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The season of lights is upon us. The Christmas tree at at the Plaza in Old Mesilla will be lit at 5:30 p.m. tonight. The celebration includes performances by the Las Cruces Academy and photo ops with the Grinch, Jack Skellington and Gingy the gingerbread man. The City of Las Cruces Tree Lighting Celebration will be 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Plaza de Las Cruces.



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# **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS**

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In accordance with state statue 7-38-46D, notice is hereby given that the 2023 Tax Notices were mailed to property owners. Taxes will become delinquent after Monday, December 11. Avoid penalty and interest charges, by paying the 1st half installment on time.

Payments can be made a number of ways, such as:

- In-Person Payments, Office hours: 8:00am to 5:30 pm M-F
- · By Mail, using the self-addressed envelope provided with your tax notice.
  - 24 Hr. Drop Box, located outside the County Building.
    - Online, at www.donaanacounty.org/treasurer
- By Phone, at (575) 647-7433 or 1-877-827-7200 ext.7433.

If your taxes are paid by an escrow holder, they will receive the tax notice. Property owners who have not paid their taxes in full and did not receive a tax bill should immediately contact the Treasurer's Office at (575) 647-7433.

#### **Mobile Home Owners**

If you own a mobile home and did not receive a tax bill. please contact the Treasurer's office. Mobile homes are taxed separately from the land upon which they are located. The first half of the yearly tax amount is due by December 11.

Property taxes are each property owner's personal obligation. Penalty and interest are not affected if an owner did not receive their tax bill. New Mexico Property Tax Code does not allow the County Treasurer to forgive penalty and interest, once incurred.

NOTE: If you have not received a tax bill, please contact the Treasurer's Office, before the deadline of December 11.

# **COUNTY WILL HOST INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON TRAIL EXTENSION, IN CHAPARRAL**

# PROJECT INFORMATION MEETING REUNIÓN INFORMATIVA DEL PROYECTO

MULTI-USE TRAIL ADDITION SENDERO ADICIONAL DE MULTIUSOS

> Tuesday, December 5, 2023 Martes, 5 de Diciembre

> > 5:00 - 7:00 PM Colquitt Park 625 Paseo Real Dr. Chaparral, NM



Residents will view the trail's design and have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

to the multiuse trail on East Lisa Drive, in Chaparral.

The existing trail along East Lisa Drive is used by pedestrians, joggers and cyclists. It services a long corridor of schools, assembly spaces and commercial properties. The planned 3-mile extension will double its length and connect it to Paseo Real Drive, at County Line Drive, making schools, businesses and other properties easier to access, for more Chaparral residents.

Slated for completion by mid-March, the design of the Paseo Real Drive and County Line Drive multiuse trail, set along property lines is on-schedule. Construction is projected to begin by June.









# Vasquez works on bipartisan bill to help ranchers

**BULLETIN REPORT** 

Earlier this month, U.S. Rep.Gabe Vasquez (D-NM-02) announced the introduction of the bipartisan and bicameral Ranching Without Red Tape Act alongside Rep. John Curtis (R-UT), Rep. John Duarte (R-CA) and Sen.John Barrasso (R-WY) that aims to make it easier for ranchers to make minor range improvements on federal lands.

"In my conversations with cattle growers and food producers, I've heard repeatedly about unreasonable delays in the federal permitting process to make minor improvements, such as repairing a pasture fence," said Vasquez. "Common-sense improvements should receive expedited approval without the red tape. I'm proud to introduce the Ranching Without Red Tape Act to help put food on our tables. A simple improvement request can take years to complete, even under the best conditions, and

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larger improvements can take even longer. We can both protect our natural resources, while supporting small businesses with this common-sense proposal."

The Ranching Without Red Tape Act aims to make it easier for ranchers on federally leased lands to make range improvements without negotiating their permits or waiting months for agency responses to their requests.

The bill removes bureaucratic restrictions on ranchers, allowing some of our nation's most important producers to conduct their operations more easily while protecting our lands from major unsupervised changes.

"We appreciate Congressman Vasquez and his effort to reduce the red tape associated with ranching on federal lands," said President Larry Reagan, New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau. "This legislation will help ranchers get much-needed improvements on the ground

faster. Ranchers are integral partners to our federal land managers in actively managing our public lands and responsibly stewarding our natural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of all."

"Ranchers work on the ground to improve range conditions and resources," said Tom Paterson, owner of Spur Ranch in Catron County. "That includes repairing breached stock tanks, cleaning those tanks, laying in pipelines, storage tanks and drinkers for water distribution and many other projects that benefit livestock and wildlife and distribute animals across the landscape. Delays in approving improvements thwart wise stewardship. This cattle rancher endorses legislation, such as Ranching Without Red Tape, that seeks to eliminate those delays. I am grateful to the Congressman for working to address this issue."

"American ranchers are valuable stewards

of our shared working lands. They work day-in and day-out to improve these vital natural resources," said Chad Franke, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union President. "Our ranchers need the flexibility to make timely improvements within their grazing allotments to ensure they can remain nimble and build resilience in a changing climate. We thank Congressman Vasquez for his leadership in bringing forward this commonsense solution for our agricultural producers."

The bill is supported by New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association, New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau, Utah Farm Bureau, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, Wyoming Farm Bureau, American Farm Bureau Federation, Wyoming Stock Growers and Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts.

The Ranching Without Red Tape Act allows ranchers to make minor



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U.S. Rep. Gabe Vasquez, right, visited with ranchers in Congressional District 2 prior to the introduction of the Ranching Without Red Tape Act.

range improvements to existing structural improvements, including fences and fence lines, wells, water pipelines, and stock tanks, in a streamlined manner and without having to renegotiate their permits. The bill would direct the Forest Service (USFS) or Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to respond to minor range improve-

ment requests from ranchers within 30 days or provide tacit approval to ranchers, allowing them to carry out the improvement by not responding.

The bill would also instruct USFS and BLM to expedite permittee requests for the agency to implement improvements using tools like categorical exclusions.







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### TAMIE A. SMITH, 93

Tamie A. Smith, age 93 of Las Cruces, a kind and passionate advocate for the environment and a loving mother, passed away peacefully July 17, 2023, at her daughter's home in Albuquerque.

Tamie (Tamara Ushakoff) was born in Bronxville, New York, Jan. 4, 1930, to Alexis and Dorothy Ushakoff. She grew up on the north shore in Beverly, Massachussetts. After graduating high school in 1948, she attended the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and learned the craft of silversmithing.

In 1955, Tamie moved to Las Cruces with her husband Bradford and two daughters Laurie and Karen. There, she discov-

ered her love for astronomy, as the NMSU observatory was constructed in her backyard. She forged many friendships with the astronomers



With the arrival of two more children, Hillary and Randall, Tamie became a full-time homemaker, mother, and wife, cooking delicious meals and sewing beautiful dresses for her daughters.

with coffee and conversation.

In 1990, Tamie received a



**TAMIE SMITH** 

plaque for her contributions on the very first Earth Day in 1970, the day the modern environmental movement was born, by creating a 100-foot banner that was flown from a hot air bal-

Tamie became heavily involved in politics with the urban development of downtown Las Cruces that often came through seizure and demolition, where she fought fiercely against the destruction of trees being replaced by concrete. This also prompted her to return to school and earn her bachelor's degree from NMSU with an emphasis on city planning. Tamie became a familiar face at city council meetings and in Las Cruces

public schools as a substitute teacher. Tamie was devoted to the 12-plus-hour shifts during elections as a poll worker. She considered this her civic duty.

Tamie was preceded in death by her brother, Alex Ushakoff; her oldest daughter, Laurie; granddaughter Annie Orozco; and ex-husband, Bradford. She is survived by her children Karen Rasmason; Hillary Tolmen (Mark), and Randall Smith (Patricia); her sister-in-law Doreen Ushakoff; grandsonin-law Daniel Orozco; her grandchildren Jeremy (Jane) Tolmen, Cody (Tiffany) Tolmen, Matthew Smith and Nathan Smith; nephew Alex Ushakoff III (Heidi); nieces Meriden

Huggins (Pat), Valerie Rubino (Bill), Nicole Jurczyk (Ralf); 6 great-grandchildren; as well as her caring neighbor, Dot Dougherty, who watched over her as a guardian angel for many years.

A true "greenie," as the local environmentalists called themselves, Tamie was laid to rest in a green burial, leaving a minimal carbon footprint at La Puerta Natural Burial Grounds near Belen, New Mexico. Her legacy and impact on the Las Cruces community will be felt for generations to come. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her for her kindness, intelligence, and unwavering dedication to making the world a better place.



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# NM Supreme Court upholds District 2 map

**BULLETIN REPORT** 

Tuesday, Nov. 27, a day after the New Mexico Supreme Court upheld an Oct. 6 ruling on the Congressional District 2 map, officials at the Republican Party of New Mexico "are contemplating our next course of action."

After the 2020 census, the New Mexico State Legislature redrew the state's three congressional districts. The RPNM filed suit over the lines in District 2, saying the map "deeply fractures" the

state's southeast region by splitting it among all three congressional districts. redistricted map moved a chunk of real estate in the southeast corner of the

The District has long been a Republican stronghold, with Republicans holding the U.S. Representative seat 40 of the 54 years since it was established in 1969. The current representative is Democrat Gabe Vasquez, who defeated Republican incumbent Yvette Herrell in the 2022 election.

For most of its time, the district covered, essentially, the bottom half of New Mexico. The redistricted map moved a chunk of real estate in the southeast corner of the state into districts 1 and 3, moving majority-Republican communities such as Roswell and Ruidoso out of District 2.

In the Oct. 6 ruling, New Mexico Fifth Judicial District Court Judge Fred T. Van Soelen of Clovis ruled Oct. 6 that while Democrats succeeded in "substantially diluting their opponents votes" in the state's Second Congressional District, the congressional redistricting map

adopted by the state legislature in 2021 "does not violate the (New Mexico Republican Party's) equal protection rights" under the state constitution."

That's when the RPNM appealed to the state Supreme Court.

"We are glad that the State Supreme Court ordered that the District Court's redistricting decision will be upheld," the Democratic Party of New Mexico said in a press release Nov. 27. "After a non-partisan, deliberative process that was informed by and invited expert and public input from communities across the state, and subsequently went through the complete legislative process in committees and both chambers, the Supreme



COURTESY PHOTO

The redrawn U.S. Congressional District 2 map was upheld in its second appeal, this time in the New Mexico Supreme Court.

Court's decision reaffirms that these maps are fair and representative of New Mexico and our diverse communities."

The RPNM stated: "We are disappointed in the NM Supreme Court's

ruling to uphold the gerrymandered map that disenfranchises the voices of conservative Democrats, Republicans, and Independents alike and divides up vital industries. We intensely disagree that Democrats did not intentionally entrench the Second Congressional District by shifting it 18 points in their favor. It's unfortunate the court would agree that 54 percent DPI (Democratic Performance Index) is considered entrenched, but the current map's 53 percent DPI, is not. The court leaned heavily on the closeness of the last election. Without the specific factors of the previous election that included a popular Republican incumbent and an unknown Democratic challenger, the effects of the entrenchment would be prominent. We are contemplating our next course of action in conference with our legal team. RPNM is proud to fight for the fair representation of every New Mexican, regardless of their political party."



# Academy for Learning in Retirement

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The December series for the Academy for Learning in Retirement (ALR) series will focus on "The Art of China".

Dr. Margaret Goehring, Professor and Head of the NMSU Department of Art, will present the four part series. Dr. Goehring teaches Medieval and Renaissance art, American Folk & Outsider Art, and the Art of China.

# **Dates and Topics of Discussion:**

Friday, December 8: "Art of the Yellow Springs"

Wednesday, December 13
"On the Silver Road - Dunhuang"

Friday, December 15
"Dissecting a Chinese Ink Painting –
Guo XI's "Early Spring" of 1072"

Monday, December 18: "Reclusive Gardens"

Register for the Zoom sessions at "Academy for Learning in Retirement". Registrants can attend the live sessions from 10:30 until noon or watch the recorded sessions at their convenience. The fee for the 4 presentations is \$20. All the fall semester presentations are recorded and available for \$48.



# Navigating the waters of Medicare coverage plans

By ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

Las Cruces Bulletin

Some days it seems every time the phone goes off, it's another call trying to sell you insurance. The commercials encourage you to call and find out what you might be missing, the cardboard in the mail assures that you need help with your Medicaid/Medicare dual plan.

But do you?

Ariel Fragoso, is one of many southern New Mexico brokers who knows the specifics as they relate to our state. She often hears frustration in the voices of those who come to her. The calls have ramped up to more than 10 a day.

Those calls are the battle to get customer attention since people have a choice of insurers. People with Medicare only can buy insurance to cover things Medicare does not. People with dual plans, Medicare and Med-

icaid, can get plans which cover things in addition, such as transportation, dental care, vitamins and even groceries.

Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people 65 and over and people under 65 with long-term disabilities. The program helps pay for many medical care services including hospitalization, physical visits and prescription drugs, along with post-acute care, skilled nursing facility care, home healthcare and preventive services.

More than 451,000 New Mexico residents are enrolled in Medicare, according to healthinsurance.org, about 21 percent of the state's population.

Until Dec. 7, people with Medicare have the opportunity to review benefits and features of plans offered in their area and make changes to their Medicare coverage which goes into effect Jan. 1, 2024.

Changes include switching from traditional Medicare to Medicare Advantage plans (or vice versa), switching between two Medicare Advantage plans, or changing Medicare Part D prescription drug plan. Each member of a Medicare Advantage or Medicare Part D plan receives an "Annual Notice of Change" document prior to Oct. 1 which includes all benefits that are changing.

In the Medicare system, Part A is for hospital coverage. Individuals had to work 40 quarters to earn it at no cost, but there is a deductible to meet first if they are only on Medicare, Fragoso said. Part B is for medical care.

"That part we never earned through taxes, we pay for it when we are 65," she said. "Everyone pays unless their income is low enough to get state assistance."

This year there are some key changes to the Medicare basics:

Part A deductible is \$1,632 per benefit period (up from \$1600 in 2023); The Part B monthly premium is \$174.70 (up from \$164.90 in 2023); and the Part B Deductible is \$240 per calendar year (up from \$226 in 2023).

This year also, Medicare Part D plans can have a deductible up to \$545 (up from \$505 in 2023). Each plan uses tiers to determine the copay levels for each medication. Each plan can make changes to the list of covered drugs as well as which tier they're placed under.

Brokers – including local groups, phone solicitors and the numerous ads thrown at us every day – can help individuals sort out what plans and choices are appropriate. This service doesn't cost the consumer anything. Technically, brokers are there to help.

Choosing a local broker, like Fragoso, who works through the Distinguished Choice team, provides the advantage of working with an individual knowledgeable about area providers and systems.

"Our team goal is to work with each other, help each other, teach each other, troubleshoot," Fragoso said. "Who knows Cruces better than Cruces people?"

"We can look at what doctors do you need, then we find those plans that include those doctors," she said. "It's to get the big picture of providers. Every plan covers different medications so if you just assume that meds are covered, we are not doing due diligence. Maybe on Humana you were paying 5 bucks and maybe on another you will be paying 20. You want to know that."

Fragoso suggests consumers take commercials, the junk mail, the 1-800-numbers with a grain of salt.

"Because at the end of the day,

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# **ACT IMMEDIATELY**

# IF YOU SMELL NATURAL GAS



#### **SLIGHT ODOR?**

Check your stove, furnace or water heater pilot light.

#### **STRONG ODOR?**

- ✓ DO leave your house immediately.
- ✓ DO call 911. (Use a neighbor's phone.)
- DO tell us how we can contact you to tell you when it is safe to return to your house.
- × DON'T use the telephone inside your house.
- × DON'T turn lights on or off.
- × DON'T start an engine or automobile.
- × DON'T operate any electrical equipment.
- × DON'T light any flames
- × DON'T smoke.
- X DON'T go back inside or stay next to your house until you are told it is safe to return.

### **OUTSIDE LEAKS**

If you discover a blowing gas line or smell a strong odor of gas, evacuate the area immediately. Once you are clear of the area call us right away.

Las Cruces Utilities Emergency Dispatch **575-526-0500** 

# ACTÚA INMEDIATAMENTE SI HUELES GAS NATURAL

#### **LIGERO OLOR?**

Revisa el ajuste de la línea de gas del horno, el piloto de la calefacción o el piloto del calentador de agua.

#### **OLOR FUERTE?**

- ✓ Aléjate de tu casa inmediatamente.
- Llama al 911 (Usa el teléfono de algún vecino).
- Infórmanos dónde podemos llamarte para decirte cuándo es seguro regresar a tu casa.
- NO uses el teléfono dentro de la casa.
- NO enciendas ni apagues las luces.
- NO arranques el motor o el automóvil.
- NO uses ningún aparato eléctrico.
- NO enciendas ninguna llama.
- NO fumes.
- NO entres ni te quedes cerca de tu casa hasta que te digan que es seguro regresar.

#### **PARA FUGAS EXTERNAS**

Si descubres una fuga de gas o hueles un fuerte olor, evacua el área inmediatamente. Una vez que estés fuera del área, llámanos de inmediato.

Ciudad de Las Cruces Despacho de Emergencias **575-526-0500** 



#### CITY OF LAS CRUCES

Though Las Cruces benefits from a mild winter climate, Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) takes winter preparation seriously to ensure the best service to its customers.

"Preparation is yearround," states Ramiro
Pereyra Jr., LCU Interim
Deputy Director of Natural
Gas and Energy. "We
conduct maintenance and
inspections throughout
the year, so when the
wintertime comes, we are
prepared for cold weather
demands."

