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## Blessing of the animals

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Beatrice Potvin holds her dog Beau, 1, as father Gabriel Rochelle blesses him and other pets Saturday, Jan. 20, at St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission on North Alameda Boulevard. The annual ritual honors three saints: St. Seraphim of Sarov, St. Melangell of Wales and St. Anthony of the Desert.

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## **AWARDS!**

Doña Ana County was among the big winners at the 2018 New Mexico Association of Counties Winter Conference held Jan. 17-19 in Santa Fe. Top left, District 2 Commissioner Ramon S. Gonzalez accepts the county's reward for lowering workers' comp claims in 2017. Top right & bottom left, District 4 Commissioner Isabella Solis accepts the awards for Audit Excellence and Risk Awareness. Bottom right, County Attorney Nelson Goodin, who was elected chair of the attorney's affiliate, accepts his new certification in Public Ethics.



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# Las Cruces women's rally joins others nationwide

BY MICHAEL SCANLON

For the Bulletin

An estimated 800 people braved a blustery chill Sunday afternoon to rally and march in downtown Las Cruces for women's rights, justice and equality.

Attendees, many wearing the movement's signature cat-eared pink knit hats, marked one year since the Women's March in Washington, D.C., an event staged primarily to promote women's interests and to protest the newly minted Trump administration and public policymakers who pursue a conservative agenda, such as restricting abortion and opposing equal pay for equal work rules.

"We need to make sure we're sticking together and working as a team," said Cassandra Calway, one of the event's organizers. "So let's stick together – all of us – our male allies, young, old, white, black, Hispanic, gay, straight. We're all in the same boat, and this boat is going to sink if we do not row together."

The Las Cruces Women's March in January 2017 was billed as "the biggest action ever taken in Las Cruces," where almost 1,600 people took part.

"We vowed then to resist any and all attempts to move us backward from the progress that we have been making," speaker Jan Thompson told the gathering on Sunday. "There hasn't been a single week when



Jessa Gegax and Jacob Ortega stand in the front of the women's march around Plaza de Las Cruces Jan. 21.

something outrageous hasn't come out of the White House."

She urged the crowd to be active in politics.

"We have to continue this resistance, and one of the best places to resist is at the voting polls," Thompson said. "It is not enough to register to vote. Go and vote and be informed voters, and take your neighbors with you. We all have to show up for all of the issues."

Julia Brown, former Doña Ana County manager – who also serves on the executive board of the Doña Ana County NAACP chapter, is president of the county Federation of Democratic Women and is chairwoman of the national board of the American Association of University Women – called on the marchers to support legislation to prohibit employers from inquir-

ing about pay history before making a job offer.

"Pay inequality isn't just a women's issue; it's a family issue," Brown said. "Recent research has found that 50 percent of households with children include a mother who is either the sole or primary earner for her family."

"Pay equity is not just a matter of fairness, but the key to families making ends meet. Wage discrimination also limits women's choices and has real consequences. It impairs their ability to buy homes and pay for a college education and limits their total lifetime earnings, thereby reducing their retirement savings and benefits."

But she said advocates for women's issues must do more than simply come together once a year for a rally and a march.

"We need more women

in office, more women-owned businesses, more women on corporate boards, and more women on the boards of foundations and national nonprofit corporations," Brown said. "We need women making laws, rules, regulations and policies, implementing them and being at the table when decisions are made about women and their families."

"Because make no mistake, making things better for women and girls means making things better for families, businesses and communities," she said.

The march was sponsored by the Las Cruces Coalition for Reproductive Justice and Indivisible Las Cruces.

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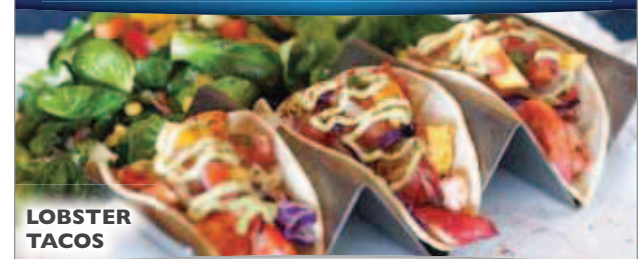


Sally Williams from Mesilla holds the sign, "Yes She Can," during the women's march Jan. 21 on the Plaza de Las Cruces.

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# Mayfield student selected for computing aspirations

## BULLETIN REPORT

Mayfield High School sophomore Mireya Sanchez-Maes has been selected by the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) as one of 41 national recipients of the 2018 NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing.

"It's great to see such a



**MIREYA SAN-  
CHEZ-MAES**

talented student being recognized for her achievements," said LCPS Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing. "We're honored to have students like Mireya, who are already establishing themselves as leaders at

the local, state and national level."

As part of the recognition, Sanchez-Maes will receive a cash prize and an all-expenses-paid trip for herself and one parent to attend the National Award Ceremony, March 9-11 at The Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte in Charlotte, North Carolina.

"With over 3,600 applications, this year's Aspirations Award competition was the biggest yet," said Ammi Ludwick, NCWIT Aspirations in Computing Program Di-

rector.

"We are so proud to welcome Mireya into the ranks of a very exclusive group of accomplished and inspiring young women who have won the National Award."

Each year, the awards program recognizes U.S. high school women in grades nine through 12 who demonstrate interest and achievements in computing, proven leadership ability, academic performance, and plans for post-secondary education.

Arrowhead Park Early College High School senior Catalina Sanchez-Maes, Mireya's sister, and Centennial High School senior Jillian Hughes were also recognized by the awards program in the honorable mention category.

Earlier this month, Mireya also earned second place in the annual Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6917's Voice of Democracy audio essay contest.

NCWIT is the only national non-profit focused

on women's participation in computing across the entire ecosystem, helping more than 1,100 organizations recruit, retain, and advance women from K-12 and higher education through industry and entrepreneurial careers by providing support, evidence, and action, according to the NCWIT website.

Mireya is the daughter of Margaret Sanchez-Maes and Jim Maes, a health and physical education specialist with the school district.




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## March of Dimes



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Lindsay Thomen, right, presents Amanda Vescovo the Stiletto Award as the highest individual fundraiser for the 2017 High Heels for High Hopes March of Dimes event. The total amount raised by all participants for the event was \$183,788. Organizers are already planning the 2018 event.

## VFW announces essay contest 2017-18 winners

### BULLETIN REPORT

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6917 announces that Centennial High School senior Jazmin Collins was named winner of the post's annual 2017-18 Voice of Democracy audio essay contest.

Mayfield High School sophomore Mireya Sanchez-Maes earned second place, followed by Oñate High School senior Izabell Homer, third place.

The Voice of Democracy audio-essay is a national competition that awards scholarships to high school students based on an original, three-to-five minute audio-essay about an annual theme. This year's theme was

"American History: Our Hope for the Future."

The competition was open to all open to ninth- through 12th-grade students who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial school or home study program in the U.S. Winning essays are selected at the local and national level based on originality, content and delivery, according to the VFW website.

Collins will go on to compete at the state level for the chance to compete for the national prize.

VFW Post 6917 is located at 5845 Bataan Memorial West, with Commander Raul Sanchez. Post meetings are 7 p.m. the second Thursday; 575-382-9703.



## Ponce to seek county assessor position

### BULLETIN REPORT

Paul Ponce, chief deputy assessor for Doña Ana County, has announced his candidacy for the office of county assessor in the June 5 Democrat primary.

According to a news release, Ponce is a lifelong resident of Doña Ana County and resides near Mesilla. He is married to Lydia Ponce, and they have two children.

Ponce is a 1984 graduate of Las Cruces High School, according to the release. He graduated from New Mexico State University, with a degree in Applied Science.

Ponce worked in the residential, commercial and industrial construction field for over 25 years. He has a State of New Mexico Master Mechanical 98 license (MM98). He was employed by NASA's White Sands Complex and New Mexico State University.

"My career in assessment has given me the privilege to achieve a designation as a "State of New Mexico Certified Appraiser," he is quoted in the release.

"I have successfully completed numerous continuing education appraisal courses. I have also had the opportunity to earn

the designations of New Mexico Certified Public Assessment Officer and New Mexico Certified Public Official through the NMSU EDGE Program & New Mexico Association of Counties.

"I am a member of the International Association of Assessing Officers and the New Mexico Association of Counties Assessor's Affiliate.

"I have acquired a considerable amount of knowledge and have been involved in the creation and adjustments of our current property tax laws and regulations."

Ponce added that, as chief deputy assessor, "I continue to utilize state-of-the-art technology, while providing property owners with informative and educational resources about property valuations, exemptions, office procedures, and property tax legislation."

As assessor, he says, "I believe my rounded experience and ability, along with my dedication and commitment to customer service, is the best fit to serve the county's taxpayers with fair and equitable valuations."

Contact Ponce at 575-642-4355 or paul.ponce4assessor@gmail.com.

## Reynolds to challenge Rawson on county board

### BULLETIN REPORT

Shannon Reynolds has announced that he is running for Doña Ana County District 3 Commissioner. Reynolds, a Democrat, is seeking to replace current commissioner Republican Ben Rawson.

Reynolds is an Air Force veteran, according to a news release. He earned a BS in engineering at the University of Illinois and is a former member of the Milford, Ohio, City Council.

"I believe the office of

County Commissioner of Doña Ana County should be one of vision, cooperation, foresight and respect," he says in the release. "The county should be leader when it comes to understanding the needs of the community and standing up for a better quality of life for all residents."

Reynolds lists as a priority the protection of public lands, including the Organ Mountains – Desert Peaks National Monument. He favors policies to help small businesses, through

workforce development and investment in business-supportive infrastructure like countywide high-speed internet.

"We are fortunate to have so many opportunities to build on the wonderful diverse cultures that make up our community," he is quoted. "It is time for the county to create policies that protect our values and enhance our lives for our future generations."

Reynolds supports sustainable development policies that contribute to quality of life and long-

term economic growth.

"Citizens need to know that the commissioner represents their interests first," he says. "They need to know that the services and programs they use are there for their benefit. In addition, residents need to know that their county commissioner is fair and committed fulltime to great customer service."

The county commission primary election is June 5. If Reynolds wins or is unopposed, he would advance to the general election Nov. 6.

## Torres Small announces for 2nd Congressional District

### BULLETIN REPORT

Xochitl Torres Small of Las Cruces has announced her candidacy for the open seat in New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District to be vacated by incumbent Republican Steve Pearce.

Torres Small, a water attorney and former staffer for Sen. Tom Udall, is a first-time candidate.

A Democrat, she enters the race with endorsements from Mayors Ken Miyagishima (Las Cruces) and Diana Trujillo (Anthony); state Sens. Bill Soules and Jeff Steinborn; State Reps. Doreen Gallegos, Rudy Martinez and Joanne Ferrary and former Rep. J. Paul Taylor; Las Cruces City Councilor Gill Sorg and former Councilor Sherry Thomas; Grant County Commissioners Harry Browne and Alicia Edwards; former Doña Ana Commission Chair Oscar Vasquez Butler, and 2016 NM-02 Democrat nominee Merrie Lee Soules.

"As the daughter of a teacher and a social

worker in Las Cruces, I learned early the values of hard work and having your neighbor's back – something that seems long forgotten in Washington today," Torres Small says in a news release. "To solve our greatest problems, we need a new crop of leaders ready to bring New Mexicans of all backgrounds together to find common-sense solutions. I'm running to expand opportunities for hardworking

families and to strengthen our rural communities with better access to health care, broadband service and good-paying jobs."

Torres Small previously served as a field representative for Sen. Udall, where, according to the release, she helped bring farmers, conservationists and communities together to protect New Mexico's water. She also worked with teachers, college instructors, and business leaders to create

better job opportunities for local graduates, the release says.

She sits on the board of directors for Mountain View Market Coop and La Semilla Food Center, and is a member of the Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force. She lives in Las Cruces with her husband Nathan Small.

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# Vote yes on school bond

## Improvements allow students to focus on learning

**M**ayfield High School opened in 1965. Most of the current furniture at Mayfield High School was purchased in ... 1965.



**RICHARD COLTHARP**  
From the Publisher

It's impressive the school system has maintained the furniture well enough for it to last, but it's safe to say it can't last much longer. The condition and comfort of the furniture has long since faded.

There's a reason you don't have the same home furniture you had 53 years ago.

New, better functioning furniture at MHS is just one of many things students and teachers will see if voters pass the school bond election Feb. 6.

If passed, the Las Cruces Public Schools will see \$50 million worth of improvements, renovations, additions, technology, safety and security, heating and cooling, and other things that will further our students' education, and reduce many sources of distraction.

Six elementary schools will receive badly needed major

renovations with the passing of the bond.

Valley View and Columbia both need new roofs, and Columbia needs major structural repairs. Fairacres, Hillrise and Desert Hills all need new multipurpose rooms and kitchens, and the overcrowded Fairacres needs a new classroom wing. MacArthur Elementary will receive several security and safety enhancements and a new nursing area.

Unfortunately, in the day and age we live, security and safety are critical at schools, which is why \$3.3 million of the \$50 million bond will go to measures which help protect our children.

Lynn Middle School needs new heating and cooling.

We as parents and citizens are always talking about "doing things for the kids." That's important, because, as corny as it sounds, the children are our future. Most of the improvements this bond would fund are things that would directly help their learning, or remove obstacles to their learning.

With the example of Lynn Middle School, it's not real conducive to either teaching or learning when you're sweating in a classroom in August and September.

Early voting has already begun for the bond issue, and will continue through Feb. 2.

Early voting can be done 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 Motel Blvd.

Voting for the bond will not increase your property taxes.

To ensure the bond will not increase those taxes, LCPS had to reduce the overall value of the bond. The past two years, the bond was at \$65 million. But because of the lowered bond ratings in New Mexico, LCPS could only generate \$50 for the same bond rate.

While that means fewer improvements for the schools, it means citizens will not see a tax increase.

Here are some other improvements the bond passage will bring to our students and staff:

- New playground equipment for six elementary schools
- Playground shade structures for seven elementaries
- Security doors at eight elementaries
- Security measures at Picacho and Vista middle schools and Mayfield High School
- Property acquisition for needed future growth
- Construction of a new operations complex to replace a badly outdated facility that puts textbooks and employees at risk
- Energy efficiency improve-

ments

- Updates for data, phone and network infrastructure that will benefit all schools

- Video equipment
- A new intercom system at Oñate High School, another important security measure

- Modifications to keep the schools compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act

- Lockers at Picacho Middle School

- Bleachers at Oñate

- Lighting at the Field of Dreams baseball complex

- A new basketball court at Camino Real Middle School

With all of the schools in the system, you would think there would be many more needs than these, and there are. Many more. In fact, based on reviews and studies by a diverse committee, the needs are more than \$200 million in capital outlay. But the \$50 million represented by these requests represents the highest priority items.

We all know the financial hits the state's schools have taken in state government the past few years. That has made things more and more difficult in the state's schools.

And it has made a "Yes" vote on this bond issue all the more critical.

Help your children. Help our students. Vote yes.

### 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.





## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Agriculture drives economy**

To the editor

Thank you, (publisher) Richard Coltharp, for your well-written column on the importance of agriculture to the state of New Mexico. Your admonition to increase our awareness of the origins of our food and clothing is timely. We'll soon see this year's crops greening up the valley land from Elephant Butte Reservoir all the way down to Texas.

From hydrologists, engineers, water masters, equipment operators and ditch riders, the hard-working people at Elephant Butte Irrigation District strive to help the district's producers efficiently maximize their use of our precious water resources. We don't want to waste a drop. New Mexico's wide variety of food, fiber and forage crops drives our economy in critical ways and we are proud to be a part of that process and of New Mexico's "agricultural heritage."

*Gary Esslinger  
Manager-treasurer  
Elephant Butte  
Irrigation District*

**State of the state**

To the editor:

I am a student at Cascade Christian Schools

in Washington, and I am writing a report on the state of New Mexico. We are responsible for gathering as much information as we can about our state. If any of your readers would like to help me by sending any pictures, postcards, used license plates, facts, products, etc. from your state, it would be greatly appreciated!

*Yours truly,  
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**Compromising American values**

To the editor:

In a nation of immigrants few things are more absurd than immigration policies driven by xenophobia and bigotry. Espousing systemic falsehoods from entities masquerading as news media outlets conservative politicians have weaponized fear. Using fear as a tool, conservative politicians can influence support for policies that are often against the best interests of the people who supported them, ultimately undermining our core values as Americans. By embracing humans' natural fear of the unknown and those that are different from them, a sort of tribal mentality,

the conservative strategists easily deceived the socially ignorant because they're eager to embrace false information that supports their biases.

I can tell you having worked and studied in criminal justice for years that fewer than 1 percent of criminal cases are perpetrated by immigrants, that is an indisputable fact. It is verifiable as facts tend to be. Compare that statistic respectively to the percentage of undocumented immigrants that have a positive impact in their community and the country in general. Most undocumented immigrants are hardworking and gracious people but beyond that; many are volunteers, students, nurses, and other occupations that we rely on.

Immigrants contribute hundreds of millions of dollars a year to the U.S. economy by working hard jobs for low pay that most Americans don't want to work, they buy goods and services, and they pay taxes. Nearly all Dreamers will live here for years and years without any negative contact with law enforcement and current laws on the books allow for these people to be deported if they commit certain felonies.

To search the communities and extract law abiding undocumented immigrants from their families, their homes, and their neighbors such as you and me is beyond tragic.

Every American city should be a sanctuary city because in the end we are nearly all descendants of immigrants, many of whom faced nationalist opposition when they came from their country of origin; for example the opposition to Chinese and Irish immigrants in the 1800's and early 1900's, yet if it were not for them the First Transcontinental Railroad would not have been completed when it was uniting the East and West Coasts of the United States.

Most Republican politicians know that immigrants aren't the national threat they make them out to be, they simply use that implication to get votes because that is the result of the successful weaponization of fear. Running on the Fear Platform gets them elected into office and allows them to work on their real agenda. Ultimately their goal is cut government spending, in particular assistance programs, to afford tax cuts for the wealthy (including themselves)

as well as large corporations that contribute millions of dollars on their campaigns and foundations of questionable repute.

The new tax plan the Republicans passed begins that process. Recently Paul Ryan offered a glimpse into the utopian future for conservative politicians by announcing their intent to reduce "healthcare entitlements," specifically speaking about Medicare. At the forefront of the government shutdown the Republicans are using the Children's Health Insurance Program as a bargaining chip to pass their budget. Congress has already agreed upon a bipartisan measure to fund CHIP but the lack of protections for Dreamers is causing the hold

up because Democrats are refusing to relent to the Republican hostage tactic, a method they use every time Congress needs to pass a budget.

If we allow the metasizing of xenophobic ideologies and the affirmation of false beliefs regarding immigration then we are allowing the very ideals this country stands for to be trampled on by those who are gleefully unencumbered by facts or truth. We must stand firm for the rights of others and shelter them from the wrongs that would befall them at the hands of the hoards of fear mongers who are blind to their humanity and true worth.

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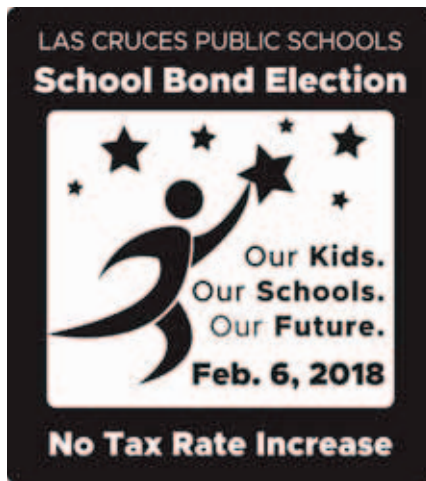
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LCPS Technology/Energy Efficiency (Includes solar project) .....	\$3,585,000
Playground Equipment or Shade Structures (10 elementary schools) .....	\$911,000
Physical Plant Complex - Phase I (new facilities and major renovations) .....	\$11,000,000
Roofs (Valley View).....	\$1,300,000
Safety & Security (12 schools: entrances, fences, gates, parking lot lighting) .....	\$3,326,000
School Furniture (Mayfield throughout & Sierra library) .....	\$2,950,000
Renovations & Repairs (Columbia Elementary).....	\$4,000,000
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# New Mexico moves up – to 49th – in survey

## BULLETIN REPORT

In this case, the state motto could be “Thank God for Louisiana.”

The Bayou State is the only thing standing between New Mexico and last place in 24/7 Wall St.’s eighth annual list of best- and worst-run states in the country.

New Mexico finished No. 49, below even perennial bottom dweller Mississippi this year. The only good news for New Mexico in the report may be that it moved up from 50th place in 2016.

The reasons for New Mexico’s poor showing: a 6.7 percent 2016 unemployment rate, the highest in the country; a pension-funded ratio of 70.6 percent (23rd lowest), a credit rating and outlook of Aa1/Negative and a poverty rate of 19.8 percent, third-highest behind Louisiana and Mississippi.

Here is what the 24/7 Wall St. report said about New Mexico in this year’s survey of states based on economic indicators, budget allocations, balance sheets and social measures:

“New Mexico is one of

many struggling states with a dwindling tax base. Some 7,100 more people moved out of New Mexico than moved in between July 2015 and July 2016. In addition to a shrinking population, New Mexico’s labor force is also decreasing.

The state’s labor force size fell by 0.3 percent in the last half-decade. While a smaller workforce can often mean a lower unemployment rate, some 6.7 percent of workers in the state were out of a job in 2016, the highest annual unemployment rate among states.

“Economic growth would likely go a long way to reducing unemployment, yet New Mexico’s economy is stagnant. The state’s GDP grew by only 0.2% in 2016, even as the U.S. economy expanded by 1.5 percent.”

The top five states in the survey, in order, were Minnesota, Utah, Iowa, Oregon and Washington. The bottom states, in order, were New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Mississippi, New Mexico and Louisiana.

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## City unveils model for departments

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

“We’re never going to rest,” Las Cruces City Manager Stuart Ed said Jan. 17 as he introduced the city’s new PEAK Performance initiative.

Through PEAK (for Perform, Evaluate, Assess and Keep Climbing), Ed said, he is challenging every city employee to “find their peak and keep climbing.”

The program focuses on determining the “critical goods and services” each department delivers to its customers and clear measures of success.

“We’re always looking to improve,” Ed said.

Using a logo designed by city Media Production Specialist Dominic Aragon, PEAK’s goal is to transform each of the city’s 13 departments to a performance-based model in a phased approach, according to a city news release.

The Economic Development and Parks and Recreation departments have already made the transition. Ed said all other departments should complete the process by the end of 2018.

“Our goal is for every associate with the city organization to view everything we do from the customer perspective,”



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK  
**City Manager Stuart Ed introduced the City of Las Cruces’ PEAK Performance Initiative at a Jan. 17 news conference.**

Ed said in the news release.

In addition, the program should help city staff achieve more transparency and better communications among departments and with the public.

As part of the program, Ed said, there will be a dashboard for each department on the city’s website by the end of the calendar year outlining critical tasks using green, yellow and red performance indicators.

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# Las Cruces may determine control of state House of Representatives

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Will Democrats and Republicans again “bet the house” on this year’s legislative races in Doña Ana County?

Democrats held a 37-33 seat advantage in the New Mexico House of Representatives going into the 2014 general election. Republicans picked up four seats from the Democrats that November, including two in this county, to take the same 37-33 advantage and gain control of the House for the first time in 60 years.

Two years later, Democrats picked up five House seats, including three in Doña Ana County, to retake control of the House.

All 70 seats in the House will be on the ballot this November, including the eight wholly or partly in Doña Ana County. Seven of the eight are held by Democrats.

Four of those seats –

Districts 33 (held by Rep. Bill McCamley), 34 (Rep. Bill Gomez), 35 (Rep. Angelica Rubio) and 52

(House Majority Whip Doreen Gallegos) – have been held by Democrats for many years, including Mary Helen Garcia in District 34 and Dolores Wright and now-state Sen. Joseph Cervantes in District 52.

