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A busy week for seasonal fun

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It's here. Ready or not, the holiday season is upon us, and with it comes a profusion of festivals, bazaars and markets, providing everything you need to fulfill your convivial consumer urges. Along with those come the joyful events and spirited performances to put you in the festive mood. It's a mixed bag, but if you can't find something to satisfy your needs, vou're just not trying. What follows is an abbreviated breakdown of this week's happenings throughout Las Cruces.

It all starts with the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Mesilla Plaza, at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6, highlighted by hundreds of luminarias lining the surrounding streets, walkways, and buildings. For more information, call 575-524-3262. The La Casa Holiday Bazaar kicks off Friday, too, with a variety of handmade gifts, edibles and a

visit with Santa Claus. The fun starts at 4:30 p.m. at the Las Cruces Convention Center, then continues through Saturday and Sunday. More information can be found at LaCasaInc.org.

Also starting on Friday are A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley's two-day production of Season of Light at the Rio Grande Theatre. Friday night's show begins at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday's performance begins at 2 p.m. Get details by calling 575-571-1413. Down the street, at the Black Box Theatre, No Strings Theatre Company presents an adaptation of that old chestnut, A Christmas Carol. The play runs Dec. 6-22, with evening shows at 8 p.m. and afternoon performances at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 575-523-

city of Las Cruces does its own **Christmas** Tree Lighting ceremony from 6-8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, at Plaza de Las

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Cruces, complete with live music, food trucks and family activities. Directly following the ceremony, at 8 p.m., the Rio Grande Theatre will screen "A Muppet Christmas Carol." For details, call 575-541-2550. For the musically inclined, the 2024 edition of the Las Cruces Trombone Christmas will be presented at 7 p.m., Saturday evening, at Atkinson Recital Hall on the NMSU Campus. For information, call 575-646-2421.

Want more music? Two more opportunities present themselves this week. On Sunday, Dec. 8, the Mesilla Valley Concert Band

presents Sounds of the Season, 3 p.m. at the Atkinson Recital Hall on campus. For info visit MesillaValleyConcertBand.org. Then, on Thursday, Dec. 12, the Las Cruces Ukes present their annual holiday concert at 6 p.m. in the Las Cruces Village Social Center Auditorium, at the former Good Samaritan Society. More information can be found at Las-CrucesUkes.com. You can expect lots of holiday-themed favorites at both, along with a few unique entries just to mix things up.

And, for the traditionalists, the Village of Tortugas presents the Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta, Dec. 10-12, with live music, food and fun for the entire family, including the not-to-be-missed turtle races. Because it is a religious celebration, there are also candlelight processions on Tuesday and Wednesday, and the annual pilgrimage to Tortugas Mountain at 6 a.m. on Thursday. For more information, call 575-526-8171.



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THE GIVING SEASON

Ways to assist local helping organizations

MIKE COOK For the Bulletin

Every year, the Las Cruces Bulletin publicizes ways to help those in need in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County. These local nonprofits would welcome your donations of money, food, clothing and other items, and also your time as a volunteer to help people and animals in our community.

This is not a comprehensive list, and is not meant as an endorsement of some organizations over others.

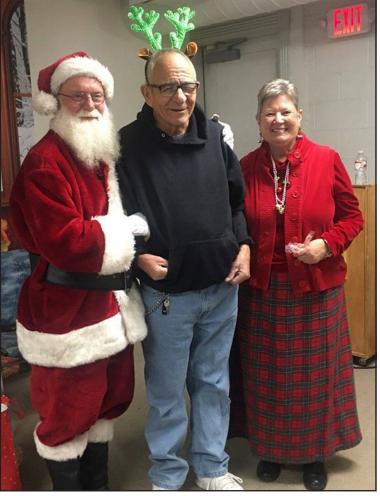
U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots of Doña Ana County collects new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 0-14 in 150-plus donation boxes countywide. Las Cruces. Gadsden and Hatch school districts help select participating children. Contact Lucy Rubio, 575-404-8459, and Roxanne Livingston, 575-405-9060, Email las.cruces.nm@toysfortots. org. More information online at Las-Cruces-NM.toysfortots. org. Jack and Peggy Petrowsky started Las Cruces Toys for Tots in 1998, with toys for 65 children. It provided more than 16,000 toys, books and stocking stuffers to 5,588 children countywide in 2023.

La Casa, Inc., a domestic violence organization, needs

nonperishable food items, coats, gifts for teens and children of all ages, household items, furniture, gift cards in any amount, toiletries and cleaning supplies. Take items to 800 S. Walnut St. in Las Cruces or 325 First St. in Anthony, N.M., 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mail cash donations to La Casa, Inc., P.O. Box 2463, Las Cruces 88004. Donate online at lacasainc.org/donate/. Volunteers are also needed. Call 575-526-2819.

The 30th annual **Coats for Kids of Las Cruces** seeks donations to purchase more coats. Give to Community Action Agency at caasnm.org/donate/or mail donations to CAASNM, 3800 Foothills Road, Suite A, Las Cruces 88011. Coats for Kids has provided more than 60,000 coldweather coats to area children ages newborn-fifth grade in the past 29 years.

Las Cruces Public Schools'
Project Link Homeless Education program serves about
900 temporarily or permanently
homeless students and families
each school year. It needs donations of blankets, new winter
coats; warm clothing, underwear and diapers, hygiene products, bath towels, washcloths.
Mail donations, payable to MKV
Project Link, to LCPS Family
Support Center, 505 S. Main
St., Suite 249, Las Cruces 88001



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A scene from an Angel Tree celebration at Tresco, Inc.

ATTN: Finance Department. Take donations to the same address. Contact Ray Banegas, 575-527-6688 and rabanegas@ lcps.net.

Project Linus needs new, washable, handmade quilts, afghans and fleece blankets to give to local children who are ill, traumatized or otherwise in need; blanket-making materials, postage stamps, cash donations and gift cards to Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts. Drop off donations at Be Sew Creative, 1601 E. Lohman Ave.; Joann Fabrics,

1711 E. University Ave.; Threadbear fabric store, 2204B S. Main St. Mail donations to Susan Stoltzfus, P.O. Box 116, Mesilla Park 88047. Contact Stoltzfus at 575-526-3695 and sgstolt13@gmail.com. Online information at ProjectLinus.org and Project Linus on Facebook.

Santa for a Senior: Community Partners Helping Communities, a Las Cruces organization, is collecting donations for seniors. Donations needed include large-print word puzzles, hygiene products, adult coloring books/colored pencils, coffee, cocoa, tea, lap blankets. Cash donations also accepted. Gifts will be given to seniors at an event in December. Contact Penney McClarin, 575-520-8039 or penelope.mcclarin@gmail. com. Sunday, Dec. 15 is donation deadline.

Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces will accept 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 tovs for ages 6-18. Cash, checks and online donations welcome. Take or mail donations to Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces, 330 W. Las Cruces Ave. Las Cruces 88005; online: BGCLasCruces. org. Founded in 1963.

Jardin de los Niños supports homeless/near homeless children and families. In addition to its Adopt-A-Family campaign, Jardin accepts in-kind donations and items it needs most: diapers and pull-ups, cleaning products and hygiene products, zipper storage bags. Donations accepted during regular hours, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday and by appointment at 999 W. Amador Ave. (Mesilla Valley Community of Hope campus). Volunteers welcome. Call 575-522-2111, email amber. sedillo@jardinlc.org. Mail donations to Jardin de los Niños. 1300-G El Paseo, PMB #272, Las Cruces 88001. Donate online at JardinLC.org.

Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico

CORRECTION

The evening of New Mexico State University's Noche de Luminarias was mistakenly reported as occurring on Dec. 1 in the Nov. 29 edition of the Bulletin. The event will in fact run from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8 with luminarias on display around the Las Cruces campus including the Corbett Center Student Union, Pan American Center, NMSU Bookstore, American Indian Programs office and surrounding areas.

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Las Cruces officials look ahead to busy legislative session

JUSTIN GARCIA Las Cruces Bulletin

Paid family medical leave, public safety improvements and more money for infrastructure are among the top priorities for the city of Las Cruces in the upcoming legislative session, according to a resolution passed by the city council on Dec. 2.

For municipalities like Las Cruces, the annual legislative session is a key source of funding, mostly notably for requests for capital outlay and state appropriations. But it's also an opportunity to lobby the state's highest assembly for changes to the law.

The resolution is not Las Cruces' final say in what happens during the session, as Councilor Becki Graham pointed out during the meeting.

"It's not even the start. Instead, what we're talking about and what is on this resolution is going to be moving through the



fluid dance that is legislative session," Graham said. "What we advance here today, or don't advance here, is not the end of the line."

The state is expecting historic revenue, generated largely from the exploitation of oil and gas, a practice that contributes to climate change. According to an August report from the state's Consensus Revenue

Estimating Group, New Mexico will have about \$659.6 million in "total new money."

That means more money for more projects across the state and Las Cruces wants its share. The council resolution listed 14 projects the city wants state money for. They are:

• \$5.9 million for East Mesa Recreational Complex continued construction

• \$5.6 million for Thomas Branigan Memorial Library expansion and remodel

• \$500,000 for inductive charging stations for the city's electric buses

• \$385,000 for the Museum of Nature and Science remodeling

• \$4.6 million for bike and walking pathways aligned with the city's active transportation plan

• \$1.35 million to help along with a 218-unit affordable housing project for veterans, seniors, and workers

• \$3 million to cover a gap in funding for a 40-to-50-unit housing project on the Community of Hope campus

• \$1 million to improve ADA access to city hall and the municipal court

• \$4.3 million for sewer mains and septic tank decommissioning to protect groundwater supply

LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY JUSTIN GARCIA

Larry Horan, at left, a lobbyist employed by the city of Las Cruces, prepares for a presentation in city council chambers, Nov. 12, 2024.

• \$700,000 to increase the supply of streetlights

• \$2.4 million to increase lighting at Las Cruces parks, including Apodaca, Lions, Young, and Valley View parks

• \$500,000 for five Las Cruces Police Department SWAT vehicles

• \$1 million to build out LCPD's Real-Time Crime Center including the acquisition of drone pods on city buildings

• \$2.5 million to cover a gap in funding for a new facility for the Las Cruces Fire Department's Mobile **Integrated Healthcare** program and Project L.I.G.H.T. Mental Crisis Response.

State government is not the sole source of revenue for these types of projects, as City Councilor Yvonne Flores pointed out during the meeting; but it is a major source.

Some general law changes endorsed by the city were legislation making it easier to build affordable housing. improve animal welfare outcomes and legislation that supports sustainability.

Councilor Cassie Mc-Clure criticized the vagueness of those endorsements.

"Things like affordable housing, that is such

a buzzword, and I wish there were a little bit more," McClure said.

Larry Horan, a lobbyist who represents several municipalities and other entities, including Las Cruces, said the vagueness was the best that could be done at this early stage in the legislative process.

The resolution also notes three specific endorsements: One for a bill allowing the city to help build sewer system connections, another for a proposal that would increase restrictions on access to public records and another for a bill that would entitle New Mexicans to paid family medical leave.

"As we're looking at policy priorities, we don't know what the legislation is going to look like," said Horan. "There are different alternatives for tackling some of these issues and legislation changes from when it's first introduced to when it makes its way through the legislature."

One major policy issue discussed during the meeting was reforming New Mexico's competency law.

It is unconstitutional for any state to punish someone with jail time if that person is legally incompetent, according to a 1950 U.S. Supreme Court decision. In the ideal scenario, that person is treated and returned



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Lawsuit says district court admin stole \$21,000

JUSTIN GARCIA

Las Cruces Bulletin

The former head of operational duties for the 3rd Judicial District Court defrauded the county's highest court of more than \$21,000 after he was terminated, according to a lawsuit the court filed against him.

The lawsuit filed in June claims that former Chief **Executive Officer David** Borunda, who oversaw the nonjudicial court staff and coordinated the complex paperwork required to keep the court working, told the court he was eligible for certain retirement benefits under the New Mexico Public Employees **Retirement Association** when they moved to terminate him for poor performance in May 2023.

"Defendant lied to Plaintiffs about his eligibility status to retire, causing Plaintiff to unknowingly overpay Plaintiff in the amount of \$21,865.28," the lawsuit said, adding that the court wants Borunda to pay that money back.

In New Mexico, most public employees are entitled to certain retirement benefits in exchange for their years of service. To qualify, employees must have worked a certain number of years.

In this case, the court alleges Borunda would have had to work another eight to 10 years to receive a payout for about 600 hours of unused time off.



The lawsuit contends Borunda did not qualify for that benefit but told the court he did. As a result, he received \$36,745.84. He was only entitled to about \$15,000, the lawsuit claims.

When the court requested Borunda to prove he was eligible or pay the money back, Borunda promised to do so. That never happened, the lawsuit said.

As of Nov. 27, court records show that Borunda has not retained a lawyer and has, so far, chosen to represent himself.

"I again dispute the allegations of the complaint, and it was agreed that my PTO was to be given to me as severance. I did not deliberately deceive anyone as to my ability to retire as I was forced into retirement," Borunda said in his response, adding that he intended to seek disability payments but never achieved them.

In fact, most of Borunda's self-written response – which was laden with

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Third Judicial District court in Las Cruces.

incorrect grammar and typos – focused on rebutting allegations that he was terminated because of performance issues.

According to the court's lawsuit, eight of the nine district judges met on May 25, 2023, to discuss Borunda's future with the court.

The lawsuit said that some of the judges felt Borunda's leadership led to a morale decline among court staff and said he failed to secure funding for a proposed expansion to the court and lost a grant, leading to an employee being laid off. They ultimately voted 5-2 to terminate him. Chief Judge Conrad Perea gave Borunda the option to retire in lieu of being fired, the lawsuit said.

Borunda, in response, said he secured funding for the expansion and tried to secure the grant. He also said that the morale issues of the court had more to do with the judges than him.

"The morale issues at the Court are directly related to staff being overworked and treated unprofessionally," Borunda said.

The 3rd District judges recused themselves from the case. In their place, the state Supreme Court appointed Nancy Franchini, a district judge in Bernalillo County, to oversee the case.



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OBITUARY —

ELIZABETH LOU CUSTER STOUT

Elizabeth Lou Custer Stout, (Bunner), went to be with our Lord Jesus Christ, at the age of 87. Elizabeth passed away peacefully at home on Thursday November 14, 2024, with loving family at her side. Elizabeth began her fabulous life on August 21, 1937, in Monroe Michigan. She was born the third child of US Army Colonel Charles A and Minnie Custer. Her siblings include oldest brother Richard Custer and wife Myrtle Rose, sister Dacia Salopek and husband John, and younger brother Thomas Custer and wife Patricia. Bunner and her siblings spent their childhood in Heidelberg, Germany during the 2nd world war. After the war ended, the Custer family came home to Fort Ord, California and subsequently on to Las Cruces, NM, where Elizabeth graduated from Las Cruces Union High School.

Elizabeth married Bobby Joe Stout in 1957, here in Las Cruces. In 1962 Bob and Liz moved to Kwajalein Island in the South Pacific, where Bob was employed as a radar technician for the "Bell System". They spent four years on the island with children Bobby Joe Jr and Cynthia. They returned to the Mesilla Valley, raising four children, Bobby Joe Jr, Cynthia, Barry, and David. Their wonderful marriage lasted 48 years, only to end with Bob's passing in 2005. Liz then met up with her Heidelberg Germany boyfriend, Roger Hall, where



they enjoyed 18 golden years together. She was employed as a bookkeeper with Midcap Bearing Company for 25 years. Liz loved to play cards, especially Bridge, achieving the level of Master Bridge Player with our local Bridge Club. Liz spent many years as a Sunday school teacher with St. Paul's United Methodist Church, here in Las Cruces.

