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## Sweet Treats

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Linda Jackson, aka The Chocolate Lady, makes milk, dark and white chocolate strawberries in preparation for Valentine's Day, Wednesday, Feb. 14. For those contemplating such treats for their paramours, Jackson recommends calling in orders ahead of time at 575-526-2744. Her shop is located on the Mesilla Plaza.

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## Doña Ana County 'Your Partner in Progress'

# Desert dumping: dangerous and unsightly

While the beautiful desert landscapes around Doña Ana County provide a vast array of options for conducting target practice, the Doña Ana County Illegal Dumping Partnership (IDP) warns of the dangers of leaving behind shooting debris and other trash.

"Not only is the practice of leaving behind shooting debris and trash considered illegal dumping, but it poses risks to our community," said Vicki Lusk, Manager of Doña Ana County's Animal Control & Codes. "In an effort to leave open spaces clean, we urge all conducting target practice to leave spaces as they found them and to collect all trash and debris before leaving."

According to Cindy Pollock, Range Coordinator at the Picacho Gun Club, the biggest problem they face is shooters leaving glass bottles.

"Not only are the pieces hard to pick up, but they can also ruin tires," Pollock said. "If you are in the desert, the last thing you need is a ruined tire. That doesn't count the fact that we are also out to see our beautiful land, and we have to put up with garbage left behind."

Pollock said the community faces issues with people leaving behind large items, such as TVs, electronic devices, stoves and refrigerators that are not only hard to clean up, but are dangerous and unsafe to use as targets. Discarded glass and shotgun shells also are issues at the range.

According to Harry Stryker, Owner of Stryker's Shooting World, there are large amounts of trash and debris left regularly in areas around the north side of

Red Hawk Golf Course and the schools in that area.

"People leave spent casings, appliances, cardboard, plastic bottles, broken glass bottles and an array of items that have been left over from a variety of activities," Stryker said. "It is sad to see such disregard for the desert and for others, so the open space we take for granted here can be used and enjoyed by everyone. Responsible gun owners would never leave their trash and empties behind."

The IDP hopes to bring awareness to the issue to encourage gun owners to be responsible stewards of the desert. For more information on the IDP or to find out how you can help clean up communities around Doña Ana County, visit the organization's website at [CleanupWithCarlos.org](http://CleanupWithCarlos.org).

### Clerk's Office announces Feb. 12 training closure

Doña Ana County Clerk Scott A. Krahling has announced that the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office, the Bureau of Elections and the Office of the Probate Judge will be closed from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 12, to allow staff to participate in offsite training related to professional development and strategic planning.

The offices will reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Krahling said frequent visitors to the Clerk's Office are being notified of the closure in advance to minimize inconvenience.

"Staff will finalize our priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. Our goal is to implement an organized plan for success to better serve the residents of Doña Ana County," Krahling said. "This plan holds us accountable to the public, and it will define how the Clerk's Office is utilizing county resources to the best of our ability."

Krahling said he will be presenting the plan soon at an upcoming meeting of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners.

For more information, call 647-7421.

## Want to be a volunteer firefighter?

So you want to be a volunteer firefighter?

The first step is a county-mandated background check into the applicant's address, education, employment, personal references verification, valid driver's license and criminal history.

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Volunteers are expected to adhere to the same code of conduct and policies as paid county employees. The importance of the background check and policy adherence is in deference to the fact that volunteers can be responsible for personal property and



information during the course of responding to an emergency call.

Requirements for volunteers are not age or gender specific. Volunteers are expected to be able to push and pull up to 185 pound weights, swing hammers and axes and use rescue tools that can weigh up to 50 pounds. Each volunteer also must be able to carry 50 pound hoses charged with water for long distances, and then aim and discharge them. They also must be able to raise a 24-foot extension ladder and return it to its original position in order to gain access to rooftops. In essence, volunteers need to be fit in body, mind and spirit.

For more information, or to obtain a volunteer application, visit your local Volunteer Fire District or go online to [www.donaanacounty.org/fire/volunteers](http://www.donaanacounty.org/fire/volunteers).

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## LOOKING BACK | THIS WEEK IN MESILLA VALLEY HISTORY

### 100 YEARS AGO 1918

• “The fruit industry of the Mesilla Valley is now on firm footing,” the Las Cruces Citizen reported in



**MICHAEL SCANLON**

Looking Back

February 1918. “It is true that this industry has suffered somewhat from the rise of the water

table, and that the planting of orchards has been temporarily checked. But with the organization of irrigation districts making possible the prompt installation of an adequate drainage system, there will undoubtedly will come a strong forward movement in orchard planting.”

• Newspaper sale: “Deming Graphic changes hands,” says a one-column headline over a one-paragraph story in the Citizen. “Our good friends Col. Willard E. Holt and Capt. Clyde Earl Ely have sold their plant to Mr. R.B. Griffith, an experienced Chicago newspaper man.”

### 75 YEARS AGO 1943

• “Bitten by a mad-dog

Jan. 4, (a five-year-old La Union child died at midnight Saturday, Dr. C.W. Gerber, district health officer, reported today,” a February 1943 Las Cruces Sun-News edition said under the headline, “La Union child, bitten by dog, dies of rabies.” Five members of the boy’s family reportedly were undergoing treatments “for fear of infection that might have developed in caring for the child ... The animal was a family pet, and its infection previously hadn’t been detected.”

• “A stringent proposal to restrict labor union activities in New Mexico was introduced by Senators A.E. Pettit of Doña Ana County and J.N. Mullis of Chaves, which its sponsors said, is advocated by a Doña Ana County business and farm group.”

### 50 YEARS AGO 1968

• “Las Cruces is one of 18 sites in New Mexico under consideration for a new federal high-speed ground transportation facility,” the Las Cruces Sun-News reported. “The million dollar facility is expected to employ up to 1,000 people during the 10-year program.” Requirements for the

site include, “35,000 acres with additional area for a long, straight track,” and “distance from populated areas since some equipment will be noisy,” among other things.

• A Mayfield High School student fell victim to crime, the Sun-News reported. “When the 17-year-old started to leave the basketball game, which Mayfield lost to arch crosstown rival Las Cruces, 9th student’s car was minus its rear-mounted antenna and had a hole carved in a rear tire.”

### 25 YEARS AGO 1993

• “Elderly women residing at the Opal Spiller Guest Home can stay right where they are,” The Las Cruces Bulletin reported, “thanks to a City Council decision to overturn the November Board of Adjustment denial of a variance request for the adult residential shelter care home at 595 N. Melendres.”

• “Staff at the La Casa shelter for battered women say they regularly have to turn away women and children in need of accommodation due to



**James Livingston, with rifle, James Baker, with shovel, and William Shedd, with a tin cup, stand at Sugarloaf Spring on the east side of the Organ Mountains, December 1891. The Organ Mountains were the site of a tremendous amount of mining and ranching activity beginning at least as early as the mid-19th century. Abundant natural springs provided a good water source. Sugarloaf Spring derives its name from Sugarloaf Mountain, the predominant granite dome rising on the east side of the Organ Mountains. Today, Sugarloaf Mountain is coveted by rock climbers for its technical demands and long granite climbing routes. The peak, in turn, derives its name to its resemblance to a sugar loaf, or sugar cone, a block of refined sugar in the shape of a cone commonly used during the 17th through the 19th centuries as a way of transporting sugar. Photo from the NMSU Library Archives, image number 00010035.**

overcrowding problems,” an article in the Bulletin says. “La Casa supporters have gone to the state Legislature to seek \$600,000 funding for a new facility.”

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# February is date month – for presidential trivia

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

POTUS quiz: Which American president was born Feb. 9?

If you guessed Lincoln or Washington, you probably had a lot of company, but you're wrong.

Abraham Lincoln, our 16th president, was born Feb. 12, 1809; George Washington, our first,

was born Feb. 22, 1732.

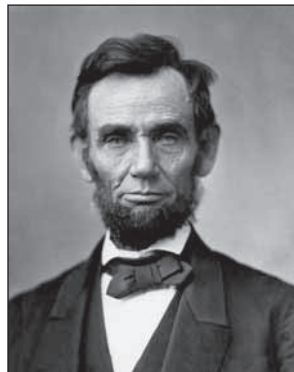
The quiz answer is William Henry Harrison, our ninth president, born Feb. 9, 1773. He caught a cold at his March 4, 1841 inauguration and died a month later, giving Harrison the ignominious distinction of serving the shortest term of any American president. Age 68 at the time of his death, Harrison was

also the oldest president until Ronald Reagan was sworn in Jan. 20, 1981.

Reagan, our 40th, is also the last of the four presidents born in February (Feb. 6, 1911) making him 69 on inauguration day.

Reagan lost the oldest-president distinction to Donald Trump (born June 14, 1946), our 45th president, who was 70 when he was sworn in Jan. 20, 2017.

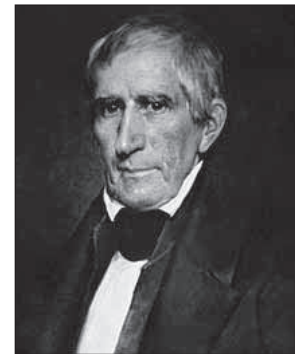
The youngest president was Theodore Roosevelt (born Oct. 27, 1858), who was 42 when he became the 26th president Sept. 14, 1901, after the assassination of William McKinley. John F. Kennedy was the youngest elected president, age 43. Kennedy, our 35th president, was also the youngest, 46,



**Abraham Lincoln was America's 16th president, and its first Republican president.**

at the time of his death. He was assassinated on Nov. 22, 1963.

If you're planning a presidential-themed party, there are several possible dates in March: James Madison, the fourth president, was born March 16, 1851; Andrew Jackson, the



**William Henry Harrison, America's ninth president, served only a month in office before dying of pneumonia on April 4, 1841.**

seventh, born March 15, 1767; John Tyler, the 10th, born March 29, 1790; Grover Cleveland, the 22nd and 24th presidents (the only American president to serve two nonconsecutive terms and the only president married in the White House), born March 18, 1837.

Only two presidents share a birthday: James K. Polk, our 11th president, was born Nov. 2, 1795. Warren G. Harding, the 29th chief executive, was born Nov. 2, 1865.

Presidents John Adams, the second, and Thomas Jefferson, the third, both died on July 4, 1826, exactly 50 years after the signing of the

Declaration of Independence. Jefferson died first, but history records that Adams' last words were, "Thomas Jefferson survives." July 4 is also the birthday (1872) of our 30th president, Calvin Coolidge.

Six presidents were born in October; five each in August and November; four each in January, February, March, April and July; three in December; two in May; and one each in June and September.

George H.W. Bush, the 41st president, was born June 12, 1924. The senior Bush will be 94 this year and is already the oldest president ever. The 39th president, Jimmy Carter, will be 94 in October.

The only president with a September birthday is William Howard Taft, born Sept. 15, 1857. He is also the only person ever to serve as both president and chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

If you're into astrology, five American presidents each were Scorpio and Aquarius.

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# Mid-February observances span the human spirit

By **MIKE COOK**

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Our celebrations of three events over two days in mid-February run the gamut from revelry and decadence to love and courtship to a time of faith and reflection.

They also bring brilliant colors to the dead of winter: The carnival purple (for justice), gold (power) and green (faith) during Mardi Gras on Tuesday, Feb. 13; a flood of red and pink hearts, flowers and candy on Valentine's Day; and liturgical purple for preparation and repentance on Ash Wednesday, which also falls on Feb. 14 this year.

## MARDI GRAS

"A Christian holiday and popular cultural phenomenon, Mardi Gras dates back thousands of years to pagan spring and fertility rites," according to [www.history.com](http://www.history.com). "It is celebrated in many countries around the world – mainly those with large Roman Catholic populations – on the day before the religious season of Lent begins."

"The origins of Mardi Gras can be traced to medieval Europe, passing through Rome and Venice in the 17th and 18th centuries to the French House of the Bourbons," according to [www.mardigrasnewor-](http://www.mardigrasnewor-)

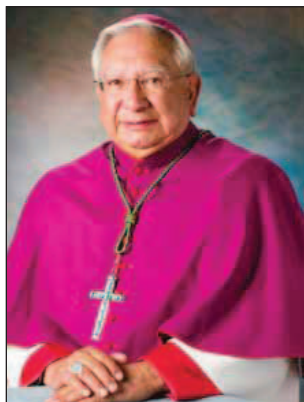


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**Most Reverend Ricardo Ramirez, C.S.B., bishop emeritus of Las Cruces.**

leans.com. "From here, the traditional revelry of 'Boeuf Gras,' or fatted calf, followed France to her colonies."

The website continues: "On March 2, 1699, French-Canadian explorer Jean Baptiste Le Moyne Sieur de Bienville arrived at a plot of ground 60 miles directly south of New Orleans and named it 'Pointe du Mardi Gras' when his men realized it was the eve of the festive holiday."

## VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day

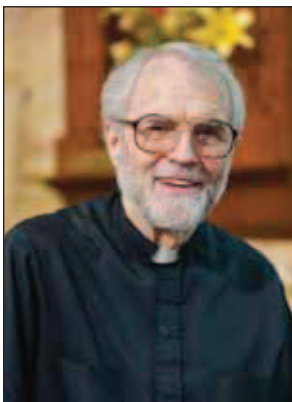


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**Monsignor Robert L. Getz of Las Cruces.**

originated as a Christian feast day honoring saints named Valentinius, St. Valentine of Rome (226-Feb. 14, 269), who was imprisoned for performing illegal marriages.

"On the morning of his execution, he supposedly sent a farewell message to the jailer's daughter, signed 'from your Valentine,'" according to the Encyclopedia of Saints.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is a traditional day of fasting in the Western Christian theology and is the first

day of Lent. It falls between Feb. 5 and March 10, always 46 days before Easter – 40 fasting days because Sundays are not days of fast.

Lent "is a time of self-examination and reflection," according to [archives.umc.org](http://archives.umc.org). "In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or volunteering and giving of themselves for others. The 40 days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the 40 days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death."

"On Ash Wednesday we are reminded that 'we are dust and to dust we shall return,'" said the Most Reverend Ricardo Ramirez, C.S.B., bishop emeritus of Las Cruces. "Thus our deaths come

to mind, not to be frightened but to prepare for the end. For our entire lives are preparation for our death and the glorious risen life we have been promised."

"The local area significance is that the ashes are a visible sign of our faith," said Monsignor Robert L. Getz of Las Cruces. "They are much like our Hispanic

Catholic symbols like luminarias, or descansos by the roadsides. These symbols are rich historical reminders of family and community that visibly tell of the passing of our human encounters to eternal life in God's loving."

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# For the Love of Art ... Even if you're not 'arty,' dive in!

**T**his column is for those of you who don't consider yourselves "arty."



**RICHARD COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

In Las Cruces, February is always For the Love of Art Month. So if you're "arty," artistic, artistically inclined, an art collector, an art enthusiast, or an artist, you already know about it and have plans to attend galleries, studio tours, plays and concerts during the month.

However, even if you're not "arty," there is still plenty for you.

Imagine a world without art. Think of a typical day in America.

Many of you wake up to an alarm clock that plays music. Without art, that option would be gone. What about the sheets on your bed? Do they have colorful designs or patterns? Not in a world without art. Paintings on your wall? Photographs? Gone.

Time to get dressed. Colorful designer dress or shoes? Not in

a world without art.

As you get in your vehicle to head out for the day, you may not think of your car as a work of art, but many are. The thought and design that goes into creating an automobile is every bit as much art as science. What about your house? It may or may not be an architectural marvel, but many homes are. Look at the buildings you pass by driving through town. Many have design elements that are literal works of art. The federal court building downtown is a work of art itself, and contains hundreds of beautiful works of art by New Mexico artists.

You may not have gone to see a play or musical lately, but even if you've gone to the movies or watched television, you're watching art.

Years ago, I was discussing film with my friend and work colleague Terry V. Johnson, and asked him, "What's the worst movie you ever saw?"

Without hesitation, he said, "The one that didn't get made."

Terry was a big believer in the idea any created work of art had merit. He believed creating something was far better than creating nothing. If that creation can speak to you in any

way, it has taken on the role of art.

Having seen some pretty crappy movies in my day, I don't fully subscribe to this theory, but I do understand the point.

I also understand what art is not. Paying my utility bill to the City of Las Cruces is neither fun nor artistic. Although instead of dating it 2018 on my check, I suppose I could write "Year of the Dog" and draw a little beagle in there.

Cleaning the pigeon poop off my porch is not art. Although if someone has an artistic way of driving the nasty, winged rats out of my neighborhood, I'm all ears.

Changing the oil in my car is not art. Although there are some million-dollar paintings out there that don't look much different from the stain left behind when I drop the old filter in the pan and oil splatters everywhere.

There is so much dull routine and drudgery in our day-to-day lives, we need art to refresh our brains and spirits.

At least two of our local coffee houses – the Bean and Milagro – regularly have fresh flowers in the shop or on the tables. That is not art, per se, but it is a beautifully simple touch

that makes you smile.

Because the idea of art is so broad – including painting, sculpture, photography, film, mixed media, architecture, landscaping, industrial design, tattoos, plays, music, performance art, cooking – you can find art in almost anything.

So here's a challenge to you non-"arty" types out there.

Look at what's going on this week in the world of art. Pick something out and go do it. You may love it. Even if you don't love it, look for something there. Something to learn, something to feel, something to enlighten.

As a starter, you can turn to Page 37 of this publication to review the art studio tours happening this weekend. Or go see the play "Photograph 51" at the Black Box Theatre. Or go see a movie. Go see some live music at the Rio Grande Theatre or High Desert Brewery. Go have a meal and see what one of our amazing local chefs can whip up for you. Or use your own creativity to stretch the definition of art. Maybe you can test drive an exotic car.

So there's your challenge. Dive into the world of art. It won't kill you. I promise. You might actually like it.

## We want your letters

The Las Cruces Bulletin invites readers to submit letters, preferably by email to editor@lascrucesbulletin.com. They can be sent in by fax at 575-526-4621. Letters also can be mailed or dropped off at 1740 A Calle de Mercado, Las Cruces, 88005. Letters should not exceed 200 words and must include the writer's name, address and telephone number for verification. Anonymous letters will not be published. Letters may be edited for length or content.



# Give a greater voice to local school boards and districts

Amid the exuberance over soaring state revenues thanks to an upturn in oil and gas prices, and duelling budget proposals from Gov. Martinez and the Legislature that both increase spending on education, it is easy to overlook the fact that New Mexico is still massively short-changing its classrooms. These earnest efforts of legislators from both parties to lift our state from worst-in-the-nation for education may obscure how much more still needs to be done.

Building a modern education system that is globally competitive will demand much greater commitment of resources and willingness to priori-



**SEN. ED SOULES**  
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tize policies.

Regardless of which education budget is adopted, this year will see an increase of between \$51 and \$73 million more for classrooms after declines during the last few years. It is good news for students, and the educators and schools who support them.

Still, there are tremendous unmet needs in New Mexico's classrooms. Both proposals fall short of funding needed to meet them. The K-12 education budget will make up about 44 percent of the entire New Mexico budget this year, as it has in the past. Two competing education budgets now are being considered, one

by the governor's Public Education Department (PED) and the other by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC). Both proposals would spend approximately the same amount on education, but there are significant differences. The PED would like a 12 percent increase in discretionary dollars; the LFC budget is proposing 2 percent. These funds are often the subject of contention because local schools and school boards believe they know better what is needed for their schools, and how money can be used more effectively than PED. The PED uses the discretionary funds to implement policies that are often experimental and unproven.

While both the LFC

and PED budgets contain small across-the-board salary increases for teachers, the largest pay proposal by the PED is for "merit pay." PED says that merit pay for teachers leads to better student performance. This reward system would apply to only 4 percent of teachers, however, and to virtually no special education teachers.

I have reviewed the recent study used by the PED to support merit pay. The data used in the study did not meet the criteria the PED has established to distribute merit pay. In fact, after a thorough review of all studies, merit pay has only a minimal effect on student test scores. It is a costly \$7 million PED policy that could be better

used by allowing school districts to decide how to reward high performing teachers and/or incentivize struggling teachers.

Among the toughest decisions this legislative body made last year was to sweep approximately \$40 million of cash balances from school districts during last year's state revenue crisis. My hope is that we find a way to restore these monies critical to districts that rely on these funds to carry them until federal dollars are deposited.

Neither budget contains certain key priorities of teachers, principals, superintendents, or the Legislative Education Study Committee. Unmet needs include insufficient funding for student career develop-

ment, school transportation and textbooks. This is why many education advocates want a greater voice in setting the education priorities of the budget.

Public schools in New Mexico need resources, and it is our responsibility as legislators to deliver them. As chair of the Senate Education Committee, I will continue to champion locally elected and accountable school boards, the districts they represent, and our professional teachers. They usually know best how to allocate the resources to produce real results for our students. To turn around our education system, we must support them, and get them the resources to do the job.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Arts district wants input

To the editor:

We would like to thank some 260 community members who have participated in the planning phase of the development and implementation of the Las Cruces Arts and Culture District (ACD) in the original town site of Las Cruces.

The ACD proposed boundaries are Water Street on the west, Mesquite Street on the east, Picacho/Spruce on the north, and Amador Avenue on the south. This includes the Main Street business area and the Mesquite Street neighborhood of the original town site settled in 1849.

The New Mexico Arts


Commission is the state authorizer for new arts and cultural districts, while New Mexico Main-Street administers the program. The state districts include downtown Albuquerque,

Artesia, Gallup, Las Vegas, Los Alamos, Mora, Raton and Silver City.

There have been no new districts receiving state authorization since 2014.

The Las Cruces ACD plan will be a "municipally designated district" using all the guidelines, strategies, and principals of the state-authorized districts. Nob Hill in Albuquerque is also seeking a municipally designated district.

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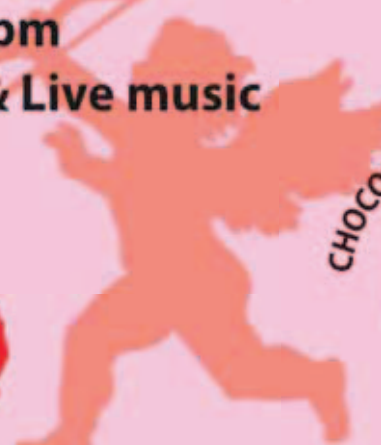

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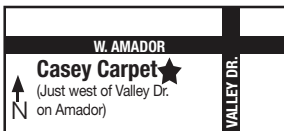
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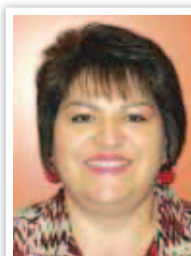
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The current Las Cruces planning process started in late September and has included a series of focus groups, one-on-one sessions, interviews at arts venues and events, and an open house in order to obtain a diverse view of what the community would like and expect of the ACD. The participants have included artists, arts and related businesses, nonprofits, city staff, NMSU staff and faculty, property owners, neighborhood organizations, and the general public interested in arts and culture.

The process is led by city staff in the Economic Development Department and a 12-member community ACD Coordinating Council under the direction of two consultants from SVPratt Creative Strategies, Sabrina Pratt from Santa Fe and Irene Oliver-Lewis from Las Cruces.

More than 1,000 comments on a variety of topics – events, collaboration and regional partnerships, streetscape/use of buildings, business and economic development, artist spaces, food and retail ideas, funding, hours, perception, historic preservation, youth, and miscellaneous – were discussed from September to December.

There is still time to include your comments for the ACD plan. We invite you to attend a public input session on

Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rio Grande Theatre on Main Street.

### Las Cruces Arts and Cultural District Coordinating Council

*Kathleen Albers*, Ex. Director, Doña Ana Arts Council

*David Chavez*, Mesquite Street Neighborhood Resident and Historic Preservation Advocate

*Mike Cook*, Journalist and Theatre Artist

*Garland Courts*, Museum Manager/Art Board Liaison

*Wayne Carl Huber*, Vice President, Alameda Depot Neighborhood and Visual Artist

*Andy Hume*, City Staff, Economic Development Department

*Armando Morales*, City Staff, Economic Development Department

*Marisa Sage*, Museum Director, NMSU

*Rebecca Slaughter*, Administrator, City of Las Cruces Museum System

*Jennifer L. Garcia Kozlowski*, Ex. Director, Downtown Las Cruces Partnership

*Kathleen Squires*, Visual Artist and Arts Leader/Advocate

*Elizabeth Vega*, City Staff, Visit Las Cruces

### Las Cruces Arts Cultural District Consultants

*Irene Oliver-Lewis*, Arts/Creative Economy Leader and Founder/Artistic Director Court Youth Center/Alma d'Arte

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## IN THE NEWS

### Bond meetings

The City of Las Cruces seeks resident input on community facilities and facility upgrades for a bond election scheduled in 2018.

General Obligation (GO) bonds are the main funding source for basic infrastructure including parks, trails, swimming pools, fire stations, libraries and more.

“We can’t meet every need across the 76.5 square miles of the city with a single GO bond election, so the community needs to help identify what type of projects to prioritize for improving Las Cruces as a place to live, work and play,” said David Weir, coordinator for the City’s GO Bond program. “This is why resident input is so essential.”

Residents can email input to [gobond@las-cruces.org](mailto:gobond@las-cruces.org) by early May 2018. Or, attend one of the following meetings:

6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, Lynn Middle School cafeteria, 950 S. Walnut St.

6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.

6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, Doña Ana Community College Auditorium, 2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

### Code outreach

Doña Ana County Animal Control and Codes Enforcement, along with Planning and Constituent Services personnel, will go door-to-door in the Anthony area on Thursday, Feb. 15, to offer education on domestic-animal ordinances, recycling, trash accumulation, inoperable vehicles, weed control and other potential environmental and zoning codes violations.

The Animal Control and Environmental Survey (ACES) program aims to educate residents how to comply with county ordinances while offering opportunities to beautify their area.

As part of the community outreach, a roll-off and recycling container and tire shredder will be available Saturday, Feb. 24, from 9 a.m. to noon, as well as services for low-cost rabies vaccinations and scheduling of spay and neuter operations for pets.

Contact the Doña Ana County Animal Control and Codes Enforcement Department at 575-525-8846.

### Sheriff candidate

Former Doña Ana County Undersheriff Edward J. Lerma, a 40-year veteran in law enforcement, has announced he is challenging his former boss and incumbent Enrique Vigil in the 2018 Democratic primary for Doña Ana County Sheriff.

“I care deeply for this community and I feel that they deserve a public safety agency that focuses on their safety instead of politics and restores their faith in the office,” Lerma said in a news release.

“For too long, the Doña

Ana County Sheriff’s Department has been led by sheriffs who came from outside the department and tried to transform it into something other than a public safety/service agency, often times with their own self-serving ideas at the front of their agenda,” he continued. “Together, we can make our sheriff’s department ... a true example of the core principles of the agency: honesty, integrity, ethics, professionalism and fairness.”

A New Mexico native, Lerma graduated from Mayfield High School. He began his law enforcement career in 1972 as a dispatcher for the Las Cruces Police Department. He also worked as a police officer in Farmington and served as Chief of Police in Ruidoso Downs and Tularosa.

He lives in Las Cruces with his wife, Barbara, of 44 years.

### Shooting debris

The Doña Ana County Illegal Dumping Partnership (IDP) warns those who target practice of the dangers of leaving behind shooting debris and other trash.

“Not only is the prac-

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## Arts reception



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Karen Feder with Moonlight Beadery talks to Judy McMillan Youngblood during a reception at Lundeen Inn of the Arts Saturday afternoon, Feb. 3.

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tice ... considered illegal dumping, but it poses risks to our community," said Vicki Lusk, manager of Doña Ana County Animal Control & Codes. "In an effort to leave open spaces clean, we urge all conducting target practice to leave spaces as they found them and to collect all trash and debris before leaving."

According to Cindy Pollock, range coordinator at the Picacho Gun Club, the biggest problem they face is shooters leaving glass bottles. "Not only are the

pieces hard to pick up, but they can also ruin tires," she said. "If you are in the desert, the last thing you need is a ruined tire. That doesn't count the fact that we are also out to see our beautiful land, and we have to put up with garbage left behind."

Pollock added that people also leave behind large items such as TVs, electronic devices, stoves and refrigerators.

Harry Stryker, owner of Strykers Shooting World, says large amounts of trash and debris are left in areas around the north side of Redhawk Golf Course and schools in that area.

"People leave spent casings, appliances, cardboard plastic bottles, broken glass bottles and an array of items that have been left over from a variety of activities," he said. "It is sad to see such disregard for the desert and for others, as we all have a stake in keeping our entire environment clean and keeping the open areas of the desert trash-less, so the open space we take for granted here can be used and enjoyed by everyone. Responsible gun owners would never leave their trash and empties behind."

The IDP hopes to bring

awareness to the issue to encourage gun owners to be responsible stewards of the desert. For more information, visit [Cleanup-WithCarlos.org](http://Cleanup-WithCarlos.org).

**Participants sought**

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department and Keep Las Cruces Beautiful (KLCB) will host the sixth annual Reuse & Recycle Fashion Show in honor of Earth Day. The show will present outfits made from reused and recycled materials.

KLCB is seeking participants of all ages to act as models or volunteer to assist in the free, public event to be held from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 21, on the Plaza de Las Cruces.

