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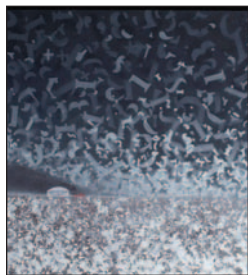
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Dusan Jolovic, a Doctor of Philosophy degree candidate with a major in Engineering, attends the New Mexico State University Doctoral Hooding Ceremony on Friday, May 12, at the Pan American Center. Several thousand students graduated in May from NMSU and Doña Ana Community College, with various commencement ceremonies held at the Pan American Center on the NMSU campus. See pages 24-27 for more photos and information.

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# Doña Ana County 'Your Partner in Progress'



## Found: Pat Garrett's Coroner Jury document

For decades, historians have been hungry to determine whether any official document existed that assigned blame for the murder of former Doña Ana County and Lincoln County Sheriff Pat Garrett – the man who gained fame and notoriety for tracking down and killing Billy the Kid.

Late last year, a Doña Ana County Clerk's Office employee came across that document in a box of unarchived materials.

Dated July 9, 1908, the handwritten Coroner's Jury Report – signed by seven jurors – reads as follows: "We the undersigned Justices of the Peace and Coroners Jury have attended the investigation of the body of Pat Garrett who was reported dead within the limits of Precinct No. 20, County of Doña Ana, territory of New Mexico on about five miles northeast of the town of Las Cruces and find that the deceased came to his death by gunshot wounds inflicted by one Wayne Bazel."

"Finding the Pat Garrett document is exciting for our community because it enriches New Mexican history," said Doña Ana County Clerk Scott Krahlung.

"We're excited to launch our project to preserve this collection of documents ranging from 1854 to 1963. Historians note that we are sitting on a gold mine of rich historical documents waiting to be discovered. Our goal is to provide full access to the public, so we are seeking more funding to complete the project. Since family roots run deep in Dona Ana County, our hope is that these documents enrich our stories and get more people excited about our history and culture."

Arizona State University Professor Emeritus Dr. Robert J. Stahl estimates the value of the document in the tens – perhaps hundreds – of thousands of dollars if it were to be sold on the open market, and he has written a strong letter of support for the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office to receive additional grant funding to catalogue its remaining documentation.

"Not only will these documents add to, fill in, and correct bits and pieces of New Mexico and Doña Ana County histories," Stahl wrote, "they will raise the prestige and esteem of your Office, its Historical Preservation Grant Team, and

the County Government. What has been completely overlooked in your County's view of these files is that once they are found, filed, and made available, hundreds of historians, genealogists, and just 'plain folk' will come from all over the world and spend millions of dollars each year to get their eyes on what you have. You are sitting on a gold mine in more ways than one."

Krahlung said the Garrett document was found by a staffer last November and was soon placed into a safety deposit box for protection. He said the circle of people who knew about the document was kept small until a plan could be put in place for a public unveiling. He said the office also needed to make plans for the expected deluge of interest once the knowledge of the document's existence became widely known.

"We are still cataloging documents from the late 1800s and early 1900s," he said. "As we find and catalog them, we will work with historians like Dr. Stahl to determine which have enduring value – both historic and monetary – to safeguard the integrity of the documents while making them available for inspec-

tion by interested parties."

Krahlung said the Garrett document will be unveiled to the public at a special ceremony on June 16 in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center. Thereafter, his staff will schedule one-hour, supervised appointments with people interested in viewing archived historical documents.

Ultimately, he said, the most prized documents found during the archival process will be turned over to the state's Records Center and Archives in Santa Fe for long-term maintenance and preservation.

Krahlung said he and his staff expect to find out this week whether additional grant funding will be allocated to continue the archiving initiative, which began in 2015.

"We know some of what we have, and it's pretty exciting," he said. "What we're certain of is that we will find more documents that rival the Garrett document in their value and importance, and we're eager to get to work on cataloguing each and every one of them. There are thousands of historical still to be reviewed."



### NEW WHEELS

The newest vehicle in the Doña Ana County Fire and Emergency Services Department's fleet is this 2017 International Pierce water tanker, with a capacity of 2,100 gallons. Purchased at a cost of \$288,548, it replaces a 1994 truck with less capacity. It will be stationed at La Union District 7.

PHOTO: Chief Eric Crespín

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Doña Ana County affiliate is working with the Doña Ana County Department of Health and Human Services to expand its signature program, NAMI Family-to-Family. The free 12-session educational program is for family, significant others and friends of people diagnosed with mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia. Go to <http://www.nami-dac.org/education-programs/family-to-family-class/> to sign up for classes.

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# Fallen peace officers honored

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

With two garrison American flags flying outside, dozens of law enforcement officers from Las Cruces, Doña Ana County and surrounding communities gathered May 9 at the Las Cruces Convention Center for the Southern New Mexico Fallen Peace Officer Memorial Service 2017.

Alamogordo police officer Clint Corvinius and Hatch police officer Jose Chavez were both shot and killed in the line of duty in 2016.

“Thank you for having what it takes and to serve and to continue to serve,” keynote speaker U.S. Magistrate Judge Greg Fouratt told the gathering, which included family members and friends of fallen officers, elected officials and visitors.

Other speakers included Las Cruces Police Dept. Deputy Chief Justin Dunivan, Alamogordo Police Chief Darren Syling, Hatch Police Chief Trey Gimler, Truth or Consequences Police Chief Lee Alirez, and J.R. Stewart, president of the New

Mexico Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 8.

Doña Ana County Sheriff’s Office Public Information Officer Kelly Jameson served as master of ceremonies. Joseph Lange of the U.S. Border Patrol offered the invocation, Mesilla Fire Department Chief Kevin Hoban gave the benediction, members of the New Mexico State Police performed the final call and members of the county Sheriff’s Department Reserve Officers association served as silent witness. The National Anthem was performed by the Cactus Chords Quartet, Taps was played by Las Cruces firefighter Michael Danner and New Mexico State Police officer Ernest Najera, and “Amazing Grace” was performed on bagpipes by the New Mexico Fire and Police Pipes and Drums.

A multi-agency honor guard performed the posting and retrieving of colors, the ceremonial flag folding and a 21-gun salute.

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**Giant garrison American flags, flown from Las Cruces Fire Department ladder trucks, took part in the Southern New Mexico Fallen Peace Officer Memorial Service.**

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**With a giant garrison flag in the background, a multi-agency honor guard, comprised of members of local law enforcement departments, participate in a 21-gun salute during the Southern New Mexico Fallen Peace Officer Memorial Service.**

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# Improved water conditions buoy irrigation district

## BULLETIN REPORT

The Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) has authorized an increase in the surface water allotment to 18 inches. The decision was finalized at the EBID board meeting May 10.

Dr. Phil King, EBID's engineering consultant, recommended the increase based on the improved water outlook. During the Growers Meeting in Las Cruces he said, "It's difficult to say where exactly we'll wind up with our final allotment but I would expect it would be somewhere between 21 inches and two feet, somewhere in that general range."

The last time the District saw improved water conditions along this order was in 2010. In July and August the EBID will reevaluate the water situation to determine any possible allotment increases.

Flat Rate Irrigation Dates will be June 3-4 for the Central and South District. Narvaez said there could potentially be three flat rate irrigations this season. The EBID board will set the next flat rate irrigation at their June 14 board meeting.



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The Rio Grande flowing north of the Picacho Bridge is a promising sign for the Elephant Butte Irrigation District.

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# Monument observes third anniversary

## BULLETIN REPORT

Throughout the month of May, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Friends of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks are sponsoring a variety of free outdoor events to celebrate the anniversary of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument's designation on May 21, 2014.

All of the events are family-friendly and will focus on introducing or reacquainting the public to the Monument's scenic beauty and its recreation and cultural resources, according to a Friends press release.

Nestled in the Organ Mountains foothills, the Dripping Springs Natural Area will be the location for the events. The public is invited to attend any or all of the events and enjoy hiking, bird-watching and learning about the history and people of the area. In addition, the public will have an opportunity to help the BLM and Friends with trail maintenance and trash clean up.

Located east of University Drive and Dripping Springs Road, the Dripping Spring Visitor Center has ample public parking and is within walking distance to all of the following Monument events. Parking is \$5 per vehicle.

**Friday, May 19** – La Cueva Hike and the Real Story of the Hermit

6 p.m. – A hike will be conducted to La Cueva to showcase the dwelling of a famous monk.

7:30 p.m. – At the La Cueva Amphitheatre, Author David Thomas will make a special presentation on his book: "Giovanni Maria de Agostini, Wonder of the Century: The Astonishing World Traveler Who Was a Hermit."

**Saturday, May 20** – Monument Birthday Clean-Up Event

8–10 a.m. – The Dripping Springs clean-up and trail maintenance will encompass five miles of trails. All volunteers, young and old, are welcome.

Dripping Springs Twilight Hike

4 p.m. – From the Visitor Center, the hike will highlight the history of the people who lived in the Dripping Springs Natural Area. The hike will end at sundown – so bring your flashlights!

**Sunday, May 21** – Artist-in-Residence Hike and Paint-Along

9–11 a.m. – Heidi Annalise, a Colorado painter and the Artist-in-Residence, will share her creative ideas for capturing the Monument's vibrant essence through a hike and a paint-along. Space is limited and RSVPs can be made to [info@organmtnfriends.org](mailto:info@organmtnfriends.org) or 575-323-1423.

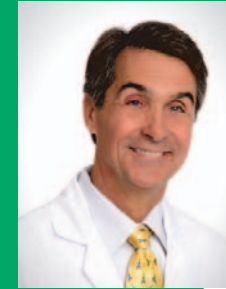
Participants for these events are asked to dress appropriately and to remember their outdoor essentials – water, snacks, hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. For more information, contact the BLM Las Cruces District Office at 575-525-4300, or the Friends of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks at 575-323-1423.



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# Aggie women hold their own

## Champions on and off the field

It was tempting this week to write about the state legislature's impending special session, and what might happen between the governor and the legislators. Perhaps an admonishment for both sides to listen to the people, find some common ground, compromise a bit, and move forward.

It was also tempting to write about the machinations of the Doña Ana County Commission. Perhaps an admonishment for both sides to listen to the people, find some common ground, compromise a bit, and move forward.

It was tempting to write about all the new graduates. Oh, wait. I did that last week.

So I settled on a non-controversial topic – gender equity.

Not really. Well, sort of.

How about that Aggie women's softball team!

Last weekend, the Aggies won their second Western Athletic Conference softball tournament in three years, earning a berth in the NCAA softball tournament.

The Aggies won in quite

dramatic fashion. The WAC tourney was played on the NMSU campus this year. In the double-elimination tournament's last day, Saturday, May 13, the Aggies faced elimination from Seattle U. They very nearly got their elimination, as Seattle led 14-11 going



**RICHARD COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

into the final inning. But the Aggies had the last at-bat, and made the most of it, with an improbable 4-run inning to complete the comeback, forcing one more game.

In game 2, the Aggies got all their frustrations out, shellacking Seattle 10-0.

Their reward: Travel to Tucson to take on the Arizona Wildcats, ranked No. 5 nationally, on the Wildcats' home diamond. These are the same Wildcats who defeated the Aggies twice on April 18 in Las Cruces. But as NMSU themselves proved with their Seattle comeback, anything can happen in softball.

In 2015, the Aggies won a game against St. John's in the NCAAs in Tucson.

This year marked the fifth straight year the Aggies have reached the WAC tournament

finals. It's a testament to a great program, led by a great coach, Kathy Rodolph.

She has won more than 400 games coaching the Aggies, and more than 600 in her college coaching career. Rodolph would deflect any credit pointed her direction, but she certainly deserves it. NMSU is very fortunate to have her.

It's a great young team that will lose only two seniors next year.

The Aggies had three players on the all-WAC first team, including Player of the Year Kelsey Horton and WAC Tournament MVP Rachel Rodriguez. They had three more on the conference second team.

When Aggie men's basketball coach Paul Weir announced last month he was leaving to take the job leading the (gulp) Lobos at the University of New Mexico, there was much gnashing of teeth, understandably. There is often gnashing of teeth when Aggie fans fret over NMSU's football records.

People often forget, though, that NMSU has some great women's sports.

The Aggie basketball women, who unfortunately are also losing their coach, Mark Trakh, have had an incredible run the past three years. They nearly pulled off an upset against Stanford, an eventual

Final Four team, in this year's NCAAs.

The Aggie volleyball team is always successful and entertaining. As much as I love basketball, I could make a case that Aggie volleyball is as exciting to watch as the men's hoops team.

And it's always a great time watching Aggie softball.

In fact, as much notice as Las Cruces gets for being a great high school football town – deservedly so – our fair city also deserves some props for being a great softball town.

The past five years, Las Cruces has produced three softball state champions and three state runners-up, with Oñate High School, Centennial High School and Las Cruces High School each bringing home a blue trophy.

And if you made it to the NMSU 75th anniversary rodeo the last weekend in April, you got to see one of the best women's rodeo teams in America.

The women student-athletes practice just as long and work just as hard as the men do, and frequently earn better marks in the classroom.

Not saying the women are better than the men, and definitely not saying the men are better than the women. Just saying, let's all give each their due respect.

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# Some older loved ones can drive us crazy

One great adventure is driving. From sitting safely in our home, within seconds we can be at the edge of death. Just seconds. Turn the key and away we go. Most of the time we are fine.

Our society has a blind spot. There are people who should not be driving. It is not that they cannot drive down a road. It's they cannot deal with emergencies.

After one large and three small driving issues, I took the keys away from an older relative. He was unhappy but that's my job. Then I would see him out in the second car trying to start it.

Nope, I fixed the car



**MICHAEL SWICKARD**

In My Opinion

since he no longer had a driver's license. He'd say, "I think I can still drive the car." I would reply, "That car will take you right to the scene of the accident and you will be there ten minutes before the police. That gives you ten minutes to think of a reason why you are driving without a license."

He didn't like it but saw the humor. We owe our older citizens to take the

keys away before a wreck.

More so, we don't test this aspect of driving. When renewing a license there's no test to check those skills. In flying there is and it should be something we do with driving.

Likewise, there is the notion that someone can drink and drive providing it isn't past a limit. However, "Buzzed driving is drunk driving" means any impairment is potentially fatal.

We talk a good game of safety but we don't play the game. Example: I was standing in line and a person was describing that they had their sixth accident that year. Yikes! Why does that person have a driv-

er's license?

Yes, we hear often of drivers driving on suspended licenses. The consequences of violating the law must be robust enough to stop all but the most egregious offenders and those we will have to incarcerate for our own safety.

Are we going to get serious about safety or is it such a good living for the accident lawyers and undertakers? We need to have driving academies for anyone in an acci-

dent whither our fault or not. And, for everyone we need rigorous driving tests every two years. This needs to be not just for commercial drivers but for all drivers.

Our society must take away the driving privileges of those people no longer able to deal with emergencies. It is not good enough to get the car in gear, like flying; every two years we must recertify our ability to deal with life-or-death driving situations.

Yes, I know my license to drive will most likely be taken from me some day. Shuckins. But it is better safe than sorry. It would be nice if it was the driving tests that show my inability to handle emergencies rather than a real emergency.

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# Our future depends on a voting culture

By **THE ELECTION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

If we want to increase civic participation, we need to build partnerships and have two-way conversations about why people don't vote and encourage them to vote in every election. Democracy is worth our effort, and a responsibility we all share.

The Election Advisory Council (EAC) is implementing this new model of engaging people about the importance of voting in a democracy. The EAC is a diverse, voluntary group of Doña Ana County residents partnering with the County Clerk's Office. We

desire long-term change that is inclusive and connects residents to local government. Our purpose is to build lasting and functional partnerships between residents of Doña Ana County and local government to increase civic participation.

We are an "idea incubator" in which we can think critically about the state of democracy in our county, and how to preserve democracy for generations. We want our efforts to complement - not replace - other civic engagement efforts that are already happening in our county.

Our vision is to build a voting culture in Doña Ana County. A culture where people value voting by actively voting in every election, they understand that civic engagement makes a difference, and realize how their vote contributes to the wellbeing of the community. A voting culture creates long-term change. A voting culture is a permanent, sustainable path that increases voter participation in local elections and as a result, will engage more people in democracy.

We believe that this requires our intention and commitment to design a culture that fosters participation and engagement. Partners who share our values of inclusive democracy are our greatest resource in this collective effort. Together we can reach more people providing them with the necessary information to get out to vote and participate.

Our early effort is to inspire youth to participate. Our goal is to engage 100 percent of our graduating seniors to vote, and ultimately all our youth, and make voting a permanent part of their life. This effort is not about us! It is about building a better future for our youth with them, not for them. And we dare to believe that people can be inspired to vote.

We want to reach our students as young as elementary school but recognizing that we have to start somewhere, we have started in our local high schools. In the past two years, we have registered almost 1,000 students, teachers, and parents during our registration drive. We registered less than half of the graduat-

ing seniors. It is a decent initial effort but more can be done.

The most successful registration drives occur when we can directly engage seniors in the classroom by discussing the importance of voting and how it directly impacts their lives. Also, we are successful when we work with teachers to schedule classroom visits that fit their schedules best.

Many thanks to our partners including the teachers, administrators, and students at high schools who participated - Alma d'Arte, Anthony Charter School, Centennial, Chaparral, Early College High School, Gadsden, Hatch Valley, Las Cruces High School, Mayfield, Oñate, and Rio Grande Preparatory. We also want to give a special thanks to Kathe Kanim, EAC Member, Sen. Bill Soules, and all the voter-registration agents who helped make this worthy effort a success.

If we desire to shift the current culture of not voting to voting in every election, then it is critical that we are proactive and intentional. Engaging people and having real conversations will help us understand why people are no longer interested in participating in the very cornerstone of our country. Lastly, we are committed to inviting them to be a part of the solution. This is how we actively build a voting culture together for our communities. Shaping our future depends on all our votes.

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Matthews became a full-time DACC instructor in 2011, after having taught several years at the high school and college levels. His ability to help students succeed took a big jump when he was elected state chair of SkillsUSA, an organization that aims to "...ensure America has a skilled workforce...[by helping]...each student excel." Matthews has found that success in SkillsUSA is a strong predictor of future success in a student's career.

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## Governor's cuts hurt vulnerable children

By **SEN. BILL SOULES**

Recently - and very quietly - the state Public Education Department (PED) appears to have cut \$3 million or more from a popular summer learning program for young children ages 5 to 8 set to begin next month. As a result,

6,100 fewer children across New Mexico will receive classroom instruction that is proven to narrow the achievement gap between low-income students and their peers, increase skills, and improve student test scores. The state-funded K-3-Plus initiative is innovative - and it works.

PED's decision to slash funding for it is morally wrong and should be reversed.

K-3 Plus extends the school year for children entering kindergarten through third grade by 25 instructional days beginning



**BILL SOULES**

State Senator

SEE **SOULES**, PAGE 21





## Emporium tops \$100,000 for hospice

The Emporium antiques, furniture and gift shop in downtown Las Cruces has a mission to provide an additional funding source to Mesilla Valley Hospice. Emporium volunteer Heather Pollard (it was her idea to open The Emporium), center, presented a check for \$7,000 to Hospice Chief Financial Officer Chris May, standing far right, at the May 9 Rio Grande Rotary Club meeting. Looking on are Emporium volunteer Bonnie Schurtz and hospice CEO and Executive Director Nina Salmon. With the check, The Emporium, run entirely by volunteers and stocked exclusively with donations, has now generated \$104,000 in profits for the hospice. The Emporium is located at 106 S. Water St., and is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call 575-523-4700 or visit <http://mvhospice.org/emporium>.

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# Report: one-quarter of county children remain at risk for hunger

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Roadrunner Food Bank of New Mexico supplied more than 4.1 million pounds of food to three Las Cruces “hunger-relief partners” in 2016, Roadrunner announced in a May news release.

Roadrunner said the local agencies that distributed the most food in Doña Ana County were Casa de Peregrinos emergency food program, with 2.33 million pounds of food distributed; Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission, 267,118 pounds; and the Salvation Army of Las Cruces, with 254,815 pounds.

Roadrunner “provided 1.7 million pounds within the county through specialized hunger initiatives such as mobile food pantry sites, schools, senior centers, low-income senior housing sites and other hunger-relief initiatives,” the news release said.

Roadrunner said Feeding America’s Map the Meal Gap 2017 report “on hunger and the cost of food at both the county and congressional district level” shows 26.9 percent of Doña Ana County children and 14.4 percent of the overall county population are at risk for hunger.

Nationally, the report said, “New Mexico tied with Arkansas at No. 2 for childhood hunger. Overall, the state ranked No. 7. The report shows that “16 percent of the population in New Mexico, or 1 in 6 is at-risk of hunger.”

“In New Mexico, children at-risk of hunger

are much worse off compared to the overall population and experience much higher rates of hunger,” Roadrunner said in its news release. “Rates in the state range from a low of 18.7 percent of children at-risk of hunger in Eddy County to a high of 34.8 percent of children at-risk of hunger in McKinley County.”

McKinley County also ranked highest in overall hunger (27.2 percent).

“In New Mexico, food insecure individuals now face, on average, a food budget shortfall of \$16.50 per person each week,” the news release said, “up from \$16.14 last year. For a family of four, this represents an additional \$66 a week or \$264 a month.”

“It’s difficult to impress upon people how prevalent hunger is in our state,” Roadrunner President and CEO Melody Wattenbarger said. “New Mexico is not seeing economic recovery like other states. Many of the counties we provide food to are located in rural communities with higher rates of hunger. These counties and our partners in those coun-



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Walmart’s donation of a refrigerated food truck and a walk-in refrigerator have helped Casa de Peregrinos expand its emergency food program.

ties heavily rely on the food we bring them to feed children, seniors and families experiencing hunger.”

“Roadrunner Food Bank is one of 200 food banks in the Feeding America network that collectively provides food assistance to 46 million

Americans struggling with hunger,” the news release said. “In New Mexico, the food bank distributed 32.5 million pounds of food last year through a statewide hun-

ger-relief network made up of hundreds of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and regional food banks.”

For more information, contact Sonya Warwick

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SHERIFF'S DEPUTY JAMAR COTTON

# Sheriff's deputy receives statewide recognition

## BULLETIN REPORT

A Doña Ana County Sheriff's deputy has received top honors statewide for his work to educate youth about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Deputy Jamar Cotton, who has been with DASO since 2011, is a certified instructor for the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, an evidence-based drug abuse prevention curriculum built around classroom instruction for children in elementary school.

Earlier this year, Cotton was nominated for the Enrique Camarena Award, a distinguished honor that is given to a member of law enforcement who best exemplifies the work to be involved in

communities and efforts to encourage children to be drug-free. The award is named for Agent Enrique Camarena, an 11-year agent with the DEA who was kidnapped, brutally tortured and murdered in Mexico in 1985 while working as a criminal investigator and narcotics officer.

Cotton was selected as the first-place winner in New Mexico.

The nomination was then sent to a national review board of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and in February. Deputy Cotton learned he received the third-highest level of recognition for his work.

Deputy Cotton was formally recognized at a dinner held in his honor on May 12 at Elks Lodge 1119 in Las Cruces.

# DWI checkpoints, patrols scheduled

## BULLETIN REPORT

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department has scheduled at least four checkpoints and saturation patrols during the month of May. These activities are part of an ongoing effort to reduce DWI-related crashes, injuries and deaths.

Checkpoints and patrols will be conducted through May 30 at various undisclosed locations throughout Doña Ana County. Checkpoints are usually set up between 6 p.m. and 4 a.m. Deputies will be looking for all types of violations, with an emphasis on intoxicated drivers.

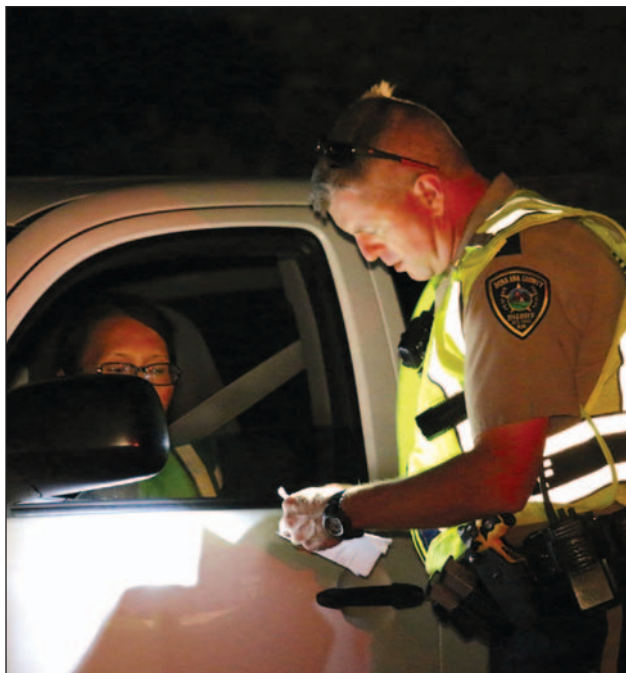
The Memorial Day holiday at the end of the month is typically one when deputies see a higher rate of DWI-related incidents.

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Health and Human Services Department offers county residents a low-cost taxi ride home through Project HOME (Helping Others Make it home Every time), which is available on Fridays, Saturdays and holidays from 5:30 p.m. to 3 a.m.

The project is a collaborative initiative with Las Cruces Shuttle and Taxi by which a person or group who has been drinking any amount of alcohol can call (575) 524-TAXI to be picked up for a discounted ride home. Project HOME will only take people from a bar or party to the rider's residence.

For up to two people, the taxi fee is a flat \$5 to any destination within Doña Ana County. For up to four people, the flat fee is \$10. Grant funding pays the balance of transportation charges.



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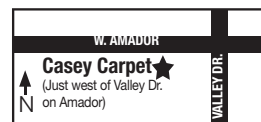
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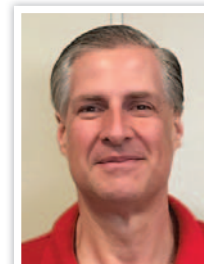
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# District proposes balanced budget with no raises, layoffs

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Pending the upcoming special session of the New Mexico Legislature, Las Cruces Public Schools will submit a balanced budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year with no layoffs, furloughs or salary increases, LCPS Superintendent Dr. Gregory Ewing said on May 9 during a school budget town hall in the board room of the LCPS administration building.

The \$330.4 million proposed budget was to be presented to the school board for final approval at the board's May 16 meeting. With approval it will be submitted to the state by June 5, to be reviewed by the New Mexico Public Education Department on June 22. The final budget must be approved by the state and available when the new fiscal year begins July 1.

Gov. Susana Martinez has called a special session for May 24.

"We don't know what the Legislature will do," Ewing said. "The state has pulled back about \$3.5 million in funding from LCPS this fiscal year. If there are any additional cuts during the special session, the district will have to reduce staff (and) look at every single program and every option we have."

The proposed budget anticipates a pupil-teacher ratio of 25-1 in middle- and high school classrooms and 22-1 in elementary classes, he said, adding that special education, physical education, fine arts and bilingual education teachers will be allotted separately.

Ewing said LCPS is holding 10 teaching positions in reserve, pending the results of the special session. To keep the school district solvent, he



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

**Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Gregory Ewing presents the school district's proposed 2017-18 budget at a town hall meeting on May 9 in the board room of the LCPS administration building.**

said, he has instituted a hiring freeze, job vacancies remain unfilled and most spending has stopped. His top priority is a balanced budget, Ewing said, which protects classrooms, streamlines central office expenditures and maintains a cash reserve.

A breakdown of each school's teaching and staff positions is available on the LCPS website, along with the proposed budget. Visit <http://lcp.k12.nm.us/>, scroll down and click on the LCPS Sunshine Portal in the left-hand column.

