCenter W/Van Pelt		SportsCenter W/Van Pelt		SportsCenter W/Van Pelt		SportsCenter	
FOOD	40	110	231	Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Worst Cooks in America "Beach Bites" (N)		Diners, Drive		Guy's Chance of a Lifetime		Guy's Grocery Games		Worst Cooks in America "Beach Bites"		Diners, Drive	
FX	29	136	248	** "Pitch Perfect 3" (2017) Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson.		*** "The Blind Side" (2009, Drama) Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron.		*** "The Blind Side" (2009, Drama) Sandra Bullock.									
GALA	25	273	404	Vecinos	Vecinos	Vecinos	Vecinos	Vecinos	Vecinos	Esta historia me suena		Mula de tres	Noticias	María	María	Cousins	Cousins
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HALL	58	185	312	"The Baker's Son" (2021, Romance) Brant Daugherty.		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier
HGTV	41	112	229	Property Brothers		(:01) Home Inspector Joe		Hunters	Hunters	(:01) Moving for Love (N)		Home Inspector Joe		Hunters	Hunters	Moving for Love	
HISTORY	44	120	269	Forged in Fire		(:03) Forged in Fire (N)		(:03) Forged in Fire		(:03) Forged in Fire		(:03) Forged in Fire		(:06) Forged in Fire		(12:06) Forged in Fire	
LIFE	39	108	252	Married at First Sight "Bean Town Wedding Throw Down"		Leave It to Geege (N)		(:03) Married at First Sight		(:03) Married at First Sight		(:01) Married at First Sight		(:01) Married at First Sight		(12:01) Leave It to Geege	
LIFEMOV	119	109	253	"Malicious Motives" (2021, Suspense) Revell Carpenter.		"Black Hearted Killer" (2020, Suspense) Julie McNiven.		(:01) "Malicious Motives" (2021) Revell Carpenter.		"Black Hearted Killer" (2020)							
NBCSN	25	159	220	(Off Air)		(Off Air)											
PAR	34	241	241	(5:00) **** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994)		*** "Air Force One" (1997, Suspense) Harrison Ford, Gary Oldman, Glenn Close.		**** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama)									
SYFY	59	122	244	(4:04) "The Accountant"		** "Armageddon" (1998) Bruce Willis. A hero tries to save Earth from an asteroid.		(:03) ★ "Geostorm" (2017, Action) Gerard Butler, Jim Sturgess.								Twilight Zone	
TBS	33	139	247	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live)		Go-Big Show		Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	George	George	George	George
TCM	169	132	256	**** "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" (1939) James Stewart.		**** "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town" (1936) Gary Cooper.		(:45) **** "You Can't Take It With You" (1938, Comedy) Jean Arthur.									
TLC	45	183	280	My 600-Lb. Life (N)		Too Large (Part 1 of 2)		Save My Skin (N)		My 600-Lb. Life						Too Large (Part 1 of 2)	
TNT	32	138	245	NHL Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs at New York Rangers.		NHL Hockey Colorado Avalanche at Anaheim Ducks. (Live)								NCIS: New Orleans		NCIS: New Orleans	
TRAV	49	196	277	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TRU TV	30	242	246	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers
USA	31	105	242	9-1-1 "A Whole New You"		9-1-1 "Under Pressure" (N)		9-1-1 "7.1" (N)		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	

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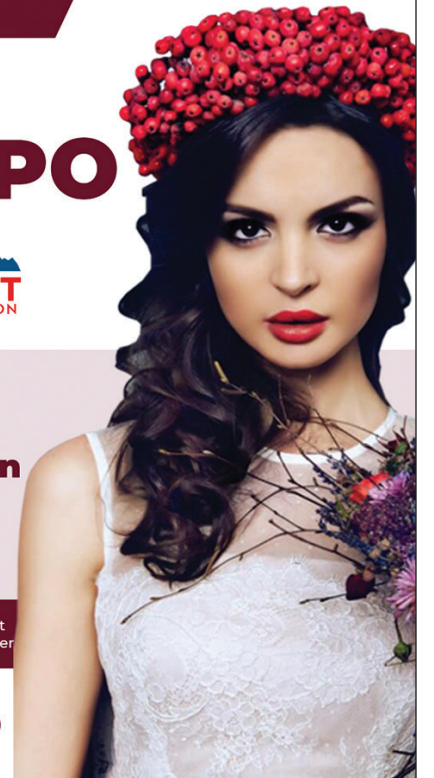
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## “Movie: A Sort of Homecoming”

A return home to Louisiana and a reunion with her high school debate coach conjures a New York news producer’s memories of her eventful senior year, when she and her partner were on the national debate circuit and vying for scholarships, in this 2015 drama from Maria Burton (“Temps,” “Just Friends”). Michelle Clunie, Laura Marano and Katherine Wilhoite head the cast.



## “Movie: A Hero”

Things don’t go as planned when Rahim (Amir Jadidi), an Iranian on leave from debtor’s prison, tries to convince his creditor to withdraw his complaint in return for partial payment in this thriller movie from Iranian filmmaker Asghar Farhadi (“Everybody Knows”). The film was a hit this past spring at Cannes, where it won the Grand Prix Award. (ORIGINAL MOVIE)



## “As We See It”

Jason Katims (“Roswell,” “Parenthood”) is the creative force behind this comedy series that follows three 20-something roommates on the autism spectrum as they strive to get and keep jobs, make friends, fall in love and navigate a world that eludes them. Rick Glassman, Albert Rutecki, Sue Ann Pien and Sosie Bacon head the cast. (ORIGINAL SERIES)



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8:30 p.m. **COOK Bizarre Foods: Delicious Destinations** Andrew explores Charlotte, N.C., a city where big banking meets blue-collar traditions.

#### Tuesday

9:00 p.m. **COOK** Anthony Bourdain:

**No Reservations** Tony samples Liberia’s traditional culinary offerings.

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Air Force One \*\*\* PAR Wed. 8 p.m., Thu. 5 p.m.