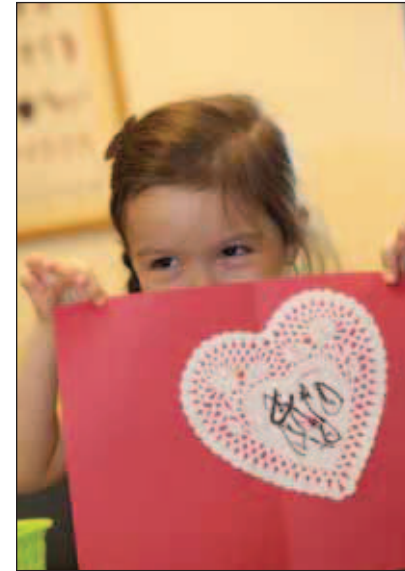
For more information, contact KLCB at 575-528-4508.

EXOS, prepare to launch

**Launch date**

Spaceport America and EXOS Aerospace Systems & Technologies, Inc., a developer of suborbital reusable space launch

## Valentine's card



Brielle Guzman, 3, makes a Valentine's Day card Saturday, Feb. 3, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum as part of the museum's Crafts for Kids series.

BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE

vehicles based in Caddo Mills, Texas, are nearing a launch date for their newest vehicle, the Sub-orbital Active Rocket with Guidance, or SARGE.

EXOS has completed the design and build of their latest platform and conducted a fully integrated hot fire testing in December. Additionally, EXOS Aerospace is expecting the FAA/AST launch license determination by Feb 14.

"It is great to see such an innovative privately funded company entering these final phases of testing before launch of the EXOS SARGE vehicle at Spaceport America," said Spaceport America CEO Daniel Hicks. "This test will bring them one step closer to regular commercial launches and ultimately tenancy and planned O&M activities that can create new high-tech jobs in New Mexico."

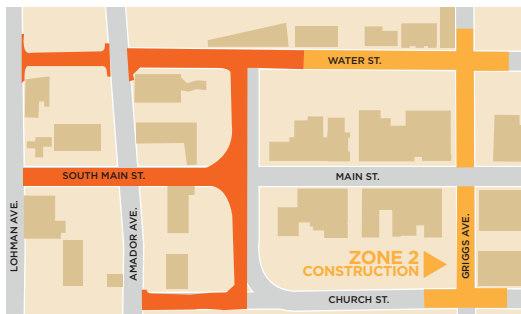
"We are excited to move two critical steps closer to launches at Spaceport America," said John Quinn, COO of EXOS Aerospace Systems & Technology, Inc. "Since the 36-foot tall 20-inch diameter SARGE rocket is designed for reusability, its robust design is built to test by simulated test flying just 10-15 feet off the ground."

**Sobriety checkpoints**

Las Cruces police have scheduled four sobriety checkpoints and three saturation patrols within city limits through February.

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## 'Walk for our dreams'



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Members of the Border Dreamers, Youth Alliance (BDYA) and others held a "Walk for Our Dreams" in Las Cruces on Monday afternoon, Feb. 5. The walk began at the Las Cruces office of U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich, D-NM, continued to the office of U.S. Sen. Tom Udall, D-NM and continued to the office of U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, R-NM, according to [www.bnhr.org](http://www.bnhr.org). "This walk aims to send a clear message to Congress and President Trump that Dreamers and their families will not accept a deal that leaves families in danger of separation and deportation," the website said. "Nothing less than a clean Dream Act, or equivalent legislation such as the USA Act, is acceptable to our families and communities."

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Sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols are intended to reduce and eliminate the number of motorists who drive while intoxicated.

Officers will also be on the lookout for other traffic safety violations such as drivers using cell phones, and those who fail to properly utilize seatbelts and child safety seats.

Las Cruces Police encourage those who plan on consuming alcoholic beverages to use a designated driver for their transportation needs.

### Record registrations

Registrations for the 2018 Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range have outstripped the number of participants signed up at this time last year by more than 700. That could make this year's event the largest on record.

A record 7,200 participants joined the 2017 memorial that commemorated the 75th anniversary of the brutal march at the beginning World War II. After 75,000 American and Filipino Soldiers surrendered to invading Japanese forces April 9, 1942, their captors marched them more than 60 miles through treacherous jungle and into captivity. Thousands died along the way, and many died in prisoner-of-war camps from a lack of proper food, water and medical care.


The 29th annual memorial march is Sunday,

March 25, and will include civilians, members of U.S. military, Wounded Warriors and, perhaps, several Bataan survivors.

Many marathon enthusiasts consider the Bataan Memorial Death March one of the toughest marathon-length events in the United States. Marchers compete in teams or as individuals. In the "heavy" division, each participant carries a 35-pound rucksack over 26.2 miles. The event also features a 14.2-mile, non-competitive route.

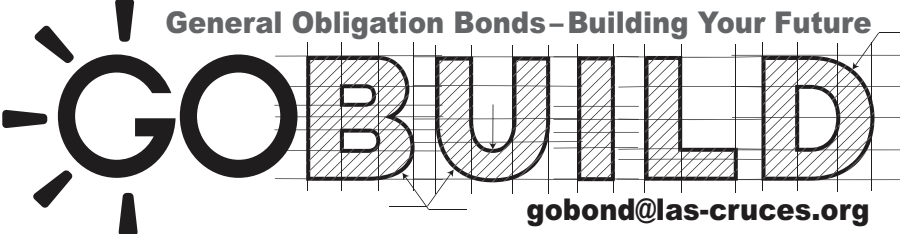
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— PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS —

## Resident Input Needed on Community Facilities and Facility Upgrades

The City of Las Cruces needs resident input on community facilities and facility upgrades for an upcoming bond election scheduled later this year in 2018. General Obligation (GO) bonds are a primary funding source for basic infrastructure our growing community requires to thrive. This infrastructure includes items such as parks, trails, swimming pools, facilities for fire stations, libraries and much more. The City of Las Cruces is asking residents to participate and provide input by either attending public meetings or by sending an email with their input to [gobond@las-cruces.org](mailto:gobond@las-cruces.org). This input will be considered during the project identification process that will be completed by early May 2018.



**The first set of meetings will be held  
at the following times and locations**

**Thursday, February 15, 6:00 p.m.**  
Lynn Middle School Cafeteria, 950 S. Walnut St.  
(Corner of Walnut and Nevada Ave.)

**Thursday, February 22, 6:00 p.m.**  
Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.

**Tuesday, February 27, 6:00 p.m.**  
Doña Ana Community College Auditorium  
2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.  
(Best access to the auditorium is on the south side of the campus.)

For more information, contact David Weir, Chief Planning Administrator  
at (575) 528-3066 or email [gobond@las-cruces.org](mailto:gobond@las-cruces.org)

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# Open house unveils city's transportation plan

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The City of Las Cruces transportation plan is about more than streets and vehicles.

It's also about making it safe and easy for walkers and bikers.

City officials, including Senior Planner Srijana Basnyat, attended a Feb. 3 open house in the lobby of Bank of the West, 201 N. Church St., to present the plan to the public for the first time.

Visitors could vote (using stickers) for their favorite policy and program ideas, such as creating an online bicycle and trails map, supporting a bike-share system and ensuring that traffic signals promote walking and biking. They could also vote for their favorite "pedestrian treatment toolbox" ideas, like crosswalks, ADA-compliant curb ramps, median ref-

uge islands, street reconfiguration and traffic signals.

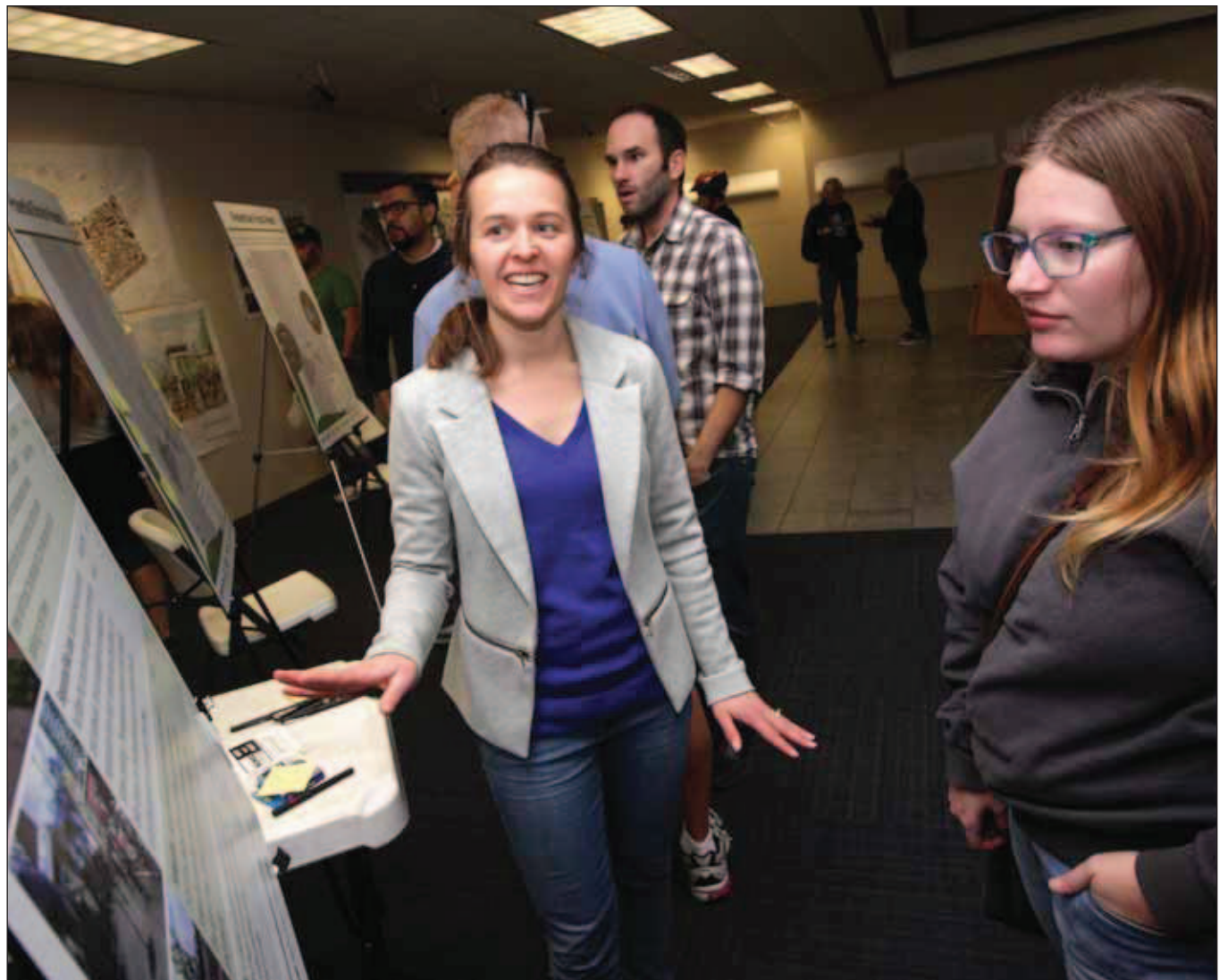
City staffers also conducted surveys at the Feb. 3 Farmers & Crafts Market outside the bank during the open house.

The survey is also on the city website ([www.activelascruces.com](http://www.activelascruces.com)) throughout the month of February, Basnyat said.

Basnyat said the draft plan has been discussed with city staff, including how it could impact Street and Traffic Operations, Codes Enforcement and other departments.

The plan, with revisions based on public and staff input, will be presented to the city council, which will ultimately vote on a final draft. If approved, it will be used to guide future street and transportation projects, including capital improvements.

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Michele Scanze from Toole Design Group speaks with Border Servant Corps member Kelly Johnson during the Active Transportation Plan Open House inside the Bank of the West lobby.

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# City to hold GO bond meetings

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The City of Las Cruces will hold three public meetings in February to gather public input for the general obligation (GO) bond election that will be held this August, City Manager Stuart Ed said at the Monday, Feb. 5 city council meeting.

The meetings, which will all begin at 6 p.m., will be held on

- Thursday, Feb. 15, at Lynn Middle School, 950 S. Walnut St.;
- Thursday, Feb. 22, at Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.; and
- Tuesday, Feb. 27, in the auditorium at the East Mesa branch of Doña Ana County Community College, 2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

GO bonds "are the main funding source for basic infrastructure our growing community requires to thrive. This infrastructure includes items such as parks, trails, swimming pools, facilities for fire stations, libraries and much more," according to www.las-cruces.org.

For more information on the bond election, contact city Chief Planning Administrator David Weir at 575-528-3066 or email [go-bond@las-cruces.org](mailto:go-bond@las-cruces.org).

## Retirement haven

At the meeting, Ed also said Las Cruces has been recognized by TopRetirements.com as the 15th best places to retire on its list of 100 communities nationwide.

## Deadline looms

Ed also said Feb. 17 is the

deadline for Las Cruces youth to submit artwork to be considered for inclusion in the third annual Chaos Collaboration that will be held Feb. 23-24 at the Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 W. Bell St.

The event is an art show for teens by teens. For more information on the Chaos Collaboration, call 575-541-2454.

## Hospital study

Also at the meeting, City Councilor Jack Eakman said the state Legislative Finance Committee has agreed to pay \$100,000 for a feasibility study to determine the viability of locating a behavioral health hospital in southern New Mexico.

"I couldn't be more excited," Eakman said.

## Committee outreach

Councillor Kasandra Gandara said the city is seeking new members for its Quality of Life Committee. Interested persons can call 575-541-2048. Visit [www.las-cruces.org/departments/quality-of-life](http://www.las-cruces.org/departments/quality-of-life).

Mike Cook may be reached at [mike@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:mike@lascrucesbulletin.com).

# Hermosa Heights Elementary gets facelift

## BULLETIN REPORT

One of the city's oldest elementary schools, Hermosa Heights, has completed \$3.5 million worth of additions and renovations to its campus, built in 1958 at 1655 E. Amador Ave.

"The new facility gives us the space we needed to accommodate our school's growing population," said HHES Interim Principal Shelley Harris. "Prior to this project, physical education classes were held in portables and we had to have seven different lunch periods because of the limited size of our cafeteria."

The project was designed by Vigil & Associates (VA) Architects and built by ESA Construction. Both are New Mexico companies that have worked on a variety of LCPS projects.

Completed over the course of 14 months, the project added 12,500 square feet of new space, which includes a new multipurpose room with a basketball court, bleachers, a performance stage and a new kitchen and cafeteria.

The project also renovated approximately 2,800 square feet, transforming

the existing cafeteria into the school's new music classrooms. In addition, security doors were added in the entrance lobby to ensure that anyone entering the building has to stop at the front office in order to gain access to the school, said district officials.

The school also received a new main entrance canopy, and the parking lot was expanded by 56 parking spaces and six Americans with Disabilities parking spaces. The 30,200-square-foot parking lot expansion was a cooperative project with the New Mexico Department of Transportation, which provided \$16,800 in funding.

All additions and renovations were designed to fit with the mid-century



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## The exterior of new Hermosa Heights Elementary Multipurpose Room.

style of the school while also bringing a modern aesthetic to the campus. The project was paid for through voter-approved funds from the 2014 bond election.

"This project is a prime example of how bond funds can completely transform a campus," said LCPS Superintendent Dr.

Greg Ewing. "Not only did this project improve campus security, it provided the facilities our staff and students need to be successful."

The district hopes to complete similar projects over the next four years at Fairacres, Desert Hills and Hillrise elementary Schools.

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## Hospice operating despite construction



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Step up to the plate – and the cup and the saucer during the china sale offered at the Hospice Emporium, 106 S. Water St. “The volunteers at the Hospice Emporium are continuing to have great business despite the construction,” Hospice and Emporium volunteer Heather Pollard said of the conversion from one-way to two-way traffic on Church and Water streets occurring in front of the emporium. “We are delighted to be downtown and hope that, in the future, more boutique-like businesses move to Main Street.” Since it opened in 2015, the Emporium has generated about \$6,000 a month for the hospice. It is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Call 575-523-4700. Visit [www.meetlascruces.com/The-Emporium-Antiques-and-Collectibles-in-Las-Cruces](http://www.meetlascruces.com/The-Emporium-Antiques-and-Collectibles-in-Las-Cruces).



# NMSU honors stars of arts and sciences

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Dr. Don Cleveland, John Schutz and Mickey and Jan Clute are the 2018 Stars of Arts and Sciences.

The four will be honored at the New Mexico State University College of Arts and Sciences' fifth annual "A Starry Night – Una Noche Estrellada" – fundraiser Friday, Feb. 23, in downtown Las Cruces.

The event's reception begins at 5:30 p.m. at Bank of the West, 201 N. Church St. The dinner and awards ceremony begin at 7 p.m. across the street at Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

Tickets are \$75 each.



## Dr. Don Cleveland

Cleveland will receive the department's Star of Sciences award.

Cleveland, a 1972 graduate of NMSU, is chair of the University of California at San Diego Department of Cellular and Molecular Medicine, distinguished professor Of Cellular and Molecular Medicine, Medicine, and Neurosciences and a member of the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research.

Cleveland's research focus areas include cell division and cell cycle control and neurodevelopment

and neurodegenerative disease, according to med-school.ucsd.edu.

Cleveland is a 2018 recipient of the \$3 million Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences, according to NMSU.

"The 'breakthrough' made by Dr. Cleveland and his associates was understanding the extent of damaged neurons and their supportive cells occurring in neurological degenerative diseases such as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and Huntington's disease and establishing a gene therapy treatment that targeted and 'silenced' these mutant genes.

Cleveland was born in Waynesville, Missouri, but grew up in Las Cruces, attending Las Cruces High School and NMSU, the university said. "In 1972, he was the NMSU College of Arts and Sciences valedictorian when he received a BS in physics. Cleveland earned a Ph.D. in biochemical sciences in 1977 at Princeton University and his Postdoctoral at the University of California San Francisco.

"Cleveland was the first to clone tubulin genes and discovered the microtubule associated with tau, the protein that accumulates in the brains of patients with Alzheimer's disease and chronic traumatic brain injury, now receiving attention in sports such as football.

"Cleveland has published hundreds of articles in scientific journals (and) serves as a reviewer of these top journals. He is also a popular international lecturer, keynote speaker and seminarian at universities.



## John Schutz

Schutz will receive the Star of Arts award.

Schutz taught band at Lynn Middle School (then Lynn Junior High) and Mayfield High School, and was Las Cruces Public Schools' first visual and performing arts coordinator. Under his leadership, music buildings were "renovated, remodeled or rebuilt" at every LCPS middle and high school. Before Schutz became

part-time arts coordinator for the school district in the early 1990s, elementary-school students in grades five and six attended music classes once or twice a week. Before Schutz retired, there was a full-time music teacher for K-5 at every LCPS elementary. Visual arts teachers were also added.

"As president of the New Mexico Music Educators Association (NMMEA) and chair of the New Mexico Alliance for Arts in Education, an affiliate of the Kennedy Center Alliance for Art in Education Network, Schutz was able to shape music education statewide," according to NMSU. He "has been honored several times by NMMEA, including being named New

Mexico music educator of the year in 1996, induction into their hall of fame in 2001 and an emeritus teacher award in 2013.

Schutz, who retired from LCPS in 2012, has played the trumpet in Ray Tillman's High Society Orchestra for more than 20 years. He is cofounder and assistant conductor of the Mesilla Valley Concert Band and former director of New Horizons Band.



## Mickey and Jan Clute


The Clutes will receive the Stars of Town and

Gown award.

"Born and raised in Las Cruces, Mickey and Jan Clute are successful retired entrepreneurs whose businesses were well known in the community," according to NMSU.

"Jan was the co-owner of Georgess, Inc., an upscale woman's clothing boutique. Mickey was one of three co-founders and president of GenCon General Contractors. Established in 1975, the \$350 million commercial construction company specialized in constructing educational buildings, including Arrowhead Early College High School, Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine and the

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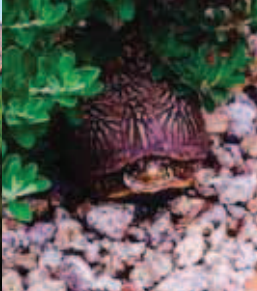


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# DACC administrative assistant has come a long way

## BULLETIN REPORT

Veronica Jara started a new job this semester as an administrative assistant for Dean David Burleson in the Arts, Humanities and Social Science Division at Doña Ana Community College (DACC).

On her first day of the job, she was greeted by a standing ovation from her former co-workers of the DACC Facilities Support Department (FSD). They knew where she came from, and the sacrifice it took to earn the position she has now.

According to a DACC news release, Jara was raised in Jalisco, Mexico. She and her husband came to the United States and settled in Las Cru-



PHOTO COURTESY DACC

### Jara and Dean Burleson discuss plans.

ces. She was working at Walmart as a cake decorator when she decided to apply for a position with FSD so she could work during the week but not weekends and holidays, in order to spend more

time with her family.

Jara worked for three years at DACC as a custodian and, according to the release, earned the coveted community college "Star of Excellence" award in 2017.

"I knew the job had advantages over my (Walmart) employment," she said. "I loved the people I worked with, but didn't want to stay in this position forever.

"One day my son said, 'Mom, I used to picture you decorating cakes and now I picture you cleaning bathrooms.' Shocked by his comments, she was determined to earn an associate degree from DACC.

Soon, she was taking a full load of classes and raising three children.

"It was difficult going back to school because I graduated from high school in 1996," Jara said. "Nineteen years went by before I saw the inside of a classroom again."

Nevertheless, she

earned a degree in Business Office Technology in the fall 2017 semester. She applied for a job as an administrative assistant at DACC and was hired.

"She is proof of how education can help you in your career or to start a new one," Dean Burleson said.

"It was worth it to come

back to school and earn a degree," said Jara, who is working towards a second associate degree with plans to someday transfer to New Mexico State University. "Another great thing about attending college is my daughter Stefany is going to school with me, majoring in nursing at DACC."

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Fulton Center.

A graduate of Las Cruces High School, Mickey received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from NMSU in 1969, received the Business College's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1986 and was named to its Hall of Fame in 2001.

Both Mickey and Jan received the 1989 Branding Iron Award, the highest honor presented by the NMSU Foundation for outstanding loyalty, service and support for NMSU.

The Clutes "have been members of the NMSU President's Association from the beginning," NMSU said. Jan Clute was the first woman to serve as its chair, and also sat on the NMSU Foundation board. Mickey served on the Foundation board from 1979 to 2008, holding many leadership positions.

"Downtown revival was spurred when Jan and her sister, Carolyn Muggenburg, donated their part of the Rio Grande Theatre to the Doña Ana Arts Council. Jan and Carolyn inherited the theatre (now

owned by the City of Las Cruces) from their grandfather, Carroll Thomas Seale, who built the Italian Renaissance Revival style building in 1926 with partner B. G. Dyne.

NMSU Dean's Council "Starry Night," sponsored by the Arts and Sciences Dean's Council, benefits the Elizabeth Ayers Pollard Endowment for Sustaining Academic Progress Award.

"Heather Pollard, a previous 'Starry Night' award winner and chair of the Dean's Council for the college, and her husband Warren Pollard, who taught in the NMSU Department of Electrical Engineering at NMSU for 14 years, decided to honor their daughter Elizabeth's life by funding an endowment in her name," according to an NMSU news release.

For ticket information, contact Ashley Jurado at 575-646-5886 or [ajurado@nmsu.edu](mailto:ajurado@nmsu.edu). To be an event sponsor, contact Dr. Kelley Coffeen at [kcoffeen@nmsu.edu](mailto:kcoffeen@nmsu.edu).

Visit [artsci.nmsu.edu/giving/sustaining-academic-progress](http://artsci.nmsu.edu/giving/sustaining-academic-progress).

Mike Cook may be reached at [mike@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:mike@lascrucesbulletin.com).

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# FEBRUARY EVENTS

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## FEBRUARY 1 - 28

♥ **Annual for the Love of Art Month**  
Various Locations throughout the City of Las Cruces and Mesilla. Free admission and open to the public. [artformsnm.org](http://artformsnm.org)

## FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 10

♥ **MakeShift by Los Dos Exhibit**  
Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.  
Tues. - Fri. 10am - 4:30pm, Sat. 9:30am - 4:30pm  
Free Admission. 575-541-2155. [las-cruces.org/museums](http://las-cruces.org/museums)

## FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 16

♥ **Wendy Red Star: The Maniacs (We're Not The Best But We're Better Than The Rest) Exhibit**  
NMSU University Art Gallery, 1390 E. University Ave.  
Tues. - Sat. 10am - 4pm. Free Admission  
575-646-2545. [uag.nmsu.edu](http://uag.nmsu.edu)

## FEBRUARY 2 - 4

♥ **Play: Lend Me a Tenor**  
Las Cruces Community Theatre, 311 N. Main St.  
Friday & Saturday 8pm, Sunday 2pm. \$10-15  
575-523-1200. [lcctnm.org](http://lcctnm.org)

## FEBRUARY 2 - 11

♥ **Play: Photograph 51**  
Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.  
Thurs. 7 pm, Fri. & Sat. 8pm, Sun. 2:30pm  
\$10-15. 575-523-1223. [no-strings.org](http://no-strings.org)

## FEBRUARY 2

♥ **Downtown Ramble**  
Main St. Downtown. 5 - 8pm. Free admission  
575-525-1955. [downtownlascruces.org](http://downtownlascruces.org)

## FEBRUARY 3

♥ **Aggie Men's Basketball Team vs. UT Rio Grande Valley**  
New Mexico State University Pan American Center  
1801 E. University Ave. 4pm. \$8-31  
575-646-1420. [nmstatesports.com](http://nmstatesports.com)

## FEBRUARY 4

♥ **Super Sunday Rd. Race 1 Mile FunRun  
5K & 5 Mile Rd. Races**  
Centennial High School, 1950 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.  
Race Day Registration 7:45am, 1 Mile start 8:45am,  
5K & 5 Mile start 9am. Register at [lascrucesrunningclub.com](http://lascrucesrunningclub.com)

## FEBRUARY 8

♥ **Aggie Men's Basketball Team vs. CSU Bakersfield**  
New Mexico State University Pan American Center  
1801 E. University Ave. 7pm. \$8-31  
575-646-1420. [nmstatesports.com](http://nmstatesports.com)

## FEBRUARY 10

♥ **Aggie Men's Basketball Team vs. Grand Canyon**  
New Mexico State University Pan American Center  
1801 E. University Ave. 7pm. \$8-31  
575-646-1420. [nmstatesports.com](http://nmstatesports.com)



## FEBRUARY 10

♥ **Aggie Men's Basketball Team vs. Grand Canyon**  
New Mexico State University Pan American Center  
1801 E. University Ave. 7pm. \$8-31  
575-646-1420. [nmstatesports.com](http://nmstatesports.com)

## Cupid's Chase 5K

Old Mesilla Plaza, 2114 Calle De Santiago  
Registration: 7am, Race Begins: 9am. 5K Registration  
Fees \$30 on or before Feb. 9, \$40 - Event Day. 575-524-3262  
[cupidchase5k.com](http://cupidchase5k.com)

## FEBRUARY 15

♥ **Aggie Women's Basketball Team vs. Utah Valley**  
New Mexico State University Pan American Center  
1801 E. University Ave. 6pm. \$8-31  
575-646-1420. [nmstatesports.com](http://nmstatesports.com)

## FEBRUARY 15 - 25

♥ **Play: Homer's - The Odyssey**  
New Mexico State University, Center for the Arts  
1000 E. University Ave. 1st Thursday of the performance  
is a preview at 5:30pm, Fri., 7:30pm, Sat., 2:30pm & 7:30pm,  
Sun., 2pm. \$5-18. Information: 575-646-4515 or visit  
[nmsutheatre.com/events](http://nmsutheatre.com/events)

## FEBRUARY 16

♥ **20th Anniversary Celebration**  
The Big Picture, 2001 E. Lohman, Suite 109  
5-8pm. [artformsnm.org](http://artformsnm.org)

## FEBRUARY 17

♥ **Blake Shelton in Concert - SOLD OUT!!**  
NMSU Pan American Center, 1810 E. University Ave.  
7:30pm. 575-646-1420

## FEBRUARY 17 - 18

♥ **4th Annual Las Cruces Spanish Market**  
Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.  
Saturday and Sunday 8am - 5pm. 505-982-2226  
[spanishcolonial.org/spanish-market-las-cruces](http://spanishcolonial.org/spanish-market-las-cruces)

## The Museum Rocks! Gem & Mineral Show

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum  
4100 Dripping Springs Rd., Sat., 9am - 5pm, Sun.,  
10am - 5pm. \$7 ages 5 & up. 575-522-1232, 575-522-4100  
[LCMuseumRocks.com](http://LCMuseumRocks.com)

## FEBRUARY 18

♥ **Aggie Women's Basketball Team vs. Seattle U**  
New Mexico State University Pan American Center  
1801 E. University Ave. 1pm. \$8-31  
575-646-1420. [nmstatesports.com](http://nmstatesports.com)

## FEBRUARY 22

♥ **Aggie Men's Basketball Team vs. Chicago State**  
New Mexico State University Pan American Center  
1801 E. University Ave. 7pm. \$8-31  
575-646-1420. [nmstatesports.com](http://nmstatesports.com)

## Thursday Night Sessions - Acceptable Losses

Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. 575-541-2290  
7:30pm. \$5 (cash only). [riograndetheatre.org](http://riograndetheatre.org)

## FEBRUARY 24

♥ **First Annual Winter/Wine and Beer Festival**  
Beverly Hills Hall and Cantina, 150 E. Hermosa St.  
Information: 575-621-9164

## Aggie Men's Basketball Team vs. UMKC

New Mexico State University Pan American Center  
1801 E. University Ave. 7pm. \$8-31  
575-646-1420. [nmstatesports.com](http://nmstatesports.com)

## Movie: The Magnificent Seven (1960 original)

Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Water St. 7pm  
Free admission. 575-541-2290. [riograndetheatre.com](http://riograndetheatre.com)

## FEBRUARY 24 - 25

♥ **Home and Garden Show**  
New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum  
4100 Dripping Springs Rd. Sat. 9am - 5pm,  
Sun. 9am - 4pm. 575-522-4100. [frhm.org](http://frhm.org)

## FEBRUARY 25

♥ **Lake Lucero Tour**  
White Sands National Monument, 45 miles east of Las  
Cruces, Highway 70. 2pm. \$4-8. 575-479-6124 ext. 236.  
[nps.gov/whsa](http://nps.gov/whsa)

## New Horizons Symphony Concert

NMSU Music Center Atkinson Recital Hall  
1075 N. Horseshoe Circle. 3pm. Free admission  
(donations accepted) 575-521-8771. [nhsocruces.com](http://nhsocruces.com)

## FEBRUARY 27

♥ **Hidden Figures**  
Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Water St. 7pm  
Free admission. 575-541-2290. [riograndetheatre.org](http://riograndetheatre.org)

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# Mesquite Elementary School robotics team advances

By **SANDY MONTOYA**,  
SENIOR PUBLICATIONS  
EDITOR, WHITE SANDS  
MISSILE RANGE

For the Bulletin

The Mesquite Elementary Sharks in the Gadsden Independent School District were one of eight teams from the Las Cruces area advancing to the 2017 FIRST LEGO® League (FLL) HYDRO DYNAMICSSM New Mexico Region Championship following the November FLL Qualifier at Oñate High School. The championship event is Feb. 10 at Menaul School in Albuquerque.