Cold weather demands arise from the significant increase in natural gas use during winter. Jaime Medina, LCU Gas System Operations Supervisor, Gas Pressure and Service, explains that the winter months place higher demands on his department, as many residents are turning on their furnaces for the first time in months.

When starting a furnace for the first time, it

# **BEHIND THE SCENES:**Las Cruces Utilities prepares for winter

By Becky Coppa

is common to smell a burning odor. Usually, this odor dissipates after a few seconds as accumulated dust burns off. However, when this smell lingers longer than a few minutes, it concerns residents. This leads to increased service requests, which results in higher demands for LCU personnel.

As natural gas demands increase, increased oversight of the regulator stations is required. Regulator stations mediate between large pressure stations where gas originates and single homes and businesses. These stations ensure that natural gas pressure is accurately delivered to its intended destination. This past year, LCU implemented the use of RANGER - remote gas pressure monitoring devices. In the winter months, increased gas usage leads to the increased need to respond to alerts the RANGER devices deliver.



While Las Cruces rarely experiences snow or freezing temperatures, LCU is prepared for the occasion if it does. Snow and freezing temperatures can cause frost on regulator stations, requiring LCU personnel to defrost these stations to ensure that natural gas service resumes.

Another service call that Medina's department attends to is carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. As people increase their natural gas usage, their risk of CO exposure increases. Properly functioning furnaces will ventilate this gas outside of the home, but if the furnace is not properly maintained or has suffered damage, there is a potential for CO to leak inside the home.

CO is an odorless, colorless gas, and exposure can be fatal. Medina urges people to employ CO detectors in their homes and call LCU immediately if the detector sounds an alarm. LCU offers a free 24/7 service for CO-related emergencies.

"You can call anytime," Medina says. "Better to be safe than sorry. Las Cruces Utilities works year-round to ensure quality service, and in these winter months, we want our customers to know that we are here for any concerns the colder time of year may bring."

# New managing editor joins Bulletin

**BULLETIN REPORT** 

A familiar name in southern New Mexico journalism will join the Las Cruces Bulletin staff Friday, Dec. 1, when Algernon D'Ammassa reports to work as the Bulletin's new managing editor.



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D'AMMASSA

From 2018 to 2022, D'Ammassa covered local government, business, regional and investigative stories for the Las Cruces Sun-News. He left the daily newspaper in fall 2022 to serve as editor of the Deming Headlight after a local publisher purchased the 142-year-old Luna County outlet from the Gannett corporation. Under his leadership, the Headlight recently won seven state journalism awards, including the gen-

At the Bulletin, D'Ammassa will head an effort to increase news reporting, in addition to the community events and

eral excellence award for

small weeklies statewide,

while the entire news staff

took home individual hon-

ors for their writing and

reporting.

profiles Bulletin readers know and love; and he will contribute local stories and opinion articles on a

regular basis himself.

"We are very excited for Algernon to take the helm of our newsroom at the Bulletin," said Belinda Mills the Bulletin's Southwest Regional

Publisher. "I have followed his work for years and will attest that he is an excellent journalist with a deep understanding of the importance and responsibility of local journalism."

D'Ammassa emphasized the Bulletin's approach to news will be an addition to, rather than a drastic change to what readers have come to expect and love from the 54-year-old weekly.

"Las Cruces is the second-largest city in New Mexico," he said, "and sits near a growing economic engine by way of our border with Mexico as well as the fields of the Mesilla Valley. The Bulletin saw an opportunity to fill gaps in news coverage of our community and I'm excited to help out."



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# **OPINION**

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# Bulletin veteran heading in new directions

In my 13-plus years with the Bulletin, I've written more than

600 columns. Some serious, some light-hearted, some educational (I hope), and a lot about sports.

Some of them take several weeks to come together. Others are written in a matter of minutes.

However, none have them have been more difficult to write than this one.

This is my farewell column with the Bulletin; my last day on the job will be Dec. 14.

I'm not leaving Las Cruces, and not retiring or taking another job, at least not right away. But I am looking forward to some real time off.

At my first professional news-

paper job, as sports editor of the Weatherford (Oklahoma) Daily

> News, I sold an ad, not typical for a sports editor, and the advertiser wasn't typical either.

R.H. Templeton was older than my grandfather at the time, and repaired and tuned pianos. I created a business-card size ad that featured piano keys and some very simple info. He liked

the ad, ran it regularly, and it brought him new business.

After I'd been at the newspaper for about a year, I was contemplating leaving the job to spend a few months traveling the country with a good friend. Discussing this possibility with Mr. Templeton, he didn't offer a recommendation, and I didn't seek one.

He did say this: "I've found in life, I don't really have any regrets about the things I did. But I have a lot of regrets about the things I didn't do."

I left the newspaper and took the trip. It changed my life in multiple ways, including setting the path that would eventually bring me to New Mexico.

Since I returned from that trip and took my next journalism job, I've taken very little time off.

I took a two-week road trip in 1990 to travel the Northeast and visit eight baseball parks from Philadelphia to Chicago. In 1996, I took a two-week trip that included a visit to Hawaii. In most years, though, I've given up more vacation time than I've used.

Back in February and March, I spent my Lenten season thinking, praying, researching and talking with others about a possible career change. I had no urgency to leave, but I was interested in exploring a new chapter of my life.

And now the exploring begins.

I've loved the work here at the Bulletin, and I believe we've made a difference in the lives of people in Las Cruces. That will continue with the great team currently assembled here at the Bulletin.

And as much as the work, I've loved getting to know the wonderful people of the Mesilla Valley. That will continue as well, and I look forward to new challenges and adventures in support of the best things in Las Cruces.

# Maybe I was wrong about Holtec

The risk of talking to people who are much more knowledgeable on a particular topic is it may require a re-evaluation of long-held beliefs.

Dr. James Conca accurately describes himself as one of the 10 experts in the world on nuclear waste disposal. He was director of the Environmental Monitoring and Research Center for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad from 2004 to 2010. WIPP is the nation's only deep geologic site for nuclear waste storage.

Conca has also been an affiliate scientist with Los Alamos since 2004 and was a senior scientist on special assignment to the Hanford Site in Washington state, where a leak of nuclear waste into the soil and water was discovered in 2017. He is currently the senior scientist at a

firm that specializes in the remediation of soil and water following exposure to radiological, heavy metal and organic contaminants.

**RICHARD** 

**COLTHARP** 

Going Downtown

I grew up with a fear of nuclear power that stemmed from the arms race with the Soviet Union in the 1960s. I was in college in 1979 when some of my favorite musi-

cians organized No Nukes: The Muse Concerts for a Non-Nuclear Future. The partial meltdown at Three Mile Island that same year solidified a mistrust that, for the most part, still remains.

Conca, a presenter for the Academy for Learning in Retirement in October and recent guest on the community radio show I

morning, sees things differently. More to the point, he believes WIPP is far better suited than Yucca Mountain to handle our

> nation's nuclear waste, and the proposed Holtec nuclear waste facility near Carlsbad makes sense for collection and temporary stor-

Conca described nuclear

**WALT RUBEL** 

The View

waste as no big deal. "We know what to do with it. We know where to put it. We know how much it's going to cost. And, it's already paid for if we put it in the right rock," he said

The "right rock" was determined in 1957 when the National Academy of Sciences first looked into deep geologic disposal and found that massive

were the best option. The primary salt formation at WIPP is about 2,000 feet thick, beginning 850 feet below the surface.

I had a chance to tour WIPP several years ago, and came away convinced it was as safe as we can get. It takes a billion years for water to move one inch through that rock, Conca said.

Yucca Mountain will never be the right rock, Conca said. It was chosen based on politics, back when Harry Reid was a junior senator.

"I worked on that for 25 years, trying to make a lousy rock work," he said.

WIPP includes 16 square miles, Conca said. When it completes its original mission of storing transuranic waste, only one square mile will be used. If WIPP is

the best location for permanent storage, it may make sense to gather and temporarily store casks that are now spread out at nuclear plants around the country at the proposed Holtec site.

There are still legitimate concerns that need to be addressed. But we should be making these decisions based on science, not politics.

Walter Rubel is a freelance journalist based in Las Cruces. His 40-plusyear career includes work in Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and—since 2002 — in New Mexico, covering Las Cruces and the state Legislature. His opinions are his own and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Las Cruces Bulletin. Rubel can be reached at waltrubel@ gmail.com.

# Washington state-based underground salt deposits co-host each Wednesday

# **COMING UP**

# Friday, Dec. 1

- December reception, 4-8 p.m., Gallery 925, 925 N. Mesquite St. Presenting the Potters' Guild Holiday Market. Info: gallery925nm.com.
- "Christmas on the El Camino Real" (formerly Mesquite Street Winterfest), 4-8 p.m. along Mesquite Street. Horse-drawn trolley takes people up and down the route from Trails End Gallery to Nopalito's for art, food, music and other goodies including Mr. and Mrs. Claus and mariachis. Info: 575-332-1219.
- La Casa, Inc. Holiday Bazaar, 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave., Info: 575-526-0100.
- Christmas Tree Lighting, Old Mesilla Plaza, 5:30 p.m. Info: 575-524-3262, ext. 116.
- "The Sound of Music," 7:30 p.m., Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. Info: www.lcctnm.org/sound-of-music
- "Ben Hur," 8 p.m., Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Info: no-strings.org

# Saturday, Dec. 2

- La Casa, Inc. Holiday Bazaar, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave., Info: 575-526-0100
- Christmas Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 2900 Elks Drive. Info: 623-330-1832
- Tennis Players Association Scramble, 10 a.m. Lions Park, 701 W. Picacho Ave. Info: RSVP t Ictpa@hotmail.com
- "The Sound of Music," 7:30 p.m., Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. Info: www.lcctnm.org/sound-of-music
- Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration, 6-8 p.m., Plaza de Las Cruces, at 100 N. Main St. Las Cruces, Info: 575-541-2550
- Film: "Journey Down the Gila," 7 p.m. at the Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, Info: 575-524-8287
- Classics 2: "The Messiah," Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra, 7 p.m., Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 Horseshoe. Info: 575-526-0100.
- "The Sound of Music," 7:30 p.m., Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. Info: www.lcctnm.org/sound-of-music

• "Ben Hur," 8 p.m., Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Info: nostrings.org

### Sunday, Dec. 3

- La Casa, Inc. Holiday Bazaar, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave., Info: 575-526-0100.
- Film: "Journey Down the Gila," 2 p.m. at the Fountain Theater, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, Info: 575-524-8287
- "The Sound of Music," 2 p.m., Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. Info: www.lcctnm. org/sound-of-music
- "Swinging Through the Holidays," with Mesilla Valley Chorale, 3 p.m. at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St., Info: www.riograndetheatre.org.
- Classics 2: "The Messiah," Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra, 3-5 p.m. at the Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe St. Info: 575-526-0100.
- "Noche de Luminarias," 4-9 p.m. NMSU campus, Corbett Center. Walk along campus with luminarias lighting the way.

# Monday, Dec. 4

Library one-day Sci-Fi book

and DVD sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Info: 575-528-4000

# Tuesday, Dec. 5

- "Economic Development in the Borderplex Region," 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Hotel Encanto, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Presented by Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance. The speaker will be Commissioner of Public Lands Stephanie Garcia Richard. \$30. Info: mveda.com.
- Chaparral trail extension meeting, 5-7 p.m., Colquitt Park, 625 Paseo Real Drive, Chaparral. Info: 575-386-4348
- Healthy Holiday Treats class with Vanessa Menanteau, 5:30-7 p.m. at Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave. Info: 575-522-1711

# Thursday, Dec. 7

• Overdose prevention education and naloxone training, 10-11:30 a.m. Virtual event. Info: 575-525-5870

# Friday, Dec. 8

• Luminarias at Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park, 5-7:30 p.m., 56501 N. Jornada Road. Info: www.asombro.org

- "Art of the Yellow Springs" with Dr. Margaret Goehring with the Academy of Learning in Retirement, on Zoom. Info: 575-635-8725
- "The Nutcracker," with Borderlands Ballet and Paso del Norte Chamber Orchestra, 7 p.m. at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. Info: borderlands-ballet.com
- "The Sound of Music," 7:30 p.m., Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. Info: www.lcctnm.org/sound-of-music
- Los Pastores del Valle de La Mesilla, Christmas Play, 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road. Info: Christine at 575-649-1848
- "Ben Hur," 8 p.m., Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Info: nostrings.org

### Saturday, Dec. 9

- NARFE Christmas Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. in the Creative Arts Room, Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida. Info: Book a spot with Carol at 575-382-7686
- Artists' Reception for NM Watercolor Society's Fall Member exhibit, noon-4 p.m., at the Doña

Ana Arts Council Gallery, 230 S. Water St. Info: nmwatercolorsociety.org.

- Book Signing Event: Eleven local authors, noon-4 p.m. at Mesilla Valley Mall. Info: gpintar1932@gmail.com
- Tuba Christmas Public Performance, 2 p.m. at Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe St. Info: akaplan@nmsu.edu
- "The Nutcracker," With Borderlands Ballet and Paso del Norte Chamber Orchestra, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. Info: borderlandsballet.com
- Open house meet the artist, 4 p.m. at the Agave Gallery, 2250 Calle de San Albino, Info: 575-339-9870
- Los Pastores del Valle de La Mesilla, Christmas Play, 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Church, 1327 N. Miranda. Info: Christine at 575-649-1848
- "The Sound of Music," 7:30 p.m., Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. Info: www.lcctnm.org/sound-of-music
- "Ben Hur," 8 p.m., Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Info: nostrings.org



# Ways to help those in need during the holidays

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

This is another in the Bulletin series on helping those in need.

· Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces accepts these donations: musical instruments (especially guitars), arts and crafts supplies, school supplies, athletic equipment, Legos, kitchenware, cleaning supplies, office supplies, new board and card games. For the holidays, needs include new toys for all ages 6-18 to be gifted at the annual holiday party. Cash, check and online donations welcome. Take or mail donations to Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces, 330 W. Las Cruces Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88005; online: www. bgclascruces.org. Volunteers needed: www.bgclascruces.org/ volunteer. Contact CEO Ashley Echavarria at 575-526-1519, ashley@bgclascruces.org.

• 12th annual Christmas Shoe Box Project for chil-

dren in Palomas and Cuidad Juarez, Mexico. Southern N.M. churches, groups and Department of Health employees take shoeboxes filled with gifts for children; coats, blankets, to Palomas and Juarez each December. Shoebox items: toy cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, yoyos, etch-a-sketches, jump ropes, slinkies, simple baby pull toys (no toys with batteries, toy guns or knives); school supplies (pencils, pens, blunt scissors, pencil sharpeners, stamp/ink pad sets, solar calculators, coloring books, stories in Spanish); hygiene items (soap, combs, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, washcloths, etc.); also: socks, underwear, warm hats, mittens/ gloves, tee shirts, barrettes, toy jewelry, inexpensive watches, hard candy, lollipops (put candy in plastic baggies). Pick a boy or girl for each shoebox (or small plastic container), ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14. Tape identifying label to

box top. If box is wrapped, wrap lid separately for border inspection. You may add a note in Spanish in each box. Take boxes and loose items to the New Mexico Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive, second floor, Office of Border Health. Deliver by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22. Contact Angie Sanchez Corral, 575-528-5123, angie.sanchez@doh.nm.gov.

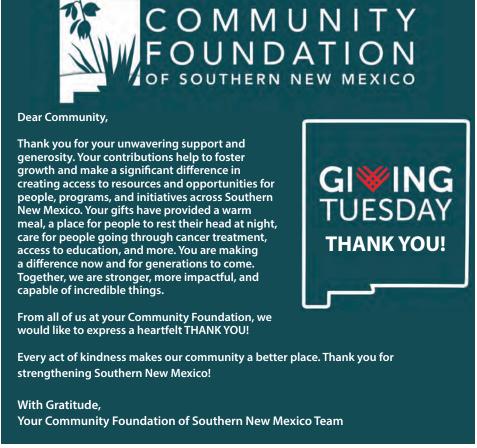
· CARE (Cancer Aid Resource & Education, Inc.) helps recently diagnosed, eligible Doña Ana County cancer patients in treatment with financial aid for non-medical needs so they can focus on treatment, recovery and survival: gas cards to get to treatment, food and supplement cards, rent and mortgage payments, self-pay insurance, utilities, phone and out-of-county medical travel expenses. CARE's greatest need is monetary. Mail to CARE, 118 S. Water St., Las Cruces, NM 88001. Contact Yoli Diaz, 575-649-0598, caresupportprogram@carelascruces.org. Visit carelascruces.org.

 Dyslexia Institute of Southern New Mexico, Inc. seeks to provide the highest quality dyslexia therapy and remediation to persons of all economic levels. Lower income families receive scholarships, and donations are always welcome to fund these scholarships. Dyslexic individuals have average to gifted IQ combined with an extreme and unexpected difficulty with reading. Besides gifts for scholarships, undesignated gifts for greatest need are greatly appreciated. Donations of office supplies, especially copier paper, are useful. In addition, DISNM is seeking to add another therapist trained in the Scottish Rite "Take Flight" program. If interested, please call 575-650-6820 or email disnm2010@gmail.com. Donations may be made online through Dyslexia Institute's website, DISNM.org, or mailed

to Dyslexia Institute of Southern New Mexico, Inc., PO Box 13507, Las Cruces, NM 88013.