Elizabeth is survived by her three sons, Bobby Joe Jr and wife Melissa (Peinado), Barry and wife Kathy (Salopek), David and wife Amanda (Brooks). Siblings Dacia Salopek and vounger brother Thomas and wife Patricia (Nevarez). She is survived by her grandchildren James Stout and Chantal Savage, Mike Rivera and wife Kelly, Phillip Rivera, Maria Stout, Anne and Matt Lanier, Bobby Tom Stout, Krista Stout and Jesse Valdespino, Josh Stout and fiancé Kylie Nelson, Michael Pinholster, Cy McCravey and Chad McCravey. She is survived by great grandchildren Londyn Stout and Reagan Rivera. She is survived by nieces and nephews, Gary Steel, Laura Montoya, Craig Custer, Ronald, Randall and Richlyn Woods, Karen and Vicky Stout. Awaiting Elizabeth

in Heaven are husband Bobby Joe Sr. (June 26, 2005), daughter Cynthia Elizabeth Pinholster (April 30, 2019), boyfriend Roger H Hall (January 2024), older brother Richard Custer (December 3, 2009) and parents, Col. Charles and Minnie Custer. In-laws Harry and Minnie May Stout, Richard and Ivogene Woods, Willie Lester and Doyline Stout, Lawrence Stout and John Salopek. The Stout Family wishes to express our sincere gratitude to Elizabeth's caregivers. Their love and devotion to our mother for 13 months, allowed her to live a happy and comfortable life. Maria Lulu Resendiz, Rosa Angrisani, Martha Hernandez, Luisa and Illiana Garibay all took excellent care of Liz, for which we will be forever grateful. Thank you also to Sierra Healthcare Hospice, Stephanie and Tobin, for their meticulous care as Liz entered the end of her journey. Elizabeth's post life care and services have been entrusted to Getz Funeral Home, Las Cruces, NM. Services will be held on Friday, December 6, 2024, at 11 am, at Getz Funeral Home, with Pastor Joseph Andrews of St. Paul's United Methodist Church presiding. Pallbearers will be her grandsons, Mike Rivera, James, Josh and Bobby Tom Stout. Her ashes will be laid to rest at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Las Cruces NM, December 6th, next to her husband Bobby Joe Stout Sr. and her daughter Cvnthia Elizabeth Pinholster.

NM 2024 elections officially over



DOÑA ANA COUNTY PHOTO

The Nov. 26 vote by the State Canvassing Board cemented the 2024 elections and called for recounts in two northern New Mexico contests.

BULLETIN REPORT

New Mexico's top elections officer announced on Nov. 26 that the State Canvassing Board had certified the 2024 general election, making the results official.

The vote is the final hurdle for the electoral process – the final check to ensure that a free and fair election has occurred. The board is composed of the governor, secretary of state, and chief justice of the New Mexico Supreme Court.

"The 2024 General Election was run with efficiency and integrity by the state's election administrators, and every New Mexican should have the highest level of confidence in these official election results," Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver said in the news release announcing the vote.

The office also noted that two elections in northern New Mexico are headed for a recount.

State House of Representatives District 57, which encompasses northeastern Rio Rancho, will be recounted. The second recount is for an at-large Los Alamos County Commission seat.

Both races ended with the winner receiving less than one percent of the vote, meaning the race is automatically recounted per state law. Once the recounts are complete, the state canvassing board will meet again on Dec. 16 to review and certify.

The Secretary of State's office also shared the official turnout:

- Total registered voters eligible to participate in this election 1,382,761
- Total voter turnout 928,290 (67.13 percent)
- Absentee votes 111,403 (12 percent)

- Early voting turnout 556,281 (59.93 percent)
- Election Day turnout 252,515 (27.20 percent)
- Hand Tally/Provisional ballots 8,091 (0.87 percent)
- Same-Day voter registrations (early voting thru Election Day) – 52,358
- Election Day SDR transactions 25,485

In Doña Ana County, the Board of County Commissioners voted to certify local results in November.

"I want to thank the members of the State Canvass Board for their work this morning and my staff at the Secretary of State's Office, our county clerks and their staff, the poll workers, our vendors, and our local, state, and federal partners who were the backbone of this successful election," Toulouse Oliver said.



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Six local artists for the La Buena Vida Park Public Art project will be presenting their design concepts to the Quality of Life/Las Cruces Public Art Selection Committee.

December 10 and December 11

Presentations begin at 4:30 p.m. (three artists will present each day)

City Hall 700 N. Main St. Conference Room 2007-A

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Tresco, Inc. provides early intervention, home visiting and outreach support services to families in Doña Ana and Sierra counties. Cash donations of any amount, food and toys are welcome. Donations requested by Friday, Dec. 20. Take donations to Tresco, 1800 Copper Loop, or contact Stacie Allen at 575-528-2206 and sallen@trescoinc.org. Mail donations to Tresco, Inc. 1800 Copper Loop, Las Cruces, N.M. 88005 c/o Stacie Allen.

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GRM was founded in 1972 by Rev. Darrel Bean.

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, canned pineapple, brown sugar, green beans, corn, cranberries, crispy fried onions, celery, onions and sweet potatoes; deli meat for Saturday sack lunches; 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 campus), 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday-Friday, 8 a.m.-noon Saturday. Contact Laura Alvarado at 575-525-3831, 575-649-6507 and elcalditosoupkitchen@ gmail.com. Mail donations to El Caldito, P.O. Box 2833, Las Cruces 88004. Donate at elcaldito-lc. org. Regular volunteers are needed. El Caldito serves more than 90,000 meals a year and has served more than two million meals since it was founded in 1984.

Tutti Bambini Children's Store sells gently used children's clothing, toys and more to benefit local and border-area outreach programs for children challenged by poverty and special needs. Donations of items to sell and cash welcome. Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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yahoo.com, Jeanne: 575-556-9752. Tutti Bambini opened in 2013.

Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is committed to improving the quality of life in the 12 counties it serves, connecting people to animal welfare, caring for the unhoused, education, arts, culture and more. Contact Diana O'Brien at 575-521-4794, diana@cfsnm.org. Mail checks to 2640 El Paseo Road, Las Cruces 88001. Donate at cfsnm.org.

Mesilla Valley Community of Hope serves people experiencing homelessness and needs new or gently used coats, blankets, socks, gloves, tents, towels, shampoo, soap, toiletries. Take donations to Community of Hope, 999 W. Amador Ave. Mail cash donations to MVCH, P.O. Box 16526, Las Cruces 88004. Donate online at mvcommunityofhope.org. Call 575-523-2219 or email hope@zianet.com. In FY 2023-24, MVCH served 10,077 clients, provided shelter to 256

people in Camp Hope tent city, provided housing to 1,541 people, including 475 children, and served 616 veterans.

Salvation Army Las Cruces Corps needs canned/prepackaged food, frozen turkeys, toys. Deliver to 1590 California Ave. or call 527-524-4713. Send donations to Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1423, Las Cruces 88004. Emergency services for families in need: food boxes handed out Thursdays from 8 a.m. until all boxes are gone; used clothing. Volunteer for holiday bell ringing at RegisterToRing.com (continues thru Tuesday, Dec. 24). Angel Tree program needs gift donations for low-income children; trees at Old Navy, Walmart, Sam's Club. California Street location and thrift store, 220 E. Idaho Ave., need donations of new and gently used items; drop off or call 575-524-1590 for pick up. To volunteer, call 575-524-4713. Toy Drive: Saturday, Dec. 7, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.,

arrive at old K-Mart parking lot, 1900 Bataan Memorial East, by 10:30 a.m., bring at least one boy and one girl gift valued at \$10 or more each.

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A plan to fix health care shortage

The free market system just doesn't work for health care. If it did, we would sell kidneys at auction to the highest bidder instead of having a waiting list of those most in need.

Unfortunately, we have convinced ourselves that the power of the free market holds the solution to all of our problems. When public schools fail, we don't increase funding, we shift it to private schools. But almost nobody supports auctioning off kidneys.

And so we've got a conundrum. With Medicaid, Medicare and the Affordable Care Act, we have created a hybrid, patchwork system that provides a safety net for some – the very poor and the elderly – but leaves millions of families to fend for themselves.

New Mexico is a prime

example of how the system has not worked. We

were one of the first states to adopt the ACA, and brought scores of previously uninsured residents into the system, just as intended.

The View But we have not From Here provided the necessary incentives under the free market system to lure and retain health care professionals, leading to a dangerous shortage. We lost 30 percent of our primary care physicians in the five years from 2017 through 2021, according to a study by the New Mexico Health Care Workforce Committee.

The number of ob-gyns, registered nurses, dentists, psychiatrists, pharmacists and EMTs are also seeing similar declines. And things will only get worse unless action is

taken now. Nearly 40 percent of all doctors in this

> state are 60 or older, with plans to retire soon.

The Santa Febased public policy group Think New Mexico has a package of legislation for the upcoming

60-day session that starts in January to reverse the trend. It includes tort reform, which is always a tough sell in a state legislature filled with attorneys looking out for their own interests. New Mexico has the second-highest rate of medical malpractice suits per capita in the nation, according to information provided by Think New Mexico. That's worked out great for the lawyers, but not so much for the rest of us.

Other proposals include joining interstate health

care worker compacts, creating a centralized credentialing system for health care providers, making it easier for patients to keep their current provider when they change insurance, improving the student loan repayment program for health care providers, repealing the gross receipts tax on medical services, enhancing Medicaid reimbursement rates to providers, expanding access for high school students to train for health care jobs, increased funding for college health care education, making it easier for foreign doctors to receive provisional licenses and creating a \$2 billion permanent fund for health care.

Assuming legislation is introduced on each proposal, the Legislative Finance Committee will then prepare a fiscal impact report on each

unopposed this cycle. A

bill, complete with the expected cost. I suspect when you add them all up, the total will be staggering.

They could start with tort reform, which wouldn't cost taxpayers a dime. Then they should prioritize funding for solutions that will bring the most immediate results.

I think the obvious solution is universal health care. But as long as we're stuck with this free market hybrid, the state must compete to attract the health care workers we need. Hopefully, the Think New Mexico report will focus the attention of lawmakers to address the problem before the shortage leaves more residents in our state without access to care.

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Citizens need to stand and be heard on crime

Starting in January, the 60-day legislative session will begin in Santa Fe. Your representatives and senators are the only state elected lawmakers in the country that are unpaid for their service. Despite this, they are still required to represent their constituents. And we are tired. Tired of the crime – vandalism, shoplifting, burglaries. Tired of the reports of juvenile

runaways committing drive-bys and worse. Tired of the revolving door at the jail. How ironic that

the biggest issue with our current crime predicament is in the name of competence, when its passing now appears to be the definition of incompetence.

In Santa Fe, arguably the most

powerful interim committee is Courts, Corrections and Justice, because of its involvement in deciding which hills

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ing which bills come to the floor for a vote. The chair, state Rep. Christine Chandler, D-Los Alamos, and the vice chair, state Sen. Joseph Cervantes, D-Las Cruces, both ran town hall by Cervantes earlier in the year, largely in response to the governor's assertions that her Democratic colleagues scuppered her special legislative session priorities including a large public safety endeavor, was attended by about 40 Las Crucens, only to hear that he can't "pass laws to get people off their ass". His resounding message,

crudeness aside, was that we don't need more laws for the issues we are faced with from criminals in our communities. Thanks for the help, Senator.

In Las Cruces, we have ceded competence to insanity. Progressive extremists wish to continue the same old tired mantra of catering to the criminal in the name of social jus-

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Bishops call for humane immigration policies

OPEN LETTER

Immigration has become a top issue of concern for many Americans, including Catholics, engendering strong emotions on both sides of the immigration debate. Despite the nation's long, and primarily positive, experience with newcomers, in which we have welcomed people to our shores for generations, immigration remains a complicated and challenging issue for the country.

While the Statue of Liberty is emblematic of immigration policies that have given immigrants a new lease on life and made our country great, we continue to witness tragic failures in our immigration policy that have put those fleeing injustice, persecution and crime at great risk. Moreover, our failure to enact comprehensive immigration

reform has weakened the moral fiber of our society.

From the Catholic Church's experience in working with migrants and refugees, we find that many who arrive to our nation are forced to migrate because of oppression and persecution. They are victims of smugglers, human traffickers and drug cartels. They suffer severe economic hardship and simply want to support their families with dignity. Most are not electing to migrate on a whim but are forced migrants, fleeing intolerable and inhumane conditions.

At the same time, we acknowledge that, as with any group, there are those who come for nefarious reasons and who commit violent crimes, and that Americans should be protected from these people. Likewise, we agree that a sovereign country has the right to manage its

borders, albeit in a manner which protects human rights and dignity.

As a result, we, the bishops of New Mexico – a state which shares a border with Mexico - agree with most Americans that our immigration system is broken and is in need of reform, including how the situations of the persecuted and downtrodden arriving at the US-Mexico border are addressed. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has long recognized the human suffering of the migrant and has called for the United States to adopt a just and sensible immigration policy.

While we need to fix a broken system, policies that ignore the human rights of those who come to the border and undermine human dignity are not the way to fix things. While it is true that sovereign nations have a right

and a responsibility to control their borders, this is not an absolute right, as the management of borders must be accompanied with humane treatment and due process protections. We can achieve both goals: the protection of human rights and the security of the border and the nation.

We believe, however, that a mass deportation policy will not fix the broken immigration system but, rather, create chaos, family separation, and the traumatization of children. While removing those who cause harm to us is necessary, deporting immigrants who have built equities in our communities and pose no threat is contrary to humanitarian principles and to our national interest. We urge the new administration to rethink this proposed deportation policy and instead return

to bipartisan negotiations to repair the US immigration system.

Let us be clear: We are pastors, not politicians, and we point to the moral and theological principles that should undergird good and just laws. We ask our elected officials at the federal, state and local levels to embrace those moral principles that will create laws that honor the sanctity of human life and the dignity of each, unrepeatable human being.

As scripture tells us, for those to whom much has been given, much is expected. We, the bishops of New Mexico, pray that the United States – our great nation under God – will continue to justly receive our fellow human beings

into our country, recognizing the many gifts that are ours in the world of great human suffering.

We stand ready to work with the new administration on achieving immigration policies which are just, humane, and reflect the values of America. Please join us in praying for the protection, wellbeing and safety of our immigrant brothers and sisters.

Most Reverend James S. Wall, Bishop of Gallup

Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe

> Most Reverend Peter Baldacchino, Bishop of Las Cruces

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tice. They've even gone so far as to begin entertaining the idea of dedicated spaces for drug addicts to imbibe, but that is a discussion for another time. The city council put legislative priorities for Las Cruces on Dec. 2 agenda, which included nothing that their own police chief has specifically requested as far as criminal justice reform. Not even the request to curb the startling increase of juvenile criminals warranted a mention from the city council. Nor did the request to address the competency issue, a request that also came from the governor herself last summer, after her daughter-in-law was violently attacked. Pretrial detention and felons in possession of a firearm also didn't make the list from the city.

New Mexicans need help. Our communities are failing and we are faced with a crime wave that continues to grow. Citizens need to stand up and make their voices heard. Strong candidates need to run in elections, the city councilors need to hear your voice during public comment and your state representatives need to know their constituents are paying attention. I challenge everyone to attend a city council meeting or write to a state representative and ask for clarification on legislation that will make a difference. That is how we support our officers: by having their back. We, as citizens, need to demand

that the efforts of our officers are not lost to the revolving door, that their sacrifices are worthwhile for a better community, that the law supports them and their communities honor them.

Otherwise, did the death of a beloved police officer really only buy Las Cruces a shopping cart ordinance?