In 2016, neither Gallegos nor Gomez had a general election opponent. Rubio, running for the first time, got almost 63 percent of the vote to win the seat previously held by Democrats Antonio Lujan and now-state Sen. Jeff Steinborn. (Steinborn, Cervantes

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**SUNDAY, JAN. 28**

**9-10 a.m., 6:30-10:30 p.m.**, Registration and Networking Hours – Hospitality Suite, Presidential Suite

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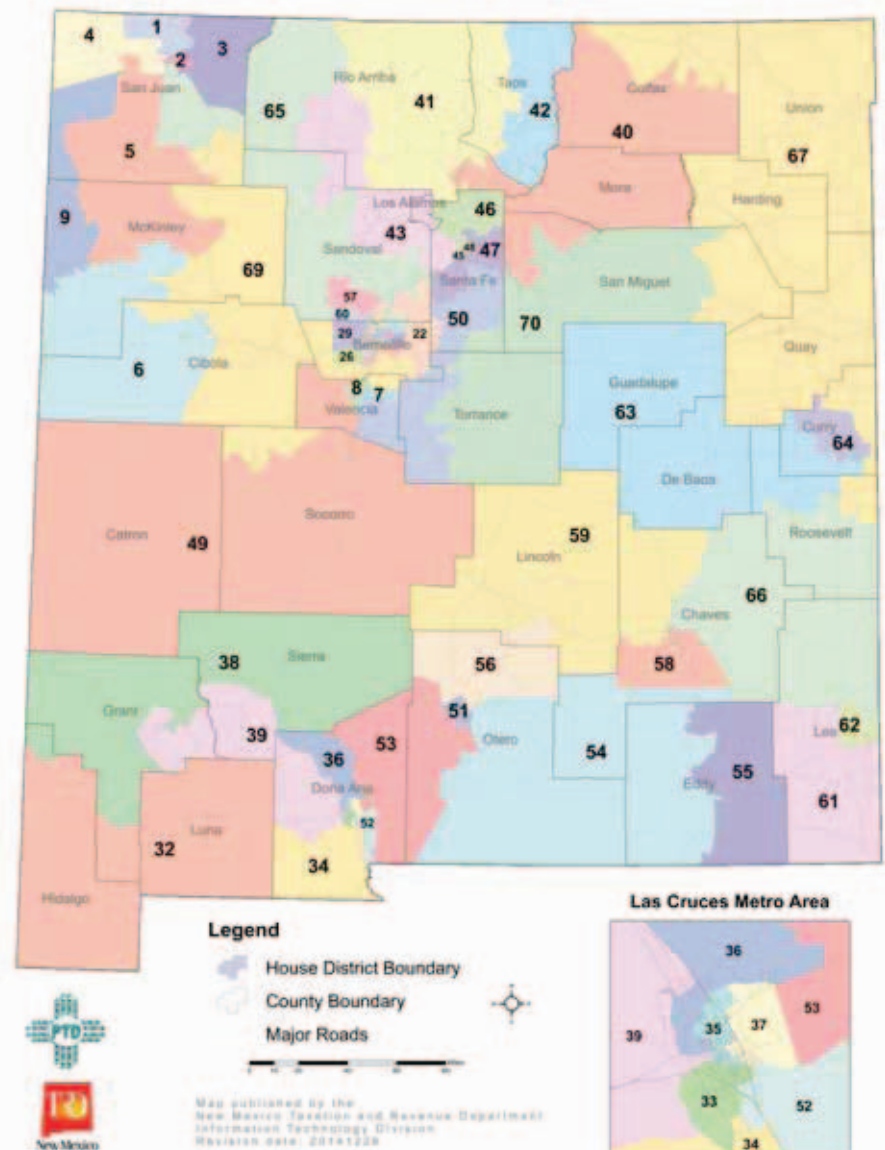
**MONDAY, JAN. 29**

**7-9 a.m.**, Legislative Breakfast – Eldorado, Anasazi Room

Program: Update on Spaceport America with Dan Hicks, executive director of Spaceport America

**10 a.m.**, Introductions and recognition of Conquistadores & Chamber officials during House and Senate sessions, plan to go to the Roundhouse immediately following breakfast.

## New Mexico House of Representatives



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**The New Mexico House of Representatives has 70 members, including eight who districts are wholly or partly in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County.**

and New Mexico’s 40 other state senators serve four-year terms and won’t be on the ballot again until 2020.)

McCamley got almost 65 percent of the vote in 2016 and has won by at least 15 percentage points since he was first elected

in 2012. His District 33 seat was formerly held by Democratic National

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Committeewoman Joni Gutierrez of Las Cruces and Democrat J. Paul Taylor of Mesilla. McCamley is not a candidate for re-election to the House this year, opting instead to run for state auditor.

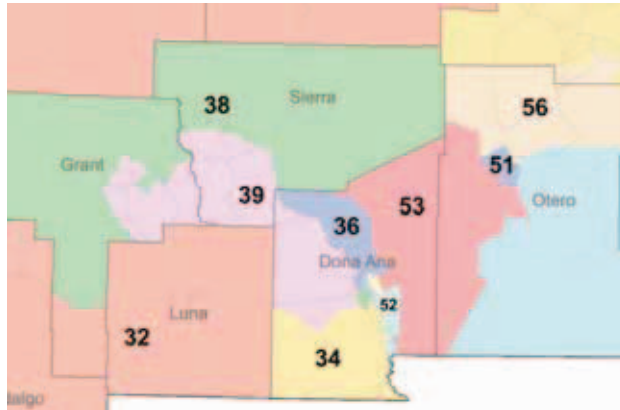
The county's other four House seats have changed hands between D's and R's in recent elections.

Former Las Cruces City Councillor Nathan Small, a Democrat, defeated incumbent Republican Andy Nuñez in District 36 by about 1,250 votes out of about 9,600 votes cast in the 2016 race.

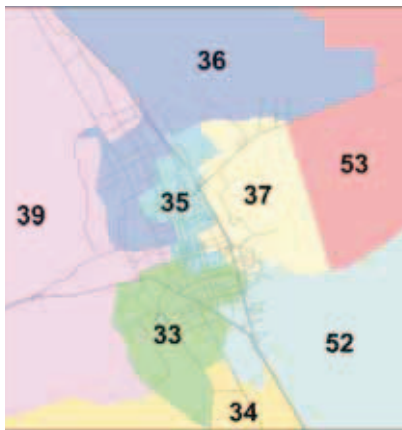
Nuñez first won the seat as a Democrat in 2000, defeating one-term Republican E.G. "Smokey" Blanton. Nuñez changed to Independent and lost the seat to the late Phillip Archuleta, a Democrat, in a three-way race in 2012. Nuñez won the seat back as a Republican, defeating Archuleta in a 2014 rematch, winning by 467 votes out of almost 5,800 cast.

On her third attempt, State Rep. Joanne Ferrary defeated incumbent Dr. Terry McMillan in District 37 in 2016, winning by 723 votes of 14,243 cast. Two years earlier, McMillan beat Ferrary by 409 votes. The seat formerly was held by both Democrat Jeff Steinborn and Republican Ed Boykin. House districts 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 52 are all contained completely within Doña Ana County.

In District 39, which includes portions of Doña Ana, Grant and Sierra counties, State Rep. Rudy Martinez of Bayard made it the best two out of



A closeup of New Mexico House of Representatives seats in metro Las Cruces.



New Mexico House of Representatives districts 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 52 are all contained completely within Doña Ana County. District 39 includes parts of Doña Ana, Grant and Sierra counties, and District 52 includes parts of Doña Ana and Otero counties.

three as he ousted incumbent Republican John Zimmerman of Las Cruces in 2016, winning by 223 votes of nearly 10,000 cast. Martinez, who first won the seat in 2006, defeated Zimmerman by 430 votes out of almost 9,800 cast in 2012. Zimmerman came back to defeat Martinez by 344 votes out of almost 6,900 cast in 2014.

The lone Republican in the county's House delegation is Ricky Little of Chaparral. In 2016, Little defeated Democrat Willie Madrid, also of Chaparral, in District 53, which includes precincts in both Doña Ana and Otero counties, by 137 votes out of 5,469 cast. Madrid replaced the Democrats' original candidate in the race, Cliff Reed, shortly before the November general election.

Little defeated incumbent Democrat Nathan

Cote to win the seat for the first time in 2010. Cote returned the favor by defeating Little in 2012, and then retired. Little won the seat back in 2014, winning almost 62 percent of the vote. The seat was held by Republican Terry Marquardt for 12 years.

As 2016 proved again, more local Democrats vote in years when there is a presidential race on the ballot than in so-called off-years. This is an "off-year" election, but with Gov. Susana Martinez unable to run again due to term limits, Democrats are hoping a strong campaign by their gubernatorial nominee will help in down-ballot races, including the state House.

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# Couple wins free wedding

## Bridal & Special Events Showcase set for Sunday

By **RICHARD COLTHARP**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

How would you like to get a wedding for your birthday?

Adriana Sanchez celebrated her birthday Jan. 18, and the very next day learned that she and her fiancé, Orlando Ramirez, had won a free wedding, to take place at this Sunday's Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events Showcase at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

The couple earned the most Facebook likes in

Magic 104.9's "Tie the Knot" contest, winning the opportunity for a wedding with all the trimmings provided.

In the days leading up to the final selection, the numbers kept rising for Sanchez and Ramirez, whose story was compelling for many of the voters, and more than 2,700 voted.

"We're thankful for our family and the support," Sanchez said. "We had no idea everybody wanted us to get married so bad."

Sanchez works as a

hairstylist and is a partner at Karma Salon. Ramirez is in construction and is working on an associate's degree in HVAC (heating and cooling).

Sanchez and Ramirez have been together nearly 10 years as a couple, and they've been engaged for six years. Even though they already have two children – not to mention two dogs – they never managed to me take that final step official and say "I Do."

So now, they will.

"Life just keeps going on," Sanchez said of their delayed nuptials. "He went back to school and we've been working so hard building a future we just never got around to setting a date."

One date they both remember is May 18, 2008, the first time they officially went out as a couple.

It was especially memorable for Ramirez, because Sanchez's parents were there, too.

"It was lunch at a Chinese restaurant, the Oriental Palace," Ramirez said.

"I was 18 and he was 19," Sanchez said.

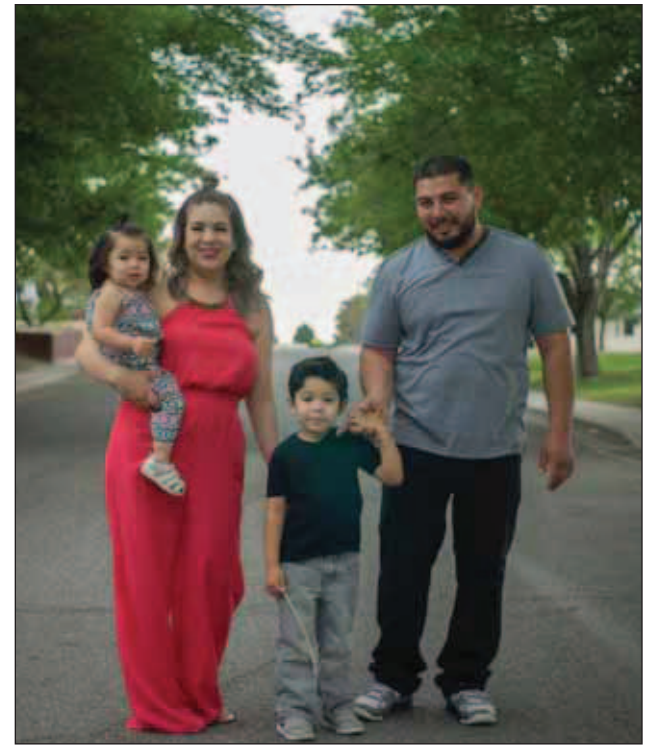
And what has kept them together since that first meeting over kung pao and moo shoo?

"She's my best friend," Ramirez said.

"He's my rock," Sanchez said. "He keeps me grounded. He's supported everything, all my decisions: going to school, leaving school, going back to school, entering a new business."

The couple likes to keep things simple. On a day off, you might find them at the park, with their children, Orlando, 6, and Adelina, 3, and their bulldog Harvey and a Yorkie mix, Alfred.

Because the wedding takes place during the actual Bridal & Special Events Showcase, wedding guests will include, in addition to friends and



COURTESY PHOTO

**Orlando Ramirez and Adriana Sanchez won a free wedding, which will take place at the Las Cruces Bridal & Events Showcase Sunday, Jan. 28, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.**

family, complete strangers from the public.

"We'll be a little nervous in front of a large group," Sanchez. "We'd always planned on something small. But we feel good about it."

And while many couples spend months planning their wedding, in this case everything is already taken care of, from the clothes to the ring. And their anniversary date is also preset, Jan. 28, 2018.

"My sister said, 'You don't even get to pick your date?'" Sanchez said.

The wedding will be 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. The showcase is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day. Admission at the door is \$7, with advance tickets available at Renee's Bridal and Enchanted Occasions. For more information, visit [www.lascrucesbridalshowcase.com](http://www.lascrucesbridalshowcase.com).

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# Bond election targets school safety

## BULLETIN REPORT

Ensuring school campuses are secure is one of the priorities of the Feb. 6 school bond election.

According to officials from Las Cruces Public Schools, the \$50 million school bond earmarks more than \$5.5 million to enhance security with additional intercoms, fences, security entrances, and improvements to the network infrastructure that supports items such as the telephone and Internet systems.

“Schools have always been among the safest places for children. But, in this day and age, we have to stay vigilant to keep it that way,” said Jo Galvan, LCPS chief communications officer. “The physical layout of the buildings must lend itself to protecting kids and staff and we need up-to-date equipment that provides extra safety.”

Galvan said that the election, if passed, includes \$750,000 to install new security doors at eight elementary schools: Central, César Chávez, Desert

Hills, Doña Ana, East Picacho, Highland, Hillrise and Valley View. The inside entrance doors would keep visitors from entering the building and heading directly to classrooms without stopping first at the front office.

“The security doors that have been added at other schools are working really well and it gives everyone a greater sense of security,” said Todd Gregory, LCPS director of safety and security.

The election includes \$2.23 million for a new security entrance, expanded front office and new nursing area at MacArthur Elementary School, security gates and fencing at Picacho Middle School (\$140,000) and Vista Middle School (\$50,000), and outdoor security lighting for Mayfield High School (\$150,000).

Completing the upgrades to Oñate High School’s 24-year-old intercom system is also included (\$185,000).

As a benefit to all schools, Galvan said the election includes \$2 million

to upgrade the district’s data, telephone and network infrastructure.

“Keeping our telephones and network updated and in good working order is the foundation for all school operations,” said Matt Dawkins, LCPS director of information technology. “In times of emergency, we have to rely on phones, intercom systems, the website, and all means at our disposal to keep in contact with school sites and to communicate with families.”

Early voting continues from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays through Feb. 2 at the County Bureau of Elections, 845 N. Motel Boulevard. On Election Day, Feb. 6, polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m.



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The Feb. 6 school bond election would pay for security doors at eight elementary schools similar to these in the new front lobby of Jornada Elementary School.

## Feb. 6 voting centers

County government center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.  
Desert Hills Elementary School, 280 N. Roadrunner Pkwy.  
East Picacho Elementary School, 4450 N. Valley Drive  
Fairacres Elementary School, 4501 W. Picacho Ave.  
Hillrise Elementary School, 1400 S. Curnutt St.  
Jornada Elementary School, 3400 Elks Drive  
Las Alturas Fire Station, 4145 Cholla Road  
Las Cruces High School, 1750 El Paseo Road  
Mayfield High School, 1955 N. Valley Drive  
Sonoma Elementary School, 4201 Northrise Drive  
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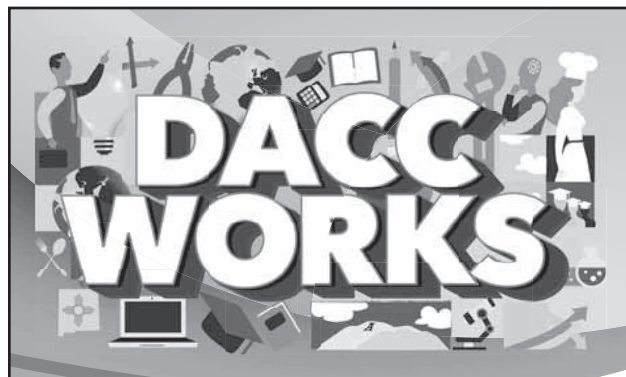
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Graduates gather for the fall DACC commencement exercise.

# DACC selected for national project

## BULLETIN REPORT

"Project Success" a partnership with the United States Department of Education (DoE) will help Doña Ana Community College (DACC) increase enrollment and retain students through graduation.

DACC was selected by the DoE to implement several programs that have proven successful in helping students select a career path, stay in school and implement a financial plan for their college career. As part of Project Success, these programs are free to DACC for the next three years.

DACC is only the second New Mexico community college to be

designated as a partner.

Project Success programs selected by DACC include:

- An emergency program to help students overcome financial hardships.
- To better advise students, as DACC financial services counselors receive instruction and certification from the National Association of Financial Aid Administrators.
- A career inventory tool is being implemented by DACC recruitment professionals to help students decide on a career choice.

"Some students are not sure what their major should be," said Vice President for Student Services Ike Ledesma.

"We want our students to have an idea about what they want to study so they don't waste time and money taking classes they don't need. With Project Success we now have access to the SuperStrong inventory so students can explore their career options."

The SuperStrong inventory is based on themes that show a person's interests and in which work environment they will be most satisfied and stable. The inventory has six themes that identify specific majors and careers. For example, for those who are "investigative," a major in math, the sciences, history or philosophy are recommended. Their most satisfying career

choices include analyst, technician, optometrist, scientist, web developer or college professor.

The inventory is based on the work of Dr. Edward K. Strong, the originator of the Strong Interest Inventory assessment and the first psychologist to research the measurement and study of vocational interests.

The inventory is available for prospective DACC students and those seeking a degree at the community college. The 15-minute questionnaire can be taken by students through their phone, tablet or computer. Contact the recruitment office for more information: [recruitment@dacc.nmsu.edu](mailto:recruitment@dacc.nmsu.edu); 575-527-7508



## IN THE NEWS

### Scam alert

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### Lunar triple play

For the first time since the end of the Civil War, a blue moon, super moon and total lunar eclipse will occur on the same date.

It all happens Wednesday, Jan. 31.

"The blue moon – second of two full moons in one calendar month – will pass through the Earth's shadow on Jan. 31, 2018, to give us a total lunar

eclipse," Brian McClure writes for [earthsky.org](http://earthsky.org). "Totality, when the moon will be entirely inside the Earth's dark umbral shadow, will last a bit more than one-and-a-quarter hours. The Jan. 31 full moon is also the third in a series of three straight full moon super moons – that is, super-close full moons."

The precise moment of the Jan. 31 blue moon is 10:37 a.m. MST.

For those in North America the lunar eclipse will be visible before sunrise on Jan. 31, according to [EarthSky.org](http://EarthSky.org).



### Vasquez appointed

Doña Ana County Clerk Scott Krahling has appointed Rose Ann Vasquez to replace Lynn Ellins as chief deputy county clerk.

Ellins, a former two-term county clerk and Bureau of Elections supervisor, retired effective Jan. 22.

"I am grateful for Lynn's mentorship and excited for the future with Rose Ann's partnership," Krahling said.

Vasquez joined the County Clerk's Office in 2016 as a document technician and was promoted to communications coordinator in 2017. During her time she has worked to increase voter partici-

pation and to raise awareness about the Clerk's Office through community partnerships.

"Rose Ann brings crucial experience in professional management, and a passion to strengthen the quality of life of our residents by increasing civic engagement," Krahling said. "I'm excited about her vision to create meaningful relationships between our office and the residents it serves."

Vasquez, a native of Las Cruces, earned her master's degree in government at NMSU.

### Reward increased

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers has increased its reward to \$2,000 for anyone with information that can help identify human remains found Dec. 10 in an undeveloped area near Rinconada Boulevard.

In December, LCPD released photos of evidence found near the remains with the hope someone will recognize the items collected, including five pieces of jewelry, the



label from a coat, a pair of sunglasses and a piece of paper with handwriting.

The human remains were found by a hiker in an undeveloped area off Rinconada west of the intersection with Sonoma Ranch Boulevard.

Investigators still do not know the gender or approximate age of the individual, whether foul play was involved or how long the remains had been in the area.

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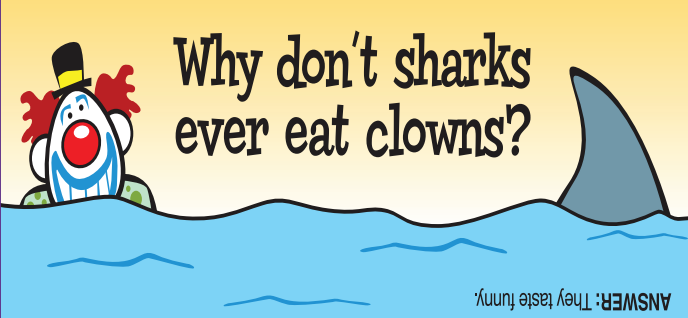


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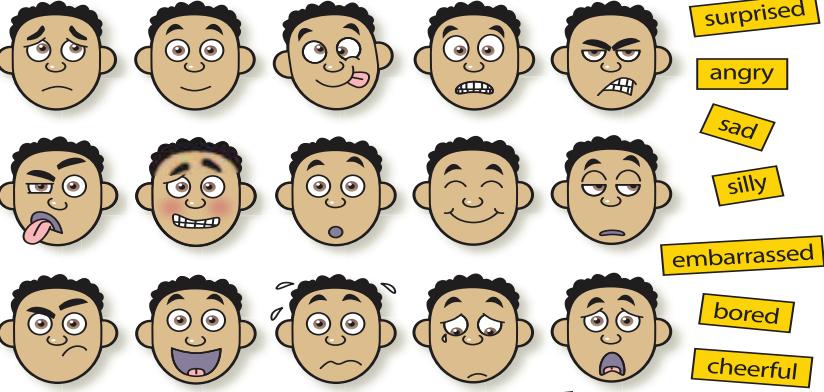
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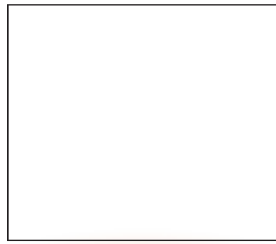
Your teacher announces that today is the day for a big test. But you forgot to study.

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**Photo Feelings**  
Find and cut out three pictures of people in today's newspaper. Glue the pictures onto a piece of paper and then write one or more words to describe how you think the person or people in the photograph are feeling.  
Standards Link: Writing: Write sentences using descriptive details.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

**Body Talk**  
Our bodies can tell a lot about how we are feeling. Look at each of the people below. Can you match each feeling?

CONFUSED ANGRY



FRIGHTENED HAPPY

### Kid Scoop Word Search

SURPRISED DISGUSTED IMPATIENT FEELINGS WORRIED LOVING SCARED BORED BRAVE PROUD THINK WALK FELT SAD

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

**Planet Points of View**  
Look through the newspaper or the newspaper's website for ten words that describe feelings. Cut these out and glue them onto a sheet of paper in alphabetical order.  
Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

### Write On!

**Getting Through Sad Times**  
What do you do when you are sad? What helps you to cheer up? Write about it and compare your ideas with a friend's ideas.

### Kid Scoop Together:

**Your Feelings Vocabulary**  
How many different feelings do you have? You probably feel a lot of different things every day. Being able to name your feelings and talk about them with caring adults and friends is part of growing up and being comfortable with your feelings. Here is a list of words that name feelings. Put a check next to the ones you have felt at one time or another.

- Brave
- Cheerful
- Confused
- Curious
- Disappointed
- Embarrassed
- Excited
- Ignored
- Impatient
- Important
- Interested
- Jealous
- Lonely
- Angry
- Bored
- Surprised
- Proud
- Frustrated
- Silly
- Worried
- Safe
- Loving
- Calm
- Nervous

Can you think of a few more words for feelings?

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# Candidates flock to race

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Steve Pearce announced he would run for governor in 2018 instead of re-election to his U.S. House of Representatives seat representing New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District, he opened the floodgates for potential successors.

To date, 15 Republicans and Democrats have announced they would run for the seat, and six have already withdrawn, according to Ballotpedia.

Democrats in the race, according to Ballotpedia, are:

- Angel Peña, 29, of Las Cruces, Río Bravo Regional Conservation director for the Conservation Lands Foundation.
- Xochitl Torres Small of Las Cruces, a water lawyer, homeless shelter volunteer and wife of state Rep. Nathan Small, D-Doña Ana.
- Dr. Madeleine "Mad" Hildebrandt of Socorro, a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard and online history instructor for Rowan College for the past 18 years.
- David Alcon, a politi-

cal activist from Milan (Cibola County). Alcon was arrested last November on suspicion of stalking charges. He was convicted of trespassing and aggravated stalking in 2007. Republicans running for seat according to Ballotpedia are:

- Monte Newman of Hobbs, who served as mayor of that city and is former chair of the state Republican Party. Newman, who owns a real estate company in Hobbs, lost in the Republican primary for the U.S. House seat in 2008.

- State Rep. Yvette Herrell, R-Otero, who lives in Alamogordo. A real estate investor, Herrell has held the state House seat since 2010.

- Clayburn Griffin of Lovington, a digital marketer.

- Dr. Gavin Clarkson of Las Cruces, a New Mexico State University associate professor in the College of Business. Clarkson resigned last December as federal Bureau of Indian Affairs deputy assistant secretary for Policy and Economic Development for Indian Affairs. He is an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation, accord-

ing to a campaign news release.

- Jack Volpato, a Carlsbad pharmacist and former Eddy County commissioner.

Candidates who announced for the seat but have dropped out, according to Ballotpedia, are Democrats David Baake, Tony Martinez, Adolf Zubia and Ronald Fitzherbert, all of Las Cruces; and Republicans Aubrey Dunn, the state land commissioner and native of Alamogordo; and Brig. General Andrew Salas, former adjutant general of the New Mexico National Guard, of Bernardo.

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## History of 2nd Congressional District

When New Mexico became a state in 1912, it was given two seats in the United States House of Representatives. The second seat was abolished in 1913, and New Mexico was a single-district state until 1943, when a second seat was again added. Both seats were at-large until 1969, when the 1st and 2nd Congressional districts were created.

In the 1968 general election, Republican Ed Foreman of Las Cruces defeated incumbent Democrat E.S. "Johnny" Walker. Foreman had the seat for a single two-year term, and is the only person

from Las Cruces ever to hold the seat.

Foreman lost to Democrat Harold Runnels of Lovington, who held the seat for 10 years until his death in 1980. Republican Joe Skeen, a Picacho rancher who had lost narrowly in two bids for governor, won the seat by write-in that year and held it for 22 years – a New Mexico record. Skeen retired in 2002 and was succeeded by Steve Pearce, a Hobbs businessman. Pearce gave the seat up in 2008 to run unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate. He won it back, defeating incumbent Democrat Harry Teague of Hobbs

in 2010, and has held the seat for the past seven years.

Pearce is giving up his seat to run as the only Republican candidate for governor.

In its almost 50-year history, New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District seat has been held by five men, including three Republicans and two Democrats. Three were from Lea County (two from Hobbs, one from Lovington), serving a total of 26 years, one from Lincoln County (Picacho), serving 22 years, and one from Doña Ana County (Las Cruces), serving two years.

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## COMING UP

**Dance Las Cruces:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, Alma d' Artes, 410 Court Ave. Live Latino, swing, country and salsa music provided by Luigi's Rhythms. Beginners, singles, couples welcome. Free dance lesson at 6:45 p.m. Cost: \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for students. Info: 575-496-2761.

