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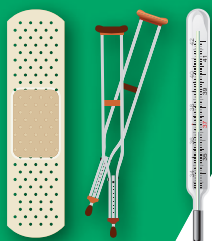
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Jeff Moya and Kathleen Smith and their two daughters, Elvaleen (left) and Eliana (right), won the 2017 Las Cruces Bridal and Special Events Showcase free wedding, which will take place Sunday, Jan. 29. See stories on page 21.

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## Doña Ana County 'Your Partner in Progress'



# County rolls out employee loan program

Doña Ana County Manager Julia T. Brown has announced a new program through which county employees can take out short-term loans at significantly lower interest rates than are offered through so-called payday loan vendors operating within the community.

The Employee Loan Program is endorsed by both the New Mexico Association of Counties and the New Mexico Fair Lending Association, and it will be coordinated through a program called TrueConnect.

Set to be officially rolled out on Monday, Jan. 30, the program will allow qualified employees to take out short-term loans against their paychecks, with terms designed to ensure the loans can be paid back in a timely fashion without trapping the program participants in endless cycles of recurring debt at triple-digit rates of

compounded interest.

"I've been working with former Sen. Steve Fischmann on this idea for several months," Brown said. "Predatory lending practices within Doña Ana County and the State of New Mexico tend to trap hard-working people in webs of debt from which they cannot extricate themselves. The county's new program will allow our employees a much more affordable option that is designed to help them through hard times while also showing them a workable way forward to pay off the debt and recover financially."

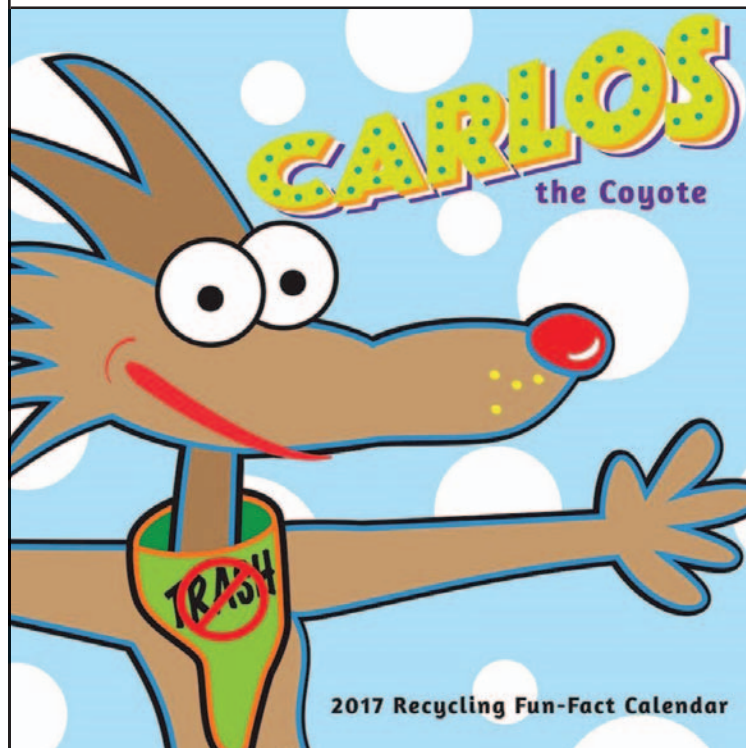
The program will be available to employees regardless of their credit history, with loans available in denominations of \$1,000 to \$3,000. Payments will be automatically deducted from each subsequent paycheck

until the loan is paid in full. Interest rates are comparable to most credit cards, with a maximum rate of 26 percent.

The no-fee application process is automated and can be completed within about five minutes. Qualified applicants will see the loaned money hit their bank accounts within 24 hours of making the application.

Brown said the county will continue to work toward state legislation aimed at capping interest rates for short-term consumer loans that tend to target people who leverage their car titles or income streams to make ends meet.

"Until such legislation protects all New Mexico families from predatory lending, we'll be doing our part to help our own employees," Brown said.



## Carlos the Coyote & friends featured in '17 wall calendar

Carlos the Coyote and his friends are featured in a free 2017 wall calendar produced by the Doña Ana County Community Development Department's Animal Control Division.

Each month's page features original artwork and helpful recycling facts and figures.

The calendars are being distributed to school children across Doña Ana County as part of the county's ongoing outreach efforts, but they also are available for pick up at the Doña Ana County Government Center in Las Cruces. The calendars are free while supplies last.

In addition to Carlos the Coyote, the calendar features Sara Snake, Johnny Jackrabbit and Lizzie Lizard. The calendar features whimsical original artwork by Christy Anchando and content by MaryLou Ward.

Each month is devoted to a different aspect of recycling in Doña Ana County. January features glass. February features paper and newspaper. March features batteries. April features compact discs and DVDs. May features aluminum and aluminum cans. June features plastic products. July features tires. August features electronics and e-waste. September features paint. October features cardboard. November features motor oil. And December is all about yard waste, house plants, garden refuse, Christmas trees and other mulchable content.

Each month shows one of the animated characters engaged in seasonally appropriate behavior, like Valentine's Day festivities in late winter, roller-skating in the spring, yard work in the summer and interior improvements in the fall.

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# City, county submit capital outlay requests

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The City of Las Cruces has submitted a list of seven items totaling almost \$850,000 in capital outlay requests to the 2017 session of the New Mexico Legislature.

In years past, each lawmaker has received thousands of dollars in capital outlay funds to spend on local projects, with one or more legislators often combining resources to increase funding for a particular project.

In 2017, however, the state is facing millions in budget cuts. So, there may be little to no capital outlay funds available from this year's session.

Here are the City of Las Cruces' capital outlay requests for 2017:

1) \$100,000 for Branigan Cultural Center to plan, remove and dispose of asbestos and replace the ceiling.

2) \$100,000 for Fire Station No. 2 to plan, design and construct a parking lot, drive pads and aprons and provide ADA access.

3) \$140,000 for Fire Station No. 3 to purchase a new one-ton chassis squad vehicle equipped with a custom box to accommodate firefighting and EMS equipment and to include the ability to transport patients.

4) \$105,000 to purchase and install 30 replacement mobile data terminals in police units.

5) \$40,000 to purchase additional body cameras for uniformed officers to be used by specialty forces within the Las Cruces Police Department.

6) \$100,000 to plan, de-

## What is capital outlay?

Capital Outlay, (also called Capital Expenditure), is the payments made in cash or cash equivalents over a period of more than one year. Capital expenditures are used to acquire assets or improve the useful life of existing assets. An example of a capital expenditure is the funding to construct a factory. In accounting, capital expenditures must be capitalized; that is, the expenditure is recognized on a balance sheet gradually over the course of an asset's useful life. Capital expenditures are recorded as liabilities on a balance sheet.

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sign, remove, construct, equip, renovate and install playground equipment improvements at various city parks.

7) \$260,000 to plan, design and construct improvements at the Telshor Boulevard and Spruce Avenue intersection.

"Much of the state's capital outlay is funded through three sources: general obligation bonds, severance tax bonds and nonrecurring general fund revenue," according to [www.nmlegis.gov](http://www.nmlegis.gov). "Amounts vary from year to year depending on the economy."

Doña Ana County has a total of 88 items on its infrastructure capital improvement plan, which continues through 2022, County Manager Julia Brown said. The county is seeking funding for only the top 10 items on that list during the 2017 session of the New Mexico Legislature, Brown said. The 10 requests total more than \$8.6 million.

Here are those 10 items, with funding requests listed for next fiscal year:

1) Crosswind Runway, Las Cruces Airport, \$350,000.

2) Emergency and HAZMAT response facility, \$1.9 million.

3) Dragonfly Channel storm for surface water control, \$1.7 million.

4) Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds water design system, \$50,000.

5) Brown Farm flood control, \$600,000.

6) Brahman Dam for storm and surface water control, \$2.125 million.

7) Law Enforcement

Training Academy phase II, \$300,000.

8) Runway 10-28 upgrade and reconstruction at Las Cruces Airport, \$255,000.

9) Hatch flood control project, \$760,784.

10) Anthony substation renovations, \$620,000.

Only the fairgrounds and Anthony substation projects are single-phase. The others will be funded and completed in multiple phases, according to the county's capital improvement plan.

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# Man on state's most-wanted list shot, killed by police

## BULLETIN REPORT

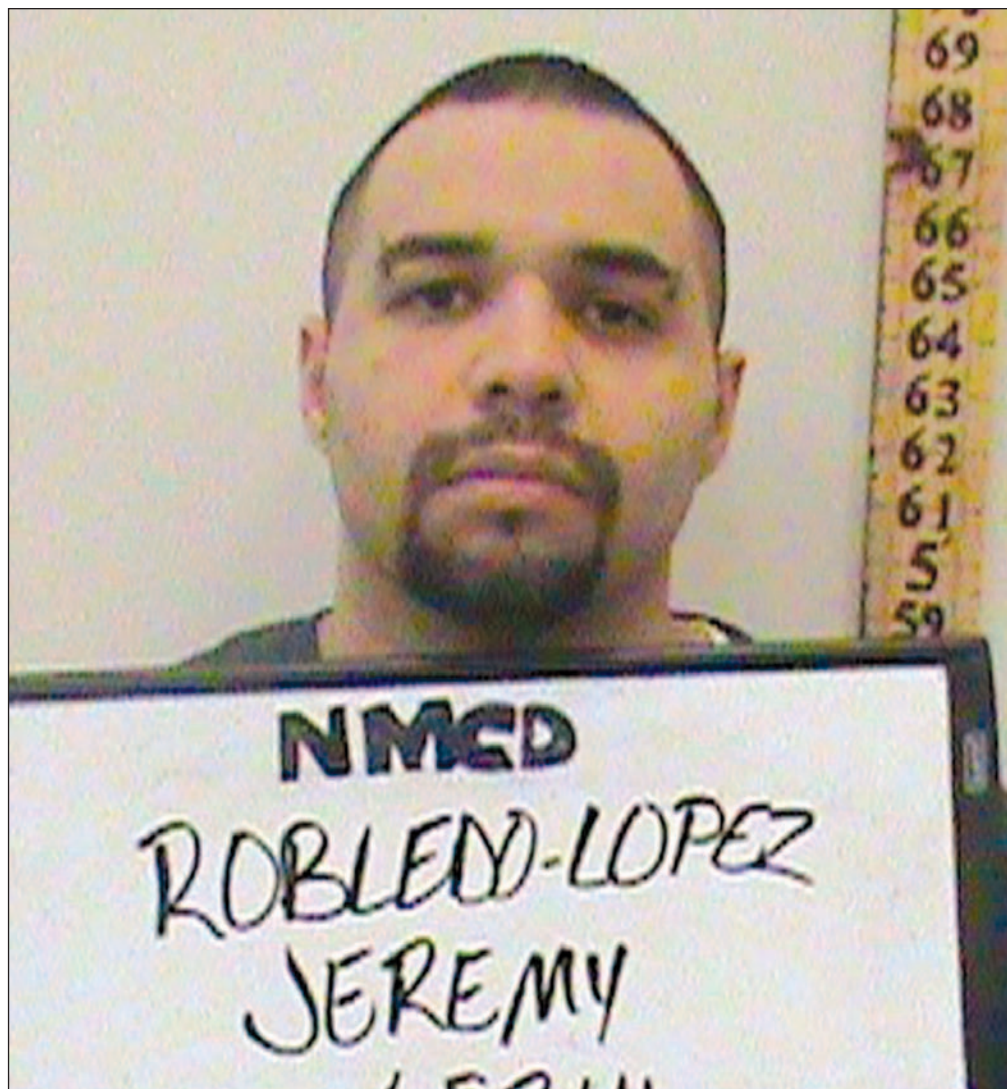
Fugitive Jeremy Lopez-Robledo, one of the state's most-wanted criminals, was shot and killed on Tuesday, Jan. 24, in the parking lot of Lowe's grocery store, at Missouri Ave. and Solano Drive.