Shawna Pfeiffer was born in Las Cruces. She is a small business owner and mother to two young children.



The Las Cruces Bulletin staff have their holiday goggles on as we rolled along into December. Seen here are Desert Exposure editor David Salcido, Bulletin managing editor Algernon D'Ammassa, reporter Justin Garcia, publisher Belinda Mills, account executive Lauri Champion, designers Christy Anchondo and Matthew Meerbott, account executive Sandra Moulton and administrative assistant Maggie Adams. Not present is distribution coordinator Rebeca Jimenez.

Prosecutors silent after man shot by police is no show at court

JUSTIN GARCIA

Las Cruces Bulletin

A Las Cruces man shot by police during a standoff at an apartment complex last month did not appear for a hearing meant to determine if he should be jailed without bond, according to court records.

The hearing could have resulted in Danny Garcia De Leon being held in jail until trial, or a judge putting other restrictions meant to protect the public and ensure Garcia De Leon attended hearings.

"This situation highlights why the system needs to change," Las Cruces Police Chief Jeremy Story said in a statement to the Las Cruces Bulletin. "For serious violent felonies, the pretrial detention hearing should be set automatically, and the person held until the hearing occurs. The burden should be on the defense to prove that their client is not dangerous and can be released."

Garcia De Leon's charges of attempting to commit aggravated assault upon a peace officer and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon stem from an incident the night of Nov. 11 at an apartment complex on the 1300 block of S. Espina Street.

Body camera footage released by the Las Cruces
Police Department shows
officers responding to a call
at the complex after Garcia
De Leon allegedly threatened
a neighbor with a knife. One
officer, apparently thinking
Garcia De Leon was reaching
for a gun, fires several times
in Garcia De Leon's direction,
striking him once. LCPD
later confirmed the gun was a
replica and not a functioning
firearm.

Garcia De Leon was taken to a hospital and released into jail on Nov. 12 around 5 a.m. He was there for about 12 hours before seeing a magistrate judge who released him, per New Mexico law.

Prosecutors could have filed a motion for pre-trial detention, which would have kept Garcia De Leon in jail for another few days before a district judge would rule on whether he was dangerous enough to keep in jail. But no such motion was filed.

The 3rd Judicial District Attorney's office initially told the Bulletin that LCPD had not filed the necessary paperwork for the office to do that. The office later backtracked on that claim, saying they did have the paperwork and that the magistrate judge denied giving the office extra time to file the motion.

Court records show that prosecutors did file a motion for pretrial detention on Nov. 18, a week after the shooting. The court then scheduled a hearing for Dec. 3.

Minutes and transcripts from the Dec. 3 hearing claim that the Law Office of the Public Defender had not received an inquiry from Garcia De Leon. The same documents also said that the court sent notice of the hearing to Garcia De Leon's address.

District Judge Richard Jacquez issued a \$5,000 bench warrant for Garcia De Leon, court records show.

When reached by phone on Dec. 3, District Attorney spokesperson Roxanne Garcia-McElmell said the office had no comment on the situation.

Women take majority in New Mexico Legislature



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The House chambers inside the New Mexico state Capitol on Jan. 10, 2024.

LEAH ROMERO

Source New Mexico

Women in New Mexico won big this last election and now make up more than half of the state's lawmakers.

Along with a female-majority legislature and a woman overseeing the state Senate, New Mexico women also hold positions such as governor, secretary of state and a majority in the state's supreme court. New Mexico is also represented by two women out of the state's five seats in Congress.

This is a first for New Mexico, and puts the state in a unique position, as the second-highest female majority in the legislative body, behind only Nevada.

New Mexico reached a majority-female House of Representatives in 2021, according to data from the Center for American Women and Politics. Men will still outnumber women in the Senate. But following the election this month, 60 of the 112 legislative districts in both chambers are represented by New Mexican women, bringing the percentage to about 53 percent, trailing Nevada's majority at 60 percent.

Chelsea Hill, director of data at the Center for American

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to competency so they can be tried. But in New Mexico, public safety officials have decried a scenario they say plays out all too often: Instead of treatment, people found incompetent after committing minor crimes have their cases dismissed and are released, only for the same process to play out if they commit additional crimes.

A similar proposal was introduced by Democrats late into the 2023 session, but was criticized as being rushed and underbaked by critics including public defenders and civil rights groups.

Las Cruces Police Chief Jeremy Story seized on the proposal in the aftermath of the killing of Jonah Hernandez, a Las Cruces Police officer who was stabbed while investigating a trespassing incident in February. Story reiterated that position as well as others during the meeting.

"There's really several

priorities I have and have had since Feb. 11, when Officer Hernandez was murdered," Story said. "As Larry (Horan) said, it's hard to commit to anything since we don't have the actual bills yet."

Story said that, in general, he'd like to see legislation that reforms the current system that sees some people charged with

a crime (typically a nuisance crime like property damage), found incompetent, and released from jail only to go out and commit another crime.

"I think New Mexico has too many resources and too many positive things going for it to be number one in crime," Story said.

The session begins Jan.

21, but legislation will be pre-filed starting Jan. 2 and ending Jan. 17. The final day of the session, Sine Die as it's called, occurs March 22 at noon. The governor has until April 11 to sign legislation into law. If she declines, the legislation is effectively vetoed. The new legislation goes into effect June 20.

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COMING UP

Friday, December 6

- Vitalant Annual Holiday Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Dr., Las Cruces. Info: 575-647-7200
- Christmas Zoobilee and Christmas Tree Lighting, 12-8 p.m., at Alameda Park Zoo, 1221 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo. Info: 575-439-4279
- · First Friday Fine Arts Flea Market, 5-10 p.m., at Plaza de Las Cruces, 100 N. Main St., Las Cruces. Info: 575-805-6499
- · Wearable Art Show Reception, 5-7 p.m., at Tombaugh Gallery, Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano, Las Cruces. Info: 575-522-7281
- Christmas Tree Lighting. 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Mesilla Plaza, Calle Principal, Mesilla. Info: 575-524-3262
- Jingle & Mingle WNMU Annual Holiday Celebration, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Regents Square on the WNMU Silver City campus. Info: 575-538-6183
- The Performing Arts Trivia

Show, 7 p.m. at ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave., NMSU Campus, Las Cruces. Info: 575-642-2980

December 6-7

- A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley presents Season of Light, 7 p.m. & 2 p.m., at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St., Las Cruces. 575-571-1413
- El Paso Symphony Orchestra presents Christmas in Vienna, 7:30 p.m. at the Plaza Theatre, 125 W. Mills Ave., El Paso. Info: 915-532-3776

December 6-8

· La Casa Holiday Bazaar, 4:30 p.m.-4 p.m., at Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave., Las Cruces. Info: LaCasaInc.org

December 6 - 22

- No Strings Theatre Company presents A Christmas Carol, 8 p.m. & 2:30 p.m., at The Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St., Las Cruces. Info: 575-523-1223
- · Las Cruces Community Theatre presents Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, 7:30 p.m. & 2 p.m. at Las Cruces Community

DR. DEBBIE L. ASHIDA, DDS

Theatre, 313 N. Main St. Info: 575-523-1200

Saturday, December 7

- Ace of Races Marathon, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Domenici Fitness & Sports Center, 1051 W. Connecticut Ave., Holloman Air Force Base. Info: 49FSS.com/
- Living History Tour, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Deming Luna Mimbres Museum, 301 S. Silver Ave., Deming. Info: 575-546-2382
- · Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3853
- Farmers Market of Otero County, 9-11 a.m. at Tractor Supply, 2900 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo. Info: 575-430-2081
- · Silver City Farmers Market, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 1120 N. Main St., Silver City. Info: Silver City-FarmersMarket.info
- Trombone Christmas, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe St., NMSU. Info: 575-646-2421
- Tularosa Winter Festival, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. at 408 Granado Street. Tularosa. Info: 575-430-

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- · Christmas in the Foothills. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Hillsboro Community Center, 316 Elenore, • Black Cat Poetry Reading, Hillsboro. Info: 575-895-3300
- Silver City Holiday Artisan Market, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Grant County Veterans Memorial Business and Conference Center, 3031 Hwy 180 E., Silver City. Info: 575-993-8193
- United Military Women of the Southwest present Bingo, 2 p.m., at American Legion Hall, 1185 E. Madrid, Las Cruces, Info: 575-439-1265
- Michael Martin Murphy's Cowboy Christmas, 2-4 p.m. at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 108 Spencer Rd., Alto. Info: 575-336-4800
- Messy Church, 2-4:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 518 Alameda Blvd., Las Cruces. Info: 575-526-6333
- Christmas on MainStreet. 4-9 p.m., on New York Ave., Alamogordo. Info: 575-446-3612
- Lighted Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting, 6 p.m., at the Deming Visitor Center, 800 E. Pine St., Deming. Info: Deming-MainStreet.org/Christmas-On-Mainstreet/
- · City of Las Cruces Tree Lighting, 6-8 p.m., at Plaza de Las Cruces, 100 N. Main St., Las Cruces. Info: 575-541-2550
- · Border Jazz Orchestra presents Swingin' in the Holidays. 7 p.m., at Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe, Las Cruces. Info: MVJazzBlues.net
- Sangre Gitana, 7 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 Hwy 180 East, Arenas Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or Whiskey-CreekZocalo.com
- Rhythm Mystic, 8 11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek, 200 N Bullard St, Silver City. Info: 575-956-

Sunday, December 8

- Artisan Marketplace, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Temple Beth El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., Las Cruces. Info: 717-979-2799
- · Silver City Holiday Artisan Market, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Grant County Veterans Memorial Business and Conference Center, 3031 Hwy 180 E., Silver City. Info: 575-993-8193
- Joe Baker, 1 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 Hwy 180

East. Arenas Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com

- 1-2:25 p.m. at Ingo's Art Café, 422 Broadway, Truth or Consequences. Info: 575-551-8186
- Oversouls. 1 4 p.m. at Little Toad Creek, 200 N Bullard St. Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144
- · El Paso Community Foundation Jewel Box Series presents Pianist Daniel Villasenor, 2:30 p.m. at the Philanthropy Theatre, One Civic Center Plaza. El Paso. Info: 915-533-4020
- Flashback, 2:30 & 7 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St., Las Cruces. Info: 575-523-1223
- · Mesilla Valley Concert Band Sounds of the Season, 3 p.m. at the Atkinson Recital Hall. 1075 N. Horseshoe St., NMSU. Info: MesillaValleyConcertBand.org
- Noche de Luminarias, 5-8 p.m., from the Pan American Center to the Horseshoe on the NMSU Campus. Info: 575-646-1722
- Los Pastores del Valle de Mesilla, 6 p.m., at Holy Cross Retreat Center, 600 Holy Cross Rd., Mesilla Park. Info: Trujillo. Naomi@yahoo.com

December 10-12

· Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Village of Tortugas, 3620 Paroquia, Mesilla Park. Info: 575-526-8171

Wednesday, December 11

- Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces. Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3853
- Mariachi Christmas, 7 p.m. at the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave., Alamogordo. Info: 575-437-

Thursday, December 12

- Las Cruces Ukes Holiday Concert, 6-7 p.m., at Good Samaritan Las Cruces Village Social Center Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, Las Cruces. Info: LasCrucesUkes.com
- Performer's Showcase Open Mic, 6 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 Hwy 180 East, Arenas Vallev. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com
- Jazz Jam. 6:30 p.m., at Mom's Coffee, 1001 E. Uni-

versity Ave., Las Cruces, Info: Jazz Jam At Moms@gmail.com

Ongoing Events

- Overeaters Anonymous, noon Wednesdays at St. James Episcopal Church, 102 St. James St. Hybrid meeting, available by Zoom. Info: Bob at 610-762-
- Overeaters Anonymous, 9:30 a.m. Saturdays. Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Hybrid meeting, available by Zoom. Info: Bob at 610-762-3779.
- Saturday Morning Breakfast for Veterans, 8-10 a.m. every Saturday at Deming American Legion Bataan Post 4, 619 W. Spruce St., Deming, Info: 575-546-8385
- · Coffee & Donuts for Veterans, 8-11 a.m. every Monday & Wednesday at Deming American Legion Bataan Post 4, 619 W. Spruce St., Deming. Info: 575-546-8385
- Unity of Las Cruces Prayer & Meditation Circle, 7 p.m. each Wednesday via Zoom. ID 817 3441 31190. Passcode WEDSVC. Info: 575-936-3019.
- · Tai Chi in the Park free introductory classes every Thursday. 9-10 a.m. at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center in the Park. Ongoing class in the traditional Yan Family Tai Chi Long Form. Information: 915-584-4730.
- Coalition of Conservatives in Action, 6-8 p.m. Thursdays at Kitchen Kraft Home, 980 N. Telshor Blvd. Info: 816-510-1105.
- Halloween Home Display, 7-10 p.m., Thursday-Sunday at 4752 Salado Creek St., Las Cruces. Info: Facebook. com/ groups/890765555419913
- Friday Nite Trivia for Veterans and guests, 6-10 p.m. at Deming American Legion Bataan Post 4, 619 W. Spruce St., Deming. Info: 575-546-8385
- Federation of Democratic Women of Doña Ana County. at 6 p.m., Holy Family Catholic Church, 702 Parker Road, every second Tuesday. Info: Sherri Nolan at 575-644-8207.
- The Climate Emergency Legislative Action Committee meets, 6 p.m., every second Thursday at the Unitarian Universalist Church activities room, 3845 N. Swan St., Silver City. Info: walknbeauty@countermail. com

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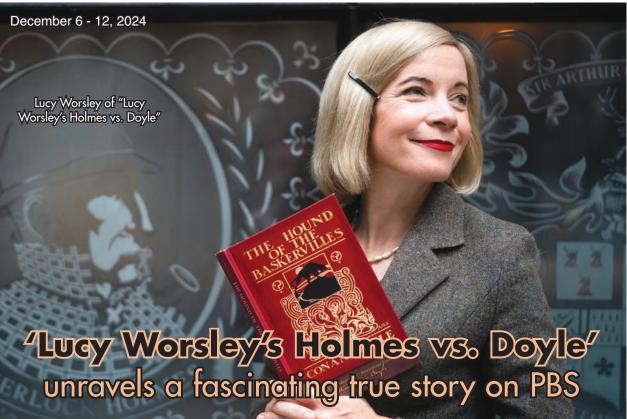
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Gour WEEKLY GUIDE TO TV & ENTERTAINMENT



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Q: Is the Jill Wagner who's on the series "Lioness" the same Jill Wagner who used to be a cohost of "Wipeout"?

A: She is. Jill Wagner also co-created (with "Yellowstone's" Taylor Sheridan) and is an executive producer of "Lioness," the military-espionage drama that's wrapping up its second season on Paramount+. She has given herself a distinctive acting role in the

Jill Wagner

OF LIONESS ON PARAMOUNT+

show as well as Bobby, the toughtalking leader of a unit within the terrorism-fighting Lioness program — and Wagner likely used her father, a U.S. Marines veteran, at least partially as a model for the character.

At the time Wagner landed her "Wipeout" job on the original ABC incarnation of the game show, as a field reporter who interacted directly with contestants on the series' obstacle course, she was launching an acting career that included roles in Spike TV's "Blade; The Series" and Fox's "Bones." She stayed with "Wipeout" for four seasons (2008-11) before deciding to leave and focus on acting exclusively again, which she did in part by joining MTV's "Teen Wolf." But, a year later, she returned to "Wipeout" (where she

had been succeeded by Vanessa Minnillo, later known as Vanessa Lachey of CBS and Paramount+'s "NCIS: Hawai'i") and stayed until "Wipeout's" ABC tenure ended in 2014.