Ewing said he has reduced central-office staff funding by an additional \$1.3 million since becoming superintendent in December. And, to reduce the millions of dollars LCPS spends each year on substitute teachers, Ewing said every central office employee will spend three days next fiscal year either substituting in a classroom or working in a non-classified position such as secretary, custodian,

monitor or educational assistant.

The district's operational fund totals just more than \$190 million, according to the LCPS budget document. More than 93 percent comes from the state. Another 5.3 percent is in cash balance, which Ewing said is a critical element of the budget, and "keeps all the checks from bouncing every month."

Ewing said about 90 percent of the district's operational budget is spent on personnel, including salaries and benefits. He said the school district's monthly payroll is about \$13.9 million. Estimated operational fund revenues and expenses are about \$2.7 million higher than the current year.

The proposed budget includes almost \$4 million for transportation, \$18 million for food services, \$937,155 for athletics, and almost \$52.7 million for capital projects, according to the budget document.

The budget also includes

these federal funds:

- \$7.15 million Title I funds to benefit students in LCPS' 29 Title I (high poverty) schools, including enrichment and intervention programs, homeless education, parental involvement and foster care. About 76 percent of LCPS students receive free and reduced lunches, a leading measure of poverty.

- \$2.75 million for Head Start programs;

- \$1.13 million Title II funds for professional growth support for teachers and administrators, mentor teachers, the district's beginning-teacher program and summer workshops for teachers, instructional assistants and administrators;

- Almost \$8 million in IDEA-B funding to provide special education and related services to students with disabilities;

- \$310,000 in Title III funding for English-language learners (ELLs). LCPS listed 2,564 ELLs among its total student population of 24,882 earlier

this year; \$120,000 "to meet the educational needs of children of migratory farm workers"; \$45,000 for homeless education; \$296,000 in Carl Perkins grant funds for career and technical education; and \$2.14 million for the district's K-3+ program. Ewing said the proposed funding for K-3+ means the long-time program will continue to serve 1,767 students at 18 schools, just as it did last year.

Ewing said LCPS also has re-applied for a \$400,000 truancy and dropout prevention grant to improve school attendance and a grant of almost \$2.8 million for fine arts education in elementary schools.

The superintendent said the proposed budget maintains the current level of school resource (law enforcement) officers at the schools.

Send emails about the proposed budget to [opinions@lcp.net](mailto:opinions@lcp.net).

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Some of the tablets given to homeless students who are graduating from Las Cruces high schools this month. The personal computers were purchased with an anonymous donation.

## Homeless students overcome the odds

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Despite major personal hardships, 15 homeless students will be graduating from three Las Cruces high schools this month. And, thanks to an anonymous donation, each one will receive a laptop tablet, Las Cruces Public Schools lead social worker Yoli Silva said.

"I never thought all the things I've gone through would give me so many blessings," Silva said one of the students told her when the laptops were given to the students last week at Arrowhead Park Early College High School, Oñate High School and Mayfield High School.

None of the students has parents, Silva said. One boy had been sleeping on the roof of his school (because it was a safe place), and was taken in by the family of one of his friends when the school found out. Another student moved in with her aunt after her mother

died. When her aunt died, she began couch surfing with friends.

Thanks to scholarships and financial aid, the 15 students will be attending New Mexico State University or Doña Ana Community College this fall. And all are graduating with a grade point average of 2.5 or higher, Silva said.

Despite "the adversities, issues and instability" each student has faced, he or she "still maintained a great attendance, GPA and dreams of going to college," Silva said.

And, since "everything's technology" at the college level, she said, the school district's Project Link Homeless Education program could think of no better way to spend the anonymous donation – with the donor's permission – than on the computers.

For more information, contact Silva at [ysilva@lcps.net](mailto:ysilva@lcps.net).

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## District recognizes beginning teachers

### BULLETIN REPORT

After months of training alongside mentors and administrators, 76 new teachers recently celebrated the completion of their first year of classroom teaching, as part of the 2016-17 LCPS Beginning Teacher Induction Program, a multi-year training and support program designed to assist teachers with their state-mandated licensure advancement.

"The program offers many layers of support for these novice educators. Administrators help them learn systems and procedures and established teachers serve as mentors, answering questions and providing support throughout the year," said LCPS Staff Development Specialist Jane Gurnea.

This year 38 elementary school teachers and 38 secondary school teachers from 31 LCPS schools participated in the program. "It



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Seventy-six first-year teachers from 31 schools throughout the Las Cruces Public School D hold up certificates commemorating the completion of their first year in LCPS Beginning Teacher Induction Program, at a ceremony May 1 in the LCPS Administration Building Conference Room.

has been a real pleasure working with this group of dedicated teachers. It has been wonderful watching them grow as professionals throughout the year," said LCPS Staff Development Specialist Pete Dinger.

"Seeing the excitement and enthusiasm on [the teachers'] faces brought back fond memories of my first year teaching," said LCPS Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing. "I'm glad to see so many

talented educators choosing to start their careers right here at LCPS."

The program is run by Gurnea and Dinger, who provide ongoing professional development sessions, individual classroom observations and constructive feedback in their roles as district-wide mentors. Since the program was established in 1999, more than 1,500 teachers have successfully completed the program.

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# City high school orchestras hit the right note

## BULLETIN REPORT

For the fourth year in a row, the Centennial High School (CHS) Symphony Orchestra earned top honors at the



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New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) State Symphony Orchestra Competition, winning first place in the 5A/6A Symphony Orchestra at Volcano Vista High School in Albuquerque.

The CHS Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Daniel Rivera and CHS Band Director Philip Ramos, is the only orchestra to earn a first-place win in the 5A/6A Symphony



Centennial High School Symphony Orchestra

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Orchestra Division since the competition was established in 2014. The CHS Symphony Orchestra earned an average score of 97 points; followed by the Las Cruces High School Symphony Orches-

tra (95.33) and the Oñate High School Symphony Orchestra (88.67).

“The CHS Symphony is made up of talented band and orchestra students that are challenged every year with new and higher-level repertoire,” Rivera said. “Through the years the orchestra has more gained more confidence, matured, and grown in numbers. It has become a family that is attracting hardworking

students, supportive parents and community.”

“Mr. Rivera has taught me loyalty, discipline and compassionate leadership. Mr. Rivera has been a mentor to us all, and he will be the teacher I will remember for the rest of my life,” said Annie Quintana, a CHS senior and orchestra student liaison.

Judges based their scores on tone, intonation, rhythm, technique, balance, blend, interpretation/musicianship, choice of literature, and stage presentation.

The competition was open to all NMAA member high schools, junior high schools and middle schools.

The CHS Orchestra has consistently earned accolades since Rivera started the program in 2012, the year the high school opened.



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## DACC to close Hatch center

### BULLETIN REPORT

Dona Ana Community College (DACC) will cease operations at the Hatch Learning Center (HC) as of June 30, DACC President Renay Scott announced.

The closure will affect two employees.

“The recession and resulting market declines have negatively impacted overall DACC enrollment and utilization of the HC,” Scott said. “With or without the center, DACC will continue to provide classes for the Hatch community and are committed to offering classes to students from the school district and community that lead to a certificate or associate degree.”

In fall 2014, a DACC faculty member who is



a Hatch resident was assigned as coordinator of the center. The goal was to identify and initiate educational offerings, both credit and non-credit, to increase the utilization of and enrollment in Hatch. No substantial initiatives were successful.

As of April 2017, continued State funding reductions, continued enrollment declines, and the inability to generate non-credit utilization of the facility combined to require DACC to take measures to address the inability of the center to generate the resources necessary to sustain

itself. DACC is working with New Mexico State University Real Estate and will sell or close and shutter the building.

In 2012, HC opened for classes and in 2013 the Center was awarded LEED Silver, a designation developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, that provides third-party verification that a building was designed and built using strategies aimed at improving performance in energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts.

DACC will continue to operate learning centers in Gadsden, Sunland Park and Chaparral.






## Smart benches

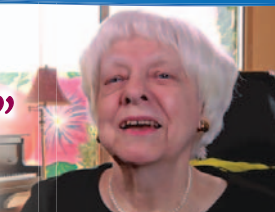
This is one of the seven portable data-gathering modules located in downtown Las Cruces to provide stations where cell phones can be charged and laptops plugged in. With a range of 150 feet, the Soofa benches, designed and built by the Soofa company, also will count "individuals coming through the area and how long they stay," city Downtown Coordinator Andy Hume told an April meeting of the Las Cruces City Council. The modules "started out of the MIT Media Lab (and were) launched in Boston in 2014," according to [www.soofa.co](http://www.soofa.co). They are found in 23 states, five countries and 65 cities, the website states. Hume said Las Cruces is the first city in New Mexico with the technology.

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# NM cannabis enrollment sees record numbers

## BULLETIN REPORT

The Medical Cannabis Program's patient enrollment reached 40,432 patients as of April 30, an increase of more than 5,500 patients since March according to the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH). The program is on track to enroll nearly 60,000 patients by the end of 2017.

March to April was the biggest month-to-month increase the program has seen since its inception in 2007. The number of patients enrolled in the program has increased by 84 percent since March 31, 2016 (NMDOH did not issue a patient statistics report for the month of April 2016). First quarter revenues in 2017

reached \$19 million, with year-end revenues expected to reach \$83.5 million.

"The Medical Cannabis Program has indefinitely hit a remarkable milestone in surpassing 40,000 patients, yet there continues to be an issue with ensuring these patients' safe access to medicine and particularly in rural locations," said Duke Rodriguez, CEO and President of Ultra Health.

While patient enrollment continues to increase rapidly, NMDOH has not increased the number of plants Licensed Non-Profit Producers can cultivate in more than two years. During the same two year period enrollment has increased 198 percent. Plant count was increased to address a historical shortage

confirmed in an NMDOH survey in 2013.

There are 6,034 patients approved for Personal Production Licenses, all of whom can cultivate 16 plants per patient. Altogether, personal producers can cultivate a maximum of 96,544 plants while all 35 Licensed Non-Profit Producers are capped at a maximum of 15,750 plants. Personal producers make up less than 15 percent of all patients, marking the lowest percentage of Personal Production Licenses since the Medical Cannabis Program began.

The five counties with the most medical cannabis patients, in order, are Bernalillo, Santa Fe, Doña Ana, Sandoval and Valencia. The area with the highest rate of patients per thousand population is Sierra County. Historical experience has proven that enrollment increases rapidly as services are made available in an area. If access and enrollment throughout New Mexico was equal to the level of participation experienced in Sierra County, total statewide patient enrollment would currently exceed 77,000 patients, according to a press release

from Ultra Health, which operates dispensaries in New Mexico.

Fifteen counties remain without a full-time dispensary, including Otero County, which has the highest number of patients (834) enrolled in the program among counties without dispensaries. An Ultra Health facility is fully ready to open in Otero County and has been approved by the city of Alamogordo for operation, yet NMDOH has not inspected or approved the license amendment, which has been pending for more than one year.

NMDOH has relied on home delivery by providers to meet rural access, but rural delivery has proven ineffective for patients and providers, according to Ultra Health.

Earlier this month, two Ultra Health employees were detained at a federal Border Patrol Checkpoint on their way to deliver more than \$1,000 worth of medicine to 12 patients living in the Alamogordo area. The medicine was confiscated by checkpoint personnel and the employees were eventually released without charges.

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# A hard win for NMSU softball

NMSU's softball team won the Western Athletic Tournament title May 13 with two thrillers over Seattle U, earning the Aggies an NCAA bid to the Tucson Regional beginning May 19. For more, see page 70, Sports

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NMSU first baseman Kelsey Horton signals two outs in the WAC semifinal.



Ray Medina cheers for his daughter, NMSU's Jeanelle Medina, during the semifinal.

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## Hub moves its hub

Veronica Jurney introduces Gilda Dorbandt, left, Fred Trafton, right, and the rest of the Hub International team Friday, May 12, at Hub's ribbon cutting for its new offices at 3830 E. Lohman Ave. Hub is an insurance brokerage company.

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Gilda Dorbandt talks about Hub International's role in insurance needs for the community.



Participants celebrate a joint ribbon cutting with the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

## SOULES

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in the summer before school starts, in eligible schools. It means substantially more educational time for students in low-performing or high-poverty public elementary schools. Created under the Richardson administration, the positive benefits of this voluntary enrollment program for youngsters' reading, writing and math skills have been recognized nationally.

Children from low-income homes often start out behind when they enroll in kindergarten. The extra time in the classroom helps them catch up. It levels the playing field and reduces the need and the cost for remediation later.

Last summer, 21,149 children participated in the voluntary program. This year PED is allowing just 14,905 kids to enroll, even though K-3 Plus is in high demand among parents, students and teachers.

It is unclear why PED reduced the number of students allowed to participate. PED used its administrative power to impose a 30 percent reduction, even though the Legislature appropriated the same amount of funds as last year. PED says it needs to ensure cuts don't happen to summer 2018 programs to justify cuts this summer, but it doesn't add up. Information provided by PED shows only a 4 percent reduction in summer 2017 awards compared with summer 2016 awards. Given the broad authority the department has to spend on many below-the-line appropriations, it could have used funds appropriated for interventions and early literacy to ensure families have access to this successful program.

Albuquerque will see 20 schools pushed out of the K-3-Plus summer learning program, with almost 2,000 fewer seats for students. Las Cruces was authorized for

34 percent fewer kids than were served last summer. The pattern is being replicated across the state.

What will be the alternative to summer learning for many of these kids? Watching TV all day while eating junk food instead of a nutritious lunch? Many will be in unsafe and unsupervised environments. We already rank 50th in child well-being.

Parents who were planning to enroll their kids have just learned of the PED cuts. They are scrambling to find other options. The announcement also came after registration for many other free public programs had closed. Childcare costs up to \$400 per week. How can most New Mexico families afford that?

Although recent – and outrageous – cuts to bilingual programs have received more media attention than K-3 summer learning cuts, residents should not overlook them.

A few years back as a district attorney, Gov. Susana Martinez wrote in a truancy project pamphlet: "Let's make education a top priority in Dona Ana County by giving our youth the opportunities they deserve." A governor who really cares about children or third graders' ability to read would never stand for these cuts by her Education department.

Like so many of Gov. Martinez's policy decisions, this one was taken with no advance consultation with parents, teachers or schools, nor discussions with any legislators who are keenly interested in public education.

There is still time to fix this dreadful decision. Whether you are a parent or grandparent, or whether you simply care about the future generation of New Mexicans, call PED or Gov. Martinez herself and tell them to reverse these cuts to summer learning K-3-Plus.

Senator Bill Soules serves as Chair of the New Mexico Senate Education Committee.

solve a state budget crisis that remains after the 2017 regular session of the legislature. The governor has been criticized for vetoes that have affected funding for the legislative branch and higher education,

straining budgets, locally, for Las Cruces Public Schools, New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College.

There is no indication how long the special session will last.



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# Special session looms

## BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico State Legislature will convene in Santa Fe for a special session Wednesday, May 24.

Gov. Susana Martinez called for the session to re-

## IN THE NEWS

### Honor Flight of Southern NM prepares for D.C. trip

Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico is looking for two talented volunteers to help honor Southern New Mexico and El Paso veterans. There is need of someone with administrative or secretarial skills to serve as secretary as well as someone with fundraising experience.

Honor Flight is currently preparing for Mission 10 this fall but their activities are year-round.

If interested, contact Honor Flight toll free at 1-844-697-1590 or email Honor Flight board member Karen Ray at ray.karen7@gmail.com for further details. Go to <http://honorflightnm.org> to learn more about our mission to honor veterans.

### Parade calls for entries

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department is accepting entries for lighted floats to participate in the 2017 Electric Light Parade. This year's theme is "Celebrating Freedom, Our Patriots, and America!"

The parade will begin at 9 p.m. Monday, July 3 at Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave. It will travel south on Solano Drive, east on Hadley Avenue ending at the Maag Softball Complex.

Commercial and non-commercial groups are invited to participate and car and motorcycle clubs are once again allowed. There are no entry or participation fees and some restrictions apply. Trophies will be awarded for 1st through 3rd place in both the commercial and non-commercial categories, with a best overall float trophy awarded as well. Floats will be judged on originality, depiction of theme and effective use of lights.

Parade packets are available at the Parks & Recreation Department office, 1501 E. Hadley Ave., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. Registration is ongoing and the deadline to enter this year's Electric Light Parade is 4 p.m., June 23.

For more information, call the Parks & Recreation Department at 575/541-2550.

### AIDS Candlelight Memorial

The New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) will join the Southwest Action Group (SWAG) for the annual Interna-

tional AIDS Candlelight Memorial on Sunday, May 21, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Presley Askew Baseball Field at the corner of S Locust St and Wells St on the New Mexico State University Campus. The event is free and open to the public.

There will be guest speakers, performers and more at the event, coordinated worldwide by the Global Network of People living with HIV.

According to the most recent data, 150 people in southwest New Mexico are in medical case managed care for HIV/AIDS.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 be tested for HIV at least once.

SWAG is an inter-agency collaborative composed of NM Department of Health, Alianza of NM, Families & Youth Inc., and International AIDS Empowerment that meets regularly to coordinate HIV/STD prevention efforts for Las Cruces and the southwest region of New Mexico.

Started in 1983, the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial takes place every third Sunday in May around the world.

### City offices to close for Memorial Day

City Hall and most other City of Las Cruces offices will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Police and fire services will not be affected.

The following is a list of closures:

- Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center
- Meerscheidt Recreation Center (Open for League Play Only)
- East Mesa Recreation Center
- Juvenile Citation Program Learning Center
- A Fielder Safe Haven
- Visit Las Cruces
- Branigan Library
- RoadRUNNER Transit & Dial-A-Ride
- All Museums
- All Senior Program Centers

Solid waste and recycling services will operate on a normal schedule and the Foothills Landfill will have regular Monday hours.

The following are the hours of operation for Aquatics on Memorial Day

**East Mesa Bataan Memorial Pool** (6141 Reynolds Rd.) and **Laabs Pool** (750 W. Picacho Ave.)

Open Swim Hours:

Session 1, noon – 3 p.m.

Session 2, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Regional Aquatic Center**

Normal Hours of operation/normal fee schedule

**Frenger Pool**

Normal Hours of operation/normal fee schedule

### Free swim days

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will offer free swim days this summer at the City's outdoor pools: East Mesa Bataan Memorial Pool, 6141 Reynolds Rd., and Laabs Pool, 750 W. Picacho Ave.

Free swim days will be from noon to 3 p.m. and 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. on Memorial Day, May 29; Father's Day, June 18; Independence Day, July 4; and Labor Day, Sept. 4.

Children 8 and under must have an adult in the pool at all times (within arm's reach and only two children eight and under per adult). No food, alcohol or glass allowed. Free swim sessions are subject to capacity regulations and cancellations may occur due to inclement weather.

Proper swim attire is required. No group reservations may be scheduled during free swim days.

For more information, call the Las Cruces Regional Aquatics Center at 575/541-2782.

### Calling all 4th graders

Last year, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) participated in the Every Kid in a Park program in partnership with other federal land management agencies. Now in its second year, the program's goal is to provide an opportunity for 4th-graders across the country to experience their federal public lands and waters in person.

Fourth graders (or home-school/free choice equivalent and 9 to 11 years old), can participate in an online activity ([www.everykidinapark.gov](http://www.everykidinapark.gov)) and receive a voucher for a free 4th-grade pass. Print out the pass and bring it to national parks, forests, monuments, and historic sites across the United States for free entrance admission. The pass is good for the entire 4th-grade year – from Sept. 1 through Aug. 31.

Those who wish can go to the BLM office in Las Cruces, 1800 Marquess Street, to exchange the paper pass for a hard-plastic, keepsake version.

By introducing 4th graders to public lands in their backyards and beyond at

an early age, the Every Kid in a Park program delivers a nationwide call to build the next generation of outdoor stewards of America's federal lands and waters. Connecting the nation's youth to the great outdoors is even more important at a time when 80 percent of American families live in cities.

There are numerous places in the BLM Las Cruces District to use this annual pass, such as Dripping Springs Natural Area, Aguirre Spring Campground (day use only), La Cueva east of Las Cruces, and the Three Rivers Petroglyph Site northwest of Alamogordo.

Contact the Las Cruces District Office at 575-525-4300 for more information or Eileen Davis, BLM Volunteer, Education and Outreach Coordinator at 575-525-4306 or [edavis@blm.gov](mailto:edavis@blm.gov) for questions about the Every Kid in a Park program.

### Mayfield students score on exams

Several students from Mayfield High School have attained national recognition for excellent performance on the 2017 National Spanish Examinations (NSE) taken March 14. The exams are comprised of six levels according to the student's command of the language, with level six being the most advanced and difficult. The students earned a total of two silver and three bronze medals along with two honorable mention, according to school officials.

"Attaining a medal or honorable mention for any student on the National Spanish Examinations is very prestigious," said Kevin Cessna-Buscemi, National Director of the Exams. "The exams are the largest of their kind in the United States with over 157,000 students participating across the country in 2017."

Earning silver medals were Miriam Regalado, 12th grade, and Elizabeth Miranda, 11th grade, both in Level 5. These two silver medalists were the highest scored in New Mexico. Bronze medals were earned by Nezy Navarro, 12th grade, in Level 5; and Amanda Pando, 12th grade, and Cecilia Piñon, 11th grade, both in Level 4. The honorable mention medals were earned by Nayra Chacón-Molina, 12th grade, in Level 4 and Esmeralda Sanchez, 12th grade, in Level 3.

Mayfield students have a history of high achievement on these exams. They

# Winter to lead CFSNM

## BULLETIN REPORT

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico has named Terra Winter its new executive director.

Winter will start June 12, replacing outgoing executive director Jennifer Cervantes, who will focus on her burgeoning career as a youth author.

"I'm really excited," Winter said. "I'll be hitting the ground running, in middle of month, so I'll get to spend some time with Jennifer before she is gone. And I'm looking forward to reconnecting with donors and supporters."

A self-described "Las Cruces lifer," Winter has been here her whole life, graduating from Las Cruces High School and earning two degrees, so far, from New Mexico State University. She is currently working on a doctorate from NMSU as well.

"We're thrilled to have Terra joining the foundation and look forward to

the future," said Richard Williams, president of CFSNM's board of directors. "We're also very grateful for Jennifer's inspired leadership over the last two years."

Winter also has worked at NMSU, most recently as associate vice president for development, which she has done for the past

year. Prior to that, she worked in fundraising and development at NMSU's college of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

Many may also remember Winter (previously Terra Van Dyke) from her 10 years at Mesilla Valley Hospice, where she served as director of development and the foundation's executive director.

Winter's undergraduate degree is in communication studies with a minor in health sciences and her master's is in public

health. She is focusing her PhD work on not-for-profit fundraising and managing.

The CFSNM and its staff of four manages many endowments, including agency endowments for 38 nonprofit organizations in southern New Mexico. The foundation serves seven counties: Doña Ana, Hidalgo, Otero, Sierra, Grant, Lincoln and Luna.

In her recent role at NMSU, Winter led a team of 14, raising funds for the entire university.

Winter said she looks forward to using her background and variety of experiences in fundraising and management to help other nonprofits be successful through the foundation.

"It's really important we don't lose the history of an organization," Winter said. "I'm honored and humbled to fill the shoes of (previous CFSNM executive directors) Patsy Duran, Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Jen Cervantes and Luan Wagner-Burn."



WINTER

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were taught and mentored by Spanish teacher Sra. Estela Guerra, who has been teaching Spanish levels 1-4 and AP Spanish for nearly 13 years.

The National Spanish Examinations are administered each year in grades 6 through 12, and are sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Visit <http://www.aatstp.org/>.

## Organic industry hopes to change fee structure

In January, New Mexico's organic

industry traveled to the legislature in Santa Fe to meet with state representatives about a change to an existing fee structure for Organic Certification.

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture will hold public meetings in Las Cruces, Portales, Santa Fe and Albuquerque. During these meetings the new structure will be explained and they hope to receive community input on the proposed changes to the New Mexico Organic Program.

The Las Cruces meeting will be Monday, May 22, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the New Mexico Department of Agriculture office, 3190 S. Espina St.

For more information, contact David Lucero at 575-646-4929.

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

- Report By Las Cruces Physical Therapist, Dennis Prickett



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

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

without needing a referral from a Doctor!...

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

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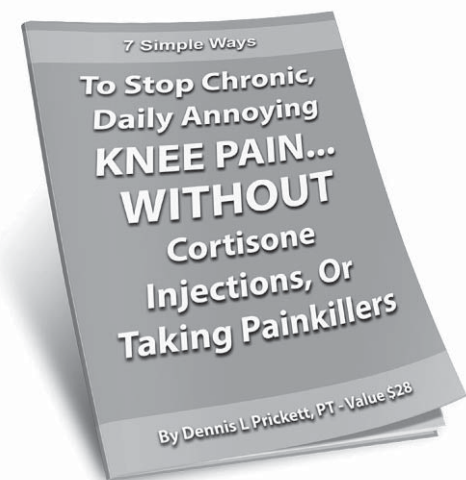
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Shawnee Arcienega tips her hat to admirers in the Pan Am Center.

# DACC graduates feel prepared for the future

## BULLETIN REPORT

More than 1,200 Doña Ana Community College (DACC) students graduated with associate degrees or certificates this spring, while approximately 500 students, their family and friends attended a commencement ceremony in the Pan American Center May 11 on the New Mexico State University campus.

Former legislator Nathan P. Cote was the 2017 Honorary Degree Recipient at the DACC graduation. Following a reception in his honor, he received an associate of arts degree in business office technology and addressed the students awaiting their honors.

The NMSU Board of Regents conferred the degree for the many contributions Cote has made to education and the Doña Ana County community including his public service as a state representative, his service to his country, his teaching as an adjunct faculty member and his efforts in establishing the Manual Tapia Memorial Scholarship at DACC for disabled American veterans and their families.

Cote was elected to the New Mexico



Honorary Degree Recipient Nate Cote speaks to faculty, staff and guests at a reception in his honor.

House of Representatives in 2006 where he served three terms. Some of his legislation included assistance for the military, veterans and their families; economic development in Doña Ana County; a bill to help expand needed medical

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Gloria Nevarez Leslie is all smiles as she prepares to march with other graduates.