Robledo, 29, had been wanted for violating his probation. He was located near Solano Square shopping center late Tuesday morning and when confronted by local police and U.S. marshals, he ran before being cornered in the parking lot.

Robledo allegedly attacked an officer with a knife, cutting the officer's hand, and the officer fired upon Robledo. Robledo was pronounced dead before he was taken to the hospital.

The officer involved has been placed on administrative leave, a standard procedure, while the shooting is being investigated by the Las Cruces Police Department Officer-Involved Incident Task Force, comprised of detectives from NMSU Police, the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office and state police.

Robledo's criminal history included robbery, battery, burglary and unlawful taking of a motor vehicle.



## Travelers beware of hotel booking scam

### NMSU REPORT

New Mexico State University (NMSU) has discovered that speakers and attendees for various upcoming conferences have been targeted by a fraudulent travel and hotel booking scam. The group has lists of registrants and is calling or emailing them claiming there is some kind of problem with their hotel reservation and they need a credit card number. Please be aware that this is a scam designed to obtain your credit card information and/or make fraudulent charges to your credit card. NMSU Police have heard that some who have been caught in this scheme have incurred substantial credit card charges, hotel reservations were cancelled and attendees left without accommodations for the conference. Some organizations have lost thousands of dollars recently to these scammers.

Please use extreme caution when providing credit card information and make sure to follow NMSU guidelines for university business related travel at <http://travel.nmsu.edu/>. Make sure you only book conference hotel accommodations through the official conference web links or verified official affiliates. If you have been the victim of a scam, please contact NMSU Police at 575-646-3311.

# Las Cruces felon sentenced to 46 months in prison

## BULLETIN REPORT

Richard Isaac Quezada, 34, was sentenced yesterday afternoon in federal court to 46 months in prison for violating the federal firearms laws by illegally possessing a firearm. Quezada will be on supervised release for three years after he com-

pletes his prison sentence.

Quezada was arrested in March 2016, on a criminal complaint charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition on March 14 in Doña Ana County. According to the complaint, Quezada was arrested after he discharged a firearm and struck a vehicle. During

a search, officers found Quezada was in possession of a loaded firearm and ammunition.

On July 20, 2016, Quezada entered a guilty plea, admitting that on March 14, 2016, he possessed a loaded handgun and ammunition.

Quezada admitted he was prohibited from possessing firearms or

ammunition because of a prior conviction for importing marijuana.

This case was investigated by the Las Cruces office of the FBI and the Las Cruces Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Sarah M. Davenport of the U.S. Attorney's Las Cruces Branch Office prosecuted the case.

# State Eagle Scout of the Year awarded to Las Cruces student

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Eagle Scout Joseph Strawn was recognized earlier this month as the Sons of the American Revolution 2016 Eagle Scout of the Year for both the Gadsden Chapter and the state of New Mexico.

Strawn, 18, a student at New Mexico State University, received the recognition at the Boy Scouts of American Sunshine District Winter Awards dinner, held Saturday, Jan. 21 at the Aztec Masonic Lodge in Las Cruces.



PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

**Joseph Strawn (right) was recognized as Eagle Scout of the Year in January. U.S. Navy Capt. (Ret.) Walter Baker, also an Eagle Scout, presented Strawn with a Sons of the American Revolution medal.**

a certificate; SAR Gadsden Chapter President Robert Northrup (U.S. Army veteran), who presented Strawn with an SAR patch; and Gadsden Chapter Secretary James Northrup, who presented Strawn with a U.S. Constitution booklet.

As the state winner, Strawn advances to the national SAR Eagle Scout of the Year competition, which includes \$14,000 in scholarship awards.

Strawn is the son of Ken and Denise Strawn.

SAR was chartered by Congress in 1906, and has worked closely with the Boy Scouts of America since it was created 10 years later.

For more information, visit [www.nmssar.org/](http://www.nmssar.org/) and find SAR on Facebook at New Mexico Sons of the American Revolution, Gadsden Chapter.



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# Dining out: The new norm

## Americans now spend more on restaurants than groceries

In 2015, according to figures from the National Restaurant Association, restaurant sales in America exceeded grocery store sales for the first time.

Think about that. If you're a typical American, you're spending more eating out and picking up food than on groceries.

Our lifestyles had been edging that way since about 2010, and many believe the lower gas prices since then were the final push.

You would think, after the Great Recession, people were tightening their belts. Logically, wouldn't we be making our own burgers and sandwiches instead of picking them up at fast food outlets for five times the cost?

Indeed, many people did that.

However, as many companies laid people off, or left positions unfilled, remaining employees were forced to do more with less, often working longer hours, nights and weekends.

No matter how much you like cooking, sometimes after a long day, the last thing you want to do is prepare a meal. Then, afterward, you've still got to clean up. You may be in the kitchen 'til 9:30 at night.

Sometimes it seems easier to



**RICHARD COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

pick up Tuesday tacos.

When it comes to eating out, we've never had as much variety and as many options. Dining in, taking out, curbside to go, delivery. Chinese, Japanese, French, Italian, Thai, seafood, a million kinds of burgers and, of course, our local

staple, Mexican food.

When Las Cruces hit the 100,000 mark in population, we drew a whole new tier of national franchises: McAlister's Deli, Jason's Deli, Corner Deli, Jimmy Johns, Buffalo Wild Wings, Wing Daddy's, Panda Express, Five Guys, Genghis Grill and others, including the one everyone longed for, Olive Garden.

While folks like the choices, they further squeeze the already struggling local restaurant owners. Places like Zeeb's hamburgers, Chala's Wood Fire Grill, Salud! and the Game II Sports Bar & Grill are some who have bucked the trend, being local owners who opened new restaurants in the face of the crazy competition.

I certainly don't envy restaura-

nt operators in Las Cruces. Whether you're local or a chain restaurant, it's tough. People can only go to one restaurant at a time, and with this many options, every dining room is spread thinner than it once was.

Food costs rise regularly and without warning. Health care coverage requirements have given restaurants a new and complicated expense burden. Rising minimum wages have damaged restaurant profits nationwide. I recently read about AQ in San Francisco, one of the top-rated restaurants in America. The health care coverage, the minimum wage increase and rising rents have combined to force its closure. Similar problems are here in Las Cruces, facing restaurants that don't have near the resources or market of one like AQ.

Eating out in America used to be a periodic treat, now it's a regular expectation. Our national credit card debt, rising diabetes rates and expanding waistlines are testament.

That doesn't necessarily translate into a positive for restaurant owners. Las Cruces' restaurant growth has outpaced its population growth. Even if you absolutely love a restaurant, chances are you'll only visit once a month or less.

There are others you love too. Frequently, when you're dining with friends and family, you don't even have a say in the matter of choice.

Few people love food, eating and local restaurants more than I do. Still, I can't have the huevos compuestas at La Nueva Casita Cafe, the enmoladas at Paisano Cafe or the chile verde at Nellie's every single day.

I certainly wish all of our local restaurateurs could rock and roll without fail in the face of all this national chain competition. Indeed, many hold their own. Competition certainly forces businesses of all kinds, especially restaurants, to respond with great products and great service, or else go by the wayside.

We've all heard the statistics on how many restaurants fail the first year.

Unfortunately, outside burdens keep adding to your local eatery's obstacles.

When I see a filled parking lot at the Game II, or a line out the door at Lorenzo's Italian, or a stacked drive-through at Milagro Coffee y Espresso, I'm happy for these locally owned places.

At the same time, I say a little prayer they can keep on keeping on.

## We want your letters

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



## You're welcome to my vote – for \$100

One thing that drives some people in our country crazy is that about half of our citizens either do not vote in our elections or, worse, are not by choice even registered. A new plan has emerged in several states to have everyone 18 and older automatically registered to vote.

Here is the reasoning: the states have computers that can hold data so automatic registration would be easy. But would it be wise? Voter registration drives do not impress me since just being registered is no guarantee that people will vote.

And if they do not care to vote I really would rather they not. Just pulling the lever so we could say more people voted does not help our country in any way.

Perhaps what we need to do is show what happens when people do not vote. Certainly, some would point to President Trump. Relax, I voted for him, or, more truthfully, I voted against someone else.

But people are moaning that they cannot understand how a man such as he could be elected president. Truthfully, he was elected by a weak opposing candidate and the millions of people who stayed home or did not even register to vote.

So, some people would like to make voter registration automatic. Every person of adult age would always be able to vote. The rub is that most who didn't vote this time would not vote next time.

Maybe there needs to be compulsory voting. You must vote in every election. It would be like having to serve in the jury pool. You

know, I just thought of a great plan: why don't we take all those people who don't vote and vote for them. Everyone registered as a Democrat or Republican would be an automatic straight vote for that ticket if they, themselves, do not vote. It would be 100 percent "participation."

An extension of that concept would be the concept of proxy. If registration is compulsory, then we citizens should be free to give a proxy for our vote to someone we trusted. They would listen to the debates and research the candidates carefully while we get to spend our time on our Fantasy Football League.

Or, since the vote is our own, we could sell our vote. Someone who cares to give us \$100 would be welcome to our vote. Why not? Is it our vote or not? About half of our adult population has already announced by not registering to vote that they don't give a John Wayne Mickey Mouse Darn about the elections. Allow citizens to sell their vote to someone who does care and will pay for it.

Kidding aside, the notion of automatic registration is

for real. There are issues: the sticking point is not registration but rather that the will of each voter might be corrupted by voter fraud.

Example: a television station in El Paso had a story about an effort to help residents in a senior care center vote in an election. The seniors were happy that this very nice woman came by their center and handled all the paperwork.

The camera recorded one old geezer who said he hadn't voted since Ike. The interviewer then asked him, "So, if you do not mind telling us, who did you vote for today?"

The man looked blank. "Gosh, I don't know. The wonderful lady took care of that."

To me it seems likely the very nice lady was able to vote a couple hundred times for her own candidates because everyone was so focused on these geezers and geezerettes voting and they were not thinking about voting being an expression of choice.

Quite a can of worms if we mandate registration and voting for all citizens. What is wrong with citizens having the freedom to not vote? Or not even being registered to vote? It is not a problem with me since to vote is to care.



**MICHAEL SWICKARD**

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### A sad irony – Kick ‘em when they’re down

There was a sad irony in two articles in the Jan. 8 Albuquerque Journal.

An editorial on page A10 endorsed Gov. Martinez' proposal to add more jail time for habitual DWI offenders. On the facing page, Rep. Bill McCamley accurately pointed out that "...New Mexicans have it tough" and cited our state's dismal unemployment rate, low wages, etc. Ironically, Martinez's punitive proposal makes things worse by increasing jail populations and costs. According to the NM Department of Corrections, 75 percent of inmates entering the prison system have a history of drug addiction. Addiction is a mental-health problem that jail punishment does not cure. To jail an addict only kicks a person when they're down.