Otherwise, Wagner's main calling card has been as an actress, and she did a considerable amount of work for Hallmark (including the Mystery 101 series of movies that ran on the thennamed Hallmark Movies & Mysteries). While many of her films are repeated on the Hallmark channels frequently, she has moved over to Great American Family; her latest movie there is this holiday season's "Christmas Under the Northern Lights." She also has a special on that channel, "Christmas on the Farm With Jill Wagner & Family," slated for Dec. 23.





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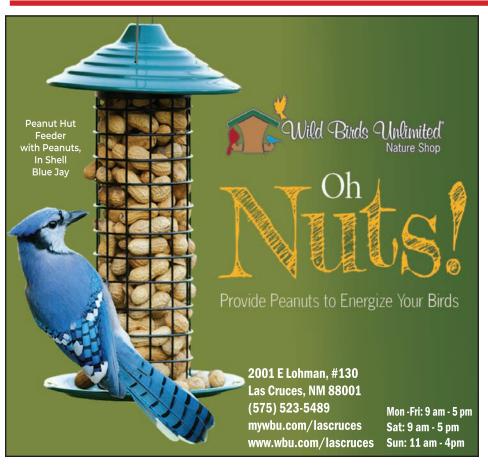
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"Sugarcane" (Dec. 10)

A stunning tribute to the resilience of Indigenous peoples and their way of life, this debut feature documentary from Julian Brave Noise-Cat and Emily Kassie is an epic cinematic portrait of a community during a moment of international reckoning. In 2021, evidence of unmarked graves was discovered on the grounds of an Indian residential school run by the Catholic Church in Canada. Set amidst a groundbreaking investigation, the

film illuminates the beauty of a community breaking cycles of intergenerational trauma and finding the strength to persevere.

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"A Sudden Case of Christmas" (Dec. 13)

Lawrence Armanetti (Danny DeVito) runs a grand hotel in the mountains of Italy. Every winter, he hosts his extended family for Christmas, but this summer he'll get more than he bargained for. His daughter and son-in-law are divorcing, and have tasked Lawrence with breaking the bad news to their young daughter, Claire (Antonella Rose). Realizing

that her family won't be returning together in December, Claire insists on having one last Christmas with the entire family ... in the middle of summer. As the relatives gather, Claire and Lawrence hatch a plan to inspire her parents' reconciliation.



"Elf" (Available Now)

Raised as an elf, Buddy (Will Ferrell) grows into an adult three times larger than the biggest elf — and realizes that he will never truly fit in at the North Pole. Looking for his true place in the world Buddy heads to New York City, where he finds his workaholic father (James Caan) — who's on Santa's naughty list — a new mother (Mary Steenburgen) and a 10-year-old brother who doesn't believe in Santa Claus or elves. Here, Buddy discovers his

destiny: to save Christmas for New York and the world!



"Christmas in Pine Valley" (Available Now)

Natalie (Kristina Cole) is the owner of a successful company that garners the attention of a major magazine. The magazine sends a reporter named Josh (Andrew Biernat) to profile Natalie's company thinking it's a family-run business. Hoping to keep her struggling business afloat, Natalie and her friends pull out all the stops for Josh — and make sparks fly in the process.



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"The Simpsons Funday Football" (Dec. 9)

For its second annual event, Disney, ESPN, NFL and Sony team up to bring fans of all ages another "Funday Football" specials. This year, featuring classic characters from "The Simpsons," a real-life game between the Cincinnati Bengals at the Dallas Cowboys is animated in real-time for fans to enjoy and they watch from Atoms Stadium in Springfield.



"Dream Productions" (Dec. 11)

A spinoff of the Inside Out films, set between the events of the first and second film, Pixar's first TV series is a mockumentary-style look into the mind of young Riley (Kensington Tallman). Focusing on the studio where her dreams are produced, a director (voiced by Paula Pell) is trying to come up with her next hit dream with the help of a hot daydream director (Richard Ayoade) trying to move into nighttime productions. Amy Poehler, Maya Rudolph, Phyllis Smith, Tony Hale, Lewis Black and Ally Maki voice star.



"Elton John: Never Too Late" (Dec. 13)

This documentary follows Elton John as he looks back on his life and the astonishing early days of his 50year career in an emotionally charged, intimate and uplifting full-circle journey. As he prepares for his final concert in North America at Dodger Stadium, Elton takes us back in time and recounts the extraordinary highs and heartbreaking lows of his early years and how he overcame adversity, abuse and addiction to become the icon he is today.

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"Pete's Dragon" (Available Now)

A reimagining of Disney's cherished 1977 family film, "Pete's Dragon" is the adventure of an orphaned boy named Pete (Oakes Fegley) and his best friend Elliot (voiced by John Kassir), who just so happens to be a dragon. Bryce Dallas Howard, Wes Bentley, Karl Urban, Oona Laurence and Robert Redford also star.

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tonight's picks



2024 MLS Cup KFOX 2 p.m. FS1 7 p.m.

After a grueling playoff bracket, it comes down to the remaining two teams to compete for the top prize in Major League Soccer, the MLS Cup. With defending champion Columbus eliminated in the first round, a new champion is guaranteed.

College Football KVIA 2 p.m.

The top two teams from the South Eastern Conference clash for the title and an automatic bid to the College Football Playoff, where 12 teams will compete in hopes of winning the National Championship. The Sun Belt Conference Championship airs next.

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation AMC 6 p.m.

Clark Griswold (Chevy Chase) wants to have the perfect family Christmas. From decorating the house to getting the right tree, everything looks great until Cousin Eddie (Randy Quaid) and his family show up unplanned and his holiday bonus gets downsized.

Sugarplummed HALL 6 p.m.

Emily (Maggie Lawson) has always fantasized about having the perfect Christmas just like she sees in holiday movies. So, when Sugarplum (Janel Parrish) walks out of the TV to help her, they're off on a heart-warming adventure to redefine the holiday.

A Very Merry Beauty Salon LIFE 6 p.m.

Sienna (Tia Mowry), owner of the Divine Beauty Salon, is being honored at Atlanta's Tinsel Ball. However, the experience takes an interesting turn when Lawrence (RonReaco Lee), a charismatic CEO, arrives on the scene and decides to co-sponsor the event.

Love and Marriage: Huntsville OWN 6 p.m.

Things are getting heated when one of the three Huntsville, Ala., power couples accuse another of lying. But with tons of cash and equity already built into this real estate deal, can they find common ground and regroup? Or is the pressure too much?

Central Station TCM 6 p.m.

In this TCM "Two For One" evening, American film director and screenwriter Gina Prince-Bythewood chooses 1998's "Central Station," starring Fernanda Montenegro, and 2013's "Fruitvale Station," starring Michael B. Jordan and Octavia Spencer.

Ghost Adventures: House Calls TRAV 7 p.m.

Zak Bagans sends the team to the heartland of Marion, Ind., to assist a family that believes a demonic presence is at work in their home. Making matters even more dire, they must move quickly as the mother's health is being put at risk from the energy.

To Catch A Smuggler: Tropical Takedown NGC 11 p.m.

They're called the "high seas" for a reason. When 907 kilos of cocaine are seized by the Department of Homeland Security after a boat chase off the coast of Vieques — a Caribbean island off Puerto Rico's eastern coast — agents score a big win.

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tonight's picks



Tory Kittles and Queen Latifah in "The Equalizer"

Rachael Ray's Rebuild Millennial Money

A&E 9 a.m.

Rachael Ray and Anthony Carrino team up to help families rebuild their homes following disaster in this reality show. This time, Ray and Carrino help the Thomas family rebuild their two-story house after it was levelled by a F3 tornado.

Millennial Money CNBC 3 p.m.

Offering an inside look at the financial lives of millennials, this business-savvy series airs a new episode, this time discussing the unexpected and unusual careers the generation has chosen, including their salaries, roles and responsibilities.

Built America Presents HISTORY 6 p.m.

The freezer section makes our world go round. In this new episode discussing frozen food icons, viewers will learn how a young boy accidentally discovered a frozen treat on a stick, growing up to bring a childhood classic to the rest of the world.

Dr. Seuss' The Grinch KVIA2 6 p.m.

For the Whos down in Whoville, Christmas calls for celebration, cheer and endless consumerist clamor. Up on Mount Crumpit, however, the ever-grumpy, holiday-hating Grinch is making plans to sneak into town as Santa Claus and steal Christmas before it begins.

The Equalizer KDBC 6:30 p.m.

Christmas cheer is nowhere near the top of mind when Robyn (Queen Latifah), Marcus (Tory Kittles) and Miles (Stephen Bishop) find themselves caught in the middle of a hostage situation after the local hospital gets taken over by a cartel.

Holiday Wars FOOD 7 p.m.

On the latest episode of this holiday-themed cooking competition, host Jeff Mauro tasks the confectionary artists with imagining what may unfold if another holiday icon were to fill in Santa's large boots for the annual Christmas Eve present delivery.

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Bruce Willis in "Die Hard," featured in "Best Christmas Movies Ever!"

Holiday Baking Championship FOOD 6 p.m.

Who doesn't love a day spent in their jammies? This week, Jesse Palmer asks his bakers to make footie pajama inspired macarons, garlands made of fluffy, yummy cream puffs and a dessert consisting of Charlotte royale, entremets cake or a dacquoise cake.

90 Day: The Last Resort TLC 6 p.m.

Compromise is an important part of any healthy relationship.

As such, the couples take part in "Compromise Canyon," a group therapy that sees each couple carry rocks representing their issues. To lighten their load, each couple will need to hash things out.

The Real Full Monty KFOX 7 p.m.

You've seen them before, but never like this. During this two-hour special event, a daring group of male celebrities have volunteered to bare all, bending over in an effort to raise awareness for prostate and testicular cancer testing and research.

Best Christmas Movies Ever! KVIA2 7 p.m.

To spread a little holiday cheer, countless stars, writers, directors, critics, athletes and influencers share their enthusiasm for film by discussing their favorite Christmas movies of all time, from old-school classics to new heavy hitters.

Based On A True Story USA 8 p.m.

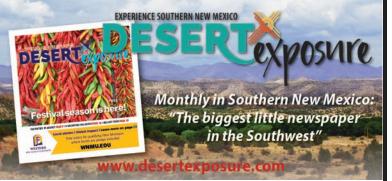
While facing a devastating failure, Nathan (Chris Messina) is smacked in the face with a

game-changing idea. Meanwhile, Ava (Kaley Cuoco) confronts her buyer, and Matt (Tom Bateman) pushes for a more hands-on approach during this brand-new episode.

Renfield STARZ 8:40 p.m.

In this 2023 horror-comedy film, Renfield (Nicholas Hoult), the right-hand man of the ever-narcissistic vampire Dracula (Nicolas Cage), decides to break free from his indentured servitude, ready to see if there's a life outside of the Prince of Darkness' shadow.





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tonight's picks



Judy Reyes and Kaitlin Olson in "High Potential"

LEGO Masters KFOX 7 p.m.

This annual holiday bricktacular returns, as celebrities team up with fan-favorite former contestants to win prizes for a charity of their choosing. This year, Sophia Bush, Eric McCormack, Holly Robinson Peete and Lil Rel Howery indulge in the festivities.

The Voice KTSM 8 p.m.

After a loud and impressive battle, the 26th season of this singing competition comes to its final episode. Under the tutelage of some superstar mentors, the remaining contestants have seen their skills grow and are now ready to fight for the win.

High Potential KVIA 9 p.m.

Morgan (Kaitlin Olson), a single mother with an uncanny knack for solving crime, is knee deep in dirty rotten scoundrels as she helps Det. Karadec (Daniel Sunjata) and the police department piece together clues at a hotel murder scene.







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Spirit of Santa"

The 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 remains, as I've witnessed on several Facebook pages and in conversations, is the "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 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 all can 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 Santa's. 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 ability 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 mirrors 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 enjoy watching the preverbal "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 its 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 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 and 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 erack 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 conversing over hot coffee or hot chocolate. Yes, we were often cold as we stood outside, but now, those memories keep my 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 Santa's I have ones that sing, dance and read stories.

There are 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.



DEBBI MOOREGLCC President & CEO

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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 2024, I want to take a few moments to thank our chair, Dr. Michael Law, 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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Winston Water Cooler, LLC 1734 Buildtek Court Las Cruces, NM 88005 575-222-1330 winstonwatercooler.com Anniversary Date: 11/1/2024

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American Medical Response 920 S. Valley Dr Las Cruces, NM 88005-3077 575-523-0225 amr.net Anniversary Date: 8/13/2007

Bank of the Southwest

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

Casa Autoplex

470 W. Boutz Las Cruces, NM 88005 575-525-4500 Anniversary Date: 12/1/2023

Comcast Cable

2750 Mall Drive Suite 300 Las Cruces, NM 88012-8704 575-523-2531 comcast.com/default.cspx Anniversary Date: 11/12/1974

Dona Ana County Humane Society PO Box 1176 Las Cruces, NM 88004-1175 575-647-4808 dachslc.org Anniversary Date: 12/28/2012

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575-523-2505

Anniversary Date: 7/13/1972

Education Trust Board -The Education Plan

1516 Paseo De Peralta Santa Fe, NM 87501-3722 505-476-3860 www.theeducationplan.com Anniversary Date: 7/1/2018

Hamilton Roofing Co.

918 N. Main Carlsbad, NM 88220-6357 575-885-6676 hamiltonroofingcompany.com/ Anniversary Date: 9/1/2022

Holiday Inn Express Las Cruces

2142 Telshor Court Las Cruces, NM 88011-8245 575-522-0700 hiexpress.com/lascruces-n Anniversary Date: 10/31/2011

Insta-Copy Imaging

318 N. Main St. Las Cruces, NM 88001-1273 575-526-6602 insta-copy.com Anniversary Date: 7/12/2000

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999 W. Amador, Suite E Las Cruces, NM 88005-2739 575-522-2111 jardinlc.org Anniversary Date: 12/2/2011

Judy Enterprises SIG

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

Kemp Smith LLP

3800 E Lohman Avenue, Suite C Las Cruces, NM 88011-8273 575-527-0023 kempsmith.com Anniversary Date: 9/13/2010

La Clinica de Familia -Administration

385 Calle de Alegra Bldg A Las Cruces, NM 88005-3423 575-526-1105 x2420 lcdfnm.org/about_lcdf.php Anniversary Date: 8/30/2010

Las Cruces First

5605 Bataan Memorial West Las Cruces, NM 88012-5023 575-524-0654 lascrucesfirst.com/ Anniversary Date: 9/26/2008

Lori D. Allen, Financial Advisor, **Edward Jones**

1121 Mall Drive Suite B Las Cruces, NM 88011-8102 575-522-4341 edwardjones.com Anniversary Date: 6/2/2014

MCH Family Outreach, Las Cruces 230 S. Alameda St. Suite 201

Las Cruces, NM 88005 575-222-0177 mch.org/locations/las-cruces/ Anniversary Date: 12/1/2023

Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance

277 E. Åmador Ste 304 Las Cruces, NM 88004-1299 575-525-2852 mveda.com Anniversary Date: 12/1/2008

Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority

926 S. San Pedro St Las Cruces, NM 88001-3637 575-528-2000 mvpha.org/ Anniversary Date: 7/1/1990

Pioneer Bank

3831 E Lohman Las Cruces, NM 88011-8447 575-532-7500 pioneerbnk.com/ Anniversary Date: 5/29/1979

Stroll & BeLocal Las Cruces 331 West Las Cruces Avenue Las Cruces, NM 88005

575-654-5622 n2co.com Anniversary Date: 8/1/2018

Tharp Farms 6000 N. Valley Dr.