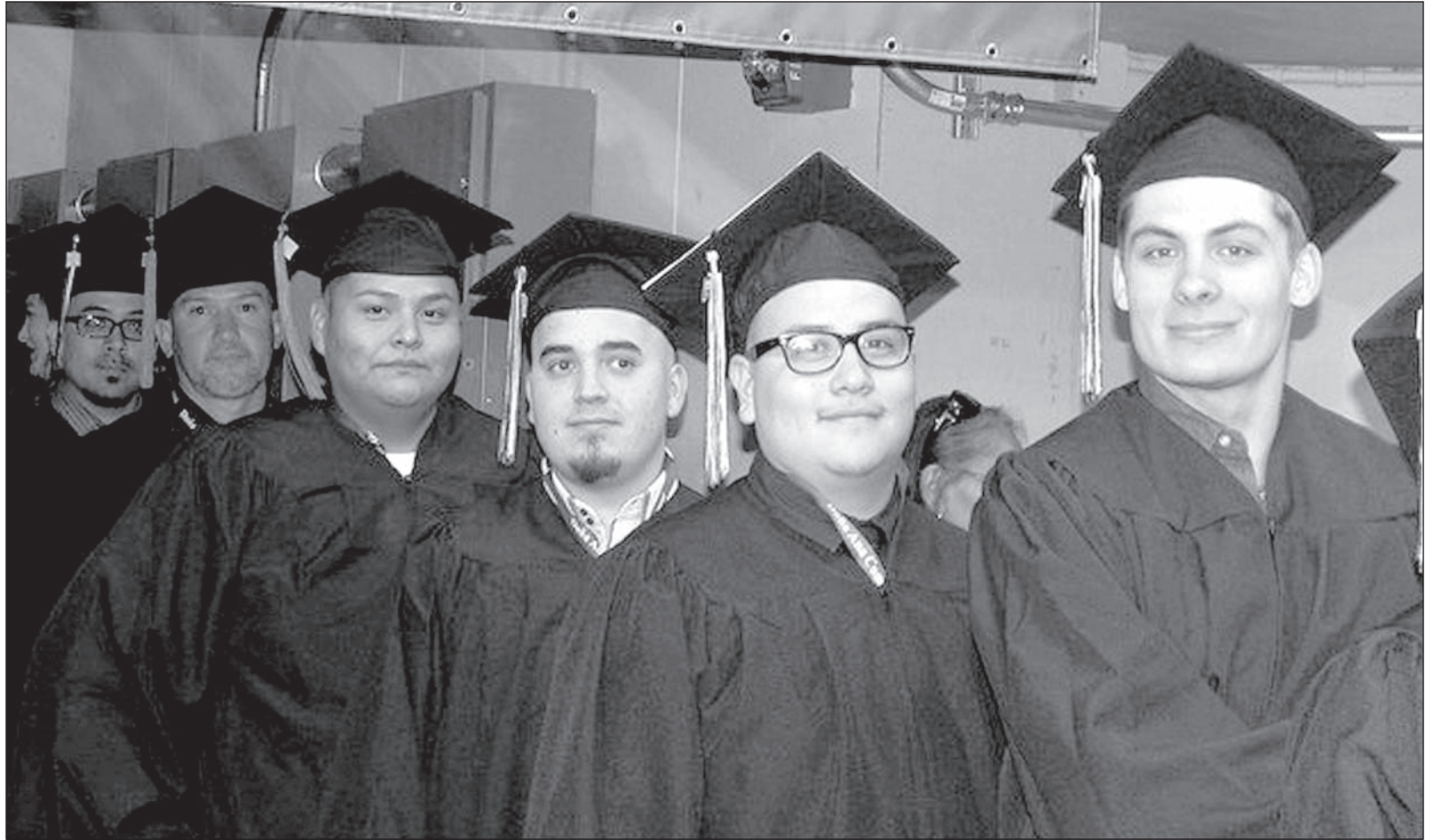




Irma Levario



Glenn Bollschweiler



DACC graduates line up to enter the Pan Am Center.

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services in the state and a bill to help victims of domestic violence. While serving, he developed ethics training for newly elected legislators.

Cote spent much of his career as a civilian human resources manager with the U.S. Air Force in Europe and Asia. As a civil servant, his last job was as human resources director at Kirtland Air Force Base, and upon his retirement he became an academic director and assistant professor for the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Cote was raised in northern Maine where

he developed a love of the outdoors by exploring expansive forests. He is an accomplished hiker, backpacking trails, parks and forests in Asia, Europe and the United States.

Among outstanding DACC graduates is Shawnee Arciniega, vice-president of NMSU Sigma Alpha Lambda Honor Society. She will attend NMSU next fall semester in Health.

Another, Irma Levario, is excelling in one of the rigorous allied health programs that call for students to pass national boards.

Levario was accepted into the highly competitive and academically demanding diagnostic medical sonography program and demonstrated

a strong work ethic from the first semester. She was well-respected among her classmates and teachers.

Levario was offered employment by her clinical site, which committed her to work an additional 35 hours each week in addition to the 32 required clinical hours. Despite the increased workload, she managed to take and pass two national registry examinations, which have an overall pass rate of 62 percent and 74 percent nationally.

Levario is secretary of the DACC sonography club.

Other graduates were students who returned to school to finally earn a degree. Gloria Nevarez-Leslie finished her

degree after beginning higher education in 2004. She graduated with an associate degree in General Studies.

"This will allow me more options in the future," Nevarez-Leslie said. "A degree opens more doors for you when you are seeking employment. When I move to Arizona this will help in my job search."

Glenn Bollschweiler, too, benefited from a perspective that comes with time. He began in the Hospitality program in fall 2002 and was not as serious a student as he became later when he returned to DACC. While Glenn's overall GPA is not exemplary, since returning to school in fall 2014, he has attained

a 3.70 GPA, according to DACC officials.

While out of school, Bollschweiler worked in culinary arts for a number of years and managed kitchen operations in Las Cruces, but says he recognized that his career prospects would be improved by completion of a degree. He decided

to augment his on-the-job experience with the classical training offered by the DACC Culinary Arts program, and since his return to school his management experience has been valuable in many classes as he assists students in relating to the "real world" of culinary operations.

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# NMSU graduates, alumni have a weekend to remember



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**NMSU Regent Laree Estes Perez received an honorary degree due to her "inspirational example of a successful career."**

By **KRISTIE GARCIA**  
For the Bulletin

New Mexico State University Commencement Weekend kicked off May 12 with a hooding ceremony for doctoral candidates at the Pan American Center. More than 40 doctoral candidates attended.

Students receiving their bachelor's or master's degrees were honored during two ceremonies the following day. At the 9 a.m., May 13, ceremony, degree candidates from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, College of Business, College of Engineering and College of Health and Social Services were recognized. At 2 p.m., degree



candidates from the College of Arts and Sciences and College of Education were honored.

More than 1,700 bachelor's and master's degree candidates had been expected to attend the May 13 ceremonies.

About 2,000 candidates at the Las Cruces campus received the following degrees:

- Associate degrees: 11
  - Bachelor's degrees: 1,473
  - Master's degrees: 447
  - Doctoral degrees: 69
- The following number

of degrees were awarded from each NMSU College:

- Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences: 187
  - Arts and Sciences: 568
  - Business: 219
  - Education: 122
  - Engineering: 219
  - Health and Social Services: 169
  - Graduate School: 516
- Also, there are 1,125 associate degree or certificate candidates from NMSU Doña Ana Community College, 86 from NMSU Alamogordo, 72 from NMSU Carlsbad and

61 from NMSU Grants.

A posthumous degree was awarded to Jeremiah Eby-Martin from the College of Arts and Sciences. His wife, Lauren Isaacson, walked across the stage on his behalf during the 2 p.m., May 13, ceremony.

NMSU alumnus and Starbucks Chief Executive Officer Kevin Johnson and former NMSU Regent Laree Estes Perez received honorary degrees May 13 due to their inspirational

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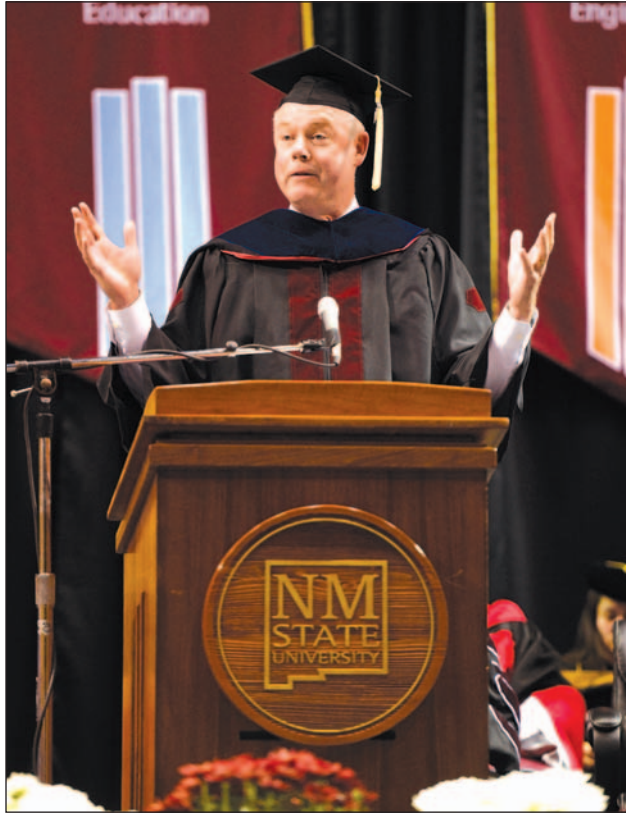
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**Kevin Johnson, Starbucks CEO and NMSU graduate, speaks at the May 13 commencement ceremony.**



Spring is associated with commencement exercises, but New Mexico State University holds graduation ceremonies in the fall, as well. Here, graduate Marisol Diaz attends fall commencement at the Pan American Center Dec. 10.

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examples of successful careers, their commitment to service and their generosity to NMSU, according to an NMSU press release. Johnson was honored at the 9 a.m. ceremony, and Perez at the 2 p.m. ceremony.

A Los Alamos native, Johnson received a bachelor of arts in business administration with a major in business systems from NMSU. His professional success led him to Starbucks Corporation, which he joined in 2009 as a member of its board of directors. In March 2015 he became president and chief operating officer, and he was named chief executive officer, effective in April of this year.

Johnson and his wife, June, provided charitable investments in support of NMSU's Arrowhead Center and the College of Business Information Systems mentorship program.

Perez's deep respect for NMSU stems from the history of family members attending the university and from the university's important role in agriculture. In 1991, New Mexico Governor Bruce King appointed Perez to the NMSU Board of Regents, on which she served for six years. She was president of the board from 1994 to 1996.

The New Mexico native named the NMSU College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences – including the School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management – in her

estate for the purpose of establishing scholarships.

"I want to express my gratitude and appreciation for the honor," Perez said. "It's certainly the greatest honor that I've ever received."

NMSU Chancellor Garey Carruthers said both recipients bring generosity and successful business backgrounds to the university.

"Both of our honorary degree recipients have had distinguished careers," Carruthers said. "Among the things that stand out to me, in addition to their prowess in business, is how generous they have been to NMSU. They have donated their time, their efforts and monetary resources to benefit our students. We owe them a debt of gratitude."



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# Aggie Cupboard not bare after donations

By **AMANDA BRADFORD**  
For the Bulletin

It was a passing of the torch of sorts this week when the New Mexico State University community gathered to celebrate the success of its second “Eat for Pete” campaign to fight food insecurity on campus.

Aggie Cupboard, a food pantry that provides bags of non-perishable food items to students and employees at several NMSU campuses, received a check for \$800 contributed by four Las Cruces restaurants. The NMSU Alumni Association teamed up with Chick-fil-A on University, Dublin’s Street Pub and Grill, Lorenzo’s Italian Restaurant and El Sombrero Patio Café, each of which donated a portion of their proceeds on special “Eat for Pete” days in April and May.

The pantry is in the process of moving to a new, larger location at 906 Gregg St. in the student family housing community at the Las Cruces campus, where it will have more storage space and can serve additional clients in a more private setting. Aggie Cupboard hosted an open house May 9 in connection with the presentation of a ceremonial check.

The celebration was bittersweet for Aggie Cupboard founder Lori Martinez, who will move from her role with NMSU’s Social Work

Services office to a new position with a local non-profit focused on education initiatives in Doña Ana County.

“It’s been a privilege and a pleasure to see how our community has rallied around our students and our staff,” said Martinez, who has worked at NMSU for nine years. “It can be difficult and frustrating when we see all of the challenges that our students face, but it brings me a lot of hope and encouragement to see that, when it comes down to the basics of human decency and what people need, we can step up.”

Taking over Martinez’s role in Social Work Services and oversight of Aggie Cupboard will be Meg Long, who has worked as the program specialist for WAVE, NMSU’s Wellness, Alcohol and Violence Education program, since 2013.

“It’s so encouraging to walk into a program that has so much support from the community and from the university,” Long said. “I can’t tell you how excited I am to start this new project and to help expand on all the work that Lori’s done and what she’s provided to the students and the staff at the university.”

Martinez said each dollar the pantry receives can be stretched into one full meal for a student or employee in need. The pantry’s impact has grown significantly since

it was founded in 2012. That first academic year, Aggie Cupboard distributed 543 bags of food; during the 2015-16 school year, the volunteer staff gave out 966 bags, helping nearly 250 people make ends meet during that time.

To honor Martinez’s work in building Aggie Cupboard from the ground up into an organization that has distributed thousands of bags of food to students and employees at the Las Cruces campus, as well as Dona Ana Community College and now the NMSU Alamogordo campus, the NMSU Foundation contributed an additional \$500 gift to the pantry in her name.

Martinez said she was reminded very recently of the impact of Aggie Cupboard when she bumped into a former student, a mother, who had used the food she received from the pantry to make ends meet and complete her degree. Now a graduate, the woman has a great job and expressed her gratitude for the boost that Aggie Cupboard provided when she needed it.

“We may not be able to fix everything, but we can feed people. We can make sure that our students and staff who are here to better themselves and to pursue their education can make it to that finish line,” Martinez told

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Aggie Cupboard founder Lori Martinez, right, who will be leaving New Mexico State University after more than nine years in the Social Work Services office, introduces her successor, Meg Long, who has worked with NMSU’s Wellness, Alcohol and Violence Education program, or WAVE, since 2013.

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The Aggie Cupboard, NMSU's food pantry, received \$800 from four Las Cruces restaurants through the Alumni Association's "Eat for Pete" campaign. From left to right are Ashlee Matlock, alumni relations officer; Leslie Cervantes, associate vice president for alumni engagement and participation; Andrea Tawney, NMSU Foundation president; Garrey Carruthers, NMSU system chancellor; Lori Martinez, Aggie Cupboard founder; Rebecca Villalobos with Dublin's Street Pub and Grill; Vince Vaccaro with Lorenzo's Italian Restaurant; Meg Long, incoming director of Aggie Cupboard; and Joseph Ramirez with Chick-Fil-A on University. El Sombrero Patio Café was another partner in the Eat for Pete campaign.

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the gathered crowd at the celebration. "I hope you never forget that this is what your generosity makes possible."

Aggie Cupboard will re-open in its new location on Gregg Sreet on May 25. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and tax-deductible monetary gifts can be made any time at

giving.nmsu.edu – just specify Aggie Cupboard as the fund for the gift.

Food will be distributed from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays during the summer, and anyone with a current NMSU identification card may pick up items.

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**Free computer classes:** Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., will host free computer literacy classes during the month of May in the second floor, computer training lab. Registration is not required, however, only the first nine attendees will be guaranteed a computer. Attendees are welcome to bring their own laptops if space permits.

**Outdoor events:** Dripping Springs Natural Area, 15000 Dripping Springs Rd. The Bureau of Land Management is offering five outdoor events in May that will take advantage of southern New Mexico's weather and natural resources. The BLM events are geared to individuals, family, friends, and civic organizations from all age groups. The public is invited to attend any or all events and enjoy hiking, bird-watching and learning about the history and people of the area. In addition, the public will have an opportunity to help the BLM and the Friends with trail maintenance and trash clean up. Parking is \$5 per vehicle. Participants



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• Friday, May 19: La Cueva Hike and the Real Story of the Hermit. 6 p.m., a hike will be conducted at La Cueva to showcase the dwelling of a famous monk. 7:30 p.m., at the La Cueva Amphitheatre, author David Thomas will make a special presentation on his book, "Giovanni Maria de Agostini, Wonder of the Century: The Astonishing World Traveler Who Was a Hermit."

• Saturday, May 20: Dripping Springs Clean-Up. 8-10 a.m. The Dripping Springs clean up and trail maintenance will encompass five miles of trails. All volunteers, young and old, are welcome.

• Saturday, May 20: Dripping Springs Twilight Hike. 4 p.m., from the visitor center, the hike will highlight the history of the people who lived in the Dripping Springs Natural Area. The hike will end at sundown, so bring your flashlights.

• Sunday, May 21: Artist in Residence Hike and Paint-Along. 9-11 a.m., Heidi Annalise, Colorado painter and artist-in-residence, will share her creative ideas for capturing the monument's vibrant essence through a hike and a paint-along. Space is limited. RSVP: info@organmtntfriends.org or 575-323-1423.

**Bike Month 2017:** Residents with bicycles are welcome to join Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 20, for the 2017 Mayor's Bike Ride Event commemorating National Bike Month. The event starts at City Hall, 700 N. Main St., and the route is about four miles through the Mesquite and Alameda historic districts.

**Las Cruces Cook club:** 5 p.m., Saturday, May 20. This month's meetup is all about food with layers; layer cake, layered dips, lasagna, etc. If it has layers, make it and bring it! We'll have wine, and try making a layered drink, the B52. Free to the public. Info: www.meetup.com/find and search for "Las Cruces Cook Club."

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**Conquering Worry:** 1:30-3:30 p.m., Sunday, May 21, in the board room of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Workshop/discussion group. Discussion will include: why we worry, consequences, and ways to eliminate worry. Presented by Alice B. Davenport, M.S., CFLE. Limited seating. Free to the public. Contact: Alice, 575-527-1411.

**Introduction to Computers:** File Management: 2-4 p.m., Tuesday, May 23. This is a basic class where students will learn how to manage files by saving, attaching and storing information. Info: 575-528-4005 or library.reference@las-cruces.org.

**Special Operators breakfast:** 9 a.m., Saturday, May 27, at the IHOP on Del Ray, 2900 N. Telshor Blvd. Attention all former Special Operators, Special Forces Association chapter 80 is hosting a breakfast. All former Special Operators, regardless of service, are invited. Info: Bob Phillipson, Chapter President, 703-627-8612.

**The Wake:** 10 a.m., Saturday, May 27, Albert Johnson Park, N. Main St. "The Wake," commemorating the demise of Rep. Pearce's political career, is being performed in the tradition of political theater. "The Wake" will close with a moment of silence for Pearce's fallen career, followed by a New Orleans-style funeral march. Attendees are reminded to be respectful of the occasion and to wear black. Free and open to the public. Info: Pat Warner, 575-640-1895 or Linda Harris, 575-405-2177 or wearein575@gmail.com.

**DAPC Photography Bootcamp:** 9 a.m., Saturday, May 27, Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. This is the fifth class in the five-part photography boot camp series hosted by the Doña Ana Photography Club. This class will be on photo image critique and will have a Question & Answer session. It is taught by DAPC club members. Open to the public, \$5 per class. Photography club members may attend for free; individuals can join the photography club for \$15 (annual membership) and attend all the workshops at no cost. Register: www.daphotoclub.org. Info: Rob Peinert, education@daphotoclub.org.

**Women in Agriculture Conference:** May 30-June 1, Las Cruces. More than 150 women from across New Mexico are expected to gather to forge partnerships and develop innovative ideas to propel New Mexico's agriculture industry. Info: Mary-Esther Grider, 575-524-0050.

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**MVMAC fun-fly:** Saturday, June 10, at the City of Las Cruces Radio Control Airfield, 555 S. Sonoma Ranch Blvd. The Mesilla Valley Model Airplane Club is hosting a model airplane fun-fly. Free to the public. Info: mvmac.org.

**Sound lessons:** Guitar classes for teens between 5th and 12th grade, beginning June 10 at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Free, but only 10 spots are open, first-come-first-served. After June 10, classes will be held every second and fourth Saturday of the month through July, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the library's Crafts Room. Info: 575-528-4102; library.teens@las.cruces.org.

**Native Plant Society:** 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 14, in the Conference Room of the Social Center at the University Terrace Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The Native Plant Society of New Mexico is a non-profit organization dedicated to conserving the native flora of New Mexico. The public is welcome to attend our meetings. Sara Fuentes Soriano, Curator of the NMSU Herbarium, will present "The weird and wonderful natural history of the Spectacle-pod and other uncommon Southwestern mustards." Info: 575-523-8413.

**Toastmaster Club:** 7-8 a.m. every Tuesday, Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center Solutions, 2345 Nevada Ave. If you are interested in improving your public speaking and leadership skills, attend a meeting to learn how this organization can benefit you. Info: clabato@nmsu.edu, or visit [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).

**Shriners:** Las Cruces Shriners meet the second Monday of each month, 1150 W. Brown. All Shriners are invited. Info: 575-526-8396.

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**Toastmasters Club:** 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village community center, Kiva Room, 3100 Buena Vida Circle. Info: 575-642-0032, email [lascrucestoastmasters@gmail.com](mailto:lascrucestoastmasters@gmail.com) or visit Toastmasters International website [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).

**Soroptimist International:** Noon on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3010 Buena Vida Circle. Soroptimist International of Las Cruces is a women's advocacy group. Info: [silascruces@soroptimist.net](mailto:silascruces@soroptimist.net).

**Las Cruces Civitan Club:** Noon on the second Tuesday of each month; 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month, Los Compas Restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive. Info: 575-649-0165.

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The tournament had a shotgun start, a best-ball configuration and par as your partner, Cavill said. “The winning team posted a smoking score of 53,”



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**Sonoma Reds team members are, left to right, Rashida Ahmed, Jo Renda, Betty Grabusky and Michele Crabtree.**

he said, “and since fun was the watchword the team that placed #13 also received a cash prize. The hole-in-one prize this year was an eight-day Caribbean cruise and although nobody won it, there was still a lot of excitement surrounding the prize potential.”

Funds raised by the

tournament go to New Mexico Friends of Wellness, Cavill said, which “distributes support to stroke and neuro-impaired individuals within our community.”

Cavill said the ninth annual tournament has already been scheduled, for May 5, 2018, at Sonoma Ranch.



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**Members of the Cavill & Company foursome are, standing, left to right, Greg Stegar, Frank Bomberg and Bill Lafreniere; kneeling is Frank Grabusky.**

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**Stroke Awareness golf tournament founder and lead sponsor Ron Cavill with one of the tournament golf towels.**



# A rocket's red flare awaits Las Cruces organization

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Fellowship of Las Cruces Rocketry Enthusiasts (FLARE) and the Spaceport Model Rocket Association (SMRA) will co-host the National Association of Rocketry's (NAR) 2017 National Sport Launch on Memorial Day weekend, Friday through Sunday, May 26-28, FLARE club secretary Joe Pfeiffer said.

The event will be held at the SMRA launch field at Veterans Memorial Park west of Alamogordo. Visit [www.alamorocketry.org/images/sitemap3.jpg](http://www.alamorocketry.org/images/sitemap3.jpg) for directions.

The event is free to spectators. There is a launch fee of \$15 per day or \$40 for all three days.

There will be separate charges for the event social and a tour of Holloman Air Force Base/White Sands Missile Range, Pfeiffer said.

Participants can register online at [www.nar.org/site/nsl2017/](http://www.nar.org/site/nsl2017/) until Sunday, April 30, with on-site registration for events other than the social and WSMR/Holloman tour also available, he said.

"Rocketeers will be able to launch rockets all the way from the smallest model kits up through rockets powered by N-class motors (the FAA waiver permits launches up to more than 12,500 feet above ground level)," according to a news release from FLARE, SMRA and Alamogordo Rocketry.

The event will include sport flying, a locally themed competition and a night launch of rockets specially lit for visibility



Older FLARE members assist younger ones at a monthly club launch.

after dark.

"We're really looking forward to the opportunity both to show the local area to our visitors from around the country, and also give local rocketeers the opportunity to see a big NAR launch," Pfeiffer said.

"NAR is a nonprofit scientific organization dedicated to consumer safety, youth education and the advancement of technology in the hobby of space modeling (sport rocketry) in the United States," according to the news release.

"Founded in 1957, NAR is the oldest and largest space modeling organization in the world, with more than 5,900 members and 165 affiliated clubs across the U.S."

"FLARE is a small, but very active rocketry club based in Las Cruces," Pfeiffer said. "The club has conducted many special events and outreach programs over the years. Most recently, it hosted the Apollo 40th anniversary commemorative events series. FLARE

launches the first Saturday of every month at a site east of Las Cruces and has open workshops several times a year, plus a show at the local mall to invite everyone to the hobby.

SMRA hosts many regional rocketry events at their launch field west of Alamogordo, he said.

"Model rocketry is a safe, educational, fun family hobby," the news release said. "Making flying model rockets and flying them on commercially available rocket motors gives an opportunity for young and old to learn about science, craftsmanship and history. There's a huge variety of activities available under the umbrella of the hobby, including scale modeling of famous rockets of the past and science fiction rockets of the future."

For more information, contact Pfeiffer at 575-496-3501 or [joseph@pfeiffer-family.net](mailto:joseph@pfeiffer-family.net).

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



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A scale-model Patriot missile lifts off at a FLARE club launch.

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# City council approves budget, capital improvements

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces City Council has approved a \$381.4 million budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year, along with \$112.3 million for capital improvement projects.

The action was taken in the May 15 council meeting.

The budget has no tax increases, no staff layoffs and level or expanded services, City Interim Financial Services Director Audrey Evins told the council at its April 24, budget work session. The budget includes a \$6.3 million increase, about 1.5 percent, over last year, she said. City revenues are projected at \$102 million, with 75 percent of that total coming from gross receipts taxes and 10.7 percent from property taxes.

Charges for services account for 6.4 percent, with franchise fees at 2.9 percent and other revenues at 5.2 percent. General fund expenditures are projected at \$89.3 million, with public safety spending at \$40.2 million (45.1 percent), operational services at \$31.2 million (35 percent), administrative services at \$11.6 million (13 percent) and general government at 6.2 million (seven percent). Staff salaries and benefits account for 78.1 percent of the general fund, while operating costs account for 21.8 percent.

Under the new budget, the city will have a cash reserve of \$14 million, equal to two-twelfths of the general fund budget, City Manager Stuart Ed said. A one-twelfth reserve is mandated by the state, and the other one-twelfth is required by city ordinance, he said.

The council approved two amendments to the budget resolution. The first added a "position control roster" to the budget to make staff changes resulting from the recent reorganization of several city departments clearer and more transparent, Evins said. The second amendment approved the allocation of \$100,000 to hire a grants administrator in the city Economic Development Department.

The city Capital Improvement Program (CIP)'s approved budget funds projects in these departments: Public Works for street and flood control, bicycles and pedestrians, streets and traffic, and facilities management; Parks and Recreation; Economic Development for sustainability and the Las Cruces Airport; Quality of



**City council approved a \$39,000 grant from the New Mexico Department of Health to the city Parks and Recreation Department to prevent the spread of the Zika virus, which is spread by mosquitos.**

Life for transit; Utilities for gas, water and wastewater; and other projects.

The CIP continues through FY 2023, with projected spending of almost \$578 million over the next six years.

The council approved the budget unanimously. The vote on the CIP was 6-1, with Councilor Gill Sorg voting no. Sorg said he did not support the CIP budget because it did not make adequate allocations for public parks in his district.

See the proposed budget on the City of Las Cruces website: [www.las-cruces.org/departments/public-information-office/hot-topics/fy2018-proposed-budget](http://www.las-cruces.org/departments/public-information-office/hot-topics/fy2018-proposed-budget).

At the May 15 meeting the council also unanimously:

- Rescinded a resolution the council adopted in 2016 creating a "city manager policy for non-city event sponsorships," according to city documents. City Interim Economic Development Coordinator Mandy Guss said sponsorships of events not run by city staff will be awarded once annually in three categories: tourism, quality of life or economic impact. Ed said the sponsorships are typically of \$3,000 to \$6,000 per event, and total \$50,000 annually. Ed said he will report to council members all events that request city sponsorships and sponsorships awarded.
- Repealed and replaced provisions of the municipal

code regarding boards, commissions and committees. "Upon review, it became apparent that some boards were not in compliance and were essentially inactive," according to city documents. Several boards and committees were repealed by the council, including the city Mesquite Street Neighborhood Weed and Seed Advisory Committee (repealing the board does not remove the program), Environmental Quality Advisory Committee (last met in 2004) and Fourth of July Committee (last met in 2013). Also, the location within city government of some operational boards was changed, and others were repealed, as they city manager was given "authority to create, establish and maintain those boards associated with city operations." Joint boards were repealed because their functions are covered by joint-powers agreements to which the city is a party, Deputy City Manager David Dollahon said.