**B**  
Back to the Future Part III \*\*\* TNT Tue. 6 p.m.  
The Barefoot Contessa \*\*\* TCM Sun. 6 p.m.  
Batman \*\*\* AMC Sun. 7 p.m.  
A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood \*\*\*½ FX Tue. 7:30 p.m.  
Beetlejuice \*\*\* AMC Sun. 5 p.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
Black Panther \*\*\*½ TBS Mon. 5 p.m.  
BlacKkKlansman \*\*\*½ FX Mon. 6 p.m.  
The Blind Side \*\*\* FX Wed. 8 p.m.  
Bridesmaids \*\*\* TBS Sun. 6 p.m.

**C**  
Captain America: The Winter Soldier \*\*\* FX Sat. 6:30 p.m.  
Cleopatra \*\*\* TCM Sat. 6 p.m.  
Creed II \*\*\* TNT Sun. 4:30 p.m.

**F**  
The French Connection \*\*\*\* TCM Thu. 6 p.m.  
The Fugitive \*\*\*½ PAR Thu. 8 p.m.

**G**  
Grease \*\*\* PAR Sun. 5 p.m.

**J**  
Jaws \*\*\*\* AMC Tue. 6 p.m.  
John Wick \*\*\* A&E Sat. 8:01 p.m.

**K**  
Knives Out \*\*\*½ E! Sun. 7 p.m.

**L**  
A League of Their Own \*\*\* PAR Sun. 7:30 p.m.  
The LEGO Movie \*\*\*½ A&E Sat. 6 p.m.  
The Lincoln Lawyer \*\*\* PAR Fri. 7:30 p.m.

**M**  
Men in Black \*\*\* AMC Mon. 5 p.m.  
Mr. Smith Goes to Washington \*\*\*\* TCM Wed. 6 p.m.

**N**  
Nothing But a Man \*\*\* TCM Mon. 4:15 p.m.

**P**  
Places in the Heart \*\*\*½ TCM Tue. 6 p.m.

**R**  
Raiders of the Lost Ark \*\*\* PAR Mon. 6 p.m.

**S**  
Scream \*\*\* SYFY Fri. 5 p.m.

Scream 2 \*\*\* SYFY Fri. 7:30 p.m.  
Selena \*\*\* E! Fri. 6 p.m.  
The Shawshank Redemption \*\*\*\* PAR Wed. 5 p.m.  
Shrek \*\*\*½ SYFY Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 5 p.m.  
Shrek 2 \*\*\* SYFY Sun. 7 p.m.  
Sicario \*\*\*½ KTDO Sat. 7:30 p.m.

**T**  
Tombstone \*\*\* AMC Fri. 6 p.m.  
Top Gun \*\*\* PAR Fri. 5 p.m.

**V**  
Violent Playground \*\*\* TCM Fri. 8 p.m.

**W**  
The Wolf of Wall Street \*\*\*½ PAR Sat. 5 p.m.

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crossword puzzle



- 33. "The \_\_\_ I"; Fred MacMurray movie
- 38. Prefix for pay or play
- 39. Berry or Jennings
- 41. \_\_\_ May Clampett
- 42. "Love \_\_\_ Many Splendored Thing"
- 43. Orange Muppet
- 45. "Body of \_\_\_" (2011-13)
- 47. "The Seven \_\_\_ Itch"; Marilyn Monroe film
- 48. Actor Florek

- DOWN**
- 1. Role on "Grey's Anatomy" (2)
  - 2. Miner's find
  - 3. Friendly greeting
  - 4. "\_\_\_ Bridges" (1996-2001)
  - 5. Gambler's woe
  - 6. Symbol for gold
  - 7. "The \_\_\_ Erwin Show" (1950-55)
  - 8. Actress on "NCIS: Hawaii" (2)
  - 9. "Of \_\_\_ and Men"; 1992 Gary Sinise film
  - 11. "One \_\_\_ Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
  - 14. Initials for Sharon Osbourne's hubby
  - 15. Letter from Greece
  - 18. "Jake \_\_\_ Fatman"
  - 19. Actor \_\_\_ James Olmos
  - 22. Cemetery space
  - 24. "Ticket to \_\_\_"; Beatles song
  - 29. "All in the Family" role
  - 31. Turn a \_\_\_ ear to; ignore
  - 34. Grandpa Walton's portrayer
  - 35. Lollobrigida's initials
  - 36. "United States of \_\_\_"
  - 37. "\_\_\_ Blue" (1993-2005)
  - 40. 90 degrees from WNW
  - 42. Electrified particle
  - 44. John Wayne's state of birth; abbr.
  - 46. Actress Arquette's initials

- ACROSS**
- 1. \_\_\_ Nolan; role on "The Rookie"
  - 5. "\_\_\_ Man Standing"
  - 9. Actress Bello
  - 10. "\_\_\_ Practice" (2005-06)
  - 12. "\_\_\_ Age"; blockbuster 2002 animated film
  - 13. "My Three \_\_\_"
  - 16. Web address, for short
  - 17. Initials for late newsman Kuralt
  - 18. "Life as \_\_\_"; Kevin Kline movie
  - 20. Ending for cook, book or rook
  - 21. "Outside the Lines" network
  - 23. "Win, Lose or \_\_\_"
  - 25. "Grumpy \_\_\_ Men"; Lemmon/Matthau film
  - 26. "Minute to \_\_\_ It"
  - 27. "What \_\_\_ to Wear"
  - 28. Tally up
  - 29. School subject
  - 30. Donna or Rex
  - 32. "Star Trek \_\_\_"; The Voyage Home"

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	1					5		

To complete this puzzle, place the numbers 1-9 in the empty cells, so that every row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold outline) contains all nine digits.


Each number 1-9 may appear only once in each row, column and 3-by-3 box.

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Fill in each box of the BINGO grid below with an answer that begins with the letter above each column and belongs to the category listed before each row. List one answer for each box, although there is more than one acceptable answer for many of the boxes.

Solution is on page 13.

	<b>A</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>S</b>
Five-letter Body Parts				Free Space	
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alternate puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and a central question: 'Which baby girl's name was the most popular of 2021?'.