Las Cruces, NM 88007-6001 575-524-4935 Anniversary Date: 11/14/1972

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1180 Commerce Dr Box 13122 Las Cruces, NM 88013-4605 720-245-1211 transforminglifewithheidi.com Anniversary Date: 11/1/2023

Wells Fargo 425 S. Telshor Blvd. Building A Las Cruces, NM 88011-8237 575-521-6873 wellsfargo.com/ Anniversary Date: 6/1/1984

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RIBBON CUTTINGS



On Wednesday, November 6, the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce welcomed new member Winston Water Cooler, 1734 Buildtek Ct, with a ribbon cutting. Allen Ruddick, Managing Partner, held the proclamation while Anna Lueras, Sales, cut the ribbon.



The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, and the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce joined El Caldito Soup Kitchen, 999 W. Amador, to celebrate their 40 Year Anniversary with a ribbon cutting. Gabe Anaya, President, Michael Lilley, Secretary, and Herb Torres, Treasurer, held the proclamations while Steve Chavira, Executive Director, cuts the ribbons.



The City of Las Cruces held a ribbon cutting on Friday, November 22, to celebrate the completion of the Keep Las Cruces Beautiful mural behind Kohl's. Councilor Cassie McClure and Councilor Becki Graham are present while Breanna Yazzie, Artist, cuts the ribbon



The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce welcomes new member Muojicare Medical Center, 4502 S Sonoma Ranch Blvd, on Friday, November 22. Dr. Yvonne Muojieje holds the proclamation while Dr. Chukwudi Muojieje cuts the ribbon.

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FROM THE AMBASSADOR CHAIR

"Chair of Honor"

As I write my final article as Chair of the Ambassadors I can't help but look back and reflect on these last two years. The time has flown by and it has been absolute honor to serve as the Chair. Thank you to my executive council who has stuck with me these past two years, I appreciate every one of their perspectives and ideas. Our group has grown and changed a lot and I have enjoyed meeting and welcoming new Ambassadors into our group. I have been an ambassador for about 10 years now, and I am so happy that I made the decision to join. The friendships, business connections and knowledge that I have gained are priceless. As my time as Chair comes to an end, my participation and dedication to the Ambassadors does not. I look forward to what our new chair, Lensi Shakra has in store for us in 2025, I know that we will have a great year!



BY LYNDSAY MARTIN 2024 Ambassador Chair

Leadership 32

Unlocking Leadership Potential with Clifton Strengths

Leadership is a much about self-awareness as it is about guiding others, and this is precisely what the 32nd leadership class uncovered during the November 15th class day. The class learned about their natural talents and strengths and how to leverage them to foster better team collaboration in their professional and personal lives. We were honored to have Bill Lee, CEO of the



Gallup McKinley County Chamber of Commerce and Certified Strengths Finder Coach, lead the daylong session with his engaging teachings and insights of the assessment results for the class combined as well as each individual. The class was hosted in a conference room by Holiday Inn Express North, starting the day with a full breakfast and then treated to a delicious lunch by Salud! De Mesilla complete with their delightful deserts. The class gained a renewed sense of confidence in their leadership capabilities which will help them as they begin work on this year's community project.



On Wednesday, November 20, the 2024/2025 Jr. Leadership class participated in a Narcan training held at Dona Ana County. Trainers, Crystal Alfaro, Substance Use Prevention Coordinator, and Jesus "Jesse" Solis, Overdose Prevention Educator, taught the class places to rub to check for responsiveness when someone has overdosed due to the sensitivity of that area.





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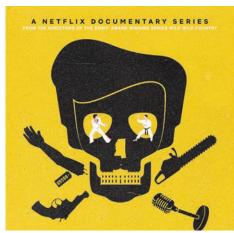
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"The Kings of Tupelo: A Southern Crime Saga" (Dec. 11)

A small-town feud, an internet conspiracy, an Elvis impersonator, black market body parts, and an assassination attempt on the President. Welcome to Mississippi where this jaw-dropping story spirals from local drama to a national scandal. Buckle up for a wild ride. This isn't fiction — it's Tupelo.



"Maria" (Dec. 11)

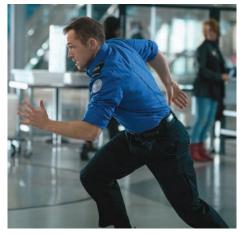
Academy Award-winner Angelina Jolie is Maria Callas, one of the most iconic performers of the 20th century in acclaimed director Pablo Larrain's operatic new film. It follows the American-Greek soprano as she retreats to Paris after a glamorous and tumultuous life in the public eye, reimagining the legendary soprano in her final days as she reckons with her identity and life. Kodi Smit-McPhee, Alba Rohrwach-

er, Pierfrancesco Favino and Valeria Golino also star.



"No Good Deed" - Season 1 (Dec. 12)

When Lydia (Lisa Kudrow) and Paul (Ray Romano) decide to move on from their empty nest to forge a new life, they list their gorgeous 1920s Spanish-style villa located in one the most desirable neighborhoods in Los Angeles — and the real estate frenzy begins. Multiple families all race to buy what they believe to be their dream house, convinced it will fix all of their very different problems. But as Lydia and Paul know all too well, sometimes the home of your dreams can be a true nightmare.



"Carry-On" (Dec. 13)

Ethan Kopek (Taron Egerton), a young TSA agent, gets blackmailed by a mysterious traveler (Jason Bateman) to let a dangerous package slip through security and onto a Christmas Day flight in this new holiday thriller. Sofia Carson, Danielle Deadwyler and Theo Rossi also star.





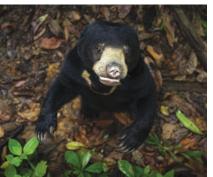


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"Little Big Town's Christmas at the Opry" (Peacock — Dec. 17, Special Premiere)

The holiday spirit heads to Nashville, Tennessee, for this star-studded music special. Featuring a dazzling array of country's biggest names, the event is hosted by Little Big Town. The two-hour celebration, filmed at

the Grand Ole Opry, includes performances from artists including Dan + Shay, Kelsea Ballerini, Sheryl Crow, Kirk Franklin, Josh Groban, Kate Hudson and Orville Peck.



"The Secret Lives of Animals" (Apple TV+ — Dec. 18, Limited Series Premiere)

This nature documentary, narrated by Hugh Bonneville, explores the clever and creative ways animals navigate life's most extraordinary challenges, from leaving home to finding a partner.



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tonight's picks



Smokey Robinson and Halle Bailey host "A Motown Christmas"

Court Cam A&E 6 p.m.

To celebrate this reality series' 200th episode, host Dan Abrams looks back at the most outrageous courtroom moments to ever grace the program. From daring escapes, to courtroom tussles, to even shootouts, enjoy a wildly unforgettable two hours.

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

Trouble is a brewing as Angie feels slighted after Meredith's bat mitzvah and Bronwyn and Lisa go to extreme lengths after a disagreement over room assignments. Meanwhile, issues with Robert Jr. keep Mary in Salt Lake City.

Survivor KDBC 7 p.m.

If there's one thing you can rely on, it's that there will be a few more tricks up someone's sleeve as viewers learn who has survived the rest of the castaways to claim the title of Sole Survivor and win \$1 million in this Season 47 finale.

Sullivan's Crossing KVIA2 7 p.m.

Everybody comes together to help Sully (Scott Patterson) retain control of the Crossing in this season finale. Then, Maggie (Morgan Kohan) struggles with confessing her feelings to Cal (Chad Michael Murray). Jayne Eastwood and Michelle Olden guest star.

A Motown Christmas KTSM 8 p.m.

Hosted by the legendary Smokey Robinson and rising star Halle Bailey and featuring exciting performances from the likes of Jordin Sparks, Pentatonix and the cast of "MJ: The Musical," this two-hour event celebrates Christmas with a merry dose of Motown.

The Floor KFOX 8 p.m.

It can be hard to focus when host Rob Lowe flashes his pearly whites. But when Lowe calls a number, a contestant needs to battle a neighbor in randomly chosen trivia topics in hopes of gaining ground and a chance at \$250,000.

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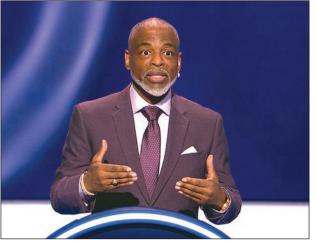
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tonight's picks



LeVar Burton hosts "Trivial Pursuit"

Harry Potter: Wizards of Baking FOOD 6 p.m.

During a new episode of this Harry Potter themed competition, hosts James and Oliver Phelps ask their bakers to create four-foot-tall showstoppers inspired by items that might be found in Albas Dumbledore's office, like the pensive or Fawkes the Phoenix.

Trivial Pursuit KVIA2 8 p.m.

LeVar Burton hosts this allnew game show based on the classic trivia board game. During each episode, contestants step up to compete in three rounds of trivia, where they choose questions from the six iconic categories, for a chance at \$20,000.

Elsbeth KDBC 9 p.m.

Michael Emerson makes his debut as Judge Milton Crawford during this brand-new episode, which sees Elsbeth (Carrie Preston) clash with the judge when she's summoned to jury duty for a murder trial. Carra Patterson and Wendell Pierce also stars.



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"Secret Level" - Season 1 (Dec. 10)

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This new animated anthology series for adults features original stories set within the worlds of some of the world's most beloved video games. From the creative minds behind "Love, Death + Robots," each of the 15 episodes is a celebration of games and gamers.



"Jack in Time for Christmas" (Available Now)

Jack Whitehall finds himself stranded in the USA with just four days to make it back to the U.K. for Christmas. With time ticking away, Jack embarks on an incredible and, some would say, implausible journey involving planes, trains, huskies, and bobsleighs. A stockingful of conveniently located famous faces help (and hinder) along the way as Jack navigates the

chaos of Christmas and tries to make it home in time. Part scripted comedy, part unscripted travelogue Jack is joined by Michael Bublé, Dave Bautista, Rebel Wilson, Jimmy Fallon, Daisy May Cooper and Tom Davies.



"The Red Virgin" (Available Now)

Hildegart (Alba Planas) is raised by her mother Aurora (Najwa Nimri) to be the woman of the future, becoming one of the most brilliant minds in Spain in the 1930s and one of Europe's leading referents on female sexuality. At 18, Hildegart begins to experience freedom and meets Abel Velilla (Patrick Criado), who helps her to explore a new emotional world and to break away from her mother's iron nest. Aurora fears losing control over her daughter, and does everything she can to prevent Hildegart from moving away.



"My Old Ass" (Available Now)

In this fresh coming-of-age story, an 18th birthday mushroom trip brings free-spirited Elliott (Maisy Stella) face-to-face with her wisecracking 39-yearold self (Aubrey Plaza). But when Elliott's "old ass" starts handing out warnings about what her younger self should and shouldn't do, Elliott realizes she has to rethink everything about family, love, and what's becoming a transformative summer.



Friday

- 8 p.m. FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Pizza and fresh pasta; gumbo and burgers with brisket.
- 8:30 p.m. FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Seafood gumbo and a traditional corned beef and
- cabbage.

 9 p.m. FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Homemade chorizo and a Yucatan turkey special.
- 9:30 p.m. FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Deli smoking meats; chili crab cake and lamb

Saturday

- 8 p.m. COOK Iron Chef America FOOD Holiday Baking Championship Jesse Palmer asks the bakers to make flavorforward cookies.
 9 p.m. DEST BBQ Pitmasters
- Pitmasters prove their pork butt is the best. **FOOD Kids Baking** Championship Four kid bakers bake gifts for the North Pole

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Sunday

residents.

8 p.m. COOK Man v. Food A 2-pound barbecue packed with every meat, sauce and side.

FOOD Harry Potter: Wizards of Baking Pairs of professional bakers create edible showpieces. 9 p.m. FOOD Holiday Baking

- Championship The bakers make boozy trifles for the judges. 9:30 p.m. COOK Man v. Food
- Casey Webb digs for oysters. Monday

8 p.m. FOOD Holiday Wars FYI Rachael Ray's Holidays Rachael shows how to make a

- tender and crispy smoked turkey. 8:30 p.m. COOK Bizarre Foods: **Delicious Destinations** The culinary treasures of Montevideo,
- Uruguay.

 9 p.m. FOOD Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown Sunny Anderson takes Bobby Flay on a trip around the world.
- 9:30 p.m. COOK The Zimmern **List** Andrew tries international cuisine in Queens, N.Y.

Tuesday

- 8 p.m. FOOD Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown Eddie Jackson brings Thanksgiving game-day vibes.
 9 p.m. COOK Anthony
- Bourdain: No Reservations Anthony explores the Hudson Valley in New York state. **DEST BBQ Pitmasters** Three groups are competing to turn in chicken and pork.

Wednesday

- 8 p.m. FOOD Holiday Baking Championship Jesse Palmer asks the bakers to make footie pajama macarons.
- 9 p.m. CLEO Culture Kitchen 9:30 p.m. CLEO New Soul Kitchen Chef Jernard makes a crab cake Texas toast burger.

Thursday

- 8 p.m. FOOD Christmas Cookie Challenge Four cookie makers creates two cowboy Christmas designs.
- 8:30 p.m. COOK Bizarre Foods: **Delicious Destinations** Andrew explores the native dishes of Bermuda.

Edward Jones

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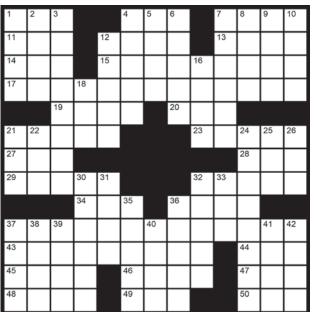




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crossword puzzle



Across

- 1. Picnic crasher
- 4. American
- 7. LaBeouf of "Transformers" (2007)
- 11. Morse bit
- Soprano's song, maybe
- 13. Guitar accessory
- 14. Broke bread

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Classes

- 15. Netflix docuseries about wrestling
- 17. Clive Owen drama
- 19. Long in the tooth
- 20. Vein stuff
- 21. Tries to track down
- 23. James Roday series
- 27. AOL alternative
- 28. Want-ad letters
- 29. Yucatan settler

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- 32. Mild cheddar cheese
- 34. Joke response
- 36. Word-of-mouth
- 37. "Family Guy" baby
- 43. Natasha Lyonne series
- 44. Bachelor's last words
- 45. Forever and a day
- 46. Spot on the tube
- 47. Classic car
- 48. It holds a vard
- 49. "___, Dear" (Anthony Clark series)
- 50. Ring bearer, maybe

Down

- 1. Scott of "Severance"
- 2. Cold war winner
- 3. Fran Drescher sitcom
- 4. Miscalculated

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- 6. Photography lens
- 7. Some paintings
- 8. Result of a crack?
- Modern music holder
- 10. Primo
- 12. Gallic girlfriends
- 16. Dealership sticker fig.
- 18. "___. Bilko" (1996)
- 21. "Interesting..."
- 22. "Mr. Robot" network
- 24. Cause panic in a theater, perhaps
- 25. Cygnet's father
- 26. "___ Arnold!"
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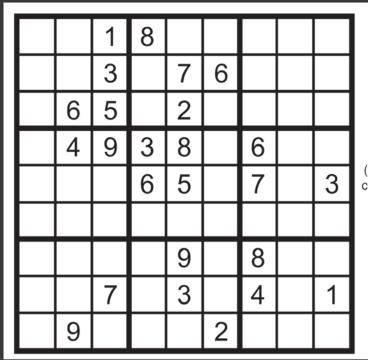
- 37. Junk E-mail
- 38. Fraternity party attire
- 39. Manages, with "out"
- 40. "I ___ at the office"
- 41. Suggestion
- 42. Queen who wrote "Leap of Faith"







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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.