Coached by Russell Husson-Matter, a second-year special education teacher at Mesquite Elementary School, the team

practices after school on Mondays and Wednesdays, and even comes in on Saturdays, working to hone their robot game skills in advance of the competition.

Not only is the goal of an FLL competition to have fun, but for students to learn leadership skills and how to function in a team, and learn the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills they need to make the robots work.

FIRST LEGO® League challenges kids to think like scientists and engineers. During the build season, each team chose a real-world problem to solve in the project competition. This

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COURTESY PHOTOS

From left: Alexandra Rodriguez, Teacher/Coach Russell Husson-Matter, Melanie Torres, Kevin Kirkpatrick, Jaiden Arroyo, David Torres and Team Captain Emily Torres. (Team member Matthew Tellez is not pictured).




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## ROBOTICS

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year's HYDRO DYNAMICS theme involved finding innovative solutions to problems in the human water cycle. The teams also built, tested, and programmed an autonomous robot using LEGO® MIND-STORMS® technology to solve a set of missions in the robot games playing field.

This is the second year Husson-Matter has coached a robotics team that qualified for the state championship and he has witnessed the gains in his former students.

"Confidence levels in their own abilities have risen to new heights," said Husson-Matter. "Some of my special education students from last year moved on to middle school and are now on the A/B honor roll in general education classes. These students all have the potential for greatness; they just need someone to believe in them, to let them know that they can do anything, and that their contributions to the world can and will make a difference."

For the project portion of the competition, the Mesquite Elementary team chose a water cycle project centering on how they collect, use, and store water. After observing children drinking at the water fountain, they wondered, "What happens to all the water that doesn't make it into the kids' mouths? Where does that water go? Instead of wasting the water, what if it could be collected and funneled into a community garden that would benefit all of Mesquite?" A project like that could



Jaiden Arroyo and Kevin Kirkpatrick

impact Mesquite for generations.

Fifth-grade team member Alexandra Rodriguez likes that they are presenting their ideas to help others in the community, far beyond their team and school. Rodriguez said, "Our goal is to work together as a team and accomplish everything together as a team. I've learned from my teammates and hope they've learned from me." Rodriguez also liked that the team brings kids together that didn't know each other before and they've formed new friendships.

Mesquite Elementary Principal Angela Silvaggio said the school teams this year have included a blend of special education, general education and gifted students and the "lines are blurred" (meaning you can't tell which students are which because they all work hard as a team).

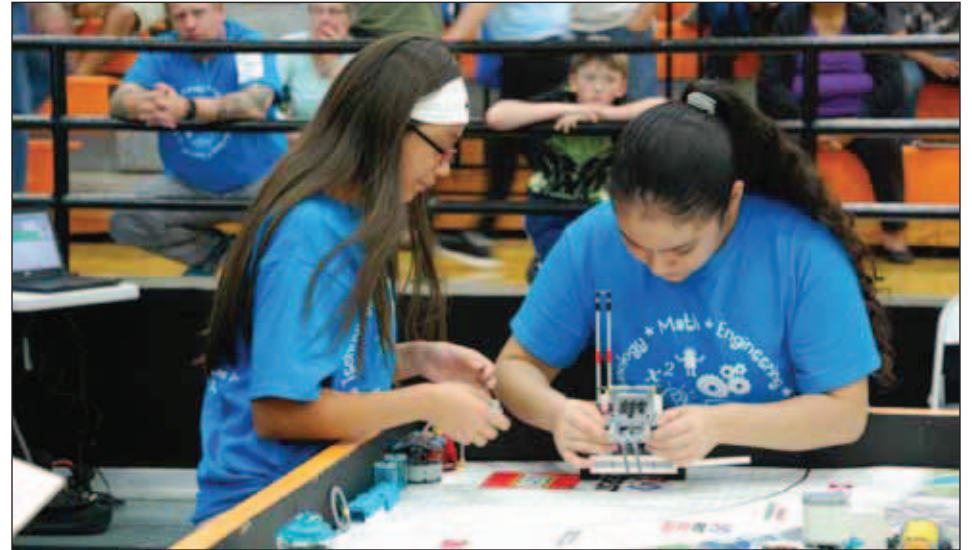
"There is no 'I' in the word 'team'," said Silvaggio.

"Our female students have realized that STEM programs are not just limited to males," Silvaggio said. "Our girls have experienced the feeling of 'yes, I can!' That is the mindset we want for all our students."

"For some of our

students, the FLL and other programs offered through FIRST could very well be a life-changing opportunity. It could be what inspires them to go to college, to enter a STEM-related field and to help solve the problems in the world that previous generations are leaving behind," said Husson-Matter.

Husson-Matter voiced his appreciation for the



Alexandra Rodriguez and Emily Torres

support of his school administration and sponsors Dominguez Farms and Dairies Inc., QED Enterprises Inc., and Ariel Technologies.

"Without the support of these companies and their belief in our program, the success we

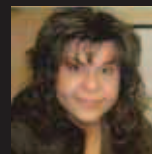
have experienced over the past two years would not have been possible," he said.

"I am so very proud of the way students from various grade levels and ability levels come together for a project such as this," said Mesquite El-

ementary School Principal Angel Silvaggio. "Our students have learned the importance of teamwork while respecting each other's diversity."

Contact Husson-Matter at [rwhm@comcast.net](mailto:rwhm@comcast.net). Visit [www.nmfll.org](http://www.nmfll.org).

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## COMING UP

**Kids Valentine's camp:** 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center, 3217 El Camino Real. Kids Night Out Valentine's Camp for boys and girls, 4-12. Cost: \$15 per child if registered by Feb. 2, \$20 after that with siblings half price. Info: Amy Richards: 941-705-0800, lascrucesjunior-jazzercise@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Junior Jazzercise Las Cruces.

**Discussion of love:** 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, 3220 Jupiter Road. Baha'i's of Las Cruces presents "The Spirit of Life: A Fireside Discussion on Love" and what the world's religious traditions have in common. Entertainment by musician Darrell Elmer Rodgers. Info: 575-339-3205 or write to localspiritallassembly@yahoo.com.

**NARFE:** Meets 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, Hilton

Garden Inn Esperanza Room, 2550 Don Roser Drive. The program is on renewing a driver's license. Cash-only breakfast buffet at 8:45 a.m. Info and reservations by Feb. 6: Carol Main, 382-7686, or Carol Smith, 522-3033.

**Photography Boot Camp:** 9 a.m.-noon, second Saturdays of each month through May 12, Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Doña Ana Photography Club continues its series of photography classes. Bring your camera. Registration is required. Cost: \$5 per class. Info: daphotoclub.org/bootcamp.html.

• Feb. 10: Getting camera off auto mode/how ISO, aperture, shutter speed work.

• March 10: How to take better photos/composition.

• April 14: Editing.  
• May 12: Image critique and Q&A.

**Love your birds:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Education Center, 2001 E. Lohman, Suite 130. Make a bird feeder with natural and bird-friendly products and take it home. Parents must accompany children. Cost: Free. Info: wbulcnature@gmail.com.

**Apple users:** 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Feb. 10, Doña Ana Trades Building Room 141 on the DACC Espina Campus. "What's New with Apple" discussion and a report by President John Neary. The meeting will

end with tech support for user questions. Info: Louise Foster at louise-foster@mac.com or www.cauglc.org.

**Family Game Day:** 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Feb. 10, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 North Mesilla St. Play dominoes, practice hand-eye coordination with Cup and Ball Toss, and play a variety of games. Info: 575-647-4480 or las-cruces.org/museums.

**Celebrating Tombaugh:** 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Feb. 10, Museum of Nature and Science, 411 North Main St. Annual celebration of the life and work of astronomer Clyde Tombaugh. Info: 575-522-3120 or museums.las-cruces.org.

**Symphony fundraiser:** 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Event will include dancing with a live DJ and a silent auction. Cost: \$50. Info and tickets: 575-646-3709 or order online at www.lascrucessymphony.com/annual-fundraiser.

**Stars-N-Parks:** Opportunities to learn about the night sky at NM state parks. Arrive at sunset to become familiar with surroundings before nightfall. Formal presentation followed by telescope observations. Cost: \$5 park day-use fee. Suggested donation for the program, \$5 per couple, or \$3 per individual. Info: www.Astro-NPO.org.

• Feb. 10: Pancho Villa State Park  
Sunset: 5:50 p.m. Program Start: 7 p.m., Pro-

gram End: 8:30 p.m.

Moon two days old. Aldebaran is in transit and Leo is rising. Presenter: John Gilkison.

• Saturday, Feb. 17: City of Rocks State Park

Sunset: 5:56 p.m., Program Start: 7:05 p.m., Program End: 8:35 p.m.

Moon is two days old. Aldebaran is in transit and Leo is rising. Presenter: Bill Nigg.

**Roundtable Discussions:**

10:30-11 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church Library, 2000 S. Solano.

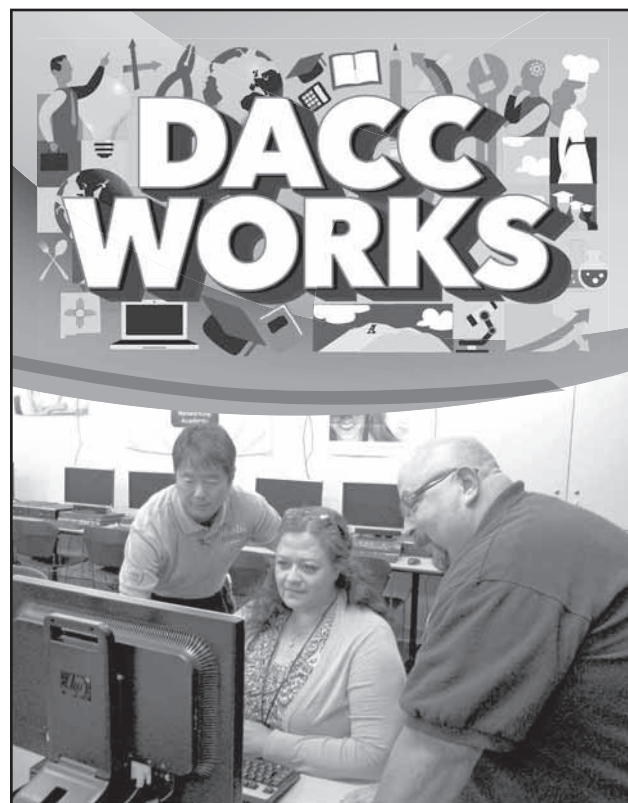
• Feb. 11: St. Michael's Journey to Sanctuary. The church's experiences in its long, contentious journey to become a sanctuary church.

• Feb. 18: Intersectionality and Allyship. Age, ability, race, gender, complexion, sexuality, religion and education level and how they impact the way people experience life.

• Feb. 25: This I Believe. Describe and share what each believes today and how do our beliefs inform decisions, behavior and personal interactions.

**MLK audio:** 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Avenue. Temple Beth-El and the NAACP Doña Ana County Branch present an audio recording of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s March 12, 1961, address at Temple Emanuel in Worcester, Mass. A panel discussion follows. Free. Info: 575-524-3380 or email rabbi@tbelc.org.

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ter. Cost: \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Bring exact change or check made out to AARP.

- 12:45-4:45 p.m. Feb. 12 and March 5. Senior Circle, behind Walgreens on East Lohman. Info and reservations: 575-522-0502.

- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 24, March 22 and April 7. Good Samaritan. Info and reservations: 575-642-2582.

**Timebank orientation:**

5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, 151 S. Walnut Street Unit B13. Orientation to join the timebank, a community of individuals and organizations exchanging skills with one another for free. Info: Meredith, 575-323-0730 or dacumeredith@gmail.com.

**Calligraphy Guild:** 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, Peace Lutheran Church 1701 E. Missouri. Southwest Calligraphy Guild will meet. Info and a list of supplies needed: Karin McClain 575-524-2805.

**Optimist Essay Contest:**

Monday, Feb. 12. Entries are due for the Optimist Essay Contest. Entries should be 700-800 words on the topic, "Can Society Function without Respect?" The contest is open to students under 18. Info: Warren Noland 575-527-1367, email aggieshepherd@gmail.com.

**Academy open house:**

8:30-10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, Las Cruces Academy, 1755 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla. Visitors can watch classes in several subjects, talk with our Head of School, Dr. Lou Ellen Kay, and view the

facilities. 5:30-6:30, may speak with Dr. Kay and view the classrooms. Info: 575-521-9384 or lascrucesacademy.org.

**Educational retirees:**

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, The Good Samaritan downstairs meeting room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees meets. Info: Navora Richardson 575-649-7663 or Linda Morgan 575-522-0203.

**Brown Bag Lecture:**

Noon, Tuesday, Feb. 13, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 North Mesilla St. Bob Dockendorf, director of the War Eagles Museum in Santa Teresa, will talk about the museum's collections and exhibits. Info: 575-647-4480 or lascruces.org/museums.

**WSMR history:**

Noon, Tuesday, Feb. 13, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Jim Eckles will present "A History of White Sands Missile Range." Eckles worked in the Public Affairs Office of White Sands Missile Range from 1977 until he retired in 2007. Info: 575-647-4480 or museums.lascruces.org.

**Computer literacy classes:**

2-4 p.m. Tuesdays at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Registration is not required but only the first nine people to sign up will be guaranteed a computer. Attendees are welcome to bring their own laptops if space permits. Info: 575-528-4005, or email library.reference@lascruces.org.

Feb. 13: Windows 10.

Feb. 20: Internet for beginners.

Feb. 27: Microsoft Word Basics.

**Mardi Gras:** Feb. 13, Spotted Dog Brewery, 2920 Avenida de Mesilla. Special New Orleans inspired three-course dinner menu and live music. Other menu items also available. Cost: \$20 each advance tickets. Info: 575-650-2729.

**Master gardeners:**

9:15-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room. Doña Ana County Master Gardeners monthly meeting. Info: Dot Wyckoff 602-363-5152 or email dotdash12@yahoo.com.

**Free weddings:**

All day Feb. 14, Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive. Info: Minister Terry Lund 523-5592.

**Discovery Afternoon:**

1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. How people got things they needed when they could not grow or make them. Economic history through the story of a girl and her winter coat. Cost: \$3 per child/parent. Info and reservations: LuAnn Kilday at 575-522-4100.

**Genealogical Society:**

2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room. Doña Ana County

Genealogical Society will hear Sally Kading speak about the Doña Ana County Historical Society plans to clean up the Old Picacho Cemetery and to identify the people who are buried there. Info: dacgslc@gmail.com or Eva Nevarez St. John, eva.nevarezstjohn@yahoo.com.

**Reading Art:**

2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, Museum of Art, 491 North Main St. Discussion of "The Art of Controversy: Political Cartoons and Their Enduring Power," by Victor S. Navasky. A screening of Simon Schama's Power of Art is at 1 p.m. in the Museum of Nature & Science classroom. Info: museums.lascruces.org.

**Trains running:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 16-17, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 North Mesilla St. Doña Ana Modular Railroad will be on display and running trains. Cost: Free. Info: 575-649-9503.

**Book fair:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, Barnes & Noble, Mesilla Valley Mall. Friends of the Branigan Library will have a special Book Fair at the store. A portion of each purchase becomes a donation to the Friends,

directly supporting the library. Dr. Seuss Story Time at 1 p.m. each day. Info: libraryfriendslc.org.

**Gems and minerals:**

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Wholesale and resale dealers of both cut and uncut gemstones, rocks, minerals, fossils, meteorites, jewelry, jewelry-making supplies and educational displays on the art and science of rocks and gems. Cost: \$7 for ages 5 and older. Info: www.lcmuseumrocks.com.

**Children's story time:**

11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 North Mesilla St. children of all ages can listen to a story and complete a related craft. Info: 575-647-4480 or lascruces.org/museums.

**Republican women meet:**


11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, Hacienda de Mesilla, 1891 Avenida de Mesilla. Republican Women of Mesilla Valley meeting with candidates as guest speakers. Info: Linda Dowless 575-526-1992 or 575-494-0826 or fiinvest@aol.com.

**Free films:**

1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, upstairs at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library 200 E. Picacho Ave. The world of Walt Disney. Fine for children. Ruth Drayer will lead discussions following the films. Info: 575-222-0660.

**Timebank potluck:**

1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, 151 S. Walnut Street Unit B13. Informal gathering of timebank members and friends. Info: Meredith, 575-323-0730 or dacumeredith@gmail.com.



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The meeting will take place on

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# Proposed festival brings space down to Earth

*"Circling the Earth in my orbital spaceship I marveled at the beauty of our planet. People of the world, let us safeguard and enhance this beauty — not destroy it!"*  
— Yuri Gagarin, first human in space.

By **ELVA ÖSTERREICH**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Southern New Mexico is so related to the history of space exploration and the future of space commercialization that a group of organizations has decided to inaugurate the Las Cruces Space Festival, April 12-14.

"It is going to be a local celebration of our space heritage and the activity that goes on here that is space related," said



**Jonathan Firth**

Jonathan Firth with the Space Festival organizing group and a vice president at Virgin Galactic. "The theme is 'Making Space for Everyone,' so everyone can join in."

April 12 is a date celebrated around the



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**The Challenger Center will participate in the Las Cruces Space Festival April 12-14.**

world, Firth noted, as the anniversary of human space flight by Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin.

Activities are planned for NMSU and off-campus.

On Friday, the second day of the festival, Mesilla Valley Mall will host a showcase of space activity: Booths will line the mall and businesses are invited to take part with space-related activities, promotions and products. In the evening the Rio Grande Theatre shows space-related movies.

On Saturday, the City of Las Cruces has agreed let the group use the downtown plaza, sharing

with the International Fair in the morning and spreading to the full plaza in the afternoon, Firth said.

While Las Cruces Space Festival organizers are ensuring core activities for the event, they invite interested businesses, organizations and individuals with ideas for shows, displays and exhibits to participate.

"So, people can join in if they want to," Firth said. "If they want to say, 'I want to set up an art

show,' or 'I want to do this,' then they can.

"We are not going to define everything that happens. We are going to throw the doors open and say these are the opportunities, these are the dates, if you would like to join let us know."

Email the Las Cruces Space Festival at [lcsf2018@gmail.com](mailto:lcsf2018@gmail.com) for information.

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What did one piece of string say to the other?  
ANSWER: "Will you be my Valentine?"

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## Valentine's Day Crafts

How many hearts can you find on this page in three minutes? Have a friend try. Who found the most?

**Hearty Mouse**  
STUFF YOU'LL NEED:  
construction paper, glue stick, googly eyes (optional), scissors, black marker

**STEP 1:** Cut out a big pink heart.  
**STEP 2:** Fold the heart in half.  
**STEP 3:** Cut out two smaller hearts.

Help the mouse reach the cheese.

**STEP 4:** Glue small hearts to make an ear. Glue on a googly eye or draw an eye.  
**STEP 5:** Cut out six little strips to make whiskers. Cut out a squiggly tail.  
**STEP 6:** Glue on whiskers and tail. Use marker to make a black nose.

**Love Bugs**  
STUFF YOU'LL NEED:  
glue stick, scissors, black marker, construction paper

How many differences can you spot between these two love bugs?

**STEP 1:** Cut out a large and a small heart shape, a large and small circle, and two small strips.  
**STEP 2:** Glue together as shown. Add spots and eyes with marker.

**Valentine Butterfly Pencil Topper**  
STUFF YOU'LL NEED:  
scissors, glue stick, pencil, construction paper

**STEP 1:** Cut out heart-wing shape, two medium sized hearts and two small hearts.  
**STEP 2:** Glue a medium and a small heart on each wing.  
**STEP 3:** Make two small horizontal slits at center of heart wings. Insert pencil through slits.

**Happy News**  
Look through the newspaper for one to three pictures, words or articles that make you feel happy.  
Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

**Kid Scoop Puzzler**  
Draw a line from each Valentine's Day message to the animal who wrote it.

"You make my heart squeak!" (Whale)  
"I go bananas for you!" (Monkey)  
"You're purrrr-fect!!" (Cat)  
"You make my heart flutter!" (Butterfly)  
"I hope to see you on Valentine's Day!" (None)

**Kid Scoop Together: Silly Valentine Game**  
All you need is a small bag or bowl and three or more friends to play with!  
**Directions:**  
Cut out the coupons below.  
Fold them in half and put them into a bag, bowl or box.  
One by one, players select a piece of paper from the container.  
Two at a time, the players start performing their actions, without laughing. The first person to laugh is out.  
Repeat this until only one person is left in the game.

**Kid Scoop Word Search**  
Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

VALENTINE WHISKERS MESSAGE STORIES FLUTTER HEARTS PATENT SQUEAK MARKER PAPER CANDY TAIL DARK DRAW BELL

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S	W	L	B	P	A	T	E	N	T
T	T	H	L	E	K	E	I	M	R
O	N	R	I	R	L	T	P	A	E
R	T	Y	A	S	N	L	A	R	T
I	I	D	T	E	K	N	P	K	T
E	E	N	L	S	H	E	E	E	U
S	W	A	R	D	F	U	R	R	L
N	V	C	K	A	E	U	Q	S	F

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

**FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY**  
**Valentine's Day Dot-to-Dot**  
On one page of the newspaper find and circle the letters that spell the words, "Happy Valentine's Day!" Then connect the dots to make a design. Color in the design.  
Standards Link: Hand-eye coordination.

**Write On!**  
**My Favorite Winter Olympic Sport**  
What is your favorite Winter Olympic sport? Explain why this is your choice.

Scratch your armpit and hop on one leg.	Pretend to sink in a huge bin of stinky socks.
Sing your favorite song as if you are underwater.	Pretend to slip on a banana peel in slow motion.
Sing the ABCs backwards in the style of an opera singer.	Flap your arms like a bird and moo like a cow.
Make a silly face and stand still like a statue.	Balance on one leg while singing Happy Birthday.
Lift a pillow, pretending it weighs 1,000 pounds.	Pretend to be a dinosaur stuck in bubble gum.
Rub your tummy and pat your head.	Walk like a robot whose battery is low.
Pick up a pencil with your toes.	Walk like a penguin.
Pretend to swim across the floor.	Touch your nose with your tongue.
Play air guitar while making silly faces.	Pretend to climb a tree that's 1,000 feet tall.

# Academy breaks the ribbon on a new track

By **ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

When plans were made a few years ago for a new J. Paul Taylor Academy addition, the choice was between a music/arts room and a track/playground. Since art and music are an integral part of the school's curriculum, Executive Director Eric Ahner explained, they chose the room and hoped to eventually fundraise for the playground.

The new arts facility was completed during the 2015-16 school year. Two years later, on Feb. 2, academy students cut the ribbon for the track by running through it.

It's a place for play and physical education.

"The next phase is to put in grass," Ahner said. "We expand the PE program by having our

green space and field games."

Ahner said the head of facilities at Las Cruces Public Schools was instrumental in completing the project. The J. Paul Taylor Foundation also raised funds.

"The district was able to help by bringing in dirt, doing the earthwork," Ahner said. "The foundation and school have raised another \$45,000 to \$50,000 to complete the track and put in irrigation and sod.

"It's been a great effort. It's not about the money always. We need to make that commitment."

The last part of the project, still in need of funding, is installing play structures, he said.

Email [info@jpaultayloracademy.org](mailto:info@jpaultayloracademy.org) or call 575-652-4006.

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Students at J. Paul Taylor Academy break through a ribbon Feb. 2, officially opening the new track at the school. The fallen boy was unhurt.

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After completing their first circuit around the new track at J. Paul Taylor Academy, students snatched tickets for hot chocolate and donuts for when they finished their run.

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# Recycling means doing it the right way

By CASSIE MCCLURE  
and SUZANNE MICHAELS  
For the Bulletin

The import ban that China announced for Jan. 1, 2018, has gone in effect, and the South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA) wants you to know that “Recycling Right” is more important now than ever.

Late last year, China declared a ban on certain recycled materials to tackle poor quality and contaminated items being shipped in from around the world for processing. The announcement issued to the World Trade Organization (WTO) sent shockwaves through the global recycling community. Specifically, the country announced it would ban the import of mixed paper and mixed plastics. Anything that China would take would now must have an incredibly low contamination rate.

But, what does low contamination mean for you and your household recycling? If recycling to you means tossing greasy pizza boxes with pizza inside, or plastic bottles with soda still in them, or peanut butter jars with peanut butter inside into your blue bin ... know that food contamination can destroy efforts to create new recycled products.

Recyclables in our area are managed through Friedman Recycling – a regional recycling processor contracted by the SCSWA with recycling plants in El Paso, Phoenix, Tucson and Albuquerque. Friedman



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**Local recyclables from Las Cruces and El Paso on floor of the Friedman Recycling Plant in El Paso.**

must be able to show its U.S. exporter that local recyclables will pass muster for the new, more stringent requirements.

“Right now, this will not change things in Las Cruces, but it’s a good time to remind everyone about our recycling mantra: clean and dry,” said Tarkeysha Burton, SCSWA recycling coordinator.

To “Recycle Right,” double check that plastic bottles (and rigid plastics), aluminum, steel and tin cans, and milk and juice cartons are rinsed and dry. Make sure cardboard is flattened.

China’s short notice

made finding a solution even more critical. “However, it’s a chance to double down on our efforts to build conservation methods in our daily actions and make sure we continue to strive for Zero Waste in our community,” SCSWA Director Patrick Peck says.

*Green Connections is submitted by the South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA) managing solid waste, recyclables, and working to stop illegal dumping for residents and businesses throughout Doña Ana County. Contact the SCSWA at 575-528-3800 or visit [www.scswa.net](http://www.scswa.net).*



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# New Report: “How To Ease Knee Pain And Keep More Active - Without Needing Pills Or Surgery”

- Report By Las Cruces Physical Therapist, Dennis Prickett



**LAS CRUCES (NM)** - THIS REPORT is for the person who is suffering from the torment of daily, annoying, chronic knee pain. The type of “ache” and “sharp pain” where you get so nauseated that you feel your only option is to stop

what you’re doing completely, reach for the pain medication and wonder how long you’ll be told to rest this time!

The thing is, all of those pain medications are not good for your stomach - and the long periods of rest you’ve been told about, is not likely to do you much good either.

Over the last 27 years I’ve been working on a daily basis to help people aged 45+ find relief from chronic knee pain - and what I can tell you is that the cocktail mix of more rest and more painkillers will do absolutely nothing to get to the root cause of chronic knee pain...

And it’s because I’m growing increasingly frustrated with the number of people suffering unnecessarily that I’ve written a 12 page report that details the 7 things any person can do to relieve knee pain naturally... And I want to send you this report completely at no charge.

Now, I don’t know if these 7 things will relieve you of your knee pain completely.

And I can’t promise that what has worked for most of my patients and clients over the past 27 years, will work for you too.

However reading my free report is definitely better than spending another day “resting”, “accepting it”, thinking “it’s my age” or worse yet, masking it with pain medications.

If your recurring knee pain is affecting your job, your ability to keep active, threatens your independence, or hinders your family leisure time... Then you really need to read this free report.

## Knee Pain “Truths” Finally Exposed

This report exposes how pain medications and injections might be cheaper (for your insurance!) and easy for a Doctor to prescribe, but may not necessarily be right for you in the long run... Have you seen the list of crippling side effects these days?