• El Caldito Soup Kitchen needs milk, turkeys, hams, canned goods, salad dressings, salt, pepper, spices, sliced cheese, bottled water, soda pop, holiday pies and cakes; foam cups, three-compartment containers; plates, napkins; utensils. Take items to El Caldito's back door. 999 W. Amador Ave. (Mesilla Valley Community of Hope), 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday-Friday, 8 a.m.-noon Saturday. Contact Laura Alvarado at 575-525-3831, 575-649-6507, elcalditosoupkitchen@gmail.com. Mail donations to El Caldito, P.O. Box 2833, Las Cruces, NM 88004. Donate at elcaldito-lc.org. Regular volunteers are needed onsite more than ever to prepare and serve food, wash dishes, clean; raise funds; pick up food donations. El Caldito serves more than 90,000 meals a year.





# Near-fatal bicycle crash inspires road users group

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Barbara Toth founded Vulnerable Road Users New Mexico (VRUNM) in 2020 after her husband was struck by a vehicle and nearly killed while riding his bicycle in a Las Cruces neighborhood.

A vulnerable road user "includes anyone using roads that is not protected inside a motor vehicle, such as bicyclist, pedestrian or road worker," VRUNM said in a news release.

Toth's husband, Jim
Toth, an avid bicyclist, was
struck March 20, 2020, by
a 17-year-old driver and
suffered a broken back
and a partially severed
spinal cord. Jim, who had
ridden more than 100,000
miles on a bike without
incident, was struck about
two blocks from his home
in the Elks Club area, Barbara Toth said.

She received a call on her cell phone from the Las Cruces Police Department telling her Jim had been stuck and was being taken to the hospital.

"I gathered my wits about me and followed the ambulance," Barbara said.

"The damage was very

bad," she said, as part of Jim's spinal cord had to be rebuilt. The Toths had celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary two weeks before the accident, and Barbara wondered if there would be a golden anniversary.

Jim's first reaction to Barbara was, "How long before I'll be back on my bike?"

His surgeon's postsurgery answer was, "You got your miracle today. He will ride his bike again."

Jim, who was up and walking a day after his surgery, "is incredibly fortunate to still have some function," Barbara said, and continues to ride his bike whenever he can.

Jim spent weeks in the hospital recovering, and, because of the pandemic, Barbara was not able to visit him very often.

"You cannot imagine what happens to someone's life," she said.

The driver who struck Jim was not cited by the police, Barbara said.

"It was so painful to read that report," she said.

"A very strong bias against bicyclists and pedestrians" was part of Barbara's motivation to begin VRUNM, she said. "I knew some kind of organization would grow out it. I think there's a responsibility in having that voice. Something's got to happen out of this. This is my heart. This is my passion. Encouraging people to take shared responsibility for everyone who uses our roads is a vitally important message."

Barbara is the president and executive director of VRUNM. Donald Wilson is vice president of both VRUNM and the nonprofit Velo Cruces, which is also advocating for "a great bicycle and pedestrian community." The VRUNM board also included an LCPD bicycle patrol officer, Barbara said.

"We're bicycle people," she said, but "we're going to represent everybody," including bike riders, pedestrians, runners and kids walking to and from school.

The organization has received a New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) grant and made a Nov. 6 presentation to the Las Cruces City Council. It is also partnering with Las Cruces Public Schools' Safe Routes to School, which is one of the most successful walking and biking to school pro-

grams in the country.

The VRUNM news release said vulnerable road-user fatalities in the United States have increased more than 30 percent in the past 10 years, averaging about 200,000 each year, with an injury or fatality occurring every two minutes.

New Mexico has the highest rate of pedestrian traffic deaths among all states according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Association.

The City of Las Cruces' Share the Road program has a brochure that includes tips for safe bicycle riding. The brochure includes this message: "Bicycles and automobiles share the roads. They both must operate responsibly and respectfully and obey all traffic laws." Visit www.lascruces.gov and in the search box at top right, enter "Share the Road." Then, click on the "Share the Road Brochure (PDF)."

"Pedestrians and bicyclists are reminded to be aware of their surroundings and be as highly visible as possible when interacting with vehicle traffic, while drivers are reminded to be alert and cautious in areas with



COURTESY PHOTO

Barbara and Jim Toth have worked to make sure Jim's lifethreatening bicycle collision in 2020 did not happen in vain. Barbara founded Vulnerable Road Users New Mexico to bring attention to those unprotected users of the road.

pedestrian and bicycle traffic, the NMDOT Traffic Safety Division said on www.dot.nm.gov/ planning-research-multimodal-and-safety/modal/ traffic-safety.

NMDOT said the state averaged 155 distracteddriving fatalities a year 2016-20, and that figure was expected to grow to 172 a year, 2019-23.

The NMDOT 2023 Highway Safety Plan identified districted driving as a high-risk behavior for drivers, along with alcohol use, not using a seatbelt and speeding.

In Las Cruces and

throughout the state, VRUNM will press for more traffic signage, better marking of traffic and bike lanes and crosswalks, enforcement of traffic laws and more sidewalks, Toth said.

"Hold everyone accountable," she said. "This is about all of us."

Contact Toth at barbara@vrunm.org.

Visit vrunm.org and www.facebook.com/Vul-nerableRoadUsersNM.
Also visit www.velocruces.org and www.dot.nm.gov/planning-research-multimodal-and-safety/modal/traffic-safety.







# **Hope for the Holidays** provides 5,000 meals

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**BULLETIN REPORT** 

For Thanksgiving, Casa de Peregrinos, distributed more than 5,000 holiday meals during its Hope for the Holidays event, partnering with Tawney, Acosta and Chaparro Truck Crash & Injury Attorneys.

"Today proved to be everything we expected and more as our partners at Tawney, Acosta, and Chaparro Truck Crash & Injury Attorneys were not only onsite volunteering their time, but we're already beginning to look toward next year as we improve and serve more people. I am humbled that they have chosen us as their partners," said Lorenzo Alba, Casa de Peregrinos executive director.

"We at Tawney, Acosta, and Chaparro Truck Crash & Injury Attorneys are excited to work with Casa de Peregrinos to make a difference in the lives of those who may be facing adversity this holiday season," said James Tawney, Attorney. "Casa de Peregrinos has established a very effective program to help needy families during the holidays, and we are pleased to be a part of it."

Casa de Peregrinos, whose roots go back to 1972, is a local food pantry serving the residents of Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico. For more information, visit casadeperegrinos.org or call Bianca at 915-449-8028.

# HFH seeks board members **BULLETIN REPORT**

Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity is looking for dedicated board members.

Habitat for Humanity's mission is simple: to provide homes for Las Cruces residents who might not otherwise be able to afford

As a member of the board, you would be involved in activities in support of Habitat for Humanity, such as financial and cultural decisions, on-site participation in construction, fundraising opportunities and more.

For more information, contact board president Drew McPhee at drew.mcphee@michalscheck.com.

# **Truckers Toy Drive Saturday**

**BULLETIN REPORT** 

Saturday, Dec. 2, as many as 100 semi-truck cabs (no trailers) will parade from Vado to the Field of Dreams, 2300 Tashiro Drive, bringing toys and joy. It's the 8th Annual Truckers Toy Drive and trucks are expected to arrive at the Field of Dreams

around 10:30 a.m. To participate in the parade, drivers are required to bring new, unwrapped toys to distribute toys to local families. Members of the public who wish to support the drive may also bring toys to the Field of Dreams. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the event, along with food, music and jumping

balloons. There will also be a truck show with awards and trophies for different categories. Trucks will register and begin the parade at National Truck Stop, 16320 Stern Drive in Vado from 9-9:45 a.m. Saturday. For information, call Ray Garces at 915-478-2695, or Emiliano Campos, 575-915-

# INSURANCE

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that person could care less about local communities," she said. "They know nothing about our com-

munity they know nothing about what we have or don't have here so they will pull up whatever plan pulls up first in the computer system."

But the best reason to

use is local broker may be personal.

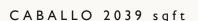
"I love it," Fragoso said. "I've been doing it 14 years and the people I meet are amazing. I just enjoy the people part of it."









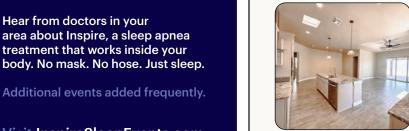








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provides support services

to student participants as appropriate to program activities.

for position, please visit https://careers.nmsu.edu/ iobs/nursing-student-navunited-states-fc7045e3-48de-4629-b55e-3e14f-11039be

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experience related to the standard duties as

# Equivalency: Completion of a post-secondary

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For a complete job announcement and to apply for position, please visit: https://careers.nmsu.edu/ jobs/admin-asst-interdona-ana-community-college-new-mexico-unitedstates-48647446-bb55-4306-9abb-e429581cd-

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Academic Advisor, **Nursing Posting** #499058

Required Education: Bachelor's degree in Accounting.

Required Experience: No previous work experi-ence required.

Classification Summary

Provides academic advisement for prospective, current, and former students within a specified undergraduate academic department or equivalent unit of a college. Assesses academic level, attends to student inquiries, assists in problem resolution, and advises on program changes, and in the development of academic plans and schedules. Analyzes applications, transfer evaluations, and transcripts for entry and exit from the university. Maintains appropriate records. May establish

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vacant position: Accountant, Inter-Requisition #499101 Required Education: Bachelor's degree in Accounting. Required Experience:

One (1) years of experience related to the standard duties as outlined. Equivalency: Bachelor's degree and successful completion of at least 12 credit hours of Accounting (ACCT) course work and one (1) year of professional experience directly related to the standard duties as outlined

**Classification Summary** Performs moderately complex accounting activities relating to the maintenance of a complete and accurate general ledger and the

reports and financial statements

For a complete job announcement and to apply for position, please visit: https://careers.nmsu.edu/ iobs/accountant-inter-dona-ana-community-college-new-mexico-united-states

Deadline to apply for Action Employer

DACC, a responsive, accessible, comprehensive, learning-centered community college that provides education opportunities to a diverse community of learners is inviting candidates to apply for the following vacant position:

Groundskeeper, Sr Requisition # 499037 Required Education:

None. Required Experience:

Three (3) years of experience related to the standard duties as outlined

Equivalency: Any equivalent combination of education, training and/or experience as approved by Human Resource Services

Classification Summary Under general supervision, leads a crew of groundskeepers in the maintenance of grounds and grounds construction activities.

For a complete job announcement and to apply for position, please visit: Groundskeeper,Sr - Doña Ana Community College, New Mexico, United States (nmsu.edu)

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Custodial Worker, Sr Requisition # 499045 Required Education: Required Experience:

Three (3) years of experience related to the standard duties as outlined. Equivalency:

Any equivalent combination of education, training and/or experience as approved by Human Resource Services

Classification Summary

Under direct supervi-

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sion, responsible for the cleaning and custodial care of buildings and working areas. Primary responsibility is for the use of proper methods and materials in cleaning and otherwise caring for building areas. Follows a well established routine Performance is evaluated by periodic inspection of work areas. Frequently reports to a Custodian Supervisor. For a com-

plete job announcement and to apply for position, . Worker,Sr - Doña Ana

Community College, New Mexico, United States Deadline to apply for

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT No: D-307PB-202300237
Judge James T.
Martin
IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE
OF NATALIA TRUJILLO, DECEASED.
NOTICE TO

**CREDITORS** Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned Personal Representative at the address listed below or filed with the 3rd Judicial Court of Dona Ana County New Mexico located at 201 W. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces NM Dated 11/8/2023 /s/ Marianne P Gillespie Marianne P Gillespie First American Bank PO Box 2380 Las Cruces NM

# 12/01, 2023 Legal Notice

Dates: 11/17, 11/24,

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#### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB-2023-00246
Judge Manuel I.
Arrieta
IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE
OF ALFRED P.
TRUJILLO,
deceased.
NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN that JACOB TRUJILLO has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Alfred P. Trujillo, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for the Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005. STREETER LAW FIRM, LLC 1990 É. Lohman Ave., Ste. 217 Las Cruces, NM 88001 (575) 524-6893 /s/ Jessica Streeter Jessica Streeter NM Bar No. 142793 Dates: 11/17, 11/24, 12/01, 2023

#### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Case No. D-307-DM-2023-890 Robert Lara Manuel V. Lopez, Petitioner, V

Brandi Morin Lopez, Respondent,
NOTICE OF SUIT To Brandi Morin Lopez, RESPONDENT: Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you, The subject of this lawsuit is: Divorce. If you do not file a response or responsive pleading with the above-titled Court within 30 days after the third publication of this notice, the Court may enter a default judgment against you. Petitioner's Name Manuel V. Lopez 530 N. Melendres Apt. A Las Cruces, NM 88005 575-642-8816 WITNESS the Honorable Robert

Lara, District Judge

of the Third Judicial

District Court of the

State of New Mexico, and the seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County, this 26 day of October, 2023.
Bernice A. Ramos CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT /s/ Noemi Ramirez Noemi Ramirez

Deputy
DATES: 11/17,
11/24, 12/01, 2023

#### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Case No. D-307-CV-2022-00557 Judge Casey B. Fitch Sivel Sarahi Urbina Montoya and Dulce Sarahi Urbina Martinez, Plaintiff,

Omar Martinez,
Defendant.
NOTICE OF SUIT

To Omar Martinez,

Defendant: Take

notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you, The subject of this lawsuit is: Name Change. If you do not file a response or responsive pleading with the above-titled Court within 30 days after the third publication of this notice. the Court may enter a default judgment against you. This lawsuit is not about real property. Plaintiff's Name Sivel Urbina 3901 Calle De Las Margaritas #48 Las Cruces, NM 88005 575-288-8152 WITNESS the Honorable Casey B. Fitch, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County, this 13 day of November, 2023 DAVID BORUND CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT /s/ Deanna Gomez Deputy

Dates: 11/17, 11/24, 12/01, 2023

STATE OF NEW
MEXICO COUNTY
OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
No. D-307-

DM-2023-01021
Duran, Grace B.
EMMA MARINA
GOMEZ-ORELLANA, Petitioner.

FREDIS NAHUN POZO-PADILLA, Respondent. NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF

ACTION TO: Respondent, Fredis Nahun Po-zo-Padilla NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Respondent FREDIS NA-HUN POZO-PADIL-LA. You are hereby notified that Emma Marina Gomez-Orellana, Petitioner, has filed a Petition to Establish paternity, Custody, and Child Support, requesting sole custody of the minor children EMPG, FEPG, and ENPG. You have thirty (30) days to enter a response with the Third Judicial District Courthouse at 201 W Picacho Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88005 and send the same to Petitioner's attorney. Regarding this petition, if you do not enter a response and send the same to Petitioners' attorney, the Court may enter a default judgment in your absence. Attorney for Petitioner is Linda K. Wilson of the New Mexico Immigrant Law Center, PO Box 7040, Albuquerque, NM 87194, 505-288-1570. The Honorable Grace B. Duran. District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County. this 17th day of November, 2023. Bernice A. Ramos Clerk of the Court /s/ Victor A. Eres

Victor A. Eres, Judicial Specialist **Dates:** 11/24, 12/01,
12/08, 2023

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on October 30, 2023, Javier Garcia, 800 Del Mar Drive, El Paso, TX 79932, filed with the STATE ENGINEER Application No. LRG-11-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-11 for Pe1mit to Change an Existing Water Right 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. Use of well LRG-11, located within the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Sec. 30, T26S, R03E, NMPM, on land owned by the applicant; will be supplemented, by drilling new well LRG-l 1-POD2, within the NE  $^{1\!\!/}_{4}$  SE  $^{1\!\!/}_{4}$ of Sec. 30 and more specifically located near the intersection of X=1510596.84', Y=370096.48', NMSP Central NAD 83; on land owned by the applicant for the 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 3?.06 acres of land. own d by the applicant, located within the SE 1/4 of said Sec. 30, as described by Hydrographic Survey No. LRS-28-013-0086. The applicant requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well

Section 72-12-24. Supplemental well is to be located; 322.7'. SW of the intersection of El Camino Real & W Ohara Rd. 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. 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). If the protest does not include the complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address, it may be deemed invalid and not accepted for filing unless Protestant provides with the protest an affidavit stating that it does not have one of the above-listed elements/requirements (phone number. mailing address, email address, etc.). 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 shall be required to provide evidence showing how you will

be substantially and

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# **celebrity**update

BY JAY BOBBIN

# David Hyde Pierce

OF JULIA ON MAX



# Q: Why isn't David Hyde Pierce back as Niles in the new version of "Frasier"?

A: The actor reportedly was approached about rejoining title star Kelsey Grammer in the Paramount+ revival, but he reportedly responded that he felt he had done all he could do with the character. However, that doesn't mean Pierce isn't doing any work at all. He's been appearing as Paul Child, husband of legendary chef Julia Child, in the second season of Max's comedy-drama series "Julia"; he also is performing Off-Broadway in the late composer Stephen Sondheim's "Here We Are."

Pierce already was building a solid career for himself on stage and screen when his memorable portrayal of the persnickety Niles Crane on the original "Frasier" suddenly made him a household name. He had played a bookstore co-worker of Amy Irving's character in "Crossing Delancey" (1988), and just before "Frasier" premiered in 1993, he was in "Sleepless in Seattle" with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. While "Frasier" was in its original run, Pierce also was in the movies "Wolf" (1994), "Nixon" (1995) and "Down With Love" (2003).

"Down With Love" (2003).

Over the course of "Frasier's" first run, Pierce earned four Primetime Emmy Awards for his portrayal of Niles. He also has fared well with Broadway's Tony Awards, winning for his acting in the musical "Curtains" in 2007, then receiving the ceremony's Isabelle Stevenson Award for his philanthropic work in 2010. He also was nominated for performing in "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" (2013) and a revival of "Hello, Dolly!" (2017).