**Adult coloring:** 10 a.m.-noon, Fridays, Jan. 26, Feb. 9 and 23, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Coloring and socializing for adults. Participants bring supplies or use the museum's coloring pages and colored pencils. Info: 575-647-4480 or museums.las-cruces.org.

**Driver safety:** AARP Smart Driver. Arrive 15 minutes early to register. Cost: \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Bring exact change or check made out to AARP.

- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Jan. 26, Feb. 24, March 22 and April 7. Good Samaritan. Info and reservations: 575-642-2582.

- 12:45-4:45 p.m. Feb.

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

**Republican women:** 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 26, Trinity Lutheran Church, 2900 Elks Drive. Cost: \$15 for lunch. Info and reservations: Patricia Rothen-gass, 575-650-5057 or email artpjr1940@yahoo.com.

**Baha'is' fireside:** 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at Good Samaritan Village, 3025 Terrace Drive. A discussion on "Two Wings of a Bird, The Equality of Women and Men." Speakers are Deborah and Darrell Rodgers. Info: 556-9650 or email localspiritu-alamassembly@yahoo.com.

**Native Plant Society:** 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. Meet at Bank of the Rio Grande parking lot, University Avenue and Telshor Boulevard, to carpool for the field trip. Info: Carolyn Gressitt, 575-496-7584.

**Breast cancer support:** 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Memorial Medical Center West Annex.

Dr. Gregory S. Willis, board-certified radiation oncologist, will speak on "Radiation Therapy in the Management of Breast Cancer." Cost: Free. Info: 575-524-4373.

**Conversations with Democrats:** 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Holy Family American National Catholic Church, 702 Parker Road. Johana Bencomo, a community organizer with CAFe, will lead a discussion, "What is so precious about U.S. citizenship and who deserves it?" Info: 575-521-0096.

**German language:** 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Breland Hall, Room 173-A at New Mexico State University. Park in the East parking lot and use the East entrance. Info: Christine at 575-524-2530 or Heike at 575-522-5393.

**Pageants:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, Oñate Performing Arts Center, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive. Miss New Mexico USA and Miss New Mexico Teen USA pageants. Preliminary competition Saturday, finals competition

Saturday. Cost: \$35-\$40 at HoldMyTicket.com/tickets/300836. Info: 915-845-2894 or laurasproductions@aol.com

**Bridal showcase:** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events Showcase features a variety of local businesses and service providers will be on site to present options and ideas for event planning. Cost: \$5 in advance at Renee's Bridal, Enchanted Occasions, or at www.LasCrucesBridalShowcase.com. Admission is \$7 at the door on the day of the event.

**Free-throw championship:** Noon Sunday, Jan. 28, Las Cruces Catholic School Multipurpose Room, 1331 N. Miranda. All boys and girls 9-14 are invited to participate in the Council 9527 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. Proof of age and written parental consent are required. Winners will be eligible to advance to the district and state competitions. Info: John Byers, 575-382-5276, or Jason Barela, barelaj@aol.com.

**Desert Owls:** 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 31, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Owls of the Chihuahuan Desert. Children dissect owl pellets and possibly see the museum's owls with a spotting scope for a closer look. Recommended for children ages 8-12 with parents/chaperones. Cost: \$3 per child/parent. Info and reservations: LuAnn Kilday, 575-522-4100.

**Catholic Schools:** 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, Holy Cross and St. Mary's High School, 1331 N. Miranda St. Las Cruces Catholic Schools Open House followed by a spaghetti dinner 4-6 p.m. in the school auditorium and meet-and-greet with teachers 6-7 p.m. Cost: \$5 per plate for the dinner. Info: 575-526-2517.

**Stamp club:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, Belton Bridge Center, 1214 E. Madrid. Info: 575-202-1937.

**Crafts for Kids:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Children are invited to make Valentine's Day cards and crafts. Crafts are free and materials will be provided. Cost: Regular museum admis-

sion, \$4 for senior citizens, \$3 for children 4 to 17, and free for children 3 and under.

**Children's story time:** 11 a.m. Feb. 3, 8 and 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 las-cruces.org/museums.

**Family science:** 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. What makes a healthy river and how water marks our landscape. Info: 575-522-3120, or las-cruces.org/museums.

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

- Feb. 4: Humanity Has Two Choices. Because of growing numbers, human are doing harm to the planet. A look at our choices and discussion of what can be done to benefit future humans.

- 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.



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## COMING UP

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**USA Dance:** 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. New member of national network of 160 chapters hosts its first dance with music for waltz, fox trot, cha-cha, salsa, tango, swing, hustle and more. Cost: USA Dance member \$5, non-member \$10. Info: Ellen, 575-522-1438 or email edavis4455@yahoo.com.

**Alzheimer's warning signs:** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, Home Instead Senior Care, 880 S. Telshor Blvd. No. 200. Know the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's. Free. Info and registration: 1-800-272-3900 or email kmgandara@alz.org.

**Economic Outlook:** 9:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Register by Monday, Feb. 5. National and state economists present their economic forecasts for 2018. Reception 9:30-10 a.m. with refreshments. Free. Info and registration: Anthony Casaus, 575-646-5817 or business.nmsu.edu/cob-events.

**Democratic candidate forum:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, Truth or Consequences City Commission Chambers, 405 W. Third Street, Truth or Consequences. The Democratic Party of Sierra County will host the first gubernatorial candidate forum in the 2nd Congressional District with all four candidates for governor, Jeff Apodaca, Joseph Cervantes, Peter DeBenedict-

is, and Michelle Lujan Grisham.

**Culture series:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Archaeologist David Greenwald will speak about his current project, "Creek-side Village," which is a mid-7th to mid-9th century pit house village (AD 650-850) located in Tularosa Canyon between Tularosa and Mescalero. Cost: Free.

**Kids Valentine's Camp:** 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center, 3217 El Camino Real. 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, lascrucesjuniorjazzercise@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Junior Jazzercise Las Cruces.

**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 required. Cost: \$5 per class. Info: daphotclub.org/boot-camp.html.

- Feb. 10: Getting camera off auto mode/how ISO, aperture and shutter-speed work.
- March 10: How to take better photos/composition.
- April 14: Editing.
- May 12: Image critique and Q&A.

**Family Game Day:** 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Feb. 10, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 North Me-

silla 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.

**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.

- Saturday, Feb. 10, Panchito Villa State Park  
Sunset: 5:50 p.m. Program Start: 7 p.m., Program 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

**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 las-cruces.org/museums.

**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.

**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.

**Book club:** 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 North Mesilla St. Rail Readers Book Club meets to discuss Peril on the Royal Train by Edward Marston. Copies of this book are available for loan from the museum. Info: 575-647-4480 or las-cruces.org/museums.

**Crafts for kids:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Children 5 and older and parents learn to weave using a paper loom. Yarn and a loom will be provided. Weave a plain pattern to take home. Cost:

Free with regular paid Museum admission.

**Benefit concert:** 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, Center for Spiritual Living at 575 N. Main. Benefit concert for the Schaub family, whose son is in cancer treatment in Houston. Music by The Hard Road Trio, featuring Steve Smith, Anne Luna and Chris Sanders. Cost: \$20 suggested donation.

**Cowboy Days:** March 3-4, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. The museum's largest event pays tribute to the state's ranching traditions with cowboy demonstrations, chuck wagon cooking, children's activities, mounted shooting, the CASI Chili Cook-Off, cowboy music, pony rides, gunfight re-enactments and more. Cost: \$5 for those 5 and older.



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The City of Las Cruces is holding a post-design meeting for the West Court Avenue Improvements. The project includes improvements of Court Avenue, including water, sanitary sewer, gas, storm drain, sidewalks, ADA ramps, street lighting and new asphalt roadway. The project limits are: W. Court Ave. from N. Melendres St. to N. Water St.

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### 100 YEARS AGO 1918

• “The Prohibition election is on in the city of El Paso, and from indications, the town will go dry in the next 60 days,” says a January 1918 blurb in the Las Cruces Citizen. “In this case, Las



**MICHAEL SCANLON**

Looking Back

Cruces will be the only oasis within driving distance of El Paso.”

• “Two herders had been in charge of goats located on the Mexican side of the line south of Pelea,” the Citizen reported. “Three men, two on horses and the third on a mule, rode into the goat camp, each with handkerchiefs masking his face. The two Mexican goat herders were held at the point of guns and bound. Then they were taken half a mile from their herds, told they would be shot if they moved, bound hand and foot and left. The three bandits then

returned to the herds and drove the 500 head of goats into New Mexico near Pelea.” The article goes on to describe how Doña Ana County Sheriff Felipe Lucero tracked the rustled herd and later found them in a rail car bound for Fort Worth. The goats were returned to the herders.

### 75 YEARS AGO 1943

• “Over protests from Doña Ana County said to have come from the Democratic county executive committee, Gov. John J. Dempsey has submitted for confirmation of the senate, the names of all regents of A and M College (now New Mexico State University) he announced recently he would appoint,” the Las Cruces Sun-News reported in January 1943. “The protest from Doña Ana County, authoritative sources said, was that ... there would be three Republicans on the board.”

• “Last night was the coldest of the 1942-43 winter in the Mesilla Valley, government records at the State College sta-

tion reveal today, but the 13 above that was registered was ‘merely a shiver,’ observer John Overpeck insists, compared with what the station has recorded,” the Sun-News reported. “It was the coldest night here since exactly three years ago, Jan. 20, 1940, when the government thermometer dropped to 9 above – but 30 years ago – unlucky Jan. 13, 1913, the State College station registered 8 below.”

### 50 YEARS AGO 1968

• “A recent survey conducted with agencies and people who come into direct contact

with youths indicates that the greatest need for juvenile offenders here is a halfway rehabilitation house,” the Sun-News reported in January 1943. “For this reason, council members are studying costs and operational needs of opening a halfway house at the former radar site acquired for a Doña Ana County recreation center.”

• Jeter Bryant, managing editor of the Las Cruces Sun-News, was elevated to the presidency of the New Mexico Press Association Saturday,” the Sun-News reported. “Wendell Faught of the Deming Headlight and Graphic, moved from second vice president

to first vice president. Bob Brown, editor of the Albuquerque Journal, was elected second vice president.”

### 25 YEARS AGO 1993

• A convenience store clerk was shot Tuesday night in a robbery at the Pic Quik store at Valley Drive and Hoagland, despite cooperating with the two men being sought for the crimes,” the Las Cruces Bulletin reported in January 1993. “The employee, whose name is not being released, was wounded in the shoulder and is in stable condition at Memorial Medical Center.”

• “Area planners, with input from local real estate representatives, have drafted legislation that would change the state subdivision laws if approved by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Bruce King,” the Bulletin reported. “The changes are designed to curb the rampant growth of illegal subdivisions which leave unsuspecting property buyers in areas with poor or nonexistent roads, drainage, water supplies, sewage facilities and utilities. The resultant ‘colonias,’ as they are called, represent a major health risk, according to local officials and have prompted many costly lawsuits.”



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Students in the Loretto Academy orchestra sit with their instruments in front of the school in a photograph taken around 1940. The Sisters of Loretto first began education programs in Las Cruces in 1870 and their Academy of the Visitation, located at Main and Amador streets, opened soon after. The school primarily educated the girls and young women of the community but from time to time also operated a school for boys. In addition to the typical academic and religious education, the academy offered organized sports, field trips and picnics, and instruction in the arts and music. The academy was the oldest school in southern New Mexico in 1943, when financial difficulties forced its closure. Photograph from the NMSU Archives, Horton-Ballard Studio Collection, image number 04081456.

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# Legacy gifts leave impact

**W**hen thinking of the future, it is important to consider what legacy one would like to leave behind.



**APRIL ANAYA**

Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

Dr. Robert Palmer of Deming wanted to ensure his legacy made a difference in southern New Mexico, so he worked with his attorney, CPA, and Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) staff to develop a planned gift agreement. In that agreement, Dr. Palmer named the Community

Foundation of Southern New Mexico as the beneficiary of a \$1 million transformational estate gift.

Planned giving is a way of giving that allows an individual to designate property or funds to an organization through their will. These types of bequests ensure programs and initiatives that donors are passionate about are supported beyond their lifetime.

The Palmer estate gift will be split so that 75 percent of the funding will support Luna County and 25 percent will support Doña Ana County.

“We are grateful to have the ability to honor Dr. Palmer’s legacy and have both counties benefit from his philanthropic wishes in perpetuity,” CFSNM Executive Director Terra Winter said.

To honor his legacy, both a scholarship and a grant endowment will be established in his name and will be available for Luna County nonprofit organizations and students. An additional endowment will also be set up to provide matching funds for the community, allowing Luna County donors to multiply the value of their gifts for years to come.

Planned gifts also focus on what is most important to donors. For Palmer, it was his community that meant the most to him. A 1961 Deming High School graduate, he went on to attend University of New Mexico (UNM) and George Washington University Medical School. After serving in the United States Air Force, he practiced medicine in Idaho, California and Massachusetts before moving back to New Mexico to teach at UNM. He settled back in Deming upon his retirement to take care of his 90-year-old mother and live out his life in his home town.

The 25 percent of the Palmer legacy gift set aside to assist Doña Ana County includes \$100,000 endowed to support the CFSNM Wellness Grant Fund program and \$50,000 to create an additional matching endowment for nonprofit endowment building.

“The impact from legacy gifts, such as this will make a tremendous long-term difference for the nonprofit organizations already doing great work in the region, and also allow for more Luna County students to have access to funding that will help offset the cost of their education,” Winter said.

Planning for the financial future is important and sometimes overlooked in today’s busy world. The CFSNM urges you to start these conversations, speak to an attorney or CPA and begin to write down what you want your legacy to be. The best part is you do not have to be a million-dollar donor to leave a legacy.

For more information on the planned giving and the Dr. Robert Palmer Endowed Funds at the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico, please contact Terra Winter at 575-521-4794 or [terra@cfsnm.org](mailto:terra@cfsnm.org).

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## Atrium Physical Therapy Introduces a New Cutting Edge Rehab Tool

Las Cruces (NM)- Atrium Physical Therapy introduces a new cutting edge rehab tool. A patient, "D.E." had both knees replaced over a period of 2 years. Since the surgeries, he was unable to get the strength back in his legs due to pain. He said "My knees hurt so much . . . I couldn't push hard enough to get stronger." He is now using a technique that's getting a lot of attention in the physical therapy community.

"It feels like I'm lifting more than I've ever lifted. My legs feel like they will explode - like I've walked 500 flights of stairs. But then I feel fine and now so much stronger" said D.E., a Las Cruces resident who is going through Blood Flow Restriction rehab at Atrium Physical Therapy.

Johnny Owens PT, of San Antonio Texas researched and applied this technique on Wounded Warriors at the Center for the Intrepid, at the San Antonio Military Medical Center Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation. Owens is published extensively in peer-reviewed literature. His work has been reported in 60 Minutes, Time magazine, NPR, Discovery Channel and ESPN. In addition to the clinical staff at Atrium, Owens has trained and certified Physical Therapists in professional sports teams, universities, rehab facilities, and private clinics.

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difference quickly, and are eager to continue with the treatment in their next session. "I have strength in my quads that I haven't felt since long before my knee replacements." said "D.E.", a BFR patient at Atrium Physical Therapy. "What's more, I had a previous injury to one of my legs before, which left me with a very weak calf muscle. I'm now using that calf with much more strength."

A large and growing body of scientific evidence supports BFR effectiveness and safety. "We are careful to caution that BFR is not for everyone" said Dennis Prickett, Physical Therapist and co-owner at Atrium Physical Therapy. A trained therapist reviews the risks, and a physician is consulted when necessary. "This is not as simple as putting a strap around the limb and making it tight. If done incorrectly or using improper equipment, injury may result. That's why we use the only FDA approved personalized tourniquet system for BFR available." Atrium is the only certified physical therapy clinic in the state of New Mexico to use the this system.

"We are so excited to offer this to our patients. This is a treatment modality with a very large amount of scientific literature to support it. Its potential to transform many people's lives - to get them stronger and back to normal - is tremendous."

Atrium Physical Therapy is offering a free seminar for people who want to learn if this cutting edge treatment is right for them. The seminar will be 10:00 AM, February 10, 2018 at Atrium Physical Therapy.

Call (575) 323-9601 to reserve a spot.



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At the Las Cruces City Council's Jan. 16 meeting are, left to right, Johnson Controls, Inc. Account Manager for Performance Infrastructure Harry Romaine and City of Las Cruces Utilities Department Director Dr. Jorge Garcia.

## City to improve metering service without rate increase

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The City of Las Cruces is about to begin a major overhaul of its metering system, including replacing or refurbishing more than half of the city's nearly 81,000 gas and water meters.

The city council voted unanimously at its Jan. 16 meeting to sell up to \$22.5 million in revenue bonds to pay for the system upgrade, which will save ratepayers about \$1.3 million a year, City Manager Stuart Ed said. The savings, he said, will pay the program's debt service, so there will be no rate increase, he said.

The city contracted with Johnson Controls, Inc. in May 2017 for an energy audit and project

proposal, according to city documents.

Las Cruces is one of the first cities in New Mexico that will achieve energy efficiency through its Energy Savings Performance Contract with Johnson, Ed said. Projected annual savings are guaranteed by Johnson, which must "write a check for the difference" if the projections aren't achieved, he said.

Currently, more than two-thirds of city meters are read by hand and just under one-quarter by meter readers in vehicles. The new system will allow most meters to be read by communication devices attached to utility poles.

It also will improve metering accuracy and reduce leaks, said Dr.

Jorge Garcia, director of the city Utilities Department.

The bonds carry an interest rate of 3.21 percent, and will be paid off in about 16 years.

Johnson Controls Account Manager for Performance Infrastructure Harry Romaine said his company has worked with the city for the past six months to develop the project.

During its study, he said, Johnson analyzed 12 months of city water and sewer bills.

"No billing errors were found," Romaine said, marking only the second time that has happened among the more than 100 entities with which Johnson has contracted for similar services, he said.

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The city's contract with Johnson is for 20 years.

Romaine said the construction period for the project should take 21 months to two years. Replacing and upgrading meters could begin as early as this month.

Through a computer portal, the program will include "real-time access to billing information" for customers, Garcia said, along with immediate contact with Utilities Department staff.

"It's very user friendly," Romaine said.

Through re-assignments and attrition, Ed said, there will be no city job losses as a result of the new system.

Johnson Controls has 2,000 worldwide locations, 120,000 employees and \$301 billion in global sales. It's North American headquarters is in

Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Romaine is based in Gordon, Texas.

Energy Conservation Measures

At the Jan. 16 meeting, the council voted to table a proposed ordinance to implement energy conservation measures at 13 city facilities, including city hall, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Branigan Cultural Center, city museums and city parks.

Through a memorandum of understanding with the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department that includes the city's participation in the Local Energy Efficiency Program (LEEP), the city would identify and address energy efficiency opportunities at city facilities, according to city documents.

The city would borrow up to \$3.2 million from City National Bank of Florida to pay for the energy-conservation

measures, which would include changes in lighting and heating and cooling systems, in late 2018.

The program would save the city an estimated \$250,000 a year in energy costs, with will cover the program's debt service, said City Public Works Department Facilities Administrator Eric Martin.

The council is expected to vote on the proposal at its Feb. 5 regular meeting.

Affordable Housing Land Bank and Trust Fund

At the Jan. 16 meeting, the council also approved policies for the city's Affordable Housing Land Bank and Trust Fund.

The land bank and trust fund were created to develop affordable housing projects in the city, in compliance with the New Mexico Affordable Housing Act, according to city documents.

The approved policies will set goals for the land

bank and trust fund, guide property acquisition and disposition (including intended or planned use) and address financing assistance.

Because of the shortage of affordable housing in Las Cruces, city residents are using motels as "a place of last resort," Councillor Jack Eakman said. "This is a very unfortunately circumstance."

"I'm very disturbed about what's going on in this situation," Councilor Kasandra Gandara said. "Some landlords are taking advantage."

With the approval of trust fund and land bank policies, "I think we will see more progress now," said Assistant City Manager David Dollahon.

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## City manager gets contract extension, raise

City Manager Stuart Ed has received a pay raise and a contract extension.

The Las Cruces City Council voted unanimously to raise Ed's annual salary from \$169,500 to \$172,890 at its Jan. 16 regular meeting. The raise is based on a council evaluation of Ed's performance.

The council also gave Ed a one-year extension, continuing his employment through Nov. 6, 2019. Ed was hired Nov. 7, 2016. His original employment contact was through Nov. 7, 2018.

Ed also will receive a vehicle allowance of \$650 per month.

"I've always been impressed with Stuart," Mayor Ken Miyagishima said. "This past year he



STUART ED

has shown me his vision, enthusiasm and commitment for both our city and his role as city manager. Not only did he hit the ground running, but made sweeping changes to various departments that will benefit the city residents well into the future."

"This is the job of my dreams," Ed said after the Jan. 16 vote. "There is nowhere I'd rather be."

## Early voting to begin in Mesilla election

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Early voting in the Town of Mesilla municipal election begins on Tuesday, Jan. 30, and continues through Friday, March 2, at Mesilla Town Hall, 2331 Avenida de Mesilla.

Mesilla residents will vote for mayor and two positions on the Mesilla Town Council.

Early voting by mail also begins Jan. 30. Absentee ballots by mail will be accepted until 7 p.m. on election day.

Early voting by machine will begin on Wednesday, Feb. 14 and continue through March 2.

Election day is Tuesday, March 6.

Incumbent Mayor Nora Barraza is seeking her third four-year term. Town of Mesilla Trustee Jesus Caro Jr. is challenging her. Barraza ousted long-time Mesilla Mayor Michael Cadena in a three-way race in 2010. She defeated Caro by three votes in 2014.

Only one incumbent is among the four candidates running for two trustee positions.


The four are incumbent Stephanie Johnson-Burick, along with Alexander J. Cotola, Veronica S. Garcia and Sam T. Bernal. Incumbent Trustee

Linda Flores is not running for re-election.

Trustees Carlos Arzabal and Caro are not on this year's ballot. If Caro is elected mayor, he, as mayor, would name an appointment to the position, Mesilla Clerk/Treasurer Cynthia Stoehner-Hernandez said. With the board of trustees' approval, that person would serve out the remainder of Caro's trustee term.

For more information on the election, call 575-524-3262; visit [www.mesillanm.gov](http://www.mesillanm.gov).

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Audrianna Sambrano was awarded the 2017 LCU Award for Customer Service Above and Beyond for her ability to jump in to help any of her coworkers or customers.

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# Employee recognized for going the extra mile

By SUZANNE MICHAELS and CASSIE MCCLURE

For the Bulletin

When the gears of an organization work well, it's the members of the workforce who make sure the system flows smoothly. Recognizing that, Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) seeks to highlight their workers who go the extra mile and who strive to provide innovation and service to LCU and the citizens of Las Cruces.

Audrianna Sambrano, LCU Administration, office assistant senior, won the 2017 Customer Service Above and Beyond award in December.

"While a temporary employee for almost two years, Sambrano never missed a day of work, except for just four hours to attend her grandfather's funeral services," said Alma Ruiz, LCU office manager senior, and Sambrano's supervisor who

nominated her for the award. "What impressed me is how Sambrano is always engaged and looking for ways to assist her fellow coworkers."

Sambrano was both surprised and honored by the award. "When you work hard, and your work gets recognized, it's a blessing," she said.

Sambrano explained that the new skills she has learned in her administrative role at LCU have helped her grow professionally. Before she came to LCU, she spent six years in retail; today, she handles payroll, processes payments, and works on budgets, spreadsheets and memos. She says she has been inspired by her employment at LCU and is working on her Associates Degree in Business Administration. That's in addition to working full time and being a single mom to 6-year-old CJ and 4-year-old Jacob.

"It was a challenge at the beginning to not make any mistakes, because I work on such important documentation," she explained. "But every day I took a deep breath I said, 'I can do this and take my time and at the end of the day I will master this.' In the end, I surprised myself with what I could do."

Her award hangs in her office, even if her family would like to display it along with other treasured keepsakes. "My Mom said, 'bring it home, it's going in the trophy case,'" Sambrano said. "I said 'no it's going to stay in my office, at least for a little while.'"

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From left, LCU Board Vice-Chair and City Councilor Gill Sorg, award winner Matt Anderson (Excellence through Innovation), award winner Audrianna Sambrano (Customer Service – Above & Beyond), LCU Board Chair William M. Little, award winner Andy Sanchez (Cost-Effective Savings Solution), Utilities Director Jorge A. Garcia, PhD., P.E. Not shown is Sergio Flores, awarded the LCU Board Above & Beyond Customer Service Cash Award.

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New Las Cruces nonprofit Revolution-120 kicked off its fundraising season with Blizzard Blast Friday, Jan. 19, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

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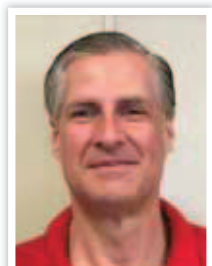
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The flow in the Rio Grande is decent for this time of year, but the snowpack forecast is not promising.

## Irrigation district sets low initial allotment

### BULLETIN REPORT

Elephant Butte Irrigation District's board of directors set an initial surface water allotment of eight inches for the 2018 irrigation season with limited expectations for an increase during their Jan. 17 monthly meeting.

The tentative release date was set between May 1 and May 15, which will be refined as the season develops. Further details will be announced later as more information becomes available.

EBID consultant Dr. Phil King discussed the outlook for the district as weather patterns in the Pacific Ocean continue to remain in La Niña status

with warmer temperatures and less precipitation.

"Spring runoff forecast is at a record low and the snowpack is dismal," he reported. While current river flows in the Rio Grande are decent, they are expected to taper off. EBID's share of the available surface water stored in Elephant Butte and the reservoir sits at about 108,000 acre feet, which allows for the eight-inch allotment.