ACROSS

- 1. Punctuation mark
5. Home for Fred & Wilma
9. Skater Sonja
10. Foreign friend
12. Come to a close
13. Flew the coop
16. Sense of self-esteem
17. Caesar's four
18. Pool sound
20. Initials for Alaska's Palin
21. Take ten
23. Biblical book
25. TV brand
26. Chevy Tahoe or Kia Sorento, for short
27. Granola bit
28. Man's accessory
29. Actor Katz
30. Gets it wrong
32. Pronoun
33. Piece of heavy artillery

38. "Pardon me?"

- less politely
39. Building annex, often
41. Oaf
42. \_\_ Paulo, Brazil
43. Actor Sam
45. Razz
47. Bills with Hamilton's picture
48. Nothing more than

DOWN

- 1. Breakfast order (2)
2. "Pomp \_\_ Circumstance"
3. Acapulco affirmative
4. Hit for the Beatles
5. Persian & Siamese
6. Morning, for short
7. Compete
8. Breakfast order (3)
9. One listed in a will
11. Klutz's word
14. \_\_ Paso
15. Note of the scale
18. Radio program spoiler

- 19. Rush
22. Surgery memento
24. John \_\_; "Father of the National Parks"
29. Foreboding sign
31. Oxford, for one
34. Know-it-\_\_; wise guys
35. "Not on your life!"
36. Fraternity letter
37. Prussia's \_\_ von Bismarck
40. Tell it like it isn't
42. Late Mineo
44. Nimoy's initials
46. Suffix for bright or fright

Solution Olivia



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# City moving forward with affordable housing; Gandara re-elected to mayor pro tem post

## BULLETIN REPORT

At its Jan. 3 regular meeting, the Las Cruces City Council voted unanimously to adopt an ordinance authorizing the conveyance of a city-owned vacant parcel, known as Lot 2 of the Sierra Summary Sub-division, to Tierra Del Sol Housing Corporation of Las Cruces for the development of affordable housing, the city said in a news release.

The city acquired the vacant parcel several years ago from Las Cruces Public Schools in exchange for a road improvement project, the city said. The agreement with LCPS requires affordable housing development on the parcel, which is on Lewis Street, adjacent to Sierra Middle



**KASSANDRA  
GANDARA**

School.

The city will develop approximately 32 affordable housing units on the property, including eight single-family homes, 12 town houses and 12 apartment units, the news release said. Amenities will include a walking path with connectivity to Sierra Middle School and a community garden.

The city held meetings in August and November 2018 to engage neighbors of the Sierra Tract to provide their input on the potential development of the site. Input and comments received during these meetings led the city to initiate a community planning blueprint for the subject property. A community planning blueprint is a plan that promotes the vision of the city's Comprehensive Plan and serves as a policy guide for city council, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the City's Affordable Housing Land Bank and Trust Fund Advisory Com-

mittee, city staff and the public.

The resulting Sierra Tract blueprint was recommended for approval by the city Planning and Zoning Commission in December 2018 and was approved by the city council in February 2019. The blueprint guides the development of the parcel "to create a quality, innovative, affordable housing development that will be conscious of the concerns of the existing surrounding developed area and will meet the needs and desires of the city," according to a summary of the affordable housing agreement.

The Jan. 3 meeting was the first for new councilors Becki Graham and Becky Corran. Both were elected to four-year terms in November. Councilor Kassandra Gandara was unanimously re-elected mayor pro tempore of the council at the Jan 3 meeting.

Councilor Yvonne Flores did not attend the meeting.

# LC Fire Department adds social workers to team

## FROM A CITY OF LAS CRUCES NEWS RELEASE

The Las Cruces Fire Department (LCFD) is proud to shed a focused light on two recently added employees to the LCFD's Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) program.

As the MIH program continues to expand services to the Las Cruces community, two licensed social workers are now partnering with firefighter/paramedics to provide social work and case management services to residents referred to the MIH program for assistance.

Allison Stoner has worked with Las Cruces Fire Department since August 2020, first as an MIH student and now as a so-



COURTESY PHOTO

## Las Cruces Fire Department Mobile Integrated Healthcare program social workers Allison Stoner, left, and Melinda "Mendy" Fowler.

cial worker in the Opioid Overdose Outreach program. She graduated with a master's of social work from NMSU in May and is practicing as a licensed master social worker. Stoner plans to obtain clinical licensure and envisions a continued career in community mental health work.

Melinda "Mendy" Fowler, a Las Cruces native, is a licensed masters social worker. Since her graduation from the NMSU School of Social Work in 2019, Fowler has served in both a hospital and outpatient clinic. Her experience in health care includes palliative care, behavioral health and resident physician education. Her internship experiences included LCFD Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program and the Memorial Medical Center (MMC) Family Medicine Center. Fowler is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and was awarded the LifePoint Mercy Award in 2021 for her work on the palliative care team during the COVID-19 pandemic at MMC.

## Theater group bringing 'Singing in Rain' to Downtown venue

### BULLETIN REPORT

Tickets are now on sale for Blank Conversations Theatre Company of Las Cruces' upcoming production of "Singin' in the Rain."

"Singin' in the Rain" will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 21-22 and 28-29, and at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 and 30, at Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Downtown.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students with ID. Tickets are available online and at the door.

The story was written by Betty Comden and



COURTESY PHOTO

Cast of "Singin' in the Rain" rehearses for the upcoming production which is scheduled to start Friday, Jan. 21 at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

Adolph Green, lyrics by Arthur Freed and music by Nacio Herb Brown, who was born in Deming,

New Mexico.

The cast includes Timothy Wilbur, Alyssa Gose, Collin Duffey, Rea-

gan Szulc, Mario Nuñez, Myles Ingram, Reagan Warren, Penny Pane, Chad Gonzalez, Skyler

VA, Stephen Miller, Carter Chamberlin, Evan Ince, Kareli Melendrez, Lily Ybarra, Thahec Arreola, Steven Cousler, Madeline Medina, Kimberly Burgos, Andrea Florez, Luz Resendez, Hannah Valdez, Anjuli Kvamme, Brandon Hoffman, Ali Shirsat, Karina Diven, Elia Vasquez and Caden Mitchell.