Incarcerating a non-violent addict can do more harm than good because they begin to identify with criminals. The NM Legislative Finance Committee's 2013 Results First report, on average, "... (addicts) return within 328 days of release." The study reveals that states including Oregon, Texas, Michigan and Washington are turning to evidence-based programs like Drug Courts to treat addiction: In Fiscal Years 2002 and 2009 Michigan closed correctional facilities resulting in a total bed reduction of 12,187 and an

estimated cost-savings of \$339 million. In 2014 Texas Gov. Rick Perry also closed three prisons and increased funding to Drug Court.

Drug Court is a supervised intervention by skilled professionals led by a judge, and is based on 26 years of science. It is tailored to the population it serves. The addict is intensely accountable through the use of drug and alcohol testing, ankle monitors (like SCRAM) for constant tracking, and surveillance at home and elsewhere.

Because Drug Court requires that an addict attain sobriety in their own environment, not jail where inmates are housed 24/7, program costs are a fraction of the costs of incarceration. And, there is no cost of transitioning an inmate out of the jail system. Notably, Bernalillo County has passed a \$17 million gross receipts tax to transition inmates out of incarceration. The cost of Drug Court in NM is approximately \$19 per day while the average cost of imprisonment is \$92 per day. Nationwide, for every dollar invested in Drug Court, taxpayers save as much as \$3.36 in avoided criminal justice costs. The benefits of reduced victimization and healthcare services is approximately \$27 for every \$1 invested. The savings range from \$3,000 to \$13,000 per client.

Drug courts also reduce criminal re-offense by treating the cause of the addiction that drives criminal behavior. Participants can stay employed and in daily contact with their families while regaining sobriety. For those lucky enough to get into Drug Court, 75 per-

cent never see another handcuff.

The \$8.5 million annual budget for New Mexico's Drug Courts is fractional compared with the hundreds of millions spent on jails annually. Because the judiciary is underfunded, Drug Courts are underfunded. Doña Ana County is on the right track with the Stepping Up Initiative to keep the mentally ill out of jail. It has stated it will fund Drug Courts and, if so, the county's success will benefit us all.

Visit a local Drug Court graduation or Google the National Association of Drug Courts ([www.nadcp.org](http://www.nadcp.org)).

Mary C. White

Statewide Magistrate DWI Drug Court Coordinator,  
Retired  
Las Cruces

## National Elections 2016: What Happened and What Does It Mean?

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*A discussion of the 2016 National Election Results and its Place in the Evolution of Political Parties and National Election Trends; What this Portends for the Future.*

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# High Wire Act

One slow summer afternoon I was down at the calving shed near the river. For two months each spring it was like salmon spawning at rush hour! Hundreds of heifers, cows of calves, never-ending nights, dozens of days, aches, dings, scratches, sutures, sleeves, scours, shots, dry eyes, chapped hands and sticky stuff in the hair on your arms. But that was last spring.

Now I was puttering around in the quiet barn. I was picking up empty bottles and trash, straightening the corner room with its heater and cot. The sun's ray sliced through the cracks in the wall and spotlighted dust motes floating around.

I was trying to free up the tailgate on the squeeze chute when Dale's shadow filled the door.

"What's up, Doc?" he asked, not for the first time in my life. "I was passin' by and saw yer pickup. Need some help?"

Dale was a good cowboy who ran one of the outer ranch operations. My friend, but one of those fellers who is plagued by the angel of Bad Luck, Saint Misfortune. Grem-lins followed him around dropping rocks on his toe, slipping ropes underneath his horse's tail, and laying banana peels in his path.

He strode over my way and walked right into a tight wire we had stretched, hat high, across the barn. It knocked his sombrero in the dirt! He reached up and grabbed the wire. "What the (expletive deleted) is this doin' here!" He pulled on it a couple times like he was trying to stop a train.



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It was #9 wire. It was wound around two 16-penny nails we'd drove in the rafter plates. It took fencing pliers to twist it. Stout wire.

"We use it to hang IV jugs and paper towels and stuff when we're calvin'," I explained.

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# Doña Ana County reps land key legislative committee posts

## BULLETIN REPORT

On the first day of the 2017 Legislative Session, Doña Ana County Representatives Joanne Ferrary (D-Las Cruces), Rodolpho "Rudy" Martinez, (D-Silver City), Angelica Rubio (D-Las Cruces), Nathan Small (D-Las Cruces) and Rick Little (R-Chaparral) landed key commit-

tee posts, including positions on the House Appropriations and Finance Committee; House Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources; House Education Committee, House Labor and Economic Development Committee and House Health and Human Services Committee.

Committees are responsible for reviewing

legislation and amendments within their purview, and members of the committee determine if the legislation will move to the House floor for a vote.

"I am excited to get to work in the 2017 60-day Legislative Session and invest in our future," said Ferrary, who will serve on the House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee and House Health and Human Services Committee. "We have an opportunity to grow our economy, invest in education, and rebuild our infrastructure. I am introducing and supporting various legislation to reform education, invest in our economy, and expand health care," according to a press release.

Martinez, who will serve on the House Appropriations and Finance Committee and was appointed vice chair of the House State Gov-

ernment, Indian and Veterans Affairs Committee, outlined his top goals for his first session. "Balancing the budget, improving education, increasing access to health care, and standing up for our veterans are my top priorities this session. My constituents and the state of New Mexico deserve responsible legislation that will invest in our future."

"As we move forward as a community, I'm looking forward to addressing the concerns I have heard from constituents in my district—improving education and creating a level playing field for everyone, no matter their background," said Rubio—in the press release—who will serve on the House Labor and Economic Development Committee and the House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee. "I am already hard at work identifying the

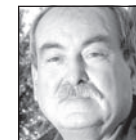
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bills that are important to my district, and moving forward with my own legislation that will work to empower people in my community."

Small also set his focus on the economy, accord-

ing to the release: "Creating jobs and economic opportunity is crucial. Doña Ana County's natural resources increase our potential for value added agriculture and clean energy, which align with community priorities. We must also bridge the state budget shortfall, in part by closing tax loopholes and making a fairer system for all." Representative Small was appointed vice chair of the House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee and will serve on the House Taxation and Revenue Committee.

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# \$12 million investment to repurpose Berino farm

**BULLETIN REPORT**

Gov. Susana Martinez on Monday, Jan. 23, visited an abandoned, polluted former egg production facility in Berino, where she announced Wholesome Valley Farms will invest \$12 million in the next five years.

Wholesome Valley Farms plans to create some 90 permanent jobs in a variety of agricultural enterprises.

The new owners will repurpose the abandoned egg processing plant, creating hydroponic greenhouses, seed drying rooms and cotton seed milling.

Wholesome Valley Farms also will conduct traditional farming operations adjacent to the facility, hiring up

to 90 seasonal workers every year.

The New Mexico Economic Development Department will invest up to \$620,000 in Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) funds in Wholesome Valley Farms' new facility. LEDA is New Mexico's closing fund, a tool that recruits new businesses to the state and helps those that are already here to grow.

In addition, Wholesome Valley Farms is applying for the New Mexico Environment Department's Voluntary Remediation and Brownfield loan to assist in remediating polluted groundwater at the Berino facility.

The Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance hosted the jobs

announcement, which included the news of the first major expansion of New Mexico Greenhouse Holdings' facility on South Main Street in Mesilla Park.

New Mexico Greenhouse Holdings (MVGH) will create 13 new jobs with the expansion of its operations in the former Aldershot of New Mexico greenhouse in Mesilla Park, according to a statement from the governor's office.

MVGH received \$250,000 from the state's Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) closing fund. It pledged to create 123 jobs in the next four years.

The state will invest up to \$150,000 in

the commercial greenhouse's expansion.

Although the event in Berino was held to celebrate the addition of a total of 103 jobs in the two Doña Ana County ag businesses, Martinez took the opportunity to advocate for the incentives that helped recruit them.

"These are two success stories of businesses that could have gone anywhere," Martinez said. "We have to keep LEDA well-funded. I'm determined to protect these economic development tools."

Martinez said the Legislature is currently discussing the programs.

"There's going to be a big fight," she said. "I hope you all will be standing right behind me."

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# Filmmaker uses Army experience, CMI degree to create 'Doc'

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Dave Witt used his film degree from New Mexico State University and his seven years' experience as a medic in the U.S. Army to write and direct a new short film called "Doc."

"It was an interesting production," said Witt, 36, who battled high winds, a stolen dog, equipment loss and other issues as he completed the film.

In graphic detail, the film tells the story of a homeless female medic as she struggles with memo-

ries of her combat service in Iraq.

Witt, using a crew comprised almost entirely of New Mexico State University Creative Media Institute for Film and Digital Art (CMI) students and mostly local actors, shot the film in Organ, Corralitos and Las Cruces over six days. He and his crew also shot a graveyard scene at the Santa Fe National Cemetery.



WITT

"I couldn't be more proud of what they did," Witt said.

In addition to writing and directing, Witt also edited the eight- to 10 hours of film shot on location into the 23-minute, 40-second short.

Witt began pre-production on the film in December 2012, making the project his senior thesis for a CMI degree. He chose the topic because of his experience as a medic at both White Sands Missile Range and in Georgia, figuring it would be "easier to make something

about something I know," Witt said.

After more than two months writing the script, Witt and his crew began filming in March 2013. He graduated from NMSU that May, but continued working on the film. It became "my passion project," he said. "I was not going to let it just sit there." The film was finally completed last May.

The cast includes Renee Daw as Liz "Doc" Roberts in the title role. Witt had seen her at a casting call in Los Angeles and was impressed with her work. He brought her to Las Cruces to shoot the film.

One of Doc's memories is of friendly fire that killed another soldier she was close to — she was awarded a medal for her actions during that fire-fight — and she is "stuck in that emotion," Witt said.

Also in the cast are Las Cruces actors James Travis Kirk, Algernon D'Ammassa, Caleb Sokoll, Israel Hall and Cruz Taylor.

Witt hired Nick Chamberlain as his visual effects artist. Chamberlain also created the movie's score.

Witt hired a profes-

sional armorer, since the film includes military vehicles and weapons, including bazookas, machine guns and mortars.

Witt and his crew were set for a day of shooting last spring, but ran into 75 mile-per-hour winds. Witt had already invested \$5,000 in the day's shoot because of the armor and equipment involved, so he did a major re-write.

Witt is marketing the film to television networks, including streaming channels, with the hope that it could be turned into a 30-minute or hour-long show featuring a psychologist to assist veterans dealing with battle fatigue and PTSD, Witt said. He's also trying to get "Doc" entered into film festivals across the country.

Witt, a full-time filmmaker in Las Cruces, is artistic director for the 2017 Las Cruces International Film Festival.

He also is working with Ryan Riddle on a television pilot pitch after winning last year's LCIFF pilot contest. They had a local casting call for the project — about a local film crew trying to make a pilot — earlier this month.

Witt also is the pro-

ducer of "The Heart Outright," a 2016 film based on the Mark Medoff play that is part of Medoff's award-winning "Red Ryder" trilogy. The film, which was shot in Mesilla and Las Cruces, has appeared in several film festivals.

Witt also has acted in several local films, and had an acting role in "Transformers II," filmed at White Sands Missile Range. His other credits behind the camera include production assistant, grip, camera assistant and assistant director.


The logo for "Doc" was designed by Witt's brother, Glenn, a chief warrant officer with almost 20 years of service in U.S. Special Forces.

Witt said he is excited about the future of filmmaking in Las Cruces, and will be using it as "my home base" even if much of his film work takes him to Los Angeles.

To see a trailer of "Doc," visit <https://vimeo.com/173840627>. Find its Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/docmedicfilm](http://www.facebook.com/docmedicfilm) and its IMDb page at [www.imdb.com/title/tt4389294](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt4389294).