EBID will monitor the winter snowpack and subsequent runoff in the headwaters of the Rio Grande and will make adjustments based on those developments. Visit [www.ebid-nm.org](http://www.ebid-nm.org) for updates.



# League of Women Voters marks 50th anniversary



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New York Suffragists march in 1912.

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

One of the first major issues the League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces (LWVGLC) brought forward after its founding in 1967-68 was the preservation of agricultural land in the Mesilla Valley.

Raising the topic and then adopting a position on land-use planning in 1974 “made the league very controversial,” said LWVGLC founding member and past president Margorie Burr.

Today, as it celebrates its 50th anniversary, the league continues to lead the discussion on a wide range of political and social topics. And it still doesn’t shy away from controversy.

In the last decade alone, the nonpartisan LWVGLC has done studies and taken positions on

establishing a metropolitan court in Las Cruces, mental health services in the county, education and affordable housing.

Health care in particular is an issue “we’ve always been involved in nationally and locally,” Burr said.

Burr remembers a doctor shortage in Las Cruces when she and her husband, Alex, moved here in 1966 and were forced to take their children to a pediatrician in El Paso.

Thanks in part to a grant from the New Mexico Humanities Council, LWVGLC presented the issue to the public in a series of forums televised on KRWG-TV.

The league also was heavily involved in getting the city to build Thomas Branigan Memorial Library in 1979, Burr said. And, it was involved in Las Cruces

becoming a home-rule city in 1985. Burr, in fact, was a member of the city commission that drafted a new municipal charter, changing the structure of city government so that councilors were elected from single-member districts and the mayor was chosen by the full electorate.

LWVGLC also provides voter services, says current chapter President Kim Sorensen, including registration and candidate forums. The league’s widely available Who’s Who directory of elected officials is regularly updated.

LWVGLC’s Youth Engagement Committee is currently conducting a study of why young people (ages 18-24) don’t regularly vote in county elections, Sorensen said. It’s preparing to send out

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League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces founding member and twice president Margorie Burr, left, and current league President Kim Sorensen.

## League of Women Voters to host forums

The League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces (LWVGLC) will host two public forums at the end of January.

The first, on the topic of electoral issues, will be held 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, at Temple Beth El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave. A panel discussion will include Doña Ana County Clerk Scott Krahling, Common Cause New Mexico Executive Director Viki Harrison and The Great Conversation founder Randy Harris of Las Cruces.

Panel presentations are expected to include campaign finance; gerrymandering; voter outreach, including res-

toration of voting rights for felons; challenges of language barriers and a geographically large county; and limitations on involvement of homeless and near-homeless people and college students; said LWVGLC member Win Jacobs.

The forum, co-hosted by LWVGLC and Temple Beth El’s social action committee, will be the first in a planned series on civic concerns throughout 2018, which is LWVGLC’s 50th anniversary, Jacobs said.

The league will host a panel discussion about Las Cruces Public Schools’ 2018 \$50 million bond issue from 5:30-6:30

p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, in the board room of the LCPS administration building, 505 S. Main St., Suite 249, Loretto Towne Centre.

The panel is expected to include Bond Issue Blue Ribbon Committee Chair Ben Woods and member Maureen Gant; LCPS Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing, Deputy Superintendent Gabe Jacquez and Community Outreach Liaison Brigitte Zigelhofer; and an LCPS student, said LWVGLC Voter Services member Dale E. Yeo.

For other upcoming league forums and events, visit [www.lwvglc.org](http://www.lwvglc.org).



# City likely to hire arts coordinator

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

City Manager Stuart Ed will include funding for a full-time arts coordinator and a full-time historic preservation coordinator in the budget he will recommend to the Las Cruces City Council for next fiscal year.

The proposal, which Ed made at the council's Jan. 22 work session, drew support from council members, who said the city needs to do more in support of public art in Las Cruces.

At the meeting, city Arts Board (CAB) President Rebecca Courtney said Las Cruces also needs a public art master plan.

Courtney said more cooperation is needed between CAB and city staff on the program that allocates one percent of local capital improvement projects budgets for art. She said the city should try to recoup the \$180,000 it lost when Gov. Susana Martinez swept New Mexico Arts funding for local art projects back into the state budget, and the city's public art website should be improved.

"It really disheartens me," City Councilor Yvonne Flores said, that Las Cruces "doesn't have the same beautiful (public) art" as Santa Fe or Albuquerque.

Flores and other councilors said support for public art should be included in the city's comprehensive plan, and said Las Cruces needs a master plan for public art.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gill



"Creative economy practitioner" Irene Oliver-Lewis addresses the Las Cruces City Council about public art at the council's Jan. 22 work session.

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Sorg said there should also be more public art on display at City Hall.

"I see all kinds of things coming together here," Sorg said. "I also see lots of new opportunities."

## Parking committee

City Business Development Administrator Mandy Guss said city staff will propose an ordinance to councilors to create a seven-member committee to advise the council on downtown parking issues.

"Significant growth" is expected in the downtown area in 2018, according to city documents, "so parking is likely to become a bigger issue."

Guss had recommended a five-member committee comprised of a downtown business owner, a downtown property owner and two

downtown residents/members, along with staff from the city Street and Traffic Operations Division, Planning and Revitalization and the Las Cruces Police Department as ex-officio members.

Because downtown parking "might affect the quality of living" in neighboring areas, Councilor Jack Eakman, who attended the meeting by phone, said the parking committee should include one member each from the Alameda and Mesquite neighborhoods that border downtown.

Mayor Ken Miya-gishima said a representative from the Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces should also be included on the committee. The market is held downtown from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Wednesday and Saturday.

## Utility bills

Changes to the city's utility billing and collections process that take effect Jan. 31 will protect "more than 98 percent of our customers by eliminating the requirement for city utilities staff (to) collect Social Security numbers (SSN) from new customers to activate utility services," according to a Jan. 22 city work session summary.

Using SSNs "puts the organization at great risk," City Manager Stuart Ed said, because of the "threat of hackers" stealing citizens IDs.

The city's current billing and collections process puts 98.75 percent of the city's utility customers at risk "to protect 1.25 percent that don't pay," Ed said.

The city averages just under 500 disconnections

of service per month because of non-payment of utility bills, city Utilities Department Director Dr. Jorge Garcia said at the Jan. 22 work session.

The city has 40,391 customers for gas service, Garcia said, along with 35,099 for water, 34,048 for wastewater and 32,144 for solid waste.

Monthly delinquencies equal 1.25 percent of the city's customer base, Garcia said. And, less than one-half of one percent (about 158 per month) proceed to collections.

The new billing and collections process eliminates SSNs and eliminates a \$15 shut-off notice fee and a \$52 same-day activation fee, Garcia said.

"The utility customer's bill due date remains unchanged, which is 22 days," according to the city work session sum-

mary. The Utilities Department provides "an additional 15 days after the bill due date before services are shut off due to non-payment.

"The advantages of the shortened shut-off date of 15 days versus the previous 38 days," the summary continues, "are 1) delinquent amounts are now less than half the amount owed to the city; 2) the 2.5 percent late fee charges for past due balance is eliminated; 3) the \$15 shut-off notification is eliminated; and 4) the \$52 same day reactivation fee is also eliminated."

City utility customers were notified of the changes in their December bills, Garcia said.

He said the department will work to transfer delinquent customers into the state Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and the city's budget plan and payment plan programs. The two city programs currently have only about 150 participants between them, Garcia said.

Garcia also said the city does not cut off utility services to delinquent customers "in the heat of summer or the cold of winter."

"If you have payment concerns, call us," Garcia said.

Contact city Utilities Department customer service at 575-541-2111 and delinquent accounts at 541-2061 or 2063. Visit [www.las-cruces.org/departments/utilities](http://www.las-cruces.org/departments/utilities).

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## OBITUARIES



### JANE L. DUNLAP

Jane L. Dunlap, “Nana”, died at the age of 71 on January 10, 2018 in Las Cruces, NM after a long & courageous battle with cancer. At her death she was surrounded by her entire family.

Jane was born on August 28, 1946 in Decatur, Indiana to the late John & Rowena Bauman. Jane graduated from Roswell High School in 1964. She also married the love of her life, Travis M. Dunlap, on April 10 of that same year. Later that year Travis & Jane welcomed their first child, Lesa.

In 1969, son Loren was born & in 1971, son Jay was born. Jane took great joy in raising her children.

Jane took delight in anything that involved her grandchildren. She enjoyed crafts & painting. She loved gardening & could make anything grow. Jane joined the Roswell First Church of the Nazarene as a child & attended there until she & Travis moved to Las Cruces, NM in 2013. At this time she became a member of the Las Cruces First

Church of the Nazarene. Before moving to Las Cruces, Jane retired from TriCore Medical Lab.

Jane is survived by her husband Travis; daughter Lesa Morrison & her husband Shaelan & their children - daughter Emily Morrison-Rosendo & her husband Emmanuel & sons Gavin & Garret Morrison, all of Las Cruces, NM; son Loren Dunlap & his wife Tracy & their daughter Jenna Dunlap of Los Lunas, NM and son Jay Dunlap & his wife Tiffany & their children - Chloe & Case Dunlap of Las Cruces, NM. Jane is also survived by her sister Marsha Lard & husband Floyd of Roswell, NM & many nieces & nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 27 at 11:00 am at the First Church of the Nazarene, located at 1900 S. Locust in Las Cruces. The service will be conducted by Pastor Wade Elftman. Fellowship will take place at the church immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Las Cruces First Church of the Nazarene.

Arrangements are with Getz Funeral Home 1410 E. Bowman Ave., Las Cruces NM 88001. Please visit [www.GetzCares.com](http://www.GetzCares.com) to sign the local online guest book.

### ARLENE L. ECKLEN

Arlene L. Ecklen, age

94, of Las Cruces died Friday, January 19, 2018 at Golden Mesa. Services are pending with Baca’s Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

### FEDERICO “FREDDY” J. HERRERA SANCHEZ

Federico “Freddy” J. HERRERA SANCHEZ, age 46, of Las Cruces passed away Wednesday, January 17, 2018. Services are pending with Baca’s Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 527-2222.

### JACK WILLIAM STROUD

Jack William Stroud, age 86, of Las Cruces died Saturday, January 20, 2018 at New Mexico Veterans Home in T or C. Services are pending with Baca’s Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

### RICHARD ARMENDARIZ

Richard Armendariz, age 68, of Las Cruces died Thursday, January 18, 2018 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. Services are pending with Baca’s Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

### JANICE DEBORAH PETERSEN

Janice Deborah Petersen, age 68, of Las Cruces passed away Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Cremation will take place and a Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Entrusted to Baca’s Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Mayor Pro-Tem Gill Sorg, far right, reads a proclamation at a December 2017 city council meeting declaring 2018 as the year of the League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces.

## LEAGUE

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a survey to gather additional information for the study and is collaborating with local schools on a civic engagement project so more of today’s students “will be active in government when they’re older,” Sorensen said.

The league also works with the Doña Ana County Clerk’s office to register and educate voters, especially targeting under-represented groups, Burr said. County Clerk Scott Krahling is a LWVGLC member, she said, and league members are part of the county’s Election Advisory Council.

Both the City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County have declared 2018 “The Year of the League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces. That’s the name chosen when it was formally established in December 1967, Burr said.



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**Carrie Chapman Catt (1859-1947) was president of the National American Women’s Suffrage Association and founder of the national League of Women Voters.**

Members of the state LWV held a public meeting in Las Cruces to establish a local chapter, in part, she said, to advocate for a state constitutional convention.

“We were all pretty excited about it,” she said. “We were young and energetic.”

The LWVGLC’s first publication was a 54-page booklet called, simply, “Las Cruces.” After a

year of interviews and discussions, the document was published in January 1969 with information about city government.

The national League of Women Voters was founded by Carrie Chapman Catt in 1920 during a National American Woman Suffrage Association convention, according to [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org).

“The convention was held just six months before the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, giving women the right to vote after a 72-year struggle,” the website said.

“It grew out of the fight for women’s rights,” Sorensen said.

The LWV of New Mexico was established in 1949, according to [www.lwvnm.org](http://www.lwvnm.org). Today, there are LWV chapters in Las Cruces, Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Los Alamos.

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STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO**

NO. 17-0302

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
DONALD M. DEPNER,**

a/k/a **DONALD MI-  
CHAEL DEPNER,  
DECEASED.**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN** that **KURT MAR-  
TIN DEPNER** has been  
appointed personal repre-  
sentative of this estate. All  
persons having claims  
against this estate are re-  
quired to present their claims  
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of this Notice or the claims  
will be forever barred. Claims  
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to the personal representa-  
tive 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 Cruzel Blvd. Rm. 1-201,  
Las Cruces, New Mexico  
88007.

Dated: December 7, 2017.

**KURT MARTIN DEPNER**  
1630 Mountain View Ave.  
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Prepared by:  
**ALAN D. GLUTH**  
New Mexico Bar # 14980  
Gluth Law, LLC  
2455 East Missouri, Suite A  
Las Cruces, New Mexico  
88001  
Telephone: (575) 556-8449  
Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

Dates: 01/19, 01/26, 02/02,  
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**NOTICE** is hereby given  
that on December 11, 2017,  
C and E Investment Prop-  
erties, 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 Exist-  
ing 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 $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of  
projected Section 16, T23S,  
R1E, NMPM, at approxi-  
mately X= 1,458,619 ft. &  
Y= 476,536 ft., NMSP,  
Central NAD83, on land  
owned by the applicant, to  
replace existing well  
LRG-14093-POD1 (also  
known as LRN09-0238) lo-  
cated within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said projected  
Section 16, for the continued  
diversion of up to 3.0  
acre-feet per annum for  
commercial purposes as de-  
scribed by Subfile No.:  
LRN-28-009-0300-B of the  
Lower Rio Grande Hydro-  
graphic Survey. The appli-  
cant has requested emergen-  
cy 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 lo-  
cated west of Las Cruces,  
NM and may be found at  
physical address, 3900 West  
Picacho Avenue, Las Cru-  
ces, NM.

Any person, firm or corpora-  
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,  
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address). The objection to  
the approval of the applica-  
tion must be based on: (1)  
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you must specifically identi-  
fy your water rights; and/or  
(2) Public Welfare/Conser-  
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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,  
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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 provi-  
sions of Chapter 72 NMSA  
1978.

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

**NOTICE** is hereby given  
that on December 21, 2017,  
Gilbert Gordon Mesa, 829  
Rosinante Rd, El Paso, TX,  
79922, filed application  
numbered LRG-1918-A,  
OSE File No. LRG-1917-1,  
with the State Engineer for  
Permit to Change an Exist-  
ing Water Right within the  
Lower Rio Grande Under-  
ground Water Basin in Doña  
Ana County by using pro-  
posed well LRG-1918-A  
located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  
 $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of projected Sec-  
tion 33, Township 22S,  
Range 1E (NMPM) & more  
specifically located at or  
near where X = 1,455,111 ft.  
& Y = 492,063 ft. (NMSP,  
Central NAD83), on land  
owned by the applicants, &  
discontinue the use of exist-  
ing well LRG-1917, located  
on land owned by the  
applicants located within the  
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of said  
projected Section 33 & more  
specifically described where  
X = 1,455,090 ft. & Y =  
492,150 ft., (NMSP, Central  
NAD83) for the continued  
diversion of up to 3.0  
acre-feet per annum of  
shallow groundwater for  
domestic one-household use  
as described in Subfile No.:  
LRS-28-007-0006 Right B  
of the Lower Rio Grande  
Basin Hydrographic Survey.  
The site of proposed well  
LRG-1918-A will be located  
west of Las Cruces, NM &  
may be found approximately

916 feet northwest of the  
intersection of Shalem Colo-  
ny Trail & Porcupine Ct. at  
the property address of 4710  
Shalem Colony Trail, Las  
Cruces, NM 88007. Existing  
well LRG-1917 will be  
properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corpora-  
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,  
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evaluate the application in  
accordance with the provi-  
sions of Chapter 72 NMSA  
1978.

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

**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 $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  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

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owned by the applicants, which will supplement existing well LRG-6512, located on property owned by the applicants within the SE<sup>1/4</sup> NW<sup>1/4</sup>SW<sup>1/4</sup> 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>1/4</sup> & the SW<sup>1/4</sup> 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.

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.

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

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on December 8, 2017, Rudy R. Gonzalez Jr., PO Box 34, San Miguel, NM 88057, filed application numbered LRG-17069-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-17069-1, 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 replacement well LRG-17069-POD2 to be located within the NW<sup>1/4</sup> NE<sup>1/4</sup>SW<sup>1/4</sup> of Projected Sec4, T25S, R2E, NMSP and more specifically located near the intersection of X = 1,486,742 ft. & Y = 423,480 ft., NMSP, Central NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, 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 the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 4.50 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW<sup>1/4</sup> of Section 4 as described in part by Subfile No. LRS-28-005-0012 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. Old well LRG-17069-POD1 shall be plugged. The new replacement well, LRG-17069-POD2, is physically located at 6113 county Road B-010, San Miguel, NM.

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

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

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on November 27, 2017, Salopek 6U Farms, 5090 Snow Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005 has filed application numbered LRG-16279-POD3 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 discontinuing the use of well LRG-16279-POD2 located at X= 1,490,696 Y= 440,124ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, and drilling replacement well LRG-16279-POD3 to a depth of 300 feet with 6-inch casing to be located at approximately X= 1,490,741 Y= 440,167, on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic purposes as described by the Lower Rio Grande Adjudication Subfile Order No.: LRS-28-004-1008. Proposed replacement well LRG-16279-POD3 is located south of Las Cruces, NM at the physical address of 672 Richardson Road. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill and use replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22.

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.

Dates: 01/12, 01/19, 01/26, 2018

**NOTICE** is hereby given that pursuant to Section 73-13-4 NMSA, the Board of Directors of Elephant Butte Irrigation District (District) will consider a Resolution to transfer water rights appurtenant to lands within the District which are not suitable for irrigation or capable of being properly irrigated to other lands within the District, if the Board's judgement the land may be profitably irrigated and advantageously irrigated. The request is made by DESERT MIRAGE INC who requests that the Board suspend a total of 0.26 acres of water rights from lands located in Section 25, Twp. 23S, Range 1E NMPM., and being a part of USRS Map 11B-1A1, 1A5 BLK A LT 5 and transfer them to lands owned by BOYD LEE WELCH TRUSTEE BOYD LEE WELCH REVOCABLE TRUST located in Section 15, Twp. 24S, Range 2E, NMPM, being part of USRS Map 15-15A1A TR. 2. The place of the hearing is the offices of the District located at 530 S. Melendres, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the date of the hearing is February 14, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. Protest or protests from any person or persons interested may be

heard at the hearing. At the end of the hearing, the Board of Directors shall take formal action upon the Resolution. Any protestant or protestants may appeal the decision of the Board directly to the District Court within 10 days of the adoption or rejection of the Resolution.

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

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on November 29, 2017, Benjamin B. Bolanos, PO Box 300, La Mesa, NM 88044 filed application numbered LRG-6690-POD5, OSE File No.: LRG-6690-AB, 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-06690-POD5 to a depth of 250 feet with a 6-inch casing, in a location within the SW<sup>1/4</sup> of Section 31, Township 25S, Range #E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where X= 1,506,585 ft. & Y= 394,621 ft. NMSP, Central NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-6690, located on land owned by Sierra Vista Farms located within the SW<sup>1/4</sup> of Section 31, Township 25S, Range 3E (NMPM) and more specifically described where X= 1,506,321 ft. & Y= 395, 703 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 the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 3.79 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW<sup>1/4</sup> of Section 31, Township 25S, Range 3E (NMPM) and as described in Subfile No.: LRS-28-011-0038 & LRS-28-011-0040 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. The site of the proposed well LRG-6690-POD5 will be located southeast of La Mesa, NM and may be found approximately 516 feet southeast of the intersection of Tierra Bonita Ct. and S. Highway 28, La Mesa, NM. Existing well LRG-6690 will be retained for other rights.

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

**NOTICE** is hereby given that pursuant to Section 73-13-4 NMSA, the Board of Directors of Elephant Butte Irrigation District (District) will consider a Resolution to transfer water rights appurtenant to lands within the District which are not suitable for irrigation or capable of being properly irrigated to other lands within the District, if the Board's judgement the land may be profitably irrigated and advantageously irrigated. The request is made by JESUS M & CARRIE M RIVERA who requests that the Board suspend a total of 0.28 acres of water rights from lands located in Section 25, Twp. 23S, Range 1E NMPM., and being a part of USRS Map 11A-154B1 and transfer them to lands owned by DALE HOPKINS TRUSTEE HOPKINS FAMILY TRUST located in Section 15, Twp. 24S, Range 2E, NMPM, being part of USRS Map 15-15A1A2 TR 3. The place

of the hearing is the offices of the District located at 530 S. Melendres, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the date of the hearing is February 14, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. Protest or protests from any person or persons interested may be heard at the hearing. At the end of the hearing, the Board of Directors shall take formal action upon the Resolution. Any protestant or protestants may appeal the decision of the Board directly to the District Court within 10 days of the adoption or rejection of the Resolution.

of the hearing is the offices of the District located at 530 S. Melendres, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the date of the hearing is February 14, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. Protest or protests from any person or persons interested may be heard at the hearing. At the end of the hearing, the Board of Directors shall take formal action upon the Resolution. Any protestant or protestants may appeal the decision of the Board directly to the District Court within 10 days of the adoption or rejection of the Resolution.

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-01239

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

vs.

**RUDY E. ESPINOSA; and  
LENAE ESPINOSA aka  
Lenaé Martínez, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **February 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 3362 Highridge St., Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 10, Block J, SUNSET HILLS SUBDIVISION PLAT NO. 5, 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 25, 1988, in Book 15 Page(s) 157-158 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 December 28, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$132,478.60 and the same bears interest at 4.2500% per annum from November 22, 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: 01/12, 01/19, 01/26, 02/02, 2018

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

No. D-307-PB-2014-143  
Judge: Martin

## IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF



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**ALEX AREVALO, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **PEGGY J. MOORE** has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims with be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

**MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.**

/s/ Melissa J. Reeves-Evins  
Melissa J. Reeves-Evins  
NM State Bar No. 7629  
200 W. Las Cruces Ave.,  
Ste. A  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
575-522-5009 522-5031  
FAX  
Attorney for Personal Representative

Dates: 01/12, 01/19, 01/26, 2018

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

NO. CV-2018-00065  
MANUEL I. ARRIETA

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MARIA DEL CARMEN HERNANDEZ ESCALONA**

**FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Maria Del Carmen Hernandez Escalona 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 District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Maria Del Carmen Hernandez Escalona to Carmen Escalona Hernandez, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the 26th day of February 2018 at the hour of 1:30 p.m. at the Doña Ana County Court-

house, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM.

Respectfully Submitted  
/s/ Carmen H Valverde  
Carmen H Valverde  
5705 Garcia Drive  
Doña Ana, NM 88032  
PO Box 1892, Las Cruces,  
NM 88004  
575-639-2054

Dates: 01/26, 02/02, 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-2013-00790

**WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE FOR STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JARED W. O'REAR, aka J A R E D W A Y N E O'REAR; KAYLA Y. O'REAR, aka KAYLA YVETTE O'REAR; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; and TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **February 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 4254 Independence Loop, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 28 IN BLOCK 1 OF INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE, LOCATED IN LAS CRUCES, 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 SEPTEMBER 11, 1995 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 18 AT PAGES 330-331, PLAT RECORDS, and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 2005 Cavalier SS06E5234T Double Wide, VIN TC05TX0108427AB.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 5, 2018, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$117,626.45 and the same bears interest at 4.875% per annum from August 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, 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  
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Dates: 01/12, 01/19, 01/26, 02/02, 2018

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

No.  
D-307-CV-2014-02394

**HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL 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 LEGA-**

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

**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.

**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-2017-02267

**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

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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 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. Well 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-2016-02627

**U.S. BANK, N.A. AS**

**TRUSTEE FOR MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT SENIOR/SUBORDINATE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE TRUST 2000-3, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**LISA J. CAMPBELL; CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORP., 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 4240 Charles, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 39, BLOCK 1, INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, 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 ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1995 AS PLAT NO. 2712, IN BOOK 18 PAGES 330 THROUGH 331 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 Default Judgment in Rem granted on December 7, 2017 in the total amount of \$63,160.23 with interest at the rate of 12.5% per annum from October 23, 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. U.S. Bank, N.A. As Trustee For Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 2000-3, 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**

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, easements, 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.

**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-2016-00764

**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; FLORENCE 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**

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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.

**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.

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

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



# LEGAL NOTICES

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

vs.

**UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES 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, DEVISEES 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, 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

By: /s/ Elaine Abeyta-Montoya  
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Dates: 01/26, 02/02, 02/09, 2018

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

Case No.: D-307-CV-2017-03417

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**LORENZO L. NINO; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; FRISTOE AND COMPANY, PA, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO** to Defendant, Lorenzo L. Nino:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company 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 195 La Fe Avenue, Mesquite, NM 88048. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

A 0.33 ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTHEAST OF VADO, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING PART OF LOT 17 OF DEL CERRO ESTATES, PLAT NO. 2, AS FILED APRIL 23, 1975, IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGES 12-13, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT A SET IRON ROD ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LA FE

AVENUE FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 17 OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SUBDIVISION;

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND LEAVING THE NORTH LINE OF LA FE AVENUE N 11 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 45 SECONDS W, 116.08 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD;

THENCE S 89 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 46 SECONDS E, 127.63 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD;

THENCE S 11 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 45 SECONDS E, 116.08 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LA FE AVENUE;

THENCE ALONG LA FE AVENUE N 89 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 46 SECONDS W, 127.63 FEET TO THE PLACE AND POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.33 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS OF RECORD AND SUCH AS MAY EXIST ON THE GROUND.