Blank Conversations' production is directed by Christopher Lininger, with Brianna Miranda serving as stage manager; assistant stage managers Roxi Garcia, Steven Cousler and Kaylin Berglund; costume designer (and former

Las Cruces Bulletin writer) Susie Ouder Kirk; choreographers Felicia Gonzales and Brianna Horvath; wardrobe supervisor Sadie Carvlin; light board operator Mattie Arminer; flymen Alex Miller and John Schwendinger; stage crew members Ashyre Rexroth, Hunter Campbell, Elton DeFrance and Joshua Jackson; and costume crew Eva Cullen, Anjelica Lucio and Jensen Stell.

Visit [www.riograndetheatre.org](http://www.riograndetheatre.org) to purchase tickets.

You can also visit [www.blankconversations.org](http://www.blankconversations.org) for more information.

## Las Cruces movie boom means lots of work, experience for young actors

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Nick Check and Jessica N. Jimenez celebrated their fourth anniversary as a couple in November by doing what they love most — working 12-plus hour days on a movie set.

In fact, the two young Las Cruces actors — he is also a set dresser and builder, and she is an on-set costumer — worked about 80 very full days each in 2021 on major motion pictures and local films that were shot in Las Cruces, Mesilla and the surrounding area.

Check also got a professional acting gig in "Dig" last spring that earned him his SAG (Screen

Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists union) card.

"The stars aligned," said Check about his featured role in the film, in which he plays the boyfriend of Harlow Jane, who starred in the film along with her father, Thomas Jane.

In addition to his acting role, Check is listed as set dresser for "Dig."

Check also spent a week on the crew of Bruce Willis' film "The Knight."

Check helped build the



JESSICA N. JIMENEZ



NICK CHECK

entire bank used in the movie, he said, along with NMSU Creative Media Institute graduate Ryan Robson and AJ Tuminarro, also of Las Cruces, who was the lead man/key builder.

Check and Jimenez each worked for several weeks on "The Locksmith." They wished each other "happy anniversary" on the set the first day of shooting (Nov. 15) in Las Cruces, and then said, "OK, gotta go," Jimenez remembers.

Jimenez costumed Ryan Philippe, Kate Bosworth and Ving Rhames for "The Locksmith," where she also bonded with actor Noel "Hector" Gugliemi.

"He was so nice," Jimenez said of Gugliemi, who did not want special treatment from her or anyone else on set. Of Italian and Mexican descent, Gugliemi grew up in the barrio in Santa Monica, California, where he was abandoned as a child and homeless for a time before becoming a successful actor, writer, producer and motivational speaker.

"He remembers where he's from," Jimenez said.

Jimenez said Gugliemi gave her "hope for the future" for her own career

as a professional actor with Hispanic roots.

"I know I fit in somewhere," she said.

Jimenez said she also bonded with actor Bourke Floyd during "The Locksmith."

She also was on-set costumer for "Hot Seat," which brought Mel Gibson to Las Cruces.

Jimenez and Check both worked locally with crew members who had been on the set of "Rust" in Santa Fe last October when a cinematographer was accidentally shot and killed because a revolver fired by actor Alec Baldwin was mistakenly loaded with live ammunition.

As a result of that inci-

dent, Jimenez said, there were no real guns on the set of "The Locksmith." Authentic-looking rubber and airsoft guns without any kind of ammunition were used instead.

Jimenez's costuming for Bosworth in "The Locksmith" included \$300 jeans and a Gucci sweater shipped in from Saks Fifth Avenue in Los Angeles, she said. But both she and Check have worked on local films with budgets of \$100 or less, where props and set pieces are acquired by "borrowing something from Uncle Bob's best friend's son," Check said.

For Las Cruces

# History Channel's 'American Pickers' wants to showcase NM

## BULLETIN REPORT

The "American Pickers" are coming back to New Mexico!

The History Channel's reality television series plans to film episodes in New Mexico in March and is looking for "sizeable, unique collections to feature on the show," the show's producers said in a news release.

The show, which premiered in January 2010,

"explores the fascinating world of antique 'picking,'" the news release said, and it "follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. Along the way, they want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the

way. The 'Pickers' have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them."

As the producers prepare for their trip to New Mexico, they are "looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure," the news release said. "If you or someone

you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the 'Pickers' can spend the better part of the day looking through, email your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to [americanpickers@cinetflix.com](mailto:americanpickers@cinetflix.com) or call 646-493-2184 or contact them on Facebook: @GotAPick.

Visit [www.history.com/shows/american-pickers](http://www.history.com/shows/american-pickers).



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Mike Wolfe and Danielle Colby of "American Pickers." The show wants to showcase unique collections in New Mexico.

# New Saturday educational program begins at Farm and Ranch Museum

## BULLETIN REPORT

"All Aboard the Ag Wagon" is a new educational program at the New

Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.

The program is 10 a.m. to noon every Saturday in the museum's

theater. With a different theme each week, a variety of activities are planned for children ages 6 to 12. Adults are wel-

come to attend or participate as well.

There are monthly and weekly themes that will continue through 2022.

The theme for January is Birds, with upcoming programs scheduled for Jan. 15, 22 and 29. Winter on the Farm is the theme for February, with programs Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26; and Agriculture is featured in March, with programs on March 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Each participant will receive a passport booklet



and stickers for the booklet will be handed out each Saturday. Activities are tied to each week's theme.

Regular museum admission is required to participate in the program — \$5 for adults, \$4 for

senior citizens and \$3 for children ages 4-17.

The museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

Call 575-522-4100. Visit [www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org](http://www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org).

## Allure of the Near East: Treasures of the Huntington Museum of Art



This exhibition explores the arts and crafts traditions of the Near East and the West's historic fascination with its decorative items.

*Allure of the Near East* was organized by the Huntington (WV) Museum of Art and is toured by International Arts & Artists, Washington, D.C.

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# 'Chasing the Thrill' author to be book club guest for Zoom talk

## BULLETIN REPORT

The Mesilla Valley Readers of Southern New Mexico (MVRSNM) book club will host "Chasing the Thrill" author Daniel Barbarisi in a Zoom presentation, 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022.

Register for the free presentation at [nmsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJck-duCqz0vGNSSGS8k4s-vMdOwb5ytiZiDN](https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/6466666666).

"Chasing the Thrill" is Barbarisi's take on the treasure hunt created in 2010 by real-life Santa Fe art dealer Forrest Fenn (1930-2020).