This 100% FREE report, titled: “7 Simple Ways To Stop Chronic, Daily Annoying Knee Pain... Without Cortisone Injections, Or Taking Painkillers” (Value \$28!) reveals the leading cause of knee pain that is overlooked by 95% of Doctors (hint: there’s a chance you do it everyday without realizing!), and even shows how you can get to the bottom of knee pain quickly, naturally, for FREE, and

without needing a referral from a Doctor!...

More: The report reveals for the first time to the residents of Las Cruces simple, yet often overlooked routines that help make knee pain go away fast... as well as improving posture, all at the same time - I’d say they’re perfect if you’re a lady aged 45+ and worried about looking “awkward” or losing your confident, healthy posture at the hands of chronic knee pain.

I want you to imagine how life will be in five years from now if you DON’T get a grip on your knee pain now.

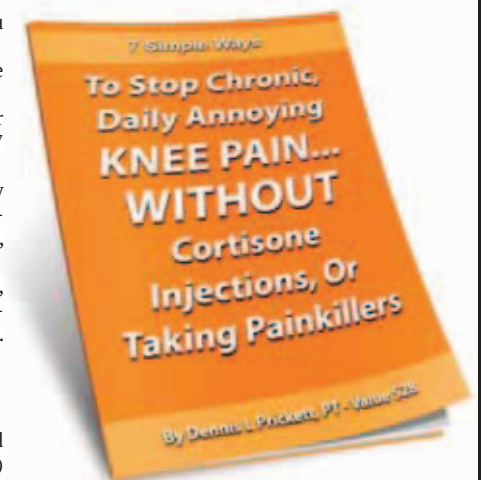
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# LCU field workers bring innovation to the job

By **CASSIE MCCLURE AND SUZANNE MICHAELS**

For the Bulletin

Matt Anderson was an archaeologist first. With a degree from New Mexico State University in anthropology, he started to learn how technology could enhance his work in the field.

"I started working with computerized mapping and my career progressed from there," he said.

Matt is a graphic information system analyst with Las Cruces Utilities (LCU). He has been able to take his computer mapping skills – along with a later degree in computer science – to enhance the knowledge of the hidden infrastructure in Las Cruces. He was recently taking inventory of surface water features on North Valley Drive, features like fire hydrants. What

makes his work so essential, and won him the 2017 Excellence in Innovation Award, is how much it would help the future of the city.

"Matt has mapped out locations within inches rather than several feet, so we don't have to continually dig up lines," said Lucio M. Garcia, P.E., CEM, Gas Section administrator at LCU. "This saves us an incredible amount of time and staffing resources."

"Before, you might be able to get within 20 feet of a problematic gas or water line, but you'd still need to go back to the office to process the data," Anderson said. He now uses a Global Positioning System (GPS) data collector to plot the exact location of underground lines leading to a fire hydrant, or a water or gas line, that runs to a business or

residence. When buildings and streets change, the records will be immediately available to designers and those out in the field.

Originally from Alamogordo, Anderson left to work in California for 10 years. He returned and has been with LCU for five years. "I love New Mexico and I thought what better place to raise a family," he said.

"This has been my favorite place to work because of the people I work with," he said. "It's really nice to know that what I do on a daily basis can impact people in a positive way, even years down the line."

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**Matt Anderson, graphic information system analyst, uses a GPS data collector to input the exact location of a fire hydrant on North Valley Drive.**

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The bond includes \$2 million for a new heating and cooling system for Lynn Middle School, 950 S. Walnut St.



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Some of the old and damaged tables and chairs at Mayfield High School that will be replaced with the bond's passage.

# School bond issue passes by wide margin

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

It passed.

The voter turnout was low, but the winning margin was wide, as Las Cruces Public Schools voters passed a \$50 million bond issue on Tuesday, Feb. 6, by a 90 percent margin, 5,030 to 633.

The turnout in the Las Cruces School District was 6.6 percent of eligible voters, almost double the 3.4 percent turnout for the previous bond election in 2016. Turnout in the Gadsden Independent School District was 2.1 percent.

School bonds are funded by local property tax. Holding the bond to \$50 million (LCPS has more than \$250 million in funding requests for school projects and programs) this year means there will be no increase in property taxes. The current school tax rate will remain at \$9.92 per \$1,000 of assessed value of a person's property. Taxable value is one-third of the assessed value of a person's property.

The bond will pay for construction and renovation, safety, new classrooms, athletic facilities, playground equipment, furniture and other projects at elementary, middle and high schools throughout LCPS.

The bond includes two projects that will receive nearly two-thirds



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The bond includes \$2.2 million to expand and remodel MacArthur Elementary School's front office and entrance to enhance school security. The school's nursing area will also be remodeled. MacArthur Elementary, 655 N. Fourth St., was built in 1953.

of their total funding from the New Mexico Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC). Because they are among the PSCOC's top 100 school construction projects in the state. Desert Hills Elementary School, 280 N. Roadrunner Parkway, is earmarked for construction of a new multipurpose room and kitchen and remodeling of the existing multipurpose room into classrooms, while the front office and entrance of MacArthur Elementary School, 655 N. Fourth St., will be expanded and remodeled to enhance security and to include a nursing area. LCPS's share of those two projects will be \$2 million for Desert Hills Elementary and \$2.2 million for MacArthur Elementary.

Other projects will help alleviate overcrowding at Fairacres Elemen-

tary, 4501 W. Picacho Ave., and Hillrise Elementary, 1400 S. Curnutt St.

The 2018 bond issue also includes funds to create security-card access at eight elementary schools, enhancing safety for students and staff. It also will pay for safety lighting in the Mayfield High School parking lot (\$150,000), and security fencing at Picacho (\$140,000) and Vista middle schools (\$50,000).

Major damage to Columbia Elementary School, 4555 Elks Drive, due to years of problems with the school's construction, will be rectified.

For a complete list of bond election items, visit [www.lcps.k12.nm.us](http://www.lcps.k12.nm.us).

Mike Cook may be reached at [mike@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:mike@lascrucesbulletin.com).

## 2018 BOND ELECTION REACTIONS

### LCPS Board of Education President Maria Flores

"We are always grateful to the community for its continued support of our students, staff and schools. It benefits everyone to be proud of our buildings, and investing in our infrastructure is a confirmation of our community's support. The buildings that house our students must be sound! We value the trust that the community endows the district to do our best for our students."

### LCPS Board Secretary Ray Jaramillo

"I am thrilled to see our community come together once again to support our public schools by voting in favor of this bond. The money generated will allow various sites to improve in ways that make our schools safer, more enjoyable, and more conducive to a healthy atmosphere for both students and educators to be their

best. I cannot stress how vital it is to education that our school facilities are adequately maintained; the passing of this bond ensures that some much-needed work will get done and LCPS can continue to thrive."

### LCPS Blue Ribbon Bond Committee Chair Ben Woods

"On behalf of the women and men of the Blue Ribbon Committee, we wish to say 'thank You y muchas gracias' to each and every person that took the time and made the effort to cast a vote today. The bond proposal was well developed by our district leadership and the projects to be accomplished are greatly needed. Each will directly impact, and improve, the lives of our students, teachers and staff. We are blessed to be part of a great community that steps forward and supports initiatives that are aimed to make tomorrow better than today."

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## Legal Notice

**FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LEA STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

D-506-DM-2017-00256

**CRISTIAN RODRIGUEZ, Petitioner,**

**JENNIFER MOLINA, Respondent.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CIVIL ACTION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

**TO: JENNIFER MOLINA**

GREETINGS:  
You are hereby notified that the Fifth Judicial District Court in and for the County of Lea, State of New Mexico, in Lovington, New Mexico in this proceeding, Cause No. D-506-DM-2017-00256 now pending before it, the title which is set out about, Petition for Paternity. The Petitioner, CRISTIAN RODRIGUEZ, seeks a Petition for Paternity against JENNIFER MOLINA. You are herewith notified and by this notice direct to appear in the above described proceeding on **Friday, May 4, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.** or a judgement will be taken against you for the relief requested by the Petitioner.

You are further notified, that after the aforementioned time and place, the Court may hear evidence relevant to the above described issues and adjudge said matters as the said Court may deem

equitable and just.

Attorney for the Petitioner is:  
Max Houston Proctor  
728 W. Silver  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

WITNESS the Honorable Judge of the Fifth Judicial District Court in the State of New Mexico and the Seal of the District court of Lea County, New Mexico this 31st day of January, 2018.

(Seal)

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT,  
LEA COUNTY NEW MEXICO

BY: /s/ Cory Hagedoorn

Dates: 02/09, 02/16, 02/23, 2018

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 11, 2017, C and E Investment Properties, LLC, PO Box 308, Fairacres, NM 88033, filed application numbered LRG-14093-POD2, OSE File Number LRG-14093-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Under-ground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling replacement well no. LRG-14093-POD2 to a depth of 160 feet for 4-inch casing to be located within the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of projected Section 16, T23S, R1E, NMPM, at approximately X= 1,458,619 ft. & Y= 476,536 ft., NMSM, Central NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, to replace existing well LRG-14093-POD1 (also known as LRN09-0238) located within the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of said projected Section 16, for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum for commercial purposes as described by Subfile No.: LRN-28-009-0300-B of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. Existing well, LRG-14093-POD1 shall be plugged. The new well, LRG-14093-POD2, is located west of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at physical address, 3900 West Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM.

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writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number 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 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as 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, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 01/26, 02/02, 02/09, 2018

**IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

NO. 18-0003

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RITA M. FERNANDEZ, DECEASED.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that GRACE F. CHAVEZ has been appointed 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 personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County,

New Mexico, 845 Motel Blvd. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: January 9, 2018.

GRACE F. CHAVEZ  
2044 Turrentine Drive  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005

Prepared by:  
ALAN D. GLUTH  
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Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001  
Telephone: (575) 556-8449  
Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

Dates: 02/09, 02/16, 02/23, 2018

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 26, 2017, Roger K. Patterson, PO Box 740, Fairacres, NM 88033, filed application numbered LRG-7660-POD9 for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling supplemental well LRG-7660-POD9 to a depth of 300 feet with 8-inch casing located at approximately X= 1,463,899 Y= 482,902 NMSM, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing well LRG-7660-POD6 located at X = 1,463,983 Y= 483,433 ft. on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBID for the irrigation of 4.65 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within part of the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec 10, T23S, R01E, NMPM, as described in part by Subfile No.: LRN-28-009-0237. Proposed supplemental well LRG-7660-POD9 to be located northwest of Las Cruces, NM at 2225 Roadrunner Lane, Fairacres, New Mexico 88033.

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 and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify

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Dates: 02/09, 02/16, 02/23, 2018

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on December 29, 2017, Tom and Consuelo Silva, 1110 Savannah Road, La Mesa, NM 88044, filed application numbered LRG-4735, OSE File No. LRG-04740, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by using existing replacement well LRG-4735 located within the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Projected Sec9, T25S, R2E, NMSP and more specifically located near the intersection of X= 1,485,961 ft. & Y= 419, 699 ft., NMSP, Central NAD83, on land owned by the applicants, for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic one-household purposes as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-005-0033-D of the lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Existing well LRG-4740 shall be plugged. The existing well LRG-4735 is located south of La Mesa, NM and located at 1110 Savannah Road, west of where Prescott Spur Drain and West Drain intersect. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to use the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23.

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tion 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 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 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as 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, 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: 02/02, 02/09, 02/16, 2018

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on January 11, 2018, Robert Jimerson of Cotterson-McCilli Farms, LLC, PO Box 205, Fairacres, NM 88033, filed application numbered LRG-1775-POD5, OSE File No. LRG-1775, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-1775-POD5 to a depth of 400 feet with an 18-inch casing, in a location within the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 15, Township 26S, Range 3E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X: 1523488 ft. & Y: 379910 ft. (NM State Plane Central NAD83), on land owned by the applicant, which will supplement existing well LRG-1775-S located in the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of said Section 15 located on land owned by La Semilla Food Center, and well LRG-1775-POD3 located in

the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of said Section 15 and more specifically described at or near the intersection of X: 1523511.7 ft. & Y: 380718.8 ft. (NM State Plane Central NAD83) on land owned by La Semilla Food Center for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District County, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 41.3 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of said Section 15 and the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of said Section 15 as described in Subfile No. 280140050 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24. The site of proposed well LRG-1775-POD5 will be located NW of Anthony, NM and may be found approximately 0.31 miles north of the intersection of Our Way Rd. and W Joy Dr.

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 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 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as 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,

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.

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**NOTICE** is hereby given that on January 5, 2018, Robert M. & Jackie L. Sloan, 1411 Archer Farm Road, La Mesa, NM 88044 filed application numbered LRG-6512-POD2, OSE File No.: LRG-6512, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change and Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-6512-POD2 to a depth of 400 feet with a 18-inch casing, in a location within the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of projected Section 10, Township 25S, Range 2E (NMPM) & more specifically located at or near where X=1,491,88.2 ft. & Y=416,569.5 ft. (NMSP, Central NAD83), on land owned by the applicants, which will supplement existing well LRG-6512, located on property owned by the applicants within the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of said projected Section 10 (NMPM) & more specifically described where X=1,491,691 ft. & Y=417,175.6 ft. (NMSP, Central NAD83), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 109.87 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> & the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of said projected Section 10 (NMPM) as described in part by Subfile No.: LRS-28-005-0076 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24. The site of proposed well LRG-6512-POD2 will be located southwest of San Miguel, NM & may be found approximately 1.813 feet northeast of the intersection of County Rd B10 Gavilan Ave.

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protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number 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 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as 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, 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.

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**NOTICE OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE; DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES; PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS; AND NOTICE OF ELECTION SCHOOL FOR PRECINCT BOARDS**

In connection with the regular municipal election to be held on March 6, 2018 and pursuant to 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:

A. Notice is hereby given that the following qualified electors are candidates for public office of the Village of Hatch.

The candidates' names are listed in the order that they will appear on the ballot as determined by the drawing by lot.

1. For the office of Mayor for a four year term: (Vote for One)

Roberto E. Torres  
Linda S. Alvarez

Andrew "Andy" Nunez  
Lloyd R. Burns

2. For the office of Trustee for a four year term: (Vote for two)

James Lynn Whitlock  
Casey C. Crist (Write-In)

B. Notice is hereby given that the following polling place shall be used for the conduct of the regular municipal election to be held on Tuesday March 6, 2018:

1. Voters in Consolidated Precincts #1, #2, #3, #60, and #95 within the municipal boundary shall vote at the Hatch Community Center located at 837 Highway 187, Hatch, New Mexico.

2. Voters in the Absent/Early Voter Precinct will vote at the Office of the Municipal Clerk located at 133 N Franklin Street, Hatch, New Mexico.

C. The following Precinct Board members have been appointed for the consolidated precincts #1, #2, #3, #60 and #95 within the municipal boundary and the Absent/Early Voter Precinct:

Judges:  
Joann Ballard - Presiding  
Sabino Ramirez  
Erika Alaniz

Clerks:  
Arturo Morales  
Wesley Porras

Alternates:  
Elizabeth Soto  
Elizabeth Cuellar

D. Notice is hereby given that a Precinct Board Election School will be held on the 21st day of February, 2018, in the Trustees Chambers located at 133 N Franklin Street, Hatch, New Mexico. The school will begin at 2:00 p.m. The school is open to the public.

/s/ Patrick S. Benegas  
Patrick S. Benegas, Municipal Clerk

Dates: 02/09, 02/16, 2018

**NOTICE OF VEHICLE SEIZURE**

**TO REGISTERED OWNERS, AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS:**  
You are hereby notified that the Doña Ana Sheriff's Office has seized the following vehicles and intends to proceed with forfeiture of each vehicle to the County of Doña Ana pursuant to

DAC Ordinance #232-07 pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles related to DWI Offenses: The below listed vehicles and contents will be auctioned to the highest bidder at our upcoming auction set for APRIL 28, 2018, the event location, 2821-B LAS VEGAS COURT, LAS CRUCES, NM

VIN #  
DESCRIPTION  
REGISTERED OWNER

2C3HD46R6YH208979  
2000 CHRYSLER WHITE  
2DOOR  
JAIME HERNANDEZ

1GCCS1945S8174282  
1995 CHEVROLET S10 PK  
BLUE  
NORMA MARQUEZ

1G1AK18F887186377  
2008 CHEVROLET SILVER 2D  
SALVADOR URENA

1GNDM15Z1LB150427  
1990 CHEVROLET BLUE  
VAN  
MARTHA SANCHEZ

JN1CA31D41T816659  
2001 NISSAN BLK 4D  
ALFREDO MENDOZA-SALAZAR

JN1CA31D41T816659  
1996 MERCURY GRN 4D  
PETE VERDUGO

1LNLM81WX5Y668164  
1995 LINCOLN SILVER 4D  
CESAR ENRIQUEZ

JT5ST87K5M0083741  
1991 TOYOTA RED 2D  
CRESENCIA HERNANDEZ

1J4G268S9XC529418  
1999 JEEP BLACK SUV  
JOSE MENDEZ

4T1VK12E6NU012471  
1992 TOYOTA GRAY 4D

ADRIANA BANDA

1GNEK18K6PJ348070  
1993 CHEVROLET MA-ROON TAHOE  
JOSE CONTRERAS

If you do not demand judicial review within 35 calendar days from the date of the seizure, and or this advertisement, by filing or refiling a claim for the described vehicle with the

Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office or filing a suit in court, you lose the right to a judicial determination of this forfeiture, and you lose any right you may have to the described vehicle and its contents.

Dates: 02/09, 02/16, 2018

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

CV-2017-3682  
JUDGE MARTIN

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF HEAVYNNE WRIGHT, FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that HEAVYNNE WRIGHT, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from HEAVYNNE WRIGHT to HEAVYNNE ZAMIR ROBLES WRIGHT, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 27th day of February, 2018, at 10:30 a.m., at the Doña Ana County District Courthouse, 201 W. Pícacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(seal)

Submitted by:  
HEAVYNNE WRIGHT  
P.O. BOX 2929  
MESILLA PARK, NM 88047  
(575) 932-9234

Dates: 02/09, 02/16, 2018

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

No. D-307-PB-2018-06  
Judge Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAULA SUSAN LOHMANN, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO**

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## CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **CYNTHIA ANNE TISON-ORR** 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 counsel for Personal Representative or filed or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

/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: 02/02, 02/09, 02/16,  
2017

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-00131

### THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANIEL SOSA, JR., Deceased.

### NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DANIEL SOSA, JR., DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST OR ANY OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DANIEL SOSA, JR., DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **RITA O. SOSA** has filed a Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative in the above-named Court.

Hearing on this matter has been set on **Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.**, before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 West Picacho, in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Pursuant to 45-1-401 NMSA 1978, this notice of the time and place of hearing on said petition is hereby given to you by publication, once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks.

Witness my hand and the seal of this Court.

David S. Borunda  
Clerk of the District Court

SEAL

By: Kimberly D. Barraza

TCAA

Dates: 02/09, 02/16, 02/23,  
2018

### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

NO: 18-0007

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HELIODORO NATIVIDAD, Deceased

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Dolores Natividad has been appointed 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 personal representative care of the address listed below or filed with the Doña Ana Probate Court, 845 Motel Blvd, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

/s/ Dolores Natividad  
Dolores Natividad  
Personal Representative

Submitted by:  
Jacqueline Bennett  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
PO Box 849  
Las Cruces, NM 88004  
575-527-0225

Dates: 01/26, 02/02, 02/09,  
02/16, 2018

### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2017-00407

### BAYVIEW LOAN SERV- ICING, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

RICHARD J. LUCERO, JR., aka RICHARD J. LUCERO; and VERONICA C. LUCERO, Defendants.

### NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **March 7, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, 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 126 Blacktail Deer Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: Lot numbered 8 of Los Venados Estates Subdivision Phase 2, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Los Venados Estates Subdivision Phase 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on January 21, 2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 490-491.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 31, 2018, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$344,298.06 and the same bears interest at 5.375% per annum from August 19, 2017, 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 FURTHER 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.

**NOTICE 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/ Pamela A. Carmody  
Pamela Carmody, Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 02/09, 02/16, 02/23,  
03/02, 2018

### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2017-02907

### U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CER- TIFICATES, SERIES 2005-2, Plaintiff,

vs.

**JOSE C. VEGA, JR.; UNIFUND CCR PARTNERS; TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO; CIELO DORADO HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; and ASSET ACCEPTANCE, LLC, Defendants.**

### NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **March 21, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, 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 6 Cielo Lindo, Anthony, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 2, Block 2, CIELO DORADO ESTATES, in the County of Doña Ana, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 1027, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on January 22, 1980, and recorded in Book 13, Page 15-24, Plat Records.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 31, 2018, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$357,904.22 and the same bears interest at 7.125% per annum from June 23, 2017, 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 FURTHER 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.

**NOTICE 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/ Pamela A. Carmody  
Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 02/09, 02/16, 02/23,  
03/02, 2018

### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No.  
D-307-CV-2014-02394

### HSBC BANK USA, NATION- AL ASSOCIATION as Trustee for Wells Fargo Home Equity Asset- Backed Securities 2005-3 Trust, Home Equity Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-3, Plaintiff,

vs.

**LAMAR HAUGABROOK, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF LAMAR HAUGABROOK, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF LAMAR HAUGABROOK, DECEASED; KEVIN HAUGABROOK; KELLYE TERRELL; STEPHEN HAUGABROOK; MATTHEW HAUGABROOK; GLORIA HAUGABROOK; and LYNELLE HAUGABROOK, Defendants.**

### NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **February 14, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, 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 615 El

Prado Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 18, Block 2, REVISED PLAT OF SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 2 MONTE VISTA SUBDIVISION, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 325A on 03/17/1947 in Book 6 Page(s) 43 of Plat Records .

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 10, 2018, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$154,028.77 and the same bears interest at 4.500% per annum from November 8, 2017, 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 FURTHER 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.

**NOTICE 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/ Pamela A. Carmody  
Pamela Carmody, Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 01/19, 01/26, 02/02,  
02/09, 2018

### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2017-01974

### WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

**JOSE R. VILLA; ALICIA ROMAN, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF ALICIA ROMAN, Deceased; and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF ALICIA ROMAN, Deceased, Defendants.**

### NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **March 7, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, 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 133 Meadow Vista, Sunland Park, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

THE WESTERLY 30.10 FEET ON THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND: LOT 1, BLOCK 6, MEADOW VISTA SUBDIVISION, PLAT 1, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 479 ON APRIL 16, 1958, IN BOOK 8 PAGE (S) 15 OF PLAT RECORDS.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause

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on January 31, 2018, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$78,528.15 and the same bears interest at 6.875% per annum from November 30, 2017, 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 FURTHER 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.

**NOTICE 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/ Pamela A. Carmody  
Pamela Carmody, Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 02/09, 02/16, 02/23, 03/02, 2018

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

PB-2018-0010  
Judge Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACK C. OSOSKI,**

**Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four 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 the Bates Law Firm, PO Box 305, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Suite A, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Dated: January 30, 2018.

/s/ Charlene Ferguson  
Charlene Ferguson,  
Personal Representative of the Estate of Jack C. Ososki, Deceased.

PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY:  
BATES LAW FIRM  
PO BOX 305  
LAS CRUCES, NM 88004-0305  
(575) 524-8585  
(575) 524-1895 (Fax)

/s/ Lloyd O. Bates  
Lloyd O. Bates Jr.  
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 02/09, 02/16, 02/23, 2018

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

No. D-307-PB-2018-00005  
Judge James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANET EILEEN HANSAKER, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY 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 Repre-

sentative 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: January 16, 2018

/s/ Jane Eileen Gurnea  
Jane Eileen Gurnea, Personal Representative of the Estate of Janet Eileen Hansaker, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:  
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.  
PO Box 366  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366  
(575) 524-0833  
holmespa@zianet.com

/s/ Joseph M. Holmes  
Joseph M. Holmes  
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 02/02, 02/09, 02/16, 2018

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No.  
D-307-CV-2015-02646

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**STEVE ADAMS, aka STEVEN N. ADAMS, and CONSUELO ADAMS, Defendants.**

**FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **February 28, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, 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 1214 Hachita Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 3 IN BLOCK NUMBERED K OF SANDHILL CENTER HEIGHTS, PHASE 8, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA

COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SANDHILL CENTER HEIGHTS, PHASE 8, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 17, 2006 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 621-622.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on September 28, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$173,090.72 and the same (less \$10,720.55, the non-interest bearing principal) bears interest at 4.500% per annum from August 26, 2017, 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 FURTHER 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.

**NOTICE 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/ Pamela A. Carmody  
Pamela Carmody, Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 02/02, 02/09, 02/16, 02/23, 2018

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2017-02583

**THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, f/k/a The Bank of New York, successor in interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006-3, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-3, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MARSHA M. BACA aka Marsha Sanchez; and LEONARD SANCHEZ, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **March 7, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, 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 1715 Smith Street, Las Cruces, and is situate in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 22, Block A, MONTECITO SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 5, 1953, in Book 7 Page 36 of Plat Records.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 31, 2018, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which

includes interest and costs, is \$130,321.59 and the same bears interest at 9.750% per annum from January 2, 2018, 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 FURTHER 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.

**NOTICE 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/ Pamela A. Carmody  
Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 02/09, 02/16, 02/23, 03/02, 2018

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No.  
D-307-CV-2017-02940

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MANUEL CAMPOS JR., if living, if deceased, THE**

**ESTATE OF MANUEL CAMPOS JR., Deceased; LUPE B. CAMPOS; and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEISEES OR LEGATEES OF MANUEL CAMPOS JR., Deceased, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **February 28, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, 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 9512 Butterfield Blvd, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 13 in Block numbered A of Butterfield Park, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated in the plat of said Butterfield Park Subd, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on May 18, 1962, in Plat Book 8, Folio 72.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 22, 2018, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$98,750.13 and the same bears interest at 6.875% per annum from December 21, 2017, 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 FURTHER 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 recor-

ded 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.

**NOTICE 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/ Pamela A. Carmody  
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-02707

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JONATHAN WILLIAMS; SHERRY WILLIAMS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3507 Sierra Bonita Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 29, ENTRADA DE SIERRA SUBDIVISION

PHASE 1, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 10, 2007, IN BOOK 22 PAGE(S) 291-293 OF PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on March 1, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on December 18, 2017 in the total amount of \$176,779.76 with interest at the rate of 3.750% per annum from July 5, 2017 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 GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Wells Fargo Bank, NA, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, 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.

**PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.**

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-02267

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**EMMETT J. KIRSCH, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4982 Galina Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 23, BLOCK 22, LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PHASE V-A, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 2496 ON 03/02/1994 IN BOOK 18 PAGE(S) 23-26 OF PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on February 15, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on December 1, 2017 in the total amount of \$120,908.63 with interest at the rate of 4.250% per annum from October 19, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this

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Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**

that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Wells Fargo Bank, NA, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, 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.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

**PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.**

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-02205

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**PATRICIA ANN BACA CHUMLEY AKA PATRICIA ANN BACA AKA PATRICIA F. BACA AKA PATRICIA A. BACA THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF ELAINE A. GRETEN, DECEASED; U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; OCCUPANTS OF TH E PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3650 Morning Star Dr., Unit 1207, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

UNIT NUMBER 1207, OF THE CASITAS AT MORNINGSTAR CONDOMINIUMS, AS CREATED BY CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO RECORDED ON JANUARY 7, 2005 IN BOOK 578 AT PAGES 695 THROUGH 763, AMENDED CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION RECORDED ON MARCH 27, 2007 IN BOOK 800 AT PAGES 358 THROUGH 430 AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION RECORDED ON MARCH 5, 2014 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 1404376 RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. TOGETHER WITH THE UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON AREAS AND FACILITIES APPURTENANT TO SAID UNIT.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **2:00 pm on March 15, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on January 10, 2018 in the total amount of \$85,784.38 with interest at the rate of 4.75% per annum from September 25, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**

that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. U.S. Bank National Association, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, 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.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

**PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.**

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-00795

**DITECH FINANCIAL LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**LUIS HERNANDEZ, DELISHIA R. HERNANDEZ; STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT; STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**

that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 885 West Wicker Road, Chaparral, NM 88081, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 15 IN BLOCK 1 OF DELARA ESTATES - G.K. ACRES, LOCATED IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON DECEMBER 27, 1994 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 18 AT PAGES 178-179, PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **2:00 pm on March 15, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on January 5, 2018 in the total amount of \$66,094.06 with interest at the rate of 2.75% per annum from October 16, 2017 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 GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Ditech Financial LLC, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, 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.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1733 Ash Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

**PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.**

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-03035

**LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**NANCY LUCERO; HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES; BENEFICIAL FINANCIAL I, INC., F/K/A BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO, INC. D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1733 Ash Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 14, BLOCK 6, UNIT NO. 9 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 27, 1973, IN BOOK 11 PAGES 62-63 OF PLAT

RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **2:00 pm on March 15, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on January 10, 2018 in the total amount of \$55,359.45 with interest at the rate of 5.30000% per annum from December 1, 2017 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 GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, 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.

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**PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.**

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2016-01293

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DAVID R. TESTA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID R. TESTA; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4881 Vista Cuesta, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 5, BLOCK 1, ESTADOS SERENOS SUBDIVISION PHASE TWO, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 10, 1984, IN BOOK 13 PAGE(S) 229-230 OF PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on March 1, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on October 24, 2017 in the total amount of \$247,853.24 with interest at the rate of 3.75% per annum from July 7, 2017 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 GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, ease-

ments, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, 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.

