Immigration testimonials heard

Families, individuals with immigration problems tell their stories at Hobbs meeting

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Somoa Lea County, an affiliate of Somoa Un Pueblo Unido, held a town hall meeting Thursday at the Hobbs Freshman School’s cafeteria to talk about immigration with city officials and elected representatives.

“The community town hall focuses on our broken immigration system and how it impacts not only undocumented immigrants but all of us as a community,” Somoa Lea County Community Organizer Marina Páli said.

“We are able to bring different voices who are supporters of immigration reform. We’ve seen how Lea County has changed throughout the years. Fifty-three percent of the Lea County population is Hispanic and 14 percent of those are immigrants working in the agriulf and agricultural industries.”

According to Páli, Somoa Un Pueblo Unido is represented by the Hobbs City Commissioner, California California speaks at the Somoa Lea County town hall meeting Thursday.

Library upgrades

Robert Juentz of Houston Builders levels the cement on a new walking path at the Hobbs Public Library.

Suspect arrested on heroin charge

■ Denver City man accused of transporting more than 100 grams of heroin into Hobbs

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A Denver City man was arrested in Hobbs Thursday on trafficking charges after allegedly transporting more than 100 grams of heroin into Hobbs from El Paso.

Bay Savage, 38, of Denver City was arrested and charged with trafficking of a controlled substance to wit: Heroin, a second degree felony.

According to police reports, during the last week of April, agents with the Lea County Drug Task Force received information that Savage was allegedly bringing heroin into Hobbs and Lea County.

Agents learned the type of vehicle that Savage would be driving and that he allegedly makes the trip to El Paso regularly to bring back and sell drugs in Lea County.

On April 30, agents learned that Savage had allegedly gone to El Paso to pick up a shipment and would be coming into Lea County during the early hours of the next day to a residence in Hobbs located on the 7700 block of Westbrooke Drive.

Agents found out that Savage passed through an immigration check point on Highway 118/10 with his wife and were able to follow Savage as he made his way to his residence.

During Thursday morning, agents set up surveillance at the residence and observed Savage arrive at the residence.

Savage was detained when he entered the residence and through their investigation, agents allegedly recovered two packages of heroin from his clothing.

The heroin had a combined weight of 104.4 grams and was consistent with 50 doses, according to the report.

The drugs have an estimated street value of $10,640. Savage was booked on a $20,000 bond.

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the Son of Man has no place to lay his head, or "Let the dead bury their own dead." The man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "You fool! This is the only thing you care about? Go and follow me while you still have time."

The context of Luke, this sequence of events and statements, is a teaching moment. Jesus uses a parable to teach us about what it means to be a follower of him. The following verse tells us, "For whoever does the will of God is the servant of the Son of Man; and whoever will do my will accomplish the purpose of my Father." 

This event is also significant when we realize this fact. Jesus actually commanded the second man to follow him. His command is very much the same as one found earlier when Jesus called his first disciples by the Sea of Galilee. These men immediately followed without making any other arrangements of making excuses. "When the hour comes, you will seek to do what the Spirit of God requires, but you will not be able to do it. At that hour you will acknowledge that I am in the Father and you in me, and I in you." These words are a prophecy of Jesus’ sacrifice for the salvation of the world. Jesus’ sacrifice is the means by which we are reconciled with the Father. 

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The man in this incident offers an excuse. "I have a funeral to attend," he said. "And the dead bury their own dead." Jesus responded, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head. For you are saying here today this man will not work in favor of God, but that he will work in favor of his own interests. In the afterlife, it will be very different. The Son of Man is saying it's the same for today and tomorrow. In the afterlife it will be different. Let all who have nothing go first and then I will take care of you in the afterlife."

Jesus called the third man and said, "Follow me, for I will make you something else." The man's response was, "I have no place to lay my clothes down." Jesus responded, "You have no place to lay your clothes down, but I will make you something else."

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