Nearly 300 episodes later, it's time for the end of an era. Tom Selleck, Donnie Wahlberg and Bridget Moynahan have brought the Reagan police family to life since 2010, during all fourteen seasons of this beloved procedural. Now, they make their final appearances as Frank, Danny and Erin, respectively, during the series finale of "Blue Bloods," airing Friday, Dec. 13, on CBS. Not ready for the series to end? Start from the beginning, with episodes available to stream at cbs.com/ shows/blue_bloods/

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"Virgin River" - Season 6 (Netflix - Dec. 19, Season Premiere)

Against the backdrop of Mel (Alexandra Breckenridge) and Jack's (Martin Henderson) romantic spring wedding season, this sixth installment promises fresh twists and turns, escalating love triangles, delightful wedding drama and uncovered secrets from Mel's father's past, which will transport viewers to the magic and mystique of Virgin River in the 1970s.

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Bingo — Solution

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The solution to the question is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to discover this hidden solution, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.







"The Six Triple Eight" (Netflix — Dec. 20, Movie Premiere)

Inspired by the first and only Women's Army Corps Unit of Color to serve overseas during World War II, this period drama follows these unsung heroes, who, given an extraordinary mission and united in their determination, delivered hope and shattered barriers. Directed and written by Tyler Perry, the film stars Kerry Washington, Ebony Obsidian, Milauna Jackson, Kylie Jefferson, Shanice Shantay, Sarah Jeffery, Pepi Sonuga, Moriah Brown, Jeanté Godlock, Susan Sarandon, Dean Norris and Sam Waterston.

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- 12. Gravitate (toward)
- 13. Recliner part
- 14. They're done off a springboard
- 17. Like a bunch
- 18. Tomé
- 19. Big name in headphones
- 21. "Ghost Hunters" channel
- 24. Word of denial
- 25. Toward
- 26. Where Dorothy went
- 27. Noah Wyle's show
- 28. Gentleman friend
- 30. "Buddenbrooks" novelist
- 32. Place to pump iron

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- 41. Wrestler's win
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- 43. Trio minus one
- 44. To the point
- 45. Stew ingredients
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- 7. Added details
- 8. Mont Blanc region
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- 10. Pings on X, for short
- 15. Smart alecks
- 16. "That was my quess"
- 19. Door handle
- 20. Seep out

- 22. Kev at the top-right of some keyboards
- 23. "Strange Condition" singer Pete
- 29. Player's rep
- 33. Fig. near an mpg rating
- 34. "Little piggies"
- 35. Tax expert, briefly
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- 38. Electronics brand
- 39. Astronaut Grissom
- 40. "Silent Night" adjective

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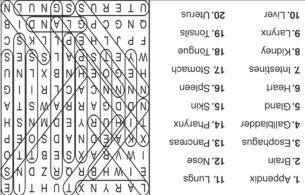
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WORD SEARCH

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: Organs in the Body

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After a loud and impressive battle of baritones and tenors, this singing competition prepares for its curtain call once again. Under the tutelage of some superstar mentors, the remaining contestants have seen their skills grow and are now ready to take the stage one last time, each hoping to be the star of "The Voice's" 26th season — concluding this Tuesday, Dec. 10, on NBC. For those looking to relive the highs and the lows of competition, clips can be found by visiting nbc.com/the-voice

As numbers dwindle and curiosity reaches new heights, panelists Robin Thicke, Ken Jeong, Jenny McCarthy and Rita Ora do their best to discern who's behind the mask of this season's remaining contestants. Rumors spread fast, but no one can know for certain... at least, not until the masks come off. "The Masked Singer" airs a new episode this Wednesday, Dec. 11, on Fox. Want to watch an episode live? Check out on-camera-audiences. com/shows/The_Masked_Singer

With Santa's big day quickly approaching and the holly-jolly season in full swing, there's no better time for a parade. Hollywood's top celebrities join in this fun-filled event, which features award-winning bands from across the country, colorful floats, larger-than-life character balloons and so much more. "The 92nd Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade" airs Saturday, Dec. 14, on The CW, with a full list of this year's celebrities guests available at thehollywoodchristmasparade.org/ category/2024-celebrities/





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TYPING OUT OF THE WORLDWIDE WEB

Local writers host 'typewriter revivals'

ALGERNON D'AMMASSA

Las Cruces Bulletin

In a scene that has become familiar to regulars at Milagro Coffee in recent months, two men sit at a table inside writing on typewriters, occasionally stopping to talk and, at other times, silently working side-by-side - silent, that is, except for the clacking of keys that impress letters on paper through a spooled ribbon that holds ink, and the cheerful ding signaling they have reached the end of a line on the page.

"We wanted to get together to talk and type," said artist and writer Bob Diven, "and sometimes it became more talking than typing. We've gotten back to where we're doing typing and talking."

Some days, the two friends – Diven and retired educator Steve Ludington – are joined by other typewriter users, some of whom purchased machines Diven has learned to repair.

Ribbons and spools designed to fit most typewriters are available for sale online. Correction fluid, on the other hand, which was used to paint over errors and create a new surface for typing, is much harder to come by, he said.

Ludington said he returned to using a type-writer as a way to concentrate: "As a writer, I wanted to get away from all of the distractions and just be present with my own thoughts, as the type-writer allows you to do." He contrasted that with numerous distractions that come of writing on a

laptop computer, from the temptation to check email to frequent notifications that pulled his attention from getting language onto paper.

"It made me realize how much my brain had adapted to technology," Diven said. "When you type you have to think differently because if you make a mistake or choose the wrong word, you just have to type your way out of it. ... When you're typing on a computer, the cursor is blinking at you, autocorrect is there,



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALGERNON D'AMMASSA

Bob Diven and Steve Ludington engage in an "act of public typing" at Milagro Coffee and Espresso in Las Cruces, Nov. 27, 2024.

grammar is there, and so what's our impulse? We're trying to edit as we write – to polish."

But what about "acts of public typing," as Diven refers to it? Both men affirmed that it drew curiosity, but not so many as to turn typing into performance art. It has offered opportunities to connect

with new friends, including younger people who did not grow up around typewriters and older people who share stories of a world before digital dominance.

"It becomes a social act," Diven said. "I just got a typewriter because I wanted to write letters again, and my handwriting sucks and I always loved typing. ... Typing led to my friendship with Steve, and I now have a correspondence with five people."

The pair have organized several typewriter "petting zoos," public events allowing people to try out

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'Nutcracker' coming to NMSU with live orchestra

BULLETIN REPORT

The ballet with a household name, thanks to its association with Christmas, will come to Las Cruces when the Borderlands Ballet Company, directed by Monique Foster, presents six performances of "The Nutcracker" over two weekends at New Mexico State University's Center for the Arts.

"The Nutcracker' is the most iconic of all the classical ballets," the Las Crucesbased dance company stated in a news release. "It somehow manages to hold its place as a wildly popular holiday event and also a great work of art, with some of the greatest choreography ever created set to the exquisite score of (Pyotr Ilyich) Tchaikovsky."

The company's director is Francisco Javier Renteria. The show will include, for the second consecutive year, a live orchestra conducted by Grammy-winning artist, and NMSU music professor, Jorge Martinez-Rios. He is also the conductor of the NMSU Philharmonic and La Frontera Philharmonic as well as principal violist for the Las Cruces Symphony. This year, he will lead the recently-formed Binational Orchestra, which has performed in Las Cruces, El Paso and



The Coffee Variation is among the well-known scenes from "The Nutcracker" ballet, realized here by the Borderland Ballet Company of Las Cruces.



BORDERLANDS BALLET COMPANY PHOTOS

The Snow Pas de Deux, as seen in Borderlands Ballet Company's production of "The Nutcracker," playing at New Mexico State University later this month.

Ciudad Juárez.

As for the dance ensemble, the role of Clara will be performed by 12-year-old Lesley Dill, the company announced, while Juliana Garcia will dance as the Sugar Plum Fairy. And Godfather Drosselmeyer will be performed by NMSU theatre major Mario Montiel, who recently played Dracula in American Southwest Theatre Company's production of "Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors."



The Rat King is one of the familiar characters from the iconic ballet, "The Nutcracker," performed by Borderlands Ballet Company at New Mexico State University over two weekends this December.

Rounding out the ensemble are Avery Hinckley (Nutcracker/Cavalier), Gavin Elftman and Brooke Gonzales (Snow King and Queen), Joshua Godman and Rachel Breck (Coffee), Isabella Jacquez and Santiago Garzon (Chocolate), Allene Barton (Tea), Janelle Hernandez with Gavin Elftman and Santiago Garzon (Candy Canes), Taylor Cantu (Ballerina Doll), Rae Milette (Jester Doll), Santiago Garzon (Kossack Doll) and guest artist Kinnon Fields (Fritz).

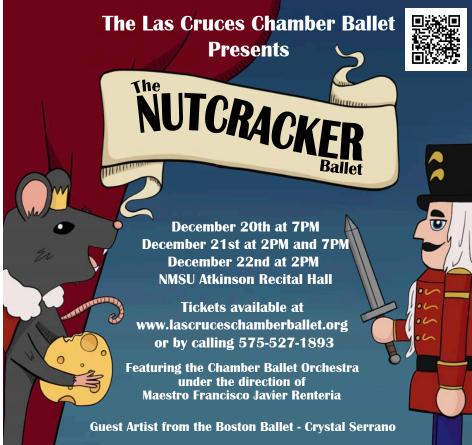
The ballet company said "The Nutcracker" will run for approximately one hour and 45 minutes, with a 15-minute intermission.

Performances will be Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.; Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Dec. 20 and 21 at 7 p.m.; and Dec. 22 at 2 p.m. The performances will be at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Avenue. Reservations are available online at our.show/nutcracker2024.

Borderlands Ballet Company's annual Nutcracker Gala, a black-tie event for donors to the company, will take place following the Dec. 13 opening night performance. More information is available at Borderlands-Ballet.com.



The Dew Drop Fairy dances in Borderland Ballet Company's production of "The Nutcracker," coming to New Mexico State University this month.

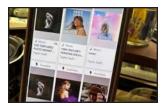


Library throws birthday party for Taylor Swift

BULLETIN REPORT

Attention, local Swifties: The Las Cruces Public Libraries plans a celebration of singer-songwriter Taylor Swift over Dec. 11 and 12.

Staff and the public will make friendship bracelets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 11th, Swift's birthday, while singing along to her music; costumes are encouraged and party favors will be awarded, according to a news release that also promised cupcakes as well as all the materials needed for the bracelets.



CITY OF LAS CRUCES PHOTO

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library is hosting two events, Dec. 11 and 12, celebrating the birthday of singersongwriter Taylor Swift.

on Thursday the 12th, with groups of up to six competing. Here, again, costumes will be rewarded with party favors, and, yes, there will be cupcakes.

Registration is not required for either event. and further information

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is available via librarian The celebration resumes for a Taylor Swift Deanna Duffy 575-528-4005 trivia contest, 6-7:30 p.m. or dduffy@lascruces.gov. with our low mortgage rates visit us at evolvefcu.org

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factors. Program, rates, terms, and conditions are subject to

Local oldies band plays at the Black Box

BULLETIN REPORT

Flashback, a local band formerly known as Oldies but Goodies, will play two concerts featuring "everybody's favorite classics" at the Black Box Theatre on Sunday.

According to the band's Facebook page, the group's repertoire consists of popular songs dating from the 1950s through the 1980s. A news release from the theater stated that the band of six

musicians has been playing together for nearly 15 years, collecting a song list including doo-wop oldies, classic rock from the 1960s and funk and soul hits from the '70s.

Flashback will perform at 2:30 p.m. and at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main Street in downtown Las Cruces. Ticketing and further information are available at 575-523-1223 or online at No-Strings.org.

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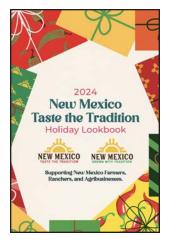
BULLETIN REPORT

Krack Korn Puffs. margarita mixes, salsas, soaps; gifts for him, her, them; various tastes of New Mexico for holiday gifts are touted in an online guide produced by the New Mexico Department Agriculture.

The New Mexico Taste the Tradition Holiday Lookbook "showcases the incredible talent of local businesses that are the heart of New Mexico's economy," state Agriculture secretary Jeff Witte

said in a news release.

The lookbook is free to view online at ElevateN-Mag.com.



TYPEWRITER

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the machines, and Diven said they have been popular across generations, drawing curiosity and suggesting an alternative to the dominance of digital media. They also sell typewriters, and they professed joy - Diven referred to it as "an evangelistic streak" - over reintroducing the technology and growing a community around it. They two have hosted "typewriter reviv-

als" and on-the-spot repair events.

"Kids love typewriters," Ludington said. "They like the tactileness of it. they like hitting the buttons – it's not something you have to be gentle with."

"This typewriter's been one of the best decisions I ever made in terms of just regaining my soul in this technological onslaught of a culture." Diven said. "We need brakes. I think people are realizing we are paying a price. ... I

don't think I realized I had a choice until I made it."

On Saturday morning from 9:30 until noon, they will exhibit over a dozen typewriters available for sale at COAS Books, 317 N. Main Street downtown, including lighter-weight machines with carrying cases for portability and heavier desktop models, Diven said. Typewriter owners whose machines need service are welcome to drop them off for repairs, but on-site maintenance will not be

available.

"If somebody's interested in a typewriter and they don't know much about it, they are better off buying one of ours," Ludington said. "It's always a little better if you can get one you can put your hands on and play with, and have somebody show you how to use it and make sure all the parts are working."

And as a bonus, one might find an open seat among new friends at the coffee shop.



Christmas in the Foothills

The tiny mountain town of Hillsboro is decked out for the holidays, providing the backdrop for artists, artisans and crafters from the surrounding area to sell their wares, and the rest of the town to open their doors to visitors seeking rustic charms.

Christmas in the Foothills brings charm to the holidays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Hillsboro Community Center, 316 Elenore, Hillsboro. Info: 575-895-3300

Christmas in Vienna

The El Paso Symphony Orchestra presents a Viennese Christmas filled with the lights, sights. smells and sounds of the season, combining the charming sounds of the Viennese Waltz with traditional Christmas music. choir song, and American Jazz.

"Christmas in Vienna" brings the sounds of the season, 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. December 6

& 7, at the Plaza Theatre Performing Arts Center, 125 W. Mills Ave., El Paso. Info: 915-532-3776

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Las Cruces Community Theatre presents Roald Dahl's timeless classic about a group of children who are given a once-in-a-lifetime golden ticket to visit the wondrous world of pure imagination that is Willy Wonka's chocolate factory.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory brings magic to the stage, 7:30 & 2 p.m., Dec. 6-22, at Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St., Las Cruces. Info: 575-523-1200









DAVID SALCIDO Las Cruces Bulletin

Pianist Daniel Villasenor

The spikey-haired "punk pianist" of nueva cumbia band Frontera Bugalu performs a fresh selection of original compositions inspired by "dreams about traveling back in time, imagery of mountains, fog, rain, and forest wildlife."

Daniel Villasenor headlines the El Paso Community Foundation Jewel Box Series, 2:30 p.m.,

Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Philanthropy Theatre, One Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, Info: 915-533-4020

Noche de Luminarias

The New Mexico State University campus will be alight with luminarias, from the Pan Am Center to the Horseshoe, illuminating walking paths, while family friendly activities will be offered at the Pan Am Center. Corbett Center Student Union, and NMSU Bookstore.

Noche de Luminarias lights up the night from 5-8 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8, on the NMSU Campus in Las Cruces. Info: 575-646-1722



Los Pastores del Valle de Mesilla

A non-traditional tradition for over 60 years, Los Pastores is a liturgical drama that presents another view of the Nativity, wherein a lazy, drunken



shepherd is transformed on Christmas Eve by being shown a path of redemption for a life well lived.