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**PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.**

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-02788

**BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**STEPHEN MAX LOMAN, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 504 North Park Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 17 IN BLOCK NUMBERED A OF CONLEE FARM SUBDIVISION, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID CONLEE FARM SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON APRIL 12, 1988 IN PLAT BOOK 15, FOLIO 188-190.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45am on March 1, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on December 28, 2017, in the total amount of \$300,564.76, with interest at the rate of 6.50% per annum from December 1, 2017 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 GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. BOKF, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, 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.

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**PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO**

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-03017

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEWISEES AND LEGATEES OF ENRIQUE M. LOPEZ AKA HENRY M. LOPEZ, DECEASED; DAVID V. NUNEZ; TERRY S. ENRIQUEZ; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A.; HARVEST CREDIT MANAGEMENT VII, LLC, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEWISEES AND LEGATEES OF ENRIQUE M. LOPEZ AKA HENRY M. LOPEZ, DECEASED:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. 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 4224 San Ysidro Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

A 0.69 ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AND BEING A PORTION OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-79A1A2, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT A FOUND IRON ROD ON THE WEST R-O-W LINE

OF THE A.T. & S.F. RAILROAD FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED. WHENCE THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-79A1A2 BEARS THE FOLLOWING COURSE AND DISTANCE: N 23 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 39 SECONDS W, A DISTANCE OF 218.22 FEET;

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING ALONG THE AFOREMENTIONED R-O-W LINE S 23 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 39 SECONDS W, 87.79 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD;

THENCE LEAVING THE AFOREMENTIONED R-O-W LINE S 62 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 08 SECONDS W W, 240.21 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED;

THENCE S 64 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 09 SECONDS W, 90.32 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON PIPE ALONG THE EAST R-O-W LINE OF SAN YSIDRO ROAD;

THENCE ALONG THE AFOREMENTIONED R-O-W LINE N 21 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 37 SECONDS W, 96.06 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A SET IRON ROD;

THENCE LEAVING THE AFOREMENTIONED R-O-W LINE N 64 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 39 SECONDS E, 326.06 FEET TO THE PLACE AND POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.69 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS OF RECORD AND SUCH AS MAY EXIST ON THE GROUND.

DONOHUE LAND SURVEYS DATED DECEMBER 16, 2008 JOB NO. 156-54.

The property is also described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN SEC. 35, T. 22 S., R. 1 E., U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AND BEING A PORTION OF U.S.R.S. TRACT

5-79-A-1A2 AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT SAID CORNER LYING ON THE WEST R/W LINE OF THE A.T. & S.F. RAILROAD WHENCE THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-79-A-1A2 MARKED BY A CONCRETE MONUMENT BEARS N. 23° 39' W., 218.22 FEET;

THENCE ALONG THE WEST R/W LINE OF THE A.T. & S.F. RAILROAD S. 23° 39' E., 84.95 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT MARKED BY A REBAR;

THENCE S. 62° 20' 13" W., 240.37 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT MARKED BY A REBAR;

THENCE S. 64° 26' 14" W., 90.40 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT MARKED BY A PIPE LYING ON THE EAST R/W LINE OF SAN YSIDRO ROAD;

THENCE ALONG THE EAST R/W LINE OF SAN YSIDRO ROAD N. 21° 07' 32" W., 96.35 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT MARKED BY A REBAR;

THENCE N. 64° 49' 44" E., 326.00 FEET TO THE POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 0.690 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS.

AFORE DESCRIBED TRACT SUBJECT TO A 10 FOOT WIDE IRRIGATION AND UTILITY EASEMENT PARALLEL AND ADJACENT TO THE WEST PROPERTY LINE.

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 will be entered against you.

McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-00764

**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**CARLOS VALLES AKA CARLOS A. VALLES, ANACANI S. VALLES AKA ANA CANI VALLES AKA ANA CANI S. VALLES; FLOR- ENCE M. DAVIS; STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT; JOHNNY'S SEPTIC TANK CO., INC.; ONTIVEROS INSULATION CO., INC.; AMBRO ONTIVEROS AKA AMBROCIO M. ONTIVEROS; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY; Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**AMENDED PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 7511 El Centro Blvd, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 1 OF EL CENTRO SUBDIVISION, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID EL CENTRO SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON NOVEMBER 12, 2003 IN PLAT BOOK 20, FOLIO 462-463.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on March 1, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico,

at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on May 25, 2017, in the total amount of \$58,018.80, with interest at the rate of 3.125% per annum from August 31, 2016 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 GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, 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.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

**PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.**

By: Robert Doyle  
c/o Legal Process Network  
P.O. Box 51526  
Albuquerque, NM 87181

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. CV-2017-03655  
Judge: **MARTIN**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel.,**

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**CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,**

vs.

**CHRISTINA GOEBEL AND, ONE (1) 2003 FORD FOCUS, BLUE; VIN: 1FAPP34393W174104 LICENSE PLATE NO.: FKH 679 (NM) Respondents.**

### NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Respondent **CHRISTINA GOEBEL:**

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2003 FORD FOCUS, BLUE; VIN: 1FAPP34393W174104; LICENSE PLATE NO.: FKH 679.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgement may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,  
**CITY OF LAS CRUCES**  
By: /s/ Robert A. Cabello  
Robert A. Cabello  
Assistant City Attorney  
P.O. Box 20000  
(575) 541-2128  
(575) 541-2017 Fax  
Attorney for Petitioner

**WITNESS** the Honorable Martin, James T., District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 24th day of January, 2018.

(seal)

David S. Borunda  
COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
By: /s/ Josie A. Gomez-Deputy  
Josie A. Gomez-Deputy

Dates: 02/02, 02/09, 02/16, 2018

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

No. CV-2017-02997  
Judge: Martin

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT,**

**Petitioner,**

vs.

**KANE KUSSEROW, AND ONE (1) 1995 HONDA CIVIC, GRAY; VIN: JHMEG854SS011089; NM PLATE NO. 543TPL Respondents.**

### NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Respondent **KANE KUSSEROW:**

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1995 HONDA CIVIC, GRAY; VIN: JHMEG854SS011089; NM PLATE NO. 543TPL.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgement may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,  
**CITY OF LAS CRUCES**

By: /s/ Robert A. Cabello  
Robert A. Cabello  
Assistant City Attorney  
P.O. Box 20000  
(575) 541-2128  
(575) 541-2017 Fax  
Attorney for Petitioner

**WITNESS** the Honorable Martin, James T., District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana county, this 1st day of February, 2018.

(Seal)

David Borunda  
COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
By: M. Elena Hayes  
DEPUTY

Dates: 02/09, 02/16, 02/23, 2018

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO DOÑA ANA COUNTY THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

No. D-307-CV-2018-00167  
JUDGE MARTIN

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ANGEL ZERTUCHE.**

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Angel Zertuche, a resident of the City of

Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen (14) years, has filed a Petition for Name Change in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Angel Zertuche to Angel Michael Wilson, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge on the 27th day of February 2018, at the hour of 10:30 am at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ J. Marcos Perales-Pina  
J. Marcos Perales-Pina  
Attorney for Petitioner  
NM State Bar #25873  
1127 E. Idaho Ave.  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
(575) 523-0144 Tel.  
(575) 523-0177 Fax

Dates: 02/02, 02/09, 2018

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO DOÑA ANA COUNTY THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

No. D-307-PB-2017-00134

HON: Arrieta, Manuel

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANCES E. SKORY, DECEASED.**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the District Court of Doña Ana, County, New Mexico, located at the following address of: 201 W Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88005

/s/ Elizabeth North  
Elizabeth North  
2243 Durango Court  
Las Cruces, NM, 88011  
(575)496-7330

SUBMITTED:  
ESTRADA LAW, P.C.

## Las Cruces Bulletin

By /s/ Michele Ungvarsky  
Michele Ungvarsky, Esq.  
1340 Picacho Hills Drive  
Las Cruces, NM 88007  
575.556.2462  
Attorneys for Frances E. Skory, Deceased.

Dates: 02/02, 02/09, 02/16, 2018

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO DOÑA ANA COUNTY THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

No. D-307-PB-2017-00136

HON. Martin, James

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANCES S. DIAZ, DECEASED.**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the District Court of Doña Ana, County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 201 W. Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005

/s/ Ruben Diaz  
Ruben Diaz  
15682 East Jefferson Avenue  
Aurora, Colorado 80013  
(303) 910-5540

/s/ Rosemary Diaz-Robles  
Rosemary Diaz-Robles  
3130 Riddle Road  
San Jose, CA 95117  
(408) 234-2944

SUBMITTED:  
ESTRADA LAW, P.C.

By /s/ Michele Ungvarsky  
Michele Ungvarsky, Esq.  
1340 Picacho Hills Drive  
Las Cruces, NM 88007  
575.556.2462  
Attorneys for Frances S. Diaz, Deceased.

Dates: 02/02, 02/09, 02/16, 2018

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

NO. 18-0022

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF**

**SALLY J. HOIJJELLE, DECEASED.**

### NOTICE TO KNOWN CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of 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 or Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: Probate Judge, 845 N. Motel, Blvd. Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dates: January 25, 2018.  
/s/ Dan Ward and/or Polly Hirtzel-Ward  
Dan Ward and/or Polly Hirtzel-Ward  
4726 Nopalito Rd.  
Las Cruces, NM 88011  
(575) 405-3793

Dates: 02/02, 02/09, 02/16, 2018

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

NO. 18-0020

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FLORENCE C. DOUGIL, DECEASED.**

### NOTICE TO KNOWN CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of 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 Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 Motel Blvd., 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated: February 5, 2018

/s/ Deborah M. Dougil  
Deborah M. Dougil  
PO Box 423  
Doña Ana, NM 88032  
(575) 635-8212

Dates: 02/09, 02/16, 02/23, 2018

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT BERNALILLO COUNTY**

No. 2017-0859

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ELIZABETH SLAVIK, Deceased.**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Mary Elizabeth Slavik, deceased. 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 to the Personal Representative, c/o **Cristy J. Carbon-Gaul, Esq.** 10515 4th Street, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87114, or filed with the **Bernalillo County Court of Wills, Estates & Probate, One Civil Plaza, 6th Floor, Room 6029, Albuquerque, NM 87102.**

Dated: October 27, 2017.

/s/  
MARY Z. MEURER

4719 Spring Vale NW

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87114  
(505) 934-5518

/s/  
DAVID A. MEURER

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THE LAW OFFICE OF CRISTY J. CARBÓN-GAUL  
By: /s/ Cristy J. Carbon-Gaul  
Cristy J. Carbón-Gaul  
10515 4th Street, NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87114  
(505) 899-5696

Dates: 02/09, 02/16, 02/23, 2018

## Friday, February 9, 2018

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

Cause No.  
D-307-PB-2018-00008

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PABLO ESPARZA, DECEASED**

### NOTICE OF SUIT & HEARING

To: All Known and Unknown Heirs of Pablo Esparza

You are hereby notified that the above named applicant has filed in the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and Application for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative

A hearing in this case has been set before the Judge as follows:

Date of Hearing: Tuesday, 13th day of March, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.  
Place of Hearing: Third Judicial District Court  
201 W. Picacho Ave., Courtroom 7  
Las Cruces, NM 88005

You must file an answer or responsive pleading within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication of this notice or judgement by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the application will be granted.

Dated: January 24, 2018

Respectfully Submitted By:  
Alan D. Gluth  
Attorney for Applicant  
2455 E. Missouri, Ste. A  
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Dates: 02/09, 02/16, 02/23, 2018

**THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

No. D-307-PB-2018-00007  
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF OPAL L. KEILEY, a/k/a OPAL LORENE KEILEY DECEASED**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that H. LES PARNELL has been appointed 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 the Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

DATED: January 29, 2018

H. LES PARNELL  
1223 East Front Street  
Port Angeles, Washington 98362

Prepared by:  
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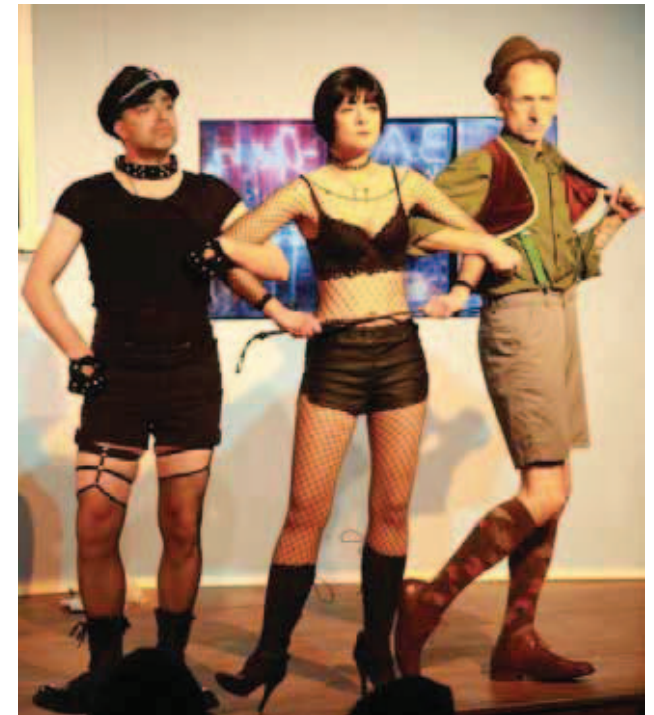
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PHOTOS COURTESY MEGAN MCQUEEN, SCAFFOLDING THEATRE COMPANY

From left, Brandon Brown, Megan McQueen and Algernon D'Amassa.



From left, Algernon D'Amassa, Megan McQueen and Brandon Brown.

## 'Five Course Love' serves up delicious performances

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

This is both a REview and a PREview of Megan McQueen's production of the Broadway musical "Five Course Love."

I was lucky enough to see the student cast (Calvin Chervinko, Xodia Choate and Juan Apodaca) during their final performance of the show on Jan. 28 at Isabel M. Crouch Readers Theatre at NMSU, and I'm looking forward to seeing the veteran cast (McQueen, Brandon Brown and Algernon D'Amassa) during their final performance of the show on Sunday, Feb. 18 at Alma d' Arte Charter High School.

Calvin, Xodia and Juan were beyond great in their portrayals of 15 different characters in five mini-musicals set in a

down-home country BBQ joint, Italian mob hangout, German brewhouse, Mexican cantina and 1950s diner.

None of the three performers is even 25 years old yet, which makes their talents as singers and actors and their onstage presence even more remarkable. That's especially true because Reader's Theatre has no stage; the actors are on the same level with the audience, and often only a foot or so from the front row. I've acted there, and the experience is both intimate and terrifying.

I can't imagine what it must have been like for Calvin, Juan and Xodia – harmonizing with each other, remembering lyrics, lines and dance steps and getting ready for a very quick costume change in a small, dark backstage area.

If these guys had any problems, I was never aware of them. The entire production – including musicians James Gier, Mark Klett and Derrick Lee – was perfection, and it's honestly one of the best shows I have ever seen.

Alas, the "kids" won't be performing the show again. But you can still see the "adult" version. It's the same show, but with MUCH older actors. (Sorry, Megan, Brandon and Algernon, but I couldn't resist that one.)

I have acted and been directed by all three. They are immensely talented and giving actors and directors and wonderful people. I've shared some of the best moments of my life – onstage and off – with them. They have all earned my greatest respect and deepest gratitude.

### 'Five Course Love' served with five-course meal

Don't have plans for Valentine's Day?

How about "Five Course Love?"

Scaffolding Theatre Company's production of the Broadway musical by Greg Coffin has a show beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Alma d' Arte Charter High School, 402 W. Court Ave.

The price for the "Five Course Love" performance and a five-course meal prepared and served by Roanna St. Clair and her Alma d' Arte culinary students is \$35 per person.

If you can't go on Valentine's Day, there will also be \$35 dinner theatre performances at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb.

16-17 at Alma.

The production's final performance will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at Alma. Tickets for that non-dinner show are \$15 general admission and \$10 for students.

All performances star Megan McQueen, Brandon Brown and Algernon D'Amassa.

For reservations (highly recommended, especially for Valentine's Day), visit [www.scaffoldingtheatrecompany.com](http://www.scaffoldingtheatrecompany.com). For more information, contact Megan McQueen at 575-646-5952.

"Five Course Love" has also played in Socorro and El Paso this year.

*Mike Cook*

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## GALLERIES & OPENINGS

### Teen Chaos Collaboration

*Through Feb. 24*  
City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department showcases teen artists at the third annual "Chaos Collaboration," an art show with music performances for teens by teens. Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 W. Bell St. Artist reception with musical performances is 5-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23. The public is invited from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, to view the art, listen to live music, watch live screen-printing and more. Info: 575-541-2454.

### The Insighters at DAAC center

*Through Feb. 28*  
Doña Ana Arts Council's Arts & Culture Center in the Bulletin Plaza, 1740-D Calle de Mercado. Exhibitors include Christina Campbell, C. C. Cunningham, Sherri Doil-Carter, Flo Dougherty, Linda Elkins, Tomi LaPierre, John Northcutt and Roy van der Aa. The collection includes paintings, collage, prints, and sculpture. Info: 575-523-6403 or www.daarts.org.

### MakeShift

*Through March 10*  
MakeShift, an exhibition put together by partner and artist duo Ramon and Christian Cardenas, who together form the artist collaborative Lxs Dos. The work is ethnographic in nature, describing the socio-cultural relations of the United States/Mexico border region

and its people. Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Hours: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday. Info: 575-541-2154, museums.las-cruces.org.

### Student art

*Through mid-March*  
More than 100 pieces of original student artwork from the Las Cruces and Gadsden Public Schools are installed in the first-floor corridors of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. The exhibit includes paintings, etchings, photographs and drawings. The artists range in age from elementary students to high-schoolers.

### Wendy Red Star

*Through March 16*  
Wendy Red Star traces the timeline of her father Wallace Red Star Jr.'s musical career from age 10 to 37 through photographs, written notes, sculpture, and sound, ending with the story of "The Maniacs," his all-Native American rock band. University Art Gallery, 1390 University Ave. Info: 575-646-2545 or uag.nmsu.edu.

### Las Cruces interactive

*Through March 17*  
An interactive community engagement exhibit, "What's Your Las Cruces?" will give visitors the opportunity to share Las Cruces photos, stories and more through questions posed at different stations. Selected images and stories will be shared and posted in the exhibit and on the museum's social media sites for public viewing

and comment. Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free: Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

### Opposites attract

*Through March 17*  
Rokoko Art Gallery, 1785 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla. Info: 575-522-5553.

### Mirage: Diary of a Visit to New Mexico

*Through March 24*  
Mirage, featuring works on paper by Ellen Wetmore of Groton, Massachusetts. Info: 575-541-2154 or las-cruces.org/museums.

### Lifetime of Art

*Through April 1.*  
An exhibit featuring the works of Las Cruces artist Connie Garcia (1950-2017) at New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Garcia began creating her artwork in the 1970s. She expressed her creativity through tile, foil, drawing, contemporary painting, cards, and more. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Info: 575-522-4100, www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

### Highsmith watercolors at Cutter

*Through April 7*  
Artist Robert Highsmith's one-man show of 25-30 new watercolors depicting the landscape of the desert Southwest, beginning March 3 at Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road. Opening reception is 1-4 p.m. March 3. Info: www.rhighsmith.com.

## FOR THE LOVE OF ART STUDIO TOURS FEB. 10-11

### NORTH VALLEY

**Flo Hosa Dougherty**  
*Watercolors, Oils, Acrylics, & Mixed Media*

Blue Gate Fine Art Gallery, 4901 Chagar Court.

On the corner of Chagar Court & Taylor Road near the intersection of North Valley-Drive & Taylor Road.

**David Jacquez**

*Folk (Santero Art)*

El Jardin de Las Cruces Art Gallery, 4010 N. Valley Drive.

From Picacho take Valley north past Mayfield High School. Gallery on right (east).

**Roy van der Aa**

*Non-Objective Mixed Media*

AA Studios, 2645 Doña Ana Road

Studio is behind house on Calle de Oro at Doña Ana Road; first street to left (west) past Pic Quik.

**Tomi LaPierre**

*Sculpture, Photography, & Mixed Media*

Tomi's Gallery, 3421 Doña Ana Road

From intersection of Alameda & Three Crosses/Doña Ana Road, go north on Doña Ana Road for 1.7 miles. Gallery (large commercial building) is on the west (left) side of road.

**Rhoda Winters, Linda Reeder-Sanchez & Linda Hagen**

*Acrylics, Pottery, Jewelry, & Bead Work*

4205 Hoffmann Drive #1  
From N. Main/Hwy. 70, turn north onto Elks Drive, go 1 mile and turn left onto Lavender Drive, then left onto Valley View Avenue, and right onto Hoffmann Drive.

**Storm Sermay & Emmitt Booher**

*Photography*

Storm Sermay Photogra-

phy, 3382 Solarridge St.

From North Main/Highway 70, go north on Del Rey Boulevard. Turn right on Mars. Follow Mars to Solarridge & turn left. Studio is 2nd house from the bottom of the street on right.

**Jean Wilkey**

*Oil Paintings*

3370 Solarridge St.

From North Main/Highway 70, go north on Del Rey Boulevard. Turn right on Mars. Follow Mars to Solarridge and turn left. House is first on right.

### EAST

**Kathy Marques**

*Oils & Watercolors*

4133 Capistrano Ave.

From Lohman, turn left onto Roadrunner, right onto Golf Club Road (by Sonoma Ranch sign), right onto Sonoma Springs, and right onto Corona del Campo. Second left will be Capistrano (studio on left).

**Jeri Desrochers, C.C. Cunningham & Gale Kaufman**

*Oil, Acrylic, Pastel Paintings*

Studio of Jeri Desrochers, 3655 Canyon Ridge Arc

From Lohman & Roadrunner go 1 block east, turn right on Paseo de Oñate. Go down the hill through 4-way stop. Turn right at second street (Canyon Ridge Arc).

**Jack LeSage**

*Watercolors, Acrylics, Pastels, & Oils*

Jack LeSage Studio & Gallery, 1829 Salinas Drive

Take University east to Desert Sand. Turn left then take a quick right onto Salinas Drive. Studio is 4th house on right after stop sign. Or from Telshor, turn on Fairway, then turn left onto Salinas. Studio is 4th

house on right.

**Lynn Unangst**

*Hand-woven Art Garments, Needlepoint GO, "Spirit Minder" Dolls, Beaded Buttons*

Casa de Puertas, 4020 Red Yucca Court

East on University/Dripping Springs, turn right on Desert Mirage Drive, then right on Red Yucca Court. Studio is on corner of Red Yucca Court and Desert Mirage Drive.

### CENTRAL/DOWNTOWN

**Ouida Touchon**

*Printmaking & Oil Paintings*

Red Door Studio, 406 Roundtree Lane

Go west on Amador, then just past Valley, turn left on Roundtree Lane, then right through gate to strip of shop (industrial) buildings. Studio near far end on left.

**Kat Ahlefeld, Laurie Churchill, Marj Leininger, Kate Fennell Carlson, Susan Feinsod & Wendy Robin Weir**

*Oils, Acrylics, Pastels, Watercolors, Colored Pencils, Fiber Arts, Glass, & Upgraded Art by Gypsy Sage Artists*

Nopalito's Galeria, 326 S. Mesquite St.

Just north of Amador.

**Leslie Toombs**

*Pastel Paintings, Mixed*

*Media, & Oils*

Painted Tree Studio, 429 Reeves Drive

West on Picacho, right on Reymond, go 2 blocks and turn right on Reeves to second house on right.

**Linda Gendall**

*Oil on Canvas*

1107 N. Reymond Street

On Alameda north of Picacho, turn left on Parker, then right on Reymond. Studio is second house on left (surrounded by adobe wall).

**Penny Duncklee**

*Watercolors, Prints, & Cards plus Books by John Duncklee*

Studio 1201, 1201 Second Street

Just west of railroad tracks on Picacho, go north on Second Street. Studio/gallery is 4th house on 3rd block on left (set back from road with solar panels on roof).

### MESILLA/SOUTH

**Deborah Moore, Chris Bardey, Cody Smith & Jose Trevino**  
*Ceramics, Sculpture, Mixed Media, Drawing, Prints, Paintings, T-shirts*

Four Points Perspective, 3405 N. Hwy 28

On corner of Hwy. 28 & Union Avenue (building with mural).

**Carol Wortner**

*Oils, Acrylics, Handmade Paper, Glass, Metal, Wood, Canvas, & Panel*

3150 McDowell

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# Visiting professor to discuss theatre around the world

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Grand Valley State University Theatre Professor Karen Libman will be at New Mexico State University in February to talk about her theatre experiences in the United States and around the world.

Libman will have a public presentation at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14 in the Mark and Stephanie Medoff Theatre of the AS-NMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave.

The event is open to the public. There is no charge to attend.

Libman served as executive secretary for the International Drama/Theatre Education Association from 2010-13, traveling around the world as an artistic ambassador. She then lived in India for five months in 2016 as a Fulbright Scholar based in the Assam province but also involved in projects in other parts of India as a Shakespeare and classical theatre scholar, theatre teacher and director.

"The opportunity to collaborate with artists from other cultures to create new forms of theatre is so exhilarating and fruitful, and has resulted in a productions and creative work that are invigorating, enlightening and aesthetically new and pleasing," Libman said. "I have become a global theatre enthusiast and am pleased to share my good fortune and experiences with the NMSU community.

"The world that we



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### Karen Libman

are living in post 9/11 is a world that is in desperate need of people who are willing to truly examine possibilities," she said. "Because of its rich, varied history and canon of literature, and especially because of its ability to empower people to express themselves creatively, reflect honestly and think critically, theatre is an important, if not vital, area of study.

"My artistic philosophy embraces the exploration of the relationships between theatre and society to reflect on the potential for such endeavors to successfully promote such goals as a heightened sense of aesthetics, cultural awareness, and social justice. Assisting others in seeing diverse viewpoints while understanding a global aesthetic is critically important to helping students live and

learn in our changing world."

"I was an actor with Karen Libman many years ago in summer stock in Indiana," said NMSU Theatre Arts Department Head Wil Kilroy, who invited Libman to Las Cruces. "It's an example of how connected theatre people become, and how keeping contacts really influences your future."

In addition to the public presentation, Libman will talk to NMSU theatre students about her theatre work in India, running a Shakespeare summer theatre, hiring union actors and storytelling.

Libman joined the theatre faculty at GVSU in 1999. Her American productions include "Oedipus," "Piano Lesson," "Metamorphoses," "Big Love," "Mother Courage and Children," "Look

Back in Anger" and "Angels in America, Part I."

She frequently directs for the Grand Valley Shakespeare, and conceived the festival's Bard to Go program, pioneering its international tours to China, Jamaica, Italy, The Dominican Republic, The Czech Republic and The Bahamas.

Libman collaborates with translator Diane Rayor on her Women in Greek Drama series, directing premieres of "Helen," "Medea" and "Antigone," the latter two subsequently published by Cambridge University Press.

She has been honored for teaching and directing excellence by the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival, Nebraska Speech Drama Association, Grand Rapids Grand Awards, American Alliance for Theatre and Education and Grand Valley Davis Center for Women and Gender Equity.

In 2010, Libman was named Michigan distinguished professor of the year by The Presidents' Council of State Universities of Michigan.

The mother of two grown children, Libman lives in Kalamazoo with her husband, historian Mitch Kachun.

For more information, call the NMSU Theatre Arts Department at 575-646-4517.

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Rehearsing a scene from Centennial High School's production of "Romeo and Juliet" are, left to right, Yasmine Schartzler as Gregory and Watch, Anna Laemmle as Sampson and Peter, and Emma Kennedy as Mercutio and Abram.

Centennial High School English and theatre teacher Darin Cabot, left, directed "Romeo and Juliet." At right is Monty Moroni, who plays Shakespeare and Friar Lawrence.



PHOTOS COURTESY CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL  
Centennial High School student Gus Sanchez as Romeo.

## CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL For Valentine's Day: 'Where art thou, Romeo?'

The theatre production class at Centennial High School is putting on the classical love story, "Romeo & Juliet" for five performances, including Valentine's Day.

Shakespeare's 420-year-old classic (first published in 1597) is directed by Centennial English and theatre teacher Darin Cabot. An accomplished actor, Cabot most recently appeared in Las Cruces Community Theatre's production of "Lend Me a Tenor."

The cast includes Gus Sanchez as Romeo and Peyton Matthews as Juliet.

Performances are 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, Saturday, Feb. 10, and Wednesday-Friday, Feb. 14-16 in the theatre at Centennial High, 1950 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

Tickets will run \$5 at the door, or \$7 for couples at the Valentine's Day performance.

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## A&amp;E EVENTS

**Photograph 51:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday Feb. 9-10; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Play playwright Anna Ziegler. Cost: \$15 regular admission, \$12 for students and seniors and \$10 for the Thursday performance. Info and reservations: 575-523-1223 or no-strings.org.

**Erotica Twenty Eighteen:** 6-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at the home of artist Dennis Lujan, 3390 Apple Cross Place. More than 100 pieces of art featuring artists from coast to coast are included in the show, which has an adult theme. Must be 18 or older. Cost: Free.