- Approved a \$39,000 grant from the New Mexico Department of Health to the city Parks and Recreation Department to prevent the spread of the Zika virus, which the World Health Organization said in 2016 was a public health emergency. The virus, which is spread by mosquitos, surfaced in the early 1950s. The grant will pay for two signs on hiking trails to promote use of the mosquito hotline (575-541-2547 in Las Cruces, 575-524-3262 in Mesilla, 575-526-8150 for Doña Ana County Vector Control. Visit [www.las-cruces.org/contact](http://www.las-cruces.org/contact) to fill out the Ask the City form.) create "personal packs with refrigerator magnets and mosquito repellent to hand out to children at after-school and summer recreation programs" and clearing growth around Burn Lake to "decrease standing water and eliminate breeding habitat" for mosquitos," according to city documents.

- Proclaimed May as Heat Awareness Month to help reduce health-related illness and deaths due to extreme heat. A council proclamation said heat is the leading weather-related cause of death in the United States, and is preventable through education and planning. Las Cruces, the proclamation said, has an average of 19 triple-degree days each year, and that is projected to increase to more than 40 by 2050.

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

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No. 17-0098

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that KEVIN DEAN RAGLAND has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are re-

quired to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rim 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: April 17, 2017.

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Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19, 2017

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on April 13, 2017, Robert H. and Sandra L. Jones, 810 Dalrymple Rd. Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-16502-POD1, OSE File No. LRG-16502-1 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 discontinuing the use of well LRG-7926-S located at X = 1,469,422 Y = 486,167 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by Mary Joan Harris Family Company LLC and drilling replacement well LRG-16502-POD1 located at approximately X = 1,470,218.7 Y = 485,316.8 on land owned by the applicants for the continued diversion of an amount of water determined by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBID for irrigation of 1.58 acres of land owned by the applicants located within part of the SW1/4 of Section 01, Township 23S, Range 01E, NMPM, as described by Subfile No. : LRN-28-010-0106-A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Proposed replacement well LRG-16502-POD1 will be located at the physical address of 810 Dalrymple Rd. Existing well LRG-7926-S will be retained for other rights.

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

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: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19, 2017

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on April 25, 2017, Wilford Howard Cothorn, 886 S. Fairacres Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-1824-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-1824 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-1824 located at X = 1,458,698 Y = 465,169.3 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by Wilford Howard and Dora Cothorn and drilling replacement well LRG-1824-POD2 to a depth of 250 feet with 4-inch casing to be located at approximately X = 1,458,700.1 Y = 465,178.9 on land owned by Wilford Howard and Dora Cothorn for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic one-household purposes as described by Subfile No.:

LRN-28-012-0089-A (B) of the of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Proposed replacement well LRG-1824-POD2 will be located at the physical address of 886 S. Fairacres Rd, Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-1824 will be properly plugged. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill and use replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22.

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Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19, 2017

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on April 6, 2017, Frances S. Diaz, PO Box 133, La Mesa, NM 88044, filed application numbered LRG-15541-POD1, OSE File No. LRG-12126-A, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County to use well LRG-15541-POD1, drilled to a depth of 200 feet with a 4-inch casing within the NE1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 9, Township 25S, Range 2E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X: 1,489,932.25 ft. & Y: 420,697.91 ft. (NMSP Central NAD83), on land owned by Ms. Diaz, and discontinuing the use of well LRG-12126, located on land owned by Ms. Diaz located within the NE1/4 NE1/4 of said projected Section 9 and more specifically at the intersection of X: 1,489,963.1 ft. & Y: 420,730.3 (NMSP Central NAD83), for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for

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domestic one-household use as described in Subfile No. LRS 28-005-1067 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. Well LRG-15541-POD1 is located in San Miguel, NM and may be found approximately 415 feet northeast of the intersection of Savannah Rd. and S. Highway 28 at 112 W. Savannah Rd. Old well LRG-12126 has been plugged.

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## NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of the Following Ordinance(s) at the Regular City Council Meeting Held on May 15, 2017:

(1) **Council Bill No. 17-025; Ordinance No. 2811:** An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from A-2 (Rural Agricultural District from the 1981 Zoning Code) and R-1A (Single-Family Medium Density) to R-3 (Multi-Dwelling Medium Density) on a 4.16 ± Acre Parcel Located at 4211 Elks

Drive. Submitted by Kathy Jordan on Behalf of Calvary Bible Church, Property Owner (71121).

(2) **Council Bill No. 17-027; Ordinance No. 2813:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 28 of the Las Cruces Municipal Code (LCMC) 1997, to Add the Board of Commissioners for the City of Las Cruces Utilities.

(3) **Council Bill No. 17-028; Ordinance No. 2814:** An Ordinance Amending Section 2-189, Repealing and Replacing Divisions 3, 4, and 5, of Chapter 2, Article IV, Boards, Commissions and Committees and Repealing Chapter 12, Article II, Sections 12-56 thru 12-59 of the Las Cruces Municipal Code (LCMC) 1997.

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**Linda Lewis, CMC  
City Clerk**

Date: 05/19, 2017

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Manager: Art Sanchez  
575-644-1167**

Dates: 05/12, 05/19, 2017

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the issuance of a restaurant beer and wine license with on premises consumption only to **Mix Sushi Bar & Grill, to be located at 1001 East University Avenue, Suite D-3, Las Cruces, New Mexico.**

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for **Monday, June 19, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.**, in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the transfer.

Witness my hand and seal this 15 day of May 2017.

/s/Linda Lewis, CMC,  
City Clerk

Dates: 05/19, 05/26, 2017

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DISCOUNT SELF STORAGE  
2499 EL CAMINO REAL  
LAS CRUCES, NM 88007  
575 382-0000**

**ON SATURDAY,  
MAY 27th, 2017  
BEGINNING AT 10 a.m.  
SIGN IN AT 9:30 a.m.**

THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS: 13, 92, 204, 271, 334, 473, 502, 644, 668, 670, 732, 772, 802  
Tenant addresses are "last known."

**Unit 13  
ISRAEL LEON**  
3865 S Main St #48  
Mesilla Park NM 88047

Unit items consist of: Chest/drawers, mirror, car ramps, football shoulder pads

**Unit 92  
RAMONA ALLISON**  
1805 Doree Ct  
Las Cruces NM 88001

Unit items consist of: Plastic totes, comforter, misc.

household items, mis. items

**Unit 204  
JAIME ARMENDARIZ**  
4335 Semma Dr  
Las Cruces NM 88011  
Unit items consist of: Kids' bikes, propane tanks, propane stand, child's car seat, misc. items

**Unit 271  
EDMUND NELSON**  
3301 Bowman St  
Las Cruces NM 88005

Unit items consist of: Electric powered wheelchair, suitcases, assorted tools, lawn furniture

**Unit 334  
TONY VILLEGAS**  
2710 Fairway Dr #C  
Las Cruces NM 88011  
Unit items consist of: Leather couch, love seat, ladder, golf clubs with bag, misc. items

**Unit 473  
JUAN CEDANO**  
1900 N Solano Dr #112  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
Unit items consist of: Kids' bike, clothing, utility belt, folding chair, misc. items

**Unit 502  
DARLA JARVIS**  
301 S Motel Blvd Rm 118  
Las Cruces NM 88007  
Unit items consist of: Big screen TV, day bed, misc. items

**Unit 644  
VERONICA GONZALES**  
1801 Anita Dr  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
Unit items consist of: Headboard, coffee table, dvds, chest/drawers, misc. items

**Unit 668  
GEORGE MORRIS**  
1325 Nosotros Ln  
Las Cruces NM 88007  
Unit items consist of: Flat screen TV, speakers, futon frame, bird cage, child's car seat

Dates: 05/19, 05/26, 2017

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt the Following Ordinance(s) at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on June 5, 2017:

(1) **Council Bill No. 17-026; Ordinance No. 2812:** An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-3 (Commercial

High Intensity) on a 2.7 ± Acre Parcel Located at 990 Quesenberry Street. Submitted by Maldonado Gustavo, Property Owner (71133).

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. **Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 16th day of May, 2017.**

**Linda Lewis, CMC  
City Clerk**

Date: 05/19, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-1234  
Marci E. Beyer

## IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Willie Marie Coppedge FOR CHANGE OF NAME

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Willie Marie Coppedge, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from **Willie Marie Coppedge to Marie Coppedge**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Marci E. Beyer, District Judge, on the **21st day of June 2017, at the hour of 10:30 a.m.**, at the Third Judicial District Courthouse, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/Willie Marie Coppedge  
Willie Marie Coppedge  
5520 George Catlin Road  
Las Cruces, NM 88011  
575-640-8530

Dates: 05/19, 05/26, 2017

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

Cause No. CV-2017-00862  
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**CARMEN A. GONZALEZ, also known as CARMEN A. GONZALES,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM ANY LIEN, INTEREST OR TITLE ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF IN THE PREMISES, AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS IF DECEASED, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO** to all unknown persons who may claim any lien, interest or title adverse to Plaintiff in the premises, and any unknown heirs of the unknown claimants if deceased:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff,

Carmen A. Gonzalez, has filed a Complaint for Quiet Title against you in the above-entitled Court and cause. The purpose of which is to quiet title to any interest you may have in the following described property in Doña Ana County, New Mexico:

Lot 2 in Bock C of the Southwest Addition to the Town of Mesilla, according to the plat thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on January 4, 1910, as Plat No. 201, and recorded in Plat Book 9 at page 76.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the Complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

LAW OFFICE OF KYLE H. MOBERLY, P.C.

By: /s/ Kyle H. Moberly  
Kyle H. Moberly  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
2460 S. Locust Street,  
Suite E  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
(575) 541-1278

Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19, 2017

## NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

**PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**

**Rodrigo Magallon Alcazar**, whose last known place of residence is in Las Cruces, New Mexico, will hereby

take notice that on May 1, 2017, a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage was filed in the Third Judicial District Court in Doña Ana County, in the State of New Mexico, with it being Case No. D-307-DM-2017-584 on the docket of said court, praying for a dissolution of marriage, **Rodrigo Magallon Alcazar** will further take notice that he is required to file a reply to the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage, or a default judgment may be entered by the Court therefore granting Petitioner Carina Sanchez's request for a dissolution of marriage. Petitioner Carina Sanchez's Attorney is J. Marcos Perales Pina, P.O. Box 8650, Las Cruces, NM 88006 (575) 523-0144.

Dates: 05/12, 05/19, 05/26, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-1129  
JAMES T. MARTIN

## IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Mary Evalyn Terpening FOR CHANGE OF NAME

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **Mary Evalyn Terpening**, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from **Mary Evalyn Terpening** to **Mary Evelyn Terpening**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the **31st day of May 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces New Mexico.

(Seal)

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Mary Evelyn Howarth  
Mary Evelyn Howarth  
3045 Buena Vida Circle,  
Apt. 104  
Las Cruces, NM 88011  
(575)649-4569

Dates: 05/12, 05/19, 2017

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

No. PB 2017-36  
Judge Arrieta

## IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN A. BURT, Deceased.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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

/s/ M 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: 05/19, 05/26, 06/02, 2017

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

No. D-307-PB-2016-00021  
Judge Mary Rosner

## IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROY L. "JOSH" EDWARDS, Deceased

## AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred.

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Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: May 1, 2017

/s/ Walter B. Edwards  
Personal Representative  
of the Estate of Roy L.  
"Josh" Edwards, Deceased

**PREPARED &  
SUBMITTED BY:  
JOSEPH M.  
HOLMES, P.A.**  
PO Box 366  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366  
(575) 524-0833  
holmespa@zianet.com  
/s/Joseph M. Holmes  
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 05/12, 05/19, 05/26,  
2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-02577

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

vs.

**THE ESTATE OF KEN-  
NETH YODER, DE-  
CEASED; BRENNAN  
DEE YODER, INDIVIDU-  
ALLY AND AS PERSON-  
AL REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE ESTATE OF  
KENNETH YODER, DE-  
CEASED; LINDA DE-  
NEISE JONES; SHANNON  
DWAYNE YODER, and  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
DEVISEES OR LEGA-  
TEES OF KENNETH  
YODER, DECEASED,  
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN that on June 21,  
2017, 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 1250 Onate Street, Anthony, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico,

and is particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 25 OF DOS LAGOS SUBDIVISION PHASE II, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID DOS LAGOS SUBDIVISION PHASE II, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 20, 2003 IN PLAT BOOK 20,FOLIO 289-290..

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on May 3, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$204,906.91 and the same bears interest at 4.250% per annum from March 24, 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: 05/12, 05/19, 05/26,  
06/02, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-01146

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

vs.

**DANIEL RODRIGUEZ,  
and if married, THE  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF  
DANIEL RODRIGUEZ  
(true name unknown);  
NEW MEXICO MORT-  
GAGE FINANCE AU-  
THORITY; SECRETARY  
OF HOUSING AND UR-  
BAN DEVELOPMENT;  
RAY L. LUCERO; WAN-  
DA M. LUCERO; and  
TAXATION AND REVE-  
NUE DEPARTMENT OF  
THE STATE OF NEW  
MEXICO, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN** that on **June 14,  
2017, 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 3244 Black Hawk Street, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 2, San Juan (Tortugas) Replat #3, 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 on April 20, 1992, recorded in Book 17 at Page 162 of Plat Records,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 1987 HICH double wide,

VIN No. HCTXSN7434AB,  
License Plate Number  
7845MHB,

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on May 4, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$47,612.64 and the same bears interest at 3.875% per annum from January 2, 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: 05/19, 05/26, 06/02,  
06/09, 2017

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

Case No. PB-2017-46  
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF LUIS  
A. DELGADO, a/k/a LUIS  
ALFONSO DELGADO  
Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN** that the undersigned **DORA G. DELGADO** has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of **LUIS A. DELGADO, a/k/a LUIS ALFONSO DELGADO.** All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims **within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred.** Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative do The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.O. Box 2277, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 11th day of May,  
2017.

/s/ Dora G. Delgado, Personal Representative of the Estate of LUIS A. DELGADO, a/k/a/ LUIS ALFONAO DELGADO, deceased.

Prepared by:

The Law Offices of  
Dana M. Kyle, P.A.

By /s/ Dana M. Kyle  
Dana M. Kyle  
P.O. Box 2277  
Las Cruces,  
New Mexico 88004-2277  
(575)525-0020  
(575)525-0017 fax  
Attorney for Personal Representative

Dates: 05/19, 05/26, 06/02,  
2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-02643

**BEAL BANK AS SUC-  
CESSOR BY MERGER**

**TO CHARTER BANK,  
Plaintiff,**

v.

**TRACY L. VENEGAS,  
JESUS VENEGAS, AND  
HECTOR ROCHA D/B/A  
ROCHA'S SEPTIC SERV-  
ICES, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on **May 23, 2017 at 11:00 am,** outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 65, AMBER MESA, located in 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 October 20, 1988, and recorded in Book 15 at Pages 326-349 of the Plat Records,

The address of the real property is 6886 Florite Road, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on March 8, 2017 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$52,447.46 plus interest from October 1, 2016 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.350% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff 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.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER  
GIVEN** that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

**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 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 rights of redemption.

Margaret Lake  
Special Master  
Pro Legal Services, LLC  
201 Eubank Blvd. NE,  
Suite A1  
Albuquerque,  
NM 87123  
(505)715-3711

Dates: 04/28, 05/05, 05/12,  
05/19, 2017

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-00227

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

vs.

**MICHAEL SAIGH AKA  
MICHAEL MARTIN  
SAIGH; UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE OF MICHAEL  
SAIGH AKA MICHAEL  
MARTIN SAIGH; MI-  
CHAEL SAIGH, ACTING  
IN HIS CAPACITY AS  
TRUSTEE OF THE MI-  
CHAEL SAIGH TRUST  
(AMENDED AND RE-  
STATED) DATED JANU-  
ARY 26, 2007, AS AMEN-  
DED; MICHAEL SAIGH  
TRUST (AMENDED AND  
RESTATED) DATED  
JANUARY 26, 2007, AS  
AMENDED; RED ROCK  
DISTRIBUTING LTD CO  
AKA RED ROCK DIS-  
TRIBUTING CO. LLC;  
THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA BY AND  
THROUGH THE INTER-  
NAL REVENUE SER-  
VICE; EL PASEO LAS  
CRUCES PROS RE, LLC;  
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 2762 Lookout Ridge Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 26, BLOCK 1, THE RIDGE AT NORTHRIDGE PHASE I, 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 DECEMBER 23, 1993, IN BOOK 17 PAGES 386-387 OF PLAT RECORDS,

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on June 15, 2017,** on the front steps of the Third Judicial District

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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 April 3, 2017, in the total amount of \$163,970.42, with interest at the rate of 6.2500% per annum from January 27, 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. Bank of America, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

By: Robert A. Doyle,  
Special Master  
c/o Legal Process Network  
P.O. Box 51526  
Albuquerque,  
NM 87181  
505-417-4113

1 NM-15-696120-JUD  
IDSPub #0125914

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5/19/2017 5/26/2017

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

D-307-PB-2017-00038  
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
MARTIN ANTHONY  
DITMORE, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned **GLENNIS L. ADAM** has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims **within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred.** Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative c/o The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.O. Box 2277, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 11th day of May, 2017.

/s/  
GLENNIS L. ADAM,  
Personal Representative of  
the Estate of MARTIN  
ANTHONY DITMORE,  
deceased.

Prepared by:

The Law Offices of  
Dana M. Kyle, P.A.

By /s/  
Dana M. Kyle  
P.O. Box 2277  
Las Cruces,  
New Mexico 88004-2277  
(575) 525-0020  
(575) 525-0017 fax  
Attorney for Personal  
Representative

Dates: 05/19, 05/26, 06/02,  
2017

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-00577

**CALIBER HOME  
LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JULIE C. SHAFFER,  
DAVID L. SHAFFER,  
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 4573 Azure Hills Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 13 IN BLOCK NUMBERED U OF SONOMA RANCH EAST II, PHASE 6 - CORRECTION PLAT, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SONOMA RANCH EAST II, PHASE 6 - CORRECTION PLAT, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON APRIL 30, 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 205-206.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on June 29, 2017**, on the front steps of the 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 April 11, 2017, in the total amount of \$184,744.51, with interest at the rate of 4.091% per annum from January 9, 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. Caliber Home Loans, Inc., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master,

disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

By: Robert A. Doyle,  
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**STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

NO. D-307-CV-2016-02332

**PENNYMAC LOAN  
SERVICES, LLC,  
Plaintiff,**

v.

**RICARDO HERNANDEZ,  
YADIRA Y. CER-  
VANTES, TCF EQUIP-  
MENT FINANCE, INC.,  
FARMERS INSURANCE  
COMPANY OF ARIZONA,  
AND NEW MEXICO  
WORKFORCE SOLU-  
TIONS BENEFIT PAY-  
MENT CONTROL SEC-  
TION FKA NEW MEXI-  
CO DEPARTMENT OF  
LABOR EMPLOYMENT  
SECURITY DIVISION,  
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

**STATE OF NEW MEXI-**

**CO to the above-named  
Defendant Ricardo Hern-  
andez,**

**GREETINGS:**

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 847 Cedar Park Ave, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOT 27, BLOCK 4, VALENCIA PARK UNIT ONE, 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. 5286 ON JANUARY 22, 2014 IN BOOK 23, PAGE(S) 566-568.

Unless you file and serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,

WEINSTEIN &  
RILEY, P.S.

By: /s/ Elizabeth V.  
Friedenstein

Elizabeth V. Friedenstein  
5801 Osuna Road NE,  
Suite A-103  
Albuquerque, NM 87109  
505-348-3200  
ElizabethF@w-legal.com  
Attorney for Plaintiff

Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19,  
2017

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-02394

**LSF9 MASTER PARTICI-  
PATION TRUST,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**BLANCA IBARRA DIAZ;  
AKA BLANCA DIAZ;  
THE UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE OF BLANCA  
IBARRA DIAZ AKA  
BLANCA DIAZ; WELLS  
FARGO FINANCIAL  
BANK; 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 1854 Seldon AVE, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

THE LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS COMMITMENT IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT 86, BLOCK 8, SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION PHASE II, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 420 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 29, 1978, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 12, PAGES 170-172, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on June 29, 2017**, on the front steps of the 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 April 13, 2017, in the total amount of \$178,151.97, with interest at the rate of 9.6300% per annum from February 24, 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. LSF9 Master Participation Trust, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

By: Robert A. Doyle,  
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# LEGAL NOTICES

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-00010

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

vs.

**JENNIFER TAMPLIN,  
Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY  
OF ACTION**

Defendant(s) Jennifer Tamplin is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 600 S. Melendres Street, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lots 46, 47 and 48, AMENDED MAP OF THE ORGAN MOUNTAINVIEW GARDENS SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on July 20, 1949, in the office of the County Clerk of said County on July 20, 1949, in Book 6, Page 85, of Plat Records.

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:

Little, Bradley & Nesbitt, P.A.  
1700 Louisiana Blvd NE,  
Suite 300  
Albuquerque,  
NM 87110  
(505) 248-2400  
FAX: 254-4722

May 11, 2017

By Electronically signed  
/s/ Deborah A. Nesbitt  
Karen H. Bradley

Deborah A. Nesbitt  
Rachel M. Chiado  
Marisol C. Garcia  
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 11th day of May, 2017.

CLAUDE BOWMAN  
CLERK OF THE  
DISTRICT COURT

By Paloma Nava  
Deputy

Dates: 05/19, 05/26, 06/02,  
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**STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

Case No.  
D-307-CV-2014-01700  
Honorable Marci Beyer

**EDGAR LOPEZ AND  
MARY LOPEZ, Individu-  
als and as trustees of the  
Edgar Lopez and Mary  
Lopez Revocable Trust,  
Plaintiffs,**

vs.

**SEH PROPERTIES,  
L.L.C., A Texas limited  
liability company,  
Defendant.**

**SEH PROPERTIES,  
L.L.C., A Texas limited  
liability company,  
Counter-Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MARY LOPEZ, individu-  
ally, as trustee of the  
Edgar Lopez and Mary  
Lopez Revocable Trust,  
and as Personal Represent-  
ative of the Estate of  
Edgar Lopez, deceased,  
Counter-Defendant, and**

**JOHN DOE, as co-trustee  
of The Edgar Lopez and  
Mary Lopez Revocable  
Trust, dtd 6-22-00, BAR-  
CLAY FINANCIAL  
GROUP, LP, PRESIDEN-  
TIAL BANK, F.S.B., BO-  
NANZA, INC. and WICH-  
ITA COUNTY PROPER-  
TY TRUST, LTD.,  
Additional Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN that on Thursday  
June 8th, 2017 at 10:00  
a.m. at the main entrance to**

the Judicial Complex of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 West Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88005, the undersigned Special Master will sell all the rights, title and interest of the above-named Counter Defendants and Additional Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real property to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds. The tract of real property to be sold is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico at: 2722 Mayfield Ln. Las Cruces, NM 88007 and more particularly described as follows:

Property Description : A tract of land situated in the Doña Ana Bend Colony Grant and in the east half of Section 2, T.23S., R.1E., of the U.S.R.S. Surveys in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being part of U.S.R.S. Tract 7-13 and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the tract herein described marked by a concrete monument set on the east side of a public road and on the west boundary of U.S.R.S. Tract 7-13, whence the southwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 7-13 marked by an iron pipe at a fence corner bears S.35 deg. 19' E. a distance of 866.21 feet; Thence along the south side of a strip of land reserved for a roadway easement, N.65 deg. 34' E. 513.17 feet to the northeast corner marked by an iron rod; Thence S.35 deg. 19' E. 278.22 feet to the southeast corner marked by an iron rod; Thence along the north side of a farm ditch S.50 deg. 32' W. 506.25 feet to the southwest corner marked by a concrete monument; Thence along the east side of a public road N.35 deg. 19' W. 411.94 feet to the place of beginning.

This being that same property conveyed pursuant to the certain deeds recorded of record dated March 9, 2000 in book 214 page 570 and June 23, 2000 in book 226 page 1156.

The sale will be made to satisfy Partial Default Judgment and Stipulated in Rem Judgment filed on April 25th 2017, in favor of SEH Properties, L.L.C., pursuant to an In Rem Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure therein.

SEH Properties, L.L.C. Has a Judgment against Counter

Defendants, for unpaid principle, interest and late fees in the amount of \$619,000.57 which bears interest at the rate of 18% per annum from October 7th, 2016 through June 8th, 2017 in the amount of \$52,314.90 and a Judgment for attorney's fees, cost and expenses in the amount of \$17,823.00 with interest at 18% from April 25th, 2017 through June 8th, 2017 in the amount of \$386.32 for a total Judgment with interest through sale of \$689,524.79, plus cost of sale and Special Master fees.

SEH Properties, L.L.C may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall be entitled to immediate possession of the real property or properties and improvements more particularly described herein, subject to a one-month right of redemption.

The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER  
GIVEN** that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to all, taxes, utility liens, and other restrictions and easements not foreclosed herein.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER  
GIVEN** that Special Master shall apply the proceeds of the sale first to the costs of sale, and Special Master fees, then to pay the above described Judgment, and then to be distributed in accordance with further Order of the Court. This sale is subject to Entry of an Order of the Court approving the sale.

The attorney for SEH Properties, L.L.C is Kenneth L. Beal, of Kenneth L. Beal, P.C. P.O. Box 725 Las Cruces, NM 88004

/s/Ben A. Longwill  
Ben A. Longwill  
Special Master  
741 N. Alameda Suite 4  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
524-4141

Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19,  
05/26, 2017

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

No. 17-0094

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
John D. McKibben, aka  
John Dwayne McKibben,  
DECEASED.**

**NOTICE TO KNOWN  
CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd, Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Dated: April 11, 2017.

/s/ Michael J. McKibben  
Michael J. McKibben  
7142 E. Prairie Ridge Rd  
Prescott Valley, AZ 86315  
928-759-0177

Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19,  
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**THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO**

No. D-307-CV-2014-2168  
Judge  
MANUEL I. ARRIETA

**MORGAN TRUST  
COMPANY,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**WILFRIDO  
RODRIGUEZ and  
CARMEN ROCIO  
RODRIGUEZ,  
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF  
FORECLOSURE SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN** pursuant to the Judgment of the District

Court rendered and entered in the above-entitled cause foreclosing Plaintiff's Mortgage on January 10, 2017, in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants in the matter styled Morgan Trust Company v Wilfrido Rodriguez and Carmen Rocio Rodriguez No. C-307-CV-2014-2168.

Pursuant to the Judgment of the Court that the Plaintiff, Morgan Trust Company, has a first lien, against the following real property in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, to wit:

Lot 26, Block 3, Riverside Subdivision, Unit 1A, 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 on November 5, 1980 in Book 13, Folio 103-105, commonly known as 106 Redwood Court, Sunland Park, New Mexico 88063.

The Plaintiff's Judgment is in the amount of \$34,261.85 with interest on said amount after November 4, 2014 to date of sale in the amount of \$8,695.36 after allowing a credit of \$3,750.24. Any purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall take the real property subject to existing liens on the property, if any, and any unpaid tax liens having priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **June 5, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.**, at 224 N. Anthony Drive, Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the above-described real property situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, subject to approval of the Court, and the Defendants' one month right of redemption with respect to the above described real property.

Dated this 26 day of April, 2017.