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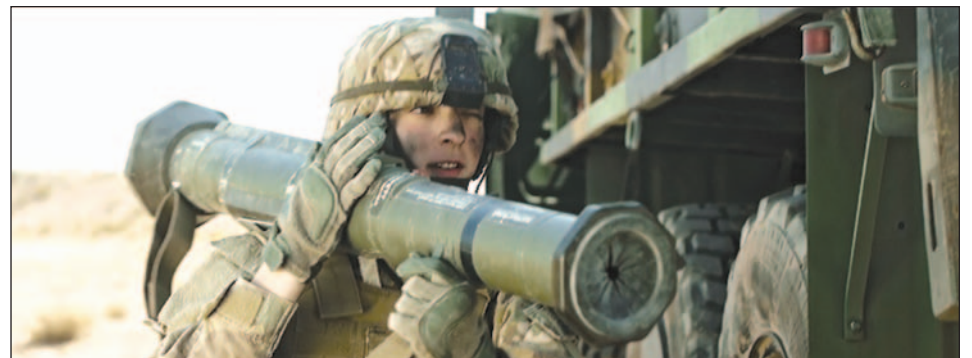
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Renee Daw stars as Liz "Doc" Roberts in the title role of Dave Witt's film.

# Brendan Fraser to attend Las Cruces film festival

## BULLETIN REPORT

The Las Cruces International Film Festival (LCIFF) Creative Team has selected Brendan Fraser to receive its “Outstanding Achievement in Entertainment” award. The prestigious honor will be presented at a private reception 9:30-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, for VIP ticket holders at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces. Also attending the reception are selected independent filmmakers and sponsors of the film festival.

Fraser currently stars in the third season of Showtime’s award-winning TV show, “The Affair,” where he plays Gunther, a menacing security guard in the prison in which Noah Solloway (Dominic West) is currently incarcerated. Season 3 of “The Affair” premiered on Nov. 20, 2016.

Most recently, Fraser was seen playing an arms dealer in the independent feature, “The Field,” and in “Texas Rising,” starring alongside Bill Paxton,

Ray Liotta, Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Olivier Martinez. Fraser also previously starred in the feature, “Gimme Shelter;” voiced characters in two animated films as Scorch Supernova in “Escape from Planet Earth” and playing in “The Nut Job.”

Fraser is perhaps best-known for his role in Universal’s Mummy franchise as Rick O’Connell. He was cast as an American serving in the French Foreign Legion who becomes involved with an English archaeological expedition and the ancient secrets they unleash. In 2001, Fraser reteamed in the film’s sequel, “The Mummy Returns.” Then, in 2008, Universal released “Mummy 3: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor.” The Mummy franchise has grossed \$1.415 billion worldwide to date.

Fraser has been in a string of some of the most successful independent films of the past decade including Lionsgate’s Academy-Award winning Best Picture “Crash,” directed by Paul Haggis; Phil-



**BRENDAN FRASER**

lip Noyce’s “The Quiet American,” based on Graham Greene’s 1955 thriller of the same name; and Bill Condon’s “Gods and Monsters,” opposite Sir Ian McKellen and Lynn Redgrave.

Born in Indianapolis and raised in Europe and Canada, Fraser has been dedicated to honing his craft since an early age of 12 and began attending theater when his family lived in London. He attended high school at Toronto’s Upper Canada College and received a BFA in acting from the Actor’s Conservatory, Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle.

LCIFF, presented by New Mexico State University, will be held March 8–12 in Las Cruces. With an eye towards connecting filmmakers with diverse and eager audiences, LCIFF features workshops, exhilarating after parties, and unparalleled access to some of the most exciting venues in Las Cruces. Film submittals, tickets and general information may be viewed at [www.LCIFFEST.com](http://www.LCIFFEST.com).

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# Soundstage will bolster union film crew, draw more productions

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

In December the Las Cruces City Council took the first step in turning Las Cruces into a prime destination for film and TV production by approving a measure to allow city officials to research possible locations for a soundstage.

The project would be paid for with \$3 million of bonds put on the city's Hold Harmless gross-receipts tax and another \$1 million in state appropriations—provided the legislature doesn't cut that funding.

Though no location has yet been selected, many in the community are anxious for development to start, as the soundstage and the attracting of more and bigger productions could significantly bolster Las Cruces' economy. Production companies spent more than \$387 million in the state from January to December 2016, according to data from the state film office.

Most of that was in the north, at film stages in Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

On a more personal level, students both in the Creative Media Institute at New Mexico State University, as well as in the Creative Media Technology program at Doña Ana Community College

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**DAVE WITT**

**Artistic director, Las Cruces International Film Festival**

(DACC), are looking forward to the stage coming to fruition.

"We have countless non-union film crew in Las Cruces," said Dave Witt, artistic director for the Las Cruces International Film Festival (LCIFF). International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) is the union for crew workers, who are

known in industry terms as "below-the-line." The Screen Actors', the Writers', the Directors' and the Producers' Guilds are the unions for those known as "above-the-line."

Getting into the union, IATSE Local 480 in Santa Fe, is key to getting more frequent, better-paid film crew work, Witt said.

"The thing is, in order to get into the union, you have to have your set-safety card and do 30 days on a union show," Witt said. "It's hard to get onto a union show if you're not union yet, especially if we don't have any union shows currently in Las Cruces, so everyone has to travel up to Albuquerque, Santa Fe."

Even union members in Las Cruces don't have consistent work, which the soundstage and Film Las Cruces, the local nonprofit film office, are working to change, Witt said.

Getting a set-safety card, which is a state and federal requirement by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupation Safety and Health Administration, requires individuals take a one-to-two-day class, which happens frequently in Albuquerque. Some production companies even put on classes prior to filming.

Dan Williams, a Film Las Cruces board member and one of IATSE's 10 members in southern New Mexico (compared to the north's approximate 1,300 members), teaches a class at DACC that offers safety certification in its curriculum.

Once crew have their set-safety cards, they are eligible to work on production sets and work up to the union requirement of 30 days to gain membership, Williams said.

"It leads to better-paid work and safer work and higher-budget work," he said.

Another advantage of being union is that it's a nonverbal indication from the individual to the employer that the crewmember is experienced and can work safely on a set, which can be a very dangerous environment, Williams said.

"You also don't have to negotiate your own pay; it's already established by the union," Williams said.


Williams has been a union member for 10 years, after enrolling in the DACC program to get his safety card, then applying for membership based on film work he'd done in the '90s. The union applied this time retroactively to his membership, but he said that's unlikely to happen today, given how many more trained film crew there are.

Williams works as a grip, or a "light shaper." "We put shadows where they're needed and take away shadows where they're not needed," he said.

"Most grips have a construction background," Williams said. "There are a million construction workers in Las Cruces who don't realize they're qualified to do this work."

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# Sierra, Zia students win Rotary contest

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Three Las Cruces Public Schools eighth-grade students will share \$750 in prize money as the first-, second- and third-place winners of the 2017 Rio Grande Rotary Club's Four-Way Test essay contest.

Faith Guzman of Sierra Middle School took first place in this year's contest. Karson Million was second and Simran Grover was third. Both Karson and Simran are students at Zia Middle School.

The winners were recognized at the Monday, Jan. 17 Las Cruces City Council meeting.

They were joined at the meeting by Rio Grande Rotary Club members Buffy Johnson, who owns the Home Instead Senior Care franchise in Las Cruces, and First American Bank investment manager Midhat Quadri.

The four-way test is "a nonpartisan and non-sectarian ethical guide for Rotarians," according to my.rotary.org that encourages them to consider the following in everything they think, say or do: 1) Is it the truth? 2) Is it fair to all concerned? 3) Will it build goodwill and better friendships? and 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The topic for this year's essay contest, Johnson said, was, 'How do politicians use the four-way test to better serve the community?'

"The four-way test is a

way for people to make a good and wise decision to help change their community for the better," Faith said in her winning essay. "The four-way test has been a good exam for decision making all over the world," she said.

"Politicians can use the four-way test to make decisions about issues so that they may share with their constituents about the issue or discuss the ramifications of making a decision on an issue," Karson said in her essay.

"Telling the truth is the base for everything," Simran said in her essay. "If politicians apologize for a mistake instead of covering it up with lies, people will respect them more because they had the courage to admit they were wrong and face the public," she said.

The students were honored by Mayor Pro-tem Greg Smith at the city council meeting, along with council members.

More than 40 students entered this year's essay contest, Johnson said.

For more information, contact Johnson at buffy.johnson@homeinstead.com.



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From left to right are Rio Grande Rotary Club Four-Way Essay Contest winners Faith Guzman (first), Karson Million (second) and Simran Grover (third); City Councillor Olga Pedroza and Mayor Pro-tem Greg Smith; and Rio Grande Rotary Club members Buffy Johnson and Midhat Quadri.

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# National NEA president visits Las Cruces' first community school

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

National Education Association (NEA) President Lily Eskelsen Garcia was in Las Cruces Friday, Jan. 19, for the ribbon-cutting ceremony officially recognizing Lynn Middle School as Las Cruces' first community school.

"You have no idea how special what you are going to do here is," said Garcia, who is on a year's leave as NEA president from Orchard Elementary School in Salt Lake City, where she is a sixth-grade teacher and has taught for the past 20 years. She also volunteers at a homeless shelter there, she said.

"Without an act of



PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

Left to right with national NEA President Lily Eskelsen Garcia are Lynn students Mariah Gallegos, Carol Lucero and A.J. Hammil.

Congress" or action by the state Legislature, Lynn Principal Reynaldo Gomez and local supporters were able to come together and "design something after listening to parents and kids," Garcia said about Lynn's community-school model.

"I will be uplifting this

school as an example nationwide," Garcia said. "This is the answer."

"A community school is a public school that works with parents, educators and community to increase student opportunities," according to a flyer from the Success Partnership of Doña Ana County education

initiative, which is working to "bring together representatives from all sectors to discuss mutual goals on how education can be improved," according to [ngagenm.org](http://ngagenm.org).

"By making the school the hub of the neighborhood and combining top-quality academics with on-site health and social services, parents work with school staff to strengthen the entire community and ensure that children are physically, emotionally and socially prepared to learn," according to the flyer.

By creating a "neighborhood hub," community schools contribute to higher student reading and math scores, a better school climate, more parent engagement and

lower rates of neighborhood crime and violence, said David Greenberg, assistant director of Ngage New Mexico, a Las Cruces organization that is part of the Success Partnership.

The LCPS board of education passed a resolution last April supporting community schools, appointed a district-wide liaison and selected Lynn, 950 S. Walnut St., as its first community school.

The Las Cruces City Council met with the LCPS board in October, and both groups agreed to continue working together to make school buildings more accessible to the community.

At the October joint meeting, Mayor Ken Miyagishima said he hopes LCPS can partner with the city to help feed needy children on weekends and holidays, noting that about 25 percent of children in Las Cruces — more than 6,000 of the students enrolled in LCPS — live in poverty.

LCPS Board of Education President Maria Flores said the city would be able to make greater use of Lynn for extra-curricular activities for youth, "wrap

around services," teaching English as a second language (ESL), public meetings and other services for children, adults and families.

There are about 5,000 community schools nationwide, Greenberg said.

Strong community schools have higher graduation rates and lower dropout rates, according to the flyer, along with better student attendance and higher student test scores.