**Calista:** 8-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, NM Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Honest and raw songwriting matched with soulful vocals over the tone of a Telecaster.

**Artrageous February:** 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays, atrium of the Museum of Nature & Science, 491 North Main Street. Art appreciation.

- Feb. 10 – Creative Writing.
- Feb. 17 – Chinese New Year Celebration (at the Branigan Center).

- Feb. 24 – Artistic Influences.

**Damián Luna:** 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, NM Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Latin music with a solo guitar.

**Alison Reynolds:** 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, NM Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Playing classical pieces on cello as well as folk, pop and rock music.

**Tango dance:** 5-9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Dance and live music featuring Qtango. Cost: \$20.

**Arts seminars:** 5:30-7:30 Tuesday, Feb. 13, Doña Ana Arts Council Arts & Culture Center, 1740 Avenida de Mercado, Suite D. Kathleen Key will give a presentation titled, “New Mexico Art, Past to Present,” part of the Arts Council’s “Feed Your Mind” series. Info: Cost: \$20. Info: 575-523-6403 or www.daarts.org.

**Watoto Children’s Choir:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, NMSU’s Atkinson Recital Hall. Watoto Children’s Choir, a group of 18 orphans from Uganda, will perform a new concert,

“Signs and Wonders,” featuring worship songs that share the stories of the children. Cost: Free.

**Reading Art:** 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, Museum of Art, 491 North Main St. Reading Art Book Club will discuss the book, “The Art of Controversy: Political Cartoons and Their Enduring Power” by Victor S. Navasky. The book club meets the second Wednesday of every month.

**Art classes:** 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in February, DAAC Arts & Cultural Center in the Bulletin Plaza, 1740 Calle de Mercado, Suite D. Local artists will teach a variety of topics. Cost \$25 per class plus about \$5 for materials. Info: 575-523-6403 or www.daarts.org.

- Feb. 14, Judy Licht, painting on silk.
- Feb. 21, Pat Black, gourd painting.
- Feb. 28, Sally Quillin, pen and ink with watercolor.

**Five Course Love:** Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 14-17, Alma d’ Arte Charter High School, 402 W. Court St. Megan McQueen’s latest production returns for dinner the-

ater performances and a non-dinner performance on Sunday, Feb. 18. Info: 575-646-5952 and visit www.scaffoldingtheatre-company.com/home.html.

**Big Picture:** Friday, Feb. 16, 2001 Lohman Ave. Suite 109 in Arroyo Plaza. The Gallery at Big Picture Digital Image Experts kicks off its 2018 exhibit schedule for Love of Art Month. Info: Jim Turentine or John Turkle 575-647-0508 customer@bigpics.com.

**Rio Grande Bluegrass:** 8-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, NM Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Traditional bluegrass with fast pickin’ and tight vocal harmonies.

**Beginning photography:** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, Quillin-Stephens Gallery, behind the Coas Bookstore downtown. Mike Stephens, a photographer with over 50 years of experience, will cover the basics. Cost: \$50 for both days. Info: 575-405-6063 or illustrateu@gmail.com.

**Pencil and Pastels:** Noon-1:30 p.m. Saturdays, Mas Art, 126 S. Main St.

Classes open to adults and high-school students. Subject matter is still life and landscape. Basic assignments for beginning drawing included. Cost: \$40 for four classes. Info and supply list: Instructor Wayne Carl Huber, MFA, 575-647-5684 or wch1966@msn.com.

- Feb.17: Pencil drawing with contour line.
- Feb. 24: Pencil still life drawing.
- Mar. 3: Pastel still life drawing.
- Mar. 10: Pastel landscape drawing.

**Blake Shelton:** Country star, in concert with Trace Adkins, Brett Eldredge and Carly Pearce, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, Pan American Center. Tickets: Pan Am box office, www.vividseats.com/concerts/blake-shelton-tickets.

**Christopher Smith-Escarcega:** 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, NM Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Singer and guitarist.

**Pete Fields:** 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, NM Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Alt-country Americana blend of spirited originals.

**Authors read:** Noon Friday, Feb. 23, Doña Ana Arts Council Arts & Culture Center, 1740 Avenida de Mercado, Suite D. in honor of For the Love of Art Month, authors Winn Jacobs, Kathy Vorenberg, and Ruth Drayer. They will do brief readings and talk about the process of writing their books. Brown bag lunch welcome. Info: 575-523-6403 or www.daarts.org.

**Chris Baker:** 8-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, NM Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. A local country artist.

**Smokin’ Blue:** 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, NM Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Guitars, vocals, drums and more.

**New Horizons Symphony:** 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, NMSU Recital Hall. Spanish classical guitarist Javier Calderon, University of Wisconsin-Madison professor, will join the orchestra in the Rodrigo guitar concerto *Concierto de Aranjuez*. Cost: Free. Info: 575-521-8771 or www.nhsocruces.com.

**CD release party:** 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, NM Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Alistar M.

**Josh Grider concert:** 7 p.m. Saturday, March 3, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Country music performer and Las Cruces native will perform during the museum’s annual Cowboy Days weekend. Cost: \$19.90, children 10 and younger free. Info: 575-522-4100.

**Ballet 5:8:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, NMSU Atkinson Recital Hall. Film/dance hybrid production inspired by Nathaniel Hawthorne’s “The Scarlet Letter” comes to Las Cruces after the company’s first visit in 2015. Cost: \$25 adults; \$20 students and seniors; \$15 for children 12 and younger.



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**Arts Fair:** 5-8 p.m. Friday, March 16; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 17; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, March 18, Las Cruces Convention Center. Nancy Frost Begin, watercolor artist, crafter of contemporary folk art, printmaker and oil painter, is the featured artist of this year's Las Cruces Arts Fair, hosted by the Doña Ana Arts Council. Cost: \$10 for one adult, \$15 for two adults if purchased in advance. Children 12 and younger, free. Info: 575-523-6403, go to [www.daarts.org](http://www.daarts.org) or visit the DAAC office at 1740 Calle de Mercado, Suite B.

**Life Changes:** Tickets are on sale for Thomas Rhett's Life Changes Tour performance on Saturday, April 7 at the Pan American Center. The performance will feature special guests Brett Young and Jillian Jacqueline. Tickets: Pan American Center, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or 800-745-3000. Info: [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com)

## ONGOING

**Art classes:** Beginning adult classes are 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, My Place Jewell Studio, 132 B Wyatt Drive.. Intermediate and advanced drawing and painting classes are 1-3:30 p.m. Thursdays. Fee is \$60 for four classes. High school students welcome; 1:30-2:30 p.m. Wednesdays for children ages 7 to 12.

Fee is \$40 for four classes. Students may begin any time. Info: 575-647-5684 or [www.waynecarlhuber.com](http://www.waynecarlhuber.com).

**Art classes:** Raven Art Studio, 300 N. Main St. For adults and teens 17 and older. \$25 per session. Info: Rick Rotante, 909-233-0425.

- 10 a.m. Mondays: Drawing
- 10 a.m. Tuesdays: Oil painting
- 10 a.m. Wednesdays: Painting the human head
- 10 a.m. Thursdays: Pastel painting
- 10 a.m. Fridays: Drawing the clothed figure

**Howling Coyote:** 6 p.m. first Friday of each month following Arts Ramble, Center for Spiritual Living at 575 N. Main St. Open mic for acoustic musicians, songwriters, storytellers and poets. Signup for performers is at 6:30 p.m., performances starting at 7 p.m. Info: Melody Burns 575-525-9333.

**Las Colcheras Quilt Guild:** 6:30 p.m. third Monday of the month, American Legion Post 10 Hall, 1185 Madrid Ave. Meetings consist of brief business announcements, a program, show-and-tell and door prizes. The guild offers quilt lessons, community service opportunities, sew-ins, an active outreach program and a biennial quilt show. Info: Linnea Egbert at 575-521-0521, [linneanfce@aol.com](mailto:linneanfce@aol.com) or visit [www.lcqq.org](http://www.lcqq.org).

*Please send your art event announcements to editor@lascrucesbulletin.com by Thursday at least one week prior to the desired publication date.*

## CALL TO ARTISTS

**All media show:** The Las Cruces Museum of Art, in collaboration with the University Art Gallery, NMSU, seeks submissions for Here and Now, a regional exhibition to feature art in all media. The exhibition will be presented by the Museum of Art and the University Art Gallery May 11 through July 21, 2018. Online submissions will be accepted through March 30. Info: <https://uag.nmsu.edu/hereandnow/>.

**Artist-in-residence:** Friends of Organ Mountains Desert Peaks and Bureau of Land Management announce a call to artists to apply for the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument artist-in-residence program to take place May 1-31. Entries must be received via email on or before Feb. 28. Details and application materials at: <http://organmountainsdesertpeaks.org/artist-in-residence/> Info: Brenda Gallegos 575-323-1423 or email [brenda@organmntn-friends.org](mailto:brenda@organmntn-friends.org).

**LCCT seeks one-act plays:** Las Cruces Com-

munity Theatre seeks submissions for its 2018 One Act Play Festival to be held Friday-Sunday, April 13-15, at LCCT, 313 N. Main St. Deadline for play submissions is Tuesday, Feb. 15. Info: [www.lcctnm.com](http://www.lcctnm.com).

**Second Saturdays:** Artists and artisans who want to open their studios to the public once a month and join a new informal group, Second Saturday Open Studios. The idea is to increase public awareness of Las Cruces-area artists. There's no fee, and studios don't have to participate every month. Info: Kathleen at 828-467-9060 or [kdarts2u@gmail.com](mailto:kdarts2u@gmail.com).

**Talent competition:** Mesilla Valley Rotary Club is looking for talented young people to compete in its annual Mesilla Valley's Got Talent Youth Talent Competition. The event will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Sponsorship opportunities are available at the producer, executive producer, director, screen writer and assistant director levels, and range from \$100 to

\$2,000 or more. Info: 575-644-4609 or [aklobby@gmail.com](mailto:aklobby@gmail.com), or Clayton Albright at 480-233-5820 or [clayton.exitlc@gmail.com](mailto:clayton.exitlc@gmail.com). Visit [www.mvrtalentshow.com](http://www.mvrtalentshow.com).

**Teen Chaos Collaboration:** City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department seeks teen artists to submit their artwork for the third annual "Chaos Collaboration," an art show with music performances for teens by teens, aimed at bringing a fresh perspective to local culture. Exhibit will be Feb. 23-24, Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 W. Bell St. Artist reception with musical performances will be 5-9 p.m. Feb. 23. The public is invited from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, to view the art, listen to live music, watch live screen-printing and more. Info: 575-541-2454.

**Tombaugh seeks submissions:** The Tombaugh Gallery calls for submissions from artists

within a 300-mile radius of Las Cruces for 2019 exhibitions. Non-traditional media or subject matter is welcome. Submissions, postmarked by April 1. Applicants will be notified by May 1 and show dates will be discussed. Artists who prefer to send an electronic submission may contact Judy Licht at [jelicht@gmail.com](mailto:jelicht@gmail.com) for instructions. Address submissions to Judy Licht, Committee Chairperson, c/o Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, P.O. Box 7749, Las Cruces, NM 88006. Gallery Website: [www.uuchurchlc.org/2011/10/tombaugh-art-gallery](http://www.uuchurchlc.org/2011/10/tombaugh-art-gallery).

**Winter festival:** Beverly Hills Hall & Cantina is looking for art vendors, body-painting artists, antique vendors, tattoo artists, auto mural artists and food vendors for its first Winter Wine and Beer Festival to be held Feb. 24. Cost: \$50 or \$25 and a silent auction item. Info: Victor Perez at 575-621-9164.

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<p><b>Saturday, Feb. 17 1, Claude Monet 1:30 &amp; 4:30 only!</b></p>	
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# 'The Odyssey' opens for two-week run at NMSU

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

With a cast of New Mexico State University theatre arts students and community members, NMSU's production of "The Odyssey" opens with a special 5:30 p.m. preview performance Thursday, Feb. 15.

The show continues through Sunday, Feb. 25 at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave.

The NMSU production is theatre and opera director and playwright Mary Zimmerman's adaptation of the epic Greek poem written by Homer, probably near the end of the eighth century BC, the ancient coastal region of Ionia in

present-day Turkey.

The play is directed by NMSU's award-winning theatre arts Assistant Professor Larissa Lury.

"I first started thinking about directing 'The Odyssey' when I was working on a play called 'Grounded,' by George Brant," Lury said.

"Grounded" is about an RPA pilot who struggles to separate war from home, she said. "The Odyssey" strikes a familiar theme.

"The Odyssey" is largely a story about a man trying to return home after years at war," Lury said. "That journey is not just a physical one, but a psychological one as well. The more I dove into the story, the more I began thinking



**NMSU Theatre Arts Department Assistant Professor Larissa Lury**

about how Odysseus' tale speaks to the many ways in which we find ourselves needing to find, carve or invent a way 'home' when home as we know it has been shaken, and also the responsibility we share to help those around us find their way to a sense of home.

"There is an ancient Greek custom of welcoming and help-

ing strangers, since one never knows if a stranger might be a god in disguise. Odysseus would never be able to make it home if it were not for the kindness, hospitality and bravery of those who help him along the way. In the context of our current refugee and migration crisis, that theme rings out throughout the play."

Lury said Zimmerman's adaptation of Homer's work "combines the stunning poetry of the epic, as translated by Robert Fitzgerald, with a contemporary sensibility. It tows an exciting line between honoring the original and an effective and playful spirit of irreverence."

Lury's cast includes

18 actors who play more than 50 human and animal characters, including lotus eaters, enchanted animals, cyclopes, Zeus, Odysseus, Hera and Calypso.

"This is a big ensemble cast," she said. "The play demands a lot from them: physical feats like creating the feeling of flying through the air or moving as a giant sea monster, inventive imaginations, engaging storytelling abilities and truthful, honest acting. This group has jumped into it all with daring and enthusiasm. The process is very collaborative, and it's been exciting to build off of what each individual is bringing into the room.

"As usual, the design-

ers and technicians in our department have taken the challenges of this epic by storm and are coming up with ideas that are evocative of the themes of the production, help us tell the story of moving across the sea from place to place, and which come to life through the actors' engagement with them. This is not the kind of design that provides a pretty picture alone, but instead, interacts in a very hands-on way with the performers to help tell the story."

For more information, visit [www.nmsutheatre.com/201718\\_odyssey.php](http://www.nmsutheatre.com/201718_odyssey.php).

*Mike Cook may be reached at [mike@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:mike@lascrucesbulletin.com).*



## Baile del Día de San Valentín

**CUÁNDO:** Sábado, Febrero 17, 2018

**DÓNDE:** Munson Senior Center  
975 S. Mesquite St.

**HORARIO:** 5:00—7:00 pm

**COSTO DE ENTRADA: \$3.00**

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## Valentine's Day Dance

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 17, 2018

**WHERE:** Munson Senior Center  
975 S. Mesquite St.

**TIME:** 5:00—7:00 pm

**ENTRY FEE: \$3.00**

Purchase your ticket the week of the dance at the Munson Center.



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A combination of NMSU theatre students and community actors perform in the NMSU Theatre Arts Department's upcoming production of "The Odyssey."

# Innovative animator to be featured at film festival

## Ralph Bakshi's career has routinely left a trail of dust

By **ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Ralph Bakshi created the full-length animated film "Wizards" (1977) to prove that adult animation wasn't all about sex and violence. That was only five years after he created "Fritz the Cat" (1972), the first adult animated film, X-rated, which was all about sex and a bit about violence.

But that's Bakshi, regardless of the consequences.

Bakshi will receive the Outstanding Achievement in Animation Award during the 2018 Las Cruces International Film Festival presented by New Mexico State University March 7-11. LCIFF will screen his films "Wizards" at 5 p.m. and "American Pop" at 7 p.m. Friday, March 9, at the Allen Theatres Cineport 10, followed by a question and answer session.

Born in 1938 in Palestine, Bakshi was taken to the U.S. as a small child. As a boy in Brooklyn, it was all about the Sunday comics.

"When I was 14 or 15, the comic strips in the Sunday papers were a big deal, I couldn't get enough," Bakshi said. "Then I made the decision to go to art school. It all started when I wanted to be a cartoonist."

He attended the High School of Art and Design and followed that with a career start at Ter-

rytoons, for 10-12 years. He animated 95 episodes of "The Deputy Dawg Show."

Then Bakshi made a change and never looked back.

"Fritz (the Cat)' brought me to Hollywood, but I was perfectly happy before that," he said. "That was the thing that made a huge difference, the decision to do something other than what (the mainstream) was doing. I got yelled at a lot. It (departing from the norm) wasn't the easiest thing to do in those days. I'm not sure that it's easy today."

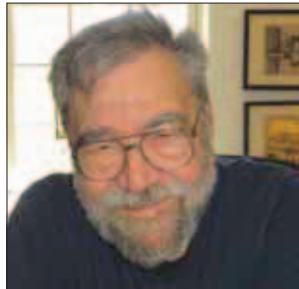
The artist in Bakshi, who turns 80 this year, hardly relates to today's need to conform, as in collecting "Likes" on Facebook.

"If you are going to do animation, it doesn't matter what everyone else is doing. You should do what you want to do."

Bakshi was creating, directing, writing animated stories and processing them before computers did the work.

"It was all done by hand," he said. "But how you do it wasn't the issue. What you choose to do is more important than how. The computer is not any better or worse. I don't see that hand drawn is any better than today."

Bakshi is the creator behind HBO's "Spicy City," the first animated series for adults, and



Ralph Bakshi

### Las Cruces International Film Festival

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voiced three of the characters. The series ended after six episodes when HBO wanted to replace Bakshi's writers and Bakshi said no.

"The studio wanted to hire LA writers," he said. Bakshi was introduced to New Mexico through his friendship with World War II cartoonist Bill Mauldin. Mauldin, two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, hailed from High Rolls Mountain Park in the Sacramento Mountains.

"He was one of my idols," Bakshi said.

Bakshi occasionally lectures at New Mexico State University's Creative Arts



COURTESY ILLUSTRATION

Film festival featured animator Ralph Bakshi creates characters on his easel from his studio near Silver City.

Institute, for which he has the utmost admiration.

"They are doing tremendous work there. It is sensational. They started with nothing and now are at the top of the line for animation. It's a great environment out here in the West."

Bakshi lives on a mountain, on the edge of a national park, in the wilderness. In 40 minutes he can be in Silver City.

"I love every minute. No cars. No traffic. It's amazing. I always wanted to drive my pickup truck with a dust trail rising behind me."

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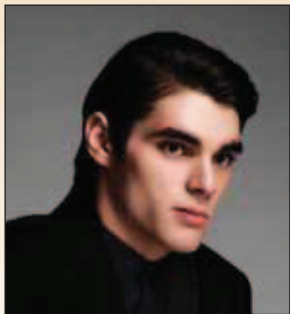
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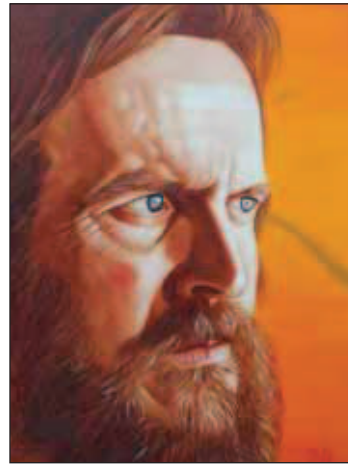
## Artist of the Year



Long-time Las Cruces artist and teacher Sherry Doil-Carter was honored as ArtForms Artist Association of New Mexico artist of the year at the nonprofit's 20th anniversary gala on Friday, Feb. 2 at Alma d' Arte Charter High School. "It's what I do, it's who I am," Carter said as she accepted the award. The gala included a buffet and live entertainment by Randy Granger and Alison Reynolds.

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## 'See You, See Me'

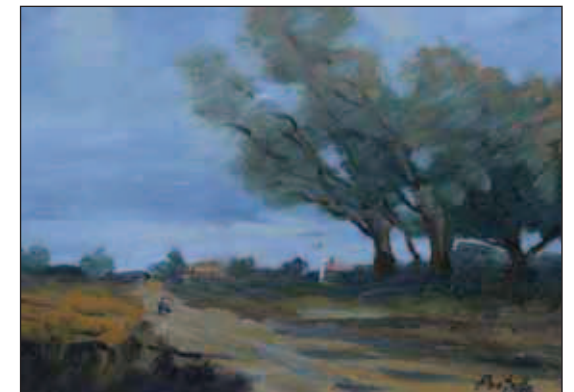


Bob Diven, "Self Portrait"

Artist Bob Diven presents a solo exhibition of his realistic oil portraits of women, a collection of self-portraits, and life-sized "dimensional cartoons" at Four Points Perspective Gallery, 3405 S. Hwy. 28 at Union Avenue, in February and March. "See You, See Me" opens with an artist's reception at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10. Diven has been a professional visual artist for almost 40 years. Four Points Perspective is a studio and gallery space housing Chris Bardey's Crooked Man Press, Deborah Moore's Studio 1060, and Nico Sanchez's Spirit Bear Massage. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Sunday or by appointment. Contact Cody Smith at 575-621-1387 or [FourPointsPerspective@gmail.com](mailto:FourPointsPerspective@gmail.com).

## Masters at work

A reception will be held 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, to celebrate "For the Love of Art" month. For the artists' "My Masterpiece" contest, artists pay tribute to their favorite artist. With clues provided, a contest sheet will be provided visitors to match the artwork with the famous artist the work emulates. The person with the most correct answers will win a \$50 gift certificate from La Posta restaurant in Mesilla. The exhibit continues through Feb. 28. All "Masterpieces" will be for sale. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 575-522-2933.



Yvonne Postelle, "My Masterpiece"

# 'MakeShift': Mysteries revealed and hidden on the border

By **ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Lxs Dos, two artists working together, have created a telling, thoughtful exhibit in "Make-Shift," currently on display at the Branigan Cultural Center.

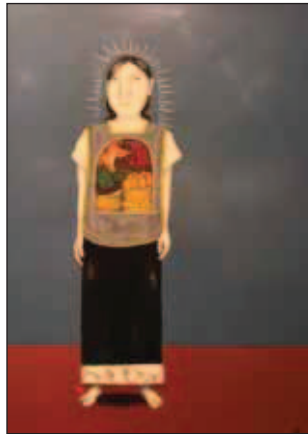
Ramon and Christian Cardenas create their art by observing people and relationships in the U.S./Mexico border region.

The pieces, mostly type-cast portraits of imaginary community members, shift from one impression to another as the view looks deeper into the acrylic, spray paint and ink creation. The exhibit questions socio/economic structures and reveals what lies in plain sight that we miss.

"El Semilla/The Seed" depicts a ranch worker, but the field he stands in is cactus. In his hands is a house with people and

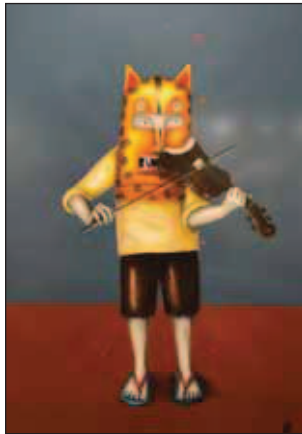


"El Carnicero/The Butcher" is made with acrylic, spray paint and ink on paper and is made available courtesy of the artists, Ramon and Christian Cardenas.



"Tres Veces Migrante/Migrant Three Times" is made with acrylic, spray paint and ink on paper and is part of the collection of Gustavo Reveles.

a cat in the windows; and a garden and solar panels on the roof. Is the house



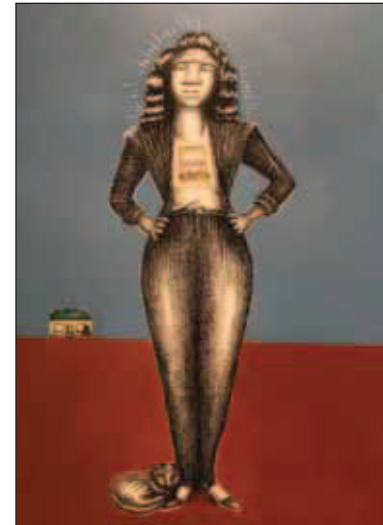
"Los Huapangos/Violin" is made with acrylic, spray paint and ink on paper and is part of the collection of Octavio Dominguez.

the seed? What does his tattoo mean? Is that a locust on his hat?

Every element in these paintings has a meaning. Every meaning is different depending on your language and heritage.

"Tres Veces Migrante/Migrant Three Times" depicts a woman, a Mexican Indian, perhaps Tarahumara. She stands in simple but some kind of traditional clothing. On the front of her is a window to inside, depicting abundance – fruit, a pig eating something green (or throwing it up), sausage and more. Around her head is light, depicted like many images of the virgin or saints are

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"La Pachula" is made with acrylic, spray paint and ink on paper and is part of the collection of Paul Ro and Marina Monsivais.



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"El Puesto/The Post/The Store" is a mixed media installation and a collaboration build with Nómada Laboratorio Urbano.

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painted. So many questions float to the top with this deceptively simple image.

Each of these paintings – "La Pacuh-ula," "Journalista/Journalist," "Ciudadodes Hermanas/Sister Cities (night)," "El Carnicero/The Butcher," and so on – is as complex and storied as a book. So, though there are not a vast quantity of them, they could take some time to read thoroughly.

Another element of the exhibit, a storefront called "El Puesto/The Post/The Store," is a mixed media installation and multiplies the messages with windows and signs and strange things on shelves. It makes you want to shop there and run away screaming at the same time.

Time spent puzzling over this bright and complex exhibit is time well spent. The exhibit is on display through March 10.

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# 'Crooked House': Who done it? Who cares?

By **JEFF BERG**

For the Bulletin

Spoiler alert.

Colonel Mustard, with a beer bottle, in the garage.

That's kind of what this film feels like, is a giant game of "Clue."

Curious that this film is playing at the Fountain Theatre this week, since it appears it was never released to theaters upon its initial release late last year.

The Website, Box Office Mojo, doesn't show any figures a'tall and it is available on Amazon Video on the cheap.

Based on an Agatha Christie novel, this being one of more than 150 films or television shows based on her work, and with a somewhat stellar cast that includes Glen Close and Terrence Stamp, "Crooked House" offers up a dark and mysterious story, albeit one without much spark.

Opening with a shot of a rather large hypodermic needle, which is about to be used on the victim of the plot, we are soon introduced to spy-turned-detective Charles Hayward, who has been hired by Sophia to investigate the possible murder of her grandfather, said target of the needle.

He arrives at the

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massive estate of the Leonides family and, of course, everyone is a suspect. The house must have a terrible aura about it, as everyone within is ravaged by hate, jealousy, and of course greed. As Hayward interrogates each, he really doesn't learn much except for the fact that the rich aren't happy, perhaps most especially Close's character, Lady Edith, who spends much of her day patrolling the lawns of the estate with a shotgun, trying to rid it of gophers. Perhaps she should meet Bill Murray's character from "Caddy Shack," who also had a rodent vendetta.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, we soon learn that Charles and Sophia were once lovers, which kind of puts a crimp in the film, since the backstory is rather uninvolved. It really has nothing to do with the story's end, so one might scratch one's head as to why so much time is

spent on it.

The editing is annoying, and the musical score is ponderous and tries to be too revealing while not be revealing at all. Although the screenplay is well written, the end product is a result of a lot of secrets and is probably not one you will know unless you've read Christie's book.

More mirth could have been added, such as that at a dinner scene, which makes for some good material for the Leonides' to take aim at each other, but all in all, this is just a rather humdrum murder mystery.

Several more of Christie's works might be on the screen soon, including another remake of "Death on the Nile" (which, to my amusement, has also been a video game) and "Witness for the Prosecution."

Let's hope that they are a bit more intriguing rather than handsomely played.

Oh, and it wasn't Colonel Mustard, it was Miss Peach in the foyer, with a monkey wrench...

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tist Church, 1800 Locust St.  
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- 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, spirit dance
- 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Single Parents Support Group
- 1:30-3 p.m. first Friday and 5-7 p.m. third Friday of the month, shamanic drumming and meditation
- 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, A Course in Miracles discussion.

**Codependents Anonymous:** Meetings are 7-8 p.m. Mondays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave., Room 107. CoDA is a 12-step program that focuses on learning to nurture ourselves. We let go of unhealthy rescuing behavior and focus on

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**Cowboys for Christ:** Non-denominational outreach organization seeks volunteers to coordinate Christian fellowship to assist those in need. Info and requests: [benzo@live.com](mailto:benzo@live.com).

## Rare MLK recording to be offered

Temple Beth-El and the local chapter of the NAACP are partnering to present a Black History Month program that will include listening to a rare recording of a speech made by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. not available anywhere else.

The program, "Then and Now: A Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Historic Speech," takes place from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave. It includes listening to a rare recording of a speech made by Dr. King at Temple Emanuel in Worcester, Massachusetts, March 12, 1961. The moving speech has not been made available on any other known database of Dr. King's



speeches.

The presentation will also include a choral presentation by the NMSU gospel choir, welcoming remarks by Temple Beth-El Rabbi Larry Karol and NAACP-Doña Ana

County President Curtis Rosemond, a presentation by Temple member Frances Williams and how she came into possession of the audiotape of the speech. Dr. Jamie Bronstein will present a con-

text for the 1961 speech, and a panel will offer comments and reaction.

An open discussion will follow. The community is invited to participate. There is no admission for the event.