THIS LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS BASED ON FIELD DATA BY GERALD K. DONOHUE, N.M. PLS 8172.

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

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

Case No.: D-307-CV-2017-03059

**MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ELIZABETH ARMENDARIZ, 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 5231 Creek Trl., Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 35C IN BLOCK NUMBERED 11 OF ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST CO. SUBDIVISION "C" AMENDMENT NO. ONE OF PART OF BLOCK ELEVEN, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST CO. SUBDIVISION "C" AMENDMENT NO. ONE OF PART OF BLOCK ELEVEN, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JUNE 6, 1966 IN PLAT BOOK 9, FOLIO 97 and also known as:

LOT 35C OF ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST CO. SUBDIVISION "C" AMENDMENT NO. ONE OF PART OF BLOCK ELEVEN, LOCATED IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY,

NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JUNE 6, 1966 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 9 AT PAGE 97, 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 21, 2017 in the total amount of \$132,010.88 with interest at the rate of 3.875% per annum from December 29, 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. Midfirst Bank, 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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The Doña Ana Arts Council, 1740 Calle de Mercado, serves as a special location for one of the Love of Art Month exhibits, "Insighters," opening Feb. 3.

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Longtime area artist Flo Hosa Dougherty's studio is one of 29 that will open their doors to visitors during weekends in February.



Located in Downtown Las Cruces, the city's Museum of Art is one of the prominent venues and part of For the Love of Art Month.

# All for the love of art

By ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces extols its artists and art businesses in February with a city-wide celebration in "For the Love of Art Month." In a variety of locations and activities, all types of art forms are recognized for their contributions to the community.

"This is a wonderful way to



bring focus to the arts community," said Kathleen Albers, executive director of the Doña Ana Arts Council. "Dive into

the arts."

ArtForms Artists Association of New Mexico, a local, non-profit art organization, works with multiple entities, from those who love the arts to those who create and perform them, to remake the city as one big arts venue.

John Northcutt, a working sculptor, a former ArtForms president and one of the or-

ganizers of the events, said 21 years ago some artists came together in an effort to promote art in Las Cruces. For the Love of Art Month was the result, now celebrating its 20th year.

"The purpose is to promote art and the Love of Art Month is ArtForms' gift to the city," he said.

Activities range from visual art exhibits, plays, and poetry

readings to concerts, musical performances, film, dance and special art events at various locations throughout Las Cruces and Mesilla.

Beginning with the association's ArtForms Member Exhibition, the month begins with openings at six different locations across the city. During the



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Feb. 2 downtown Art Ramble that exhibition sees receptions from 5-7 p.m. at MAS Art Frame & Art Supply, 126 N. Main; the Rio Grande Theatre Gallery, 211 N. Main; and the Mesquite Art Gallery, 340 N. Mesquite.

Other member exhibition openings are 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Tombaugh Gallery, 2000 S. Solano; 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at Art Obscura, 3206 Harrelson; and from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at the Big Picture, 2001 E. Lohman, Suite 109.

A seventh special event will take place at the Doña Ana Arts Council offices with the “Insighters” said Roy van der Aa, one of the event founding members of ArtForms.

“ArtForms was established to create a more cohesive art community in order to encourage collaboration and to focus on the business of art,” van der Aa said. “I have seen changes in attitudes. The many different groups here are working together a lot closer than they were. And in the past year with the establishment of reciprocal membership between ArtsForm and the Las Cruces Arts Association, the city is behind us a lot more, and that’s a very positive thing.”

As part of the month-long celebration, studio tours are featured weekends when area artists open their studio doors to visitors and chat about their craft. These tours visit 29 art studio locations and represent close to 50 artists working in the county. The tours are



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**New Mexico State University Art Gallery, 1390 E. University Ave., is hosting programs and the exhibition “Wendy Red Star: The Maniacs (We’re Not the Best, But we’re Better Than the Rest)” during For the Love of Art Month.**

offered by district, in five groups, to make it easy to visit many during a given weekend. Look for blue flags to identify studios. A brochure with a map can be found at many area locations and online at [www.artformsnm.org](http://www.artformsnm.org).

“We pulled out all the stops and it’s our biggest event ever,” van der Aa said.

He said one new event that has been added to For the Love of Art Month is a gala to celebrate the 20th anniversary. Following the Feb. 2 Art Ramble, the event takes place at Alma d’ Arte High School, 402 W. Court Ave., and features a buffet dinner, awards

presentations and a short film. The gala is from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each or \$25 for two. Those interested can call Rowan at 575-636-0347 for tickets.

ArtForms President Marty Galster said the Artist of the Year title will be presented to Sherry Doil Carter during the gala.

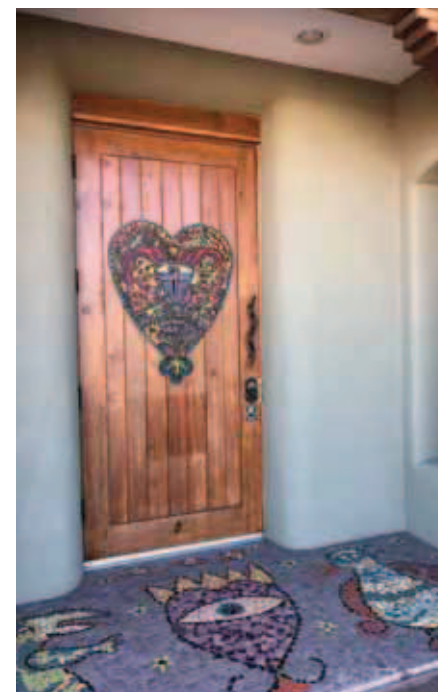
Galster, a fractal art creator and photographer, said For the Love of Art brings a sense of community and collaboration.

“I enjoy working with the artists in town,” she said. “I have met so many great people and learned so much.”

This year, the annual

studio tours have been expanded to every weekend in February, giving everyone a chance to see where art is created as well as talk to the artists. The number of studios will vary by weekend. Hours are Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sundays from noon – 4:00 p.m.

These tours will feature special works, including paintings in all media, folk (Santero) art, photography, ceramics, fiber art, dolls, sculpture, weaving, jewelry, glass, gourd art, copper art, drawings, beadwork, clayboards, pastels, metal creations, mixed media, and digital art.



**The Rokoko Art Gallery, 1785 Avenida de Mercado, is one of many venues across the city celebrating For the Love of Art Month.**

## Get ArtRageous!

Get ArtRageous! is a new offering for the Doña Ana Arts Council, with art experts teaching a variety of topics. Local artists Sally Quillin, Judy Licht and Pat Black will offer classes in February, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Each class is \$25 plus materials (about \$5), at the DAAC Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado.

No experience is necessary, just a willingness to create art.

"We want people to have fun," says DAAC President Barbara Reasoner. "Create, libate, discover your hidden talents, and walk away with your own masterpiece."

The schedule:

Feb. 7, Sally Quillin; acrylic painting of Josephina's Gate, a Mesilla icon.

Feb. 14, Judy Licht, painting on silk

Feb. 21, Pat Black, gourd painting

Feb. 28, Sally Quillin, pen and ink with watercolor

"We envision our beautiful new Arts and Cultural Center as the meeting place for taking classes, enjoying a seminar, listening to music and whatever else we come up with for promoting the local art scene," Reasoner said.

To register, visit [www.daarts.org](http://www.daarts.org) or call the DAAC office at 575-523-6403.



Sally Quillin, "Josephina's Gate"

## GALLERIES & OPENINGS

### Gourd show

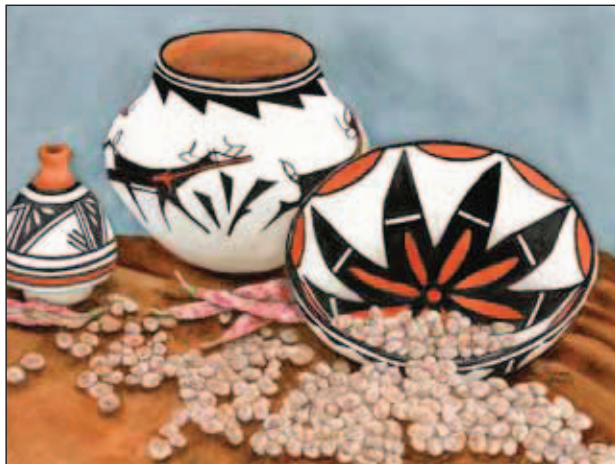
*Through Jan. 26*

Masks, Maidens and More, a show and sale featuring the work of gourd artists Joanna Bradley, Sylvia Henderson, Karen Phillips, and Kathe Stark, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Tombaugh Gallery inside the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. The exhibit features functional, spiritual and whimsical objects. Info: Lurene John, 503-490-4908.

### Fine Arts Gallery

*Through January*

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre, features local artists Nanci Bissell and Weeden "Rockwell" Nichols. Bissell



Sue Ann Glenn's works, including "Mimbres and Pintos," are on display in February at the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe.

has been an educator, teacher, principal and assistant principal in the elementary schools, retiring after a 26-year career. Nichols has been a photographer for 48 years, mastering technology of cameras and darkrooms. He

enjoys simple compositions of shape and color, landscapes and seascapes. The gallery's newest member, Alan Small, has a diverse background including landscape design, woodturning, pen, ink and watercolor. Gallery

hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Sunday. Info: 575-522-2933 or [www.mesillavalley-finearts.com](http://www.mesillavalley-finearts.com).

### Laurel Weathersbee

*Through Jan. 30*

Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Avenida de Mercado, Suite D, with watercolor artist Laurel Weathersbee, summa cum laude graduate with a BA in art from Park College in Missouri, who has taken numerous workshops and seminars in art from regionally, nationally, and internationally-recognized instructors. Regular gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Info: 575-523-6403, e-mail [admin@daarts.org](mailto:admin@daarts.org) or [www.daarts.org](http://www.daarts.org)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FRI JANUARY 26 • 10:30 A.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY**

Rhythm Roundup (Music and Motion for ages 2-5)

**FRI JANUARY 26 • 10:30 A.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY**

Library Lab (Crafts/Stories for ages 6-10)

**SUN JANUARY 28 • 2:00 P.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY**

Fourth Sunday Movie

**TUE JANUARY 30 • 10:30 A.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY**

Read to Me: Story Time for Ages 3 and up

**TUE JANUARY 30 • 2:00 P.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY**

Computer Class (MS Word Basics)

**TUE+THU JAN 30+ FEB 1 • 4:00 P.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY**

Teen Game Night

**WED JANUARY 31 • 11:00 A.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY**

Mother Goose Time: Activities for Infants

**WED+THU JAN 31+FEB 1 • 10:00 A.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY**

Toddler Time: Story Time for ages 1-3

## ONGOING EVENTS:

- Downtown Art RAMBLE - 1st Friday of the Month 5-7pm
- Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market - Wed. and Sat. Morn.

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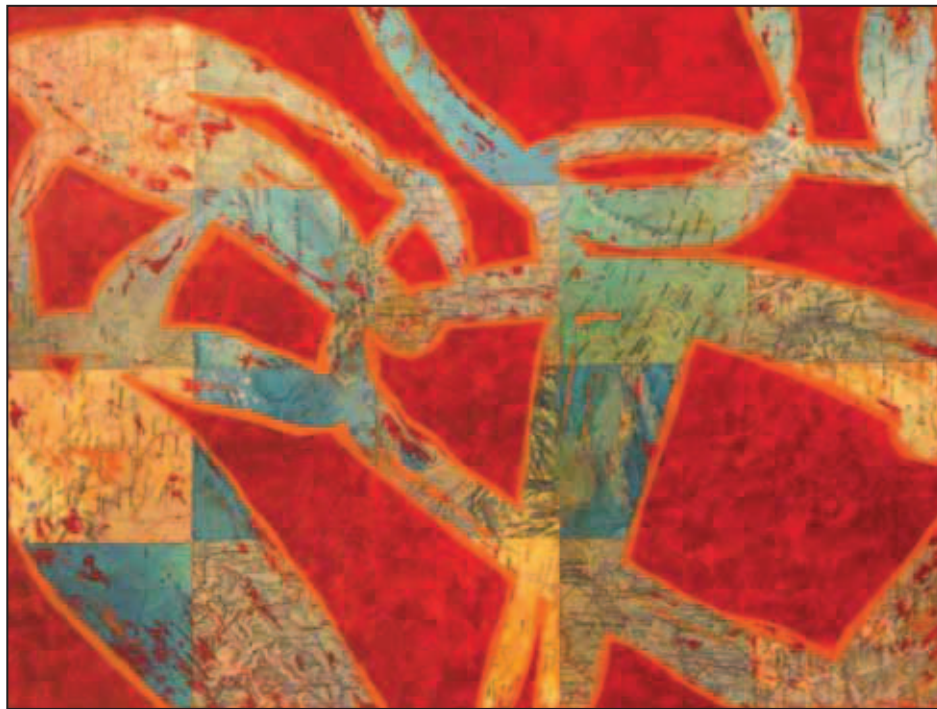
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**Gypsy Sage Artists***Through Feb. 25*

Five women artists, known as the Gypsy Sage Artists, showcase their recent works at Nopalito's Galeria, 310 S. Mesquite Street in the historic Mesquite district. They are long-time friends and fellow artists Kat Ahlefeld, Laurie Churchill, Sue Feinsod, Marj Leininger, and Wendy Robin Weir. Opening reception will be 4-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2. Gallery hours through February are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and noon-4 p.m. Sundays. Info: 575-650-7543.

**The Insighters***Through Feb. 28*

The Insighters, artists who get together to discuss art and periodically show as a group,



**Roy Van der Aa is a featured artist in the Insighters, on exhibit through February at the Doña Ana Arts Council, 1740 Calle de Mercado.**

open their exhibit 5-7 p.m. Friday Feb. 3 at the Doña Ana Arts Council's Arts & Culture Center in the Bulletin Plaza, 1740 Calle de Mercado, Suite D, in Mesilla. Exhibitors include Christina Campbell, C. C. Cunningham, Sherri Doil-Carter, Flo Dougherty, Linda Elkins, Tomi LaPierre, John Northcutt, and Roy van der Aa. These well-known local artists offer a diverse collection of paintings, collage, prints, and sculpture. Their exhibit will open in conjunction with shows at the Rokoko Gallery and the Carolyn Bunch Studio, all part of the Art Mercado on Calle de Mercado and Avenida de Mercado, directly across from St. Clair Winery & Bistro. Info: 575-523-6403 or [www.daarts.org](http://www.daarts.org).

**MakeShift***Through March 10*

MakeShift, an exhibition by partner-artist duo Ramon and Christian Cardenas, who together form the artist collaborative Lxs Dos, continues at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. The exhibit comes from the artists' need to create and express themselves using materials and resource available to them. The work is ethnographic in nature, describing the socio-cultural relations of the United States/Mexico border region and its people. Branigan Cultural Center is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Info: 575-541-2154, [museums.las-cruces.org](http://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 have been in-

stalled in the first-floor corridors of the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd. The exhibit includes paintings, etchings, photographs and drawings. The artists range in age from elementary students to high-schoolers.

**Las Cruces interactive***Through March 17*

An interactive community engagement exhibit, "What's Your Las Cruces?" gives visitors the opportunity to share Las Cruces photos, stories and more through questions posed at different stations, at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Selected images and stories are shared and posted in the exhibit and on the museum's social media sites for public viewing and comment. The museum is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9

a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday. Free. Info: 575-541-2154 or [museums.las-cruces.org](http://museums.las-cruces.org).

**Opposites Attract***Through March 17*

Rokoko Art Gallery, 1785 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla, presents a mixed media exhibit titled "Opposites Attract." Info: 575-522-5553.

**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. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Garcia began creating her artwork in the 1970s, starting with batik art, through tile, foil, drawing, contemporary painting, cards, and more. Info: 575-522-4100, [www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org](http://www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org).

**Robert Highsmith***Through April 7*

Artist Robert Highsmith's one-man show of 25-30 new watercolors depicting the landscape of the desert Southwest begins March 3 at Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road. Opening reception will be 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 3. Info: [www.rhighsmith.com](http://www.rhighsmith.com).

**Politics on Paper***Through April 7*

Politics on Paper: Art with an Agenda from the SUArt Collection, featuring works from the Syracuse University Art Galleries, opens Friday, Feb. 2, in the

Museum of Art, 491 N. Main Street, with a reception from 5-8 p.m. Featuring works made as early as the 1600s, up to the present day.

**Form & Function: Objects with Flair***Through July 8*

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum opens a new exhibit featuring more than 40 objects from its collections that combine usefulness and beauty. Some objects utilitarian with no real aesthetic appeal. Some are art with no functional purpose other than to be appreciated for their beauty, or the message the artist wishes to convey. Some are in-between. The exhibit includes Navajo rugs, Apache and Pima baskets, vases, pots and bowls, as well as saddles, guns, and furniture. The exhibit is in the Museum's Legacy Gallery through July 8.

**Farm & Ranch Livestock Bureau 100 Years Strong***Through Sept. 16*

Exhibit on display at the NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The Farm & Livestock Bureau has been the voice of agriculture in New Mexico. The group has worked with elected and appointed officials to coordinate beneficial outcomes for New Mexico's food producers. Soil conservation, better irrigation methods, and improved crop production were issues on the minds of the 300 farmers and ranchers in the Mesilla Valley who first gathered in 1917.



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In the cast of Black Box Theatre's "Photograph 51" are Joseluis Solorzano, left, and David Arias as scientists James Watson and Francis Crick.

## 'Photograph 51' in final rehearsals before opening

### BULLETIN REPORT

"Photograph 51," by playwright Anna Ziegler, opens Friday, Jan. 26, for a three-week run at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

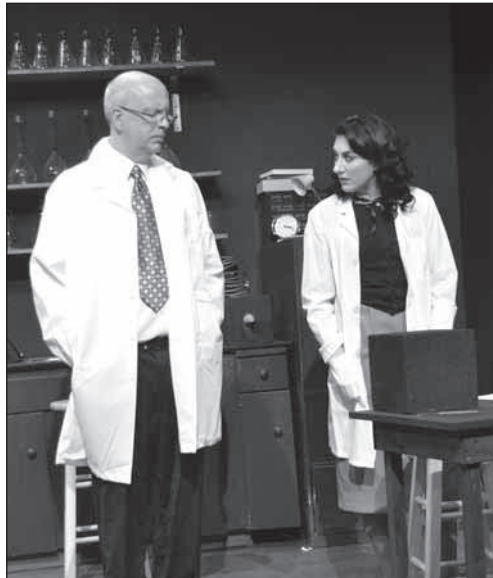
Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 26-27, and Feb. 2-3 and 9-10; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 4 and 11; and 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8.

Tickets are \$15 regular admission, \$12 for students and seniors and \$10 for the Thursday performance.

The play, which opened in London in 2015, is directed by Black Box co-owner and No Strings Theatre Company Artistic Director Ceil Herman.

The cast of well-known Las Cruces actors, led by Nora Thomas, portrays real British and American scientists who worked together in Great Britain in the 1950s to determine the structure of DNA.

For reservations and more information, call 575-523-1223 and visit no-strings.org.



PHOTOS BY PETER HERMAN, BLACK BOX THEATRE

**British scientist Rosalind Franklin (Nora Thomas), with Dr. Maurice Wilkins (Scott Brocato), a New Zealand-born British scientist, worked together on the study of the structure of DNA, for which Watson and Crick won the 1962 Nobel Prize. They are part of the cast of "Photograph 51," opening Friday, Jan. 26, at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.**

## Student cast takes the stage in 'Five Course Love'

### BULLETIN REPORT

The "student" cast takes over in Scaffolding Theatre Company's production of "Five Course Love" for three performances, Jan. 26-28, in Las Cruces.

Calvin Chervinko, Juan Apodaca and Xodia Choate will perform as 15 different characters in five mini-musical adventures, including a barbecue joint, an Italian mob hangout, a German brew-house, a Mexican cantina and a 1950s diner.

Although young, Chervinko, Apodaca and Choate are seasoned musical theatre performers who have worked in a variety of venues in Las Cruces and El Paso.

Musical numbers include "A Very Single Man," "Give Me This Night," "The Ballad of Guillermo" and "The Blue Flame."

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, at Isabel M. Crouch Readers Theatre, behind the Barnes & Noble bookstore, corner of University Avenue and Jordan Street.

Go past Barnes & Noble and park in the large parking lot on your right. The first building across the parking lot is the NMSU Speech building, and next to it is the English building, Clara Belle Williams Hall. The Speech and Hearing Center is between the two buildings. On the right is



PHOTO COURTESY MEGAN MCQUEEN

Left to right in the "student" cast of "Five Course Love" are Calvin Chervinko, Juan Apodaca and Xodia Choate.

the entrance to Reader's Theatre.


General admission seats will be available beginning 30 minutes before each performance at \$10 regular admission and \$5 for students.

With music by Gregg Coffin, "Five Course Love" opened off-Broadway in 2005.

Scaffolding Theatre Company's (founded by Megan McQueen and

Justin Lucero in 2014), production opened earlier in January in El Paso continues with additional performances in Las Cruces and Socorro in February with the "veteran" cast of McQueen (who also directed the show), Brandon Brown and Al-gernon D'Amassa.

Call McQueen at 575-646-5952. Visit [www.scaffoldingtheatrecompany.com/home.html](http://www.scaffoldingtheatrecompany.com/home.html).

 <h2 style="text-align: center;">Fountain Theatre</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla 575.524.8287 <a href="http://www.mesillavalleyfilm.org">www.mesillavalleyfilm.org</a></p>	
<p>January 26-February 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Breadwinner</b></p> <p>A headstrong young girl in Afghanistan disguises herself as a boy in order to provide for her family. Animated.</p> <p>**Saturday, Jan. 27 No matinee</p> <p>***Sunday, Jan. 28 No Evening Screening</p>	<p>February 2-8</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lady Bird</b></p> <p>In the early 2000s, an artistically-inclined seventeen-year-old comes of age in Sacramento, California. Starring Saoirse Ronan, Laurie Metcalf &amp; Tracy Letts</p>
<p>Nightly 7:30 Saturday matinee 1:30 Sunday matinee 2:30 No one will be admitted after the film has begun. LC1-LV46048</p>	



# Actress Shepherd has fond memories of southern NM



Cybill Shepherd

By ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Named after her grandfather, Cy, and her father, Bill, actress Cybill Shepherd has made the quirky name synonymous with talent and beauty.

Shepherd's recently released film "Rose," is the featured film for this year's Las Cruces International Film Festival and opens the festival at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at Allen Theatres Cineport 10. Both Shepherd and Pam Grier, who star in the film, will be on hand afterward to answer questions from the audience.

"Rose" is the story of a widowed ex-cop who discovers she may have a life-threatening illness,

## Las Cruces International Film Festival

**WHEN:** March 7-11

**WHAT:** Feature-length, short films, documentaries and student films; workshops, lectures, panels, parties and presentations

**WHERE:** Various locations; most films screened at Cineport 10

**TICKETS:** Festival VIP tickets, \$150; film and workshop Access Passes, \$75; daily Screening Pass, \$20; single tickets, if available, \$8. More ticket info: [lascrucesfilmfest.com](http://lascrucesfilmfest.com).

and decides to cross New Mexico in her motorized wheel chair. It costars James Brolin. The movie was filmed in Truth or Consequences in September 2016.

Shepherd said she enjoyed her stay in T or C. She stayed at Ted Turner's Sierra Grande Lodge and loved taking her hot springs soaks outside, under the stars. She and a friend stayed in a casita

at the lodge, but had to move when the rooms filled with a previous reservation.

"They had a great chef there," Shepherd said by telephone. "When they kicked us out (of the casita) we moved into the chef's house."

While there, she had to have emergency surgery at the T or C hospital. She declined to identify the condition, but said her life was saved by a doctor from South Korea, there on a program designed to train doctors in exchange for services in rural areas.

"A guy from Prague came out (to the lodge) to take the stitches out," Shepherd said. "I didn't realize I was sick, I just knew I felt bad before."

Her doctor advised her to leave T or C and go

home after the incident, but she insisted on staying and finishing the movie. She said she felt better after the surgery.

"I got to get out there and finish that film," she said. "I attached myself to 'Rose' eight years ago. I had a great director, Rod McCall. He was one of the best directors I ever had. I loved that the director wrote the script. He certainly knows his stuff about making movies."

For the role of Rose, Shepherd and a close friend, who is a costume designer, bought clothes for the part seven months early.

"What I wear helps me discover the part," she said. "I had to learn to go in a circle in a wheel chair, I was taught very carefully how to do that. Take your hand off the switch and it stops."

The movie premiered at the Lone Star Film Festival in Fort Worth in November 2017.

"I got a really cool award (The Bill Paxton Achievement in Film Award for Acting) for that film," she said. "It's

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## CYBILL

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a bronze bucking bronco with a cowboy shooting in the air.”

Growing up in Memphis, Shepherd said being a little girl was heaven. She had everything she needed and attended the country club regularly with her family. Later, when she realized everyone serving was colored and everyone eating was white, she never joined another exclusive club.

Shepherd is an activist and joined several marches in Washington. When LGBT march organizers told her she couldn't carry a banner because she isn't gay,

she asked them if they thought Martin Luther King Jr. would deny her because she's white. They let her lead.

“My dad taught me to play football before I was 7 years old,” Shepherd said. “I could fight back if I had to.”

Although she had opportunities to model during high school, Shepherd said she and her parents made the decision she should graduate before going to New York. It was one of the best decisions of her life, she said.

“It's amazing what a difference one year makes in your life. One of the first things my modeling agent did was take me to the motel and leave me with a creep. I got out of

there as fast as I could. I was 18.”

Shepherd said that, with Hollywood embroidered in scandals, she's grateful she never had to deal with inappropriate behavior directed toward her.

Today she lives happily with her three “little mutts” – Carlie, Dolce and Jinx, all rescues. She is starting a new memoir.