Los Pastores del Valle de Mesilla celebrates the Nativity, 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8, at Holy Cross Retreat Center, 600 Holy Cross Rd., Mesilla Park. Info: Trujillo. Naomi@yahoo.com





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Baha'is host discussion of Christian teaching

The Baha'is of Las Cruces announced an open "fireside discussion" to take place this Sunday regarding Christian teachings in an interfaith context. The title of the discussion is "The

Unfolding Teachings of Jesus as Revealed in Christian, Islamic and Baha'i Scripture."

"This is an opportunity to learn what the world's faith traditions have in common," the Baha'is of Las Cruces stated in a news release. "Guests

can share their own ideas and stories related to this topic. Light refreshments will be served. Entertainment will be provided by singer/songwriter Darrell Elmer Rodgers."

The discussion takes place beginning 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2909 Devendale Avenue. Guests are asked to refrain from wearing fragrances of any kind due to allergies. Further information is available at 575-556-9650 or via email at localspiritualassembly@yahoo.

As Darrell Rodgers ex-

plained in a previous Las Cruces Bulletin article. Baha'i teaching holds "that all the world's religions stem from the same god, but because they were revealed in different places, at different times. mankind has divided them. (Founding teacher

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Lit Café aims to redefine Las Cruces cannabis culture

JUSTIN GARCIA
Las Cruces Bulletin

In a city where 'high desert' has more than one meaning, a new consumption lounge hopes to spark up a new kind of gathering space for cannabis enthusiasts and curious minds alike.

The Lit Café – located at 523 E. Idaho Avenue, the former location of Si! Italian Bistro – is set to host its grand opening on Dec. 28 at – when else? – 4:20 p.m.

Despite the homage to stoner culture, The Lit Café's owner, Marvina Thomas, explained it's not the average consumption just about getting high. lounge and a desire to

"I want people to come in and enjoy the music, or whatever we're doing," Thomas said.

Thomas is the owner of FourTwenty Collections Dispensary, an Arizonabased company with a location in Las Cruces since 2022. She said The Lit Café plans to offer a regular slate of live events. Comedy acts, live music, and open mic nights seek to fill out The Lit Café's event listings.

Thomas said the idea for the lounge came from two places: experiencing the average consumption lounge and a desire to break the stigma around cannabis.

"I want it to be a space where everybody can learn about cannabis and not have the stigma on there, where people are just there to get high," Thomas said.

That last part – breaking cannabis stigmas – is a key part of the vision, Thomas said.

From stigma to café experience

In the 1930s, the U.S. effectively taxed away legal and medical cannabis

markets with the Marihuana Tax Act of 1937. At the time, proponents of the legislation said the purpose was to raise revenue but, decades after passage, critics said the bill was nothing more than an attempt to protect a few millionaires' holdings on traditional paper production operations.

At the same time, literature and movies like "Refer Madness" (1936) attempted to make racist associations between cannabis and men of color as aggressive perpetrators of sexual assault.

Starting with the legalization of medicinal use in 1996, cannabis has come more and more into the mainstream. In 2020, the New Mexico Legislature legalized recreational use in the state, though cannabis remains prohibited under federal law.

Since then, southern
New Mexico has been
inundated with purchases
by New Mexicans and
Texans looking for legal
cannabis. On-site consumption at dispensaries
is prohibited, except for
specially licensed consumption lounges. The
first such establishment
opened in Las Cruces in
2022.

As more people become familiar with cannabis, more people will seek information about how to consume the drug; and that's a gap where



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The dining room area of The Lit Café in Las Cruces as employees prepare the future cannabis consumption lounge on Dec. 2, 2024.

Thomas and The Lit Cafe hope to find a niche.

"If they make any edibles at home, how do they measure up the medicine to be 10 milligrams or 2.5 milligrams? Because a lot of people just pour in a whole lot of (cannabis), not knowing how to measure," Thomas said

Outside of events, The Lit Café aims to play host to university students and professionals looking for alternative gathering spots to work, study or talk business.

"Whatever event that you come with, come talk to me. We can make it work," Thomas said.

The Lit Café will also serve food, with and without cannabis infusions, at its indoor and outdoor seating. Thomas said The Lit Café can also host private events such as bridal showers, celebrations and business meetings.

The Lit Café plans to initially employ around 10 employees for the 7,000-square-foot venue.

"There's not a whole lot to do in Las Cruces," Thomas said. "So just trying to bring something different to Las Cruces. And I think ours is going to be a little different."



MAJORITY

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Women and Politics, said the final rankings are not yet available as some states are still counting ballots and finalizing winners. However, she did say New Mexico's secondplace ranking is not likely to change in the coming months.

Sen. Mimi Stewart, D-Albuquerque, represents Senate District 17 and is president pro tempore of the New Mexico Senate. She is currently one of only 15 female state senate leaders in the country.

Stewart said the female majority took hard work. The Senate leadership team specifically targeted 10 races and six were won by Democratic women, one by a Republican woman. The upper chamber is also gaining two women who moved up from the state House of Representatives.

Stewart highlighted the legislature's focus on tax credits, rebates and other bills to support vulnerable communities in New Mexico, and the need to collaborate to continue the work.

"Women do that more easily than men do. We like to collaborate, we like to get along, we like to solve problems," Stewart said. "I think it will help the culture of the Senate to have this diverse group of women serve."

She added that she does not think there will be a major change in the running of the legislature, but there will be more people to support the work already in motion.

"I think the Legislature has worked well with the governor in the past four to six years. We've had a lot of successes," Stewart said. "I think because we've made such good changes, women want to be part of that, and have really stepped up to run for office and were successful."

Stewart said she thinks the election has given both chambers a boost and lawmakers are "more united between the two chambers than we ever have been."

A tale of two districts

Angel Charley, D-Acoma, ran unopposed in the primary election and will represent Senate District 30 beginning in January, flipping the district blue. Sen. Joshua Sanchez, a Republican who has represented the district since 2021, was redistricted, winning a different seat in the election.

This was the first time Charley, Laguna/Zuni/ Diné, ran for office and the gravity of her new role is not lost on her.

"People keep asking me if I'm excited and that's not the feeling at all. I think it was this rush of responsibility," Charley said.

She emphasized the areas in New Mexico culture where women often are the leaders, from heads of families to matriarchal Indigenous communities. The state Legislature now better reflects this.

"The women who are

coming into this office, I think, have real, lived experience that reflects the experience of everyday people in New Mexico." Charley said. "We're moms, we come from marginalized backgrounds, and I'm excited to see how we can shape policy that actually meets the needs of people who are experiencing the outcomes of the decisions that are made."

Most of the women in the New Mexico Legislature are Democrats, and this will continue to be the case starting in January. In contrast, Rebecca Dow, R-Truth or Consequences, said she is "more concerned about one-party control than I am about the gender of the people leading the state."

Dow took back her

former seat in the House for District 38. Tara Jaramillo, D-Socorro, represented the area for one term when Dow chose not to run for reelection, instead tossing her hat into the ring for a failed run for governor in 2022.

She said her primary priority is to protect the most vulnerable children in the state and hopes fellow female lawmakers can set partisan politics aside to get laws passed.

"I don't vote for people based on their sex," Dow said. "So for me, I didn't really even pay attention to whether the candidates were male or female. What I do think is important is to listen to that New Mexico women – the voters, the constituents that we represent – that they want things changed."



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NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO the New Mexico Self-Storage Lien Act [NMSA 1978]. Twice the Space Solano, 750 S Solano

Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88001, Twice the Space Picacho, 2411 W Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and Twice the Space Missouri, 1750 Luna St, Las Cruces, NM 88001, will sell the following units contents in an online public auction at www.storagetreasures.com to satisfy the owners lien for rent monies owed on Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 9:30 pm. The auction will be open to bidding December 1, 2024. Facility reserves the right to cancel auction up until payment is made at the facility. Units for consideration:

At Solano: SA23: Mava Lucero. 1007 Ivydale, Las Cruces, NM 88005; washer, sub speaker, kids toys, trunk, table, misc: SF11: Jessica & Isaac Douglas, 226 Desert Rose Ct

Apt 1, Las Cruces, NM 88001; toolbox, gun cabinet, kids toys, knee walker, shelf, folding chair, yard tools, tools, SG13: Brandye

Cannon, 1390 Dairy Lane, Limon, CO 80828; vacuum cleaners, household items, misc;

At Picacho: V2 & V50: Jessica Guzman, 475 Colorado Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001; household items, guitar case, wagon, tools, AC, flat screen tv, Redline Bicycles, bike parts, luggage, wall art, misc; P036: Tyler Mathis, 1219 E May Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001; speaker, tables, shoe boxes, ladder, futon, V49: DeShawn Stansberry, 200

bed, misc:

Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORE-Cervantes Village **CLOSURE SALE** Apt D3, Las Cruces, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the NM 88001; clothing, dresser, sword, desk, above-entitled Court, having appointed

V18: Jessie Pena, 1713 E Foster Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88001; work boots, ladders, tools, equipment, household items, hard hat, At Missouri:
91: Danielle Nicholson, 750 Vichis Ct, Las Cruces, NM 88005; kids toys,

household items, corn hole game, misc; 78: Sylvia Archuleta, 1878 Locust Ave, Apt B, Las Cruces, NM 88001; freezer, outdoor heater, household items, bicycle, misc; **Dates:** 11/29, 12/06, 2024

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT Case No. D-307-CV-2024-01649 U.S. BANK NA-TIONAL ASSO-CIATION, AS

TRUSTEE, AS SUCCESSOR TO U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL AS-SOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR BEAR STEARNS HOME LOAN OWN-ER TRUST 2001-A, Plaintiff,

MARICELA POE, WIDOW OF CHARLES A. POE, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS; UNIT-ED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REV-ENUE SERVICE; TAXATION AND REVENUE DE-PARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO; AND CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC,

from October 1, 2024 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIV-EN that the real property and any improvements will

me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property and taxes that may (the "Property") situated in Dona Ana attorneys, and the County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5053 Apache Trail, responsibility for, Las Cruces, NM and the purchaser 88005, and more at the sale takes particularly described as: LOT 33A the Property "as is," in its present ELEPHANT BUTTÉ condition, subject LAND AND TRUST to the valuation of CO. SUBDIVISION the Property by the "C" REPLAT NO. 21, County Assessor IN THE COUNTY as real or personal OF DONA ANA. STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON title to a mobile or THE PLAT THERE-OF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE on the Property, if any, environmental COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 24. zoning, housing, or 1997, IN BOOK 18, PAGE 657 OF PLAT RECORDS. violations concerning the Property, if any. NOTICE IS If there is a conflict between the legal FURTHER GIVEN description and the that the purchaser street address, the at such sale shall legal description take title to the shall control. The sale will begin at 9:00 a.m. on January one (1) month right 17, 2025, outside the SPECTIVE PURfront entrance of the Dona Ana County Third Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, PROPERTY AND NM 88005, at which THE CONDITION time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in THEIR OWN ATlawful currency of TORNEY BEFORE the United States of America, the Prop-BIDDING. erty to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy Robert Doyle c/o Legal Process the foreclosure Judgment entered Network PO Box 279 on November 13, Sandia Park, NM 2024 in the amount 87047 of \$45,795.60, with Dates: 11/22, 11/29, interest at the rate of 12/06, 12/13, 2024 16.990% per annum

be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements. and all utility liens, special assessments, be due. Plaintiff, its undersigned Special Master, disclaim all 88011; property, affixture of any mobile or manu-880012. factured home to the land, deactivation of manufactured home contamination of the Property, if any, and other municipal code above described real property subject to a of redemption. PRO-CHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE TO THE OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT By: /S/ Robert Doyle

Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice US Storage Centers -Las Cruces - Sonoma Ranch located at 5000 Sonoma Ranch Blvd Las Cruces, NM

88012 intends to hold

an auction of proper-

ty stored for tenants in default of pay-ment. The sale will occur as an Online Auction via www. storagetreasures. com on 12/17/2024 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Kenneth Cooper: 4620 Triumph Court, Las Cruces, NM Patricia Bruce Gommer: 1985 Anderson Dr. Las Cruces, NM This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and

Dates: 11/29, 12/06 2024

conditions apply. **Notice of Self** Storage Sale Please take notice US Storage Centers -Las Cruces - Bataan Memorial located at 8590 Bataan Memorial West Las Cruces, NM 88011 intends to hold an auction of property stored for tenants in default of payment. The sale will occur as an Online Auction via www. storagetreasures. com on 12/17/2024 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Michael Ross:401 N. Clark St. Ramona, OK 74061; Debra A Vasquez: 6320 Chamiso Pl #0, Las Cruces, NM 88012; Lorenzo Reyes: 4863 Galena Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012; Jean Hart: Po Box 2882, Mesilla, NM 88047; Joaquin A Chavez: 9502 Rigel Street, Las Cruces, NM Jeffrey A. Smith: 1915 Carlyle Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

This sale may be

withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. Dates: 11/29, 12/06 2024

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT No. D-307-PB 2024-224 Judge Fitch IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA LOIS RHOADES.

Deceased.
NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN that MARSHA VENEN-GA 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 NM State Bar No. 7629 200 W. Las Cruces Ave., Ste. A Las Cruces, NM 88005 575-522-5009 522-5031 FAX Attorney for Personal Representative Dates: 11/22, 11/29, 12/06, 2024

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT No. D-307-CV-2024-00536 LAKEVIEW LOAN

13.5" N 106° 39' 44.2" W (WGS84) on

land owned by the

applicant, for the

continued diversion

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Plaintiff, Vs. SHAWN M. QUIG-LEY and KIMBER-LEY M. OULGLEY

SERVICING, LLC,

LEY M. QUIGLEY, Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN that on January 17, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 a.m.. the undersigned Special Master will, at the outside the main entrance of the Dona Ana County District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2702 Claude Dove Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: A tract of land situate within the Corporate Limits of the City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, being part of Lot 2, Block 3, Amended Ridgecrest, plat filed December 30, 1964, in Book 9, Pages 33-34, of the Dona Ana County Records, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: BEGINNING at a nail found on the Southerly line of Claude Dove Drive for the Northwest corner of this tract: IDENTICAL to the $Northwest\ corner$ of Lot 2, Block 3, Amended Ridgecrest Addition, plat filed December 30, 1964, in Book 9, Pages 53-54, of the Dona Ana County Records; THENCE, from the point of beginning, along the Southerly line of Claude Dove Drive, N. 47 deg 10'32" E., a distance of 72.82 feet to a nail found for the Northeast corner of

this tract: THENCE.

leaving Claude Dove Drive, S. 42 deg. 49'28" E., a distance of 110.00 feet to a shiner found for the Southeast corner of this tract; THENCE S. 47 deg. 10'32" W., a distance of 72.82 feet to a nail found for the Southwest corner of this tract; THENCE N. 42 deg. 49'28" W., a distance of 110.00 feet to the point of beginning. THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 18, 2024, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$199,511.90 and the same bears interest at 3.250% per annum from November 16, 2024, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master. NOTICE IS FUR-THER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal

property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any. NO-TICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption. Electronically filed /s/ Robert Dovle Robert Doyle, Special Master P.O. Box 279 Sandia Park, NM 87047 505-417-4113 Dates: 11/29, 12/06,

12/13, 12/20, 2024 NOTICE is hereby given that on November 7, 2024, Cruz Talavera, 2086 W. Ohara Rd. Chamberino, NM 88027 filed with the STATE ENGINEER Application No. LRG-6832-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-6832, for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by discontinuing the use of well LRĞ-6832, located within the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of projected Section 20, Township 26 South, Range 3 East (NMPM), more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 02'14.6" N 106° 39' 40.6" W (WGS84) on land owned by the applicant, and by drilling new well LRG-6832-POD2, to a depth of 120 ft. with a 12 in. casing, to be located within the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of said projected Section 20, more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 02'

of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant **Butte Irrigation** District for the irrigation of 4 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of said projected Section 20, as described in part by Subfile No. LRS-28-013-0054 Right A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. Old well LRG-6832 will be plugged. The proposed site of new well LRG-6832-POD2 is located east of Chamberino, NM and may be found at the property address of 2086 W. Ohara Rd, Chamberino, NM. Dona Ana is the County affected by the diversion and in which the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. This notice is ordered to be published in the Las Cruces Bulletin. To view the application and supporting 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 must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed. in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J. Las Cruces, NM 88005 on or before January 31, 2025. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest if the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, at 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978. Dates: 11/29, 12/06,

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA

12/13, 2024

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT Cause No. D-307-PB-1024-00145 Judge: Arrieta, Manuel L In the Matter of the Estate BEATRICE HARPER, Deceased. NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN that Justin Harper, Jr. and Keri Hulsey Schneider have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at the address shown in this notice or filed with the Court. The attorney for the Co-Personal Representatives is William L. Lutz of the law firm of Martin & Lutz, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88001. DATED this 21 day of November 2024. /s/ Justin Harper Jr. Justin Harper Jr. Co-Personal Representative 2502 Meyer Cove. Unit B Pflugerville TX 78660 /s/ Keri Hulsey Keri Hulsey Co-Personal Representative 6971 Kenwood Ave.