SHANE A. ENGLISH,  
Special Master  
P. O. Drawer 1329  
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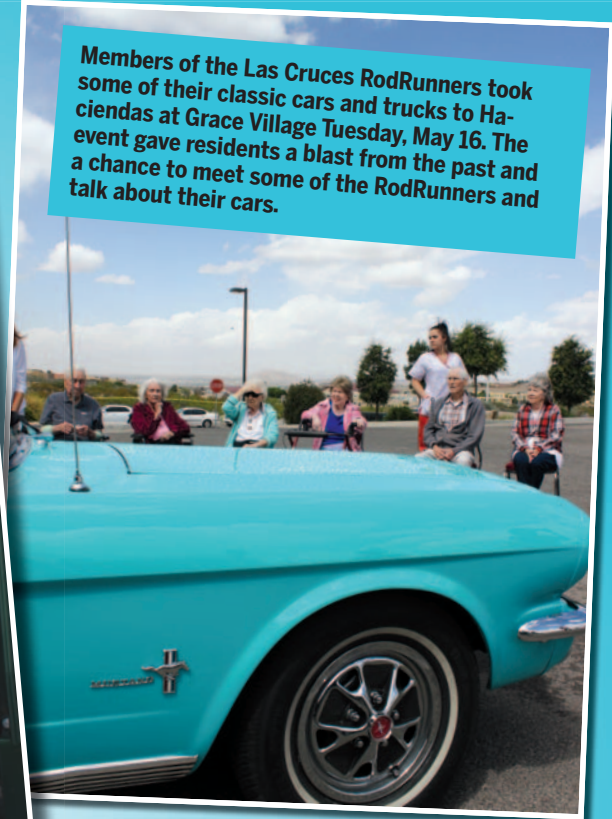
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# Oldies but goodies



Bob Ogas and Ralph Gonzales of the Las Cruces RodRunners, stand in front of Ogas' 1951 Willys pickup.



Members of the Las Cruces RodRunners took some of their classic cars and trucks to Haciendas at Grace Village Tuesday, May 16. The event gave residents a blast from the past and a chance to meet some of the RodRunners and talk about their cars.

BULLETIN PHOTOS BY RICHARD COLTHARP



Residents of Haciendas at Grace Village, Alton Lane and Gordon Ewing, enjoy the classic car event.



Members of the Las Cruces RodRunners, back row, Lucio and Mary Telles, Richard Barnes, Ralph and Viola Gonzales and Bob Ogas, met residents of Haciendas at Grace Village, including, front row, Roslyn Sugarman, Allen Pearson and Barbara Stovall.

## Women's Club awards scholarships

The NMSU Women's Club recently hosted their 2017 Spring Scholarship Awards Luncheon at St. Clair Winery & Bistro. From left to right are Noreen Lehmann, vice president; Deb Franzoy, webmaster and Gourmet Club chairperson; Briana Borunda and Ruth Mary Webber, scholarship recipients; Bianca Munoz, Returning Student Scholarship recipient; Susan DeMar, president; Eva Diaz, incoming treasurer; and Olga Conter, secretary. The purpose of the NMSU Women's Club is to welcome newcomers to New Mexico State University, promote educational and social activities, and pursue special service projects that enrich the university community. Among other projects, the club raises money for scholarships for returning women students. To learn more, visit [womensclub.nmsu.edu](http://womensclub.nmsu.edu).

COURTESY PHOTO



## New Mexico State ROTC program to receive tuition benefit



COURTESY PHOTO

Maj. George W. Childs, Senior Airman Alan Crossley, Captain Michael Vetri, and Lt. Col. Jeremiah Klomp pose near the cannon in front of Young Hall at NMSU. ROTC now has a tuition remission program that allows NMSU ROTC faculty and staff to access the tuition benefit other NMSU employees receive.

By TAYLOR VANCEL  
For the Bulletin

For the first time, New Mexico State University's Army and Air Force ROTC faculty and staff will be eligible for the university's tuition remission program, allowing them to take classes at NMSU as part of their compensation package.

Unlike other NMSU faculty, ROTC faculty and staff were previously ineligible for this NMSU benefit because as affiliate faculty and staff, the salaries of these employees are paid for by the military.

"This is a great program, particularly for our enlisted troops," Lt. Col. Jeremiah Klomp, NMSU Air Force ROTC commander and professor of aerospace studies. "Those are the faculty who are assigned

to ROTC billets outside their normal career fields."

Active duty military have the opportunity to be placed at universities, similarly to any other military assignment, or they can volunteer to be at a school. All of NMSU's military faculty and staff volunteered to be placed NMSU.

"ROTC is a 'career broadening' assignment where officers get to do something different from their main career field," Klomp said. "By stepping out of our comfort zone, we not only grow ourselves, but are able to challenge and teach cadets and officer-candidates. With this new benefit, we are able to finish our education on top of that.

"They generally have to cover quite a lot of additional expenses that they would not normally have to cover if they

were living and/or working on a military installation, such as parking fees, gym membership, etc. This way, they can continue their education, get certifications, and generally integrate into the university community more completely by getting out of our offices and into the classroom."

Tuition remission is effective at the beginning of the 2017 summer semester. Eligible ROTC personnel must be in an affiliated appointment status to participate in this program and must apply and be admitted to the university. ROTC can take as many as six credit hours for each fall and spring semester and up to eight credit hours for summer sessions.

For more information about the ROTC tuition remission program, contact Klomp at [jk-klomp@nmsu.edu](mailto:jk-klomp@nmsu.edu).



## Carrying the torch

Law enforcement officials from southern New Mexico, along with athletes and volunteers, ran into Las Cruces May 12 carrying the Special Olympics Flame of Hope. Their run ended at Albert Johnson Memorial Park. "The event is part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, which will then carry the flame of hope to Albuquerque to mark the beginning of the New Mexico Special Olympics summer games," according to the Doña Ana County website. Across the state, "Special Olympics athletes will assist deputies, police, Border Patrol agents and other law enforcement officials with the carrying of the torch. The torch is scheduled to arrive in Albuquerque at the University of New Mexico on May 19, where it will light the cauldron and officially begin the summer games."

BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

# Partnership aims to boost early childhood education

## BULLETIN REPORT

The Early Childhood Education (ECE) Coalition and Success Partnership reported progress in achieving goals to provide seamless childcare services to parents, children and their families in Doña Ana County during a recent networking session attended by representatives of 25 organizations at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center in Las Cruces.

Sen. Bill Soules, an attendee and

the Success Partnership Leader's Circle Chairman said, "We know the return on investment in early childhood education is good." Soules has been part of the Success Partnership since it was established in March 2013 and supports investing in early childhood education.

The ECE Coalition is comprised of organizations that embody similar interests, missions and goals for families they serve daily. During the session the organiza-

tions discussed shared functions, roles and ideas to become better resources for one another. Speakers included organizations from Ngage New Mexico, La Clinica de Familia and New Mexico State University.

The Success Partnership is composed of residents, businesses, parents, students, teachers, administrators, professors, elected officials, religious groups, community organizations, and non-profits throughout Doña Ana County.



COURTESY PHOTO

From left to right, Amanda Gibson-Smith, Headstart program director (NMSU); Sen. William "Bill" Soules; Cesia Gillard, DACC Early Childhood Education coordinator; and Frank R. Lopez, executive director, Ngage New Mexico.

# Fund helps 'non-traditional' students survey their future

By **TIFFANY ACOSTA**

For the Bulletin

After spending eight years in the U.S. Army, Danielle Bustos wasn't sure what the next step in her life would be. With a little help from a local survey engineer in her hometown, the 29-year-old discovered a profession.

Following her military service that included a 2010 deployment, Bustos returned home to Chimayo, New Mexico, and attended classes at Northern New Mexico College. She arrived at New Mexico State University in spring 2016.

"I was a combat engineer, so when I came back from Afghanistan I really didn't know what I wanted to do. I needed some time to decompress. I found surveying or I should say surveying found me," Bustos said.

As a non-traditional student, Bustos said adjusting to university life was a challenge. The survey engineering junior was encouraged in spring 2017 when she was awarded a Daniels Fund Boundless Oppor-

tunity Scholarship. After an initial grant in 2015, NMSU recently received a \$45,000 grant from the Daniels Fund to provide Boundless Opportunity Scholarships to non-traditional students, which will fund scholarships for 20 students for two years.

The scholarships help students with expenses such as tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies and transportation and commuting costs. Scholarship recipients will be selected this summer and awarded for the fall 2017 semester. Students can apply for the scholarships by May 31 through the NMSU Scholar Dollar\$ program at <https://scholarships.nmsu.edu/>.

"I was really fortunate to be selected for this scholarship, and it has helped tremendously throughout the semester," Bustos said.

The scholarship helps Bustos focus on academics without having to work a part-time job to cover school expenses and living expenses such as utilities for her off-



PHOTO COURTESY TIFFANY ACOSTA

**Survey engineering junior Danielle Bustos is one of 20 Daniels Fund Boundless Opportunity Scholarship recipients at New Mexico State University. The university has received a \$45,000 grant from the Daniels Fund to help non-traditional students pursue and earn an NMSU undergraduate degree.**

campus housing.

"It's much more than providing financial aid, it is providing key academic support. We're here to assist students in navigating the institution," said Anthony Marin, director of student affairs. "The need is there. There are over 600 students who are eligible. It provides a foundation to know there is a lot more need out there and what can we do as an institution to reach a very important and determined student population."

In addition to financial assistance, NMSU developed the Daniels Fund Boundless Opportunity Scholarship Program, which was established in 2015. The program helps the scholarship cohort with activities such as workshops, one-on-one mentoring and financial literacy training.

"It's very difficult being a non-traditional student, but I feel like the end result will be more gratifying than anything because of those life experiences," said Bustos,

who hopes to graduate in fall 2019. "Having a support system is huge, because coming from a military background where you have your squad and then I came here and I was my squad. Finding people that are able to take you under their wing that can help you through this, it means a lot."

Bustos said she hopes to return home to work with her mentor Clyde R. Vigil and help her local communities after graduation.

"I want to take care of my people up there," she said. "I want to guide them in the right direction so they can divide their land and grant it to their children when they pass."

The Daniels Fund is a private charitable foundation that continues the legacy of generosity established by its founder Bill Daniels, through grant and scholarship programs and other initiatives in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.



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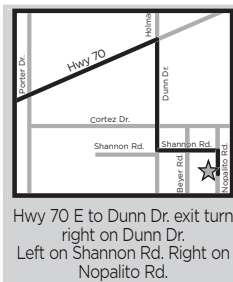
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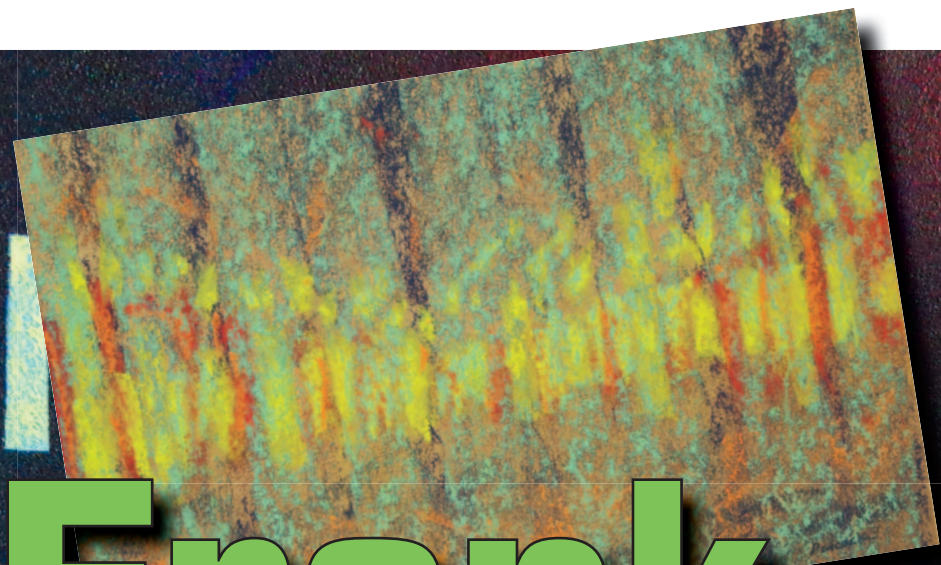
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# Frank Peacock

This Las Cruces artist has no plans to retire





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## Artist returns home for 'new-old' place to work

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces native Frank Peacock attended New Mexico State University on a music scholarship, and was highly sought after for his engineering skills. But, as he was confined to a house in Compton, California, during the Watts riots in the summer of 1968, with the Democratic National Convention on television, Peacock completed two paintings that changed his career choice and his life. He became an artist.

"I was 19 when I started," Peacock said.

"My dad didn't talk to me for 10 years."

Now 67, Peacock has had more than 60 exhibitions of his work in multiple states in the past five decades. After living in California, Pennsylvania, Colorado and, for the past 26 years in Santa Fe, Peacock returned to Las Cruces with his wife, Jane, in January 2015.

After Peacock graduated from NMSU in 1973 with a BA in English and a BFA in studio painting, he moved to Berkeley, California, to attend graduate school, and fell in with local artists – the "literati."

"You're a studio art-

ist," someone told him after about six months; "go paint." He did, returning to New Mexico before moving to San Francisco and then Sausalito, California.

"I enjoyed success out there," Peacock said. But, in 1983, he began feeling claustrophobic – "too many people in too little space" – and moved to Durango. It was there that he met and married Jane, a native of El Paso. "We grew up 34 miles apart and met in Colorado," she said, "and saw eye-to-eye on green chile."

They moved to central Pennsylvania for the next two years before settling in Santa Fe in 1988. "I had a great 26-year career there," Peacock said. It included raising the couple's "two beautiful children" and owning his own picture-framing business.

Peacock can mark at least nine series of paintings over the decades, with his colors and subjects changing from the foggy Golden Gate Bridge to the rolling greenery of Pennsylvania, the snow of the Rocky Mountains, and the Canyon Road "pot shard" and "red tree" series as he returned to his New Mexico roots.

Peacock is now painting a lot of pecan orchards, as he enters his 10th or 11th series – "It's hard to tell," he said. Nine of his recent works

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## PEACOCK

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are on display at the Mesilla Valley Fine Art Gallery, a cooperative in Mesilla.

There also are many crosses depicted in Peacock's work, which includes what he calls the "cruciform series." Many crosses are visible in his trees, as they move from realistic to abstract. There also are native plants, shade and natural light in his work as he "praise(s) form in nature." There are even drawings from Costa Rica of wild roses and landscapes "where the jungle meets the sea."

"His paintings at first glance are created out of mystery and romance; a longer acquaintance reveals a profound base of direct experience of nature," Sandra Oliver of Oliver Gallery in Oakland, California, said of Peacock's work in 1981. "Whoever knows the sea and shore will find his almost dreamlike expressions border on the realm of real experience."

Peacock said he paints every day in the basement studio of his home in Picacho Hills. The overhead lighting creates a "daylight situation" in the studio as he immerses himself in one of the multiple pieces he's working on at the time.

Peacock said he is "completely present" when he paints – "in the here and now" – and often experiences "flashbacks" to previous paintings completed in the past. He sometimes recreates those same scenes, but with the pas-

sage of time, each "looks like different artists."

"I paint with a lot of layers," Peacock said, sometimes adding "40 or 50 layers of texture and color" to a single painting. "I love surface," he said, and his works "invite people to experience that surface."

"Dramatic texture in the painting surface acts as a simple refracting grid for the viewer," Peacock said. "The texture is semitransparent and at the thinnest areas underpainting is visible. At thicker areas, (the highest points of the texture) more color is applied.

The result: by viewing the painting from different vantage points, the nature of the color changes. The 'angle of incidence' of light also affects the color and emphasis of texture."

Peacock is also an expert framer, winning multiple awards for his shop in Santa Fe and often framing his own works. And, because Santa Fe is one of the nation's largest art markets, it was "big business to frame all the art that goes through those galleries," Jane said. Framing his own art "really finishes the work off,"

she said. "It's contained within its border."

Peacock said he also gives names to each of his works. "I really like titles because they're the hint of what you're looking at."

Back in his native Las Cruces, Peacock said he has no plans to retire. "I'm just seeking a new-old place to work."

For more information, visit [www.artistsofpicachohills.com/artist/fpeacock](http://www.artistsofpicachohills.com/artist/fpeacock) and find Peacock on Facebook.

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Read to Me (Storytime for ages 3 and up)	
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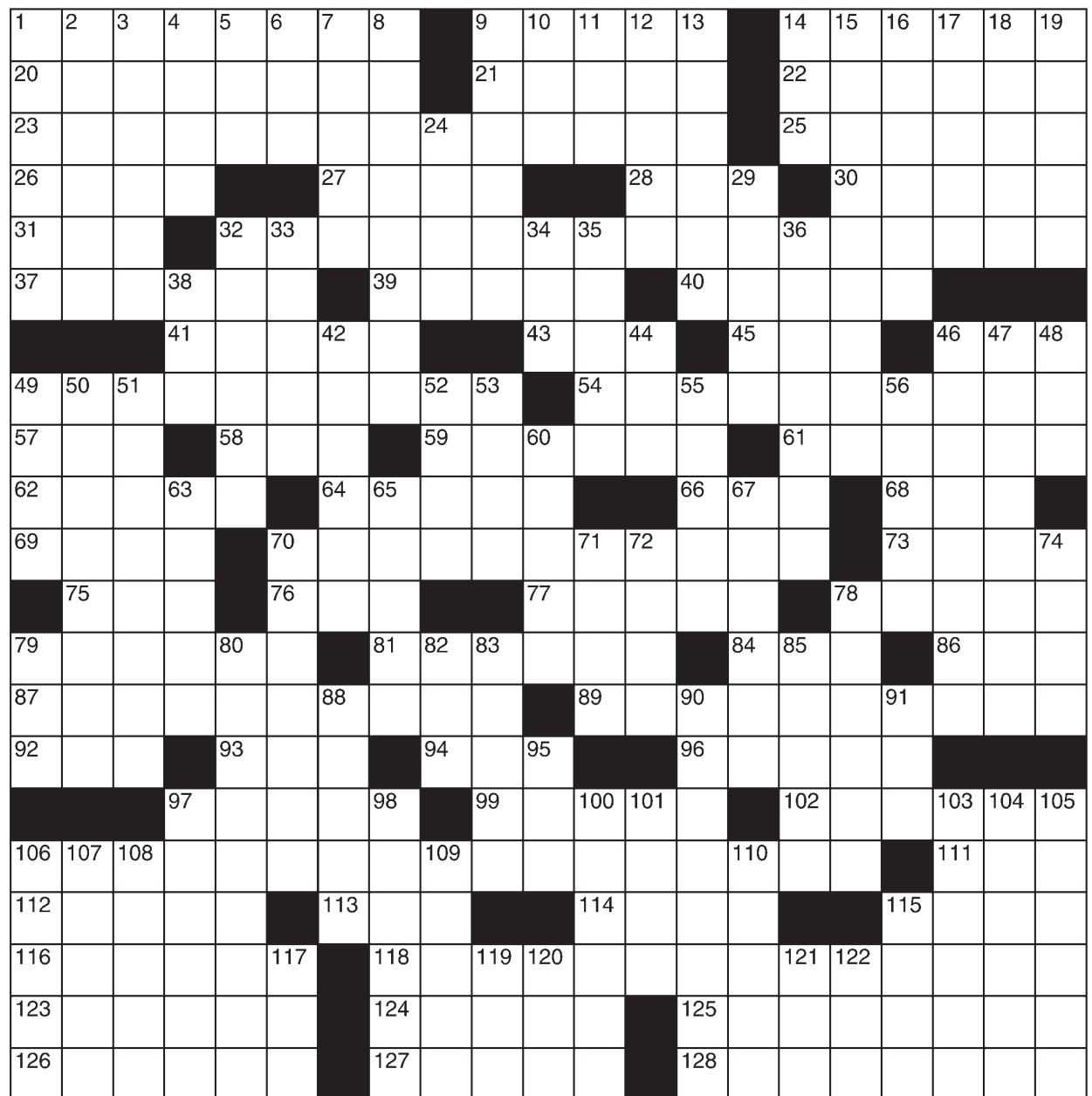
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1 Wave with a foamy crest  
 9 Bugs' feelers  
 14 Force to be accepted  
 20 Waikiki site  
 21 Ethiopia's -- Selassie  
 22 Of the skin  
 23 "The King and I" heroine who's a real angel?  
 25 Plural ending for bed and home  
 26 "Pb" element  
 27 Roulette turn  
 28 Physique, informally  
 30 Start of a counting-out rhyme  
 31 Md. hours  
 32 Flower used in rituals?  
 37 Minimalist artist Frank  
 39 Reese of song and screen  
 40 Litigious sorts  
 41 Courtroom excuse  
 43 A, in Amiens  
 45 -- -Magnon  
 46 "I've got it!"  
 49 Benefactor contributing supplies for a Bowman?  
 54 Different acquired relative?  
 57 -- Grande City, Texas  
 58 Contents of la mer  
 59 Like fairly high-quality bonds  
 61 Form images  
 62 At the stern  
 64 Penniless  
 66 Sports org. for the Rock  
 68 See 2-Down  
 69 Be a sign of  
 70 One talking to the very first man?  
 73 Author Janowitz  
 75 Waco-to-Austin dir.  
 76 Q-U string  
 77 Went off course  
 78 "Yeesh!"  
 79 "La --" (Puccini opera)  
 81 Region in central Italy  
 84 Young miss  
 86 Abet, e.g.  
 87 Atlanta university student's little slip-up?  
 89 Nothing except glowing coals?

92 Morning glistener  
 93 Dusk- -- -dawn  
 94 Hornets' org.  
 96 Glacial ridge  
 97 Sauna output  
 99 Shark's place  
 102 Charge with an offense  
 106 Curved entryway under which Antarctic birds pass?  
 111 Unit of conductance now called a siemens  
 112 Pot fragment  
 113 Unit of work  
 114 Tallies  
 115 "Peek- --!"  
 116 Neighbor of an Iraqi  
 118 Unable to afford any more dental visits?  
 123 Seyfried of "Big Love"  
 124 Eldritch  
 125 Virtual vendors  
 126 Abhor  
 127 Turn a car  
 128 Short-term

## DOWN

1 Belugas, e.g.  
 2 With 68-Across, Lincoln's nickname  
 3 Like instincts  
 4 Frog kin  
 5 Pixieish sort  
 6 Inferior mutt  
 7 "It's -- cause!"  
 8 Like mechanically delivered well water, say  
 9 Antiseptic compound  
 10 Tow-offering gp.  
 11 Ullmann of Hollywood  
 12 USMA freshman  
 13 Madrid men  
 14 Carders check them  
 15 Potential shooting star  
 16 Prettifies  
 17 Neighbor of a Yemeni  
 18 Al Capp's Hawkins  
 19 "It's nobody -- business"  
 24 Engage  
 29 Low card  
 32 Entirely wrong  
 33 "You -- mouthful!"  
 34 Winter illness  
 35 Lake craft



36 More cheery  
 38 Language akin to Thai  
 42 Leaps  
 44 Approx. takeoff info  
 46 Cotton State native  
 47 Nastygrams  
 48 Stupefaction  
 49 116-Across, for one  
 50 Cytoplasm particle  
 51 Musical on tour, e.g.  
 52 Utah city near Provo  
 53 Absorbed-dose units  
 55 "Boyhood" actor Ethan  
 56 Below, to bards

60 Blood classifier  
 63 Not as many  
 65 Really enjoy  
 67 Shims, e.g.  
 70 "What --!" ("Whew!")  
 71 Lake north of Sandusky  
 72 Film director Avakian  
 74 Warhol of art  
 78 TV twins Ashley and Mary-Kate  
 79 Sleeping spot  
 80 1987-90 NBC sitcom  
 82 Popular Web portal  
 83 Jazz genre

85 Alan of film  
 88 Off to -- start (behind)  
 90 Stupefied  
 91 City reg.  
 95 A 29-Down may beat it  
 97 Holy spot  
 98 Sharp pangs  
 100 Playwright Eve  
 101 "-- walks into ..."  
 103 Infused (with)  
 104 Writer Deepak --  
 105 Foot, cutely  
 106 116-Across president  
 107 Rapper's skill

108 Gem unit  
 109 Marsh wader  
 110 "Space -- premium"  
 115 Folkie Woody's son  
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 120 Be situated  
 121 "No" voter  
 122 First-aid collection



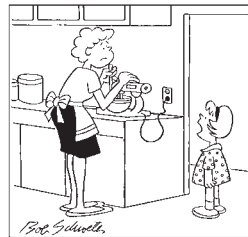
# PUZZLES

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

## SCRAMBLERS



"You ought to hear what Daddy called the \_\_\_\_\_ in the bathroom!"

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!

Issue **OPTIC**

Sully **FIELD**

Grant **LOLAW**

Slap **SHAB**

**TODAY'S WORD**

## CRYPTOQUIP

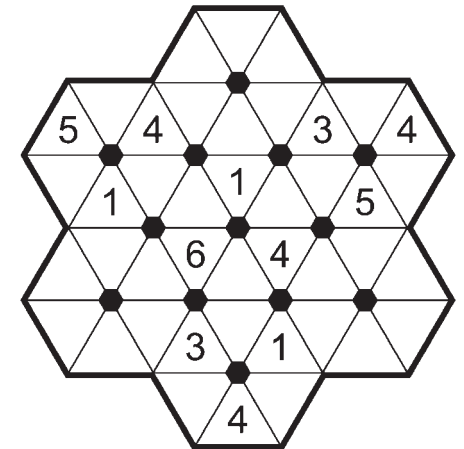
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: H equals N

MO ANDJYNFL RKQJF ONQ  
 RJQPKMH YQMZCPIL RNINQJF  
 ANHZYMQFA, DMZCP CJ YJ K  
 PKHKZJQ DKHKZJQ?

## 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

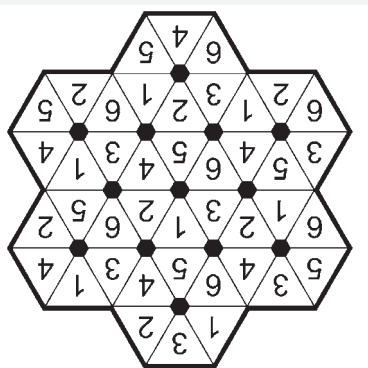
# PUZZLE ANSWERS

If somebody cared for certain brightly colored songbirds, might he be a tanager manager?

## CRYPTOQUIP

**SCALE**  
 Today's Word  
 3. Allow; 4. Bash  
 1. Topic; 2. Delle;

## SCRAMBLERS



## SNOWFLAKES

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## WEEKLY SUDOKU

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## SUPER CROSSWORD

## EVENTS CALENDAR

**Foods of New Mexico:**

Through August 6, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Watercolor artists in southern New Mexico show their creations in a new exhibit at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. "A Movable Feast: Foods of New Mexico" is an art show presented by the New Mexico Watercolor Society, Southern Chapter. Free viewing is only during the opening reception. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon-5 p.m., Sunday. Admission \$5 for adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$3 children 4-17, free for Museum Friends members with a card and children 3 and under. Info: 575-522-4100 or visit [www.nmfarmandranch-museum.org](http://www.nmfarmandranch-museum.org).

**Live music:** 8 p.m., Thursdays and Saturdays at High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave.



**May 19-21, brings ukulele instructors/performers to the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, for a weekend of ukulele workshops, concert, jam session, and more.**

- May 20, Derrick Lee Trio - jazz combo
- May 25, Dan Lambert and the Creatures of Habit - guitar combo w/vocals

- May 27, Chase Walker Band - roots Americana (Nashville)

**Contra dance:** 7:30-10:30 p.m., May 19, Mesilla Community Center. The Little Table Contraband, from Las Cruces, will be playing and Lonnie Ludeman will be calling. No partner is needed. Beginners and Newcomers are welcome and should come for instruction at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$6, youth

## 2017 MOVIES IN THE PARK

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department 2017 Movies in the Park Program presents films twice a month through September, on Saturdays at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave., with the exception of Disney's "The Jungle Book 2016," which will be shown at the Plaza de Las Cruces on May 27. All movies are free.