At the Lynn ribbon cutting, LCPS Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing told students he wants them to "concentrate on learning" and "stop worrying about testing." Ewing also said he doesn't "need a set of test scores to tell me who is a good teacher."

Also attending the ribbon cutting were LCPS Board of Education members Flores, Barbara Hall, Chuck Davis and Maury Castro; along with City Councillor Olga Pedroza; Picacho Middle School teacher and NEA-New Mexico Vice President Mary Parr-Sanchez; and many LCPS administrators.

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## Allison Smith is District 2 candidate

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

During her tenure as president of the board of directors of Jardin do los Niños homeless childcare center, LCPS District 2 board of education candidate Allison Smith said she “saw



SMITH

first-hand how a strong foundation in learning could really benefit children and their entire families.”

“For kids to have a strong foundation and a strong future, they need a strong education,” she said.

“The jobs and the work that our kids are going to be doing when they graduate, we don’t know what that’s going to be,” Smith said. Children “need to be life-long learners. They need to have critical thinking skills and logic skills.”

Smith also is concerned about student testing.

“I do think that we’re placing overemphasis on those test scores,” she said. “What I would really like to see happen is that teachers be able to find those teachable moments on their own and not have to worry, ‘Well, that’s not going to be on the test.’”

The state needs a “more comprehensive way to evaluate our schools, our teachers, our administrators and our kids,” she said.

A 1986 graduate of Las Cruces High School, Smith is a government relations consultant currently working at the state legislative session in Santa Fe. But, she’s coming home on weekends to campaign door to door throughout her district.

## Early childhood professional Jaramillo unopposed in District 1

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Ray Jaramillo is unique among all candidates for the LCPS board of education in 2017 because he has no opponent. Jaramillo will succeed Chuck Davis as the District 1 representative on the board in March.

Jaramillo thinks his unsuccessful run in the 2016 Democratic primary in the state House of Representatives District 35 race may have helped him win the school board seat because he met and talked to so many people during that contest.

“Relationships are the foundation of everything to me,” Jaramillo said.

As the director of the Alpha School childcare center in Las Cruces, “the school board seems like a good fit for me,” he said. Jaramillo said children are his passion, and experience in early childhood education is “an important perspec-



JARAMILLO

“I am against testing where we don’t use what we learn to drive curriculum. Teachers are having to teach to the test to keep their jobs, to keep food on the

table. They have lost the flexibility to teach the whole child,” Jaramillo said. “We need to take the handcuffs off teachers and let them do what they are trained to do, what it is their passion to do.”

“I’m not against (student) testing,” he said.

Jaramillo has two children in LCPS: a son at Centennial High School; and a daughter at Vista Middle School. And, there are many teachers in his fam-

ily, he said. Jaramillo served as president of the Jornada Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization for eight years.

Jaramillo said he is looking forward to working with new LCPS Superintendent Gregory Ewing, who began work in December. “It gets me fired up to work together,” he said. “To be part of that team is exciting for me.”

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# Ronald Fitzherbert is District 2 candidate for school board

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Ronald Fitzherbert has one daughter who attends Fairacres Elementary School and another who will be a pre-kindergarten student next year, and said he is running for the District 2 seat on the LCPS board of education to “help in some ways to make education for all better.”

Fitzherbert, who has lived in Las Cruces with his family for five years, is the compliance officer for St. Luke’s Health Care Clinic.

Running for school board is his first bid for elective office.

“I think I could do a good job,” Fitzherbert said, based on his experience working for nonprofits and as a government contractor in education.



FITZHERBERT

Museums foundation board, he said.

One of the major issues in the school board campaign

is the president of the Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary board of directors and is about to become a member of the Las Cruces

is the low turnout in school board elections and “the apathy of the public in terms of education,” Fitzherbert said. “It’s not just the parents” who should be involved in improving education, he said, “it’s everybody in this community. Kids move away because there’s no future,” Fitzherbert said. “People are not becoming engaged.”

The recent dedication of

Lynn Middle School as Las Cruces’ first community school is a good step toward creating “an environment to engage the community,” he said.

Fitzherbert said he also is concerned about the emphasis being placed on student testing. “I don’t agree with standardized testing because you don’t have standardized kids,” he said.

# Terrie Dallman seeking District 2 seat on school board

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

“I pretty much decided I needed to come back and work for students and our community,” retired LCPS teacher Terrie Dallman

said about her decision to run for the District 2 seat on the LCPS school board.

Dallman was a bilingual teacher for 17 years at Zia Middle School and three elementaries before retiring in 2015.

“As an experienced teacher, I’m fully aware of all the challenges we’re facing in our district,” she said.

Her campaign is built on three main issues, Dallman said: budget trans-



DALLMAN

parency, teacher evaluations and student testing.

New Superintendent Gregory Ewing has alleviated some of the concern about evaluations, she said. He is “taking back our classrooms,” Dallman said, and giving teachers back “the joy of teaching.”

Ewing also has alleviated a lot of the anxiety

about testing, she said, adding that there is “still lots of work to be done.”

“The biggest challenge that I see is state underfunding,” Dallman said. LCPS was underfunded by \$3.3 million this year, but its graduation rate is “the highest ever,” she said. “Being underfunded and still being able to provide the very best – I attribute that to our dedicated teachers and support staff.”

Dallman and her husband have two daughters who are LCPS graduates

and a grandchild at Mesilla Elementary School. Dallman is a native Spanish speaker who grew up in El Paso.

Dallman said she is conducting an aggressive door-to-door campaign in her first bid for public office. “I have no political background,” she said. “I have an education background.” That’s what she thinks voters want – “somebody in there with experience dealing with classroom issues.”

RIGHT: The Doña Ana County office on Motel Boulevard is one voting site for the Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education.



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# Maria Flores seeks third term on school board

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Maria Flores was a bilingual elementary school teacher for 17 years before she ran for the District 3 seat on the LCPS school board in 2009. She won by two votes. In 2013, Flores was re-elected with 75 percent of the vote.



**FLORES**

Flores, who is board president, is seeking a third term because she wants to work with new Superintendent Gregory Ewing, whom the board hired in December.

"We've had a great change for the better," Flores said. "He's absolutely fantastic. I feel we are of like mind," she said, noting Ewing's passion for English as a Second Language and dual-language education. "That's why I went into education," Flores said. "I want to be a part of that."

Flores grew up speaking Spanish, but was fluent in English by the second grade, she said.

One of the accomplishments Flores is proudest of on the board is adding a student advisor, "and having student input on the board." She also is pleased about "an openness in the school district office. I feel it's gotten a lot friendlier and more supportive of all staff," she said.

Flores is also proud of "standing up for the teachers. We were batted down, but once I became (board) president, we challenged the (state) Public Education Department as much as a school board can," she said.

"It's hard to move the marker (on test scores and graduation rates) when you're being so stressed by things you shouldn't be worried about," she said.

"I'm not doing anything different" on the campaign trail, she said. "It's still very grassroots."

# Wanda Bowman is District 3 candidate

By **RICHARD COLTHARP**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

As a candidate for Las Cruces Public School Board District 3, Wanda Bowman wants to raise expectations of students.



**BOWMAN**

In preparing for her candidacy, Bowman did some homework, including watching online, every school board meeting from the past two years.

Bowman has lived in Las Cruces community since 1971, when she and her late husband, Bob, opened a furniture and television repair shop. She has worked in that field since, and today serves as operator of Ashley Furniture HomeStore.

"I feel like I can make a difference," Bowman said. "I don't have an outside agenda. I'm running for school board because I dearly and sincerely care about kids."

to the board in 2015. Their seats will next be on the ballot in 2019.

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Seven candidates, including one incumbent, are running for three seats on the Las Cruces Public Schools board of education in the Feb. 7 election.

Only qualified voters who live in LCPS districts 1, 2 or 3 can vote in this election. Districts 4 and 5 board members, Maury Castro and Ed Frank, respectively, were elected

to the board in 2015. Their seats will next be on the ballot in 2019.

To determine which district you live in, visit the LCPS website at <http://lcps.k12.nm.us/>, click on "School Board" in the left-hand column, click on "District Maps" and "Map of Board of Education Districts, 1-5."

Nine voting convenience centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. Early voting continues

Bowman is concerned for both teachers and students by the time spent studying for and taking standardized tests.

"I have the greatest respect for teachers, but I believe they need support and to be allowed to truly teach," Bowman said. "Testing can make it hard to free up time for teaching and learning."

We hired them to do a job, and we need to make them available to let them do the job."

She has served numerous state and local organizations, most of them focused on youth, education and business.

Bowman looks at the states surrounding us – Colorado, Texas and Arizona – and sees New Mexico falling behind. She wants to change that.

"I believe we can and must do better by our children," she said. "I worked at being a parent. I continue to work at being a grandparent. Part of the joy I have with them is the things we learn together."

# Early voting continues in school board election

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# Police department works to improve local traffic safety

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Officers of the Las Cruces Police Department (LCPD) issued about 12,000 traffic citations in 2016, including more than 2,000 for violations of the city cellphone ordinance, and made 380 arrests for DWI, LCPD Lt. Kiri Daines said Monday, Jan. 23, as the Las Cruces City Council discussed traffic safety issues.

Police officers conducted 24 DWI checkpoints and 46 DWI patrols in Las Cruces in 2016, said Daines, who oversees the operations of the department's traffic unit. They also dealt with 4,348 car crashes during the year, she said.

Daines said periodic enforcement projects, which were conducted in 2016 and will continue in the future, allow police to study traffic speed and flow, provide active enforcement and improve community education.

Data analysis helps guide traffic

safety issues, including engineering, enforcement and education, she said.

Community education includes officers informing drivers about child safety seats, using seat belts and other safety issues, Daines said. The goal, she said, is to make traffic stops "positive vs. punitive."

The department conducts monthly car-seat clinics, Daines said, holds victim impact panels, participates in drug court, the DARE program, the schools' Safe Routes to Schools program and the local bicycle coalition.

Engineering to assist with safety includes traffic calming, she said, which the Institute of Transportation Engineers defines as "the combination of mainly physical measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior and improve conditions for non-motorized street users." Traffic calming devices include speed humps and narrower roadways, ac-

ording to www.ite.org.

Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith said additional signage about the city's cell-phone ordinance is needed on highways leading into Las Cruces, near interstates and on major streets. The ordinance bars driving while using a cell phone, texting or emailing.

"The numbers of people we're seeing driving with their cellphones in their hands is a little frustrating," Smith said. "Why do we have that law if we can't enforce it?"

Councillor Ceil Levatino said she has concerns about some drivers on Sonoma Ranch Boulevard, who regularly run stop signs and red lights. "They don't even touch the brakes; they are just flying through there," she said.

Daines said LCPD has a total of 15 officers in the traffic unit, with two vacancies. She said there are eight officers on duty "actively responding" to traffic issues at any time.

## City reduces inventory of abandoned properties

A list of 210 vacant or abandoned properties identified in a spring 2016 citywide assessment was reduced by 71 percent by the end of the year, interim Assistant City Manager/Chief Operations Officer Loretta Reyes told the Las Cruces City Council at its Monday, Jan. 23 work session.

City Manager Stuart Ed identified the city's Neighborhood Action Team (NAT), which deals with properties, as a priority in November.

LCPD Codes Enforcement Section (CES) Chief James Chavez said the list of vacant and abandoned properties in the city has been reduced as owners are identified, properties are removed from the list or violations are addressed. The list, he said, contains both residential and commercial properties, and includes 45 cases identified as "problematic," he said.