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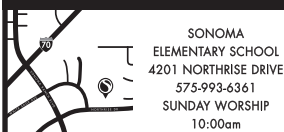
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# New gym in town equipping for grand opening

BY MICHAEL SCANLON

For the Bulletin

A new Las Cruces fitness center will open in April, taking over most of the El Paseo Road space formerly occupied by the Pro's Ranch Market grocery store.

A California franchisee of Crunch Fitness has been busy reconfiguring the space, updating the interior and adding restrooms, showers, a classroom for a variety of fitness instruction and more.

In step with the current trend in fitness centers, Crunch Fitness will enforce a “no judgment” policy for people who pursue fitness programs in the gym, said Las Cruces general manager Keith Smith.

“That automatically implies that you belong with us,” Smith said at the now-open sales office a couple of doors south of the gym in the strip center at El Paseo Road and Wyatt Drive.

“The hardest thing anyone can do is walk through the gym doors for the first time,” Smith said. “We ask people when they come in, ‘What are your goals?’ If we can help people really see the results they want, they’re going to stay forever.”

Crunch fitness will have all the usual cardio exercise and weight-training machines, along with free-weights and other equipment. It also will offer classes in yoga, Pilates, aerobics, dance and more.



Keith Smith, general manager of the new Crunch Fitness in Las Cruces, points to the functional training area as he shows a floor plan of the new gym, which is expected to open in April. A grand opening event will be held May 5 – Cinco de Mayo.

“We revolve around classes and personal training,” Smith said. “We’re very relationship-oriented.”

Crunch Fitness also offers online classes for those who prefer to work out at home.

There’s also an area of the gym dedicated to “functional training,” where gym-goers can climb stairs to a “bridge,”

carrying a 10-pound weight in each hand, walk across the bridge and down the stairs on the other side, loop around and do it over and over again. The idea for that and other programs is strengthen parts of the body that aren’t exercised with machines.

“Everyone knows machines,” Smith said. “These are the basics –

just biologically what we are designed to do.”

Smith worked in Los Angeles and requested the move to Las Cruces because he has enjoyed previous visits to New Mexico. “I truly love it here,” Smith said. “The people are remarkable.”

Crunch Fitness has locations throughout California with others scattered across Texas,

Arizona, Colorado and elsewhere, he said.

The company’s website for Las Cruces – [www.crunch.com/locations/las-cruces](http://www.crunch.com/locations/las-cruces) – lists introductory prices ranging from \$9.95 a month to \$29.95 a month, and those are subject to change as the opening date approaches, Smith said. As of Feb. 1, about 1,000 people had signed up. People who sign up for

membership at the introductory rates will lock those in for as long as they remain members of the gym.

Member services representative Nigel Lopez said he went to work for Crunch Fitness because he liked the company culture.

“What’s cool about this is that you’re really able to speak with people at the corporate level,” Lopez said. “I came over here because I thought it would be a really cool place. I interviewed with the vice president.”

The company signed the lease on the space in January 2017 and is just now getting close to opening.

“We take a lot of time moving into a new market because we don’t want to make a mistake,” Smith said.

No firm date has been set for the gym to open, but it will be sometime in April, he said.

“We were originally slated to open in May, but we are a little bit ahead of schedule,” Smith said. “We’re still having our grand opening on Cinco de Mayo.” To him, that makes perfect sense.

“It’s a holiday and the timing is perfect,” he said. “It’s the beginning of summer, it’s a Saturday. It gave us time to come in and set everything up. This parking lot – we’re going to turn it into a giant party.”

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BULLETIN PHOTO BY MICHAEL SCANLON

# New Mexico graduation rate an embarrassment

What does New Mexico and Washington, D.C. have in common? Not much you might think. Cowboys vs. lobbyists; arroyos vs. back alleys; deserts vs. urban canyons. But one thing they have in common

is being dead last in high school graduation rates at 69 percent.

That the next generation will be more prosperous than the previous is the essence of the "American Dream." Graduation from high school has been and remains an essential element in achieving this dream. New Mexico is failing its children. Our low high school graduation rate more than anything else explains why New Mexico is falling behind.

Growing wage differentials between high school graduates and drop outs have made a high school degree even more important. The real wage of high school dropouts has declined since 1970, while those of skilled workers have increased. Currently, the rate of return on a high school degree compared to dropping out is approximately 50 percent.

The dropout rate is contributing to economic inequality. There is an increase gap in the wages earned by high school graduates compared to dropouts and an increase gap between high school and college graduates. Dropouts earn less; college grads earn more. Education contributes to inequality.

One issue that isn't often fully appreciated is that the official high school graduation rate includes those who



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complete a GED. There is more and more evidence suggesting that the GED provides no economic value. That is, a GED is not a substitute for a high school degree in terms of earning power.

Nationally, about 8 percent of new "high school" graduates are recipients of a GED. We don't have a comparable figure for New Mexico, but we do know that a higher percentage of the New Mexico population takes the GED.

Targeted high quality early childhood programs can go a long way to help solve New Mexico's education problems. Carefully done studies of these programs find a return on investment from birth-to-five programs if 17 percent.

One of the main reasons for this high rate of return is improved high school graduation rates. These programs are effective because they supplement the environment of children from economically disadvantaged homes.

Birth-to-5 programs are expensive, but focusing on cost only misses the point. The benefits more than recoup the price. Society benefits from increased productivity. The individual children benefit from a better life and entry into the middle class.

New Mexico has the resources to fund early childhood programs, which are the permanent funds. The reluctance of the state to make these funds available escapes me. We are last in graduation rates. We know a policy that works.

Birth-to-5 programs can equalize the disadvantage imposed on children by poverty. In this way they exemplify the American Dream, opening up to all.

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Las Cruces  
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Monthly Member Highlight



Washington Federal has been part of the LCHBA since April 2017. The Las Cruces Home Builders Association demonstrates true value of a committed association. Being a part of the association, is like being a member of the family. The LCHBA takes care of its community and strives to make Mesilla Valley the best place to live. Our membership with the LCHBA is important for our business!

# Arrowhead Center to send entrepreneur to global summit

By **LAUREN GOLDSTEIN**

For the Bulletin

Arrowhead Center at New Mexico State University is sending one competitive entrepreneur to compete at the Global Agripreneurs Summit in Istanbul, Turkey, in April 2018. Arrowhead was selected as the only location in the United States to hold a competition as part of the Future Agro Challenge.

Summit participants will meet world-class investors and mentors, engage with potential customers, gain access to new market opportunities, and command media attention. Previous finalists have received investment

from celebrities such as Ashton Kutcher, while others have managed to secure up to \$15 million within three years of the event.

Arrowhead's exclusive hosting opportunity grew from its AgSprint accelerator program sponsored by the New Mexico Gas Company and U.S. Economic Development Administration. AgSprint ventures received five months of customized support tailored to each entrepreneurial team's unique path to business development and financial success. The program culminated in AgAssembly, a conference held at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum

in August 2017, which brought together an exceptional statewide coalition in agribusiness and local talent in agricultural entrepreneurship.

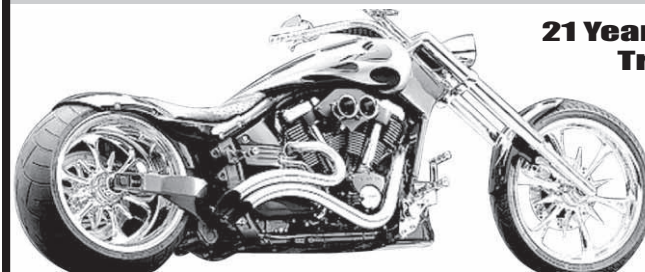
To capitalize on the momentum of the AgSprint accelerator and the visibility of AgAssembly, co-founders of Future Agro Challenge contacted AgSprint program director Zetdi Sloan to host a competition for entrepreneurs to compete at the global summit.

To select a summit participant, Arrowhead Center hosted a six-minute pitch contest between entrepreneur contestants from across the U.S.,

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# New Mexico BLM tops oil and gas lease sales

## BULLETIN REPORT

In advancing the Trump Administration's goals of promoting America's energy independence, Bureau of Land Management state offices in 2017 generated nearly \$360 million from oil and gas lease sales, an 86 percent increase over the previous year's \$192.5 million.

According to a BLM news release, the BLM manages more than 245

million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska.

BLM New Mexico had the largest sale of the year, generating approximately \$130.9 million in bonus bids on Sept. 7, while a BLM Wyoming sale on Feb. 7, generated \$128.9 in bonus bids.

A bonus bid is a one-time payment in exchange for exclusive access to explore a parcel and grants an

exclusive lease for a set period of time.

The BLM awards oil and gas leases for a term of 10 years, or longer if there is production of oil and gas in paying quantities. Fifty percent of the revenue from lease sales goes to the state where the oil and gas activity is occurring, while the rest goes to the U.S. Treasury.

The BLM says it is a key contributor to the Trump Administration's America

First Energy Plan, an all-of-the-above approach that includes oil and gas, coal, strategic minerals and renewable sources such as wind, geothermal, and solar – all of which can be developed on public lands.

"Oil and gas lease sales on public land directly support domestic energy production and the president's energy dominance and job growth priorities for America," said Deputy Secretary of the Interior David

Bernhardt. "2017 was a big year for oil and gas leasing on federal lands, and these sales provide critical revenue and job growth in rural America. We will continue to work into the next year to identify and modify unnecessary regulations that impede responsible energy development."

Sales in 2017 were the highest since 2008.

"These results are hard proof that our sound energy policy is work-

ing for both public lands and Americans in terms of reliable power and job growth opportunities," said Brian Steed, BLM Deputy Director for Policy and Programs. "Going into the new year, we remain committed to an era of American energy dominance through our multiple-use mission that ensures opportunities for commercial, recreational, and conservation activities on healthy and productive public lands."

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juried by a panel of investment and industry experts. Two competitors stood out among the crowd. Runner-up Rocky Mountain Micro Ranch is a Denver-based startup that farms crickets

and grubs, and produces cricket protein powder and other edible products. RMMR is a powerhouse in the alternative proteins movement, who previously participated in AgSprint and AgAssembly.

The winner of the competition, WISRAN, is a

San José –based agtech company that provides action-based business and process intelligence to live farming. Coverage areas of WISRAN's technology include heavy farm equipment, farm logistics optimization, connected farms, and farm management

software.

All pitch contest applicants received Arrowhead support in the form of business model and pitch advising.

"I'm looking forward to competing in Turkey and meeting global leaders in the field," Lodhi said. "I learned through the process that Turkey has a large farming market, so I'm also looking forward

to receiving feedback there and exploring a potential market opportunity."

The 2018 Global Agripreneurs Summit and competition will attend to the hottest industry trends emerging in the field, such

as blockchain, gene editing, transparency, personal nutrition, Big Data and AI.

*Lauren Goldstein writes for New Mexico State University and may be reached at 575-646-5069 or poet@ad.nmsu.edu*



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## Labor secretary pleased with January jobs report

### BULLETIN REPORT

U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta issued the following statement Feb. 1 regarding the January 2018 Employment Situation report:

"Our strong economy continues to grow, as 200,000 new jobs were added in January 2018. Since Election Day 2016, American job creators have added 2,553,000 new jobs. The unemployment rate remains at a 17-year low of 4.1 percent. Job growth in construction was strong in January, with 36,000 new jobs created.

"January saw the third consecutive monthly rise in the wage growth rate, with a 2.9 percent 12-month increase in average hourly

earnings. December 2017 wage growth rate was revised up to 2.7 percent; November 2017 was 2.5 percent. This may be the start of a welcome trend in wage gains, and marks the highest percentage increase in average hourly earnings since 2009. Average hourly earnings data excludes bonuses.

"The reaction to the president's landmark tax reform law has been overwhelmingly positive. Job creators across the nation have announced billions of dollars in bonuses, higher wages and new benefits for employees. Many have also announced new investments in facilities and equipment. All of this is welcome news."



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## APA receives donation for spay/neuter services

### BULLETIN REPORT

ACTion Programs for Animals (APA) has received \$30,000 from PetSmart Charities, the largest funder of animal welfare in North America, to help fund the organization's spay and neuter efforts in Doña Ana County.

According to an APA news release, the donation will help APA work with volunteer support from the Coalition for Pets and People to spay and neuter 500 cats.

APA is an animal welfare organization seeking to reduce the number of unwanted animals impounded and euthanized at the municipal shelter. More than 3,300 animals have been rescued since May 2012, according to the release.

"Thanks to the generous funding from PetSmart Charities, we will be able to increase that number by spaying and neutering hundreds of cats," said APA Executive Director Michel Meunier.

PetSmart Charities, Inc. is a nonprofit animal welfare organization that finds homes for almost 500,000 shelter pets each year through its in-store adoption program in all PetSmart stores across the U.S. and Puerto Rico. For the past 14 years, it has received a Four Star Rating from Charity Navigator, an independent organization that reports on the effectiveness, accountability and transparency of nonprofits.

Visit [www.petsmart-charities.org](http://www.petsmart-charities.org).

## Tips on coping with a loss of a pet

### BULLETIN REPORT

The loss of a pet can bring as much grief as the loss of some human friends and family members.

"When we lose a pet, we lose a relationship unlike any other," says Ken Dolan-Del Vecchio ([www.greengateleadership.com](http://www.greengateleadership.com)), a family therapist and author of "The Pet Loss Companion: Healing Advice From Family Therapists Who Lead Pet Loss Groups."

"Many of us love our pets the way we love our children. But in the immediate aftermath of this unique loss, too often family members and friends say things like, 'Just get another one.' Instead of devaluing your grief over the loss of this important relationship, as others may advise, embrace your sorrow. Your grief is important, for it will lead you to healing and teach you important things about what mat-

ters most in life."

Dolan-Del Vecchio offers these tips for those grieving the loss of a pet:

- *Share your grief with empathetic friends.* Spend time with people who understand your closeness with your pet. Be careful to avoid "get over it" types of people.

- *Attend a pet loss support group.* Pet loss groups provide a concentrated dose of social support.

- *Keep moving.* Exercise is a healer. It boosts feelings of well-being and calm, improves sleep and

brightens your mood.

- *Be creative.* Whether you lean toward writing, scrapbooking, ceramics, photography or making collages, creative projects may contribute to healing.

- *Spend time in nature.* Nothing quiets the mind and soul like a stroll through a park, nature preserve or by the seashore. "The natural world brings special benefits when your heart has been torn by grief," Dolan-Del Vecchio says. "This experience brings solace to many people."

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ASCMV is open from noon to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday; noon to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Info: 575-382-0018.

### Off-site adoption events

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- PetCo: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday, 3050



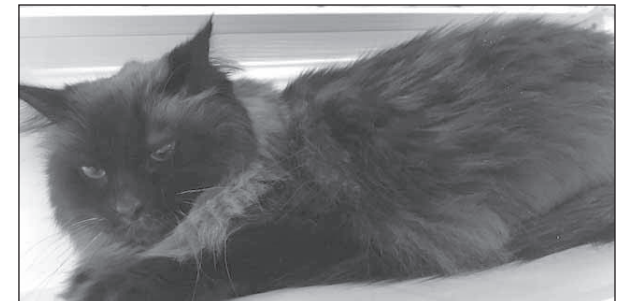
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- Ashley's Home Furniture: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, 3299 Del Rey Blvd.
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Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity volunteers are, left to right, Malcolm Mac" Fell, Kurt Newton, Tony Campbell and Michael Ash.



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Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity Care-A-Vanners join hands for an early-morning devotional before starting work on a house.

## Care-A-Vanners travel so that others feel at home

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

They're called Care-A-Vanners.

They travel in their RVs to Las Cruces and other cities to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, building homes – 275 homes last year alone.

Some have been coming to Las Cruces almost since the Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity (MVHH) program started 30 years ago.

MVHH has built 111 homes in Las Cruces, including five now under construction on Aurora Star Court. Qualifying

homeowners are selected based on economic need, ability to pay their share of the costs and willingness to help with the construction, MVHH Executive Director Maria Vasquez said.

In Las Cruces, Care-A-Vanners spend their leisure time visiting golf courses and the city's vast trail system. They attend live theatre productions.

Among them:

### The physical therapist

The T-shirt Kurt Newton is wearing during one of his volunteer building days in Las Cruces in January says it all: "A

world where everyone has a decent place to live."

A native of Trinidad, Colorado, Newton has traveled to Las Cruces each winter since 2010 to volunteer with MVHH. The retired physical therapist has also logged thousands of air and ground miles building homes elsewhere in the U.S. and in Cambodia, Poland, Hungary, Kyrgyzstan and Zambia. He returned from his latest building project in Vietnam in December.

The one-room, 15-by-20-foot, brick home he helped build in Cambodia in 2012 is centered around six pillars, with a corrugated

metal roof, and has shutters – but no glass – for the windows. The house is one of about 30 percent in the country that connects to a nearby toilet. The total cost of materials for the project was \$2,500.

In a Nicaraguan fishing village, Newton helped build three six-by-16-foot cement-block houses. Each has two windows, two doors and a sheet-metal roof. The woman who got one house – and pays its mortgage – was particularly thrilled with the indoor cement walls, Newton remembers, be-



Care-A-Vanners at work in the garage of a house Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity is now building on Aurora Star Court in Las Cruces.

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## All alone? Give yourself a Valentine's Day regardless

Did a "Valentine" stand you up this year? Rather than feel sorry for yourself, think positive. The night's yours. You can do whatever you want. No messing around as to what to wear, what gift to buy, or where to dine. You can don ratty sweatpants and binge on Netflix, listen to favorite music or read a page turner, all from your recliner. And – you can indulge on your own sweet nibbles without sharing a bite. Heart-breaking, isn't it?

### Touching Truffles

Yield: 18 truffles

½ cup heavy cream  
½-1 teaspoon cayenne powder or to heat tolerance  
8 ounces good quality dark or bittersweet chocolate chopped into small pieces  
¼ cup unsweetened cocoa powder (for rolling)

Put the cream in a small saucepan. Add cayenne powder. Heat the cream until it comes to a simmer, and then turn off the heat. Let steep for about 15 minutes.

Put the chocolate pieces into a microwavable bowl. Heat the cream back up to a simmer. Add cream to chocolate. Let it sit for about 5 minutes, and then stir until the mixture is smooth and glossy. Note: If chocolate hasn't completely melted, heat in microwave bowl in 15 second increments until melted, stirring well each time.

Cover bowl with plastic wrap and set the bowl in the refrigerator to cool for about 30 minutes, or until chocolate and cream mixture reaches a thickened texture.



**SUNNY CONLEY**

Chile Knights

Using a small 1-inched sized scoop, (preferably a melon baller), scoop up small amounts of chocolate and set them on a plate. (A teaspoon can be substituted.)

Work with about 10 truffles at a time. Roll each truffle in your palms until it becomes a smooth ball. Then roll each truffle in the cocoa powder until completely coated.

Repeat until all truffles are coated. Store truffles in fridge until ready to serve. Serve at room temperature. (Adapted from the viewfromgreatisland.com.)

### Blushing Bites

Yield: 25 bites

10 ounces bittersweet chocolate chips or coarsely chopped baking chocolate  
1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg  
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper  
12 ounces white chocolate chips  
heart-shaped sprinkles, optional

Combine the baking chips and sweetened condensed milk in a microwave-safe bowl. Heat on high for 1 minute. Stir until the chocolate is completely melted. Heat in increments of 10 seconds if additional heating is needed. Stir in the cinnamon, nutmeg, and cayenne.

Spread the fudge mixture evenly into the bottom of an 8x8-inch pan lined with parchment paper. Refrigerate for 2 hours or until set.

Lift the parchment paper and fudge out of the pan. Slice the fudge into 1-1/2 to 2 inch pieces.

Place white chocolate in a heatproof bowl and set over a pot of barely simmering water. Stir continuously until chocolate is fully melted and smooth.

Using a fork, dip each fudge piece into melted white chocolate. Tap the fork on the side of the bowl and wipe any excess off on the rim. Place the fudge bite on parchment paper.

Top with heart-shaped sprinkles if desired. Allow fudge bites to set at least an hour before serving.

### Captivating Chocolate-Chili Cookies

Yield: 18 cookies

5 ounces bittersweet chocolate, (60% cacao chips)  
¾ cup all-purpose flour  
¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
¼ teaspoon baking powder  
¼ teaspoon kosher salt  
1 pinch black pepper  
1 pinch chili powder  
1 cup granulated sugar  
¼ cup butter softened  
1 large egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 tablespoon honey  
¼ cup powdered sugar, sifted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

Place chocolate in a small microwavable glass bowl. Microwave on high in 15 second increments until melted. Allow the chocolate to cool to room temperature.

In a medium sized bowl measure ¾ cup of flour, then sift. Whisk together flour, cinnamon, baking powder, salt, black pepper and chili powder.

Combine sugar and softened butter in a separate medium sized bowl.

Beat with the paddle attachment at medium speed until well blended, about 1 minute. Add the egg and beat well about 30 seconds. Add cooled chocolate, vanilla, and honey; combine until just blended, scraping sides of bowl as needed, about 30 seconds.

Add flour mixture to the wet ingredients, and mix until just combined, about 30 seconds. Dough will have a stiff texture.

Measure out 2 leveled tablespoons of the dough. Add 1 chocolate chip in the center (if they are large chips) or 2 chips (if smaller), and then roll gently into a ball.

Place each cookie 2 inches apart on the baking sheet. Slightly flatten each ball to achieve a flatter cookie after baking.

Bake for 10 minutes or until almost set. Note: Cookies are done baking when the surface appears crackled. Remove from oven.

Cool, the cookies on the pan for 2 minutes or until set. Remove cookies from the pan and cool completely on a wire rack.

Once the cookies are cooled to the touch, sprinkle each lightly with a small amount of powdered sugar. Store cookies in an air-tight container at room temperature for up to five days. Serving suggestion: Dip cookie into a mug of hot chocolate garnished with a red chile pepper, of course.

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## The Mountain

Nobody rides the Mountain top when Winter's locked her jaws.

The Mountain bears the brunt alone, his shoulders to the claws.

She carves great gashes down his flank like butchers flensing sheep

And howl, you cannot know the word. She never lets him sleep

And on his peak she wrecks her wrath. He reaches Heaven-bound

But she has placed a crown of ice and turned Hell upside down.

My parka hood is fringed with frost. It's hard to get my wind.

I stand hard on the timberline feeling freshly skinned.

The sweat is drippin' down my neck. It's just twenty-two below.

I came to tell the Mountain top, "Just three more months to go."

"You're not alone," I shouted to him, "There's others just like you

Who make their stand upon the Earth and see the battle through

The daily grind to just get by against all Earthly odds

And keep the faith though they might feel forsaken by the gods."

My words are snatched up by the wind and shatter in the air.



**BAXTER BLACK**

On the Edge of Common Sense

Winter scatters spoken broken pieces everywhere.

I strain to see the highest ridge that climbs the steep terrain

That's whipped until its frothy edge is like a horse's mane.

Then disappears into the storm, the maelstrom, the shriek,

That smothers and obliterates the nearly hidden peak.

The Winter bellows out her rage. She's comin' down the face.

I turn downhill and cower in the timber's tall embrace.

Her blizzard fingers flow around the trees and follow me.

I stop and squint back toward the top but white-out's all I see.

I meant to bring some small relief. I wanted just to say

No man or mountain stands alone. We're all the Maker's clay.

"But I can only cringe and squeak," I whispered up the slope

But then the Mountain answered back, "Go, friend. You left me hope."

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## HOME

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cause she had a place to hang the things her children brought her during their visits.

In Zambia, Newton helped build a 10-by-30-foot cement-block home for a woman and her four children who'd been living in a hovel with plastic and sticks for a roof. With funding from a program that benefits African children devastated by AIDS and HIV, the total cost of the house was \$1,200, Newton said.

His visit to Ho Chi Min City, Vietnam, for two weeks last December was his first time there since his service in the U.S. Army in the early 1970s, when Vietnam was still divided and the city was called Saigon.

"There was quite a dif-



H4H houses under construction on Aurora Star Court.

ference," Newton said.

In every country he volunteers in it's the same, he said. Parents want their kids to thrive, get an education and "do a little better than they did."

Newton already knew some Spanish and has used language CDs to help him learn rudimentary Vietnamese, Polish, Hungarian and Russian.

He also pays his own expenses for each overseas trip – about \$2,100 for the return to Vietnam, for example. The Air Emirates flight to Zambia cost \$1,200.

"It's just amazing," said MVHH Development Officer Candice Butler. "Not only are they giving their time, they're paying their own way to help people."

### The UPS driver

Michael Ash, a retired UPS driver, has been traveling to Las Cruces from Ohio to volunteer with MVHH every winter for the past seven years.

"That's nothing; I'm a rookie," Ash said.

In addition to helping local residents build their own homes, Ash enjoys Care-A-Vanners'

evening and weekend gatherings in the RV parking lot at MVHH headquarters on Santa Fe Street and at restaurants and other locations around town. That includes a devotional each morning before Care-A-Vanners head out to the construction site.

"I can't not do it," Ash said.

The personal benefits of volunteering include low blood pressure and a lack of illness and depression, he said.

"We have a real light heart because everybody's giving their best."

Ash said he "didn't know squat about anything" when he started building houses for MVHH. At the end of his first two weeks, Ash was able to "take ownership" of his work and realize his own capabilities.

Now, he tries to take new MVHH volunteers "under his wing."

"People are amazed at what they did," Ash said, remembering a mother and daughter drywalling for the first time on the house they would own.

"They were so frickin' proud of that. That's the kind of thing we see week after week. You become like

a proud sponsor."

### The nomads

Tony Campbell and his wife, Mary, have been Habitat volunteers for 25 years. Not only have they helped build hundreds of houses, they helped save the national Care-A-Vanners program several years ago.

The Campbells, who had bought an RV to attend their son's college athletic events, learned about the Care-A-Vanners program from a friend in Michigan.

"This could be fun," Mary told Tony.

Before long, they had caught what Tony called "infectious habititus," and became full-time, year-round Care-A-Vanners.

In late 2000, budget issues had forced Habitat for Humanity International layoffs at its Americus, Georgia, headquarters, threatening the survival of the Care-A-Vanners program.

So, the Campbells took the Care-A-Vanners program on the road, Tony Campbell said, farming out various aspects to volunteer Care-A-Vanners all over the country. Mary Campbell oversees the program's newsletter, and Tony helps with financial work.

The Campbells, who sold their Michigan home in 2001 and live year-round in their RV, have built homes in all 50 states. They spend six to eight weeks each winter in Las Cruces.

Las Cruces is "one of the best Care-A-Vanner places you could come to," Tony Campbell said.

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## Quieting the mind is not exclusively an 'Eastern' practice

By AVRA ELLIOTT  
For the Bulletin

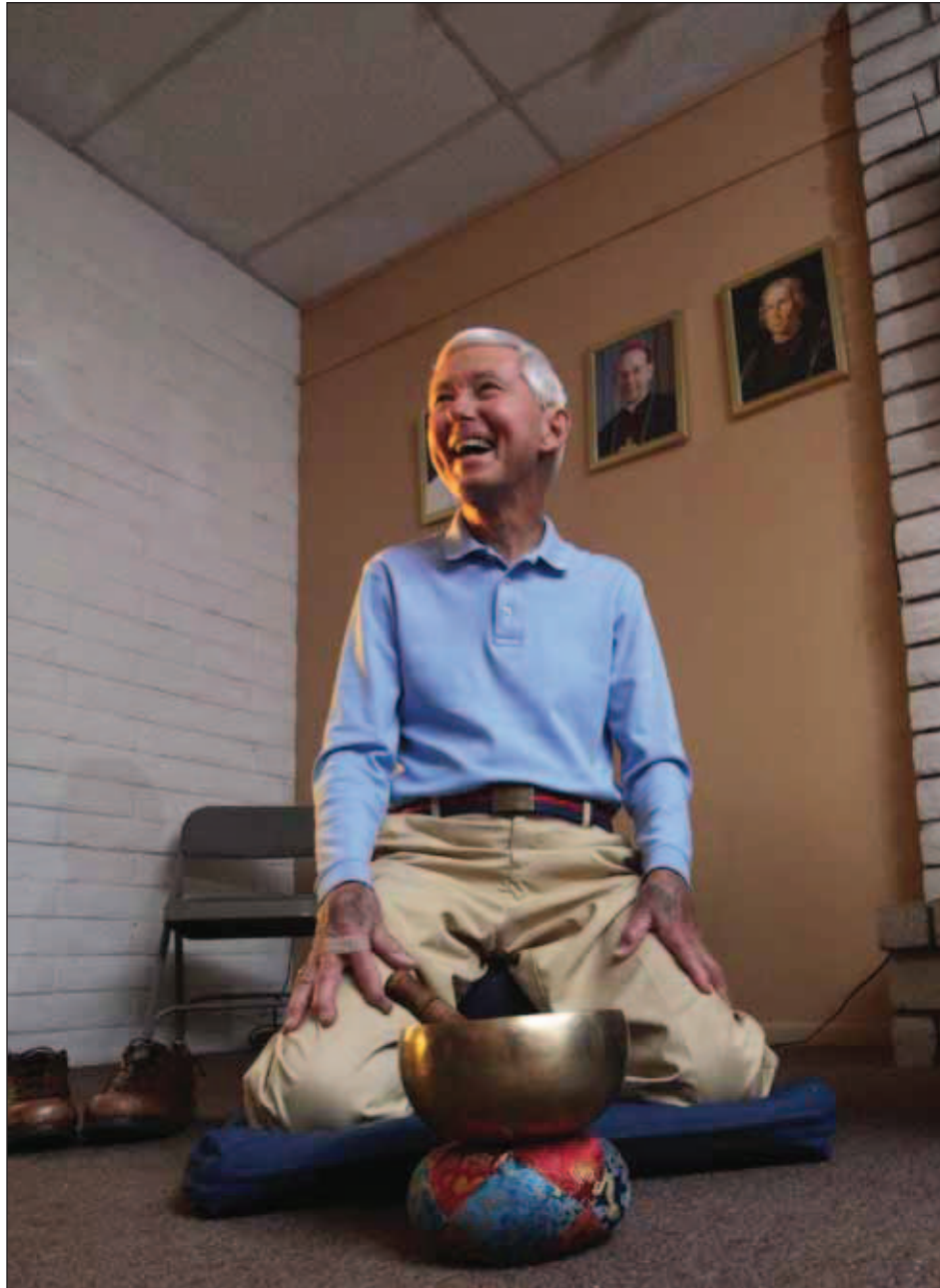
On Tuesday evenings, with late afternoon light illuminating the small room on the corner of East Mesa and Chaparral Street, Joe Murray arranges a small mat on the floor in the middle of a circle of chairs. There is a golden bowl on a table nearby and a candle, and, less expectedly, a portrait of a priest hanging on the wall in the background.