**May**

27 - "The Jungle Book 2016"

**June**

10 - "The Secret Life of Pets"  
24 - "Pete's Dragon"

**July**

15 - "Rogue One, a Star Wars Story"  
29 - "Alice through the Looking Glass"

**August**

12 - "Sing"  
26 - "The Lego Batman Movie"

**September**

9 - "The BFG"  
23 - "Finding Dory"

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**UkeFest Workshops:** May 19-21, brings ukulele instructors/performers to the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, for a weekend of ukulele workshops, concert, jam session, and more. Beginners to advanced, includes workshop for kids. Hosted by the Las Cruces Ukes, a non-profit community group of ukulele enthusiasts. Info: [www.lascrucesukefest.com](http://www.lascrucesukefest.com)

**All about Ranching:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 20, at the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Rd. Children will create crafts about animals on the ranch. Crafts are free, but regular museum admission is required: \$5 adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$3 children 4-17, and free for children 3 and under.

**Turkish Marbling Workshop:** 2 p.m., Saturday, May 20, at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Ceramic and installation artist Shar-

bani Das Gupta will demonstrate the Turkish marbling technique known as Ebru. Usually completed on paper, Das Gupta has adapted the art form for ceramics. The workshop is free, but registration is required. Participants must be at least 12 years old. Register: 575-541-3330.

**Jazz & blues concert:** 7 p.m., Sunday, May 21, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Rd. The Mack Goldsbury Trio will

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## Exhibit highlights private collection

By MINERVA BAUMANN

For the Bulletin

Textile traditions from around the world are on display at New Mexico State University in an exhibit of rare fabrics, weaving and embroidered cloth from the private collection of J. Paul Taylor.

The exhibition, which runs through December, is titled "Travel The World Through Textiles - A J. Paul Taylor Collection" and is shown in the University Museum's Kent Hall at the corner of Solano and University.

At 96-years-old, Taylor, a well-

known educator, legislator and community leader, has spent a lifetime collecting Spanish Colonial, Mexican and New Mexican art and artifacts as well as antiques and collectables that range from ancient metates to vintage toys, rugs, furniture, pottery and textiles from multiple cultures and several geographic regions.

"Mr. Taylor specifically recommended several of the pieces," said Anna Strankman, Curator of Collections and Exhibits at the University Museum. "He particularly wants the public to have the opportunity to see a quilt created

by his mother."

Alyssa Davis, NMSU anthropology graduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences and curator of this exhibition, worked closely with Taylor to select works for the show. The exhibition received funding through a grant award from NMSU's Southwest Border Cultures Institute.

The University Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12-4 p.m.

*Minerva Baumann is director of Media Relations at NMSU. She may be reached at 575-646-7566.*

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perform for the Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society's monthly concert series. \$5 members, \$10 non-members and \$1 students with I.D. Dessert Social at 6:30 pm.

**House concert:** 2-4 p.m., Sunday, May 21, Alison Reynolds headlines. Suggested donation fee \$15. Proceeds benefit the Cat's Meow. Info and location: 575-649-5135.

**Swing Band Concert:** 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 24, Picacho Peak Brewing Company, 3900 W. Picacho Ave. The Mesilla Valley Swing Band performs Basie, Miller and other favorites. Admission is free, but donations appreciated. Info: Jim Helder, 575-373-2188.

**"Cricket in the Web":** 12:30, Thursday May 25, Sage Café in the Senior Community Center, 6121 Reynolds Dr. Author Paula Moore tells of the true story of the still-unsolved murder of a Las Cruces resident in 1949. Info: 575-528-3154 or sagelibrary@las-cruces.org.

**Big Band Dance Club:** Country music special night, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday May 25, Alma de Artes School, 410 W Court St. Mark Coker performs. Group dance lesson taught at 6:45 p.m. \$8, \$5 students with ID. Beginners, singles and couples welcome. No dance partner necessary. Info: 575-526-6504.

**Book talk and signing:** 2 p.m., Friday, May 26, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E.

Picacho. Pierre L. Nichols presents his recently released memoir "Secrets of the Blue Door," the true story of hidden sexual abuse perpetrated by a priest at a New Mexico ranch for boys. The author, who was a volunteer at the ranch, secretly fought against both church and state to resolve the abuse, while facing challenges to his faith and well-being even to the near cost of his own life.

**Memorial Day Crafts:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 27, Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Rd. Celebrate Memorial Day with a red, white and blue crafts. Crafts are free, but

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## NM comedians host 'A Laugh at the Fountain'

## BULLETIN REPORT

"A Laugh at the Fountain," featuring three popular New Mexico comedians, will begin at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 25, at the Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe on the historic plaza in Mesilla.

Tickets are \$10 each, and doors open 30 minutes prior to show time.

Participating comics are Eddie Tafoya, Goldie Garcia and newcomer Kirk Fletcher, said promoter Stan Blitz.

Tafoya has performed in Las Cruces and throughout the Southwest. He is a professor at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas.

Garcia, whom Blitz calls the "first lady of comedy," has opened for comedians Paul Schneider and Paul Rodriguez, and for the Platters. She lives in Albuquerque.

Fletcher is a writer and comic who has appeared in a variety of comedy clubs across the country, Blitz said.

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**Growing Up Smith**  
A heartfelt coming-of-age comedy about an irrepressibly likeable 10-year-old boy from India who falls head-over-heels for the girl next door.  
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May 26-June 1  
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No one will be admitted after the film has begun. LC1-LV38344

# 'Growing up Smith' makes one an American, sort of

By **JEFF BERG**

Las Cruces Bulletin

This gentle, cornball, little film is a hidden gem. It isn't receiving great distribution, but if it is at the Fountain for a week, life is good. Plus, it is partially based on a true story.

Smith, whose family is from India, received his name from his father because he wanted it to sound American, not realizing of course, that "Smith" is usually a surname.

But that's OK, since Smith endures his father's intent to blend Americanism with the culture of India, while trying to help neighbors learn about Indian culture, such as vege-

## GRADE: A+

"Growing up Smith" opens at the Fountain Theatre May 19 for a week run. Fear not, for those who don't like to "read" movies, it is in English.

tarianism and Hindu religion.

The film is set in 1979 and be assured that the filmmakers don't miss a trick when taking us back to the Bee Gees, big cars and "Saturday Night Fever," all of which play small roles here.

The opening scene is a grabber, with Smith bringing his

dad the mail, while dad works in the garden, something he is proud of, since he saves money by growing his own produce.

Dad (Bhaaskar, played by Anjul Nigam, who is also a partner at Brittany Pictures, the great distributor of this picture) opens a letter and a photo falls out. He shows it to Smith, who must be about 11 years old, and proclaims that the young lady depicted will be his wife when he turns 22. Wistful thoughts of the cute girl in the silly red cowboy hat sitting across the street are temporarily diminished, but as the picture goes on, so does Smith's pursuit of Amy, said girl next door.

Other short skit-like pieces have Smith rebelling by using the change from his purchase of a bottle of milk at the corner store to buy Kentucky Fried Chicken, (again to fit in as an American), and after taking the first bite remembering that he is a vegetarian and noticing that KFC tastes like, well, nothing he wants to eat.

Halloween is also approaching and Smith is worried at the pathetic pumpkin that is to be used for his jack-o-lantern, the sad yellow, oval fruit that is floundering in Dad's garden.

Smith's sister, wishing to reject her chosen groom, flits off to study with a girlfriend (actually, her American boyfriend, Patrick) as often as she can,

while Dad remains clueless, but he does have a big American station wagon parked in the driveway!

Amy's Dad, Buster, is Smith's idol; he represents being an American. But after a hunting trip with Buster goes wrong, Smith is in deep trouble and things turn quite serious for much of the rest of the picture. The transition from light-hearted fun to drama is surprising, but it works well and makes the film that much more interesting and meaningful.

*Jeff Berg has been reviewing movies for the Bulletin since 2002. He lives in Santa Fe and may be reached at nedludd76@hotmail.com.*

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# 'Guardians' yanks on the heartstrings

By **ADAM PALOMINO**

For the Bulletin

## GRADE: A+

Who could have ever imagined a movie featuring a foul-mouthed raccoon and a baby humanoid-tree would be able to make poignant commentary on family, specifically father/son relationships, and yank on your heartstrings while doing so? Well, that's exactly what "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" does. At the core of the movie is a story about how the families we forge for ourselves are essential in shaping the individual we become.

Picking up months after the first "Guardians," the team has

been hired by Ayesha (Elizabeth Debicki), the leader of a powerful and snobby alien race known as the Sovereign, to guard her people's power source. But when Rocket (Bradley Cooper) snatches pieces of the power source, he draws the ire of the Sovereign who demand vengeance for being slighted. Now on the run, the team stumbles upon Star-Lord's (Chris Pratt) dad, Ego (Kurt Russell). Each member of the

incredibly talented cast delivers a satisfying performance, but the true stars of "Vol. 2" are Drax (Dave Bautista), Baby Groot (Vin Diesel), Rocket, and newcomer Mantis (Pom Klementieff).

As with the first "Guardians," music plays an integral part to the story, and this time around director James Gunn has assembled a soundtrack featuring the musical talents of Fleetwood Mac, Electric Light Orchestra, and George Harrison.

Ultimately, "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" builds upon what made the first work and adds emotional heft to deliver a worthy follow-up.

# Review: Eccentrics romp in 'You Can't Take It with You'

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

If you see "You Can't Take It with You" at Las Cruces Community Theatre – and you really should – you will understand why this play continues to be revived onstage and screen after almost 80 years; and why the LCCT production is so good and so much fun.

The final weekend's remaining performances are 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, May 19-20, and 2 p.m., Sunday, May 21.

The play is about a houseful of eccentric people writing plays, learning ballet, running a printing press and making fireworks, among other activities. The production features three real-life couples playing opposite each other, and collectively one of the best acting ensembles you will ever see.

Lennie Brown, and real-life husband, Brandon, are Penny and Paul Sycamore. Karen Buerdell (I loved her Irish accent and red hair!) and Teddy Aspen-Sanchez are Rheba, the maid, and her boyfriend, Donald, the Sycamores' handyman – and they are an item in real life too, just like Autumn Gieb, who plays Penny's sister, Essie, and Bobby Senecal, who plays Essie's husband, Ed.

Essie is taking ballet lessons from Boris Kolenkhov (Bob Diven), who escaped from Russia just before the Russian Revolution. He brings Countess Olga Katrina (Caryl Kotulak) to the



PHOTO COURTESY BOB DIVEN

**A typical evening in the Sycamore home. Brandon Brown as Paul Sycamore, David Edwards as Grandpa, and Autumn Gieb as Essie Sycamore.**

Sycamore household, where she fits right in. The countess also fled Russia and now is a waitress. Ed will produce almost anything on his printing press, from the evening's dinner menu to a few paragraphs that visiting government agents (Terry Troutman, Jason Wyatt and Edward Montes) view as a communist manifesto.

The Sycamores' daughter, Alice (Erin Wendorff) falls in love with her boss' son, Tony (Jeff Dolecek).

Tony's parents, Anthony and Miriam (P.J.

Waggaman and Ilene Steele) come to dinner on the wrong night. Mr. Kirby is a big shot on Wall Street, and Mrs. Kirby is a leading socialite; you can imagine their reaction as enter the Sycamore household to find Essie is dancing in her tutu; Penny touching up a portrait of Mr. de Pinna (Doug Roby) in period costume; visiting actress Gay Wellington (Gail Wheeler – brief but brilliant in this part) passed out on the couch; and Paul without his pants jotting down numbers in a corner.

The only sane one in



PHOTO BY VANESSA DABOVICH, LCCT

**The cast of Las Cruces Community Theatre's production of "You Can't Take It With You" includes, left to right, standing, Autumn Gieb, Bobby Senecal, Jeff Dolecek and P.J. Waggaman; and seated, Lennie Brown, Erin Wendorff and Caryl Kotulak.**

the bunch is Grandpa Martin Vanderhof (David Edwards), who gave up a job he hated 35 years earlier so he could enjoy his loves, like darts, snakes and his slightly off-center family and friends. He even enjoys a visit from the Bureau of Internal Revenue (so-called in the 1930s) agent (again, Edward Montes), who tells Grandpa he owes more than 23 years in back taxes.

It's quite a cast of characters, and quite a cast. Many of these actors have graced Las Cruces stages – and movies – for decades, and bring their amazing collection of theatrical experience, talent,

lived until you've seen Doug Roby in a short toga from the front row of the theatre.

Long-time Las Cruces director Larry Chandler clearly realized what he had in this group, and let them do their thing.

The set, which Roby, his wife, Pat, other cast members, and Marc Forbes, Greta Burger and Bruce Howard built to Roby's design, is perfectly adapted for this production – and it's beautiful. You will also love Autumn Gieb's fabulous costumes – some of which she made herself, with assistance from Catherine Ivins. Chris Lininger did his usual terrific job with the lights and special effects.

Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$11 for students, seniors and military; \$9 for children under age six; and \$10 per ticket for groups of 10 or more. For tickets, call 575-523-1200 or visit [www.lcctnm.org](http://www.lcctnm.org).

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# Regional dancers bring ballets to the stage

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces School of Dance and Music (LCSDM), in conjunction with Borderlands Ballet Company, will present two ballets in Las Cruces in May.

The first is “Café Noir,” a new one-act ballet. It will be performed at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 21, at Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. in downtown Las Cruces. Tickets are \$15 online and \$18 at the door. There also will be a performance of “Café Noir” at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at the Flickinger Center in Alamogordo.

The school will also bring a legendary New Mexico outlaw back to life as it presents “Billy the Kid (The Ballet)” at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27, at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave., at the corner of University Avenue and Espina Street on the NMSU campus. Tickets are \$20 online and \$23 at the door.

Tickets for both shows are available at [www.tututix.com/client/lascrucesschool](http://www.tututix.com/client/lascrucesschool).

The book for “Café Noir” was written by LCSDM’s Marc A. Moffett. Monique Foster, the show’s artistic director, choreographed it along with Kandyce Taylor and Daniel Lindsay. Principal dancers are Lindsay, Casen Collins, Brittany Hymer and Josh Godman. Mariah Hernandez is a featured dancer, and others in the show include Caroline Williams, Rachel Breck, Lydia Fyock, Jessica Ansel and Kyra Zartner. All dancers are from Las Cruces, Alamogordo and Cloudcroft.

“It was a huge challenge developing the show from the ground up,” Foster said of “Café Noir.” “But it was also a great artistic experience trying



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**Borderlands Ballet Company aims to bring world-class performance to the borderlands area. The company features professional-grade dancers from both Las Cruces and Alamogordo.**



**Billy the Kid poster.**

to translate the feeling of those old films into something that can be conveyed in through dance.”

“It’s almost a surreal experience getting the opportunity to develop a character that has never been performed before,”

dancer Collins said. “I’m having a great time portraying this role and working with my fellow dancers to create an amazing show.”

“Billy the Kid” is a classic ballet, Moffett said, and was originally performed by Ballet



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**Borderlands Ballet Company members rehearse for the upcoming performances of Café Noir to be held May 20 and 21 in Alamogordo and Las Cruces.**

Caravan (the New York City Ballet) in 1938. Foster directed and choreographed it along with Mariah Hernandez and Laurie Clark, both of NMSU. Principal dancers are again Daniel Lindsay, along with Mariah Hernandez. Featured

dancers are again Williams and Breck, along with Allene Barton, Laurie Clark, Kate Williams and Clara Tomiceck.

“Ballet impresario Lincoln Kirstein re-envisioned Billy the Kid’s life as a tragic love story and commissioned Aaron Copland to compose the score for the show,” Moffett said. “The ballet is best understood not so much as a biographical retelling of Billy the Kid’s life, but rather as a mythological vision of the Wild West as seen from the Eastern seaboard a mere 50 years after Billy’s death.

“Many ballets are based on fairy tales with strong archetypal characters and mythic settings. But there is also a tradition in ballet of adapting to more recent archetypes.”

“When I heard we were doing Billy the Kid, I was very excited because it is a different style of ballet, with a different feel,” dancer Hernandez said. “There are good guys and bad guys and being able to develop those characters is the best part to me because they can change each time we perform the show. Every performance is different.”

“Billy the Kid is a great show to put on because the story is more concrete than a lot of other ballets like the Nutcracker,” Foster said. “This means that even people who aren’t familiar with dance can relate to it fairly easily. It’s a fairly accessible show.”

The Academy of Ballet and LCSDM “have been providing high-quality dance and music instruction to the kids of southern New Mexico for more than 15 years,” according to [newmexicodanceandmusic.com](http://newmexicodanceandmusic.com).

For more information, call 575-525-5670.

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Robby Sciortino, far right, was recognized as the New Mexico State University theatre arts outstanding senior of the year at the Theatre Arts Department's annual celebration dinner on Tuesday, May 9, at the ASNMSU Center for Arts. At far left is Department Head Wil Kilroy, along with Department Assistant Professor Claudia Billings.

## NMSU theatre arts department names Sciortino outstanding senior

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University theatre arts major Robby Sciortino was recognized as the Theatre Arts Department's Hershel Zohn outstanding senior at the department's annual celebration dinner on Tuesday, May 9, at the ASNMSU Center for Arts.

"I've watched Robby grow and change for the last four years and I'm convinced there is nothing in the profession of the theatre that he couldn't do it he wanted to," said department Associate Professor Claudia Billings, who presented the award to Sciortino. "He is a true theatre artist."

"Since my freshman year, I noticed a trend of influential students being recognized for their accomplishments through this award," Sciortino said. "To me, it's not only an honor, but a

physical recognition of the hard work we all put into our department. I knew that if I wanted to receive this recognition, I'd have to put in the time, energy, and commitment; luckily this meant doing what I love.

"This department is a treasure, the professors care so much for their students, and winning this award reminds me that my college experience, and the struggles that came with it, were worth it. I have the American Southwest Theatre Company and NMSU Theatre Arts to thank for that."

Sciortino, who is graduating in May, has been selected as casting intern for the Center Theatre Group in Los Angeles. "This is one of my greatest achievements and I cannot wait to kick off my professional theatre career in LA," Sciortino said.

The department also pre-

sented Bravo Awards at the dinner. Winners included students Megan Thompson for her costume design for last fall's production of "The Drowsy Chaperone"; Kia Ashley, who was stage manager for that same show; department graduate Joey Rodriguez for supporting acting performance for her performance as "Adolfo" in "The Drowsy Chaperone"; and department sophomore Taylor Rodriguez ("The Servant of Two Masters") and graduate Austin Parrish ("The Drowsy Chaperone") tied for leading performance.

Torrie Hughes received a scholarship award in recognition of her 3.8-or-above grade-point average and balanced creative work.

For more information, visit <http://www.nmsutheatre.com/>.

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## Las Cruces author signs book deal

By AVRA ELLIOTT  
For the Bulletin

Most of us are familiar with images of the Norse and Greek gods popular in films and books while less known stories remain untold, but Las Cruces author Jennifer Cer-



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vantes is working to change that, having signed on with the new Disney-Hyperion imprint, Rick Riordan Presents, to publish her Mayan mythology-inspired young adult novel, "Storm Runner."

"Storm Runner," the story Cervantes describes as "a boy at the center of an ancient Mayan prophecy facing impossible choices and odds as he sets out to save the world while struggling to protect a dark secret that could put him in immortal danger" was written after Cervantes took a trip to the Yucatan.

"The Mayan legends and myths are rich and fascinating," Cervantes said. "While researching, there were many times I found myself thinking, 'Wow, I could never make something like this up!'"

Cervantes, whose previous publications include "Tortilla Sun," a mystical yet grounded young adult novel set in New Mexico, said she was inspired by Mayan history, culture, beliefs and customs. She said she worked hard to honor the integrity of the Mayan myths while creating a modern interpretation that is interesting to today's audience.

"Their [Mayan] society was advanced, and yet we hear so little about it, which is likely because so many of their records were destroyed by the Spanish," said Cervantes.

Cervantes said her agent had been kept in the loop about the new imprint when it was announced last fall. According to Publishers Weekly Disney-Hyperion, was a response to the demand for mythology-based books for middle-grade readers from a wide spectrum of cultures by new, emerging, and under-represented authors.

Cervantes said there are always challenges when viewing myth or history through your own lens.

"We are all made up of the many stories we've lived and been told, so naturally we each tell a story differently with a distinctive perspective," Cervantes said, adding that there is immense value in this.

"Especially for the readers," Cervantes said, "to see themselves reflected in the pages of books, to see themselves as heroes and to see their cultures, languages, and customs honored is a powerful and vital part of their story experience."

Other forthcoming titles from the imprint's Rick Riordan Presents include Yoon Ha Lee's "Dragon Pearl," inspired by Korean mythology. Cervantes said cultural myths and folklore are still important and of particular interest to today's readings.

"Mythology is our way of asking questions and finding answers about who we are, where we come from and where we're going," Cervantes said.

Cervantes said she is currently working on two new writing projects as well as planning a trip to England and Scotland, which will be "very inspirational."

"Storm Runner" will debut Sept. 18, 2018.

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## CALL TO ARTISTS

Las Cruces Artist Kathleen Deasy is looking for other artists who would be interested in opening their studios

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# Borderlands Media & PRC Productions expand into new facilities

## BULLETIN REPORT

As the film industry struggles to find its footing in southern New Mexico, Borderlands Media and PRC Productions are stepping up to new facilities at Arrowhead Center on the New Mexico State University campus.

To celebrate this move and the opportunities it will present, the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new facility on May 26, at 2 p.m., with an open house to follow until 4 p.m.

PRC Productions new studio facilities cover 2,300 square feet, including an 800-square foot green screen, dressing room, make-up and sound booth zone. Also included are office space, editing bay, conference room and storage for props, costumes and equipment. Everything a growing independent film production company needs to accomplish the many stages of cinematic creation, from inception through postproduction, to delivery of the finished product.

“We’ve always considered ourselves a full-service production company,” CEO Troy Scoughton Sr. said in a press release. “Now we have the physical space necessary to gather everything together into one convenient location. The people here at Arrowhead Center have been very supportive, making introductions and creating new opportunities for us. We are looking forward to a long and fruitful partnership with them.”

The ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 26 offers an opportunity for community members to tour the new facility, meet the filmmakers (many of them CMI students and graduates) and get a first-hand look at how independent film is shaping the course of filmmaking in southern New Mexico. Light refreshments will be served, demonstrations given and examples of past film work will be on display from 2 to 4 p.m.

PRC Productions is a Las Cruces-based, full-service production company formed in June of 2010. With several award-winning short films,



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**State-of-the art equipment and a brand new green screen infinity wall are just two of the offerings by PRC Productions new facility at Arrowhead Center on the NMSU Campus.**

feature films, documentaries and commercials under its belt, PRC Productions currently has the feature films

“Truth,” “Lost Padre Mine” and “Lady Belladonna’s Night Shades” available on DVD and via major VOD

platforms. In addition, the second season of the oral history documentary series “Pláticas” continues to gain a following during its regular broadcasts on KRWG-TV.

PRC Productions has also produced and assisted in several other feature films, including Johnny Tabor’s “Eaters,” “Frankenstein Vs. The Mummy” and “Day of The Mummy” and Mark Medoff’s “The Heart Outright.” To find out more about PRC Productions, visit the websites at [www.PRC-Productions.com](http://www.PRC-Productions.com) and [www.BorderlandsMedia.com](http://www.BorderlandsMedia.com) or call 575-646-5214.

The offices of Borderlands Media and PRC Productions are located at 3655 Research Road, Genesis Building A, Room 110, at Arrowhead Center on the New Mexico State University campus.



PHOTO BY DAVID SALCIDO

**The lobby of PRC Productions new facility at Arrowhead Center on the NMSU campus.**



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**Troy Scoughton Jr., one of the owners of PRC Productions, greets Isaac Jason Carranza, a floor director for KFOX14 and CBS4 at the new Arrowhead Center facility on the NMSU Campus.**



# Review: Flock to see 'Seagulls in a Cherry Tree'

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

It's not often that you get to see a play sitting next to the playwright in a theatre haunted by the ghost of Anton Chekhov.

That was my experience at "Seagulls in a Cherry Tree," which opened May 12, and continues through Sunday, May 28, at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

Downs, who lives in Wyoming, came to Las Cruces for the play's premiere. It's the third Downs play Black Box has produced since 2010. A fourth ("Headset: A View from the Light Booth") will be part of the theatre's 2017-18 season, and will make Black Box the first theatre to show four of his plays.

A prolific author and playwright, Downs was also a television writer, producing scripts for "Amen," "My Two Dads" and "Fresh Prince of Bel Air." "Seagulls in a Cherry Tree" reflects his familiarity with situation comedy.

The title is taken from Chekhov's plays "The Seagull" and "The Cherry Orchard." I love a good play on words, so this was a good start before the curtain was even up. You will find other sly references to Chekhov's, life, work and family – his nephew, Michael Chekhov was an Oscar-nominated actor who created a widely used acting method. The two-act play has four scenes, which Downs called Flirting, Eating, Drinking and Talking



Left to right are Joshua Taulbee, Elli Hernandez and Joseluis Solorzano.

PHOTO BY PETER HERMAN, BLACK BOX THEATRE

Stupidities. Excellent!

It helps, I think, to know a bit about Chekhov, who was born in Russia in 1860 and died in 1904. I've seen a couple of his plays, including "Uncle Vanya," which Black Box produced more than a decade ago. Biography.com says Chekhov's plays "emphasized the depths of human nature, the hidden significance of everyday events and the fine line between com-

edy and tragedy."

That last few words applies well to "Seagulls in a Cherry Tree." Its eight characters are both sad and hopeful, beaten down but still looking up. They seem to hold, at times, a tenuous grasp on reality and a bold vision for what's coming.

Uncle and nephew Boris and Constantine ("Call me Stan") have come to the Dantchenko Colony for the Arts

and Creative Inquiry in Moscow (Idaho) to write a screenplay adapting a Chekhov work for a Mel Gibson movie. Their work is constantly interrupted by the triumphs and tragedies of the other characters, who fall in love with one another only to be scorned and ridiculed. They deal tragically and comically with death and thoughts of suicide, financial ruin and windfall, the mysteries of seagulls in

cherry trees and life in general.

Joseluis Solorzano (Bob) rightfully gets the last bow at curtain call, but this is truly an ensemble cast. It also includes David Arias (Dr. Anton), Eric Brekke (Uncle Peter, the philosopher), Jamie Bronstein (Madame Natasha), Heather Castillo (Nina, the aspiring actress), Elli Hernandez (Marsha, the maid), Joshua Taulbee (Constantine) and

Monte H. Wright (Boris).

These theatre veterans have trod the boards on just about every Las Cruces stage. They bring experience, timing, wit and charm to this production, under the guiding hand of theatre co-owner and "Seagulls" director Ceil Herman (she also created the Russian music-themed soundtrack). Individually and collectively, I found much to appreciate in their work.

They get Chekhov (notwithstanding Uncle Peter's claim that he doesn't) and they get Downs' unique interpretation of the great Russian playwright.

Karen Ross is the stage manager. Jeanne Luper created wonderful costumes and Peter Herman did his usual great work with lights, properties and scenic design. Monti Moroni helped with set construction and worked the light board.

paBo! That is Russian for bravo!