Raised with humility and practicing kindness, Shepherd said, has helped her tremendously in her career.

“I have nothing to do with the way I look, that's just a genetic roll of the dice. Pretty is as pretty does. The crew shares waves of energy because you show them respect

for what they do and who they are. It makes a huge difference. I think it's really important because you depend on everybody on the set.”

Shepherd will be 68 on Feb. 18 and is thankful for every day in her life.

“On New Year's Eve I was so grateful to be alive for another year.” Shepherd will receive the Outstanding Achievement in Entertainment Award during the Las Cruces International Film Festival on Thursday, March 8. For information about the festival, visit [www.lciffest.com](http://www.lciffest.com).

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Cybill Shepherd on the set of “Rose” in *Truth or Consequences* in September 2016.

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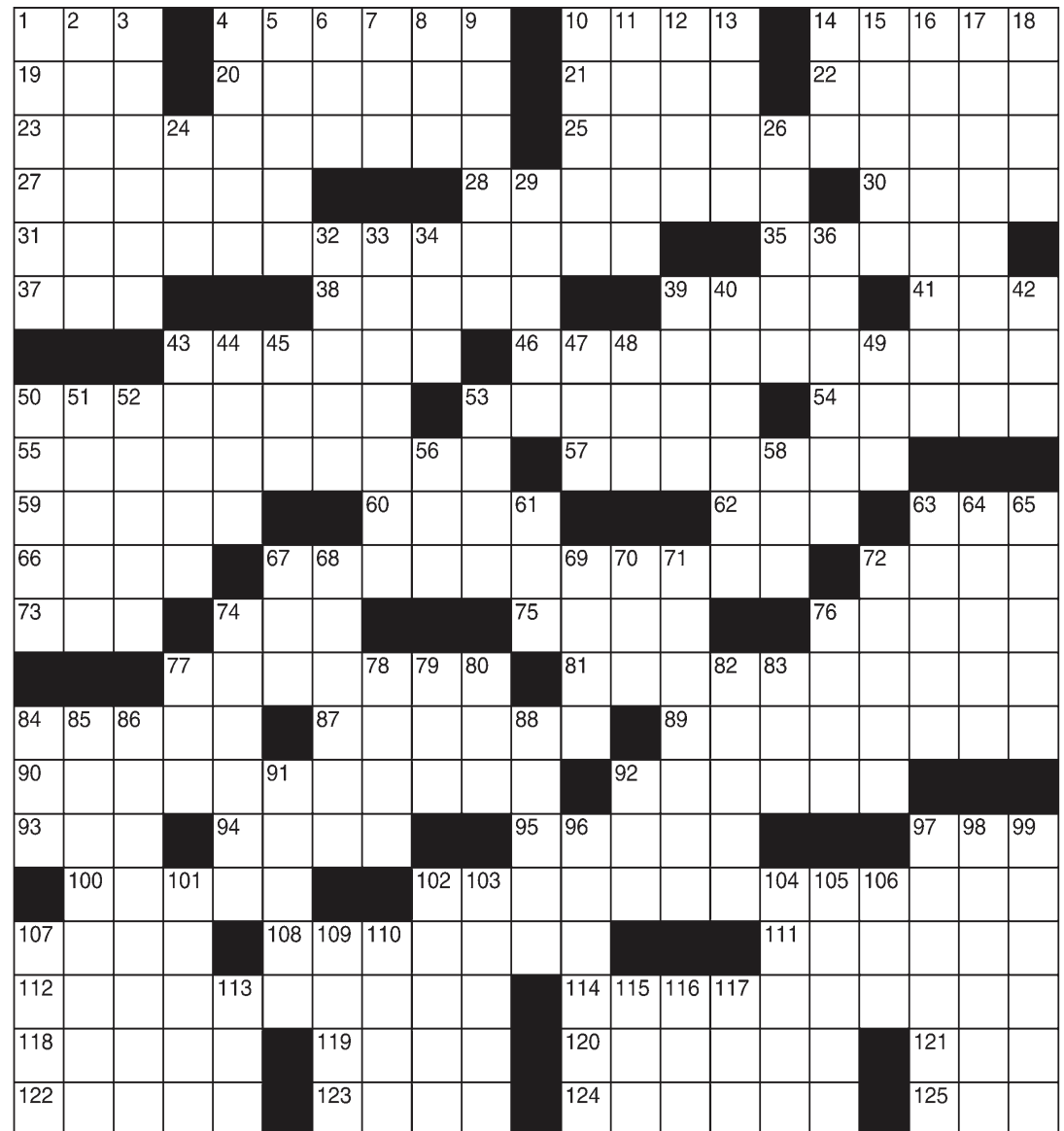
## LETTER ADDENDA

## ACROSS

- 1 Faux -- (social slip)  
 4 Tangos, e.g.  
 10 Singer Anka  
 14 May greeting card salutation  
 19 "C"-- la vie" ("That's life")  
 20 Tristan's love  
 21 Up to the job  
 22 Bayer brand  
 23 Anorak, for Alaska?  
 25 Set no spending limits?  
 27 Injury-sorting process  
 28 Tell a story  
 30 Drum set?  
 31 Brit Jones played by Renee Zellweger?  
 35 "Barbarella" star Jane  
 37 Suffix similar to -ette  
 38 Baseball's Tony La --  
 39 Frat letters  
 41 Tenth mo.  
 43 Actress Tomei  
 46 Decide to order ravioli?  
 50 Old comics girl  
 53 Soap format  
 54 Baseball's Pee Wee  
 55 Place for actor Baldwin's lawn?  
 57 Party food provider  
 59 Gonzalez in 2000 headlines  
 60 Lovers' god  
 62 "No" vote  
 63 That miss  
 66 Agents, in brief  
 67 Tyke sitting on a fireplace floor?  
 72 Tibia locale  
 73 Fresno-to-L.A. dir.  
 74 Iniquity
- 75 "... for -- know"  
 76 Empathetic comment  
 77 Suffer humiliation  
 81 Furnish supplies to Oregon's capital?  
 84 Box in a den  
 87 -- borealis  
 89 Friendly teasing  
 90 Jet kept in reserve?  
 92 Hobbled along  
 93 -- -Cat  
 94 Go higher  
 95 Set -- (decide when to wed)  
 97 Egg: Prefix  
 100 Pickling liquid  
 102 Yeast used to treat illness?  
 107 Dad's sister  
 108 -- Bessette-Kennedy  
 111 Dress  
 112 Activity held between work hours?  
 114 Apt word spelled out by the letters added to 10 answers in this puzzle  
 118 "Uncle Miltie"  
 119 Taken with  
 120 Faraway  
 121 -- Jones Average  
 122 Williams of "Happy Days"  
 123 Gotten a glimpse of  
 124 Grog drinker  
 125 Lennon lover

## DOWN

- 1 Druggist's crushing tool  
 2 Houston team  
 3 Blemishes  
 4 UCSD part  
 5 Fluttery tree  
 6 3 R's gp.  
 7 Inferior dog
- 8 Moose kin  
 9 Arises  
 10 GI's chaplain  
 11 Call off, as a launch  
 12 Forearm part  
 13 Riga native  
 14 Socrates' T  
 15 Bygone  
 16 Huge vitamin intake, e.g.  
 17 Hams it up  
 18 New York team  
 24 Tiny bit  
 26 Suit  
 29 Best competitive effort, informally  
 32 Big name in water filters  
 33 Stole cattle  
 34 "The Lady -- Tramp"  
 36 Kind of hawk  
 39 Bog fuel  
 40 With 56-Down, pre-talkies time  
 42 -- Bo  
 43 -- a wet hen  
 44 One-named R&B singer  
 45 Arena arbiter  
 47 Oval part  
 48 Korean car  
 49 -- Lingus  
 50 Leering types  
 51 Chronicles  
 52 Baloney  
 53 Bluebonnet  
 56 See 40-Down  
 58 Cheering cry  
 61 -- Na Na  
 63 Slate source  
 64 Employing person  
 65 Hostile party  
 67 Assembly aid  
 68 Using uppercase



- 69 Lanchester of old films  
 70 Flying stat  
 71 Abbott & Costello musical  
 72 Parboil  
 74 Titan's planet  
 76 Atoll unit  
 77 Comics cry  
 78 Ordinance

- 79 "... cup -- cone?"  
 80 Took the gold  
 82 Llama cousin  
 83 Laotian currency unit  
 84 Conan's network  
 85 Eighth U.S. president  
 86 Disdainful people  
 88 Good to go  
 91 Portion  
 92 Fond du --

- 96 Iraqi currency units  
 97 City in Spain  
 98 Lillian -- (gift retailer)  
 99 Ring combo  
 101 Author -- Calvino  
 102 Three-card street scam  
 103 John of rock  
 104 Milk: Prefix  
 105 Bygone anesthetic

- 106 \$\$\$ dispenser  
 107 "Chiquitita" quartet  
 109 Alamo rival  
 110 Russo of film  
 113 Boy toy?  
 115 Brewed quaff  
 116 Oversharing initialism  
 117 Co. owned by Verizon



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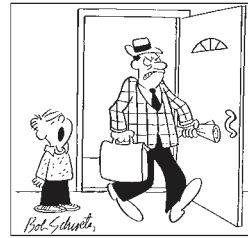
# PUZZLES

## WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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		7	8			6		
	1			3			7	
		2	4				3	
	9				5			8
7				6		9		
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	6				3	1		
		8	9					2

## SCRAMBLERS



"Hey, Mom, Dad's home — and I think he's already looked in the \_\_\_\_\_."

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Plod **GURTED**

Acute **HARPS**

Avoid **REGION**

Leave **PEACES**

**TODAY'S WORD**

## CRYPTOQUIP

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: A equals S

WFSMFSB FQ ZGQDZKZET ZIAT QN

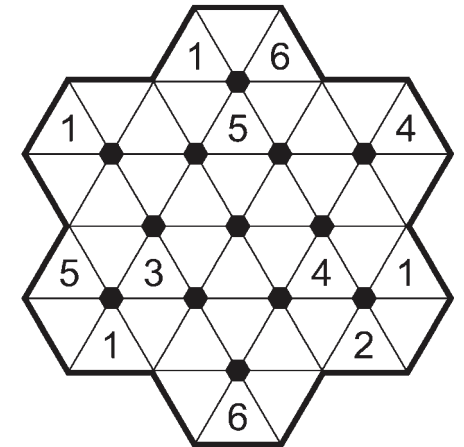
AVHHZAAWVEET RIFE QIGFA, F'M

AIT KT CDNQRZD RIA QRZ BFWQ

NW HIC.

## SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

# PUZZLE ANSWERS

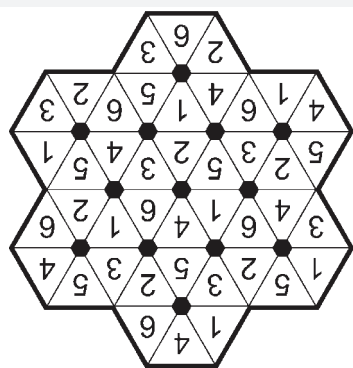
Finding it extremely easy to say my brother has the gift of cab.

### CRYPTOQUIP

#### GARAGE

Today's Word  
1. Trudge; 2. Sharp; 3. Ignore; 4. Escape

### SCRAMBLERS



### SNOWFLAKES

1	7	8	9	4	6	5	2	3
2	6	4	5	8	3	1	9	7
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8	1	5	6	3	4	2	7	9
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4	2	6	1	7	9	3	8	5

### WEEKLY SUDOKU

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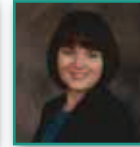
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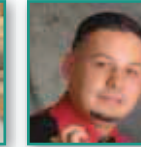
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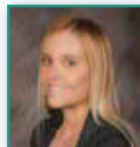
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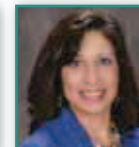
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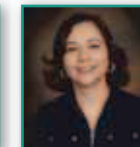
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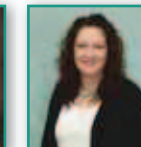
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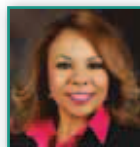
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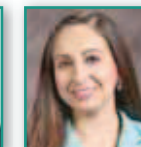
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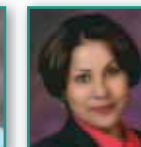
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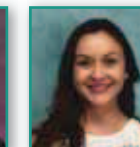
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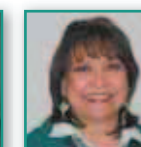
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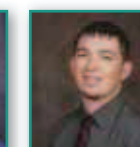
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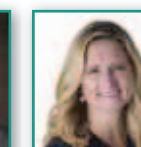
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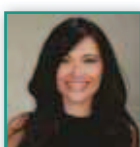
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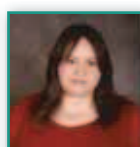
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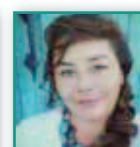
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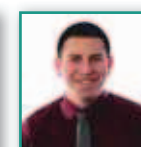
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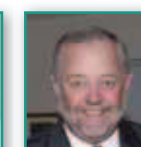
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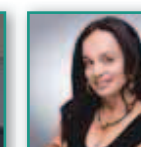
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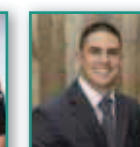
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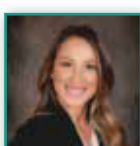
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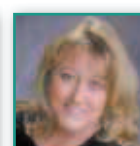
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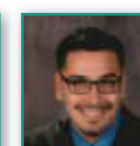
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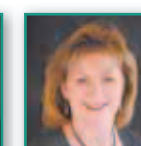
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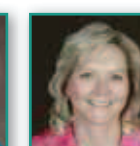
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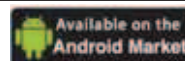
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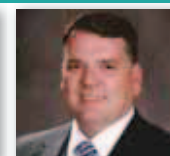
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# 'The Breadwinner': It's still a man's world under the Taliban

By **JEFF BERG**

For the Bulletin

This sometimes uneven film is a moving, animated feature nominated for many awards, based on a young adult novel by author Deborah Ellis. It was also on the short list of about 25 films in contention for a possible Oscar nomination.

Parvana lives in Kabul, Afghanistan, with her parents and two siblings, a younger brother and older sister. During this time, Kabul is under the heavy thumb of the Taliban. Women, essentially, cannot do anything without a man's presence — husband, brother, and assuming, perhaps, an uncle or grandfather.

The film opens with Parvana selling a few

## GRADE: B+

A week run for 'The Breadwinner' begins Jan. 26 at Mesilla's Fountain Theatre, thanks to the good folks of the Mesilla Valley Film Society.

items at a market with her father, who has lost a leg and is a former teacher. He is a kind man, who is not enthralled with the Taliban, but who is not in any position to resist, either.

One night, the Taliban appears at the family's door, with a former student of Nurullah (the father), very angry, and he is taken to prison without reasonable explanation.

Parvana and her family now must fend for themselves and Parvana's mother is not exactly in the best of health. They have no legal way to leave their house to even purchase food. When Parvana tries to do so, she is challenged and chased.

When Parvana and her mother try to visit Nurullah in prison, a soldier attacks them and severely beats Parvana's mother.

Before he was taken away, her father tried to instill the importance of storytelling to Parvana, which, of course, helps keep one centered, at least for a time, on the story rather than the violence and horror that surrounds their daily lives.

To help divert her little brother from same, Par-

vana starts telling him a story of the Elephant King, an evil overlord, who has stolen the seeds necessary to plant next year's crop. He and his minions terrorize the village endlessly until one young woman decides to challenge the Elephant King.

Meanwhile, Parvana meets a former classmate, Shauzia, who has cut her hair very short to pass as a boy, so she can get food and other necessities for her family.

Somewhat reluctantly, Parvana decides to do the same thing and the ruse works. She is soon able to purchase food, sell at the market and bring water to the home. She, with Shauzia, is also able to get a job, although briefly,

in order to earn money for their families.

While selling at the market, she is approached by a tall man who quietly and gently befriends Parvana, even though he may suspect that "he" is actually a she. He tells her how to get to the prison to see her father and who to see once she gets there, a journey which she soon starts (just like in the Elephant King tale she is telling her brother.)

With all-out war on the horizon, Parvana's mother sends a letter to a distant relative for help, which becomes the crux for the end of the film.

Twisted with the continuing story of the Elephant King, which at times seems a distract-

tion from the real story itself, "The Breadwinner" is lively and passionate.

It is great to see Parvana and Shauzia work their way around the dirtballs who make up the Taliban. It is also a bit of a question mark as to why her older sister doesn't get off her duff to do something to help, as well.

Although animated, this is not really a good film for young people, say pre-junior high. It should intrigue attentive older young folks and adults.

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Meals are to be treasured in "The Breadwinner."

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## A&E EVENTS

**Promoting art:** Noon Friday, Jan. 26, DAAC Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado, Suite D, in the Bulletin Plaza in Mesilla. Glenn Cutter, New Mexico Arts Commissioner and gallery co-owner will discuss New Mexico Arts, the New Mexico Arts Commission, and the Art in Public Places program. The talk is open to all. Brown bag lunches welcome. Free. Info: 575-523-6403 or email, admin@daarts.org or www.daarts.org.

**Film festival poster:** 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at the Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road. Las Cruces International Film Festival organizers unveil the 2018 festival poster. Cost: \$25 includes refreshments and a poster signed by artist-photographer Mike Groves. Tickets: Visit Las Cruces, 211 Water St.; online at lascrucesfilmfest.com, or 575-646-6149.

**Flamenco Fridays:** 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, Ramada Palms Lava Lounge, 201 E. University Ave. Phoenix-based dancer Carlos Montufar and singer

Meagan Chandler, accompanied by local guitarist Jake Mossman and Paco Antonio on palmas & cajon, plus NMSU student dancers. Reservations recommended. Info: www.LasCrucesMusic.com.

**Photograph 51:** 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. No Strings Theatre Company opens the play about the discovery of DNA structure. It continues through Sunday, Feb. 11. Info: no-strings.org.

**Art appreciation:** 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Jan. 27, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science atrium, 491 North Main St. The Las Cruces Museum of Art's "Artrageous" series highlights abstract artist Jeff Koons.

**Pencil, pastel classes:** Noon-1:30 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 27-Feb. 17, Mas Art Frame and Art Supplies, 126 S. Main St. Class open to eight adults and high school students. Basic assignments for beginning drawing included. Cost: \$40 for four consecu-

tive Saturdays. Info: Mr. Huber, 575-647-5684 or email wch1966@msn.com.

**The Clarion Duo:** 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, NMSU Atkinson Recital Hall. Lisa Van Winkle, assistant professor of flute, and Esequiel Meza, pianist, will present a recital titled "Fantasies, Legends and Rituals." Info: Lisa Van Winkle, 575-646-2523 or email lvanwink@nmsu.edu.

**Artrageous February:** 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays, atrium of the Museum of Nature & Science, 491 North Main Street. Art appreciation.

- Feb. 3 – Music Influences Art.
- Feb. 10 – Creative Writing.
- Feb. 17 – Chinese New Year Celebration (at the Branigan Center).
- Feb. 24 – Artistic Influences.

**Open studios:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 3, 10, and noon-4 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 4, 11, 4205 Hoffmann Drive No. 1. Rhoda Winters will host an open studio along with Linda Hagen, Linda Reeder-Sanchez, and Beth Landers Chidester as part of Love of Art Month. Info: Rhoda Winters, 575-640-1365 or email rhodarenee@comcast.net.

**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. 7, Sally Quillin; acrylic painting of Josephina's Gate, a Mesilla icon.
- Feb. 14, Judy Licht, painting on silk.
- Feb. 21, Pat Black, gourd painting.
- Feb. 28, Sally Quillin, pen and ink with watercolor.

**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. Free.

**Debra Vance's art:** 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, 2200 W. Union Ave. Live music with Alison Reynolds and tapas to kick off For Love of Art Month Studio Tours. Tour dates: Feb 3-4 and 17-18. Info: DebVance@HaciendaVance.com.

**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 or 800-745-3000. Info: www.LiveNation.com

*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/>.

**LCCT seeks one-act plays:** Las Cruces Community 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).

**Mesilla show:** The Town of Mesilla seeks artists to participate in this year's For the Love of Art Celebration 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, on the Mesilla Plaza. Deadline to register is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6. Applications are available at Town Hall, 2231 Avenida de Mesilla, or [www.mesillanm.gov](http://www.mesillanm.gov). Info: Irene E. Parra 575-524-3262 ext. 116 or email, [irenep@mesillanm.gov](mailto:irenep@mesillanm.gov)

**Second Saturdays:** Artists and artisans are invited 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).

**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 must be postmarked by April 1. Applicants will be notified by May 1. 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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# Blake Shelton to appear in Las Cruces

## BULLETIN REPORT

Country star Blake Shelton kicked this year off by “Doing It To Country Songs,” and he jumps into 2018 with his fellow “Country Music Freaks” on his just-announced headlining tour, which hits NMSU’s Pan American Center Saturday, Feb. 17.

According to [www.cidentertainment.com/events/blake-shelton-tour-2018](http://www.cidentertainment.com/events/blake-shelton-tour-2018), the Las Cruces concert is sold out.

“The main thing that I look forward to these days, and honestly I always have, is my live performances,” said Shelton. “And even though I’m the first to say that too much time on the road can wear me down, too much time away from the road can break my heart. It’s been a while and I cannot wait to get out there! I think this is going to be my greatest tour yet.”

The tour will showcase music from Shelton’s latest project, “Texoma Shore.”

In addition to the headliner, the “Country Music Freaks” tour will feature Shelton’s platinum-selling label mate Brett Eldredge, the “new voice of Country” Carly Pearce and Shelton’s “Hillbilly Bone” duet partner and good friend, Trace Adkins.

Eldredge’s latest song, “The Long Way,” is a hit with over 15 million streams. Pearce released her debut album “Every Little Thing” on Big Machine Records in October. Adkins, who will join

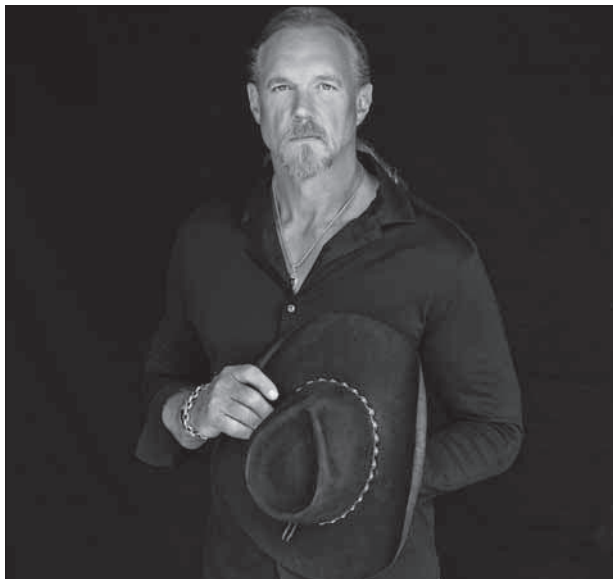


**Blake Shelton**

Shelton on stage, has enjoyed extensive radio and sales successes throughout his 20-year career.

“These are some of the best people I’ve had on a tour,” Shelton said in a news release. “Brett Eldredge is going to be there with me. I’ve known that kid for many years now and it’s been fun to see his career grow – he’s a great singer and such a funny guy to be around. He’s ugly, but it just shows you that enough talent can break down those barriers and he’s been able to make it anyway.”

“We’re also going to have Carly Pearce out there, and she’s had a breakthrough with her first hit this year. Then bringing along my long-time friend and brother Trace Adkins – and who knows what’s going to happen with him? To be honest, we don’t even really have a plan yet. I just knew we needed to spend a little time together, and what better way than out on the road?”



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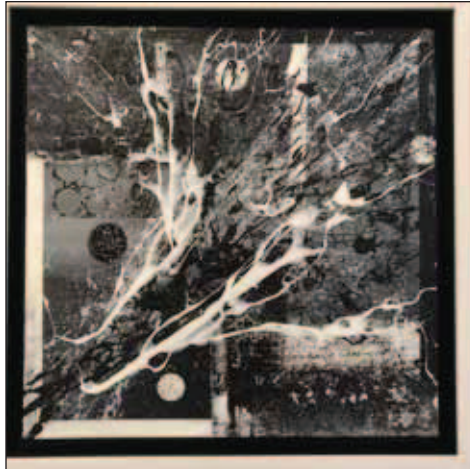


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Patricia Hall, "The Energy of Black and White"



A monochrome selection of art covers one wall of the "Opposites Attract" exhibit currently on view at Rokoko.

## 'Opposites Attract' at Rokoko

By ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH  
Las Cruces Bulletin

### REVIEW

Opposites are attracting each other on the walls of the Rokoko Art Gallery through March 17. The gallery, at 1785 Avenida de Mercado in Las Cruces, is open noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and by appointment; call 575-405-8877.

"Opposites Attract" is a community art show inviting area artists to contribute to the theme. The show is diverse, leading to consideration of what "opposite" might actually mean.

In a beautifully executed photogravure piece Diane Alire has created perhaps the most straightforward piece "Opposites Attract," immortalizing her parents in a clever double image that brings out the details in beautiful pink, blue and sepia tones.

In abstraction, Patricia Hall brings out the "Energy of Black and White." Leslie Kryder's "Interstellar Attraction" features a dinosaur waiting its turn at the gas station. In a blue double monotype, Helena Myers takes her viewers "Topsy Turvy." And, Sara Austin's cloth doll creations show up with two thoughtful figures.

Photographer Alejandro Lugo provides an interesting series for the exhibit, "Opposites Attract on Route 66," a challenging collection of photos, each of which is straightforward and complex simultaneously.