Some properties "may be unsightly," Chavez said, but do not violate the city's nuisance ordinance. CES receives 31,000 calls a year, Chavez said.

The city may need to tighten that ordinance, including its definition of violations, "to make them a little bit more stringent," Councillor Ceil Levatino said. "It's obvious something should be done but there's nothing that can be done because there's no violation," she said.

Once the owner of a property that is in violation is determined, he or she is sent a letter by the city and has 10 days to respond and initiate a plan of action to address violations. If that doesn't happen, Chavez said, the matter is referred to criminal court.

Chavez said CES is updating a database of properties at issue, including photographs and a map, on the city website. His department also will upload information about the legal process regarding vacant or abandoned properties. CES is in the process of hiring a contractor to deal with abatement work on the properties, Chavez said, and staff will propose changes to the ordinance at the March 6 council meeting.

The next steps for the NAT include answering these questions, Reyes said: How does the city use existing tools to improve neighborhoods? What options does the city have for a citizen assistance program beyond what is currently provided? What is the role of the NAT beyond dealing with vacant and abandoned properties? How can the city partner with and engage the community?

City Council and Constituent Services Coordinator Jamey L. Rickman said the city wants to work with neighborhood watch, historic preservation and neighborhood association committees to develop a community team to assist NAT.

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Mays of Las Cruces Event Planning. "This showcase puts everything you need under one roof, and the contacts you can make are unbeatable."

Attendees can enjoy tasty samples from area caterers, get planning ideas, meet DJs, and take in a fashion show for the latest in prom, quinceañera and wedding couture and hair styling.

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The event supports the Las Cruces Butterfly Dress Project by giving free admission to anyone that donates a gently used prom dress or event gown. This organization provides free dream prom dresses for area high-school girls.

The Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events Showcase is presented by the Las Cruces Bulletin, Las Cruces Event Planning, and the Las Cruces Convention Center. Tickets are \$5 in advance at Renee's Bridal, Enchanted Occasions, or at [www.LasCrucesBridalShowcase.com](http://www.LasCrucesBridalShowcase.com). Admission will be \$7 at the door on the day of the event.

The first 1,000 attendees will receive a \$200 gift card from Symbolize It, for photo and memory packages.



# Contest speeds up wedding bells

By RICHARD COLTHARP  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Kathleen Smith and Jeff Moya have known for a long time they were meant for each other.

However, life happened. Children happened.

So they never found time to formalize their love with a wedding ceremony.

Last summer, they started talking about a May 2017 wedding.

"Wouldn't it be cool," Kathleen asked Jeff, "if we had a surprise wedding and everything was just done for you?"

"Yeah," Jeff replied wishfully. "Wouldn't that be cool."

Be careful, as they say, what you wish for.

Last Friday, while Kathleen was in the middle of a workout, Ricky and Vanessa, disc jockeys at Magic 105 radio, announced the winners of this year's free wedding for the Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events Showcase.

Kathleen wasn't listening to the radio, and wasn't inclined to answer her phone when it started ringing.

But she noticed the caller ID said "radio."

So she picked it up.

"I never win anything," Kathleen said. There were 185 people registered to win the free wedding, and one of them was Kathleen. She and Jeff had registered as a lark.

However, here were Ricky and Van-

essa, insisting Kathleen and Jeff had won.

Not only had they won the wedding, the wedding would be in nine days.

For the second straight year, the Las Cruces Bridal & Special Events Showcase will present the wedding.

This year's showcase is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29.

Vendors from the showcase will provide everything for the wedding, including the officiant.

However, the officiant was the only thing Jeff and Kathleen had decided upon when they began planning their wedding. It would be their friend, Jess Williams.

As it turns out, Jess Williams is the officiant the showcase was providing.

Those types of coincidences make Kathleen feel as this wedding windfall was meant to be.

"All of our parents live in the area, so they can be here," Kathleen said.

When she told her mother, Kathleen's mom said, "I don't even have a dress."

"Um, I don't either, Mom," Kathleen replied.

That will change as she gets to select a dress from Renee's Bridal.

Kathleen will have her hair and makeup done by Simply Devine.

"I'm overwhelmed," Kathleen said. "Excited, but overwhelmed."

And by the end of the day Sunday, Jeff and Kathleen will be something else.

Married.

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## COMING UP

### BLM repairing road, parking lot in Soledad Canyon Day Use Area

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) repair and resurface the dirt road leading to Soledad Canyon Day Use Area and the parking lot to Bar Canyon Trail resulting in a full closure from Jan. 30 to Feb. 3, according to a press release. The closures will not affect residents located off the dirt road. The public will not be able to drive on the dirt road or park in the lot because large trucks will be delivering new dirt and heavy equipment will be resurfacing the road and parking lot. The public can access Soledad Canyon by parking at the Sierra Vista Trail parking lot (off the paved portion of Soledad Canyon Road) located about a mile and a half away, and hiking around the construction zone. For info, contact the BLM at 575-525-4300.

### Youth bowling leagues meet

Las Cruces USBC invites youth ages 6-20 to join bowling leagues at 1 p.m. Sundays at Ten Pin Alley, 1201 E. Amador Ave. Leagues are ongoing through April 30. Three leagues based on age groups are available. Info: Linda Goff, 575-642-6054.

### Republican Women meet Jan. 27

Doña Ana County Federated Republican Women will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27 at Trinity Church, 2900 Elks Drive. Lunch: \$12. Reservations required. Info: 575-635-2490.

### Nile Club lasagna dinner

The Las Cruces Nile Club is having a lasagna dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Las Cruces Shrine Club, 1150 E. Brown St. Eat in or take out (order by Jan. 27). Info: 575-526-6393.

### For the Love of Art Month event

Ruth Drayer, ArtForms, and the Thomas Branigan Library present a Pre-For the Love of Art Month event to kick off the February month-long celebration of the arts. A free art film will be shown with group discussions following from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Jan. 28. Due to licensing restrictions at the Branigan Library, the names of the films cannot be announced; however the film is about famous artists and will not be of interest to small children. Las Cruces painter Ruth Drayer will lead the discussion. Info: visit artformsmnm.org.

### Conversations with Democrats hosts panel

The conversation "Where is my Voice in the Election of Democratic Party Leaders in New Mexico?" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 at Holy Family American National Church, 702 Parker Road. There will be a panel of three candidates for the Democratic State Party Chairmanship, with Merrie Lee Soules moderating. Discussion will include how people can play a role in

the election of our state party leaders. Info: call 575-521-0096.

### Chinese New Year celebration at Branigan Cultural Center

The Branigan Cultural Center and the New Mexico State University (NMSU) Confucius Institute will celebrate the Chinese New Year from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.

In celebrating the Year of the Rooster, the Cultural Center and the Institute will have activities for kids and families, including traditional Chinese games, writing in Chinese characters, rooster painting art and more.

Admission is free. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday – Friday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Info: museums.las-cruces.org or 575-541-2154.

### Birthday observance for Scottish poet Robert Burns

An informal Robert Burns birthday observance will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Phase I Clubhouse, the Casitas at Morning Star, 3650 Morning Star Drive. Las Cruces area Scots, persons of Scottish descent and persons interested in Scottish heritage are encouraged to attend. Parking in the circle in front of the office/clubhouse. No charge. Light refreshments provided. Info: Rosalie Nichols at 785-259-2969, 575-652-4260 or at redolaf@gmail.com.

### Final Roundtable discussion for January

Jan. 29: Paul O'Connell: The U.S. spends more on health care (per citizen) than any other country—why? Cost and incentive changes over the last 50 years; life style changes that effect health care; monopolization of health care because of inelastic demand and politicization of the industry. All Roundtable Discussions take place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sundays in the library of the Unitarian Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. Info, comments or suggestions: roundtable@uuchurchlc.org.

### Bassoon quartet plays all-Latin concert

The Southwest Chamber Winds presents 'Goodbye My Latin Love - Popular Latin Traditional Music Written or Arranged for Bassoon Quartet' at 3 p.m. Sunday Jan. 29 at Stucky Auditorium at the Good Samaritan-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The concert consists of selections that are rooted in the traditions of Spain, Portugal, Mexico, Central and South America. Info: www.swchamberwinds.com.

### Cooking class features healthy meals for diabetics

Adults who have been diagnosed with diabetes can learn how to prepare healthy meals in the Kitchen Creations cooking school, sponsored by the New Mexico Department of Health from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22 at Mayfield High School, 1955 N. Valley Drive. Info: Doña Ana Cooperative Extension Service at 575-525-6649.

### Free tax preparation starts Feb. 1

AARP/Community Action Agency volunteers will prepare simple federal and state tax returns through April 17 on a first-come, first-served basis. (Married-filing separately is NOT considered "simple"). Day-time hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fridays. Evening Hours: 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, starting February 23. At Community Action Agency, 3880 Foothills Drive. What you must bring: Social Security card for each person on your return, driver's license or government-issue photo ID for you (and your spouse), your 2015 tax return and all 2016 tax documents. Tax preparation on Tuesday and Friday mornings in Anthony. Info: 575-527-8799.

### Vintage Wines live music

Barneymuggers: 8 to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3; Border Avenue: 8 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4; Alison Reynolds: 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5 at 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Info: 575-635-8480

### Kiwanis breakfast benefits Loma Heights

A pancake breakfast to benefit Loma Heights Elementary school takes place Saturday, Feb. 4 at the school, 1600 E. Madrid Ave. Tickets are \$5 in advance from school representatives or can be bought at the door. Eat in or carry out. Info on either breakfast: 575-525-9478.

### American Legion Post 10 donation drive

The American Legion Post 10 is having a donation drive for comfort items supporting the needs of local Wounded Warriors from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5 at Wal-Mart, 3331 Rinconada Blvd. Info: Chaplain Lawrence at 575-222-5416.

### Enchilada dinner Feb. 12

A benefit red enchilada dinner will be from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2755 E. Idaho Ave. Tickets are \$7 for an enchilada plate or for two hamburgers. Sponsored by the Fr. Roscoe L. Finnegan Assembly 0684. For tickets, contact any council member or Mannie Morales at 575-522-0437.

### Chocolate-covered strawberry fundraiser

The National Society for Minorities in Hospitality (NSMH) is having a chocolate-covered strawberry fundraiser with orders being taken now. Available in dark chocolate, white chocolate or mixed; half dozen/\$10 or full dozen/\$20. Orders available for pick-up from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, in Gerald Thomas Hall, 100 West Café, 940 College Drive. To order, call 575-646-5995 or email jzumwalt@nmsu.edu. Cash, checks payable to NSMH or credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover).

**COMING UP** CONTINUED FROM 22**Unitarian Universalist February Roundtables**

The goal of the Roundtable Discussion is to learn more about all sides of issues and more about each other.

“It takes a village: Seven actions you can take to lift New Mexico public education out of 49th place” by Jose Garcia, former NM secretary of higher education is from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5 at UUCLC Church library, 2000 S. Solano Drive.

“Community Impact and Education” by Frank Rene Lopez, executive director of Ngage NM is from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 at UUCLC Church library, 2000 S. Solano Drive.

“Coming out of the Closet: The Affirmation of Humanism” by Richard Hempstead, board certified dermatologist is from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 at UUCLC Church library, 2000 S. Solano Drive.

“Exploring Cuba before McDonalds, Hooters and Starbucks arrive” by Elisa Sánchez is from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 at UUCLC Church library, 2000 S. Solano Drive.

Info, comments or suggestions: roundtable@uu-churchlc.org.