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# What's Available NOW On





9-1-1 "Red Flag" (N)

### "The Jinglebell Jubilee" (Dec. 3)

In this holiday film from Great American Family, A city manager (Marshall Williams) recruits the help of a childhood friend (Erin Agostino) in setting right his town's Christmas Charity event, while she sets to work setting him up with her close friend.



### "We Live Here: The Midwest" (Dec. 6)

Every family experiences new challenges every day as they learn, grow and adapt together But many families throughout America also face a rising tide of discrimination and hate in their churches, schools and even their own neighborhoods. Profiling families who are hoping to stay in a part of the country that they love, often where deep roots are



already established, the film chronicles their journey to find happiness and safety where they are without having to

### "Culprits" (Dec. 8)

This crime thriller kicks off where most crime stories end: after a high-stakes heist, when the crew of elite criminals have gone their separate ways and have tried to leave their old lives behind. Past and present collide when a ruthless assassin starts targeting them one by one. Why are they being stalked, who is behind the mayhem, and will they be able to find one another

in time to protect themselves and the people they love? The series stars Nathan Stewart-Jarrett, Gemma Arterton, Niamh Algar, Kirby, Kamel El Basha, Tara Abboud, Kevin Vidal, Ned Dennehy and Eddie Izzard.

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### "Meet Me Under the Mistletoe" (Dec. 9)

In this holiday film from Great American Family, rival real estate agents both make the exact same wish during the first snow of the winter: to win the most coveted listing in town. As the business competitors begrudgingly work together, they learn this house comes with a special commission: love. Starring Sarah Fisher and Simon Arblaster.



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F\*★★★ Bad Santa ('03) Tony Cox, Billy Bob Thornton. \*\*\*\* Scrooged ('88) (:40) \*\*\* The Protégé ('21) Maggie Q, Samuel L. Jackson, Michael Keaton. SYFY 59 122 244 \*\* ★★ John Wick ('14) Michael Nyqvist, Keanu Reeves (:20) \*\*★★★ Wedding Crashers ('05) Vince Vaughn, Owen Wilson. 33 139 247 F ★ Grown Ups (10) Kevin James, Adam Sandler. (:05) \*\* Grown Ups 2 ('13) Kevin James, Adam Sandler. Movie TBS \*\*\*\* The Philadelphia Story ('40) Cary Grant. 169 132 256 ♥★★★ Monkey Business ('52) Ginger Rogers, Cary Grant F\*\*\* I Was a Male War Bride ('49) Cary Grant. TCM ♥★★★ Bringing Up Baby 45 183 280 90 Day "More to Love: Do You Take One Another?" (N) 90 Day (N) | Chantel "Fortune's Fool" | 90 Day 90 Day Fiancé "More to Love: Do You Take One Another? 90 Day TLC Chantel PRogue One: A Star Wars St... TNT 32 138 245 (4:55) \*\*★★★ Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith ('05) All Elite Wrestling (N) \*\*\* Star Wars: The Phantom Menace ('99) Ewan McGregor, Liam Neeson. 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MOVIES

# What's Available NOW





### "Diary of a Wimpy Kid Christmas: Cabin Fever" (Disney+ — Dec. 7, Season Premiere)

The winter holidays are turning out to be especially stressful for Greg Heffley (Wesley Kimmel) this year. After accidentally damaging someone else's property, Greg worries he won't get the gift he so desperately wants for Christmas. To make matters worse, a snowstorm hits the town and the entire family is trapped indoors for days. With Christmas right around the corner, will Greg be able to be on his best behavior?

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# "Doctor Who: The Giggle" (Dec. 9)

In this final of three "Doctor Who" specials — "The Star Beast" (Nov. 25), "Wild Blue Yonder" (Dec. 2) and "The Giggle" (Dec. 9) — the Fourteenth Doctor (David Tennant) is reunited with Donna Temple-Noble (Catherine Tate) as they come face-to-face with their most terrifying villain yet: the Toymaker (played by Neil Patrick Harris).

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#### "Home Alone" - Complete Film Series (Available Now)

Snuggle up for a classic Christmas movie marathon with all six movies in the Home Alone film franchise. The series kicks off with the story of Kevin McCallister (Macaulay Culkin), who finds himself left at home alone as his family heads off to Paris. While it was fun at first, Kevin has to act quickly by wiring his own house with makeshift booby traps to stop two burglars, Harry (Joe Pesci) and Mary (Daniel Stern), who are trying to rob his house on Christmas Eve.

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### "The Santa Clause" - Complete Film Series (Available Now)

Tim Allen is turning Christmas around in all three of The Santa Clause films, streaming now. When Scott Calvin (Allen) inadvertently makes Santa fall off his roof on Christmas Eve, he finds himself magically recruited to take his place. Eric Lloyd also stars.

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Brooke D'Orsay stars in "A Not So Royal Christmas"

#### A Not So Royal Christmas HALL 6 p.m.

Looking to generate some buzz, a tabloid journalist, Charlotte (Brooke D'Orsay), attempts to get an interview with a reclusive count. But in response, the royal family employs a groundskeeper (Will Kemp) to pose as the count, who fled years before.

#### Ladies of the '80s: A **Divas Christmas** LIFE 6 p.m.

Five glamorous '80s soap opera divas reunite to shoot the final Christmas episode of their long-running soap opera. All the while, the producer, Alex (Travis Burns), and director, Nell (Taylor Ann Thompson), try to keep things from going off the rails.

#### A Christmas Serenade OWN 7 p.m.

A trip home for a gig finds musician Jeremiah (B.J. Britt) recruited to take over as the Minister of Music for his home church's annual Christmas Jubilee. But the offer reignites both a feud and romance with the pastor's daughter, Willow (Skye Townsend).

#### **Fatal Family Feuds** OXYGEN 7 p.m.

When Anson "Buzz" Clinton is found executed on a deserted road, investigators find that a heated family feud over custody of his stepdaughter leads them to a surprising conspiracy between a drug dealer, a successful lawyer and Buzz's sister-in-law.

#### **Buddy Valastro's Cake Dynasty** A&E 8 p.m.

In this reality series, viewers get a behind-the-scenes look at Buddy Valastro and his family as they juggle an expanding business empire with the demands of home life. Be it baking cakes or helping with homework, everything's a family affair.

#### Saturday Night Live KTSM 9:30 p.m.

They're back to tickle your funny bone: Season 49 continues, as talented actors and comedians (accompanied by a weekly celebrity guest host) present a series of hilarious and topical skits and sketches. Each episode includes a live musical performance.

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Taniya Nayak and Carter Oosterhouse host "The Great Christmas Light Fight"

# Christmas With a Kiss HALL 6 p.m.

Mishael Morgan stars as a young woman who returns home to assist with her family's annual Christmas Carnival. But when a photojournalist curates a surprise reunion, she connects with a young man played by Ronnie Rowe, and romance begins to sparkle.

#### 90 Day Fiancé TLC 6 p.m.

The couples are starting to suffer from 90-day overload. Nick's pet name for Devin has his family questioning her. Then, Citra's father has some serious requirements for her relationship with Sam. And, Nikki discovers Justin slept around while dating her.

# Married to Medicine BRAVO 7 p.m.

In this new episode of the hit reality series, the ladies of Atlanta tussle with the supernatural. Phaedra sends out mysterious invitations for an evening at her funeral home. During the event, a familiar face returns from the dead.

# Yellowstone KDBC 7 p.m.

They always try to take what you have. John (Kevin Costner) recognizes that the Becks are looking to take everything, from the ranch to his grandchild. The buildup is enough to push things over the edge. And just where is Monica (Kelsey Asbille) going?

#### Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen KRWG 7 p.m.

British historian and author Lucy Worsley is back, uncovering the backstory of history's most interesting figures. In this documentary, she looks into the world's most successful detective author, Agatha Christie. How did Christie become a beloved author?

# The Northman STARZ 7 p.m.

Prince Amleth (Alexander Skarsgard) is on the verge of becoming a man when his father is brutally murdered by his uncle, who kidnaps the boy's mother. Decades later, Amleth is a Viking on a mission to save his mother, kill his uncle and avenge his father.

#### The Great Christmas Light Fight KVIA 9 p.m.

Back for another holiday season, hosts Carter Oosterhouse and Taniya Nayak travel across the U.S. to find Christmas light displays worthy of a \$50,000 prize. Each episode sees four families transform their homes for a chance at winning.

# Fellow Travelers SHOW 10 p.m.

By 1968 Tim (Jonathan Bailey) is an anti-war protester sought by the FBI. Meanwhile, Hawk (Matt Bomer) and Lucy (Allison Williams) have settled into a quiet existence: two kids and a country house. But Hawk wants Tim back in his life and Tim can't resist.

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Gordon Ramsay from "Kitchen Nightmares"

# The Polar Express AMC 5 p.m.

Tom Hanks and director Robert Zemeckis ("Forrest Gump") reunite for this adventure, based on the beloved children's book by Chris Van Allsburg. A young boy takes an extraordinary train ride to the North Pole, embarking on a journey of self-discovery.

# Mysteries of the Unknown TRAV 6 p.m.

Host Don Wildman discovers that a toilet-flushing error led to a major disaster for a German U-boat captain and his crew.

Then Mark Twain turns a medical fad on its head. And then a group of mountain climbers head off on an expedition with deadly results.

### Holiday Baking Championship FOOD 6 p.m.

Jesse Palmer challenges the bakers to transform charming holiday designs into mini-tart mosaics. After, the bakers create festive double-barrel wrapping paper cakes that give off the ideal present vibe for judges Carla Hall, Duff Goldman and Nancy Fuller.

# Kitchen Nightmares KFOX 7 p.m.

In this season finale, Chef Gordon Ramsay is throwing everything he can (including tantrums) at the problems in the latest restaurant that's hemorrhaging business, serving bad food and worse management. Is this eatery beyond even what Ramsay can handle?

# Barmageddon KTSM 9 p.m.

With the holidays upon us, nothing is better than celebrating with close friends and making merry. To that end, Ice T visits Nashville's Ole Red to raise a glass to Blake Shelton and Carson Daly, and they play some hilarious, over-the-top bar games in front of the live studio audience.

### Murder in Boston: Roots, Rampage & Reckoning HBO 10 p.m.

The shooting of a white couple at the hands of an allegedly Black assailant makes headlines as Boston unravels a past historically marked with racialized violence and segregation, both brought to light during the premiere episode of this series.

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# The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City BRAVO 6 p.m.

It's their first international trip together, and things go as planned. Whitney and Lisa avoid each other until Heather's comments send people over the edge. Then, psyched to spend her birthday in Bermuda, Monica and Meredith bond over dirt on Angie.

#### 1000-Lb. Sisters TLC 6 p.m.

Amy grapples with having a high-risk pregnancy while caring for two kids on her own;

Tammy makes a final push for bariatric surgery after her brush with death; and the Slaton siblings grow concerned when Tammy's new romance turns serious. Part one of two.

# Dancing With the Stars KVIA 7 p.m.

From the tango to the two-step, the dance floor has been an unkind mistress to a lot of the dancers this season. But with time winding down, the remaining dancers must focus on their techniques in order to impress the judges and capture America's heart.

# Whose Line Is It Anyway? KVIA2 8 p.m.

Comedian Jeff B. Davis returns as guest comic, joining regulars Ryan Stiles, Colin Mochrie and Wayne Brady for television's funniest improv show, hosted by Aisha Tyler.

#### TMZ's Merry Elfin' Christmas KFOX 8 p.m.

Few things say "Happy Holidays" like TMZ covering their biggest stories of the year. Host Harvey Levin and some celebrity guests give their takes on some of the biggest stories of 2023: from celebrity breakups to births.





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# The 'Magic of the Season'

he sound of holiday music is beginning to permeate many of our homes and businesses and reminds us that the holidays are right in front of us. Again this year, the big debate that remains, as I've witnessed on several Facebook pages and in conversations, is "when" to decorate. Is it before or after Thanksgiving? Is it totally "taboo" to begin before Halloween? Unfortunately, there are no rules, nor do I believe there should be rules when it comes to decorating for the holidays. Whenever you choose to decorate your home, remember the "magic" of the season lies year-round within your heart. The lights, bows, trees are a simple reflection of

your heart.
And so here we are, close to the end of the year and the holiday season. We can all find the "Spirit of Santa," that magical feeling which somehow energizes us and keeps us going. Throughout the years, I've been asked many times "why" I collect Santas...well, it's simple. It is the magic that this bearded, red-suited gentleman brings

to the world. For a brief season in time every year, the magic replaces the negativity, pessimism and sadness with positivity, optimism and joy.

We all have the GLCC Presability to apply these five simple elements of this "magic" to our lives and make a true impact in our community.

1.Magic of Making a Difference – There's something very special of giving to a non-profit during the holiday season. This simple gesture of giving of your time and/or dollars to make a difference in someone's life mir-

rors the joy of the season in so many ways. Take a moment to reach out to

those organizations that make such a difference in our community. Teaching our children and

grandchildren the art of "giving back" makes the holidays a perfect teachable moment.

2. Magic of Friends and Family – Although the stress of the holidays can often be overwhelming, the company of friends and family can also calm us. I always



**DEBBI MOORE**GLCC President & CEO

enjoy watching the proverbial "happy ending" holiday movies. While real life is not always full of happy endings, I have to say that at least for moments of magic during the holidays, they can

be a reality. Whether it's friends or family or both, connecting with those we love can brighten our lives as much as the tree lights do our homes.

#### 3. Magic of Food

– The holiday season brings such traditional foods. In New Mexico, these traditions include, but certainly are not limited to, biscochitos, tamales, posole and of course, our own pecan pies. Being raised in Oklahoma, our traditions included chicken and noodles, green bean casserole, cranberry jello salad and Aunt Bill's Brown Candy. The highlight of my memories growing up, however, is my Aunt Sylvia's divinity and fudge. I can still hear the click of the lid on the metal tin where she kept them under layers of wax paper. It's not so much I remember the tastes of the food; once again, it's the

magic of the moment.

4. Magic of Shopping – Shopping during the holiday season can, depending on its definition, be calming or stressful. For years, my daughter and I would be the first in line at many of the stores at the crack of dawn to catch all those bargains. In retrospect, I don't remember

the bargains, the money we saved or the crowds

we encountered. What I do remember is the "magic" of the morning. Spending time with my daughter, laughing as we stood in line or convers-

ing over hot coffee or hot chocolate. Yes, we were often cold as we stood outside, but now, those memories keep me warm. P.S. Always remember to shop local – your investment makes a big difference in our community.

### 5. Magic of Laughter

- One thing most lovable about Santa is his "Ho, Ho, Ho" you hear almost constantly whenever you see him. It always makes me smile and laugh myself. In my collection of Santas I have ones that sing, dance and read stories. There are

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Las Cruces, NM 88013-4605 720-245-1211 transforminglifewithheidi.com Anniversary Date: 11/1/2023

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Ashley Furniture HomeStore 3299 Del Rev Blvd. Las Cruces, NM 88012-7718 575-523-3933 ashleyfurniturehomestore.com Anniversary Date: 6/2/2011

Bank of the Southwest 1043 North Main St. Las Cruces, NM 88001-1225 575-527-5498 bankofsw.com Anniversary Date: 9/27/1999

Bohannan Huston, Inc. 425 S. Telshor Blvd. Ste. C103 Las Cruces, NM 88011-8237 575-532-8670 bhinc.com Anniversary Date: 12/8/1995

**Bradbury Stamm** Construction

7110 2nd St. NW Albuquerque, NM 87107-6702 505-765-1200 bradburystamm.com Anniversary Date: 8/31/2009

Chick-fil-A Lohman Ave. 2091 E. Lohman Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88001-3189 575-524-2888 Anniversary Date: 10/11/2016

Charles Schwab Independent Branch - Las Cruces 141 S. Roadrunner Pkwy, Suite 141-C

Las Cruces, NM 88011-2001 575-993-5050 schwab.com/lascruces Anniversary Date: 9/13/2012

First Financial Credit Union 901 E. University Ave. Ste. Q Las Cruces, NM 88001-5710 800-342-8298 ffnm.org Anniversary Date: 10/1/2019

Hacienda de Mesilla 1891 Avenida de Mesilla Mesilla, NM 88005-3908 575-652-4953 haciendademesilla.com Anniversary Date: 9/1/2017

Judy Enterprises SIG 4096 Demos Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88011-4209 575-640-5640 Anniversary Date: 1/3/2014

Las Cruces Convention Center 680 E. University Ave.

Las Cruces, NM 88001-6053 575-526-0100 meetinlascruces.com Anniversary Date: 9/21/2009

Las Cruces International Mariachi Conference PO Box 938

Las Cruces, NM 88004-0934 575-525-1735 lascrucesmariachi.org Anniversary Date: 8/1/2022

New Mexico Educational Assistance Foundation 7400 Tiburon NE Albuquerque, NM 87109-5910

505-761-2030 nmstudentloans.org Anniversary Date: 8/30/2013

MSC 3Z PO Box 30001 Las Cruces, NM 88003-8800 575-556-7600 nmsu.edu

Anniversary Date: 5/10/1972

**NMSU Foundation** PO Box 3590 Las Cruces, NM 88003-3590 575-646-1613 support.nmsu.edu/ Anniversary Date: 1/1/1991

Roto-Rooter 1811 Copper Lp. Las Cruces, NM 88005-8166 575-524-1911 rotorooter.com Anniversary Date: 3/3/2006

Sierra Lobo, Inc. 12600 NASA Rd., Bldg. 101 Las Cruces, NM 88012 575-524-5277 sierralobo.com

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# **RIBBON CUTTINGS**

On Friday, Nov. 3, La Casa Inc. celebrated the grand opening of their Safe Exchange and Supervised Visitation Center, 835 Spruce, with a ribbon cutting. Claudia Ocon, Supervised Visitation program manager, held the proclamation while Melissa Mata, director of support services cut the ribbon.