"When Forrest Fenn was given a fatal cancer diagnosis (1988), he came up with a bold plan: He would hide a chest full of jewels and gold in the wilderness and publish a poem that would serve as a map leading to the trea-



COURTESY PHOTO

### Daniel Barbarisi, author of "Chasing the Thrill."

sure's secret location," Barbarisi said on his website ([www.danielbarbarisi.com](http://www.danielbarbarisi.com)). "But he didn't die (then), and after hiding the treasure in 2010, Fenn instead presided over a decade-long gold rush that saw many thousands of treasure hunters scrambling across the Rocky

Mountains in pursuit of his fortune."

Fenn died in 2020 at the age of 90 of apparent natural causes, according to CNN.

Barbarisi first learned about Fenn's treasure hunt in 2017, when a friend became consumed with decoding the poem and convinced Barbarisi, a reporter, to document his search, according to the website.

During his MVRSNM presentation, Barbarisi will discuss what began as an attempt to capture the inner workings of the hunt for Fenn's treasure, said Charlotte Zimmerman of MVRSNM.

His book was published in May 2021.

Contact MVRSNM at [mesillavalleybookclub@gmail.com](mailto:mesillavalleybookclub@gmail.com) for more information about the meeting and the club.

## BOOM

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filmmaker Brandon Tyler's 2021 "Arkansas," Etc." short film, Check's character needed a motorcycle, which Check was able to borrow from a friend of his father's. For that same movie, Jimenez shopped at Savers for costumes. She also drove a front-end loader in the movie and served as intimacy coach for Check and co-star Imani Caldwell.

Check and Jimenez are both graduates of the New Mexico State University Theatre Department,

where they learned acting skills as well as stagecraft and costuming.

Jimenez has always loved to sew, she said, and credits Juneice Robinson for beginning their collaboration designing and creating a wide range of costumes in the NMSU costume shop.

Jimenez also worked with Las Cruces director, producer and screenwriter Robert Dean, and introduced him to Check, who helped get Check work on "Dig" and as an actor and set builder on other films.

"She started my whole career," said Check, who also expressed his grati-

tude to David Herford and Jim Billings in the NMSU Theatre Department for helping to develop his set-building skills.

Both actors are hoping to find agents in 2022, but their original plans to move to Albuquerque or Los Angeles, where most movie roles are cast, may be put on hold if film production continues to boom in Las Cruces.

While Check and Jimenez hope to continue building sets and making costumes, the first thing both do for any film they are a part of is audition.

"We both want to act," Jimenez said. "We're thirsty for it."

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# The B.E. Group brings live theater to NMSU for Black History Month

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

One of the pillars of the B.E. (Brooks Enrichment) Group led founders Tiffany and Christopher Brooks to partner with the New Mexico State University Museum of Art (UAM) on a production of the play "The Colored Museum" at the museum in February.

The production will be part of NMSU's February celebration of Black History Month and artist Nikesha Breeze's exhibition "Four Sites of Return: Ritual, Remembrance, Reparation & Reclamation," that opens Jan. 21 at UAM.

Both of the Brooks have parts in "The Colored Museum," which was written by playwright and Tony-winning director



**TIFFANY AND CHRISTOPHER BROOKS**

George C. Wolfe and had 198 off-Broadway performances in 1986-87 and has been performed at theaters around the country and in London.

Each of "The Colored Museum's" 11 "exhibits" or scenes have "very special and deep messages," as they explore racism, stereotypes and Black history and culture, Tiffany and Christopher Brooks said.

The play "has electrified, discomfited and delighted audiences of all colors, redefining our

ideas of what it means to be Black in contemporary America," according to its publisher, Dramatists Play Service. "Its 11 'exhibits' undermine Black stereotypes old and new and return to the facts of what being Black means."

The play's sketches include "The Hairpiece," as a woman decides which of two wigs to wear to a breakup date. Her choices, a 1960s afro wig and a long, flowing wig, come to life to debate the deeper meaning of each choice.

Other scenes include: "Git on Board," as Miss Pat welcomes the audience on board a slave ship; and "A Solider with a Secret," with a character recounting his supernatural experiences while on combat duty in Vietnam.

"It's an exciting journey," Christopher Brooks

said.

"The Colored Museum" premiered in 1986 but "is still just as relevant today," he said.

The two said their production of the play, which will also have two February performances at UTEP, will cost \$15,000, about 80 percent of which the Brooks hope to pay out to their cast members. They are hoping to raise part of that cost through donations and sponsorships.

The play will be performed at 7 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 4 and 11 at UAM, 1308 University Ave. There is no charge to attend, but you must get tickets in advance at [linktr.ee/nmsu-artmuseum](http://linktr.ee/nmsu-artmuseum).

Christopher Brooks is retired from the U.S. Army and is a motivational speaker, author and actor.

Tiffany Brooks is an event planner and workout specialist who works at Doña Ana Community College's Workforce Center in Las Cruces as a career resource coordinator.

The husband-and-wife team, who live in El Paso, formed B.E. Group in 2021 with four pillars: Be Motivated, Be Healthy, Be Creative and Be Community.

Through B.E. Group, they "hope to enrich the lives of others," Christopher Brooks said. As servant leaders and doing something they love, the Brooks want to "have some kind of positive impact."

Producing, directing and starring in "The Colored Museum" is their first venture.

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## Agave's featured artist to give two free workshops this month

### BULLETIN REPORT

Kathy Baker is Agave Artist Gallery's artist of the month for January.

Baker will conduct two free workshops in January. The first workshop, 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, will focus on the basics of solar dyeing of fiber, including yarn and basket materials. The second workshop, 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, will include a demonstration on spinning art yarn using a diversity of fibers and sustainable resources. Both workshops require pre-registration at [www.agaveartists.com](http://www.agaveartists.com) or 575-339-9870, as space is limited.

A Las Cruces clay and fiber artist, Baker creates art with yarn, gourds, ceramics, weaving and basketry, sometimes in one project.

Baker is a member of the Las Cruces Potters' Guild and the Fiber Arts Network.