**Brown Bag lecture at Las Cruces Railroad Museum**

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum hosts a free lunch time lecture at noon on the second Tuesday of the month at 351 N. Mesilla St. Admission to the Railroad Museum is free. Info: <http://las-cruces.org/museums> or call 575-647-4480.

**MS Support/Education group meets first Thursday**

Group meets from 4:30 to 6 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the Social Center Creative Arts Room, Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle for emotional support and MS education. Date, time, location subject to change. Info: 575-373-5130 or [lascrucemssselfhelp@gmail.com](mailto:lascrucemssselfhelp@gmail.com).

**‘Blast from the Past’ discussions**

Take a walk down memory lane when Stan Blitz and Jim Gibson lead discussions about the movies, music, television and stars of the 1950s and 60s from 2 to 3 p.m., every Friday at MountainView Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Info: 575-522-0503.

**Soroptimist International meets 2nd, 4th Wednesday**

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

**Immunizations available at Dept. of Health**

The New Mexico Department of Health’s Las Cruces Central Public Health Office provides immunization

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services for children and adults on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1170 N. Solano Drive. Info: 575-528-5017.

**Toastmasters Club meets every Wednesday**

Las Cruces Toastmasters Club meetings are held from 7 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday at the Good Samaritan Community Center, Kiva Room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Info: 575-642-0032 or email [lascrucestoastmasters@gmail.com](mailto:lascrucestoastmasters@gmail.com). Find us on Facebook @lascrucTM or visit Toastmasters International website [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).

**Las Cruces Civitan Club meets**

The Las Cruces Civitan Club meets monthly on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Second Tuesday meeting starts at noon; fourth Tuesday meeting starts at 6 p.m. at Los Compas Restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive. Info: 575-649-0165.

**Las Cruces Young Professionals meet third Tuesday**

Grab some coffee with fellow young professionals every third Tuesday of the month when a young professional in our community gives a quick presentation about their business or organization at Beck’s Coffee House, 130 N. Mesquite St. Info and RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/lascrucesyp/>.

**Las Cruces Ukulele practice days**

The Las Cruces Ukuleles welcomes new members to a strum for fun/beginner group meeting from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. and the performance group practicing from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursdays at Good Samaritan - Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. There is no charge and loaner ukuleles are available. Info: [www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com](http://www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com) or by calling 575-405-7133.

**Vital Records Office hours**

The Vital Records Office at the Las Cruces Public Health Office is available for registering and acquiring

birth or death certificates 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1170 N. Solano Dr. (Office is closed noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.) Info: Las Cruces Vital Records Office at 575-528-5046.

**Quilt Guild meets third Monday**

Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the American Legion Post 10 Hall, 1185 Madrid Ave. Guests are welcome. Meetings consist of brief business announcements, a program, show and tell and door prizes. Starting in November, the guild meets at 1:30 p.m. for six months of daytime meetings. Info: Linnea Egbert at 575-521-0521, [linneanfce@aol.com](mailto:linneanfce@aol.com) or visit [www.lcqq.org](http://www.lcqq.org).

**Gene’s Gesters meet on Tuesdays**

From 7 to 8 a.m. every Tuesday the Gene’s Gesters Toastmaster Club meets at the Doña Ana Community College (DACC) Workforce Center Solutions, 2345 Nevada Ave. If you are interested in improving your public speaking and leadership skills, you are cordially invited to attend a meeting to learn how this organization can benefit you. Info: [clobato@nmsu.edu](mailto:clobato@nmsu.edu), or visit the Toastmasters International website at <http://www.toastmasters.org/>.

**Las Cruces Shrine meets second Monday**

The Las Cruces Shrine meets the second Monday of each month at 1150 W. Brown. All Shriners are invited to attend. Info: 575-526-8396.

Doña Ana County Republican Party office hours  
The Doña Ana County Republican Party Headquarters, 3201 S. Main St., is open to serve the public 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Info: 575-523-8683.

**Story time, discounted shopping**

At 10:45 a.m. Wednesdays at 300 El Molino Street Tutti Bambini hosts a children’s story time. Attendees can shop for children’s clothes at half price. Info: 575-526-9752.

**Ukulele kids club meets second, fourth Saturday**

The Las Cruces Ukulele Kids Club meets from 10:30-11:15 a.m. the second and fourth Saturday of the month at El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo St., just east of the downtown post office. The club is free to elementary-school-age children who want to learn to play the ukulele and loaner ukuleles are available for those who don’t have their own. No experience is necessary. Info: [www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com](http://www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com), [www.facebook.com/lascrucesukes](http://www.facebook.com/lascrucesukes), or by calling 575-405-7133.

**Business Builders meet Wednesdays**

Elite Business Builders BNI Group meets from 8:30 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Sonoma Ranch Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. Open networking, questions and answers, coffee and water with food available to order. Bring business cards. Info: Cheryl 575-524-1201 or 520-730-4456.

## IN THE NEWS

### Regents professor selected for Chevron Endowment

New Mexico State University Regents Professor Jim Peach was selected to fill the Chevron Endowed Professorship in the College of Business.



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Peach, a professor in the Department of Economics, Applied Statistics and International Business, will serve as the inaugural Chevron Endowed Professor for three years beginning fall 2017, and plans to further his energy research in a way that could have an international impact.

Peach is a leading economics and public policy expert. In addition to his work with the Domenici Institute and statewide energy research efforts, Peach was the principal investigator of the Arrowhead Center PROSPER project, a research and public policy initiative funded by the National Energy Technology Laboratory of the U.S. Department of Energy. His research has been published in a variety of journals and books and includes economics; regional economic modeling and economic policy; U.S.-Mexico border research on demographic changes and income distribution and policies.

### Bank 34 welcomes McEntire to mortgage department

Bank 34 announces the return of Shelly Jett McEntire to Bank 34 and the Mortgage Department. McEntire officially re-joined Bank 34 in December, 2016 as a Mortgage Loan Originator. A



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second generation native and lifelong resident of New Mexico, McEntire was a mortgage loan originator for Bank 34 from 2008 to 2010 and has worked in mortgage lending in Las Cruces for the past 17 years. Previously, she worked in Alamogordo in various positions in the banking industry.

"We are thrilled to welcome Shelly back to the Bank 34 family," said Bank 34 Senior Vice President and Director of Residential Mortgage Lending Jim Lyddon. "Shelly started her career here, helping many families in Las Cruces to get into a new home. She has built an incredible reputation in town for her

service, attention to detail and personal touch. We believe she is the perfect person to join our mortgage team and help us continue to bring the 'Stand Independent' spirit to Las Cruces homeowners."

### Susan DeMar receives 2017 Community Engagement Staff award

Susan DeMar, administrative assistant in the New Mexico State University (NMSU) College of Arts & Sciences Department of Geography, has been given the NMSU 2017 Community Engagement Staff Award.

DeMar was born and raised in Syracuse, New York, and moved to Las Cruces 12 years ago. She has a degree from Syracuse University and is the first female in her family to earn a college degree. Understanding the difficulties many women go through to stay in school, she joined the NMSU Women's Club where she is now the president. As part of her tenure with the club, DeMar added a new scholarship: the Ruth Mary Webber Scholarship.

DeMar also serves on the board of directors for the American Association of University Women (AAUW) as the NMSU liaison. In December, DeMar made the longtime branch goal of starting a student affiliate organization at New Mexico State University a reality and hosted its first kick-off meeting. AAUW offers programs that reach thousands of college women each year to build their skills and confidence as the next generation of leaders.

### Bassoon quartet plays all-Latin concert

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The group will play the music of Albeniz, Duarte, Granados, and Brazil's Mignione. Also featured is Leonard Bernstein's 'Maria' from 'West Side Story', George Bizet's 'Habanera' from the opera 'Carmen,' and Lennon/McCartney's 'Ob-la-di, Ob-la-da.' The theme of the concert are the many dance styles that were born out of this genre includ-



COURTESY PHOTO

**The Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees (LCAER) elected new officers for 2017. Left to right: Lois Visage, secretary; Gale Wiley, president; Shirley Caton, vice president and Yvette Moore, treasurer. LCAER meets the second Tuesday of the month. For information contact Membership Chairman Linda Morgan at 575-522-0203.**

ing the tango, the rumba, the chachacha, and the beguine.

An article in last week's Bulletin reported the incorrect concert information and regrets any inconvenience. For more information visit [www.swchamberwinds.com](http://www.swchamberwinds.com)

### Las Cruces student selected for U.S. Senate Youth Program

U.S. Sens. Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich announced the names of two students who have been selected as delegates to the 55th annual United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) that will be held March 4-11 in Washington, D.C., according to a press release from Sen. Udall's office.

Irene Tenaya Fernald of Las Cruces and James Michael Valerio of Ranchos de Taos were chosen from across the state to be part of the group of 104 student delegates who will attend the program's 55th annual Washington Week.

According to the press release, Fernald attends Las Cruces High School and serves as the president of her school's National Honor Society. She also serves as the secretary of Students for Sustainability, and captain of the cross country team. She is a member of the Las Cruces Aquatic Team and Las Cruces High School swim, track, Academic World Quest, and MESA Envirothon teams. She plays trombone in marching band, concert band, and symphony. She is an All State band member, National Merit semifinalist, student Rotarian, and a National Security Language Initiative for Youth alumna. She is fluent in Spanish and studies Russian and Hebrew. She plans to attend Middlebury College to study international rela-

tions and participate in track and field at the college level.

In addition to the program week, the Hearst Foundations provide each student with a \$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship with encouragement to continue coursework in government, history and public affairs. Transportation and all expenses for Washington Week are also provided by the Hearst Foundations—as stipulated in S.Res.324, no government funds are utilized.

### Fire department accepting applications for cadet academy

The Las Cruces Fire Department is accepting applications for its next certified cadet academy through Friday, Feb. 3, according to an LCFD press release.

Applicants must have a high school diploma or the equivalent and must be at least 18 years old by the start of the academy. A valid driver's license is also required.

The release said, as part of the selection process prior to the start of the academy, applicants must pass a written exam, a physical ability test, an acrophobia test, an assessment board and a background investigation. Each must pass a medical examination, including a drug screening, once he or she is offered a position.

Basic emergency medical technical licensure is also required at the time of application. To apply, visit [www.las-cruces.org/departments/fire-department/recruitment](http://www.las-cruces.org/departments/fire-department/recruitment). Scroll down and click on "apply here."

For more information about firefighter recruitment, contact Battalion Chief Adrian Arias at 575-528-3473 or [aarias@las-cruces.org](mailto:aarias@las-cruces.org).



## Economic Development Department expansion approved by city council

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

New City Manager Stuart Ed's proposal to reorganize city government has received unanimous city council approval.

Ed's plan elevates economic development from its present status as "an office that is aligned under the city manager's office and reports to the assistant city manager/chief operating officer," Ed said, to a full-blown department with a director that answers directly to the city manager.

Ed said the new department will include seven divisions: the Las Cruces Airport, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Downtown, economic development, grants administration, real estate services and the city sustainability office.

The department, he said, will have 30 additional employees with a net-zero budget effect.

Ed's proposal also eliminated the city Transportation Department, moving its components to other departments as follows: streets and traffic to the Public Works Department, the Transit Authority to the Community and Cultural Services Department (to be renamed the Quality of Life Department) and the city fleet to the direct control of the assistant city manager/chief administrative officer.

Ed said Transportation Department Director David Maestas will become director of the new Quality of Life Department.