A centerpiece of the show, a colorful structure, is "Four Faces of Shiva," a statue created of electrical wires, phone cords and clay, making the piece about connectedness and communication. In a statement, artist Gedrjeanna Feltha said it's about opposing forces – creation, destruction, love, hate, etc.

Another centerpiece is the large acrylic canvas by Luis Navarro blending his classical male figures with jarring color circles in a piece titled "Opposites Attract." In a silent reaching desperation, the finely sketched figures are beneath the electrical swirls of color invoking friction and separation with some deep connectivity.

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Gedrjeanna Feltha, "4 Faces of Shiva"



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# 'Lend Me a Tenor' sets just the right note

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Lend me a tenner – and then a five on top of that? That way, I can go see this great show again at Las Cruces Community Theatre.

"Lend Me a Tenor" has everything that is great about the theatre: Ken Ludwig's Tony award-winning script, a grand set and terrific costumes, wonderful actors and an outstanding director.

I love coming into the theatre with the curtain open. You get to sit for a few minutes before the show starts and admire, in this case, the 1934 hotel suite where the entire play takes place.

Director Mike Wise and his construction crew of

A great show like Las Cruces Community Theatre's "Lend Me a Tenor" deserves a great promotional poster. And this show has one – by Las Cruces artist Bob Diven.

## REVIEW

Doug Roby, Larry Fisher, Karen Beurdsell, Gretta Forbes and Marc Forbes did a fantastic job. Susie Ouderkerk's costumes and Charley Davis' props are also top drawer. You get the feeling and the flavor of the production even before the first line is spoken.

Wise, who is the New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department's production stage manager, is an outstanding director. He knows how to cast a show and how to get the very best out of his actors. And, he has gathered some of the best, most experienced and most talented actors in Las Cruces.

I enjoyed every single

performance: Darin Robert Cabot as the Bellhop (love the hat!), McKensi Cabot as Diana (the soprano), Matt Esqueda as Max (assistant opera manager), Jade Diaz as Maggie Saunders (Max's girlfriend), Isaac Lucero as Tito Merelli (the tenor), Jeff Peckham as Henry Saunders (Cleveland Grand Opera general manager), Alex

Wheeler as Maria Merelli (Tito's very long-suffering wife) and Gail Wheeler as Julia Leverett (the opera guild president).

Morelli is supposed to raise \$50,000 for the opera with a single-night performance. But his wife leaves him, he's drunk and drugged and maybe worse. In steps Max, who knows the show by heart and longs to be an opera star.

Without giving the entire plot away, suffice it to say there are two "Otellos" in period costumes

and outrageous wigs, and no one can tell them apart; there is a greedy, plotting theatre manager, adoring and demanding wives, girlfriends and opera guild presidents and a bellhop who wants to be a star.

The surprise ending – which I won't give away at all – is worth the entire price of admission all by itself.

I think my favorite moment in the show – and there were many to choose from – comes when Tito encourages Max to sing, and they do a bit of opera together. Esqueda and Lucero are both gifted singers, and this sweet scene shows Tito's heart, Max's talent and the actors' great chemistry.

You can pick your favorite moment and cast member if you go see this great show. You will love it!

LCCT is at 313 N. Main St. downtown.

Remaining performances of "Lend Me a Tenor" are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 26-27, and Feb. 2-3, and at 2 p.m. on Sundays, Jan. 28 and Feb. 4.

Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 for students, seniors and military; \$11 for groups of 10 or more; and \$10 for children under age 12.

For reservations, call 575-523-1200 and visit [www.lcctnm.org](http://www.lcctnm.org).

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# There are two kinds of sorrows; one is productive

The desert has always been a place where people sought solitude. It is also a place of vulnerability if you lack the resources to withstand its rigors. In the 3rd century, people began to leave the cities of Egypt and the Fertile Crescent and find their way into the desert to lead a life grounded in asceticism.

Many of these people became known as the Desert Fathers and Mothers; the first of note was St. Anthony of the Desert (after whom our community is named), who lived from 250-356, and whose



**GABRIEL ROCHELLE**

Tales from the Cassock

day for commemoration is the 17th of January. In his 20s, Anthony went into the Egyptian desert known as the Thebaid that became a flourishing community of monastics. I have always found a crisp, uncomplicated, and sometimes breathtakingly oblique wisdom to flow from the collected sayings of these monastics.

Amma (Mother) Synclctica was a desert monastic from Alexandria, Egypt, from a wealthy background. Synclctica sought out the desert as a way to seek God. On one occasion, she said to her community, "There

are two kinds of sorrow. One is helpful; the other harmful. Sorrow is helpful when we weep for our sins, and for the ignorance of others. This sorrow will not allow us to become complacent, but instead prods us on toward true goodness. Our spiritual enemy sends sorrow that produces lethargy. This is harmful sorrow, and we need to drive it away with prayers and psalms."

Even without being "religious" you can see the wisdom in Amma's words. Maybe you can understand it in terms of "guilt feelings," which are different from actually being guilty for some harmful act. Guilt feelings are

paralyzing, numbing, and generally useless; they do not empower us to action. Rather they enervate us – Amma's "sorrow that produces lethargy." One can take a skewed solace in feeling guilty, but the feeling does not lead to any action. Actions lead to behavior that will overcome the genuine issues we face in becoming human.

Bowie Hayden was a local civil rights leader in Pittsburgh in the '60s. Bowie was capable of great impassioned oratory in denouncing the entrenched racism of the city in those days. I remember him saying something like this to us clergy who were seek-

ing ways to confront the issues, beginning with ourselves: "I don't say this stuff to make you feel guilty. You are guilty. Now what are you going to do about it?" I suspect that Bowie Hayden and Amma Synclctica could have found common ground.

Amma Synclctica's "proper sorrow" impels us to action. We assess ourselves and choose to seek personal change, to improve the common good, beginning with ourselves. This is the sorrow that "will not allow us to become complacent" in Amma's words.

Numerous social issues confront us in our time. Many of them are

hoary with age by now. We've seen it all before: the clash between people of different races, ethnic backgrounds. Some of us are old enough (and were foolish enough) to think we had solved the problems 40 years ago. But they are entrenched and it behooves us all, particularly in the spirit of Dr. King and others who have gone before us, to seek change beginning with ourselves. We dare not become complacent. We need to embrace the right kind of sorrow.

*Fr. Gabriel Rochelle is pastor of St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, Las Cruces. Visit stanthonylc.org.*

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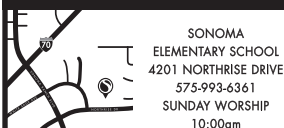
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**Author to speak:** Friday-Saturday, Feb. 24-24. Immaculée Ilibagiza, a New York Times best-selling author of "Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Genocide," will speak at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary about faith, hope, love and forgiveness. Cost: From \$57. Info: Martha Beasley, 575-640-9076, 575-524-8563 or e-mail at martha.cathedralihm@gmail.com.

**Calvary Baptist women:** 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, March 2, and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Calvary Baptist Church, 1800 Locust St. SeaSide Escape Women's Retreat. Cost: \$25 per person, includes dessert on Friday and continental breakfast on Saturday. Tickets 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and Sunday at the church office. Info: 575-522-7900 or Pam Bornhauser at 575-636-4923.

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# Pancake Alley serves memories, comfort food

BY MICHAEL SCANLON

For the Bulletin

After a nearly two-year hiatus, one of the oldest and most iconic eateries in Las Cruces has reopened under new ownership – a testament to consumers' enduring love for the great American diner.

"We've got lower prices and bigger portions," said Steven "The Kid" Madrid, general manager of Pancake Alley, 2146 W. Picacho Ave.

"We just try to keep it old-school," Madrid said. "Good food, good service. It's a good atmosphere."

The restaurant and the Pancake Alley name date back to the 1960s, before the opening of Interstate 10. West Picacho Avenue was the main entrance to the city from the west. The neighboring Holiday Inn and Palms Motel topped the city's lodging options.

As the traffic dried up, businesses along the route withered. Big-name franchises moved elsewhere. A loyal local clientele kept the stove hot at Pancake Alley until about two years ago, Madrid said.

But when Ali Bayrum, a Turkish immigrant and longtime Iowa restaurateur and businessman came to town, the place's potential was evident.

"My daughter was going to come here to go to college," Bayrum said. "So we decided to move here. I had nothing to do

because I had sold my businesses in Iowa."

The restaurant reopened Dec. 5. It is open 6 a.m.-8 p.m. every day. Everything on the menu – breakfast, lunch and dinner – is served any time of the day.

"It started off slow," said Madrid, the manager. To get the word out, the restaurant printed flyers and hired people to place them on car windshields and distribute them throughout the surrounding neighborhoods. It also maintains a lively social media presence.

"A lot of it is just word of mouth," Madrid said. "But since the beginning, we've had repeat customers."

With its long lunch counter – which beckons anyone and everyone to go in and sit down for a cup of coffee or an honest meal at an honest price – Pancake Alley's atmosphere is decidedly roadside diner, a format popular in the mid-20th century and resurrected in a big way by the chain restaurant giant Denny's.

Madrid points out framed photos clinging from Pancake Alley's walls and ceiling beams. The restaurant invites customers to bring in framed photos of their "toys," motorcycles, hot rods or whatever their passion.

"People like to look at the memorabilia on the walls instead of something that's modernized,"



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE SCANLON

**Employees prepare for the dinner crowd at Pancake Alley, a classic Las Cruces diner that reopened in early December after being closed almost two years.**

Madrid said. "If people bring 'em, we'll hang 'em."

Breakfast is the busiest time of the day, Madrid said. The menu includes a variety of eggs, malted pancakes, French toast, Belgian waffles croissants and skillet. There also are salads, steaks, seafood, Italian dishes, sandwiches, melts and other choices, including meals for children, meals

for seniors, desserts, side orders and beverages.

"We have a different soup of the day and a different plate special every day," Madrid said. "It's been very busy in the evenings now. We do get people of all ages. It's people who work around here or heard about the place reopening. People don't mind traveling to the older part of town to get good food at a good

price."

Owner Bayram's two daughters work at the restaurant, and so does Beatrice Hill, who moved to Las Cruces about a year ago from Alamogordo.

"I call myself a server," Hill pointed out, perhaps for the sake of accuracy in reporting, and perhaps to underscore that the classic diner concept can mix the traditional with

the contemporary. "Most of the others call themselves waitresses."

She likes the diner atmosphere and, especially, that everything on the menu is served all day.

"And I like the Las Cruces people a lot," she said.

*Michael Scanlon is a freelance journalist in Las Cruces and may be reached at mscanlon999@gmail.com.*



# Future looks bubbly for Pistol Pete's ale

By **ADRIANA M. CHAVEZ**

For the Bulletin

The New Mexico State University Aggies kicked off a successful football season with the help of a celebratory drink developed by three former Aggies with a passion for entrepreneurship and beer.

Kevin Jameson and cousins Gabe Jensen and Jotham Michnoviz are the three founding owners of Bosque Brewing Co., which is based in Albuquerque but operates a taproom in Las Cruces, just across the street from NMSU. Michnoviz attended NMSU, while Jensen and Jameson both graduated from NMSU with bachelor's degrees from the College of Business.

Jensen and Jameson met at NMSU through Jensen's then-girlfriend – now his wife – who suggested the two meet.

"I was floundering through college at the time and my girlfriend said her friend was in business computer systems and seemed to really enjoy it and already had a job in the field," Jensen says. "She introduced us and I thought, 'what the heck?' We had many classes together, my grades went up quite a bit because I was doing something I actually enjoyed, and we became great friends."

Both Jensen and Jameson attribute some of their business savvy to their education at NMSU. "Once I became a business major, my eyes were opened to an entirely new world," Jensen says. "I



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**Jotham Michnovicz, Bosque Brewing Co. co-founder and director of operations, pours a glass of the new Pistol Pete's 1888 Ale at its Las Cruces taproom. The ale will be available at all NMSU football and men's basketball home games, while cans will be available statewide in early 2018.**

fell in love with both the business side of things and the computer programming side. I think, although nothing you can do in school can prepare you all the way for the ups and downs of business, my studies at NMSU really gave me great tools to navigate the business world."

As Michnoviz describes it, the idea for creating a brewery came up during a party Jensen attended. Jensen voiced his wish to open a brewery, and another party-goer asked, "What's stopping you?" "We all at the same time had the same idea," Michnoviz says. "We started figuring out the process and figuring out what we needed to do. It took us two and a half years to

make it happen."

Jameson says although his background includes economics, accounting, business computer systems, business law, marketing and management, he developed an appreciation for the quality and flavor of craft beer after realizing that many big-name brands seemed lackluster.

"I became interested in trying new craft beers and in the science of the brewing process itself," Jameson says. "This became a passion that I soon wanted to turn into a business venture. Before ever having brewed a single batch, I found out that my two friends and fellow Aggies, Gabe and Jotham, had this same passion and desire to be

craft beer entrepreneurs, so we set out on the journey together."

In October 2012, Bosque Brewing Co. opened in Albuquerque. About two years later, the Las Cruces taproom made its

debut. Bosque Brewing Co.'s growing popularity has led to separate collaborations with Samuel Adams beer and NMSU. The NMSU collaboration spawned Pistol Pete's 1888 Ale, which quickly became a best-seller since its launch in August.

"As alumni and most of our ownership having grown up or lived in Las Cruces, NMSU has a special place in our hearts," Jensen says. "When the call came in for us to consider brewing an NMSU licensed beer, we geeked out. Being able to support our alma mater by having this beer available at Aggie games and around town was a no-brainer for Bosque."

Pistol Pete's 1888 Ale is named after the Aggie mascot and the year NMSU was founded. It is available on tap at the brewery's Las Cruces taproom and at all Aggie football and men's basketball home games. Cans of the ale will be available statewide in 2018. Proceeds from each purchase also help NMSU athletic

programs become financially independent. NMSU was the fifth university in the country to launch an officially licensed beer.

With the two collaborations further establishing Bosque Brewing Co.'s reputation, its future looks promising.

"I believe our current growth trajectory will see us continue to open more locations in the state and with operations in other states as well," Jameson says regarding his vision for the company's future. "Our brewing capacity will have grown in the next 10 years to the point of facilitating massively expanded distribution, which is very exciting, but I also intend to have our employees' and customers' experience with Bosque Brewing Company remain consistent to the level of excellence it is today."

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## Las Cruces Home Builders Association

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From the members and staff of the LCHBA: Pat, you will be greatly missed here in Las Cruces and at the LCHBA! We congratulate you on your new journey and wish you much happiness. You have blessed this association over the years and will forever be a part of us!  
Happy Retirement and to New Beginnings!



# New Mexico should stop being so miserly

One of the favorite tropes of news articles and literature is the miser – an individual who hoards money even to the detriment of their own wellbeing. These skinflints refuse to spend money even when doing so would improve their quality of life or that of their family.

Hetty Green inherited \$7.5 million dollars in 1864, a vast sum for the time. Turns out that Green was also a brilliant businesswoman, allowing her to amass even more wealth. She was also a famous miser. She was so cheap that she wore the same ragged black dress every day, refused to heat her house or use hot water. She once spent an entire night searching for a lost two-cent stamp. She was so worried about spending a penny that she refused to pay for medical care for her child, resulting in the amputation of his leg.

Well, New Mexico has become the Hetty Green of the 21st century. We are compulsively paying into the state permanent



**CHRIS ERICKSON**

State of the Economy

fund, refusing to spend for needed goods and services, including K12 education. Altogether, the state's permanent funds amount to \$23 billion, of which

the Land Grant Permanent Fund and Severance Tax Permanent Fund account for about 95 percent. These two behemoths are funded primarily from gas and oil revenues. We continue to build up these funds.

Meanwhile, New Mexico perennially does dismally poor in child welfare indicators. According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, we rank 50th in overall child welfare. This poor performance translates into low incomes; we rank 46th in median

household income.

We need to fix this. Using the permanent funds for pre-K12 education is an obvious solution – one supported by a coalition 40 child welfare organizations including Invest in Kids Now, and Voices for the Children.

Opponents of using the permanent funds for education view it as profligate spending that depletes the state's financial legacy for future generations. But investment in education is exactly the opposite of being profligate. In fact, it is wise stewardship.

Education should be viewed as an investment into a business. In both cases, we incur an expense today in anticipation of creating future value. The decision between education and business investment should be based on which provides the highest return.

The state's permanent fund is doing well, having achieved record levels. Anyone capable of falling off a log should do well when the market

is up 30 percent. In the longer view, an average return of 8 percent is a reasonable assumption. The return on birth-to-5 programs is estimated at 13 percent. The return is higher when the program targets high-risk children.

Right now, the balance in the state Legislature is controlled by conservative Democrats – among them two southern New Mexico legislators, John Arthur Smith and Mary Kay Papen. These are legislators I've long admired, but who have historically opposed using the permanent funds for education. Let's hope they and their allies propose a constitutional amendment to allow people to vote on using the permanent fund for education.

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## ASK SCORE

By **TOM HEILPERN**

For the Bulletin

Tool helps entrepreneurs visualize business model

The Business Mode Canvas is an entrepreneurial tool that enables you to visualize, design and reinvent your business model. Swiss business theorist Alexander Osterwalder developed it. For many startups, using the tool can help them develop a clear view of their value proposition, operations, customers, finances and the advantages a customer will receive by purchasing their services.

As a small business owner, you can use it to identify how the different components of your business relate to each other. That's a powerful tool when you are deciding where you need to focus your time and attention as you start and grow your business.

"Many start up entrepreneurs and small businesses are so busy trying to get started and survive that they spend little planning. When they do try to plan, they are often confused and don't know where to start," said Bruce Gitlin, SCORE mentor and business development expert. "This tool sets an overarching framework for developing a business strategy, a detailed business plan, and/or a prioritized action plan."

According to Gitlin, the Business Model Canvas can help move entrepreneurs to address specific risks and acquire more information (about competitors or a market niche, for example.)

The Business Model

Canvas has nine areas of focus that form building blocks in a visual representation of your business.

. Key partners – Who are the buyers and suppliers you need to form relationships with? What other alliances will help accomplish core business activities and fulfill your customer services?

. Key activities – What are the most important activities you must engage in to secure distribution channels, strengthen customer relationships, optimize revenue streams, etc.?

. Key resources – What resources do you need to create value for customers and sustain your business?

. Value propositions – What products and services will you offer to meet the needs of your customers? How will your business be different from your competition? What challenges will you solve for your customers?

. Customer relationships – What type of relationships will you forge with your customer segments? What are the relationship expectations of each customer segment? How are they entwined with rest of your business model?

. Customer segments – What sets of customers will you serve? Which are most important to your business?

. Channels – Through what means will you reach your targeted customers and deliver your products and services to them? Which are the most cost effective? How are the channels integrated?

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# Small businesses must guard against data loss

## BULLETIN REPORT

Data loss is every business's nightmare. In fact, the majority of companies that do experience a mass disappearance of vital, computer-kept information never turn their lights on again.

About 60 percent of small businesses that lose data shut down within six months, according to a study released in 2017 by Clutch, a Washington, D.C.-based research firm. Another report, by Gartner, shows a sizeable impact on medium-sized companies as well; 51 percent of those that encounter a major data breakdown close down within two years.

Cyber security experts say those stark numbers underscore the importance of being prepared with adequate security measures. Many businesses are not, according to the Clutch study, including 58 percent of small businesses.

"It basically comes down to the idea that how you protect and treat your data is com-

mensurate with how important you think it is," says Penny Garbus, co-founder of Soaring Eagle Consulting Inc. ([www.SoaringEagle.com](http://www.SoaringEagle.com)) and co-author of "Mining New Gold – Managing your Business Data."

"You protect your jewelry and money, but you aren't protecting your data, putting your entire business at risk."

Companies both large and small often try to ensure the security of their IT infrastructure by outsourcing to a third-party security vendor. A recent study on cloud security conducted by Forrester Consulting found that nearly 80 percent of participants saw value in outside security expertise. Garbus gives three main ways that managed security services can save a business from the disaster of data loss:

- Security check-ups. These are essential for cyber security. "The question you must ask yourself is, how much downtime can my business afford?" Garbus says. "One of the best

ways to prevent cyber security issues is to have an expert conduct regular health checks on your system. That way if there are any lurking vulnerabilities or potential issues, they can be fixed before causing any damage."

- Performance measures. This includes analysis of software, server, cloud and firewall. Business these days operates in the realm of remote servers, cloud computing and unrelenting security threats. "As the technological landscape evolves and data security has become increasingly important, businesses recognize there's much more to it than handling issues as they arise," Garbus says.

- IT development updates. Hackers are becoming more sophisticated every day. For example, ransomware was able to stall private businesses, hospitals, universities, and government agencies. "If you're handling sensitive data, it's smart to upgrade the cyber se-

curity methods you've been using from the beginning of your business," Garbus says. "Small and medium-size companies aren't as likely to have a dedicated IT person to

oversee the multiple systems, so it behooves them to have a service in place that can keep abreast of changing technology."

"You might think managed security is

mainly for big businesses, but you can certainly make a case that small-to-medium businesses benefit the most," Garbus says. "In many ways, they have the most to lose."

## SCORE

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- Cost structure – What are the key costs your business will face? Which resources will cost the most? Which activities will cost the most?

- Revenue stream – How much will you charge for your product and services? What are the customers willing to

pay for? How will customers pay? How much will each revenue stream contribute to your overall revenue?

According to Gitlin, gaps in planning stand out when using the tool, making it effective for entrepreneurs who are new to starting and running a business.

Accordingly, the Business Model Canvas helps visualize what is impor-

tant and forces users to address key areas.

SCORE is a national organization whose purpose is to assist those wanting to start a business, to add to, sell or turn around a business.

For more information about starting or running a small business, call the Las Cruces SCORE Chapter at 575-523-5627 or email [score.397@scorelascruces.org](mailto:score.397@scorelascruces.org).

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## Historical society to recognize residents, landmarks

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

A life-giving acequia, a historic house and three prominent Las Cruces residents will be honored during the Doña Ana County Historical Society's (DACHS) 51st annual awards program Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Double Eagle.

Honorees are the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, Doña Ana Bend Colony, Dr. Deb Dennis, Dolores Archuleta and Jim Eckles.

"DACHS is happy to recognize the people and organizations which have made a difference in our community in 2017 by preserving our rich heritage and history," said outgoing DACHS Board President Jon Hunner.

"The six awardees have saved historic buildings, written important histories and honored the past through their actions," Hunner said. "We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments."

New Mexico State University Library Archives and Special Collections Department Head Dennis Daily will be installed as the 2018 DACHS board president at the event. Hunner will become vice president; Jim Eckles, secretary; Gerry Veara, treasurer; Sally Kading, historian; Susan Krueger, past president; and Leslie Bergloff, Garland Courts, Luis Rios, C. W. "Buddy" Ritter, Leah



**Dolores Archuleta**



**Dr. Deb Dennis**



**Jim Eckles**

Tookey and Sara Wagner will serve as at-large board members.

The award winners:

- The Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will receive the Noteworthy Renovation award for its renovation of the Armijo-Gallagher House, 150 E. Lohman Ave. The first building targeted for preservation by DACHS was founded in 1963. The



**Armijo House**

### If you go

**WHAT:** Doña Ana County Historical Society's 51st annual awards program

**WHEN:** 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27

**TICKETS:** \$26.50, call Susan Krueger at 575-525-0654.

**WHERE:** Double Eagle restaurant on the historic plaza in Mesilla.

house, which was built shortly after the Civil War, was acquired by Nestor Armijo in 1877 and became the center of his business dealings in New Mexico and Mexico. Several generations of the family lived in the house until the 1970s. It was listed on the New Mexico Register of Historic Places in 1969 and the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. The chamber obtained the property in 2011 and has completed renovations, including an entryway mini-museum featuring an Armijo family history.

- Eric Liefeld will receive the Gemoets Prize for his article,

"New Light on the Nestor Armijo House," in DACHS' New Mexico Historical Review.

- Dr. Deb Dennis, executive director of Human Systems Research, Inc. (HSR) since 1995, will receive the Hall of Fame Award in recognition of her exceptional contribution to the preservation of local history and culture. HSR is a private, nonprofit active in archaeology, anthropology and cultural preservation. In 2007, Dennis joined the Amador Museum Foundation, which helped the City of Las Cruces acquire the historic Amador Hotel and recast it as a museum. As secretary and vice presi-

dent of what became the Amador Hotel Foundation, she has helped keep the preservation project moving forward.

- Doña Ana Bend Colony will receive the Old Timer's Award, which honors the physical character of the Mesilla Valley. In 1839, a petition for colonization of the Doña Ana Bend area on the Rio Grande was approved, but work didn't begin until Jan. 26, 1843, when 14 men left El Paso to establish the colony. Their first priority was digging the Acequia Madre (Mother Ditch) to irrigate crops. The men used wooden shovels and half-iron hoes, ate the barest provisions, had only worn and tattered clothing, lived in crudely constructed shelters and were on constant watch for attack. It took three months to complete the crude canal. When the crops were in, the men built the Village of Doña Ana, creating the area's first agriculturally viable settlement. The Acequia Madre was the key to the ultimate settlement and development of the entire Mesilla Valley.

- Former Las Cruces City Councillor Dolores Archuleta will receive the Heritage Award, which goes to a contributor to the county's historical or cultural heritage who is not a professional historian. Archuleta was born and raised in an adobe home built in 1925 in the Mesquite Historic

District (MHD). Built by her father, a Native American who spent his youth in government Indian schools, the home still stands. In 2001, Archuleta joined Las Esperanzas, a nonprofit dedicated to restoring and preserving MHD homes. She also serves on the Amador Hotel Foundation, and remembers as a child watching the ladies in beautiful dresses at the hotel's Pinto Bar. Archuleta helped get the abandoned hotel transferred from the county to the city for \$1. Archuleta is chair of the Las Cruces Veteran's Memorial Wall, helps organize the annual Veteran's Day Parade, is on the Veteran's Advisory Board and helps organize local Honor Flights.