Among other exhibitions, Baker was a participating artist in the Celebration of Clay (Santa Fe 2019), From the Ground



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### Kathy Baker's art using sun-dyed yarn

Up (Las Cruces 2019), The Albuquerque Fiber Fest (Virtual 2020) and Fire and Fiber (Las Cruces 2020).

Agave Artist Gallery, 2250 Calle de San Albino, is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, call 575-339-9870 or email [agaveartists@gmail.com](mailto:agaveartists@gmail.com).

## Museum's Science Café event going online to talk about groundwater contamination

### BULLETIN REPORT

The Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science (MONAS) and Sigma Xi present "Science Café" via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, to discuss groundwater contamination.

The program is called "Surfactant-Enhanced Permanganate Oxidation for Pool-Dominated TCE Sources in Heterogeneous Porous Media," with guest speaker Nihat Hakan Akyol, Ph.D. from Kocaeli University in Turkey.

Call 575-522-3120 or email [education@las-cruces.org](mailto:education@las-cruces.org) for a link to the program, or go to [Zoom.us](https://Zoom.us) with webinar ID 89674825854.

Contamination of groundwaters by chlorinated solvents such as trichloroethylene (TCE) is a widespread problem around the world that causes serious threats for human health, the City of Las Cruces said in a news release.

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niques used to remove chlorinated solvents from the subsurface environment include combining chemical oxidation (ISCO) and surfactant enhanced aquifer remediation (SEAR).

Nihat Hakan Akyol completed his doctorate degree in contaminant hydrogeology at Kocaeli University and is currently working as an associate professor at Kocaeli University. He has published numerous articles, supervised projects and graduate students and collaborated with New Mexico State University, the University of Alabama and the University of Arizona.

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- 30 More pasty
- 32 Horse opera
- 34 Arthur of tennis
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- 38 Sticker message on a rented VCR tape
- 40 At full speed, old-style
- 42 A deadly sin
- 44 "Patience -- virtue"
- 46 Pro vote
- 48 Do a 180, say
- 50 Rapper with the album "Press Play"

- 112 Old Italian stage actress Eleonora
- 113 1953 Leslie Caron film
- 114 "-- always say ..."
- 115 Jeopardy
- 116 "-- my fault"
- 117 Parent's mind game with a child (or what you have to use to solve this puzzle?)
- 122 Even score
- 123 Guys rowing
- 124 Smartphone downloads
- 125 Suffix with well
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- 127 Singular of "Mmes."
- 128 Beltway VIP
- 129 Watery castle protector
- 130 Once, in olden days
- 131 Bro's kin
- 132 Strange things
- 133 Former Fed head Ben
- 134 Little
- 135 "Ugh" -worthy
- 136 Bird of myth
- 137 Muscat resident
- 138 Honcho
- 139 Lager cousin
- 140 Nissan Rogue, e.g.
- 141 Bawls out
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# Some wise words from some wise writers for new year

Happy New Year! When I say this, it feels more like a plea than a celebration. The usual new year resolutions don't seem to fit somehow. Pessimism is no way to start a new year, and as a reader I

know just where to go for an attitude adjustment.

Maria Popova, writer, philosopher and curator of wise words, writes an e-newsletter called *themarginalian.org* (formerly known as *Brain Pickings*). On Jan. 2, she posted "Resolutions of a Life Worth Living: Attainable Aspirations Inspired by Great Humans of the Past."

Soon I was happily choosing a few resolutions from her list and a few more from elsewhere that



**RORIE  
MEASURE**  
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seem specific to the circumstances of our time.

Resolution No. 1. Choose Kindness:

Leo Tolstoy observed, "Kindness enriches our life; with kindness mysterious things

become clear, difficult things become easy and dull things become cheerful."

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "You cannot do kindness too soon for you never know how soon it will be too late."

No. 2. Refrain from judgment:

Popova cites "Daybook: The Journal of an Artist," by Anne Truitt.

"Unless we are very, very careful, we doom each other by holding onto images of one another

based on preconceptions that are in turn based on indifference to what is other than ourselves...

We claim autonomy for ourselves and forget that in so doing we can fall into the tyranny of defining other people as we would like them to be. By focusing on what we choose to acknowledge in them, we impose an insidious control on them. I notice that I have to pay careful attention in order to listen to others with an openness that allows them to be as they are, or as they think themselves to be.

The shutters of my mind habitually flip open and click shut, and these little snaps form into patterns I arrange for myself. The opposite of this inattention is love, is the honoring of others in a way that grants them the grace of

their own autonomy and allows mutual discovery."

No. 3. Be Present:

Søren Kierkegaard wrote, "Of all ridiculous things the most ridiculous seems to me, to be busy — to be a man who is brisk about his food and his work... The unhappy person is one who has his ideal, the content of his life, the fullness of his consciousness, the essence of his being, in some manner outside of himself. The unhappy man is always absent from himself, never present to himself."

No. 4. Seek Justice:

Benjamin Franklin wrote, "Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are."

Martin Luther King Jr. spoke, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to jus-

tice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

No. 5 Choose Joy:

From Anne Truitt via *themarginalian.org*, "... Choose it at first consciously, effortfully, pressing against the weight of a world heavy with reasons for sorrow, restless with need for action. Feel the sorrow, take the action, but keep pressing the weight of joy against it... until it becomes mindless, automated, like gravity pulling the stream down its course; until it becomes an inner law of nature. If Viktor Frankl can exclaim 'yes to life, in spite of everything!' — and what an everything he lived through — then

so can any one of us amid the rubble of our plans, so trifling by comparison. Joy is not a function of a life free of friction and frustration, but a function of focus — an inner elevation by the fulcrum of choice."

Just copying these quotations onto the page has lifted my spirits. I feel encouraged to wish you a Happy New Year with sincerity and the hopefulness that it will be.

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## NMSU graduate named executive director for NM Voices for Children

### BULLETIN REPORT

The board for directors of the nonprofit New

Mexico Voices for Children (NMVC) hired New Mexico State University graduate Amber Wal-

lin as its new executive director effective Jan. 1, NMVC said in a news release. Wallin replaces

James Jimenez, who retired at the end of 2021.