Remaining performances of "Seagulls in a Cherry Tree" will be at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights, May 19-20 and 26-27; at 2:30 p.m. Sundays, May 21 and 28, and at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 25.

Tickets are \$15 regular admission, \$12 for students and senior citizens. Thursday tickets are \$10.

For reservations, call 575-523-1223. Visit [www.no-strings.org](http://www.no-strings.org).

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# Country music boosts tourism revenue in LC

By ALTA LeCOMPTE  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces went a little bit country this spring, and those counting tourism dollars loved every twangy note.

The City of Las Cruces estimated the fifth annual Las Cruces Country Music Festival (LCCMF) scored an economic impact of nearly a million dollars.

Ticket sales brought in \$234,239. The estimated economic impact from overnight visitors was \$257,172, while the economic impact of those who didn't stay overnight was estimated at \$420,469.

"New Mexico is still our biggest market," said Chris Faivre, marketing and communications director for Visit Las Cruces (the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau).

This year's attendees, however, included visitors from 35 states, up from 26 in 2016.

"People historically are willing to travel for country music," Faivre said.

"We are working to create a signature event that is an economic driver for the community."

In fact, he's ready to promote Las Cruces as the Country Music Capital of the Southwest.

Earlier this spring, country stars Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood filled the Pan Am Center on the New Mexico State University campus for five shows.

Faivre said the total estimated economic impact was \$2.4 million.

Scott Breckner, director of special events at the Pan Am Center, said the Brooks-Yearwood shows generated a payroll in excess of \$3 million, including \$80,000 to student and part-time workers.

He said people from 48 states — every state except Wyoming and Alaska — purchased tickets, among them 1,800 from California and 13,000 from Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

Faivre said some of his colleagues were a little nervous about the two events competing for ticket sales, but Garth Brooks sold out months earlier, leaving CVB plenty of time to promote its festival.

## Marketing country music

Las Cruces' location on two interstates helps attract tourists from drive markets in West Texas, southern New Mexico and Arizona, Faivre said, noting that 25 percent more weekend passes for the LCCMF were purchased by people living more than an hour-and-a-half from Las Cruces.

The city's final report on the festival's economic impact stated: "Moving forward, our goal will be to become a signature event for all New Mexico."

Overall, ticket sales for the April 28-30 festival were



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Large crowds supported the 2017 Las Cruces County Music Festival, held downtown. Note the fan wearing a Garth Brooks T-shirt. The festival and multiple Brooks' concerts at the Pan Am Center had a major impact on the local economy.

up 20 percent, and ticket revenue rose 47 percent due in part to price increases, Faivre said.

Pic-Quik, a local chain of convenience stores, became a festival sponsor in early April, selling nearly 1,000 tickets in their 22 locations and generating more than \$30,000 in revenue.

Local media, including Bravo Mic's Zia Country, the Official Radio Station of the Las Cruces Country Music Festival, plus 36 billboards in the Albuquerque, played key roles in spreading the word.

Marketing outside Las Cruces included TV and radio. A social media campaign targeted prospective attendees by their interests, such as favorite albums and artists.

"The result was a more engaged audience who expanded our reach by frequently sharing our content, and helped the festival increase pre-festival ticket sales by 19 percent," the city reported. "The efforts also generated additional names to be added to the database for future marketing."

## Preparing for 2018

Success depends not only on marketing but also on getting the best talent for the best price.

One of the "tricks" CVB uses is to collaborate with a Nashville promoter with a knack for projecting which up-and-coming artists will be "massively popular at

the time of our event," Faivre said.

These emerging artists — together with "heritage" artists — draw a variety of listeners. The two largest segments of ticketholders in 2017 were ages 45 to 54 and 35-44.

Declaring the 2017 LCCMF "a major success," the city report listed improvements the event's promoters would like to incorporate in 2018, among them identifying national sponsors.

"We need to continue to establish a strong sponsorship base both locally and nationally to ensure its growth," the report stated.

Another need is a larger venue, unaffected by downtown construction. The current site is a parking lot that holds 5,000.

"We don't have a new location," Faivre said. "I hope we make a decision soon."

The CVB contributes to the budget every year and the surplus is rolled over into the following year's festival, Faivre said.

"The investment creates an opportunity for people to see what Las Cruces has to offer," he said. "We know we just need to get them here the first time and they'll come back."

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# NM would suffer with repeal of Obamacare

## Elimination of Medicaid expansion, tax increases will be economic drag

Repeal of Obamacare, should it ultimately become law in its current form, would not be good news for New Mexicans.

The House-passed plan, formally known as the American Health Care Act (AHCA), would defund Medicaid expansion — and Medicaid expansion is a big deal for New Mexico.

New Mexico is among 32 states that expanded Medicaid under Obamacare.

Medicaid is a state-federal sponsored program that provides benefits to children, pregnant women and low-income adults. Obamacare provided a 100 percent match



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for Medicaid expansion up to 138 percent of the poverty level, providing greater access for a significant portion of low-income households.

AHCA would begin phasing out the Obama-

care Medicaid match as of January 2020. The rules by which this happens are somewhat arcane. Those on Medicaid as of Dec. 31, 2019, and who maintain continuous coverage are grandfathered. New beneficiaries or those

who allow their coverage to lapse for a month or more are ineligible for federal matches.

The ending of a federal match would dramatically increase the cost of Medicaid to the state by 2 ½ times. That is not a sustainable increase, and would like result in cutbacks by the state and a loss of eligibility for many.

The House-passed repeal of Obamacare would increase taxes paid by New Mexicans by eliminating tax breaks for low- and middle-income families. At the same time, taxes imposed on high-income families would be repealed. The net result will be a transfer of wealth from the poor to the rich.

Under AHCA, according to a Tax Policy Center study, households earning less than \$20,000 would lose \$1,200 while those earning more than \$1 million would gain on average \$51,000. The median household in New Mexico would lose \$350 dollars, of which \$40 is higher taxes and \$310 is the loss in benefits.

The New Mexico economy remains weak. We remain the only state in the country with employment below our Great Recession peak. But the one bright spot is the health sector.

This is because of new federal spending associ-

ated with Obamacare, primarily the result of Medicaid expansion. That revenue has funded spending by a whole new set of customers for medical services.

We don't know the employment impact of AHCA on the New Mexico economy. One study by George Washington University economists did find that repeal of Medicaid expansion and premium subsidies in our state would lose 19,000 jobs; this study did not take into account tax cuts that benefit wealthy taxpayers.

As has been widely reported, AHCA as passed

by the House is likely to be amended. The ultimate form of "repeal and replace" that will pass is unclear. But this is certain: Policies that favor the rich and harm the poor will disproportionately harm New Mexico.

*Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is professor of economics at New Mexico State University. May 16, he completes his 30th academic year at NMSU. The opinions expressed may not be shared by the regents and administration of NMSU. Erickson can be reached at cherrick@nmsu.edu.*

## BUSINESS BRIEF

### Udall promotes contracts for small businesses

In honor of National Small Business Week, U.S. Senator Tom Udall recognized the 150,000 small-business owners in New Mexico and introduced legislation to increase the number of small businesses granted federal contracts.

"We are encouraged by the introduction of the ACE Act as it will assist small businesses, especially those owned by veterans, women, and those who have experienced economic hardships, the opportunity to compete for federal contracts," said Carrie Hamblen, president and CEO of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce.

"This could be the opportunity that many small businesses need, especially in an increasingly challenging economic climate. Running a small business is

hard and every bit of support at the federal, state and local level is welcome."

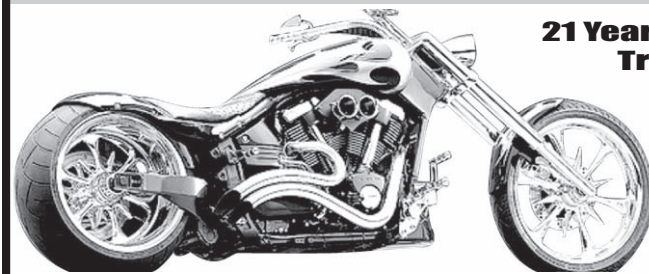
Udall's bill, the Assuring Contracting Equity (ACE) Act of 2017, calls for:

- Raising the Small Business Administration's government-wide small business contracting level to 25 percent, from 23 percent
- Increasing the contracting goal to 10 percent, from 5 percent, for businesses owned by veterans, women and economically disadvantaged individuals.
- Making reporting requirements more transparent.
- Requiring the SBA to disclose the percentage of contracts awarded to small business from all federal contracting dollars and consider past subcontracting compliance in award decisions.

"Small businesses in New Mexico are the engine that drives our state's economy, and I'm proud to join them, and the thousands of entrepreneurs who create jobs and keep our communities strong," Udall said.

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# Local couple buys title company

By ALTA LeCOMPTE

Las Cruces Bulletin

Mayfield High alumnus Justin Chavez and his wife Gricel, a Cruces High alumna, may not agree on much during rivalry games — but they are of one mind when it comes to choosing a business.

In March they bought Southwestern Abstract & Title Co., a business established in 1906 in Las Cruces.

Gricel Chavez said former owner Kevin Davis — who had been with the business for 23 years, including 11 years as the owner — asked her to buy the company.

At the time she was an escrow officer and had been with Southwestern Abstract & Title Co. more than five years.

“I didn’t know until late last year — December — that he wanted to retire,” she said. “I like the business and have been successful. I couldn’t think of a reason not to do it.”

Neither could Justin Chavez, who has been employed in related industries his entire career and believed he could put his experience to work continuing to grow Southwestern Abstract & Title.

“This was an amazing opportunity that was put in front of us. It’s hard to say no to something that comes along perhaps once in a lifetime.”

Each brings a diverse background to their new company.

## Mutual interests

Gricel Chavez and her husband have both have been in con-



Gricel and Justin Chavez pose at the entry wall where Southwestern Abstract & Title Co., founded in 1906, honors its history.

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struction and real estate “as long I can remember,” she said.

As a high school EXCEL student, he began working at the Doña Ana County Assessor’s Office. His background includes construction and architectural drafting, his occupation for 12 years.

“Gricel and I met through a builder I used to work for,” he said.

“She was selling alarms.”

During her high school and college years, she owned and ran a home-based business, Cupcakes After Dark. In college she majored in health care administration, but she became the events director at the Las Cruces Home Builders Association.

Now that they’re working together, the couple are defining

their roles in Southwestern Abstract & Title Co.

As president, she is immersed in operations. One of the first tasks she tackled since becoming an owner is updating the technology to make processes more efficient with less paperwork.

“As a closer, I was able to see what’s efficient and what’s not,” she said. “There are a lot of really good systems in place. It’s just a matter of using them more efficiently.”

In addition, Southwestern will introduce an online tool that will help clients partner with the company.

Meanwhile, Justin Chavez is ramping up the company’s marketing efforts, becoming more visible in the community.

“We never had a marketing

person,” Gricel Chavez said.

## What Southwestern does

Southwestern Abstract & Title employs more than 20 people, including closing agents, escrow assistants who work with them as a team, title department researchers and administrators.

Gricel Chavez said the firm issues title insurance and facilitates real estate closings for realtors, financial institutions and builders.

Although the word “abstract” remains in the name of the 111-year-old business, she said the company rarely performs abstract work any more.

“It hasn’t been necessary since title insurance came into the picture,” she said. Title insurance protects the lender and/or

owner against lawsuits or claims against the property that result from disputes over the title.

The firm is headquartered at 1125 S. Main St. and has a second location at 3880 Foothills for the convenience of clients, she said.

“We operate our company locally,” Gricel Chavez said. “We own property here, grocery shop here and work with local accountants and banks. It’s important to people in the community to keep our money here.”

“We love this town,” Justin Chavez said.

And Gricel Chavez added, “We didn’t leave, even to go to college.”

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# Finishing the race

May is always a good month. It's the last mildly cool month before temperatures soar into three-digits in June. The infamous spring winds begin to abate, (and the bad hair days that go along with them). Color breaks out against the brown hues of our high desert terrain, as native plants burst forth in bloom. We take time to appreciate the often thankless jobs of mothers, as well as the contributions of the men and women who invest in our young people as teachers.

Best of all, young men and women all over this community celebrate the crossing of finish lines. For some, it's four years of high school. For others, it's the end of a tough semester to earn a specialized, career-focused credential. It can also be the end of the journey to the two-year associates degrees that qualify them



for a higher skilled, higher paying jobs, or the four-year bachelor degrees required for even entry-level work in some fields. And for those who've been engaged in marathon races, their masters and doctoral degrees are received with a tremendous sense of accomplishment.

Every single finish line they cross gives all of us something to celebrate. Because every single one puts that young man or young woman in the position of doing something they couldn't do before. It qualifies them for the next step or the next level, whether that step takes them into some level of college or onto the first or next rung on the ladder of a career.

And every crossed finish line has value. It has intrinsic value to the individual – directly equating to not just their perseverance and sense of accomplishment, but their ability to translate training into application that equips them for economic independence. It also conveys value of the federal, state, and local investments made in the institutions that prepared them.

And perhaps most importantly, it becomes part of the story that we hear about our community -- both for those of us who live here and those we seek to attract to plant and grow businesses and opportunities that will benefit us all. Those are the stories that stand in direct opposition to the entrenched narratives that convey hopelessness and helplessness to make change here. The stories that are in the process of changing for good.

Remember, while headlines across the country bemoan the fact that New

Mexico's high school graduation rate is lower than all other states...it's simply not true in Dona Ana County. No...our county's graduation rate soared to 80 percent for last year's class. We're beating the state and we are a mere three points away from the national average.

The story we need to tell ourselves and others is how very close change is for us – in ways that simply aren't true for others. We don't yet know what will happen, but if 2,545 more high school graduates this year, we would reach the national average rate of 83 percent. A little more than 4,000 additional high school graduates statewide would bring us to a jaw-dropping 90 percent.

And with so many of our young people now crossing that first critical finish line of high school,

we need to do all we can to ensure that they cross at least one more, because each one brings with it, a financial windfall for them, and ultimately, for all of us:

- Career certifications on average increase annual earnings by \$5,000 – but depending upon the specialty, it could be far more. For example, a welder in the New Mexico economy starts at \$27,000 and can go as high as \$81,000. An HVAC repairman makes an average of \$45,000 – well above the median income for our region.

- Associates degrees yield an average \$12,000 boost in earning power, but again, it could be much more. For example, LAN/WAN technicians can make \$60,000 to start. Across the board, almost every two-year degree in some engineering specialty will boost graduates

to the top of pay scales for these degrees and well above the pay of many four-year degrees.

- Bachelor's degrees can provide a bump of \$21,500 on average, but it's important to know the true value of the degree being pursued and the need for that degree in the labor market. For example, STEM degrees carry the highest value, with some offering near six-figure salaries right out of college.

In this race, the finish line makes all the difference. So congratulations, Class of 2017! Wherever you are, wherever you are going, know that we are so proud of you, and we can't wait to see where the next race leads you!

*Tracey Bryan is the president/CEO of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico. She can be reached at: 575-644-6453 or 575-541-7325.*

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**The Essence of Faith:** 7 p.m., Friday, May 26, 3220 Jupiter Road. Join the Baha'i's of Las Cruces for "The Essence of Faith: A Fireside Discussion" to learn what the world's religious traditions have in common. Guests share their own ideas on this topic. Entertainment provided by folk-blues musician Darrell Elmer Rodgers. Guests are asked to refrain from wearing any fragrance. Visit: [www.bahai.org](http://www.bahai.org). Info: 575-556-9650 or [localspiritualassembly@yahoo.com](mailto:localspiritualassembly@yahoo.com).

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**Spiritual Living Expo:** The Center for Spiritual Living will host its second expo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, 575 N. Main St. Admittance is free. The expo will feature card readers, massage, energy healing and many items for sale by vendors and artists in the Las Cruces community. Info: 575-523-4847.

**Holy Family Mass:** Holy Family American National Catholic Church, an inclusive Vatican II Catholic church, 702 Parker Road, holds mass at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and 10:30 a.m. Sundays. Fr. Jim Lehman and FCM and Fr. Louie Amezaga lead the services.

**Cowboys for Christ:** Non-denominational outreach organization seeks volunteers to coordinate Christian fellowship between individuals and groups to assist those in need. Info and requests: benzo@live.com.

**Wellspring Religious Science Center:** 9:30 a.m. each Sunday followed by the service at 11 a.m. The "Early Birds" discussion group.

**Mission Lutheran Church:** 10 a.m. Saturday at Luther Hall, 2752 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Learn more about being Lutheran in "Discover the Faith" class for adults. Sunday worship begins with coffee and fellow-

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**Campus Mass:** 12:10 p.m. Tuesdays, 2615 S. Solano Drive. Newman Catholic students and St. Albert the Great Newman Center weekly Mass. Info: Mona Chip at mona@stalbertnewmancenter.org.

**Divorce support group:** 1-2:30 p.m. Sundays through April 30, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. A support group for those working through or facing divorce. Childcare available on request. Info: 575-522-7119.

**Men's prayer meeting:** 7 a.m. Saturdays, 1605 S. Valley Drive. Saturday morning prayer meeting led by Manny Howie. Info: 575-523-1113.

**Worship service:** 10 a.m. every Sunday at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 2540 El Paseo Road, worship services followed by a light meal before Bible classes for all ages. Info: www.crossofchristlc.net, on the Facebook page or by calling 915-740-7714 or 575-649-5458.

**Worship service:** Seventh Day Adventist, 240 Three Crosses Ave.

- 9:30 a.m. Sundays, service
- 11 a.m. Sundays Sabbath School
- 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Bible study

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**Science of Mind talk:** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Join to discuss the articles of Science of Mind Magazine with like-minded people. Bring a lunch. Info: 575-523-4847.

**MMC Mass:** Noon, Wednesdays in the chapel of Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. Holy mass. Info: 575-636-3274.

**Men's Fellowship:** Noon, Tuesdays, IHOP, 2900 Del Rey Blvd. Christian Men's Fellowship. Open discussion. All men welcome. Info: 575-621-2350.

**Shamanic Drumming:** 1:30-3 p.m., first Friday and 5-7 p.m. the 3rd Friday of the month, at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Bring a pillow & blanket or mat to lie on; eye mask or scarf for meditating; Drum or rattle to use in drumming circle; and a pen and notebook to record your intentions and journeys. Info: David M. Boje, Ph.D., 575-936-9578, 575-523-4847 or david@davidboje.com.

**GriefShare:** 4-6 p.m. Sundays at First Baptist Church, Room 229, 106 S. Miranda Ave. GriefShare weekly seminar and support group designed to help rebuild life after losing a loved one. Cost: \$10 for participant workbook. Info: Penny Baca, 575-635-9696.

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## Jose Tena

### Teacher, choreographer, Ballet Folklorico legend

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

“I was eight years old when I started dancing,” Jose Tena said. He was 15 when he began teaching Mexican dance in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Today, Tena is an internationally renowned Ballet Folklorico teacher and a member of the faculty and one of the founders of La Academia Dolores Huerta Dual-Language Charter Middle School (LADH), which is a state-chartered culture and art school in Las Cruces.

Tena, 59, came to Las Cruces from Mexico in 1978 at the invitation of New Mexico State University to help with its Chicano programs and teach Mexican dance.

He has spent nearly 45 years teaching children and adults how to dance and how to teach the curriculum he has developed that includes not only dance, but the history and culture of Mexican dance, along with directing and teaching.

A graduate of Escuela Superior de Danza Folklorica Mexicana in Chihuahua, Tena began teaching “three different classes in three different schools. I went to dance to escape P.E. and choir,” he said. Soon, he was also teaching dance at the

Instituto Mexicano de Seguro Social (cultural center) in Chihuahua.

“It’s magical,” Tena said about Ballet Folklorico. “You learn the dance and then you want to learn another one and another one. You manage so many different rhythms. That’s the magic of the dance – when you don’t have to think, your body just moves.”

As an instructor, Tena said it takes “hours to write it down,” to remember the dance step by step. But as a dancer, “I just hear the music and the steps come out,” he said. “To be a good dancer is a good thing. To be a good instructor, that’s another one.” Then, there’s being a good director, Tena said, and also learning to be a good choreographer is important “so you can create your own dances.”

“Not too many can do all those,” he said. “I perform, I teach, I direct and I choreograph.”

Tena’s students (sixth, seventh and eighth graders) at LADH “practice every day. “They recognize the music and they just start doing the steps. The music is moving their bodies,” Tena said. “The dance is very important at the school because the kids not only learn to coordinate their bodies



**Ballet Folklorico teacher and dancer Jose Tena with his wife, Lucy Tena, performing in the China Poblana and charro outfits that represent “the official national outfits for Mexico.”**

PHOTOS COURTESY OF JOSE TENA

with the music, they coordinate ideas, and they are learning about their culture through the music and the dance.”

“Our idea is not to make good musicians or good dancers,” Tena said. “The idea is, the kids have the opportunity to practice, to experience the love of the music and the dance. Kids are natural dancers, natural musicians.”

To students who come to LADH thinking they can’t dance, Tena says, “Give me two weeks; if

you don’t like the class, you can move. If you don’t give them the opportunity, you’re never going to find out.”

The best age to start a child in Ballet Folklorico is six or seven, Tena said. “It’s when you find out that the kids have the interest for something,” and they already know how to follow directions, stay focused and learn. “They haven’t tried anything else,” he said. “You can mold them at that age.”

A lifelong dancer, Tena

said he doesn’t play any musical instrument. “My instrument is my feet.”

Tena also is the founder and artistic director of Ballet Folklorico de la Tierra del Encanto, which is a professional folklorico dance company and nonprofit. The group has performed in the region and other parts of the country and is celebrating its 40th anniversary. It’s 30 members are of high school age and older, and join by invitation. Not every member is a good dancer, Tena said.

Some are there because they need the support of the group, so they can “go to a place where they feel loved.”

Tena said he has never “charged a penny to my students. Graduate from the university – that’s the best thing you could give me,” he tells them. “It feels like you paid me lots of money.”

Tena also is part of several ballet folklorico groups in Mexico, along with the National de

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## Ol' Duffy

Ol' Duff slept in the bunkhouse in the corner by the wall  
Nobody slept beside him. It was self-defense, that's all

'Cause Ol' Duff was a chorus of expulsions in his sleep  
That sounded like a freight train goin' through a band of sheep!

His sinuses would vibrate 'til the quilt slid off his bed.  
His snores would roar unmuffled like a chain saw in yer head!



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Alarming exhalations burst in intermittent  
blasts  
Like dueling trumpets blaring loud enough to  
shatter glass!

The window panes would rattle and our covers  
rose and fell,  
The wood stove was a bellows with each  
breath that he'd expel,

Amidst this raucous tumult we could hear  
him changing gears,  
He'd belch like bullfrogs rutting, then a new sound filled our  
ears...

Big bubbles started forming deep within his swollen paunch  
And rolled through him unhindered like torpedoes toward the  
launch!

We'd lay in apprehension as we listened to the din  
In dread of what was coming when the final guns kicked in!

The new kid was a rookie and because the bunks were tight  
We had him put his bedroll next to Duffy for the night.

He drifted off uneasy, what with Duffy's serenade  
But when the cookie crumbled, his whole bedroll came un-  
made!

St. Elmo's fire went dancin'! Radiation filled the room.  
A whoosh blew out the lantern, I heard a sonic boom!

An eerie echo rumbled. I thought I saw a flash.  
The kid sat up electrified, his face as white as ash!

What was that?" I heard him cry, "I think I'm paralyzed!  
I must be goin' crazy...I see stars before my eyes!"

"No, you aint goin' crazy but the world's turned inside outs  
'Cause Duffy's last contortion blew the roof right off the  
house!"

*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).*

## Las Cruces museum had visitors from all 50 states last year

### BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, truly has a national and international audience.

The museum played host to visitors from all 50 states and from 11 foreign countries over a one-year period, from March 2016 through February 2017. The data was collected from the museum's lobby registry where visitors may sign in. The registry is just a small sampling of the overall number of visitors that come through the museum.

Following New Mexico, most of the visitors were

from Texas, California, Arizona, Colorado, Wisconsin, Illinois and Washington, in that order. The foreign countries represented were Mexico, Canada, Ecuador, The Netherlands, France, Japan, Scotland, Germany, Australia, Portugal and Denmark.

Through regular museum admission and the events hosted by Dickerson's Catering, about 85,000 people passed through the museum last year. About half of the museum's regular attendance is made up of children.

The museum, a division of the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, is on 47 acres on the southeastern edge of Las Cruces and fea-

tures animals, demonstrations, interactive areas for children, indoor and outdoor exhibits, a greenhouse, barns, corrals and more.

The museum will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its opening in 2018.

Last year, the museum received accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums, the highest national honor awarded museums. The accreditors called the museum's livestock program "a national model" for other museums with animals.

For more information, call 575-522-4100. Visit [www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org](http://www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org) and find them on Facebook.

### TENA CONTINUED FROM 64

Grupo Folklorico, an international group that began in Albuquerque in 1972. He brought their annual conference to Las Cruces in 1984.

Tena served as dance coordinator and consultant for the Las Cruces International Mariachi Conference for more than a decade, and has worked with, among others, Branigan Cultural Center, the Las Cruces Art Museum and the Bank One Tucson International Mariachi Conferences. Tena also has been a ballet folklorico instructor for Harvard University since 1977.

Tena is thinking of retiring from teaching in a couple of years, and is "moving aside little by little, preparing to let go (and provide) the opportunity for other people to come in." Tena said he plans to continue as a teacher and performer at workshops and conferences around the country.

"There's so much that you can get from the dance," Tena said.

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## LUSH AND LEAN

## Focus on the future for proper tree pruning

By **SUZANNE MICHAELS**  
For the Bulletin

“Take care of your tools, and they will take care of your trees,” said Les Finley, certified arborist recently retired from the City of Las Cruces. “Don’t stress the tools or yourself when pruning, clean and oil your tools when you are done, and they will serve you well.”

When Les Finley appears on the scene to provide a tree-pruning demonstration, he comes armed with five specific tools:

- Bypass hand shears for small, detailed cuts;
  - Loppers for larger cuts of up to three-quarter-inch branches;
  - Two pruning saws: a smaller, folding saw that’s easy to carry and a larger saw for bigger jobs;
  - Eye protection
- “People are injured when pruning trees,” Finley said. “Thorns are especially problematic, and eye protection

is critical. The biggest mistakes home gardeners make when pruning trees are 1) They don’t pay attention to the natural form of the trees; and 2) They don’t take care of their tools.”

Finley takes care of his tools, cleaning them with rubbing alcohol as he goes from tree to tree, and lubricating with a little 3-in-1 machine oil before putting them away. “It’s critical to sterilize the tools between cuts,” Finley said. “Otherwise, you can spread infection – viruses, bacteria and other microorganisms – from tree to tree.”

Finley has many other tips on exactly when and how to prune branches to ensure quick wound healing of your trees. You are invited to meet Finley and see him in action at the Thursday, May 25, Lush and Lean workshop sponsored by Las Cruces Utilities, which is free and open to the public.

This final presentation of 2017 is at the Lush and



Lean garden on north Campo Street at Spruce Avenue, across from

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library and north of the Las Cruces Police Department. The workshop is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.las-cruces.org](http://www.las-cruces.org).

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day through Friday. Las Cruces Utilities provides gas, water, wastewater and solid waste services to approximately 100,000 Las Cruces residents and businesses.

Certified Arborist Les Finley will be sharing tree pruning tips at the Thursday, May 25 Lush and Lean, the final free presentation of this year.

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## NMSU's Doña Ana County Cooperative Extension Service hosts new workshop

By **PETER FOREMAN**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University's Doña Ana County Cooperative Extension Service, in conjunction with the NMSU-Fred Hutchinson Cancer Outreach Program, is hosting a series of workshops dedicated to improving the health and quality of life of cancer survivors in May and June.