- Jim Eckles will receive the Pasajero Del Camino Real Award, which honors the author(s) of a significant historical publication about the region, for his 2017 book "Deming, New Mexico's Camp Cody: A World War One Training Camp." Eckles retired from the White Sands Missile Range public affairs office in 2007 after 30 years of service and is known for his historical research of the missile range and Trinity Site. Camp Cody stood on the north side of Deming and housed up to 30,000 men a century ago.

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# Do It Yourself Kit

This notice was found on the side of a first calf heifer at the sale barn:

## CALF KIT INSTRUCTIONS FOR ASSEMBLY

1) Remove calf from shipping crate. The shipping container is equipped with an automatic unloading device. If, for some reason, this unloading device jams proceed to step 2.

2) If calf-unloading mechanism fails to work you may call a local authorized factory repairman or make minor adjustments at home by following these directions.

3) Before attempting calf removal yourself study the diagram. Familiarize yourself with all the moving parts including the supporting frame, flotation bag, elastic opening, lubricating oil and enclosed calf. The calf usually comes with four foldable legs (front and back), a flexible tail and a movable head. The head should contain attachments for sight, smell and hearing.

4) To facilitate removal from the container the calf should be properly folded. Either the front legs and head should be fully extended or the back legs should be extended, tail up.

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2) FUEL: The portable calf container comes equipped with four zerk's connected to the fuel reservoir. CAUTION: The initial filling is critical to ensure long-term smooth running of your new calf! This first tankful is loaded with special additives which help prevent breakdowns and stalling. (If the calf is not given this fuel within the first few hours, the warranty is not valid!)

3) TROUBLE SHOOTING: If overheating, knocking or leaks develop consult your local authorized factory repairman.

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*Baxter Black is a cowboy poet, former large animal veterinarian and entertainer of the agricultural masses. Learn more at [www.baxterblack.com](http://www.baxterblack.com).*

# Super recipes to kick off Super Sunday

Big Game Day is quickly approaching. Whether you're a Super Bowl fan or not, the huddle 'round the flat screen is always fun with food. Whether you're hosting the party or headed

to one, be armed with touchdown goodies. No recipes? No problem. I pass along quarterback quality recipes that are a snap to prepare. Earn extra points with nibbles underscored with hot-kicking fare with flair: seven-layer dip drenched in a cilantro pepper ranch dressing, sweet heat popcorn shrimp, tantalizing tachos (no, not nachos!), and Justin's (Timberlake) so amazing halftime meatball appetizers. Okay, the latter really isn't his recipe but odds are Justin would tackle 'em all. "Ohh, yeah, yeah!"

## Seven-Layer Red Zone Dip

Serves 10

2 cups guacamole (homemade or commercially prepared)  
½ cup cilantro jalapeño ranch dressing, plus more for drizzling (see recipe below)  
2 cups shredded rotisserie chicken



**SUNNY CONLEY**

Chile Knights

1-1/3 cup halved cherry tomatoes, divided  
2 cups shredded cheddar, divided  
2 cups shredded romaine or butter lettuce or combo of both  
12 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled (try pepper bacon)  
Chopped fresh chives, for garnish

Freshly ground black pepper  
Potato or tortilla chips, for serving

In a small trifle or baking dish, assemble dip: Add guacamole to base and top with ranch. Top with a layer of rotisserie chicken, then top with 1 cup tomatoes. Top with 1 1/2 cups cheddar, then add romaine and cooked bacon.

Top with remaining cherry tomatoes and cheddar and drizzle with ranch. Garnish with chives and season with pepper. Serve with chips.

## Cilantro Jalapeño Ranch Dressing

Yield: About 2 cups

1 cup buttermilk  
2 tablespoons mayonnaise  
¼ cup Greek yogurt  
1 tablespoon lime juice  
12 teaspoon minced garlic  
1 jalapeño, stem and seeds removed, cut in chunks

½ cup cilantro leaves, stems removed  
Snips of fresh chives or 1 minced shallot  
½ teaspoon sea salt  
several grinds pepper

Add all dressing ingredients to the bowl of your blender. Pulse 2-3 times. Give it a good shake. Repeat until smooth. Refrigerate until ready to use. Leftovers last several days in fridge.

## Sudden Death Popcorn Shrimp Appetizers

Serves 6

1 package frozen SeaPak® Popcorn Shrimp (Walmart) or other frozen popcorn shrimp  
3 tablespoons vegetable or canola oil  
5 habanero peppers, seeded, stemmed and minced  
6 mangoes peeled, pitted, and diced (approximately 1½-2

cups diced mango)  
1 tablespoon minced garlic  
3 cups apple cider vinegar  
1 white onion, diced  
¾ cup brown sugar  
½ teaspoon ground ginger  
½ teaspoon salt  
Serving suggestions: diced mangoes, chopped cilantro, lime wedges

To prepare sauce (can be made ahead of time):

Add oil, habanero peppers, mangoes, garlic, apple cider vinegar, and onions to a large sauce pan and stir over medium-high heat until onions are translucent.

Stir in vinegar, ginger, brown sugar, and salt. Bring to a boil and cook for 10 minutes, then reduce to medium and simmer for 10 minutes.

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### Jesus

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### Winter hours, location and contact information

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

- Farmers & Crafts Market: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday, downtown (dog adoptions: far north end of the market on the Downtown Mall; cat adoptions: Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.)

- PetCo: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday, 3050 E. Lohman Ave., Bldg. D.

- Ashley's Home Furniture: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, 3299 Del Rey Blvd.

- Barkin' Brunch at Cracker Barrel: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, 1490 Hickory Drive

### Additional services offered

- Microchip: \$20, available daily, no appointment neces-



sary.

- Pet licenses: City and county licenses available daily (City and county: altered \$7; unaltered \$50).
- Low-cost spay/neuter program: dogs are \$35, cats are \$25; by appointment only.

### Donation requests

ASCMV needs human volunteers, along with dog crates, blankets (without filling, no

sleeping bags), towels, collars and leashes. Donations can be dropped off during normal business hours or left at the door.

### Volunteers

If you love animals and would like to make a difference, contact the volunteer coordinator or stop by to learn about volunteer opportunities.

## THE CAT'S MEOW ADOPTABLE CAT OF THE WEEK



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*Cat's Meow Resource and Adoption center is located at 2211 N. Mesquite St. It is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday or by appointment at 575-640-0011. Visit online at [www.thecatmeowlascruces.com](http://www.thecatmeowlascruces.com) or find them on Facebook.*

## CHILE

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Cool. Transfer sauce to a blender or food processor and blend until very smooth.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F and grease a large baking sheet. Arrange shrimp in a single layer on baking sheet. Bake for 10-12 minutes until hot throughout and crisp on the outside. Toss shrimp in the mango habanero sauce. If desired, serve with additional diced mango, chopped cilantro, and lime wedges for drizzling on top. (Adapted from lecremedelacrumb.com)

### Big Game "Tachos"

Serves 4-6

Tater Tots substitute tortilla chips in this nacho-style recipe. 1 package frozen tater tots

½ cup barbecue sauce (favorite) or for xxx hot consider award winning Famous Dave's Devil Spit  
2 cups cooked chicken, shredded  
1-2 jalapeno peppers, stemmed, seeded and sliced (omit if using Famous Dave's sauce)  
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese  
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
3 scallions, minced

Preheat oven to broil. Put tater tots on a foil-lined baking sheet. Broil until brown and crispy. (Keep oven set to broil.) Remove from oven. In a medium-sized bowl, toss together shredded chicken and barbecue sauce. Scatter "sauced" chicken evenly on top of tater tots. Add sliced jalapeños randomly. Cover the works with shredded cheese. Return to oven and broil until cheese

bubbles. Serve topped to scallions. Dig in to the gooey and tasty mess and enjoy!

### Justin's So Amazing Halftime Meatball Appetizers

Serves 12

1½ pounds (or up to 3 pounds) frozen Italian style meatballs  
12 ounces chili sauce (I prefer Heinz)

1 cup raspberry preserves  
Optional: chopped green onions and/or jalapeño or serrano peppers for garnish  
Toothpicks for serving

Place meatballs in slow cooker. Stir together chili sauce and raspberry preserves and pour over meatballs. Stir to combine.

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Massage therapist Mary Nunez, owner of Red earth Bodyworks, gives Debbie Giron a message at the November grand re-opening of Planet Fitness on El Paseo.



Members Brandy Olivas and Danika Hunter work out on treadmills at Planet Fitness.

## Top Resolutions of 2018 according to YouGov Survey

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- Self-care
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## Keeping your resolve beyond New Year's Day

By AVRA ELLIOTT  
For the Bulletin

A recent survey by YouGov reports that men and women continue to share the goal of eating better and working out as their top resolution for 2018. But the most common New Year's resolution often proves the toughest to keep.

Whether you just started ramping up your workout or you are beginning to feel resolution fatigue, Eduardo S., manager of Planet Fitness, suggests making connections and changing up the scenery to help you stay the course with your goals.

"Try to change your environment," Eduardo said. "For myself, I change the time of my workouts, say three morning sessions a week and afternoon sessions on the other days,

then I switch it up the next week."

Many of the gyms and fitness centers in Las Cruces offer classes, and Eduardo said this is another way to stay committed to working out.

"Members who enroll in classes have a higher rate of staying because they have more interaction with employees and trainers," Eduardo said. "They are comfortable."

If a trainer isn't what you're looking for, Eduardo said finding a motivator to join you at the gym, be it a friend, family member or coworker, can help when the resolution loses its luster.

Gym managers, including Catrina Godinez, office manager at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatics Center, all noted a pattern of high numbers of members and

guests during January with a drop-off as the year continues.

"People get a good idea to start working out, but if you aren't already doing it, it's hard to continue," Godinez said, noting that their regulars and loyal swimmers established an active lifestyle some time ago.

"The important thing is to keep starting over," Godinez said. "If you miss a day at the gym or mess up your diet, start again. At some point you're going to get it."

David Gamboa, manager of Curves in Las Cruces, said writing down your goals and building on them as they are achieved is helpful and keeps your goals refreshed. Gamboa said one of the simplest and effective motivators is a daily reminder.

"Write your resolution

down with a big marker and put it where you'll see it every day," Gamboa said. "It will stay in your subconscious and help when you're faced with cookies and other temptations later."

Gamboa said he has noticed guests who pay for their membership as opposed to those whose insurance cover it are more likely to return throughout the year. In a similar vein, Gamboa sees a higher level of consistency with clients who buy into lifestyle changes of protein powders and vitamins.

Even if your resolutions fall outside of the gym and lean more toward improving your quality of life, the majority of resolutions reported by YouGov involve life changes, like new work and creating time for friends and self-care.

While getting a new job could be daunting, many resolutions go hand-in-hand and can be worked on simply by replacing habits. Self-care can be as simple as taking a walk with a pet or friend when you're stressed as opposed to shopping or drinking, creating a new habit while simultaneously spending less. Take a class to develop an old hobby or learn a new skill and you'll be spending time with people who share similar interests. As Godinez said, don't be discouraged during the days you slip into last year's habits. Every day won't be New Year's, but it will still be a new day with possibility for change.

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# My darling Clementine

**W**e have a mare here in Sanctuary who came down from the high mountains of Colorado just over a year ago. “Clementine” is a Thoroughbred mare in her 20s. Her story is one of being greatly loved by the woman who sent her to us. This woman boarded Clem in pasture for three years while she lived across the planet from the mare she raised. Unable to do otherwise, she searched for another home where Clementine could heal from a few things.

Dharmahorse was a perfect solution. While the natural life Clem was living is ideal in most instances; a hoof cracked from bottom to top (folding over onto itself), knees that buckle forward and an old, healed skull fracture (likely from a kick by another horse) that compromised her sight in one eye left her vulnerable.

Clem arrived in December, a year ago, on a huge trailer covered in ice. Clem had icicles on her body and the man who brought her



**KATHARINE CHRISLEY-SCHREIBER**

Stablewoman

told us she was the sweetest mare he had known. He was correct. She has the kindest heart and is very maternal with children and small horses – but Clementine needed healing on many levels and immediate support.

She felt “hot” in our weather even though our other horses were wearing blankets! We discovered right away that she would put both front legs into the water tub and splash the icy cold water all over the



front of her body. While I saw this as a tactic for cooling off, the technique continues in all weather and I believe it was Clementine’s method, in cold Colorado creeks, to do her own water therapy for her front legs. I believe this was how she kept herself going with compromised knees and tendons!

During her first year here, she has grown a “new hoof” where the deep crack was. We kept the

crack itself packed with “Venice Turpentine” and our hoof trimmer took pressure off of the bottom hoof quarter to stop the spreading apart at the crack. Nina Corman balanced that hoof while we fed herbs and nutrients to heal from the inside.

Clementine’s supplements are kelp, rose hips, fenugreek, gotu kola, linseed meal, sunflower seeds, magnesium, vitamin E, vitamin B2, cod liver oil, biotin, methionine, zinc, Co-enzyme Q10, silica, hyaluronic acid. Her diet is based upon grass hay and alfalfa hay with wheat bran mashes every other night. The mashes provide extra moisture and are a vehicle for the supplements and herbs. The wheat bran adds needed phosphorus since she gets high calcium alfalfa hay and sometimes well-soaked alfalfa pellets.

The supplemental foods are to support her muscles, tendons, joints and eyesight. We always use a “Whole Horse” philosophy

in the care of our charges. We had to provide a quite tall water container for Clem so she would not be able to put her legs into it. So, we have used cold hosing water therapy on those front legs to continue her own wise choices. We have a pair of “Iconoclast” leg support boots that we put on her for exercise. We like these best of all leg boots because of the way they help her lower joints. Mark found them in Australia for our mare, Penny, whose tendons had torn apart.

We use “red light therapy” on her stressed joints and have a magnetic boot for her leg just above the hoof to aid the circulation there. We do leg stretches to help her muscles and massages for her whole body.

Clementine receives Homeopathic remedies. She gets Euphrasia 6x for her eyes; Symphytum 30x for her skull, hoof and legs; Byronia 6x for her tendons and ligaments and Bioplasma cell salts for her whole body. We will do five

days of the remedies then wait a week or two and repeat as needed.

Exercise for Clem is a challenge. She wants to gallop. She can do a bit of running about, but her legs will shake after only a few minutes. Her best exercise is taking long walks “in hand” with a person leading her. She needs the daily exercise for her healing.

Clem is just one of the horses here in Sanctuary; healing, de-toxing and just being loved. These “now wanted” equines require huge amounts of time, attention, support, medicine (nature based!) and compassion. Some were heading for slaughter, some were abused, some starved; all are now safe.

Clementine helps people who are just getting to know horses because she is so gentle and can be tied under the trees for hours of grooming. While she may never be ridden again (that remains to be seen), she has so much to offer beyond that. We owe her the love and the care. She is a compassionate being who has trusted humans all her life. Her human entrusted her to our care and we are so grateful to know sweet Clementine.

Mark and Katharine Schreiber run Dharmahorse Equine Sanctuary in Las Cruces, where unwanted horses live out their lives at an Herbal Stable Yard. These horses also assist with educational outreach for horse care, riding and equine assisted therapies; [www.dharmahorse.org](http://www.dharmahorse.org)



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# Less of me, less of you

Recently, I had the great privilege of someone actually asking me for advice. After trying for quite some time to talk them out of it and telling them they could find someone smarter, I broke down and gave what little insight I had.

My best bud is trying to lose weight. I've been moderately successful doing just that over the last two years, and he asked for some pointers. I made a list of things to start, things to stop, things to avoid, things to embrace. I've been successful with some of them, fallen short on too many occasions to name, cursed the fates and my DNA, and don't spend nearly enough time in gratitude for my accomplishments in this activity (and others). I know I'm not the only person struggling with this issue, so I'd like to share my list:

Cut yourself some slack. You didn't gain the weight overnight, you won't lose it overnight.

Set realistic goals. I've lost quite a bit of weight since I began this journey, but have stalled at my current weight for a while despite continuing a good exercise and calorie regime. Be realistic about your progress and goals.

Find an accountability tool. I use a calorie-counting app. I'm obsessive about logging my calories. It helps me. As someone with an addictive/compulsive personality, I need ac-



**PHIL WILKE**

Life Lessons

countability. Even it's just starting a word doc as a food journal, keep yourself accountable to the process.

Start slow. You will need to ease into exercise. If you have access

to a gym or city fitness room, great; get on an exercise bike for 30 minutes a couple of times a week to start, but you can always walk around your neighborhood. When you're comfortable with the walk you're on, add two blocks the next time to make your exercise longer and more strenuous. But also do simple things for yourself: take the stairs for a flight or two instead of the elevator, park far away from the front door of the store, and stand up when you talk on the phone.

Find discipline you didn't know you had. I try to go to the campus gym every day that it's convenient and open. On days that my work schedule or the gym schedule isn't convenient, 10 percent of the time (OK, closer to 0.1-1 percent) I go to the gym at zero-dark-thirty and the other 99.9 percent of the time I don't exercise, but then I try to hew closer to my calorie goals. Get some earbuds, download some songs or podcasts onto your phone, and go for a walk even when you don't want to – especially when you don't want to.

As you start an exercise program, even a small one, listen to your body. No Pain No Gain is

not helpful; in fact could be hurtful. There will be small aches and pains, but listen to your body. If your knees are hurting, take a day off. Overdoing it will kill your desire to exercise faster than a seeming lack of progress.

Exercise helps, but this is more a diet thing. I hate that. Less junk, more vegetables. Fewer servings, more vegetables. More home cooking (with vegetables), fewer restaurants and take out. Fewer carbs, more vegetables.

Your phone might have a built-in daily step counter. Use that during your walks or buy a cheap fitness watch or something to count steps and use that as a motivator.

Don't compare yourself to others. That's a sure-fire bet to terrible self-esteem and giving up.

You'll generate a ton of benefits: less stress on your heart, lower blood pressure, less pressure on your joints, lower cholesterol. Build on this.

Lastly, congratulate yourself occasionally. (Cheesecake helps as long as you're correctly counting calories and nutrients.) You can do this, but like any major change you have to understand that this is a lifestyle change, not a diet. Keep pushing. You got this.

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## HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

**Healing:** 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Jan. 27, Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive. Metaphysical Principles of Healing. Facilitator Rev. Terry Lund. Info: 575-523-5592 or Mary Jane Embury, 575-649-1527.

**Celebrate Recovery:** Christian addiction support and recovery group begins a new season at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, at Mesilla Park Community Church, 1040 El Paseo Rd. After the kick-off, the Las Cruces chapter of Celebrate Recovery will resume regular weekly meetings 6-9 p.m. Mondays. Free. Info: 575-524-7658, email [info@getrealchurch.org](mailto:info@getrealchurch.org), or visit [www.getrealchurch.org](http://www.getrealchurch.org).

**Early-stage Alzheimer's support:** 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Families facing Alzheimer's disease will have access to a class offered by the Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter. Cost: Free. Info and registration: Lindsey Bachman, 800-272-3900 or email [lmbachman@alz.org](mailto:lmbachman@alz.org).

**Sunday Funday:** 3-6 p.m. first Sunday of each month February-October, Plaza de Las Cruces. Cancer Aid Resource and Education Inc., CARE, invites nonprofits, human-service organizations, community groups, art groups, artists, youth groups, vendors, entertainers -- any individual or entity that has something to offer or showcase to the community. Cost: Free. Download the participant form at

[carelascruces.org](http://carelascruces.org).

**Dementia caregiving:** 2-4 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 6-March 16, Crossroads In-Home Care, 189 Howard Place. Alzheimer's Association New Mexico Chapter offers a six-session program, Skills for Dementia Caregiving 101, for families facing dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Cost Free. Info: 1-800-272-3900 or [kmngandara@alz.org](mailto:kmngandara@alz.org).

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**Alzheimer's and dementia support group:** 11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Uno Pizzeria & Grill, 2102 Telshor Court. Arbors of Del Rey Assisted Living Community support meeting offers information and interventions. Info: 575-382-5200.

**Ambercare Hospice Volunteer Program:** Ambercare seeks individuals interested in volunteers

to offer comfort and support to patients and their families. Hospice volunteers read, take walks, listen or provide companionship. Training provided. Info: 575-556-8409, ext. 12418, or [jlopez@ambercare.com](mailto:jlopez@ambercare.com).

**Aquatic cardio:** 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department offers a Pound class, rhythmic cardio jam session, combining light resistance with constant simulated drumming. The total body workout fuses cardio, Pilates, isometric movements, plyometrics into a 45-minute series. Info: 575-541-2782.

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Aggie football players Kris'Sean Edwards and Jaylon Williams-Reese walk with teammates into Plaza de Las Cruces.



Aggies fan Brant Adams enjoys the day with his granddaughter.

# The 'Winter of Love' for Aggie Athletics

On a warm, sunny Jan. 20 befitting the occasion, New Mexico State University football players, coaches, school administrators and city officials rallied in Plaza de Las Cruces to celebrate the team's winning season capped by a victory in the Arizona Bowl Dec. 29.

It was a moment 57 years in the making, since NMSU's previous bowl victory, and Aggies would make no excuses for showing some love; for being

proud – maybe even a little cocky for a change – of their school, their program and its designs for continued success.

And, after all the speechifying and the fight songs and good cheer, NMSU men's basketball destroyed Utah Valley's eight-game winning streak at the Pan Am Center to win its sixth in a row and 11th of the last 12. It was a good day for Pistol Pete.

— Marty Racine



NMSU head football coach Doug Martin fires up the crowd with his speech.



# A quick primer on the psychological language of golf

It's time to share "golf shrink" concepts that may help you to actually play golf better. Much of sport psychology really consists of applications of theories used in other disciplines, including motivational speaking, clinical abnormal psychology, developmental learning theory and medicine. Even if you don't buy into these concepts, at least you will be conversant with sport psychology at cocktail parties.

One of the most powerful concepts to emerge recently is "rapid cognition." To understand this quirky form of brain software, think of an ap-



**CHARLIE BLANCHARD**  
Golf Doctor

praiser of fine art viewing an ancient sculpture, then making an accurate judgment about "real" or "fake" in a fraction of a second. This is swift and nimble information processing done in the blink of an eye. He must trust his most highly trained thinking and instincts. He must do it in a second and get it right. It's what author Malcom Gladwell described as both brilliant and dangerous in his bestseller, "Blink: The Power of Thinking without Thinking."

Applied to golf, we need rapid cognition when we pull a club,

decide on a tactical play and read a putt. It can hurt, however, when we go brain-dead and impulsively react in taking a shot while failing to properly size up the wind, slope, distance and hole location. When we practice, play seriously and become a student of the game, we also develop trained talent that we can engage rapidly and that we can trust.

Turning to the business of learning golf and acquiring new skills, I'm a believer in "observational learning," or learning by example. Children do this by default, as any parent can attest. If you see a professional player on TV whose swing you re-

ally like, go to the range and try to get a closer approximation of that swing, and have some truly informed person give you feedback. One thing that gets in the way of new learning is "retroactive interference." As the term implies, something from the past interferes with what you're trying to do now. What interferes the most are old habits. In order to improve your performance there is no question that you must substitute new swing and mental habits for old, unproductive ones. During a pressure situation on the golf course retroactive interference can result in the power of emotional memory

taking over.

These days what's in vogue for golf shrinks is something called "affect regulation," the ability to manage our inner emotional state, along with our outward display of those emotions. The two are connected, and both are connected with how clearly and how productively we think. Let's say you have just missed a costly three-foot putt that you feel sick about. Angry, too. You know in your heart that nerves caused an anxious flinch. Been there? Done that? The clinical term for what just happened is "focal dystonia," commonly known as the yips. As you step toward the next tee you are burning

and seething inside but holding back the swearing and club throwing on the outside. You're in a state of emotional imbalance, which can ruin us as golfers. So, controlling your emotions, thinking correctly and quickly, canceling interference and learning from watching the tour pros will help you "play with heart" while "using your head."

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## Old Timers Golf

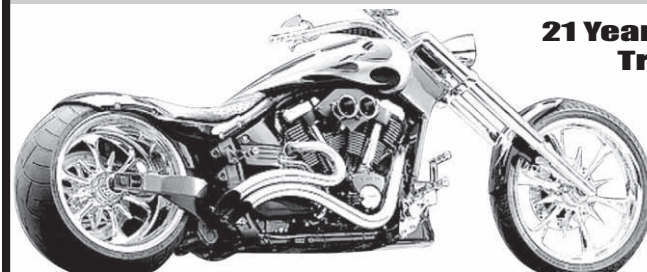


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The El Paso/Las Cruces Old Timers Golf Group played their monthly Tournament at Underwood-Ft. Bliss golf course Jan. 8. First place, standing left to right are Steve Davis, Underwood; Jerry Romines, Red Hawk; Joe Bautista, Anthony. Second place, seated, are Avelino Martinez, Ascarate; Paul Tarango, Lone Star; Danny Jurado, Horizon; Fred Harlass, Anthony.

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## Baeza feted

The Las Cruces City Council named Jan. 16 as Brandon Baeza Day in Las Cruces. Baeza, a Las Cruces High School senior, was named in November as the 2017-18 New Mexico Gatorade High School Player of the Year in football. The five-foot-seven, 165-pounder "caught 41 passes for 1,009 yards and eight touchdowns this past season, leading the Bulldogs (10-2) to the Class 6A state semifinals," according to a Gatorade news release. "Baeza also rushed for 496 yards and six TDs, passed for 114 yards and two scores and returned two punts to touchdowns. Defensively, Baeza, wearing No. 15, recorded 22 tackles and two interceptions. He was a First Team All-State selection as a wide receiver and cornerback in 2016." Baeza "has maintained a 3.54 GPA in the classroom," according to the news release. He is shown in the photo with Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima, right, and City Councilor Jack Eakman. "This is a big deal," the mayor said at the presentation. The Town of Mesilla named Jan. 8-12 as Brandon Baeza Week in Mesilla.

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