A New Mexico native, Wallin earned a master

of public administration degree from NMSU. She joined NMVFC in 2012 as a Center on Budget and Policy Priorities fellow and served as a research and policy analyst and later as director of the group's KIDS COUNT program. Wallin previously worked in the public sector at the municipal, state and federal levels, including in the government department at NMSU and the budget office at the City of Las Cruces.

NMVC advocates for policies to improve the



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**Amber Wallin**

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## EP Electric names former MVEDA official to government affairs post

FROM AN EL PASO ELECTRIC NEWS RELEASE

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Montgomery had been vice president of business development for the Las Cruces-based nonprofit Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) since January

2012.

"Eric has an expansive career backed by a robust work portfolio that speaks volumes to his dedication and passion for elevating and promoting our region," said EPE Vice President of Regulatory and Government Affairs Jim Schichtl. "The growth and expansion of our region depends heavily on its economic development initiatives, and an integral piece to that is the role EPE has in that growth. We are glad



ERIC MONTGOMERY

to welcome Eric to the EPE team as he will help guide the company's strategy to include stakeholders that will drive EPE's initiatives forward to ultimately better serve our customers."

Montgomery's background includes over a decade of both public- and private-sector economic development experience in New Mexico and several years of corporate sales and management. In the last 10 years, Montgomery has worked with

locating and expanding economic-base companies throughout Doña Ana County that have announced over 6,500 new jobs, over \$567 million in capital investment, and \$200 million in new annual payroll. In 2018, Montgomery was recognized as the Economic Developer of the Year for the State of New Mexico by the New Mexico Industrial Development Executives Association (NMIDEA). He was the international recipient of the biennial 2021 Development Counselors International Economic

Development 40 under 40 Award in the same year he was recognized by the Albuquerque Business First journal with the same award as one of the 40 best up-and-coming professionals.

Montgomery is a graduate of New Mexico State University where he earned his bachelor's degree in psychology, followed by a master's in public administration. He is a past chair of the board of Big Brothers Big Sisters in Las Cruces, Class of 2011 graduate of Leadership Las Cruces, District 5 representative

for the Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, past member of the Junior Leadership Committee of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and former T-Ball coach.

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## Oil and gas production boomed in New Mexico in 2021

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

2021 was a banner year for energy production in New Mexico, the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association (NMOGA) said in a Dec. 29 email.

"Revenue grew \$500 million on the strength of production, returning drilling activity and a rebound in market prices," the organization said.

The state's oil and natural gas industry supported 134,000 jobs in New Mexico in 2021, NMOGA said.

Oil and natural gas production generated \$5.3 billion in state and local tax revenue during the year, which is the highest in New Mexico history, NMOGA said.

New Mexico ended 2020 with 65 active rigs and



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**An oil rig operates in southeast New Mexico. The oil and natural gas industry generated \$5.3 billion in tax revenue and supported 134,000 jobs in New Mexico in 2021.**

reached 93 rigs in December 2021, NMOGA said.

New Mexico became the second largest oil producer in the country in 2021, producing more than 1 million barrels of oil a day. The Permian Basin in New Mexico and Texas currently accounts for nearly one third of national production.

NMOGA is a coalition of more than 1,000 oil and natural gas companies, individuals and stakeholders in New Mexico. The state's oil and natural gas activity is concentrated in two parts of the state: the Permian Basin covers about 86,000 square miles and underlies an area that is about 250 miles

wide and 300 miles long in southeast New Mexico and west Texas.

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## Pickleball enthusiasts on mission to spread word about their sport

A group of pickleball enthusiasts wants to spread the gospel about their favorite sport.

A little over a year ago, some Las Cruces pickleball players got together and formed the Organ Mountains Pickleball Club.

The club now has more than 150 paying members, ranging in age from their mid-20s to their mid-80s, and more than 270 people on its mailing list.

Their mission is to promote the game of pickleball and “make it totally inclusive and try to engage children and get them playing, too,” said Becky Dominguez, the club’s president.

So what exactly is pick-



**DAVE BURGE**  
Beyond the  
pressbox



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

**Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave., has become ground zero for pickleball players after the city dedicated renovated courts that can be used to play the sport, day and night.**

leball? It’s a paddle sport that’s a combination of tennis and badminton.

“It’s a very social game; it’s not quiet or conservative like tennis,” Domin-

guez said.

Dominguez also said its inexpensive to play — a couple of paddles and ball can cost about \$20. The equipment is also

small and light enough for players of all abilities to handle, she said.

“People, especially people over 50, are looking for something that gets



**Pickleball enthusiasts say the sport combines tennis and badminton into a very social, fun sport to play.**

them moving,” Dominguez said. “It’s not a sport that is taxing on the body. It’s all about community, socializing and getting together.”

The club has been working with Las Cruces Public Schools and recently held its first training session where it met with

PE coaches and teachers and introduced them to the sport. The goal is for coaches to then pass it along to kids, Dominguez said.

Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave., has become ground zero for pickleball

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## Remembering history-making golf pioneer Lee Elder who battled racism, broke barriers

Lee Elder, who was the first Black golfer to play in the Masters in 1975, died Nov. 28, 2021 at age 87.

A native of Dallas, Texas, Elder was born in 1934, one of 10 children. His father, a coal truck driver, was killed during Army service in Europe in World War II when Lee was a boy. His mother died three months later.

Elder had a rather



**CHARLIE  
BLANCHARD**  
Golf Doctor

remarkable history. As a teenager he caddied at Tennison Park Golf Club, an all-white club in Dallas (a course I have played 40 times) to provide cash for his family.

He then went to live with an aunt in Los Angeles and dropped out of high school to work as a caddie again.

He was starting to play

golf well enough to attract the attention of a legendary gambler and hustler Alvin C. Thompson, who was known as Titanic Thompson. As Mike Purkey of SI.com writes (Nov. 20, 2021), “They traveled the country together and it was standard fare that Thompson would find a mark and beat him the first day and then give the unsuspecting pigeon the chance to break even on the next day by playing against Elder, who posed

as Titanic’s caddie.”

Another of Titanic’s ruses was to pass Elder off as one of the course maintenance crew and then had him come down off his tractor when Thompson had convinced a couple of club members that he could beat them in an 18-hole match even with “that kid” as his partner. Then Elder would go out and shoot 63. He made more money in those games than he ever did as a caddie.