The Cancer Thriving and Surviving/Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CTS/CDSMP) will be a six-week workshop focusing on building skills, sharing experiences and providing mutual support. Topics include pain management, nutrition, exercise, medication use, emotions and communicating with doctors.

"Unfortunately, cancer education and services in the border region are relatively scarce," said Rebecca Palacios of NMSU's Public



Health Sciences department. "The workshops will be offered for the first time in Las Cruces by the NMSU/Fred Hutch Cancer Outreach Program staff."

Weekly sessions will begin Monday, May 22, from 1-3:30 p.m. with the following sessions taking place each Monday through June 26. Sessions will be held at the Southern Area Health Education Center, 4003 Geo-

thermal Drive on the NMSU campus. Family, friends and caregivers are also welcome to attend.

"Given the rapid growth of the border, we can expect an increased number of cancer survivors and a greater need for survivorship education and services," Palacios said. The workshops are "a first step toward addressing education needs of cancer survivors in this under-

served region."

CTS/CDSMP is supported by the New Mexico Department of Health Diabetes Prevention and Control Program and is being offered in partnership with the NMSU Cooperative Extension Service.

"Fred Hutch has been at the forefront of disease research since being founded in 1975," according to [www.fredhutch.org](http://www.fredhutch.org). "The Hutch was a vision of two brothers, Dr. William Hutchinson, a Seattle surgeon, and Fred Hutchinson, a baseball hero."

To register for the workshop or for more information, call 505-850-0176 or the Doña Ana County Cooperative Extension Service at 575-525-6649.

*Peter Foreman is a student writer at New Mexico State University. He may be reached at 575-646-6233 or [peterjay@nmsu.edu](mailto:peterjay@nmsu.edu).*

## Loss into gain, trash into treasure

**W**hen we are going through a difficult time, it is not always easy to remember how quickly things can change. "This, too, shall pass" are words to live by; but, ironically, we



**CAROL CARNES**

Living Consciously

hold the change at bay by our resistance to the current situation. Movement is the key to everything; from the celestial orbits of planets to the circulation of oxygen through the body, movement is essential. The mind must keep the energy of release in motion.

A couple walking on the beach saw a strange object and decided to examine it more closely. It turned out to be Ambergris, which is used in the fragrance industry. It is derived from the waste of whales. The odd rock they found was worth \$70,000. Their fortunes changed in an instant. Let's assume they had some financial restraints; rather than curl up and worry, they took a walk on the beach. They kept moving.

Emerson wrote in his essay, "Compensation" of the "deep remedial force" that is a constant in the universe. A loss is followed by a gain; a setback becomes a launch pad; a hard lesson turns into wisdom; trash becomes treasure. But we have to be available to the answer. Gratitude will help us stay current.

"I am grateful for everything in my life, up until now. I welcome new ideas, new opportunities, new ways of living. I am available to the discovery of the treasure, right where I am."

*Mesilla Valley resident Carol Carnes is the author of "The Way In" and a daily email blog, "Living Consciously." For more information, visit [www.carolcarnes.com](http://www.carolcarnes.com).*

## HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

**Brain function and health:** 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 25, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Research in nerve health is providing expanded understanding of memory loss, brain degeneration and brain cancer. Find out what neuroscientists are learning about brain function and health. Dr. Elbe Serrano, NMSU Dept. of Biology, discusses research related to brain diseases such as memory loss, brain cancer and Parkinson's disease.

Learn about the National Brain Initiative and discoveries being made at the NMSU Neuroscience Laboratory. Free. Info: 575-522-3120.

**Colorectal cancer screening:** St. Luke's Health Care Clinic provides information and screenings for colorectal cancer during three weeks in May in partnership with the NMSU Public Health Department and the Fred Hutchison Cancer Center. Those 50 and over who have not had a colonoscopy in the past 10 years will be provided with a screening test kit. Info: Pamela L. Angell, 575-202-0795, 575-556-9681 and [pangell@slhcc.info](mailto:pangell@slhcc.info).

**Breast cancer support group:** Meets the fourth Saturday of each month at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., west annex. Free, no pre-registration. Info: 575-524 4373.

**Aggie Cupboard:** 3-6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, Regents Row, Room B114. NMSU and DACC students, staff and faculty, in addition to Burrell College students, can use the Aggie Cupboard food pantry as a grocery supplement. Bring your NMSU or Burrell College ID for a free bag of nonperishable food. Info: [aggiecupboard@nmsu.edu](mailto:aggiecupboard@nmsu.edu) or on Facebook at [AggieCupboard@NMSU](https://www.facebook.com/AggieCupboard@NMSU).

# The Organ Recital

I have discovered that in these later years when a bunch of S. C.s (that is Senior Citizens, you know) get together that a favorite topic of conversation is an “Organ Recital.”

Each one has an organ that’s not working properly, and feels it necessary to tell you about it. There are many different selections in this recital. It may be “The Rhythm of My Heart” or “O My Aching Back,” or a possible twenty or more organs like liver, lungs, a variety of joints—knees, hips, etc.; kidneys, teeth, ears, and ingrown toe nails, to name a few.

The talk may turn to men-



**RUTH MOORER**

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tioning all the specialist doctors they have. Naming them all may sound like a Greek scholar since most medical terms have a Greek origin. There are the cardiologist, dermatologist, podiatrist (she or he treat those ingrown toenails), ophthalmologist, hematologist, rheumatologist, geriatrist (that’s the doctor for those of us seniors) and eye, ear, nose and throat (I don’t

know how to spell that); which reminds me of the story about this doctor trained in medical school to be that kind of specialist. After practicing for several years, he decided to just specialize in “nose and throat.” Later he decided he would specialize in just “nose”; then the inevitable specialization: he decided to specialize in just the left nostril! I know that specialists are very important for we want doctors who are thorough and know what they are doing; however, when I wake up in the morning with a new ailment, I am confused about which specialist to call. Now in the “good old days” there was just the family doctor to whom you could go and he had a good general knowledge about most of the common ailments along with common sense and a bit

of compassion—and bless him, he made house calls! The doctor delivered me in our home in Tularosa, New Mexico. I know that times have changed and we can never go back to those days, but one had a sense of confidence that you were getting reliable care. I appreciate all my doctors and am grateful that they have helped to keep me alive all these years!

In the last several years they (I am not sure who “they” are) have come up with a new specialty. It is called an “Hospitalist.” Do you have any idea what “they” are talking about? Upon inquiry, I found out that they are substitutes for your own favorite dependable physician when you are in the hospital! They know little or nothing about you and you certainly have no knowledge about them.

You must take whoever is assigned to you. Now they may all be excellent doctors but that personal human connection feels somewhat missing! It does not feel very comforting or reassuring. And the fact is that “they” did not ask us! Is this supposed to be an improvement for the benefit of the patient or the convenience of the doctor and/or hospital? Oh well, I guess that there are some things we just have to accept and go on.

I guess that may be sufficient “wisdom” for today. Stay healthy and count your blessings for the organs which still work!

*Ruth Justice Moorer is a resident of Las Cruces having moved here in 1996 with her husband, Charles. She has been a public school science teacher and a United Methodist pastor.*

## SENIOR CALENDAR

**Smart driving classes:** At Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., presented by Las Cruces AARP President and volunteer Dave Lynch. 1-5 p.m. on Mondays, May 22, June 5, June 19. Info/reservations: 575-522-0502. At Good Samaritan Village, 3025 Terrace Drive, presented by AARP volunteer Ernie Apodaca. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays, June 24 and Aug. 19 and Thursdays, July 13 and Sept. 28. Info/reservations: 575-642-2582. AARP members: \$15, non-members: \$20.

**Why Join AARP?:** AARP 101. Learn about the history, benefits and advocacy work of AARP from Las Cruces AARP Vice President Jerry Gunderson. 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 16, Del Cerro Community Center, 180 La Fe Ave, Mesquite, New Mexico. AARP dues are \$5 per year.

**Blast from the Past:** 2-3 p.m. Fridays, MountainView Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Take a walk down memory lane with discussions about the movies, music, television and stars of the 1950s and '60s. Info: 575-522-0503.

# Social Security helps small business

By **RAY VIGIL**

For the Bulletin

Social Security is one of the cornerstones of financial security for the nation. So are small businesses. Millions of Americans own and operate small businesses, making the “mom and pop” shop — from retailers to restaurants — one of the nation’s most valuable resources. National Small Business Week started on April 30, making this a perfect time to tell you more about how Social Security helps this not-so-small industry.

Small businesses can take advantage of our Business Services Online suite of services. These services allow organizations, businesses, individuals, employers, attorneys, non-attorneys representing Social Security claimants, and third-parties to exchange information with Social Security securely over the internet. For small business owners, we’ve made it especially easy to file W-2s online to help ensure the privacy of their employees’ personal information. You can register and create your own password to access Business Services Online at [\[cialsecurity.gov/bso\]\(http://cialsecurity.gov/bso\).](http://www.so-</a></p>
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Social Security’s Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) was established in October 1979 pursuant to Public Law 95-507. The law assigned the office the task of fostering the use of small and disadvantaged businesses as federal contractors. To accomplish this, the OSDBU develops and implements appropriate outreach programs aimed at heightening the awareness of the small business community to the contracting opportunities available within Social Security.

Outreach efforts include activities such as sponsoring small business fairs and procurement conferences, as well as participating in trade group seminars, conventions, and other forums that pro-

mote the utilization of small and disadvantaged businesses as contractors.

The OSDBU encourages buyers and program officials to consider small businesses, and to support all the socioeconomic contracting programs in place under the Federal Acquisition Regulations.

You can learn more about the OSDBU at [www.socialsecurity.gov/agency/osdbu](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/agency/osdbu).

Business is booming in America, and you might be a part of the job-creating machine that we call small businesses. You’re strengthening everybody’s future, for today and tomorrow.

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# Mother-daughter team are animal program super volunteers

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Laura Morales and her mother, Romelia Morales used to get help from the ACTION Programs for Animals of Las Cruces (APA) pet food bank to help feed the nearly three dozen dogs and cats they care for at their home in Anthony, New Mexico. Now, the pair volunteer about 50 hours a week at APA and, 800 W. Picacho Ave.

"I save animals," Romelia said. "Animals are my life. This is my therapy." In particular, Romelia cares for animals – especially dogs – with health issues, including some who are blind or old. She gets them spayed or neutered and either keeps them or finds good homes for them.

Romelia and Laura currently provide homes for 16 cats and 12 dogs who range in age from six to 20 years. They also have two ducks, including one that is blind. Romelia also heals "trouble dogs," she said, which takes about one month for each animal. Her specialty is pit bulls. She remembers caring



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**Mother and daughter ACTION Programs for Animals of Las Cruces volunteers are, left to right, are Romelia Morales and Laura Morales.**

for a sick squirrel and keeping him for three years until her mother found out.

Romelia said she first applied for help from the APA pet food bank about seven years ago. Laura began picking up the food when Romelia began having health issues a couple of years ago.

Laura was asked to become a volunteer by APA staff, which

she did about two years ago. When she started feeling better about a year ago, Romelia also became a volunteer. Now, you'll find them both at APA at least four days a week. They help bring in pet food donations and help distribute the food to clients, care for the animals APA is housing and clean the facility.

"That's our purpose," Romelia said.

The two receive no pay, but APA does give them "a little money" to help pay for gas.

Laura also builds kennels including heating and air conditioning, as well as beds and tile floors, for the animals she and her mother care for. She uses scrap lumber and donations for the construction. "There's a Sanford and Son issue in our house," Romelia said. Laura is a certified welder and also has a bachelor of arts degree from New Mexico State University, Romelia said.

The food bank provides food to low-income pet owners so they can keep their pets instead of turning them in to the animal shelter, APA Facility Lead and Board Director Nora Insurriaga said. Clients are required to get their animals vaccinated and spayed or neutered if they aren't already, she said. APA provides information on low-cost services available in Las Cruces, and sometimes hosts clinics.

Insurriaga said APA accepts donations of pet food in any size bag, along with cleaning supplies, bedding, pet toys,

leashes and other pet-care items and cash.

APA also gets regular visits from a Las Cruces veterinarian, who provides care to the animals being housed at the facility. "He's always available to us for our animals," she said about Dr. Richard Johnson, who also owns the building APA is housed in.

APA was founded in 2009 and began with a focus on helping keep animals from entering the local animal shelter. In May 2012, APA started Doña Ana Pets Alive! a direct rescue and re-homing program to help the community reach a no-kill status.

APA is open from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The APA pet food bank distributes pet food from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday.

For more information, call 575-644-0505 or email mail@apalascruces.org. Visit www.actionprogramsforanimals.org and www.facebook.com/APALasCruces.

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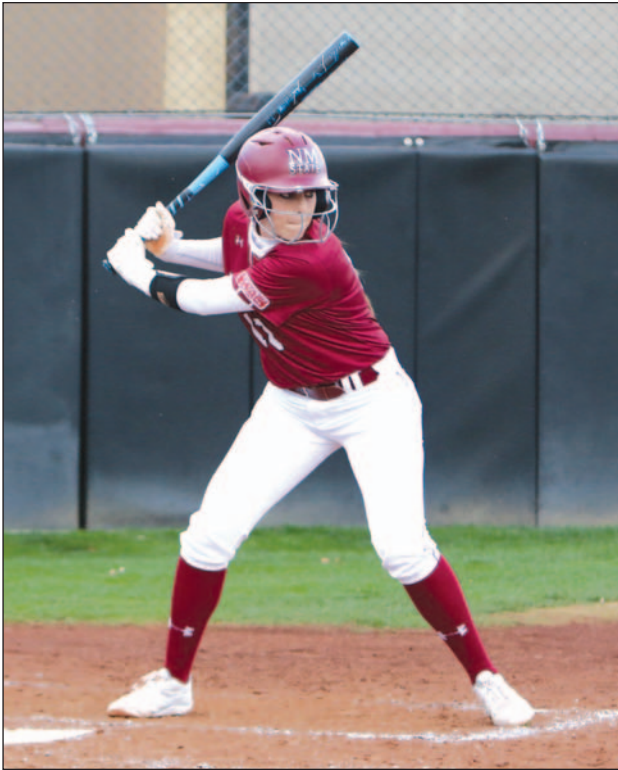


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Kelsey Horton became the fifth Aggie to be named the Western Athletic Conference softball Player of the Year.



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The New Mexico State University Aggies claimed the WAC Tournament title with a doubleheader win over Seattle U on May 13. The championship game was almost anti-climactic after NMSU clawed its way to a 15-14 win in the opener.

# NMSU survives thriller, moves to regional

## BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico State softball team will play in the Tucson Regional of the NCAA Softball Championship at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 19 (ESPNU).

The double-elimination format will be played through Sunday, May 21. Joining the Aggies (29-23) in the four-team tournament are host and second-seeded Arizona (48-7), Saint Francis (Pa.) (48-9) and South Carolina (32-23).

The Aggies dropped a doubleheader to the Arizona Wildcats, a perennial national power, in Las Cruces earlier this season.

NMSU made the regional by the barest of margins, losing to Seattle U in the semifinals of

the Western Athletic Conference tournament, held in Las Cruces May 11-13, then winning a doubleheader over the Redhawks.

The first game of the twin-bill was a heart-stopping slugfest. The Aggies took a 4-0 lead in the first on a grand slam by Nikki Butler. The Redhawks countered with six in the second inning, but the Aggies tied it in the bottom half. A pair of singles put runners on for NM State with no outs. Kelsey Horton hit into a fielder's choice, leaving runners on the corners for Fahren Glackin. Her single to left brought the Aggies within one. After a walk, Butler hit into a fielder's choice, tying the game, 6-6.

Seattle took a 7-6 lead in the third with a solo homerun, but the Aggies answered with five in their half on a double by Haley Nakamura, singles by Rachel Rodriguez and Kennedy Johnson, a walk to Horton and a three-run shot by Glackin, giving the Aggies an 11-7 lead.

The Redhawks would not go away. Savannah Loomis hit a double in the fourth, driving in two runs. Singles by Cherise Silvan and Jessica Flanagan tied the game 11-11.

After a scoreless fifth, the Redhawks took the lead in the sixth when Kayla Gonzales hit a three-run homer to left field for 14-11 Seattle advantage.

Down to their last three outs,

## All-WAC Tournament Team

**Victoria Castro, NM State**

Madison Cathcart, Seattle U

**Samaria Diaz, NM State**

Jessica Flanagan, Seattle U

**Misty Hooihuli, NM State**

Maddy Kristjanson, Seattle U

Jo Larios, CSU Bakersfield

Andie Larkins, Seattle U

Kendra Leach, UMKC

Maegan Rollow, UMKC

**MVP: Rachel Rodriguez, NM State**

the Aggies won the game 15-14 on back-to-back walks, three singles, another walk and another single.

That set up a winner-take-all championship game between the two schools. NMSU rode the momentum to a 10-0 victory.

New Mexico State advances to the NCAA Tournament for the third time in program history. In the process, the Aggies placed four players on the WAC All-Tournament Team.

In addition, Kelsey Horton was named the WAC Player of the Year for the regular season, becoming the fifth Aggie in school history to earn the recognition. The sophomore from San Clemente, California, hit .558 in conference play and was the league leader in on-base percentage, runs, hits, RBI, home runs, total bases and walks.

# Burger Time tournament: Time for a new generation

All good things must come to an end, and that has never more true than the Burger Time high school sports and activities fundraising golf tournament, which had its finale last July.

“We had 23 great years,” tournament founder and director Kevin McGrath said in a recent conversation. McGrath, owner of Burger Time restaurants, began the golf tournaments in 1994 as a major fundraiser for local public high school football programs in order to compete with more well-funded programs around the state.

The original Burger Time football fundraiser was one of the biggest nationally and the envy of virtually the whole country. In 2007 it became the BT All Activities Golf Tourna-



**CHARLIE BLANCHARD**  
Golf Doctor

ment, donating funds to all sports (boys and girls) as well as many school activities, like spirit teams and band. McGrath disclosed to me they have distributed close to a million dollars to Las Cruces schools. There's also the Burger Time Foundation, whose rich endowment will donate funding long into the future as investments continue to grow.

There are countless hilarious stories of the Burger Time, mostly true, that have been retold and often embellished. One came a few years ago from my interview with

McGrath himself. I told him how suspicious local golfers saw scramble scores at the Burger Time as a laugher, mostly because the team score numbers got to be crazy. Then McGrath recalled the winning team, maybe in 2008 at the old Las Cruces Country Club, coming in with a 48, 24 under par! “I think they had a bunch a birdies,” he mused, “eight eagles and a partridge in a pear tree. And later the poly-graph machine just barely smoked.”

But anyone who has participated in the Burger Time will agree that it's not about the golf; it's about funding and supporting the kids. Thinking back on times when he used to invite “celebrities” to the tournament to attract more golfers, McGrath immediately points out that “the outing is a fun happening, with lots

of eating, drinking, laughing and camaraderie, and that's really about getting money for the kids and their sports and activities, not about famous people.”

McGrath is quick to remember and thank the key people and businesses that meant so much to the event, especially local auto dealer Lou Sisbarro, and Coca-Cola of Las Cruces. For many years Burger Time's “Legacy Sponsors” (at \$10,000 each) included Farmers Insurance Group, American Linen Supply, Prices Creameries, Memorial Medical Center, U.S. Community Bank, Las Cruces Sun News, radio stations. There are countless other corporate and individual sponsors who gave thousands. Several years ago, when I first interviewed McGrath, it was immediately obvious

that he saw himself as on a real mission with this event. He has always had the energy of a whirlwind, the tenacity of a pit bull and the sincerity of a saint. His status as a well-respected organizer was no more evident that how he brought together nine of his competitors in the restaurant business to provide meals and catering for his tournament.

For McGrath, he feels “it's time to let go, but I'm so proud for what we've done for our student-athletes. It's time for the new generation to carry on.”

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## NMSU women's golf ends season

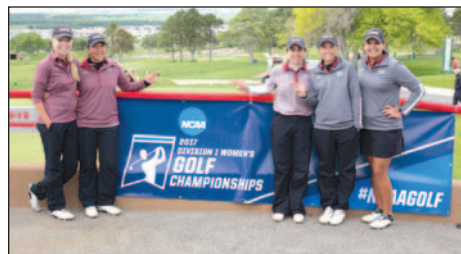
### BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico State women's golf team concluded the 2016-17 season after third-round of play at the NCAA Regionals in Albuquerque by finishing in 14th place out of 18 teams with a score of 909 (+45).

Pun Chanachai finished with the best individual round of the tournament for NM State on with three cards of 78-74-73 — 225 (+9). Dominique Galloway tied for 43rd at 75-74-78 — 227 (+11).

Kristen Cline finished with rounds of 76-75-77 — 228 (+12) to tie for 49th. Vale Macias was right on her heels posting scores of 78-74-77 — 229 (+13), putting the golfer in a tie for 57th. Camille Orito rounded out the Aggie lineup carding an 82-77-81—240 (+24) to finish tied for 86th.

No. 1 Stanford won the Albuquerque Regional with a three-day total of 866 (+2), followed by Duke in second at 873 (+9) and Pepperdine at 879 (+15). The



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**NMSU women completed their season in Albuquerque.**

remaining three teams qualifying for the NCAA Championship from the region were USC at 884 (+20), and Cal and Miami (Florida), which tied at 888 (+24).

Despite the tournament results, an impressive season saw NM State capture its fourth straight WAC Championship and have individual golfers post 14 top-10 and 29 top-25 finishes through 10 events across the fall and spring seasons.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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**Caitlan O'Brien** is an 18-year-old senior at Centennial High School on the Lady Hawks tennis team. O'Brien's singles record is 5-3 and in doubles, 7-3. She is a confident, enthusiastic, reliable and strong-minded leader. O'Brien leads in the classroom, as well, with a 3.9 GPA. When not on the court or in the classroom she enjoys spending time with friends and family and playing the piano. She thanks her coach Cathy Alberson for being so dedicated to the success of the team and her teammates for all their hard work this season.



**John 'Hoyt' Fisher** is an 18-year-old senior at Centennial High School. He plays on the Hawks tennis team and is no. 1 seeded at Centennial. Fisher's overall singles record is 2-4 and in doubles, 3-3 and is third in district doubles. He is hard-working, giving 100 percent consistently and a team-player with a positive attitude. Fisher is a leader in the classroom, with a 3.8 GPA. When not in the classroom or on the court he enjoys archery, hunting and golf.

**CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL**

## Former LCHS player named to national squad



PHOTO COURTESY CHRIS TERRY

Former LCHS softball player and current Texas Wesleyan University third basemen Bailey Terry has been selected from thousands of potential players to represent the United States on a 10-day tour of France, Belgium and the Netherlands in June. Terry was named 1st team all-Sooner Athletic Conference for the second straight year, winning a golden glove award and batting .385 in 148 at bats.

## Safe at first



PHOTO COURTESY GARY HERRON, RIO RANCHO OBSERVER

Las Cruces High School pitcher Anisah Triste was safe at first base on this third-inning overthrow by Cleveland second baseman Elena Martinez, prolonging the Lady Bulldawgs' inning in their May 11 state tournament game in Rio Rancho. A five-run fifth paved the way for the Storm to prevail, 11-8, handing Las Cruces (20-7) a season-ending loss in the first round of the 12-team tournament, while the Storm advanced into the quarterfinal round. Anali Rios, like Triste a sophomore, led the 'Dawgs with three hits in the game.

## Local athletes earn points at state meet

### BULLETIN REPORT

Two Oñate High School Knights won individual field events at the State 6A Track and Field Championships in Albuquerque, May 12-13.

Oñate senior Forrest McKee won the state title in the shot put with a throw of 57-2.75. He finished second in the discus with a throw of 156-0.

Gabriel Sidwell, also an Oñate senior, finished first in the state in the javelin, with a throw of 183-7.

Several other athletes from Oñate, Las Cruces High School, Mayfield High School and Centennial High School earned points for their teams in their events.

A listing of those point-earners, according to the New Mexico Activities Association, follows:

**BOYS:** McKee, Oñate, first place, shot put, 57-2.75; Sidwell, Oñate, first place, javelin, 183-7; McKee, Oñate, second place, discus, 156-0; Isaiah Galines, Centennial, third place, pole vault, 13-6; Oñate, fourth place, 1600-meter sprint medley (Monroe Young, Gabriel Rodriguez, Jose Flores, David Cervantes), 3:35.4; Cervantes, Oñate, fifth place, 400-meter dash, 50.7; Ruben Gonzales, Centennial, fifth place, 800-meter run, 1:57.69; Chris Mar-yuen, Mayfield, fifth place, high jump, 6-2; Ryan Cox, Mayfield, sixth place, high jump, 6-2; and Gavin Mauldin, Centennial, sixth place, discus, 135-07.

**GIRLS:** Lendsey Suggs, Mayfield, second place, 100-meter hurdles, 15.91; Suggs, Mayfield, second place, 300-meter hurdles, 44.97; Amerhyst Aguirre, Oñate, third place, 1600-meter run, 5:26.76; Pilar Daugherty, Oñate, third place, shot put, 37-7.5; Centennial, third place, 1600-meter sprint medley (Aubrey Swindle, Savannah Mihecoby, Christa Attiogbe, Desiree Martinez), 4:16.91; Akirha Wilson, Oñate, fourth place, 200-meter dash, 26.38; Jesse Gegax, Centennial, fourth place, 400-meter dash, 58.93; Reagan Gorzeman, Mayfield, fourth place, 800-meter run, 2:18.2; Aguirre, fourth place, 3200-meter run, 11:43.36; Jasmine Hendrix, Centennial, sixth place, shot put, 33-5.5; and Matilda Whitlock, Centennial, sixth place, pole vault, 9-0.

# Keeping up: Baseball players excel

Andrew Saucedo has been recognized for his baseball play. The Lyon College (Ark.) junior outfielder has been named to the all-American Midwest Conference second team. The Las Cruces High School graduate batted .351 in starting the 42 games he played. He had one home run and 29 runs batted in. Saucedo had a .989 fielding percentage in 87 chances.

### More baseball

In his first season at Campbellsville University after being at Eastern Arizona College, junior David Montoya is on the all-Mid-South Conference second team. The Mayfield High graduate batted .294 in starting 46 of the 47 games he played. He had four home runs and 28 RBIs, the latter of which ranked second on the team. He had a .958 fielding percentage in 212 chances and was named the second baseman on the conference Gold Glove team.

Pitcher Roby Romero had a 2-0 record and a 2.77 earned run average in

13 relief appearances for Rieleros de Aguascalientes of the Mexican League. He competed for Oñate High.

### Women's outdoor track and field

Our Lady of the Lake University freshman Jennifer Ramirez earned three all-Red River Athletic Conference honors at the conference championship. The Oñate alumna was recognized for winning the 100- and 400-meter hurdles and being a part of the third-place 4-by-400 relay team. She has



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Keeping Up

qualified for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics championship.

Las Cruces resident Hannah Shoemaker broke the Christopher Newport University record in the hammer throw at the Liberty Twilight Qualifier. The

junior, who attended Las Cruces High for two years, broke the school's weight throw mark during the indoor season. She was named to the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association all-South/Southeast Region team and all-Capital Athletic Conference first team in the shot put for the indoor season. In addition, she was recognized on the all-conference second team in the weight throw.

### Women's tennis

New Mexico State University's Lindsay Harlas has been named to the all-Western Athletic Conference second team and the conference tournament team. The Mayfield graduate and Gabrielle Joyce were cited for their doubles play, for they were 16-3 overall, including 11-2 at the third spot.

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