

The following issues affecting our community and surrounding areas were discussed on our radio show "Over The Back Fence" on KFUN/AM 1230 & KLVF/FM 100.7

1/26/17: Members of the Donettes girls dance team who have been chosen to compete in a dancing competition in Orlando, Florida. We conducted a call in money donation pledge and we helped them raise \$650.00 for their trip expenses. They need about \$4,000 for the trip. Talk from 9 a. m. to 9:45.

1/27/17: Members of our two school districts reporting to the community about proposed changes and possible closure and demolition of some buildings at Las Vegas City Schools and promoting the bond issue both schools will have on the school board elections scheduled for February 7th.

Both schools are losing student population and many of the class rooms are sitting empty which causes the loss of state funding. The legislature keeps cutting school funding since the state is facing a very slim budget. We have featured school officials on our talk show for four Fridays so as to inform the community about school matters. Talk from 9: a. m. to 10 a. m.

1/30/17: Phone interview with author and public speaker Lauren Peltier who wrote a book dealing with PTSD. She is called upon to speak to groups of people about PTSD which she says many people suffer from this ailment and don't know it. In her book she writes about her personal life of dealing with PTSD and many other ailments brought on by the sexual abuse she and her eight siblings, both girls and boys, suffered at the hands of their father. She shared that as a young girl growing up, she did not have close friends and no male friends. She kept to herself, did not date, go to dances or youth activities, while she avoided physical touch, yet inwardly yearning for human touch. She titled her book, "Hungry for Touch". In her book she does not mention the name of her siblings but titles chapters in her book as it relates to the mental and physical condition of her siblings. For example, she titled a chapter as, "The Angry Sister", referring to one of her sisters who has never forgiven her father for her sexual abuse, as a result, the sister lives a life full of anger towards many people and situations in her own life, ETC. Length of interview, from 9:10 a. m. to 9:55 a. m.

2/9/17: Jerry Lopez president of La Plaza Little League, and April Gonzales, a mother and volunteer. They promoted the start of registration for the 2017 season, announced the need for sponsors, volunteers and coaches. They thanked a local business owners for donating \$8,000 for the purchase of a new reader board. Announced dates, times and location of registrations. Last season they had 250 local boys and girls who played in the league. Talk from 9:29 a. m. 9:50 a. m.

2/10/17: Annette Velarde, city community development director who spoke about the following city projects: "You're The Proof AD Campaign" which will work with local businesses to tell their own story about their business and also conduct sales campaigns to draw shoppers in and increase sales. The AD campaigns may highlight their products and or services or history of their building ETC. She announced that the committee is already meeting to make plans for the 2017 4th of July Fiestas. They are accepting applications from local bands and singing groups who wish to be considered to be hired to perform at our Historic plaza park where the 3 to 4 day fiestas take place. Annette also announced the Las Vegas Night event which has been hosted by our city during the state legislative session. It is considered by state elected officials as the best party in town. It is a time to highlight our city, county, University and many local businesses. It is a free event and draws a large crowd of participants. It is held at the Historic La Fonda Hotel in Santa Fe, New Mexico and held in the month of February.

2/13/17: Anthony Martinez. Project manager with New Mexico Department of Transportation and Yvonne Aragon public information officer. Up date on project # N M 434. This project will now talk longer than previously announced because of delays caused by winter weather. They announced that large vichels and semi trucks won't be able to travel on this roadway or use the two bridges being replaced. They urged travelers to look for other ulternate routs. The project will last through two winter seasons. Length of talk: from 8:05 a. m. to 8:15 a. m.

Mariano Ulibarri community liason at New Mexico Highlands University with Los Alamos National Labrotary. Promoting the after school technology programs with virtual reality, 3D printing and coding, ETC. He encouraged students of all ages from our school districts to register for the program. He pointed out the different ventures and job opportunities that exist around the world in the job market regarding this technology. Talk from 9:17 to 9:43.

Sharon Vanerr Meer, board member of EDC Las Vegas San Miguel Economic Development Corporation. Topic: Job Talk. Announcing local jobs available. Her guest was Waune Sonchar, bussiness owner of BTU Building and Concrete who also announced a job opening he now has. He described the job duties, and requirements and pay scale and training required. Talk from 8:38 a. m. to 9:15 a. m.

2/16/17: Stella Bureinga, co-owner of Buena Vida Physical Therapy. Her guest was Taura Trudele. Their topic was, "dealing with Low Back Pain and how to treat it with light excersise or Yoga, walking ETC. talk from 8:09 a. m. to 9:06 a. m.

2/16/17: Mr. vidal Martinez, speaking about a book he wrote titled "walking in The

Shadows of Death and the Supernatural". It is a fiction book based on some of his experiences or traditions taught to people as young children. Talk from 9:10 a. m. to 9:43 a. m.

2/17/17: Consuelo Gallegos, city parks supervisor and KAB coordinator. She talked about the park cleanup projects the city is currently working on. She announced future community planned clean up projects. Length of talk: 8:34 a. m. 9:18 a. m.