STATE OF NEW
MEXICO IN THE
PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA
COUNTY
No. 23-0245
In the Matter of the
Estate of James R
Spradley a/k/a James

Dallas, TX 75214

Dates: 11/29, 12/06,

12/13, 2024

Spradley, deceased.
NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the decedent. All persons having claims against the estate of the decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd., Room 1-200, Las Cruces, NM 88007 Dated: October 19, 2023 /s/ Karin A Reyes a/k/a Karin Reyes Karin A Reyes a/k/a

Dates: 12/06, 12/13, 12/20, 2024 STATE OF NEW

MEXICO COUNTY

Karinreyes97@gmail.

Karin Reyes 182 Amy Lane Boling, TX 77420 575-644-9601

OF DOÑA ANA IN
THE PROBATE
COURT
No. 24-0328
IN RE ESTATE OF
WILLIAM MORRIS
HARRISON JR.
A/K/A WILLIAM
MORRIS HARRI-

SON, DECEASED
NOTICE TO
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their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to Betty S. Brown Harrison c/o Elisa Samaniego, Kemp Smith LLP, 221 N. Kansas, Suite 1700, El Paso, Texas 79901, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Dated: November 25, 2024 BÉTTY S. BROWN HARRISON, Personal Representative of the Estate of William Morris Harrison, Jr., a/k/a William Morris Harrison, Deceased Dates: 12/06, 12/13. 12/20, 2024

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

N. D-307-DM-2024-882 Lourdes Martinez, Petitioner In the Matter of the Kinship Guardianship of L.A.H, a child and concerning Juana Hernandez & John Doe,

Respondent.
NOTICE OF
PENDENCY OF
ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to John Doe, Respondent. Greetings: You are hereby notified that Lourdes Martinez, Petitioner, filed a Petition to Appoint Kinship Guardian for L.A.H. against you in the above-entitled court and cause. Unless you enter your appearance and written response in this cause on or before thirty (30) days after the last date of publication, a

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judgment by default will be entered against you. Lourdes Martinez 229 Buckhorn Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88005

Dates: 12/06, 12/13, 12/20, 2024

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

Case No. D-307-DM-2024-604 Judge Rebecca C. Duffin Raymond B. Brunson, Petitioner

Jody M. Brunson, Respondent. NOTICE OF SUIT

To Jody M. Brunson, Respondent: Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed gainst you, The subject of this lawsuit is: Divorce without children. 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: Raymond B. Brunson 11910 Soldier Ct. Las Cruces, NM 88007 WITNESS the

WITNESS the
Honorable Rebecca
C. Duffin, 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 9th day
of October, 2024.
Bernice A. Ramos
Clerk of the District
Court

/s/ Yvette Lopez
Dates: 02/16, 02/23,
03/01, 2024

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 30, 2024, Jacob J. VanBrandwijk and Nicole M. VanBrandwijk, 5225 Shalem Colony Trail Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed with the STATE ENGINEER Application No.

LRG-15834-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-15834-1, for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande **Underground Water** Basin of the State of New Mexico by discontinuing the use of well LRG-15834-POD1, located within the SE1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 29, Township 23 South, Range 3 East (NMPM), more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 21' 32.8" N 106° 51' 15.7" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and by drilling new well LRG-15834-POD2, to a depth of 160 ft. with a 4 in. casing, to be located within the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 29, Township 23 South, Range 1 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 21' 32.4" N 106° 51' 15.7" W (WGS84) on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre feet per annum for domestic household purposes. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA. 1978, Section 72-12-22. Old well LRG-15834-POD1 will be plugged. The proposed site of new well LRG-15834-POD2 is located west of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the property address of 5225 Shalem Colony Trail, Las Cruces, NM. Dona Ana is the County affected by the diversion and in which the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. This notice is ordered to be published in the Las Cruces Bulletin. To view the application and supporting documentation contact the State En-

gineer District Office

to arrange a date and time for an appointment located at 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 on or before January 17, 2025. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest if the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, at 575-524-6160; If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions

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

of Chapter 72 NMSA

Case No. D-307-DM-2024-678 Judge Robert Lara Brytney Gillingham, Petitioner, V. Salvatore LoPorto Respondent, NOTICE OF SUIT

Respondent,
NOTICE OF SUIT To Salvatore LoPorto, Respondent: Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you. The subject of this lawsuit is: Custody & Paternity. 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 Brytney Gillingham 1955 E Colorado Ave. Apt 18, Las Cruces, NM 88001 360-954-0692 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 18th day of November 2024 Bernice A. Ramos CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT /s/ Yvette Lopez Deputy

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

Dates: 12/06, 12/13,

12/20, 2024

PB-2024-00220 Judge Manuel I. Arrieta IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY DAL-

OF THE ESTATE
OF DOROTHY DA
TON, Deceased.
NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed the Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. Dated: October 28, 2024 /s/ Virginia Pacheco Virginia Pacheco, Personal Representative of the estate of Dorothy Dalton, Deceased PREPARED & SUB-MITTED BY: JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A. PO Box 366 Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366 (575) 524-0833 holmespa@zianet. /s/ Joseph M. Holmes Joseph M. Holmes

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY No. 24-0339

Dates: 12/06, 12/13,

12/20, 2024

Attorney for the

Estate

In the Matter of the Estate of Jo Ann Hoffman, deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the decedent. All persons having claims against the estate of the decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must

be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd., Room 1-200, Las Ćruces, NM 88007 Dated: December 2, 2024/s/ Constance A. McCauley Constance A. Mc-Cauley 5060 Minniec Rd Las Cruces, NM 88011 575-649-6127 sismccauley@gmail. com

Dates: 12/06, 12/13, 12/20, 2024

ADOPTION The City Council of the City of Las

Cruces, New Mexico,

Hereby Gives Notice

of its Adoption

of the Following Ordinance(s) at the Regular City Council Meeting Held on December 2, 2024: Council Bill No. 25-015; Ordinance No. 3086: An Ordinance Changing the Conditions of the M-1/M-2C (Industrial Standard-Conditional) for a Property Encompassing Approximately 1.19
Acres and Located at 1013 Parkhill Drive. The Zone Change Seeks to Remove an **Existing Condition** on the Property. Submitted by Borderland Engineers and Surveyors. Council Bill No. 25-016; Ordinance No. 3087: An Ordinance Authorizing a Real Estate Purchase Agreement Between the City of Las Cruces and CH Industrial Acquisitions, LLC for the Sale of Approximately 22.40 Acres of Municipally Owned Land within the Las Cruces Innovation and Industrial Park for

the Purchase Price

of Seven Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$795,200) in Accordance with Provisions of LCMC 1997, Section 2-1312. Council Bill No. 25-017; Ordinance No. 3088: An Ordinance to Authorize the Conveyance of a City-Owned Vacant Parcel Known as Parcel Number 4-007-135-366-477 (aka 905 S Campo St.), to Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority for the Development of Affordable Housing as Authorized Under the State of New Mexico's Affordable Housing Act (the Act) NMSA 1978 Chapter 104, in Conjunction with the City's Affordable Housing General Oversight Ordinance.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 2nd day of December, 2024. Christine Rivera, CMC City Clerk Dates: 12/06, 2024

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

Case No.: D-307-CV-2024-02038 IDA-HO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCI-ATION, Plaintiff,

VS.

KRISTY HUDDLESTON; NEW
MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE
AUTHORITY; THE
UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA BY
AND THROUGH
THE SECRETARY
OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT; Defendants.
NOTICE OF

PENDENCY OF ACTION STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Kristy

Huddleston, to be

published on: You are hereby notified that the abovenamed Plaintiff Idaho Housing and Finance Association has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 3043 San Elizario Court, Las Cruces, NM 88007. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows: LOT 6, BLOCK B, LEGENDS WEST NORTH, PHASE 2A, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUŃ-TY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THERE-OF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUN-TY ON MAY 19, 2017, IN BOOK 24. PAGE(S) 225-227 OF PLAT RECORDS. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the Complaint in said cause on or before thirty (30) days after the last publication date, judgment by default may be entered against you. McCAR-THY & HOLTHUS, LLP By: Jason Bousliman Marin Kowal Attorneys for Plaintiff 6501 Eagle Rock NE, Suite A-3 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113 Telephone No.: (505) 219-4900 mkowal@ mccarthyholthus.com IDSPub #0225507 11/29/2024 12/6/2024 12/13/2024

Dates: 11/29, 12/06, 12/13, 2024

SPORTS

Aggies drop season finale to UTEP

NMSU REPORTS

Despite outgaining the Miners by 543 yards to 298, New Mexico State (3-9, 2-6) dropped its 2024 football finale as it fell 42-35 to UTEP (3-9, 2-6) at Aggie Memorial Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 30.

From a yards perspective, the Aggie offense had its best day of the season as Parker Awad threw for 340 vards and found three different receivers for touchdowns while Mike Washington ran the ball 26 times for 133 yards and

one touchdown. However. UTEP recovered two fumbles for touchdowns while also tallving a 93yard punt return for a touchdown that proved to be the difference maker.

With a 59-yard field goal in the first quarter, Abraham Montaño broke the program record for longest field goal.

Awad closed his first year with NM State recording season highs in completions (22), passing yards (340) and passing touchdowns (3). His 22 completions are also the



most by an Aggie this season.

Mike Washington finished with 26 carries and 133 yards and a rushing

touchdown, making him the first Aggie to post 130+ yards multiple times NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY PHOTO

New Mexico State fell to UTEP 42-35 on Nov. 30, closing its season.

in a season since 2021.

Junior defensive end Noah Arinze posted his first career sack on Saturday, the only sack recorded by NM State in the game.

Third-vear Aggie receiver PJ Johnson put up a career-high 90 receiving yards, including a careerlong 54-yard catch and his second touchdown reception on the season.

True freshman TJ Pride had himself a career day. posting career-best in receptions (6), and hauling in 81 receiving yards.

In his final game as a member of the Crimson and White, Jordan Smith racked up a career-high in receptions (3) and reception vards (43).

The Aggies will now turn the page as they begin to prepare for the 2025 season.

Randy Brown inducted into NM hall of fame

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame recently announced its inductees for 2024, featuring several distinguished athletes from New Mexico history.

Among them was Randy Brown, who played guard with New Mexico State University's men's basketball team from 1989-91 including two NCAA tournaments and All-Big West Conference honors, per NMSU.

Following his college career, Brown played with the Sacramento Kings from 1991 until he signed with the Chicago Bulls in 1995.

Brown was inducted into the U.S. Bank/NM State Athletics Hall of Fame in

He is joined by fellow Aggie Fredd Young, a 1983 graduate who played Aggie football and was a thirdround NFL draft pick, going on to four seasons with the Seattle Seahawks and three with the Indianapolis Colts. Per the university, Young made four Pro Bowl appearances and the all-NFL First Team in 1987, among many other honors. He has been part of the NM State Athletics Hall of Fame since 1991.

Other Hall of Fame inductees this year include former Rodeo star Rov Cooper; former Eastern New Mexico University Greyhound football player, college golf coach and professional golf agent Steve Loy; gold medal-winning

paralympian Alana Nichols: and former ENMU Grevhound and Seattle Seahawks football player Michael Sinclair.

"These athletes and coaches have had significant careers, achieved high standards of athletic success, and contributed to sports, thereby bestowing fame and honor to the State of New Mexico," the state Sports Hall of Fame stated in a news release.

A live event celebrating the new inductees is planned for Dec. 28 in Albuquerque during the New Mexico Bowl, with an induction ceremony to follow next June, also in Albuquerque.

More information is available online at nmshof. org.



After super year, LPGA faces challenges in 2025

It's been a banner vear for women's sports, especially women's golf. Caitlin Clark had both women's basketball (Indiana Fever in WNBA) and playing a pro-am 9 holes in The Annika LPGA tournament a month ago, following up with a Wednesday pro-am at the PGA Tour RSM Classic in Sea Island, Georgia.

Then there was LPGA star Lydia Ko winning an Olympic gold medal in golf representing her adopted sport country of New Zealand. Of course. there was the phenomenal year-long performance put in by Nelly Korda, winning 7 LPGA tournaments, including five in a row.

The final LPGA tourna-

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biggest payout, was won in storybook fashion by Jeeno Thitikul, who went eagle, birdie on her last two holes. She won \$4 million for first place and another \$1 million for winning the Aon Risk Reward Chal-

lenge earlier in the week. That \$5 million was more than Nelly Korda won in her 7 wins combined.

But the LPGA tour isn't satisfied with the biggest prize payout in women's golf history. They want to be on a par with what the PGA Tour men play for. That will be a stretch because (1)

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and (2) prime TV rights and deep pocket advertisers are not on the horizon. Still, as Frank would say. "It was a very good vear."

For 2025, the LPGA is facing a couple of signifi-

cant challenges. The first is the issue of transgender women seeking to play in LPGA tournaments. The current controversy arose when transgender golfer Hailey Davidson, who, as a male, played for two different American men's college golf teams, entered and planned to play in the LPGA tour qualifying

tournament. Three days before the pre-qualifying stage of "Q-school," a letter from the Independent Women's Forum, which was signed by 275 female playing members of the LPGA, was sent to the LPGA, the USGA and the International Golf Federation, urging that biological men that became transgender women be prohibited from competing in professional women's golf.

Since 2010, the LPGA policy has allowed players who have undergone gender-affirming surgery after puberty and meet hormone therapy requirements to compete. The aforementioned letter, as reported in multiple media outlets, stated: "The season begins, and could

male advantage in driving the ball is estimated around 30 percent performance advantage; this is an enormous difference in the context of sport. Anatomical differences between males and females affect clubhead speed and regulating consistency at ball contact. We all know there can be no equal athletic opportunity for women without a separate female category. It is essential for the integrity and fairness of women's golf to have a clear and consistent participation policy in place based on a player's immutable sex." This is a controversy that probably will not be resolved before the 2025

ultimately be settled in the courts.

The second problem for the LPGA tour is the glacier pace of slow play, which is so severe it has affected players' attitudes and TV exposure. There are some in the media who note that watching LPGA golf is like watching paint dry. Six hour rounds are not unusual.

LPGA veteran and star Charley Hull has publicly offered her "ruthless" slow-play solution: "If you get three bad timings, it's a tee shot penalty. If you have three, you lose your tour card." It may not come to that, but there is no question that the LPGA tour has to come to grips with slow play.

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