Bubbas 33, 510 S. Telshor, held a ribbon cutting to celebrate their grand opening on Friday, Nov. 10, with a ribbon cutting. Gladys Caffarro, kitchen manager, Ethany Fierro, admin assistant, Deborah Davis, service manager, Tabitha Gomez, kitchen manager, Karla Cardenas service manager, and Esteban Rosales, kitchen manager, held the proclamation and the member certificate while Sylvia Cuen, partner owner, cut the ribbon.



On Friday, Nov. 17, Scooter's Coffee, 1105 N. Main, held a ribbon cutting to celebrate their grand opening. Jamie Yeager, franchisee owner, Zachary Reed and Malachi Yeager held the proclamation and member certificate while Matt Yeager, franchisee owner, cut the ribbon.

# FROM THE AMBASSADOR CHAIR

s we wrap up 2023, I would like to give a special shout out to the Ambassador Executive Council: Caroline Zamora (Past Chair), Lensi Shakra (Incoming Chair/ Activities), Brandi Selby (Secretary/Treasurer), Shawn Martin (Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe Chair), Tyler Overberger (Marketing/Ambassador Membership), Darlene Stalder (Red Team Captain) and Sylvia Lauer (Green Team Captain).

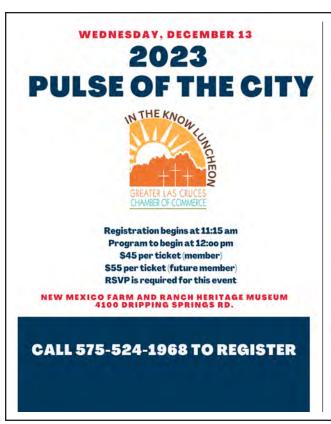
These individuals have made this year a huge success and I am very grateful for their dedication to the Ambassadors. I would also like to thank the Chamber staff



**BY LYNDSAY MARTIN** 2023 Ambassador Chair

for all of their support, thank you Debbi, Cyndi and Taylor! The Ambassadors had a very busy 2023, and as we look ahead to 2024, I can assure you that the Ambassadors will be out and about supporting the Chamber and our Las Cruces businesses. Our next big event is Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe which will be Jan. 27-29, 2024. We have some exciting changes for LCDSF 2024 including a new host hotel (La Fonda on the Plaza). Please be

sure to register and book your room ASAP! We cannot wait to see everyone in Santa Fe! Until then, I wish everyone a joyous holiday season!





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times when I drive my family nuts because I get them all singing, dancing and reading at the same time...and then I find myself laughing.

Laugh with someone this holiday season. It'll make your day.

Be strong. Be kind. Be giving. Be supportive. Be available. All of these define what "being a community" really is. Our wonderful, special com-

munity which, while we often have differences, comes together to overcome. Together we turn every challenge into an opportunity. The key is that we do this...TO-GETHER!

Am I "over the top" for the holiday, Santa, ribbons, bows and all the colors they bring? You bet I am! The sounds, the sights, the colors...all come together to create the "Magic of the Season." It's my tradition that as the season concludes for another year, I keep a Santa out all year, a simple gesture to remind me that the magic of Santa can be yearround, if we only believe. In my version of those famous words, "Yes, my friends, there is a Santa Claus. Enjoy the magic of the season.

To wrap up 2023, I want to take a few moments to thank our chair, Jason Lazich, for his leadership, as we all once again navigated another year to find our "new norm." On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Chamber staff, we thank you for your expertise, leadership and professionalism as you've lead the Board of Directors and the Chamber through this year. You represent all that's good, kind and caring in business...Thank you!



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# What's Available NOW On NETFLIX



# "Blood Coast" - Season 1 (Dec. 6)

A group of policemen with particular methods track down a dangerous criminal in order to prevent Marseille, France, from a bloodbath in this thrilling French action drama. The cast includes Florence Thomassin, Nicolas Duvauchelle, Olivier Barthelemy, Tewfik Jallab, Samir Boitard, Idir Azougli, Jeanne Goursaud and Lani Sogoyou.



# "My Life With the Walter Boys" -Season 1 (Dec. 7)

Following the loss of her family in a tragic accident, 15-year old Manhattanite Jackie Howard (Nikki Rodriguez) has to learn to adapt to a new life in rural Colorado with her guardian — her mom's best friend, Katherine (Sarah Rafferty) — and 10 other rowdy children. Based on the Novel of the same name by Ali Novak.



# "I Hate Christmas" - Season 2 (Dec. 7)

Pilar Fogliati stars in Netflix's first Italian Christmas series, a comedy about a young woman looking for love. Who rang at Gianna's doorbell on Christmas Eve? It's finally time to find out in Season 2. A year has passed since that fateful evening, and now, we find that our Gianna (Fogliati) is surprisingly no longer single. But Christmas, as always, messes everything up. Will Gianna be able to harness some holiday magic to

keep her relationship together?



# "Hilda" - Season 3 (Dec. 7)

Transforming the Eisner-Award nominated graphic novels by Luke Pearson and published by Nobrow into an incredible animated adventure for older kids, the series follows the journey of Hilda (Bella Ramsay), a fearless blue-haired girl, as she travels from her home in a vast magical wilderness full of elves and giants to the bustling city of Trolberg, where she makes new friends and discovers mysterious creatures who are stranger — and sometimes more dangerous — than she ever expected.

# "Finestkind" (Paramount+ — Dec. 15, Movie Premiere)

This film tells the story of two brothers (Ben Foster, Toby Wallace), raised in different worlds, who are reunited as adults over a fateful summer. Set against the backdrop of commercial fishing, the story takes on primal stakes when desperate circumstances force the brothers to strike a deal with a violent Boston crime gang. Along the way, a young woman (Jenna Ortega) finds herself caught perilously in the middle. Sacrifices must be made and bonds between brothers, friends, lovers, and a father (Tommy Lee Jones) and his son are put to the ultimate test.

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"The Crown" - Season 6, Part 2 (Netflix — Dec. 14, Mid-season Premiere)

It's the end of an era: Part 2 of "The Crown's" sixth and final season streams on Netflix. This season explores the period leading up to Princess Diana's (Elizabeth Debicki) death, the immediate aftermath, and the long-term ramifications. Also, Queen Elizabeth II (Imelda Staunton) looks toward the future of the monarchy.





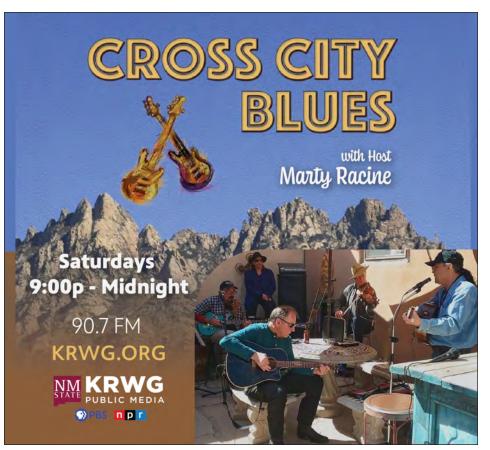
### "Reacher" (Prime Video — Dec. 15, Season Premiere)

Based on "Bad Luck and Trouble," the 11th book in Lee Child's global best-selling series, Season 2 begins when veteran military police investigator Jack Reacher (Alan Ritchson) receives a coded message that the members of his former U.S. Army unit, the 110th MP Special Investigations, are being mysteriously and brutally murdered one by one. Pulled from his drifter

lifestyle, Reacher reunites with three of his former teammates turned chosen family — Frances Neagley (Maria Sten), Karla Dixon (Serinda Swan) and David O'Donnell (Shaun Sipos) — to investigate.



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#### My 600-Lb. Life TLC 5 p.m.

Things go from bad to worse for J.T., the 900-pound man who has a 100-pound mass on his leg and an addiction to food that will kill him if he doesn't change. When his girlfriend brings him to Houston, he drives her away, leaving only Dr. Now to help him.

#### Help! I Wrecked My House HGTV 6 p.m.

Getting started is easy; finishing seems to be the toughest part. Designer Jasmine Roth rescues homeowners who are living without bathrooms, a kitchen or a bedroom due to issues they can't fix. Jasmine adjusts the awkward layout and adds coastal vibes.

# Guy's Grocery Games FOOD 7 p.m.

It comes down to a roll of the dice when Jet Tila and Antonia Lofaso's top students at Flavourtown Academy must create an upscale entrée using ingredients determined by the dice. If they pull off an impressive graduation dinner, they could win \$35,000.

# The Masked Singer KFOX 7 p.m.

Sometimes you just can't mask talent, and when a legend appears before judges Jenny McCarthy, Robin Thicke, Nicole Scherzinger and Ken Jeong, they go in a thousand different directions before learning the truth under the mask. Nick Cannon hosts.

#### MTV Cribs MTV 7:30 p.m.

A person's home might be their castle, but when MTV shows up to have a look around, you can bet the dungeons are off limits. NBA star Jaren Jackson Jr., comedian Margaret Cho and TV host Bobby Berk show us how they live during home tours.

### Magnum P.I. KTSM 8 p.m.

After a high-stakes homicide case falls apart at trial, Det. Katsumoto (Tim Kang) asks Magnum (Jay Hernandez) to help him stop a killer from walking free. Meanwhile, Higgins (Perdita Weeks) helps Jin Jeong (Bobby Lee) with a mystery of his own.

# Celebrity Wheel of Fortune KVIA 8 p.m.

Buying a vowel has never been so satisfying as Lauren Lapkus ("The Outlaws"), Ego Nwodim ("Saturday Night Live") and Jeff Ross ("Comedy Central Roast") visit Pat Sajak and Vanna White in hopes of winning up to \$1 million for charity.

# SurrealEstate SYFY 8 p.m.

Real estate agent Luke Roman and his team specialize in clearing and closing haunted houses, and in this new episode, the Agency welcomes back a changed Susan. With a full roster, Luke must use his regained powers to save the team from falling apart.

# The Amazing Race KDBC 8:30 p.m.

Nobody knows where they are. Nobody knows where they're going. But they know if they play by the rules, they'll run into Phil Keoghan standing around, waiting for them. The teams have traveled thousands of miles, are near the end and can taste that \$1 million.

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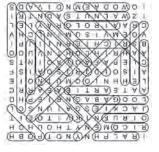
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# tonight's picks



Jesse Palmer from "Bachelor in Paradise"



# Christmas Cookie Challenge FOOD 7 p.m.

Things taste better during the holidays and hosts Ree Drummond and Eddie Jackson ask the four cookie makers to share in the magic of a Christmas road trip with edible two-sided picture postcards. Then, they must make 360-degree Christmas camper vans.

# Christmas at the Opry KTSM 7 p.m.

Hosted by Wynonna Judd, this two-hour musical special includes holiday classics and today's biggest hits performed by some of country music's biggest stars. From Kelly Clarkson to Trace Adkins, Brenda Lee to Mitchell Tenpenny, it's a night of merry magic.

# Bachelor in Paradise KVIA 7 p.m.

With attractive people doing attractive things in attractive places, this season finale will give one last chance to the stars and villains of past seasons of "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette." Who will leave hand-in-hand and who will leave crying?

### Ghosts UK KDBC 8 p.m.

Alison (Charlotte Ritchie) and Mike (Kiell Smith-Bynoe) are trying to find a semi-harmonious routine with their ghostly housemates and are working towards a new money-making venture to fund their perpetual renovations.

### LEGO Masters KFOX 8 p.m.

Stepping on them sucks, but building is the best. Will Arnett hosts a fun new episode of this competition series, in which LEGO enthusiasts go head-to-head in out-of-this-world brick-building challenges.



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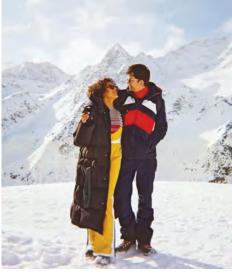
# "Hollywood Houselift With Jeff Lewis" - Season 2 (Dec. 6)

In this Freevee series, house flipper, interior designer and radio host, Jeff Lewis, is back for a new season of home renovations for some of Hollywood's brightest stars. With higher stakes, more drama, and even tighter deadlines, Jeff continues to balance his personal life and lean on his team of project managers to bring their all to some of his most demanding transformations yet.



# "Coach Prime" - Season 2 (Dec. 7)

This six-episode docuseries transports fans inside the locker room and onto the field of Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders' University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder) football program for the 2023 season. This year, Coach Prime and the Buffs have shaken up the college football landscape again, placing CU Boulder at the center of the sports world. Season 2 documents Sanders' first full season at CU Boulder, as he embarks on a journey of building success and works to transform the program in a short amount of time.



# "Your Christmas or Mine 2" (Dec. 8)

In this festive film sequel, James's (Asa Butterfield) family has invited the Taylors to spend Christmas in a luxury ski resort in the Austrian Alps, so they can meet his new American girlfriend. However, after a mix-up with transport at the airport, the two families end up at each other's accommodations, on different sides of a valley and opposite ends of the TripAdvisor ratings scale. Can Hayley (Cora Kirk) and James' relationship survive another turbulent family Christmas, or has their future together gone off-piste?



### "Merry Little Batman" (Dec. 8)

This animated family action comedy finds young Damian Wayne (Yonas Kibreab) alone in Wayne Manor on Christmas Eve. He must transform into "Little Batman" in order to defend his home and Gotham City from the crooks and supervillains intent on destroying the holidays. Luke Wilson, James Cromwell and David Hornsby also voice star.

# cooking log

#### **Friday**

- 8 p.m. COOK Holiday Baking Championship The bakers create dessert charcuterie boards and piñatas.
- 8:30 p.m. FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Homemade pretzels with beercheese sauce; burgers.
- 9 p.m. FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Shitake mushroom empanadas; flautas with queso fresco.
- 9:30 p.m. FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy joins Emeril Lagasse to sample Big Easy favorites.

### **Saturday**

8 p.m. COOK Iron Chef America Two iron chefs team up with special guests. DEST BBQ Pitmasters Three couples compete at Martinsville Speedway. FOOD Holiday Baking Championship **A&E Buddy Valastro's Cake Dynasty** Buddy creates a
cake for the Best Buddies
Challenge.

9 p.m. COOK Iron Chef America Victoria Blamey has a beef with Stephanie Izard. DEST BBQ Pitmasters Returning champions face some tough competition.

### Sunday

- 8 p.m. COOK Yum and Yummer Eddie Jackson gears up for his cheat day with sugar. FOOD Holiday Baking Championship 8:30 p.m. COOK Yum and
- 8:30 p.m. COOK Yum and Yummer Loving the best about pizza; crispy crust, savory sauce.
- 9 p.m. COOK The Best Thing I Ever Ate An angry lobster sandwich; bacon mac and cheese bites.
- FOOD Beat Bobby Flay
  Three chefs bring modern flair
  to classic holiday dishes.
- 9:30 p.m. COOK The Best Thing I Ever Ate Jeff Mauro fuels up with a meal packed into one giant glass.

#### Monday

- 8 p.m. COOK Bizarre Foods: Delicious Destinations Andrew introduces the rich dishes of Amman, Jordan. FOOD The Elf on the Shelf: Sweet Showdown
- 8:30 p.m. COOK Bizarre Foods: Delicious Destinations Colorful enchiladas; tiny tamales, handmade confections.
- 9 p.m. COOK The Zimmern List Andrew visits Providence, R.I., home to a unique food scene.
- FOOD The Big Bake 9:30 p.m. COOK The Zimmern List Andrew explores the food scene in Orlando, Fla.

#### **Tuesday**

8 p.m. COOK Christmas
Cookie Challenge Five of
America's bakers create
Christmas character masks.
DEST BBQ Pitmasters Find
out which wild card competitor
will emerge victorious.
FOOD Beat Bobby Flay

9 p.m. COOK Christmas Cookie Challenge Eddie Jackson presents the dreaded slice-and-bake challenge.

**DEST BBQ Pitmasters**Find out who will emerge victorious.

FOOD Selena + Chef: Home for the Holidays

Wednesday

- 8 p.m. COOK Santa's Baking Blizzard Three teams show off a new side of Mrs. Clause. FOOD Guy's Ranch Cook-
- 9 p.m. CLEO Just Eats With Chef JJ COOK Santa's Baking Blizzard Creating a "Night Before Christmas" cake display.

FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Four previous winners return for the holidays.

9:30 p.m. CLEO New Soul Kitchen Remix 9:45 p.m. CLEO New Soul Kitchen Remix

# Thursday

- 8 p.m. COOK Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations Healthy diets in Greece. FOOD Silos Baking Competition: Holiday Edition
- 9 p.m. COOK Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations Tony accepts the challenge to return to Les Halles for work. FOOD Christmas Cookie Challenge Custom Santa cookie shapes; wreath using only cookies.

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# tonight's movies

Airplane! ★★★ (1980,Comedy) Food poisoning puts fate into a neurotic pilot's hands. (1:30) FLIX Mon. 6 p.m.

Avatar: The Way of Water ★★★ (2022, Sci-Fi) Jake and Neytiri protect Pandora from a familiar threat. (3:15) HBO Tue. 6:45 p.m.

Bad Santa ★★★ (2003,Comedy) Two criminals disguise themselves as St. Nick and an elf. (2:00) PAR Fri. 6 p.m.