This is where Christians gather to meditate.

A member of the World Community for Christian Mediation, Murray moved to Las Cruces recently, bringing with him the practice of Christian meditation. In December 2017 Murray began leading Christian meditation groups, meeting Tuesdays at The Bridge, and Wednesdays at Nopalito's Gallery from 5:30 to 6:20 p.m.

"Most people say this is an Eastern practice, and indeed it is," Murray said. "But what we have discovered in delving into the history of Christianity is that this practice has been around since the third century. Most spiritual writers believe this was the practice Jesus knew when he went into the mountains to pray."

Murray was a seminarian for many years, studying to become a Jesuit priest, but he left shortly before completion. Murray said he first learned what is called ignatian meditation, a practice more focused on reflect-



Joe Murray leads his mediation group, which forms a semi-circle around him, every Tuesday at The Bridge.

ing, thinking and planning. Unhappy with this form of meditation, Murray turned to the writings of John Main, a Benedictine monk considered by many to be the apostle of

meditation to the West.

"I think during the post-enlightenment period we began putting more emphasis on what you can feel, see and measure," Murray said. "We

lost the sense of silence and stillness that's essential to prayer."

Murray began meditating on his own, and after 10 years decided this was something he should

bring to others, eventually beginning a Christian meditation group at a college in Connecticut, where he lived at the time.

"Parents told me, 'You have no idea what this has meant for my child,'" Murray said, "It really gave me a sense of how important the student audience is."

The Las Cruces group is primarily attended by non-student members of the local Christian community, but Murray believes students and other community members would benefit as well.

"Discovering the self is crucial to discovering why we are here on Earth," Murray said. "It is how we face our personal realities and find our role in life."

Murray said the practice is the same as what you would find in a Buddhist monastery.

"We sit the same, they have silence, they have a candle. The difference is the theological underpinnings."

In Christian meditation, Murray explained, in finding the self we find God.

"This is in all the great spiritual writing," Murray said. "We can make this statement because of the Last Supper. Jesus said he was going to send his spirit to be in you. This indwelling of the Holy Spirit is at the heart and rationale of Christian mediation. We discover the self and find and touch God."

Murray begins the sessions with a short read-

ing or recording to orient those present. He said the silence of meditation can be disconcerting initially.

"Being quiet for a half hour is foreign to us," Murray said, explaining that some might initially miss the distraction of noise.

After meditating for 20 to 30 minutes the group then discusses the practice.

"In some ways it's a support group," Murray said. "We talk about the difficulty or success of our meditating."

When asked what he hoped for the group, Murray said putting expectations on meditation can easily defeat the purpose.

"As soon as you put an objective in front of the meditation, it fails," Murray said, adding that sometimes people turn to meditation with specific health goals in mind.

Studies have shown a correlation between good health and meditation, but Murray said for himself he finds one of the greatest benefits of meditation to be how he now relates with other people.

"Something about meditation makes me open and loving," Murray said. "When we open ourselves to the self, we become capable of opening ourselves to others and seeing them in a different light."

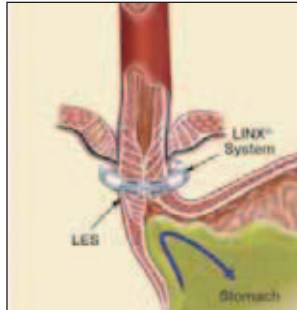
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# Memorial Medical Center introduces acid reflux procedure

## BULLETIN REPORT

A new procedure is being offered at Memorial Medical Center for people who suffer from chronic Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD), commonly known as acid reflux. In December, Memorial surgeon Dr. C. Aitor Macias was the first in southern New Mexico and far west Texas to perform the minimally invasive LINX® procedure.

More than 15 million Americans suffer from acid reflux, according to the American Gastroenterological Association. But many who use over-the-counter or prescription medications are not having their symptoms controlled. When left untreated, reflux



disease can lead to serious complications, such as esophagitis, stricture, Barrett's esophagus and esophageal cancer.

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proximately the diameter of a quarter. Once implanted, the flexible ring of magnets opens to allow food and liquid to pass to the stomach and then closes to prevent contents from moving back up into the esophagus. Unlike the traditional fundoplication, a surgical technique that strengthens the barrier to acid reflux when the sphincter does not function normally, LINX® does not alter the gastric anatomy. Manufactured by Torax Medical, it has been implanted in almost 10,000 patients nationally after receiving FDA approval in 2012.

"Sometimes GERD symptoms cannot be controlled by over-the-counter medications," said Dr.

Macias. "More and more researchers are saying that prolonged use of these acid-reducing medications can be detrimental to the patient. LINX® provides a simple treatment that allows the gastric system to function normally, where previous conventional therapies can cause complications."

The procedure is performed on an outpatient basis and typically takes less than an hour to complete. Patients are encouraged to resume a normal diet immediately following surgery and most can resume activities within a few days.

"This new procedure is another example of the cutting edge surgical procedures we are introducing at Memorial," said Memorial CEO John Harris. "Dr. Macias is an exceptional member of our outstanding surgery team. Memorial is proud to offer the most comprehensive, leading digestive health program in Southern New Mexico."

For more information or to schedule an appointment with Dr. Macias, call General Surgery Associates at 575-522-0329.

# Cannabinoids are beneficial for all ages

Using cannabinoids medicinally is a learning process, especially for patients who have never smoked cannabis. There are recreational users, medical patients and some who are both.



**HILDA LUZ CHAVEZ**

The Good Herb

seizures. His mother was concerned about the long-term effects of the seizures and contacted me.

The mother became his required caregiver in the NMDOH

Keep in mind that medical experts say that smoking cannabis is not medicinal. Though you may get benefits, smoking anything is harmful to the lung tissue. Alas there lies the dilemma.

I am often asked by new patients, is cannabis an option for me? Do I have to smoke it? I will share some cases to help you understand that cannabinoids are effective and beneficial to patients of all ages and that you do not have to smoke it or use THC – the only cannabinoid that produces a high – if you don't want to.

One of our youngest patients is a 3-year-old boy diagnosed with seizures. He was taking anti-seizure meds, which often produced sedation, and he was unable to function. And he was still having

medical cannabis program. He started drinking cannabis pineapple juice made from fresh cannabis leaves (high in CBD, low in THC). The child noticed the benefits himself and asked his mother for his medicine whenever he felt a seizure coming on. He then started using Colorado hemp CBD oil (no THC). This approach was also beneficial. We collaborated with his pediatrician and were able to reduce and even completely suspend some medications. Three years later, he is thriving, no longer taking prescription meds and is seizure-free.

Another, one of our oldest patients, is an 80-year-old Vietnam vet. He had been smoking cannabis and cigarettes for years but wanted to learn how to use cannabis medicinally without smoking. He suffered from numerous conditions, such as COPD, pain and PTSD. He learned how to eat the cannabinoids, realized the benefit to his lungs and the reduction of pain. He has been able to smoke less and benefit more. His quality of life is improved.

A 68-year-old woman diagnosed with pain, insomnia and PTSD referred to us was taking six or seven

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# Reading promotes mindfulness

Ten toddlers sit in rapt attention every Wednesday as Chris Chaput reads them a story in the cheery back corner of Tutti Bambini clothing store. Afterwards they use colored paper and crayons to make art projects. Before they go home they will choose a book of their very own to take with them.

Wonderful partnerships for children's literacy are forming all over the valley as more readers turn their own personal enjoyment of literature into action that benefits children.

Las Cruces Chris Chaput has found a beautiful way to honor her mother, 98 years old. Chris created Wednesday story time at Tutti Bambini children's clothing store because, "My mother was a single parent who struggled and gave up a lot to get me through school. I have always wanted to give back to children and the community."

A happy alliance between Chaput, Tutti Bambini and the Children's Reading Alliance enriches lives through stories and creative play. Chris and her husband Jim have built a cozy learning corner at Tutti Bambini located at 300 El Molino Blvd. There, every Wednesday at 10:45 a.m., little ones are engaged in story time and crafts activities while their parents get a 50 percent discount on purchases.

Tutti Bambini itself is



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a powerful gift of love. Sister Beth Daddio created the children's clothing store to provide aid to children challenged by poverty and special needs. Income from sales and events are shared with other organizations to improve quality of life and enhanced opportunities for children in Doña Ana County. The store is stocked by donations of clothing, toys, books, stuffed animals and other furnishings. Through the careful and creative efforts of Jenny Segura and other volunteers, the shop is colorful and inviting with neatly displayed new and gently used items for sale.

There are other reasons that make the work of Tutti Bambini, Children's Reading Alliance and individual efforts of people like Chris Chaput so important.

Reading and craft projects are great for building large vocabularies, developing self-confidence for learning as well as developing powers of mindful concentration. Reading aloud to children creates positive loving experiences that build brain health and resilience. Mindful concentration can be defined as paying attention on purpose and focusing on the present. Being mindful opens us to novelty and new information. No matter our age, or level of stress, getting lost in a book is a wonderful way to escape for a while

and to practice "staying in the moment." A story engages the mind, transports the spirit, and suggests alternatives to our current problems.

Unfortunately, not all children experience enough of these gentle moments. In fact 25 percent of children are exposed to so many risk factors that their cognitive and emotional well-being can be compromised for life.

Christina Bethell, a professor in Population, Family and Reproductive Health at Johns Hopkins University, is studying the consequences of exposure to adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). Data from studies strongly suggest that an accumulation of emotional or physical neglect, abuse and household dysfunction often results in a higher levels of chronic physical and mental illness and death. According to Bethell, "Ours is a social brain, and neurons that fire together, wire together. Moreover, ACEs can impact not only early brain development but also lifelong health.

In a December 2014 *Health Affairs* study, my colleagues and I estimated that half of U.S. children have ACEs. Nearly a quarter have two or more. As with adult studies, our research found ACEs were linked with higher rates of health problems among kids and youth, including asthma, ADHD, depression, anxiety, obesity and autism spectrum disorders. We also

found alarming negative effects on school engagement.

With intervention these effects can be mitigated. Harvard mindfulness researcher Ellen Langer says, "Wherever the mind is, the body will follow, suggesting that resilience specifically, and well-being overall, can be learned. Mindfulness plays a central role. Mindfulness a mental state achieved by focusing one's awareness on the present moment."

Books provide momentary escape from stress, can transport us into other worlds, and provide our imaginations with alternative ways of coping.

Reading and practicing mindfulness help unlock, integrate and heal embedded stress, interrupt harmful reactions to daily stress, open possibilities to rewire the brain and begin to heal the heart.

Which brings us back to the importance of the work being done by the staff and volunteers at Tutti Bambini. The money earned at the store is directed back into the community through organizations that serve families suffering the stresses of poverty in hopes of breaking the cycle for generations to come.

*Rorie Measure is the president of Children's Reading Alliance, a grassroots citizen-led initiative to encourage family literacy throughout Doña Ana County. She can be reached at rmeasure@gmail.com.*

## Fitness expo planned

### BULLETIN REPORT

Rio Grande Preparatory Institute hosts its third annual For the Love of Fitness Expo, a community health and fitness fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at RGPI, 2355 Avenida de Mesilla.

The event will feature a variety of health and fitness activities for all ages. It's free, but donations to support schoolwide extracurricular activities are welcomed.

Outside of the school, activities include an outdoor obstacle course, a jumping balloon, a ninja obstacle course, a food truck and a horse-petting station.

Inside are health screen-

ings, healthy foods, massages and other activities. In the school gymnasium, several local fitness companies will host rotating workout sessions every 30 minutes beginning at 10 a.m.

The session schedule: Jazzercise hosted by Ellen Kemp Studios at 10 a.m.; Kickboxing by Steel Dragon Gym, 10:30 a.m.; Karate or Self Defense by Guzman's Sport Karate Kickboxing, 11 a.m.; Zumba by Jody Pino Studio, 11:30 a.m.; Total Fitness Workout by Crunch Fitness, noon; Yoga by Indigo Yoga, 12:30 p.m.; Strength Zumba by Jody Pino Studio, 1 p.m.; and Crossfit by Desert Devil Crossfit, 1:30 p.m.

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prescription meds for pain, insomnia and anxiety associated with PTSD. She was not interested in smoking cannabis but was open to eating, drinking or applying it topically. She began using Colorado hemp CBD capsules and found that she could sleep, was less anxious and the pain was manageable without the prescription opiates she had been taking. She did not need or want THC.

I will share more cases next month. If you are a patient who has benefitted from cannabinoids and want to share your experience, please email me.

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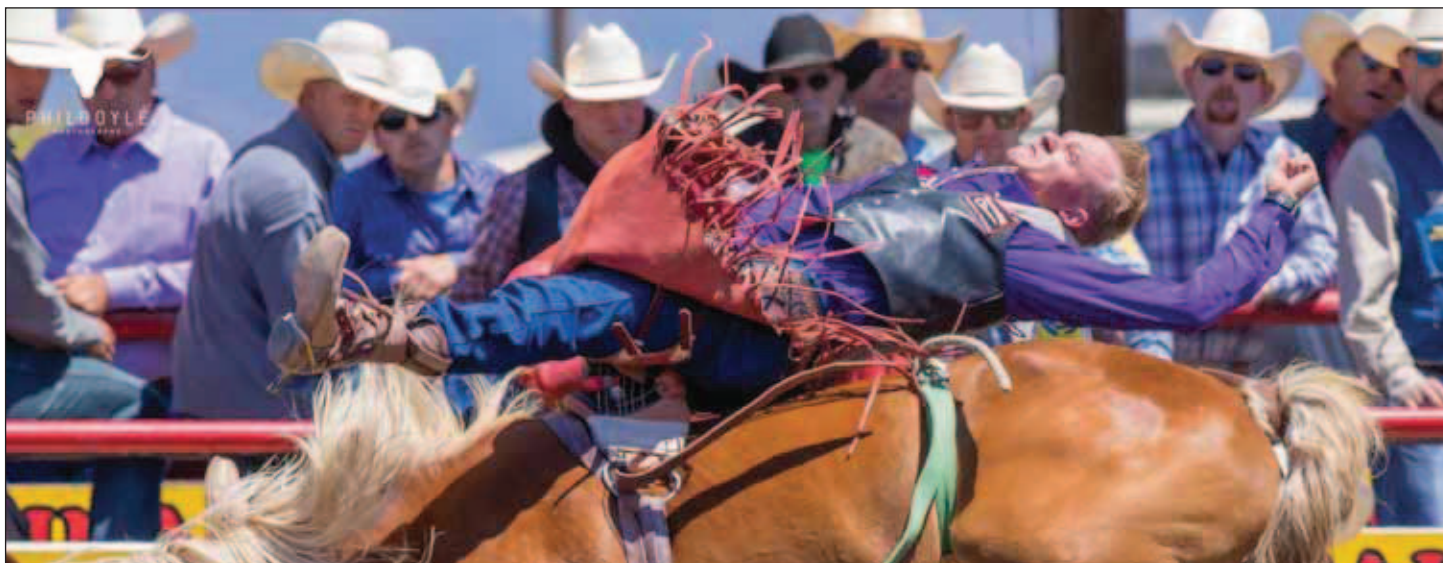
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NMSU Rodeo Team Coach Logan Corbett competing in bareback bronc-riding professional rodeo events.

# Horse sense, heart are keys to coaching NMSU Rodeo

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

“Have a good ride.”

That’s the text message professional bareback rider Logan Corbett gets from his father before every rodeo he competes in.

It also pretty well sums up the younger Corbett’s philosophy as New Mexico State University’s rodeo team coach.

“My goal is to set them up for success in life,” Corbett said. “I love winning, but it’s not why I’m here.”

A Kentucky native, Corbett “grew up traveling to rodeos” to watch his father, Hub, compete

in bull riding and team roping events.

“I got on my first bull at 15,” Logan Corbett said. He competed in bull, bareback and saddle bronc riding for the Tennessee High School Rodeo Association and then opted for bareback riding at Murray State University in Nashville, where he earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees and served as assistant rodeo coach.

And, despite suffering serious injuries in two incidents at age 19 – a broken ankle, leg and wrist the first time; damage to his right eye socket and two sinus cavities and a broken nose

six months later – Corbett has continued the pro rodeo circuit for the past decade.

“If you’re gonna be dumb, you gotta be tough,” said Corbett, now 29.

He’s also been lucky.

That second round of injuries resulted from his going “out the back door” – coming off the back of his horse after his hand came loose from the reins – and being kicked in the face. He was airlifted to a nearby hospital but didn’t require surgery. And, except for occasional sinus problems and a small scar, Corbett

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## NMSU Rodeo celebrated 75th anniversary in 2017

It was the year of the horse in 1942, according to the Chinese zodiac, and the year New Mexico State University started its first rodeo team.

The Aggie Rodeo Association operated for 60 years with a faculty member serving as team advisor before NMSU hired its first rodeo coach, Jim Dewey Brown, in 2002. Brown left to become tourism director and events manager for the City of Socorro, with Logan Corbett succeeding him in January 2016.

There are 3,500 student members annually and 137 member schools and universities in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA), organized in 1949, according to [www.collegerodeo.com](http://www.collegerodeo.com).

NIRA schools are divided into 11 geographic regions. NMSU is one of eight teams in the Grand Canyon region, along with Mesalands Community College in Tucumcari and Navajo Technical College in Crownpoint, New Mexico; Adams State University in Alamosa, Colorado; and, in Arizona, Central Arizona College in Coolidge, Cochise College (Douglas), Dine College (Tsaile) and the University of Arizona (Tucson).

The NMSU rodeo team is ranked No. 6 six in the nation, according to one poll.

Each region holds 10 college rodeos a year (in separate fall and spring seasons), and crowns a men’s and women’s champion. The top three individuals from each event in each region compete at the College National Finals Rodeo in June in Casper, Wyoming.

After the 2017 fall season, NMSU men are second and the women third in their region.

The men’s and women’s rodeo teams and a combined roping team compete in bareback and saddle

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### NMSU spring season rodeo schedule

- Friday and Saturday, March 2-3: Fort Huachuca, Arizona
  - Saturday and Sunday, March 10-11: Florence, Arizona
  - Saturday, March 17: University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona
  - 7 p.m., Saturday, March 31: NMSU Hometown Rodeo at the Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds west of Las Cruces
  - Friday and Saturday, April 13-14: Regional finals, Socorro, New Mexico.
- Visit [aces.nmsu.edu/rodeo](http://aces.nmsu.edu/rodeo).

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made a full recovery.

“Luck is huge in rodeo,” he said.

And that’s not just in avoiding injuries; it can also be the deciding factor in winning events and making money.

In bronc riding, for example, if the rider draws a horse that doesn’t buck (half the final score) he can’t win. And a calf that doesn’t move as expected can cost a roper precious seconds in a timed event like tie-down roping.

At a recent rodeo in Denver, for example, first place in team roping was worth \$4,000 and came in at 4.7 seconds for the second run (the healer). The eighth-place team had a time of 5.1 seconds. In the tie-down event, first place was 6.8 seconds; eighth place was 8 seconds.

Rodeo is also “a very mental sport,” Corbett said. “You have to be a tough competitor.”

“Rough stock events” like bull riding and bareback and saddle bronc riding, can be particularly



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**New Mexico State University student athletes who qualified to represent the university at the National College Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming in June 2017.**

challenging, he said.

“You’re trying to stay on top of something that wants you thrown off.”

There’s also a lot of skill involved in roping events, he said. Riders have to learn to jump off a horse while it’s still running, throw a calf (weighing about 200 pounds) or goat on its side and tie three of its legs together in under 10 seconds.

“Each event has unique challenges and difficulties,” Corbett said.

Tools like goal setting and visualization can be

very useful. Proper training and muscle-memory development are also crucial, because once you climb on that horse or bull, “you don’t have time to think about it,” he said.

To prevent rodeo professionals from competing on college teams, rodeo

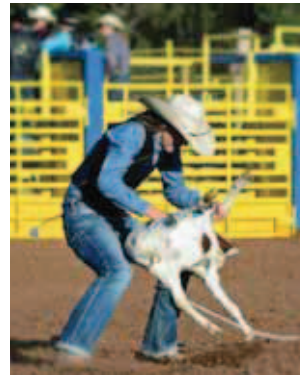


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**NMSU’s Carly Billington flanks her goat in the goat tying event at the Tsaille, Arizona, college rodeo.**

students have six years from the date of their high school graduation to complete four years of National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) eligibility.

There are 60 students on the NMSU rodeo team – 35 men and 25 women. They’re all ages 18-22, and

85-90 percent come with high school rodeoing experience. Some are naturally talented, Corbett said, and didn’t have to work very hard to win high school rodeo events.

“It’s a very different story in college.”

Corbett also gets rodeo “walk-ons” with no previous riding or roping experience. Some have become his best students.

Being the NMSU rodeo coach is “my dream job,” Corbett said. “There’s no place I’d rather be than right here.”

He sees his role not only as teacher and mentor. He and his wife, Lacey, often invite students to their house for dinner.

“The job is just to do life with people,” Corbett said. That means perfecting their riding and roping techniques and helping them build confidence and develop life skills like time

management and staying in shape.

And while he and his student athletes “give each other a hard time,” Corbett said, “I respect them and they respect me. We’re close like that.”

The belt buckles rodeo riders and ropers win will rust in time, Corbett said. “Investing in other people, that legacy, that’s what lasts.”

“I want to invest in young men and women,” he said, “and help them the ways I’ve been helped.”

Hopefully, he added, “someone will be benefiting from something I learned the hard way.”

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bronc riding, calf and team roping, steer wrestling, bull riding, breakaway roping, barrel racing and goat tying.

The NMSU Rodeo Team has won more than 60 regional championships in its history, Corbett said.

The NMSU women’s team was ranked No. 1 in the 1976 College National Finals Rodeo, according to [cnfr.com](http://cnfr.com). The New Mexico A&M men’s team reached No. 2 in 1957, ac-

ording to the website, and NMSU’s Wyatt D. Althoff was the men’s all-around champion in 2008.

NMSU and other Grand Canyon Region rodeo teams are selling raffle tickets to support their programs.

The tickets are \$10 each. Three winners will be drawn April 29. First prize is \$2,000, second is \$1,500 and third is \$1,000. To buy a ticket supporting NMSU, contact Corbett at 270-293-9242 or lcorbett@nmsu.edu.

*Mike Cook*

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# Slowing the game is not growing the game

One of the reasons some regulars have quit playing golf, and others are reluctant to take up the game, is the complaint that golf is too slow. They're right. Golf is played at a pace far slower than it ought to be, mainly because many folks don't make it a habit to do the simple things that prevent wasting time. We can all save a few minutes per hole and perhaps half an hour a round.

The surest method for a group to not waste time



**CHARLIE BLANCHARD**  
Golf Doctor

is to play "ready golf." Regardless of who's "away," if you're ready to hit, you should go ahead and play your ball, on the tee or elsewhere. Just be aware of other players and don't interfere

with what they're doing.

Another time-waster is looking for a "lost" ball. Most golfers assume that if one player in the group hits an errant shot into the weeds it's their obligation to assist in the search. Fine. That may be courte-

ous, but play your shot before you wander over to help. If you think a ball will be hard to locate, hit a provisional ball.

Pre-shot routines for some golfers take longer – yawn – than a basketball game's final minute. Watching tour golf on television seems to foster that. The final round of the 2018 Farmer's Open Tournament took six hours. But recreational golfers often forget that they are not playing golf for a living. Too many practice swings. Too many club switches. Too much chit-chat. Too

much time.

That goes for lining up putts. Tour players pace around the green, consult green layout booklets, mark and re-mark their balls and spend a lot of time lining up. They also have caddies. You and I don't need to do all that; and we don't have greens books. When you get out of the cart start looking at the putt as you approach the green, not waiting until you're next to the ball. If you can't reasonably estimate the distance at 10, 30 or 50 feet, you should be back with the pro taking lessons on the practice green.

Resort courses in Arizona and Florida have roving "ambassadors" (marshals) whose mission

is keeping the pace of play moving, even if it means halting a slow group and ushering a faster group through. (Incidentally online reviews of resort courses that mention slow play are a death sentence to those facilities.) We need more assertive marshals in our town. Trouble is, some patrons turn violent when confronted and warned.

One small thing that everyone might do to avoid wasting time is to get back into the cart immediately following their shot. Not toweling off your club, blabbing with your cart partner or checking your text messages. Get back into the bleeping cart and do those things after you move out of the line of sight of the group behind.

Many high-end clubs and resorts issue written instructions and cart placards about maintaining suitable pace of play. Notices appear on the cart video relative to your pace. Some pro shop staff speak to patrons about the importance of pace. Playing faster is, of course, futile if everyone else is slow. Goosing the pace of play is the quickest way to grow the game. Period.

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## Saiz pounding the ball in Arizona

Amber Saiz has an impressive start to her college softball career.

The Las Cruces High School graduate is the starting left fielder for Mesa Community College. She batted .560 and had 14 hits, both second on the squad, through six games (6-0). The leadoff batter has one homerun and five RBI.

Saiz entered the week ranked fifth in batting average in the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference. She had multiple hits in four games, including a season-best five hits in six at-bats and a team-high four runs during a win over Scottsdale Community College.

### More softball

Yavapai College sophomore pitcher Santana Parra had a 1-0 record and 5.11 earned run average in five appearances, including one start. The right-hander



**BARBARA BOXLEITNER**  
Keeping Up

played for Centennial High.

Centennial product Steevi Heredia is a freshman infielder for New Mexico Highlands University. She was hitless in a pinch-hitting appearance against

Texas A&M Commerce.

### Women's tennis

New Mexico State University's Lindsay Harlas, a Mayfield alumna, won at No. 3 singles against Northern Arizona.

Las Cruces resident Ana Joyner and Melanie Allen of Army West Point won their No. 1 doubles matches against Binghamton, Sacred Heart and Seton Hall. Freshman Joyner lost at No. 1 singles against Seton Hall.

### Women's track and field

Christopher Newport University senior Hannah Shoemaker, who attended Las Cruces High, placed

12th in the shot put at the Camel City Invitational. Her toss traveled 41 feet, 11.25 inches.

Former Bulldawg Gwen Holtzman of Grinnell College was 10th in the 400-meter dash at the Grinnell Indoor Invitational. The junior ran the lead leg in the 4-by-400 relay that placed seventh.

### Men's track and field

Bethel College (Ind.) freshman Isaiah Gelinas, a former Hawk, finished fifth in the pole vault at the Grand Valley State University Open. His effort was 4.15 meters.

Freshman Ruben Gonzalez earned points for Metropolitan State University of Denver by finishing seventh in the 800m run at the Colorado School of Mines Division II Invitational. He is from Centennial.

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# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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**Raena Tesillo** is a 16-year-old junior at Mayfield High School. She plays on the Lady Trojan's basketball team, averaging 3.6 points per game, and 36 percent from three-point range. She is hard-working, motivated, positive and humble. Tesillo is a devoted student, with a 3.90 GPA and outside of sports she focuses on academics and enjoys being with family and friends, listening to music and watching Grey's Anatomy. She thanks her parents and coaches for pushing her to reach her highest potential in and out of sports.

**Cosme James Delgado** is an 18-year-old senior at Mayfield High School. He is on the Trojans wrestling team as a captain at 160 pounds and football team as tackle and nose-guard. In wrestling, Delgado's record is 20-7. This past weekend, he wrestled at the Joe Vivian Tournament in Albuquerque and placed sixth in a 32-man bracket. Delgado is a positive role model in the wrestling room and classroom and is a dedicated student, with a 3.40 GPA. He shows outstanding leadership qualities and motivates others to bring out the best in them and never give up. Delgado is very respectful of others. He is an outstanding young man and always tries to help those in need. He arrives on time to his classes and practices, eager to learn, and is an Excel Student with the Leasburg State Park. Delgado's college plans are to go into Wildlife studies. He is an example of an "outstanding Trojan." In Delgado's spare time, he enjoys fishing.

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