Mr. Jeff Dyleski a photographer speaking about his photo project he has worked on telling the story of the Santa Fe Trail using photos. He will host a photo display in our town on Friday 2/14/17 at Citizens Committee for Historic Preservation office.

2/21/17: Judy Long & Dr. Corky Halverson, promoting the Mustard Grant Program. This is a grant program sponsored by the local First Presbyterian Church started about 17 years ago. The church raises money through a variety of local fundraising events and their most successful event is the annual Enchilada Lunch and dinner. This program encourages and considers different one time proposals for any projects that will benefit community residents in one way or another. The amounts granted are small and each project can only be funded once in the same year. Length of talk: from 9:08 a. m. to 9:35 a. m.

2/22/17: Jeannie McKinley with the office of the Las Vegas Committee for Historic Preservation informing the community about an event featuring a guest speaker on March 16, 2017 speaking about a man named, "Estavanico" a Moorish slave who was from the "Old Spanish World" who was a member of the "Panfilo Narvaiz Spanish Expedition" along with another Spanish Explorer named, Alvar Nunez Cabaza Ce Vaca" in search of the "New World". The guest speaker will be Mr. Edward Wallace. Length of talk: 8:14 a. m. to 8:30 a. m.

2/23/17: La Emi, a Flamenco dancer and teacher of the dance. Emi is also the owner of La Emi Arte Flamenco dance company, offering Flamenco dance classes and instruction for interested people of all ages including the youth. Her Flamenco dance company also performed in our community to a full house at the Historic Plaza Hotel. Length of talk: from 9:10a. m. to 9:45 a. m.

2/24/17: Pamala Marrujo, Community Services Director with the city of Las Vegas and Loretta Abreu Martin, city Recreation Coordinator. Both informed the community about the remodeling status of the city recreational center which should be completed by the month of May when a big celebration will be held. Loretta spoke about the many sports events the city offers for the youth. Length of talk: from 8:30 a. m. to 8:52 a. m.

Mr. Matthew Gallegos, who as a student at New Mexico Highlands University he helped to develop a phone app that will be used to list a lot of the historic events and buildings throughout the state of New Mexico which communities can use to promote their historic value to tourists. Mr. Gallegos now works with the State Cultural Affairs Department. Length of 9:10 a. m. to 9:45 a. m.

2/27/17: Bill Hendrickson executive director of EDC, Las Vegas San Miguel Economic Development Corporation, who hosts a half hour radio show titled, "Job

Talk" where he announces the many local jobs available and he also features a different guest for each show. Bob Whitters, an EDC board member was his guest they talked about the duties of the board members and announced many local jobs available for the week. Length of talk: 8:30 a. m. to 9:04 a. m.

Mr. Dan Rowland, who is the Cannabis information officer for Denver, Colorado who legalized the use and sale of recreational marijuana about three years ago. We discussed the before and after conditions in the state of Colorado because of recreational marijuana use. We covered topics such as: the rise in crime, the affects on the local economy and other businesses, the rise in drug use by the youth and adults, the increase in drug related arrests, car accidents, traffic deaths, education, health and hospital admissions related to drug use. We also discussed the amount of money raised from the sale of recreational marijuana, ETC. Mr. Rowland stated that the amount of money raised from marijuana sales is a bit misleading to the public, and the money raised is ear-marked for certain city programs. This interview was especially important for our community since our State Legislature is also considering approving the sale of recreational marijuana, though the bill was eventually defeated. Length of talk: 9: a. m. to 9:58 a. m.

2/28/17: Mr. Chris Chaffin, who works with the New Mexico/Albuquerque chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. We discussed the "10 ways to love your brain". He spoke about the many ways and the importance of incorporating healthy habits to prevent or slow down the occurrence of alzheimer's. He also announced the website alz.org/newmexico for people who want to obtain information about their services or who want to start a support group in our community or in another community in the state. He also spoke about early signs of alzheimer's. Length of talk: 9:10a. m. to 9:50 a. m.

Curtis Pluggie: announcing the formation of a committee to bring attention to the matter of taking money out of politics in washington, D. C. Length of talk 15 minutes. He and committee members were scheduled to give a presentation before the Republican party at the state capitol for which he told me was a unanimous vote of approval by the republicans in Santa Fe. Held on Friday March 3, 2017.

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3/2/17: Dr. Cathy Stauber, conducted a general discussion regarding health issues. Length of talk: 8:15 a. m. to 9:10 a. m.

Yvonne Castellano and George Lyon, representing Samaraton House which is a local non-profit organization who provides food, housing/shelter and clothing to the homeless. They also manage a thrift store where they sell used items. Length of talk: 9:20 a. m. to 9:40 a. m.

3/3/17: Members of Las Vegas Grizzlies football team. They promoted the team and games and called for new members to join the team. Also thanked the community and businesses for their support. Talk from: 8:08 a. m. to 8:25 a. m.

Mr. Richard Trujillo Las Vegas city manager. He gave an extensive up-date on city