Beauty and the Beast: The Enchanted Christmas ★★★ (1997, Animated) An imprisoned maiden celebrates the holiday. (1:40) DISN Sun. 6 p.m. Black Hawk Down ★★★ (2001, War)

U.S. soldiers meet with disaster in 1993 Mogadishu, Somalia. (3:00) BBCA Sun. 7:30 p.m., Thu. 6 p.m.

Christmas Story, A ★★★★ (1983, Children) A boy wants a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. (2:00) TBS Sat. 6 p.m.

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Color Purple, The ★★★ (1985, Drama) Based on Alice Walker's portrait of a rural black woman. (4:00) OWN Wed. 6 p.m.

Curious Case of Benjamin Button, The ★★★ (2008, Fantasy) A man is born in his 80s and ages backward. (2:45) FLIX Sat. 6 p.m.

Dark Knight, The ★★★★ (2008, Action) The Joker (Heath Ledger) creates havoc in Gotham City. (2:35) HBO Mon. 7:25 p.m.

Elf ★★★ (2003,Children) A man leaves Santa's workshop to search for his family. (2:00) **AMC Sat. 7 p.m.**, Mon. 7 p.m.

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them ★★★ (2016.Fantasy) Magizoologist Newt Scamander tracks down magical creatures. (3:00) E! Sat. 7:30 p.m.

Fight Club ★★★ (1999,Thriller) Men vent their rage by beating each other in a secret arena. (2:50) **FXM Sat.** 

Four Weddings and a Funeral ★★★ (1994,Romance) A British bachelor falls for a fellow wedding guest. (2:15) TCM Sun. 6 p.m.

Furious 7 ★★★ (2015, Action) A dead man's brother seeks revenge on the Toretto gang. (2:25) **HBO Sat. 6:35 p.m.** 

Gemini ★★★ (2017, Thriller) A crime tests the bond between a starlet and her assistant. (1:34) MAX Fri. 6 p.m. Green Mile, The \*\*\* (1999, Drama) A condemned prisoner possesses a miraculous healing power. (4:00) SYFY Sun. 8 p.m. Grindhouse Presents: Planet Terror

\*\*\* (2007.Horror)

Flesh-craving zombies invade small-town Texas. (1:45) **TMC Tue. 8 p.m.** Grindhouse: Death Proof ★★★ (2007, Thriller) A veteran stuntman uses his car to kill unsuspecting women. (2:00) TMC Tue. 6 p.m.

Hitch ★★★ (2005,Romance) A smooth-talker helps a shy accountant woo an heiress. (2:30) **BRAVO Fri.** 

# Bingo — Solution

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Poets	Chaucer/ Coleridge	Frost	Marlowe/ Mulay	Riike	Shakespeare /Shalley

**Home Alone** ★★★ (1990,Children) A boy defends his home against inept burglars. (2:30) FREE Fri. 8 p.m., Tue. 7 p.m.

I Was a Male War Bride ★★★

(1949, Comedy) A French officer poses as a war bride so he can emigrate. (2:00) TCM Fri. 8 p.m.

Imitation of Life ★★★ (1959,Drama) Teenage daughters complicate two women's friendship. (2:15) TCM Sat. 6 p.m.

In the Bedroom ★★★ (2001,Drama) A couple's marriage unravels in the wake of a tragedy. (2:15) FLIX Thu.

Inspection, The ★★★ (2022, Drama) A gay man finds unexpected camaraderie as a U.S. Marine. (1:35) TMC Mon. 6 p.m.

Interstellar ★★★ (2014,Sci-Fi) Space explorers set out to find a new home for humanity. (2:50) MGM Sat. 6 p.m. Into the Wild ★★★ (2007,Drama) Christopher McCandless treks to Alaska. (2:30) FLIX Fri. 6 p.m.

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John Wick ★★★ (2014, Action) An

**Lighthouse, The** ★★★ (2019, Thrill-

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ex-assassin hunts down the gangsters who ruined his life. (2:03) SYFY Fri. 6 p.m.

er) Two lighthouse keepers try to maintain their sanity. (1:50) **TMC** Sun. 8 p.m.

**Crossword Solution** 

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- 12. Clean-up target
- 14. General Bradley
- 15. Ethereal musical genre
- 17. Blue shade
- 18. Greg of Fox News
- Fashion-designing twins
- 23. Anderson of CNN 28. Grind, as teeth
- 27. Mollusk shell material

- 29. Period
- 30. Hit CBS series starring William L. Petersen
- Resource for student filmmakers
- 34 Song of praise
- 36. Rachel of MSNBC
- 38. David Janssen TV series
- 39. Sean of Fox News
- 41. Empowered
- 44. What wearers of sleeveless garments have
- 48. Back
- 49. "You said it!"
- 50. Diamond expert?

- 51. Relinquish
- 52. Winter time in Miami
- 53. Cuba's of Pigs

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- 1 Went undercover
- 2. It's got you surrounded
- 3 Even numbers
- Not susceptible 5. University divs.
- Starting from
- "The Crown" city
- Loser" (Beatles song)
- Most preferred, in chat room slang
- 10. Judge13. Job detail, briefly
- 16. Antiquing agent
- 19. Write down
- 20. Top of the morning?
- 21 Grub 22. Heat milk in a way
- 24. Sulky-pulling horse
- 25. Op-ed piece
- Nearsighted beast 26.
- Stick firmly 32.
- 33. Feathery scarf
- 34. Inventor's desire
- 35. "Game of Thrones" girl \_ Stark
- 37. Org. with Lynx and Liberty
- 38. New employees
- 40. Identify
- \_ de l'Etoile.
- Maker of tiny combs
- 43. Young boy
- 45. Complication
- 46. Ultimate fighting sport, for short
- 47. Rudolf Abel, e.g.

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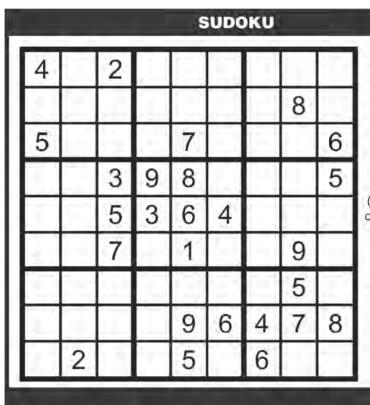
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To complete this puzzle, place the numbers 1-9 in the empty cells, so that every row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold outline) contains all nine digits.

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





# tonight's movies

Continued from page 13
Lovers, The \*\*\* (2017, Romance)
Two cheating spouses reignite their
passion for each other. (1:40) HBO
Fri. 6:05 p.m.

**Lucy** ★★★ (2014,Action) A synthetic drug gives a woman extraordinary powers. (1:31) **MAX Fri. 7:34 p.m.** 

#### R/I

Mansfield Park ★★★ (1999,History) A girl grows up with relatives and becomes a writer. (2:00) FLIX Wed. 7:45 p.m.

Mask, The ★★★ (1994,Comedy) An ancient mask animates a drab bank clerk (Jim Carrey). (2:00) SYFY Mon. 6:03 p.m.

Monkey Business ★★★ (1952,Comedy) A bumbling chemist learns how to reverse the aging process. (2:00) TCM Fri. 6 p.m.

#### N

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation ★★★ (1989,Comedy) A traditional Griswold yuletide backfires in comic fashion. (2:15) AMC Sun. 6 p.m., Tue. 6 p.m., Thu. 6 p.m. Negotiator, The ★★★ (1998,Thriller) A top police negotiator is accused of

committing murder. (3:00) POPSD Mon. 6 p.m.

Northman, The \*\*\* (2022, Adventure) A Viking embarks on a quest to avenge his slain father. (2:20) STARZ

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Sun. 7 p.m.

Ocean's Twelve \*\*\* (2004, Comedy Drama) Indebted criminals plan an elaborate heist in Europe. (3:00) PAR Sun. 8 p.m.



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Perfect Storm, The ★★★ (2000, Thriller) A fishing boat sails into the storm of the century. (3:00) VICE Sat. 7 p.m.

Pitch Perfect ★★★ (2012,Romance)
College students enter an a cappella
competition. (2:30) E! Sun. 8 p.m.
Pretty Woman ★★★ (1990,Romance) An executive plays Pygmalion to a young streetwalker. (2:30)
WE Mon. 6 p.m.

#### R

Rebel Without a Cause ★★★ (1955,Drama) A disillusioned teenager drifts toward delinquency. (2:00) TCM Tue. 6 p.m.

River Runs Through It, A \*\*\* (1992,Drama) A portrait of the relationship between a preacher's sons. (2:30) AXS Sat. 7 p.m. Rock. The \*\*\* (1996.Action) Alca-

Rock, The ★★★ (1996, Action) Alcatraz Island terrorists threaten to gas San Francisco. (3:00) IFC Sat. 7:30 p.m., SUNDANC Sun. 7 p.m. Ron's Gone Wrong ★★★ (2021, Animated) An awkward schoolboy receives a malfunctioning robot. (2:15) FXM Tue. 7 p.m.

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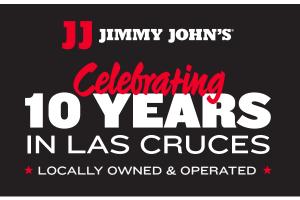
Santa Clause, The ★★★ (1994, Children) An adman (Tim Allen) takes over for fallen Santa. (2:00) KVIA Sun. 7 p.m.

Scrooged \*\*\* (1988,Comedy)
TV-network bigshot (Bill Murray)
meets Christmas ghosts. (2:00) PAR
Fri. 8 p.m.

Stand by Me \*\*\*\* (1986,Comedy Drama) Four boys face a journey of self-discovery. (2:00) BBCA Fri. 7 p.m.

Star Wars: A New Hope \*\*\*\* (1977;Sci-Fi) Young Luke Skywalker battles evil Darth Vader. (2:45) TNT Sat. 8 p.m.

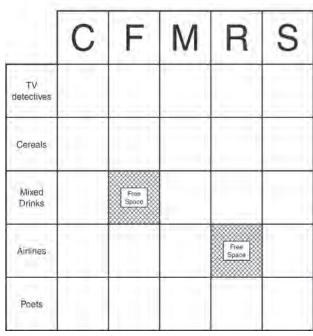
Stormy Weather \*\*\* (1943,Musical) Swift stardom threatens a dancer's marriage to a singer. (1:30) TCM Mon. 8 p.m.



# BINGO

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 on page 13



Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street \*\*\* (2007,Musical) A vengeful Victorian barber (Johnny Depp) applies his razor to unlucky customers, (2:00) TMC Sat. 6 p.m.

Tangerine ★★★ (2015,Comedy Drama) A sex worker scours L.A. for her cheating boyfriend/pimp. (1:30)
TMC Mon. 7:35 p.m.

# **alternate** puzzle



Time to Kill. A ★★★ (1996.Drama) A lawyer's defense of a black man arouses the Klan's ire. (3:00) POPSD Fri. 6 p.m.

Titanic ★★★★ (1997,History) Oscar-winning account of the doomed 1912 ocean liner. (4:30) PAR Sat. 6 p.m.

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Total Recall ★★★ (1990,Sci-Fi) Strange dreams lead an earthling to intergalactic intrigue. (2:00) TMC Thu. 6 p.m.

Town, The ★★★ (2010, Thriller) A woman doesn't realize that her new beau is a bank robber. (3:00) PAR Mon. 6 p.m.

Toy Story 2 ★★★★ (1999, Animated) Toys rescue Woody from a collector. (2:00) FX Sun. 7 p.m.

Walk the Line ★★★ (2005, History) The story of music legends Johnny Cash and June Carter. (2:16) MAX Wed. 7:44 p.m.

Wedding Crashers ★★★ (2005, Comedy) Partygoers spend a wild weekend with a politician's family (2:30) TRU TV Wed. 6 p.m.

When Harry Met Sally... ★★★★ (1989.Romance) Two romantically bruised New Yorkers become close friends. (2:02) BRAVO Sat. 7:32 p.m.

Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory ★★★ (1971,Children) A famous confectioner offers a grand prize to five children. (2:00) TCM

Wings of the Dove, The ★★★ (1997, Drama) A British couple befriend a dying American heiress. (1:45) FLIX Sun. 6 p.m.

#### Across

- 1. Hotshot
- 4. Do-it-yourself packages
- 8. High school class, for short
- 11. Monsoonal
- 12. Symbol
- 13. Chat room chuckle
- 14. "Ahem?"
- 17. Little League coach, often
- 18. Band booking
- 19. Bounced checks, hangnails, etc.
- 21. Spring
- 24. "What \_\_\_\_ trying to say is ..."
- 25. B&O or Reading, in Monopoly, e.g.
- 26. "Grange" (ZZ Top song)
- 27. Depart
- 28. Dope
- 30. To \_\_\_\_ it may concern
- 32. -Man (arcade game)

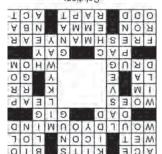
- 34. Brightly colored
- 35. First stretch in college
- 41. Governor DeSantis
- 42. Lazarus or Goldman
- 43. Warriors' grp.
- 44. "That's ..."
- 45. Wholly absorbed
- 46. Operate

#### Down

- 1. "How cute!"
- 2. Boardroom bigwig
- 3. Practice piece
- 4. Freebooting captain William
- 5. Distant
- 6. Verv
- 7. Like a bug in a rug
- 8. Grammy winner Mary
- 9. Lithium- battery
- 10. Aged
- 15. Casino city
- 16. The Galaxy
- 19. Uncontrolled

- 20. Jerusalem's Mosque of
- 22. Medea rode on it
- 23. Event for seniors
- 29. Turn over
- 31. Howler
- 33. "Moonstruck" actress
- 34. Little biter
- 35. Big do
- 36. Stick
- 37. Ultimate fighting sport, for short
- 38. Increase, with "up"
- 39. "The Bachelorette" channel
- 40. Fink

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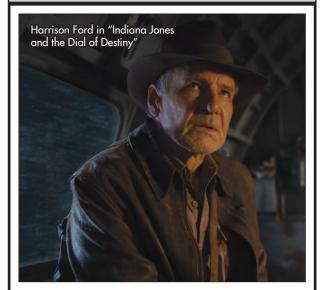


# **view** from the couch

### **Family Viewing Ratings**

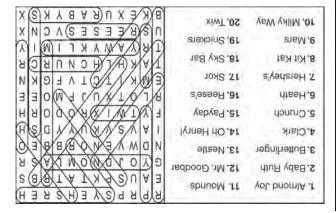
**AS** Adult situations **N** Nudity

P Profanity V Violence
GV Graphic Violence



#### "INDIANA JONES AND THE DIAL OF DESTINY"

Harrison Ford returned for a fifth and final round as the archaeologist and adventurer in this enjoyable, nostalgia-inducing caper, on which franchise originators George Lucas and Steven Spielberg served as executive producers. After a clever prologue that "de-ages" Ford to play an Indy still in his prime, the plot moves forward 25 years to the late 1960s, when Jones teams with his goddaughter (played by Phoebe Waller-Bridge) on a mission to retrieve an artifact that reputedly can facilitate time travel. They have a rival in an astrophysicist (Mads Mikkelsen) who has his own agenda for the item, and the result is a race across time in more ways than one. John Rhys-Davies reprises his role as Sallah, and he's not the only familiar co-star to resurface from earlier chapters of the series; Antonio Banderas, Toby Jones, Boyd Holbrook and Shaunette Renee Wilson ("The Resident") also appear for director and co-writer James Mangold ("Walk the Line"). DVD extras: "making-of" documentary; isolated music-score track. ★★★ (PG-13: AS, P, V) (Also on Blu-ray, 4K Ultra HD, Digital and On Demand)





# WORD SEARCH

In the grid below, twenty answers can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each answer that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Answers can be found in all directions—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find the twenty answers in today's puzzle?

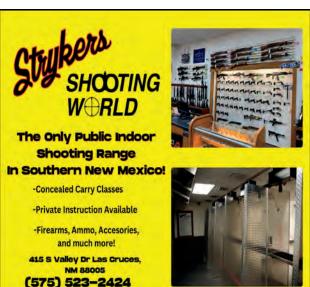
### Today's Category: Candy Bars

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#### "TITANIC"

One of the most successful movies of all time comes to the 4K Ultra HD format, with Leobardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet starring for writer-director James Cameron as Jack and Rose, two passengers aboard the ill-fated title ship on its first and ultimately last voyage. Smitten with each other, they come from very different stations in life, but they're very much on the same playing field when the ocean liner hits an iceberg, resulting in one of the most legendary of all disasters. Contemporary sequences that bookend what amounts to a lengthy flashback feature Bill Paxton, Suzy Amis (who later became Cameron's wife) and veteran actress Gloria Stuart; other performers seen standing on the Titanic re-creation include Billy Zane, Kathy Bates, Frances Fisher, Victor Garber, David Warner, Eric Braeden ("The Young and the Restless') and Danny Nucci. The winner of 11 Oscars including best picture, the 1997 film picked up one of those awards for the Celine Dion-performed song "My Heart Will Go On." ★★★★ (PG-13: AS, P, V)

FAMILY VIEWING GUIDE KEY: AS, adult situations; N, nudity; P, profanity; V, violence; GV, particularly graphic violence.





# LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT No. D-307-PB 2023-

12/15, 2023

260 Judge Arrieta
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EUGENE H. HAYTH, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HERE-BY GNEN that DEB-ORAH E. JOHNSON has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within four ( 4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C. /s/Melissa J. Reeves-Evins Melissa J. Reeves-**Evins** 

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Road. Submitted by John Major, Property Owner. Council Bill No. 24-008; Ordinance No. 3050: An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Division 17

– Building Standards of Chapter 30, Buildings and Building Regulations of the Las Cruces Municipal Code to Adopt the 2021 Building Codes, as Amended, and as Adopted by the State of New Mexico Construction Industries Division. Council Bill No. 24-009; Ordinance No. 3051: An Ordinance Repealing and

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MONTOYA NOTICE OF PETI-TION TO CHANGE NAME (OF PER-**SON UNDER 14** YEARS OF AGE) NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN that SIVEL URBINA, has filed a Petition to Change the Name of her child from DYLAN JAVIER URBINA MONTOYA to DYLAN JAVIER LEANOS URBINA. This Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 18TH day of December, 2023, at the hour of 8:45 a.m., at the Dona Ana County District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Courtroom 7, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Submitted by:

Sivel Urbina 3901 Calle De Las Margaritas, # 48 Las

Cruces, NM 88005 575-288-8152 Dates: 12/01, 12/08,

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day, December 12th, 2023. Project bid deadline is December 14th at 10:00 a.m. If interested please contact Highland Enterprises, Inc. by phone (575) 524-3551 or email: hei@ highlandnm.com.

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**NOTICE** is hereby given that on October 27, 2023, Hector P. & Socorro A. Franco, 7400 HWY 478, Mesquite, NM 88047, filed with the STATE ENGINEER Application No. LRG-9076-POD5, OSE File No. LRG-9076-1, for Permit to Drill and Use Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by drilling well LRG-9076-POD5 to a depth of 200 ft with a 16-inch casing within the NW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 29, Township 25S, Range 3E (NMPM), or more specifically located at X = 1,515,507 ft. and Y = 404,375 ft. (NMSP, Central 83), to supplement well

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

Case No. D-307-CV-2023-01080 Judge Robert Lara Kylie Kane, Petitioner,

Evans Aguero, Respondent., NOTICE OF SUIT To Evans Aguero. Respondent: Take

notice that a lawsuit has been filed gainst you, The subject of this lawsuit is: Dissolution of marriage If you do not file a response or responsive pleading with the above-titled Court within 30 days after the third publication of this notice, the Court may enter a default judgment against you. This lawsuit is not about real property. Petitioner's Name Kvlie Kane 2521 N. Main St. #116 Las Cruces, NM 88001 575-805-9869 WITNESS the Honorable Robert Lara, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County, this 15th day of November, 2023 Bernice Ramos CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT /s/ Yvette Lopez Deputy TCAA Dates: 12/01, 12/08, 12/15, 2023 NOTICE OF IN-TENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt the Following Ordinance(s) at the Regular City Council Meeting Held on December 18, 2023: Council Bill No. 24-011; Ordinance No. 3053: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from R-4 (Multi-Dwelling High Density - Limited Retail and Office) to C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) for a Property Encompassing 0.812 + Acres and Located at 6281 Revnolds Drive. Submitted by Gabriel Ortiz, Representative. (23ZO0500124). Council Bill No. 24-012; Ordinance No. 3054: An Ordinance

Amending Ordinance

No. 3028, Updating the Project Participation Agreement Between the City and 828 Productions, LLC., to Add an Additional \$2,800,000 to go Towards Renovations of Multiple Facilities. 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 27th day of November, 2023. Christine Rivera, CMC City Clerk Dates: 12/01, 2023

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# Contrast and complement: 'Changing Perspectives' at Unsettled Gallery

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Unsettled Gallery, 905 N. Mesquite St., will host an exhibition entitled "Changing Perspectives," featuring the works of local artists Roy van der Aa and Gregory Montreuil.

The show opens a reception 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, and continues through Jan. 6, 2024. The gallery will be closed Dec. 24-26.

The show's painted collages by van der Aa "are a way of re-imagining landscape painting," the artist said. "Traditional landscape is a static snapshot which freezes a scene. These collages, like plein air painting, combine angles and changing light. I place fragments on their edge and upside down to create an uncomfortable space. Images flow into each other and I wanted to find a way to express that. The variations are

almost musical in nature," van der Aa said. "I state a theme and then expand on it thoughtfully and immediately. These works are quirky, moody and self-contradictory. In 2023 I began to take my own photographs rather than using magazines as a source. This created a more unified palette reflective of a region or a neighborhood."

"Both life and art are a question of balance," said Montreuil, who will exhibit oil on canvas paintings and oil and gessoed paper. "In a constant state of flux, adjustments and decisions are required. A deep belief in intuition is what I strive to cultivate in both my art and my life. So rather than imposing my will, I prefer to make calculated microdecisions, which fit my experimentalist nature. With decisions in place, I try to allow chance and indeterminate actions to function through the



work. To paraphrase Willem DeKooning; 'One has to start somewhere.' Once the action is activated rigorous analysis and decisions begin anew. Does it work? Can it be improved? Which direction is up? What might reinforce what has been made visible?

"In the shared exhibition with Roy Van de Aa I feel our work will both contrast and comple-



**COURTESY PHOTOS** 

Samples of work by Roy van der Aa and Gregory Montreuil, who will show at Unsettled Gallery in December.

ment," Montreuil said.
"As artists we both use color but in different ways. Roy and I are both committed to abstraction as an important form of visual communication.
Layered color serves to create structure in Roy's work. I use color more minimally, to create contrast and energy."

Born in Amsterdam,

Holland, in 1956. der Aa grew up in Montreal. His formal education includes two years of fine art specialty at John Abbott College in Quebec and three years at Concordia University in Montreal studying printmaking and archaeology. He moved to the United States in 1989 and lives in Las Cruces.

With more than 125 solo, two-person and

group shows, van der Aa has exhibited throughout the Southwest U.S. and Quebec in Canada. His work can be seen at Rio-BravoFineArt in Truth or Consequences. He has also shown at Gallery 408 in Carrizozo, Dancing Dog Gallery in Tularosa, Cutter Gallery and Art Obscura in Las Cruces; Iris and Schriek Gallery in Amsterdam, where his

art was shown alongside works by Spanish artist Joan Miró, Belarusian and French artist Marc Chagall and Pablo Picasso; and Hiatus Collective in London.

Montreuil lives and works in Arrey, New Mexico and Marseille, France. He has exhibited in New Mexico, California, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina and Maine, and in France and Germany. He was an art instructor and guest lecturer in New York City.

His works are in the collections of the National Gallery in Washington, D.C., Yale University, Wadsworth Athenaeum in Hartford, Connecticut and other institutions and in private collections. Montreuil has written about art for Flash Art International, The New Art Examiner, Contemporary Magazine, Art Papers and other publications.

Contact unsettled gallery at 575-635-2285 and u@unsettledgallery.com.





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## **NHCC** teams with Arts Council

#### **BULLETIN REPORT**

The Doña Ana Arts Council welcomes the National Hispanic Cultural Center for a special ribbon cutting 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at the Arts Council headquarters, 230 S. Water St.

NHCC Executive Director Zack Quintero will be on hand to formalize a partnership with the Council through the Center's groundbreaking Cultural Ambassador Program. He will be joined by NM Department of Cultural Affairs Cabinet Secretary Debra Garcia y Griego.

This is the first official partnership organized under the Center's Cultural Ambassador Program, which launched last



spring. The program is an effort by NHCC to identify historic areas in rural New Mexico and establish formal partnerships with those communities.

This specific partnership enables the Center to loan artwork to the Arts Council for future exhibitions. Moreover, it establishes a formal pathway for artists in Southern New Mexico to work with NHCC and develops community programming hosted by the NHCC at sites across Doña Ana County.

Given New Mexico's size, it isn't always feasible for artists to travel to the Center's Albuquerque campus. The Cultural Ambassador Program is designed to foster strong connections with artists, local school districts, and community organizations in every corner of the state by supporting, and empowering rural populations, artists, and youth across New Mexico.

Established in 1971, the Doña Ana Arts Council is a nonprofit arts organization created to enhance the quality of life in Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico by ensuring that the performing, visual, and literary arts are an integral part of education, economic growth, and community development.

### **Arts Council features watercolors**

#### **BULLETIN REPORT**

The New Mexico Watercolor Society (NMWS) Fall 2023 Juried Exhibition is being held at the Doña Ana Arts Council Gallery from December 1-28. The exhibit,

entitled "A Happy Place" includes 59 recent works from 46 talented New Mexico watercolor artists from throughout the state.

Sponsored by the Southern Chapter of NMWS, the selected pieces include a wide range of subject matter including landscapes, portraits, florals, and still life in styles both realistic and abstract which depict some aspect of the artists' own personal "Happy Place."

These paintings can be viewed at the Doña Ana Arts Council Gallery, open A sample of some of the work Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to exhibiting at the Doña Ana 4 p.m., at 230 S. Water St. A

free artist's reception will be noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, with an awards ceremony at 1 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

The Gallery will also have extended hours during this exhibit until 8 p.m.

for the First Friday Ramble Dec. 1 and on two Saturdays: Dec. 2 and 16 from 1-3 p.m. The gallery will be closed for the Christmas holidays Dec. 21-26.

Each year the Southern Chapter of NMWS puts out a call to members state-

wide to enter water media paintings in a juried show.

"Many visitors to the gallery will recognize works by local artists as well as NMWS members from northern New Mexico," chapter president Karen Steinberg said.

"They may also discover new favorites among the many talented artists included in this show."

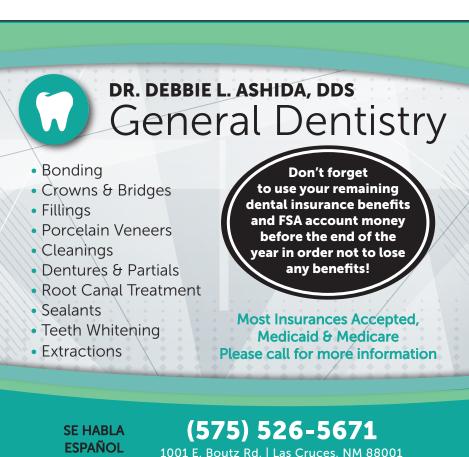
The judge assigning awards to individual paintings in this exhibit is Sally Kohl, a Las Cruces artist and a member of the Artists of Picacho Hills.

Her work is exhibited and sold in numerous

venues in Las Cruces. Awards for the exhibition will be revealed on the evening of Dec. 1.

Learn more about the NMWS and the Southern Chapter at nmwatercolorsocietv.org.







**COURTESY PHOTOS** 

Arts Council in December.

# Quality of Life Department

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## **Gallery 925 presents Potters' Guild**

#### **BULLETIN REPORT**

Gallery 925 is hosting the Potters' Guild in December for their Holiday Market. This annual show reminds that pottery makes wonderful Christmas gifts or you can fill your own stockings.

There will be an opening reception 4-8 p.m. First Friday, Dec. 1. Gallery opens at 1 p.m. at 925 N. Mesquite St. Work will be on display from Dec. 1-31.

Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m, Fridays and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.Potters participating in the market follow.

Albert Alvidrez will show pueblo pottery, ornaments, bowls and crosses.

Jan Archey will be showing food safe functional & decorative stoneware along with her new Christmas



**COURTESY IMAGE** 

The Potters' Guild Holiday Market exhibit at Gallery 925 in December features a wide variety of artists and styles.

ornament for 2023.

David Beattie will show handmade ceramics for everyday use to enrich lives with art, inspiration, and functionality.

Pam Bornhouser will show functional handmade potterv.

George Holland is exhibiting his Luster Raku. The pots feature his sculpted ravens, buffalo, and bear lide

Mary Lou LaCasse will show ceramic and glass metal sculptures.

Bonnie MacQuarrie will show little patio tables, metal bases and handmade tile tops, as well as some small wall pieces of tile art. Vickie Morrow will show small vignettes of handmade tile mosaics, assemblages of tile and found objects.

Linda Sanchez will show ceramic mugs, vases, bowls, and platters.

Glenn Schwaiger will show carved porcelain with celadon, high fire clay and glazes along with functional pieces such as cups, bowls, mugs and handcrafted tile.

For more information, visit gallery925nm.com, Facebook: Gallery925L-CNM and Instagram: Gallery925LC.

## Black Box stages 'Ben Hur'

#### **BULLETIN REPORT**

Friends! Romans! Countrymen! Lend me your - sorry, wrong play. Back in the 19th century, former American Civil War General and former New Mexico Governor Lew Wallace penned an epic story called "Ben Hur: A Tale of the Christ."

A story of an aristocratic Judean thrown into slavery, fighting through sea battles and chariot races while witnessing the rise of Jesus of Nazareth. Enter the Daniel Veil Theatre Collective, ambitious actors who take on the monumental task of performing all 900 pages with only four actors, no Charlton Heston needed.

However, wrong cues, missed lines, backstage

drama, and malfunctioning chariots might bring the whole show down and ruin Veil's chances to be a part of theatre history.

Autumn Gieb directs this hilarious tale where anything and everything can go wrong, with performers Joshua Taulbee, Rachel Thomas-Chapel, and Joseluis Solorzano and newcomer to the Las Cruces stage, William Harrold. Set design is by Karen Buerdsell, Light design is by Peter Herman, Props design is by Darlene De-Mondo, and Costumes are by Gieb.

The production opens at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Friday, Dec. 1, and will continue through Sunday, Dec.



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"Ben Hur: A Tale of the Christ," with a twist, starts its threeweek run Friday, Dec. 1

17. Performances are Fridays-Saturdays, Dec. 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16 at 8 p.m., Sundays, Dec. 10 and 17 at 2:30 p.m., and a 7 p.m. performance Thursday, Dec. 14. Tickets are \$15 regular admission, \$12 for students and seniors over age 65 and \$10 for all seats for the Thursday, Dec. 14 performance. For information or reservations, call 575-523-1223 or visit nostrings.org.

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## Academy for Learning in Retirement looks at 'Art of China'

#### **BULLETIN REPORT**

The December series for the Academy for Learning in Retirement (ALR) series will focus on "The Art of China." Margaret Goehring, Professor and Academic Head of the NMSU Department of Art, teaches Medieval and Renaissance art, American Folk & Outsider Art, and the Art of China.

At 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 8, Dr. Goehring will focus on "Art of the Yellow Springs." Her presentation is based on Wu Hung's

book on funerary arts in ancient China. She will explore the beliefs and values that three extraordinary tombs reveal. The tombs are from more than 2,000 vears ago.

On Wednesday, Dec. 13, focus will be "On the Silver Road - Dunhuang." Dunhuang is a major city on the edge of China situated on the Silk Road. The Magao Grotto, which has more than 1,000 caves, is the site of early Buddhist art in China.



**GOEHRING** 

The caves were rediscovered in the early 20th century.

Friday, December 15, Dr. Goehring's topic is "Dissecting a Chinese Ink Painting — Guo XI's "Early Spring" of 1072. The discussion delves

into landscape painting during the period around 1,000 A.D. and its connections to religion, philosophy and poetry. Dr. Goehring will discuss the artwork, "A Solitary Temple amid Clearing Peaks," by Li Cheng in the Song dynasty.

Monday, Dec. 18, the topic is "Reclusive Gardens." The presentation will include a study of Chinese gardens and landscape arts looking at imperial estates, hunting parks, smaller noble gardens and spots known for natural beauty. Her focus will be the links between gardens and poetry, philosophy and religion.

Register for the Zoom sessions at "Academy for Learning in Retirement." At the Doña Ana Community College web-

site, dacc.nmsu.edu/academis/ programs/academy-learningin-retirement. Registrants can attend the live sessions from 10:30 a.m. until noon or watch the recorded sessions at their convenience. The fee for the four presentations is \$20. All the fall semester presentations are recorded and available for \$48.

Spring 2024 sessions will be presented at East side Doña Ana Community College (DACC) Auditorium. Presentations will remain on Zoom and be recorded.

## **Holiday time at Casa Camino Real** Nature Park hosts luminarias

#### **BULLETIN REPORT**

Casa Camino Real Bookstore has opened its Season of Gratitude Book & Art Sale.

Casa Camino Real is a multicultural bookstore featuring new, used, first edition, out of print and rare books with a focus on Southwestern, regional, Chicana/o, Latino/a and English/Spanish children's and adult books.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday during the holiday season, and also by appointment.

Featured in the sale are halfprice books including novels, art books, classics, mysteries, Southwestern



**COURTESY PHOTOS** 

**Casa Camino Real Bookstore is home** to many unique and regional editions. The Season of Gratitude Book & Art Sale is on Thursday through Saturday at 314 S. Tornillo St.

books, vintage small format books, and much more. You will find that Mexican lobby card or poster and peruse our special collection of postcards.

Casa Camino has many signed first edition books by beloved New Mexico and world authors. The store is at 314 S.

Tornillo St. in the heart of the Mesquite Historical District on the Camino Real.

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#### **BULLETIN REPORT**

The Asombro Institute for Science Education will host its annual Luminarias: Light Up the Desert event at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8.

During the event, visitors are en-

couraged to take a stroll along a paved ADA-accessible trail lit with more than 400 luminarias as the sun sets in the surrounding desert.

The event will include several familyfriendly activities, including marshmal-

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#### **LUMINARIAS**

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low roasting, stargazing through a telescope, and holiday caroling. There will also be light refreshments, including holiday cookies and hot chocolate, available at no cost to visitors. Upon entry, a suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per family is recommended,

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# PETS & people

# Local pets also needing help during the holidays

**By MIKE COOK** 

Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Bulletin's Help for the Holiday series is also including this year the needs for organizations center around animal care. Inflation and other expenses is also hitting the pet industry.

• Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley brings in 9,000-10,000 animals a year, either strays picked up by city/county animal control or brought in by the public, or pets given up by owners. 450-500 or more animals are housed at ASCMV at any given time. To donate, see wish lists at ascmv.org/ascmv-donations. Needed: KMR kitten formula, Miracle Nipples and soft swaddle blankets for bottle-baby kittens, large dog crates, doggie dental chews, soft dog treats, kitty litter, cat toys, sturdy leashes (for bigger dogs especially), tow-

els and blankets (no filling). Mail cash donations to ASCMV, 3551 Bataan Memorial West, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Call 575-382-0018 to volunteer (Yoli Jurado) or foster an animal (Vanessa Chastain). Visit ascmv.org/adoptable-animals and facebook.com/ASCMV for holiday and all-year adoption specials. Please spay and neuter your pets.

• ACTion Programs for Animals (APA) needs cash donations the most this year, especially to catch up on veterinary bills. APA has rescued more than 6,000 dogs and cats since 2012, most from the municipal shelter. APA runs an adoption center, pet food bank, low-cost vaccination/microchip clinics, prison dog training program and a thrift store. APA Adoption Center, 537 N. Solano Drive, open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday; 575-571-4654; www.apalascruces.org. Second



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Chance Thrift Store, 2475 N. Main St., open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; donations welcome; 575-888-4882.

• Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary needs fleece throw blankets, Purina One beef or chicken canned dog food, Friskies Party Mix cat treats, Milk Bones (mini and small sizes), clumping cat litter, liquid hand soap, toilet paper, paper towels, tall kitchen trash bags, scented laundry detergent, Dawn dishwashing liquid, Clorox unscented bleach, disinfecting wipes, Ziploc bags (all sizes). Take donations to SHAS Thrift Store, 840 El Paseo Road, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Mail donations to Safe Haven, P.O. Box 16227, Las Cruces, NM 88004-6227. Donate at www.shaspets.com. Sanctuary: 575-805-5338, info@shaspets.com. Thrift store: 575-541-4942. Opened 1996, SHAS is a no-kill, nonprofit adoption center for homeless cats/dogs.

• The Cat's Meow Adoption Center welcomes cash donations. 2211 N. Mesquite St., 575-640-0011, call 575-639-3036, email corella@zianet.com). Donate at www.thecatsmeowlascruces.com. Mail donations to The Cat's Meow, P.O. Box 3166, Las Cruces, NM 88003. Adult cats, kittens available for adoption. Volunteers and foster families welcome. Cat's Meow has found homes for 1,600 cats since 2014.



## Special time for pet adoption

#### **BULLETIN REPORT**

If you're searching for a furry friend to join your family, this holiday season is the perfect time to adopt a dog or cat from ACTion Programs for Animals (APA). The nonprofit animal rescue is offering its 2023 Home for the Holidays Adoption Special now through Tuesday, Jan. 2. Animals at APA's Adoption Center, 537 N. Solano Drive., may be adopted for half price during this period.

APA's Adoption Center is open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, or appointments may be scheduled at 575-571-4654. APA has many cats, kittens, and trained dogs from its P.A.W.S. (Prisoners and Animals Working Toward Success) program available for adoption. Check out all of APA's adoptable animals at www.apalascruces. org.

"The holiday season is a great time to bring home a new furry family member, because people have more time at home before getting back to work after the new year," said APA Executive Director Michel Meunier. "We also offer a sleepover program so people can take an animal home for a week or two before making their final adoption decision."

APA is also holding a monthly donor campaign through the end of the year. The goal is to reach 1,000 monthly, sustaining supporters by the end of the year. APA currently has 107.

"Monthly donors are very important, because the more people who donate what they are able to monthly – whether it's \$5 or \$50 – the greater our chances



**COURTESY PHOTO** 

ACTion Programs for Animals is encouraging families to consider pet adoption during the holidays.

are for having a reliable, steady income, which helps with our planning," Meunier said. "It is also a very affordable way for our community to support our lifesaving work."

The primary reason for the donor campaign is to increase revenues so they outweigh expenses.

"Everything in 2023 increased in price – from vet care to food and supplies – but, unfortunately, our donations did not increase," Meunier said. "We honestly need our community's support to build our revenues back up."

There are three ways to donate:

- Go to www.apalascruces.org and click on the donate button.
- Set up a recurring donation through a bank.
- Use a PayPal account and send the donation to mail@apalascruces.org.

For more information, email mail@apalascruces.org, call 575-571-4654 or visit apalascruces.org.

# The Cat's Meow needs homes for cats, kittens

#### By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

The Cat's Meow has 60 adult cats and 40 kittens at its adoption center, 2211 N. Mesquite St. There are 50 cats and kittens in foster homes and a waiting list. In 2023 to date, The Cat's Meow has taken in 40 adult cats and about 400 kittens and has paid tens of thousands of dollars in veterinarian bills.

Acdording to the organization's newsletter, many of the kittens that come into the facility have upper respiratory infections and weak immune systems.

"We try to take care of them inhouse but all too often they are critical and need veterinary care," the newsletter said. "Kittens are extremely fragile especially those born outside to feral moms. Even the

healthy ones need three rounds of upper respiratory vaccines as well as rabies vaccines, spay/ neuter and microchips.

The Cat's Meow is entirely volunteer-based and relies on volunteers "to keep saving cats and kittens.

Here are items from The Cat's Meow's wish list:

• Food: Grilled tuna feast, grilled salmon feast, grilled turkey and giblets feast, liver and chicken pate, turkey and giblets pate, chopped grill page; kitten food: Fancy Feast tender chicken feast, tender turkey feast. • Dry food: Kittens: Purina Kitten Chow Nurture Muscle and Brain Development; adult cats: Iams Proactive Health Sensitive Digestion and Skin, Rachel Ray Nutrish Real

• Cat litter: adult cat: Dr. Elsey's Ultra Clay Multi-Cat Clumping Litter unscented; kitten: Naturally Fresh Multi-Cat Clumping Litter.

Chicken and Brown Rice.

• Misc.: No-splash bleach, latex gloves (extra-large), Clorox spray bottle cleaner, gallon-size freezer zip-lock bags, Scrubbing Bubbles spray cleaner, Down Ultra Platinum dish-

washing liquid.

You can also make a cash donation at www. thecatsmeowlascruces.com.

The Cat's Meow is open 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

Call 575-640-0011.



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The Cat's Meow has many pets available.





# BUSINESS

## Tech startups complete 'Scale Up New Mexico' at Arrowhead

#### **BULLETIN REPORT**

The Scale Up New Mexico program, funded in part by the United States Economic Development Administration and housed at New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Center, recently saw its 2023 cohort successfully complete the Venture Funding Sprint.

The startups in the group represented a wide array of sectors, including climate, energy, space, biotech, health, medical devices, telecom, agriculture, beauty, artificial intelligence, and more. Their groundbreaking ideas and technological innovations have the potential to revolutionize their respective industries.

"Participation in Arrowhead Center's Venture Funding Sprint helped to stabilize our compass which was pointing randomly as if we were at the north magnetic pole, said Jack Lovell, co-founder at IRP Technology. (Visit irptechnology.com.) "The comprehensive program content and the expertise and value of the advisors made available to us.

were exceptional. The

difficult search for the high-funding amount needed for our hard-tech opportunity to advance has been an erratic walk, which now, with clearer direction, we aim to turn into a sprint towards success," Lovell said.

"I found this sprint a great introduction into the venture funding world," said Thomas



COURTESY PHOTO

Jack Lovell, left, co-founder at IRP Technology, and Thomas Raymond, chief scientific officer at Scintellite.

Raymond, chief scientific officer at Scintellite, which is based in Albuquerque and designs and manufactures ophthalmic instruments that improve workflow for comprehensive eye exams. "Each resident mentor and guest speaker brought a perspective rooted in their motivations and experiences in the field. I ben-

efited from the relaxed, open, and in-depth discussions that followed their presentations. I've gained more insight into the venture funding world in the few weeks of this sprint than I had all of last year," Raymond said.

The accelerator program, designed to give New Mexico's tech startup founders the knowledge and skills required to raise capital successfully, achieved significant milestones and empowered promising startups to make meaningful progress toward their fundraising efforts, NMSU said.

Venture Funding Sprint is one of several modules under Scale Up NM, a suite of startup support programming for businesses navigating early-stage technology development. After an extensive selection process, 15 New Mexico-based startups comprising the 2023 cohort embarked on an intensive journey of mentorship, education, and networking.

Over six weeks, the startups benefited greatly from the guidance of a diverse group of mentors and industry experts. These experienced professionals provided hands-on assistance by sharing their knowledge and insights, helping the startups with different aspects of fundraising. This included gaining a better understanding of terminology and financial instruments, engaging in negotiations with potential investors, and creating the necessary tools and materials to attract investment.

Visit arrowheadcenter.nmsu. edu/program/scale-up-new-mexico.





## Village at Northrise earns honors

**BULLETIN REPORT** 

The Village at Northrise (Desert Willow I) has been recognized as a Best Nursing Home for 2024 by U.S. News & World Report, the magazine reported Nov. 27.

The Village at Northrise earned U.S. News Best Nursing Home status by achieving a rating of "High Performing," the highest possible rating for short-term rehabilitation.

"Achieving a title of 'Best Nursing Home for 2024' is a significant accomplishment and reflects the dedication, hard work, and commitment of the The Village at Northrise care team in providing excellent care and services," said Melissa Powell, chief operating officer. "I am so proud of the positive im-



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Village at Northrise was named a Best Nursing Home by U.S. News & World Report.

pact The Village at Northrise has had on the lives of their patients, residents, families and the community they serve."

For the 2024 edition, U.S. News rated more than 15,000 nursing homes.

The U.S. News methodology factors data such as resident care and safety. Both short- and long-term ratings include data on nurse staffing, use of antipsychotic drugs, and preventing ER and hospital visits. The long-term care rating also includes if a

home changed ownership and weekend staffing.

## About Village at Northrise

Serving the Las Cruces community since 1998, The Village at Northrise is a 16-acre continuing care campus for seniors, offering four levels of care, including assisted living, care for residents with Alzheimer's or dementia, and skilled nursing with post-hospital, short-term rehabilitation, and transitional care.





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# **SPORTS**

# Aggies prepare for Conference USA title game

#### **BULLETIN REPORT**

Post-season conference championship games are relatively new to college football.

When some of the Power Five conferences grew big enough to have two divisions, the conferences set up a big money game between the two division winners.

It was never an issue for New Mexico State University. First of all, they had not even been in a conference since 2017, their last year in the Sun Belt Conference. And most years, the Aggies didn't have a good enough record to qualify anyway.

Well, now in their first year in Conference USA, the Aggies are in a conference championship game.

For the third time in 53 weeks, NMSU travels to Lynchburg, Virginia, to face the Liberty Flames, and this time it's for Conference USA bragging rights. The game kicks off at 5 p.m. Las Cruces time, and will be televised on the CBS Sports Network, and broadcast on 99.5 FM with Jack Nixon and Cory Lucas on the radio call.

Last Nov. 26, the Aggies went to Lynchburg and shocked Liberty 49-14. The game propelled NMSU to the Quick Lane Bowl, which they also won.

Earlier this season, on Sept. 9, the Aggies went back to Lynchburg, and this time, the Flames weren't taken by surprise. They defeated NMSU 33-17.

The Aggies were 1-2 at that point, and have since won 9 of their last 10 games, and are currently sporting a 10-3 record. It's the first time an Aggie team has had double-digit victories since 1960.

Liberty comes into the game 12-0, and ranked 20th in the nation. NMSU has a signature victory with its 31-10 win at Auburn. As it turns out, the most significant victory on the Liberty schedule

is NMSU, which though still unranked, received five votes in the Nov. 26 AP Top 25 poll.

The Aggies' eight-game win streak was in peril Saturday, Nov. 25, in their last home game of the season, against Jacksonville State.

After jumping out to a 14-0 in the first half, NMSU only scored six more points the rest of the game. However, three of those points came from the foot of Aggie kicker Ethan Albertson, who booted a 52-yard field goal as time expired to give NMSU a 20-17 victory, their eighth consecutive win.

One of the keys to the Aggies' eight-game win



NMSU PHOTO

The Aggie defense bent, but didn't break Saturday, Nov. 25, as NMSU defeated Jacksonville State 20-17 on a last-second field goal in Aggie Memorial Stadium. The Aggies will play 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, in Lynchburg, Virginia, for the Conference USA championship against Liberty.

streak had been avoiding turnovers. But two costly turnovers in the third quarter helped Jacksonville State stay close in the game.

# Aggie teams face Lobos on road

#### **BULLETIN REPORT**

Aggie women's basketball: With a 4-2 record on the season, the NM State women travel to Albuquerque for a 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, game against the University of New Mexico.

The Aggies' next three games will be at home — 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, against UC-Irvine; 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, against Western New Mexico; and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, against Utah Valley.

NMSU defeated both Hampton and CSU-Bakersfield in the LIU Classic in Brooklyn, and are now on a four-game winning streak.

Senior guard Molly Kaiser leads the Aggies in scoring with 15.5 points per game. Sabou Gueye, another senior guard, leads the team in rebounding, with 6.2 per game, as well as steals with 13 total. Junior guard Jaila Harding leads the Aggies with 10 three-pointers and Kaiser has 9.

Aggie men's basket-ball: After giving Louis-ville a scare on their home court and defeating University of the Southwest 84-49 Nov. 28 at the Pan American Center, New Mexico State University hits the road to Albuquerque to face the University of New Mexico at 7 p.m. in the Pit.

The Aggies enter the game with a 4-5 record in Jason Hooten's first traditional rivalry game as NMSU's head coach. The Lobos return to Las Cruces Friday, Dec. 15, in a 7 p.m. game at the Pan Am.

Their next home game will be 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12 against Northern New Mexico.

Against Louisville Nov. 26, the Aggies led at half-time 30-28. Louisville tied it in regulation, and took control in overtime to earn the victory 90-84.

The Aggies have benefited so far this season from a balanced attack, as seven players are averaging 8.0 points per game. Since receiving an eligibility waiver from the NCAA, Femi Odukale, a 6-6 senior guard from Brooklyn, has given the Aggies a spark on both ends of the floor. In the two games he's played, he's averaged 15 points and 7.5 rebounds per game.



# Holiday season means time for giving thanks

It seems as we get older it comes sooner each year. It's the joyful opportunity to consider and remember what we as Americans are so thankful for. I am thankful for so much that I could not express it all in this space. So let me start with thanks for my 35 years spent here in Las Cruces. I earned my doctorate degree in psychology at NMSU and became a licensed clinical psychologist. As a specialist in geriatric assessments and diagnosis I am thankful for the long-term care facilities and hospitals throughout Southern New Mexico that sought my services, including the Mescalero Apache Tribe and Fort Bayard Medical Center.

When my wife, Suzanne, moved here in 1988 we played golf at the NMSU course, and we met Herb Wimberly. I realized imme-

diately this was an individual who was more than a PGA professional and a college golf coach, but a very special person. Eventually, Herb and I would partner in Performance Golf Schools, and it was a joy to teach with Herb for the second se

teach with Herb for 15 years. On Nov. 8, Herb was inducted into the PGA of America Hall of Fame in a ceremony in Frisco, Texas. Congratulations, Herb. Next, I thank all first

responders, including police, for their work. On Feb. 2, 2011, I suffered a nearly fatal fall from my roof. After a call from my wife, the EMTs were there within 10 minutes, and I was transported by heli-

copter to University Medical Trauma Center in El

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Golf Doctor

Paso where they operated on me within two hours. I was in a coma for three days, but thanks to their response I recovered and was back to work and golf in a few months.

Veterans Day

was Nov. 11. We should give our thanks to our active military service members and our veterans who give their all to protect our country and freedom. I am a Vietnam Navy Veteran and proud of it. Yes, in 1968 I was on shore leave in San Francisco when I was spat upon by anti-war protesters, who I suspect were 20-year-old draft-dodgers.

In September I attended the 63rd reunion of my

1960 high school graduating class in Lyndhurst, Ohio. There weren't many of a class of 500 who attended, but several of my closest friends from 1957 to 1960. They were football buddies; our ball coach who is 87 was even there. I was reminded how much I value what these friends indirectly did for me. They were smart and made top grades; I was a C+/B student in 1958. I knew I had to step up my classroom game. In the next two years I made all A's. That was the difference in me getting accepted to the University of Notre Dame. Among these friends, one was an executive at IBM, another a professor at a university in Connecticut, another a business professor at Akron University, our deceased friend was an architect and, finally, one of my best friends retired as president of Apple USA. It was a joy to thank these fellows in person after all these years.

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County I am truly thankful
we have four championship golf courses at our
disposal. That's a lot for a
town of our size and, yet,
there are times when it's
hard to get a tee time. Las
Cruces and environs have
a lot of avid golfers. And
it's no wonder, since the
weather here is conducive
to golf year-round, which
I'm also thankful for.

In January I will start my 19th year writing my weekly golf column for the Las Cruces Bulletin. It has been a joy and a challenge and a rewarding experience all in one. But no money. This has been a labor of love from the beginning. My biggest reward is hearing compliments from our readers. Thank you, Richard Coltharp for all your assistance and unwavering support.

Thank you to New Mexico's Lieutenant Governor Howie Morales for issuing a proclamation naming yours truly as the "Doctor of Golf" for the State of New Mexico, and presenting the proclamation personally in a small ceremony in mid-July. Thanks also to Dave Kimble for championing the award.

Finally, we can all be thankful this holiday season that we are blessed to live in the USA.

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