At 18, after playing against the heavyweight champion Joe Louis, and avid golfer, Elder became a protégé of talented Black golfer Ted Rhodes who was Louis’s golf instructor. Following a two-year stint in the Army stateside, Elder joined the United Golfers Association in 1961 and soon became a notable player. In one of stretch of 22 consecutive tournaments, he won 18.

At age 33, Elder had

saved enough money to afford a trip to PGA qualifying school, where he managed to play well enough to earn his first tour card for the 1968 season.

Even though he wasn’t a golfing household name at that time, that same year he would finish tied with Jack Nicklaus after 72 holes at the American Golf Classic tournament at Firestone Country Club

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## PICKLEBALL

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in Las Cruces.

The city government cut the ribbon on refurbished tennis courts that can be used for pickleball at the park Oct. 1 — the same day the club celebrated its first anniversary.

The courts are lighted so people can play at night, said Dona Cassidy, a member of the club.

“It gives us a whole new opportunity to meet new people, play new people and have fun day or night,” she said.

To encourage more participation, the club offers free lessons for beginners at 5 p.m. every Thursday, weather permitting, at the park. John Allevi, a trained pickleball coach/

instructor, volunteers his time and gives initial lessons through the club. If you want additional lessons, you can arrange with him for more sessions.

“It can be intimidating at first,” Dominguez said. “Many of these people have been playing for 10 years and are pretty skilled. When you are a beginner, it takes a while to get used to what you are playing.”

Douglas Bogart is 85 years old and is one of the original members of the club. Playing pickleball provides an important outlet for him.

“I’m a single guy so this is my recreation, exercise, everything combined,” he said.

At the other end of the spectrum is 24-year-old Galina Kelly.

She says the game is easy to learn and players are “all friendly and it is a good way to get outdoors.”

Gene Cassidy likes the social aspect of the sport.

“Once you start playing, you are hooked,” he said. “It is a family sport too. You can bring your whole family. It doesn’t matter what age or level you are.”

Dorothy Robinson said she loves the sport because she’s been able to get her family involved including her three young granddaughters.

“I gave the whole family paddles and we all play,” Robinson said. “It is so much fun.”

The cost to join the club is \$5 a year. You can find out more information at organmountainpickleballclub@gmail.com or by visiting organmountainpickleballclub.com.

threats. He rented two houses near the Augusta National golf course and moved between them as a security measure. He did miss the cut in his first Masters appearance, but he would go on to make five more appearances at the Masters, with his best finish a tie for 17th in 1979. As a senior player over 50 in 1984, Elder joined the Senior Tour (now Tour Champions) and won eight times, earning more than \$1.6 million. He also won four tournaments overseas.

Elder also made history by becoming the first Black player to compete for the U.S. in the Ryder Cup in 1979, helping the U.S. to a 17-11 win over Europe. “As I look back over the accomplishments I’ve had in my life, the one thing that I’m proudest

of is playing in the Ryder Cup and representing my country,” Elder told Golf Digest in 2020. That’s a real American!

Elder received The United States Golf Association’s highest honor in 2019, the Bob Jones Award, named for the co-founder of the Masters, and presented for outstanding sportsmanship. Lee Elder played through the scourge of racism, he broke down enormous barriers and paved the way for Tiger Woods.

I think Jack Nicklaus said it best: “The game of golf lost a hero in Lee Elder.”

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## Doña Ana County Helps Get Trash to SCSWA

Submitted by South Central Solid Waste Authority



Members of the Bureau of Land Management and Doña Ana County Codes, along with community volunteers and students from Organ Mountain boys' soccer team, collected trash west of the Mesilla Diversion Dam as a part of a county cleanup event.

On a bright Saturday in December, a group of volunteers, staff, and students from Organ Mountain High School came out to keep their desert beautiful. Over 5.11 tons of trash was collected in a South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA) roll-off container in four hours.

“We see household trash, tires, TVs, and casings from target practice also known as ‘trigger trash,’” said Jesus Fraire, Doña Ana County (County) lead codes officer.

The location for cleanup is two miles west of the Mesilla Diversion Dam and is a known spot for illegal dumping. The County codes department brought six crew members; BLM sent two. Along with the official staff, there were

three community volunteers and 11 volunteers affiliated with the Organ Mountain High School boys' soccer team.

One of those was Cindy Beakley, who organized the players as part of the booster club for the boys' soccer team. Beakley, who also works with the County in the roads department, knew about the program since her daughter was in high school.

“It’s a great way to raise money for gear,” said Beakley. “It’s also a way for them to get a feel for doing things for their community. The kids are surprised how much trash there is and that it’s put out there by adults.”

Keep Doña Ana County Beautiful (KDACB) is grant-funded by the New

Mexico Department of Tourism and Keep America Beautiful and can supply volunteers with grabbers, safety vests, trash bags, and buckets. County crew will also pick up the trash and deliver it to SCSWA.

“If people want to take the initiative to clean their neighborhoods, we’ll give them the tools to do it, and we have funds available to help clubs and organizations that want to add this as a fundraiser,” said Fraire. If any clubs or organizations are interested in assisting with a cleanup as a fundraiser, please contact Fraire at [jesusfr@donaanacounty.org](mailto:jesusfr@donaanacounty.org) or by calling (575) 525-6106 ext 2145 or Arturo Rubio at (575) 525-6121 and [arrutor@donaanacounty.org](mailto:arrutor@donaanacounty.org).

South Central Solid Waste Authority manages recyclables and solid waste for residents and businesses throughout Doña Ana County. Contact SCSWA at (575) 528-3800 or visit [www.SCSWA.net](http://www.SCSWA.net).

## ELDER

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in Akron, Ohio, losing after five holes to Jack in a sudden-death playoff.

Elder went on to win four times on the PGA Tour, including the 1974 Monsanto Open, which was the win that earned him the spot in the Masters. The PGA had a “Caucasian-only” clause (rule) in their by-laws which was eliminated in 1961. But the Masters had no clause barring Black golfers, yet, unofficially remained closed to them.

With the rise of the civil rights movement in the 1960s, it came under increasing pressure to integrate its ranks. In the run-up to the Masters tournament, Elder received numerous death

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