Ed said the reorganization will include new "performance measures and evaluation methods," reducing the city's "permitting time frame" and quantifying the impact of the

new Economic Development Department by measuring the number of conventions held in Las Cruces, new jobs created, businesses created or retained and staff salary increases above inflation.

Downtown Las Cruces Partnership Executive Director Arianna Parsons and Airport Advisory Board Chairman Rob Wood voiced support for the reorganization at the Jan. 17 city council meeting, which passed by a vote of 6-0. Mayor Ken Miyagishima was absent.

Also, the council unanimously approved resolutions:

- Allocating \$200,000 from "Home Investments Partnerships program funds to a federal low-income housing tax credit project for an affordable multi-family housing development project," according to the meeting agenda. The Peachtree Canyon development will include 84 two- and three-bedroom units within the Metro Verde development, said City Housing Development Coordinator Jan Lauterbach.
- Amending the municipal code to replace the 2009 edition of the International Fire Code with the 2015 edition; and to align building standards with construction codes as implemented by the state Construction Industries Division.

City Community Development Department Acting Deputy Director Robert Kyle said amending the building code "creates consistency between the city and the state" and ensures city compliance with state law and minimum construction standards. "We have to enforce the state building code," Kyle said.

The city has until July 1, 2017 to comply with both changes.

## Arts council receives support to continue managing theater

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

At the Jan. 17 city council meeting, nearly a dozen people spoke in support of the city continuing its agreement with the Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) for management of the Rio Grande Theatre (RGT), 211 N. Main St.

DAAC is in the third year of a five-year agreement with the city to manage RGT.

City Manager Stuart Ed raised the possibility of changing theater management at the city council's Dec. 12 work session. He proposed making the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) the new theater manager, and suggested the CVB might move from the building it currently leases on Water Street into RGT until new CVB

offices are finished in October as part of the Amador renovation project.

Earlier, Ed had said the city will honor its current contract with DAAC for RGT management "unless they and we decide to change." He also proposed moving theater oversight from the city Facilities Management Department to a newly expanded Economic Development Department.

"Who has the ability to really run RGT?" DAAC board member Michael Mandell asked the council. The CVB was supposed to run the Las Cruces Convention Center, he said. "That didn't go so well."

DAAC has operated RGT for the past 10 years, Mandell said, and "has worked itself into a place where they know what they're doing."

"Why disturb the arts council?" asked Las Cruces Arts Association President Jack LeSage. "Why the disrespect for an organization and what they do? As an observer, to me, this makes no sense."

"If it was not for the arts council, I don't think there would be a theater today," Cutter Gallery owner Glenn Cutter said. DAAC, he said, should continue as RGT manager.

Former DAAC board member Leslie Kowalski read a letter from Las Cruces actor/director/producer Megan McQueen, who said she has been able to produce live theatrical productions in Las Cruces and introduce about 2,000 Alma d'arte Charter High School students to theater "because of DAAC's thoughtful management of RGT."



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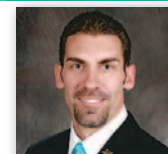
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# Former engineer discovers a cool, colorful career

By ALTA LeCOMPTE  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Keith Placencio is in the business of making everybody happy — and it's easier than he expected.

After just three months as a Kona Ice franchisee — the only one in Las Cruces — Placencio said he couldn't be happier with his decision to leave the conventional business environment behind.

"It's fun," he said as he handed out cups of shaved ice on a mild January day. "Being in the business world was just not fun anymore.

"The only adjustment I had to make was to smile more and have more fun."

Placencio began his adult life as a Marine in Operation Desert Storm. When he completed his service in 1991, he used his G.I. Bill to earn an electrical engineering degree at New Mexico State University. His career took him into mining engineering positions and executive roles, including managing a maquiladoro in Mexico.

Looking back, he said his biggest career regret



Keith Placencio greets visitors at the back door of his Kona Ice truck that brings shaved iced treats to schools, festivals and private parties.

was the time he spent away from his older children. Blessed with a daughter, now 8, he didn't want to repeat the pattern.

"I decided I wanted a change," he said. "I just didn't want to be away from Madelyn."

## Growing a family business

Working side by side with Placencio are Melissa, his wife of 30 years; his son Guillermo, partner and operations manager; and three daughters who help part-time while pursuing their own careers.

"It's 100 percent a family business," Placencio said. "All the children and grandchildren are involved." Even granddaughter Zoe, 3, and grandson Joseph, 9 months, may often be found on the Kona Ice truck.

Madelyn a third grader at Loma Heights Elementary School, does the marketing, Placencio said with a smile.

"She got us our first school sporting event," he said. "I picked her up in the truck. We were standing outside her school. She told her teacher about me and it turned out she's the wife of the wrestling coach at Mayfield High School."

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# The impact of minimum wage increases: A scholar's view

The following is a Q & A with Christopher Erickson, professor of economics at New Mexico State University and a columnist for the Las Cruces Bulletin.

**Bulletin:** What does research indicate regarding the impact of minimum wage increases on businesses and the economy?

**Erickson:** Well-done studies looking at multiple jurisdictions have found that local minimum wage increases appear to have only very small or no impact on local employment.

Some find this surprising, claiming that it flies in the face of supply and demand. Indeed, I was among the minimum wage skeptics until recently. What skeptics miss is that the prediction that minimum wage reduces jobs is based on the assumption of competitive markets. In fact, it has long been

known that when labor markets are not competitive, then a minimum wage can increase employment.

The reason: a monoposonist (a single buyer of labor) seeks to limit hiring so as to suppress wages; a minimum wage prevents wage suppression and thus eliminates the incentive to suppress hiring. And nearly all labor markets are characterized by at least some monopsonistic power.

**Bulletin:** What do you expect the impact to be of Las Cruces' latest increase?

**Erickson:** I expect the Jan. 2017 increase to have no measurable impact on Las Cruces employment.

**Bulletin:** As the minimum wage goes up, how do businesses adjust?

**Erickson:** Businesses adjust in a variety of ways, including by raising prices and by increasing labor saving capital investment. Nevertheless, if there is any job loss, it will be very small.

**Bulletin:** What alternatives to minimum wage requirements would you suggest to increase the purchasing power of low-income workers?

**Erickson:** An obvious alternative is the earned income tax credit (EITC), which has the effect of subsidizing work by the poor. The problem with EITC is that large box stores are gaming the system by paying their workers less, knowing that government programs will pick up the slack. Thus, the EITC becomes a backdoor subsidy for large employers. Similar arguments can be made about other income support programs, such as SNAP and CHIP.

## PLACENCIO

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As a result of that conversation, Placencio began selling Kona Ice at Mayfield events and then other local high schools.

### A business to feel good about

Placencio said not only is his family happy to have more time together, his customers are pleased with the product and he feels good about what he's doing.

"In just three months,

we've already given back \$2,500 to schools and the community," Placencio said, explaining Kona Ice franchises give back 25 percent of sales.

He feels good about the product, too.

"It's not just sugar water. It's very nutritious, low sugar. Our primary product is Vita Blend, which has as much sugar as a can of tomato soup."

When he sells to schools, he serves up an even healthier treat: Fruit First. Its main ingredient is fruit, Placen-

cio said.

"It's a little more costly for us, but we charge the same," he said.

Placencio said customers enjoy squirting the flavor syrups into their shaved ice, experimenting with various combinations.

"My favorite is mango," he said. "Everybody loves Ninja cherry. The flavors are natural and allergen free."

Among the total of 100 available flavors there are some dye-free options, he noted. "I want my

babies to have something healthy."

### Shopping for what's next

Placencio said he and the family decided last August to become Kona Ice franchisees.

He did extensive research into possible business opportunities and the name Kona Ice kept showing up. Placencio said he liked the idea that he could give back to the schools — because in New Mexico schools really needs the help.

"I talked with franchisees and they told me how much fun they were having and how much they enjoyed giving back," he said.

But he had doubts about whether he could support his family on ice truck earnings.

"I talked to a man in Ohio who had been an executive who was used to earning six figures," Placencio said. "He told me, rest assured, you will be able to support your family.

If the Ohioan can do it where the winters are



A customer pours syrup on a cup of ice, mixing the fruit flavors to create a tropical medley.

long and cold, Placencio told himself, certainly he can succeed in New Mexico.

But he had to sell himself on the idea.

"I've managed over 1,000 people at a maquiladoro," he said. "It was a little hard to put my arms around doing shaved ice for a living."

He said although he probably works as many hours now as he did in the auto or mining industry, his new schedule is more flexible. The family can work and play together.

"I give my daughter breakfast every morning and take her to school," Placencio said. "When I grill outside, I have my babies with me."

### Trucking along

Although the business is new, Placencio said demand is so brisk he can foresee needing a second and perhaps a third truck.

In addition to working school events, he will be at this year's Las Cruces Country Music Festival.

The Kona Ice truck is available for corporate events and private parties as well, Placencio said.

Information about Kona Ice of Las Cruces is available on facebook and instagram as well on the Las Cruces page at konaice.com. Placencio can be reached at 575-993-4543.

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# Businesses adjust to new minimum wage

By ALTA LECOMPTE  
Las Cruces Bulletin

While Las Cruces continue to debate the impact of minimum wage increases on businesses, individuals and the economy as a whole, local businesses are adjusting to the second in a series of increases written into the city's minimum wage ordinance.

Some business owners wonder when rising payrolls will price them out of the labor market while others contend paying more is a prudent investment in their own businesses that ultimately lifts the economy.

Those who predict undesirable outcomes say they're getting tired of arguing their case. But the debate will not likely end any time soon. On Jan. 1, the Las Cruces minimum increased from \$8.40 to \$9.20 per hour and from \$3.36 to \$3.68 for tipped workers. Ready or not, the minimum wage is scheduled to bump up again to \$10.10 per hour Jan. 1, 2019.

## The cost of doing business

Russell Hernandez, owner of Salud! restaurant, said he factored in the anticipated increase as a cost of doing business when he opened his business a year ago.

"For me, for our business, it doesn't affect us because we already take care of our team above the required minimum," he said. "When it goes up to \$10.10, that may be another matter."

He's hoping the new business will continue to

grow, so he can take the expected 2019 increase in stride.

"It's good to see," he said of the local minimum wage increase. "I hope people get out and spend a little more."

Another local business owner who pays above minimum says higher wages help both his employees and his business.

Peter Cruz of ClearVue window cleaning said he may start new employees at minimum wage with benefits, but as they catch on they don't stay at the minimum for long.

"All our employees make more than minimum wage, so it's not a big deal," Cruz said. "It makes sense to pay more to keep better quality help. I don't want a bunch of minimum wage workers — they are not going to stay."

Cruz founded ClearVue in 2006 with Shanon Windecker of Auto Trim Design.

Before starting the commercial and residential window cleaning company, Cruz had nearly 30 years' experience with a public accounting firm and as CFO and head of HR for a large, local construction company.

"If you're paying minimum wage, I don't think you're helping the economy much," he said.

## Bumping up the minimum

Deann Couch, owner of D's Green Cleaning, said she sent a letter to her customers notifying them their bills would go up an average of \$3 per residential cleaning. She told her clients the increase was to cover the cost of the mini-

mum wage increase.

"I'm not trying to make more money," she said. "All I know is what I need to keep my business afloat."

Couch said her objective was to keep the bump up in prices as small as possible so it wouldn't be uncomfortable for her customers.

"We have 200 clients," she said. "One lady complained."

She said when she raised the wages of newer employees to comply with the new minimum, she felt it was fair to give raises to her long-term employees who make above minimum wage, Couch said.

"I have a great staff," she said. "I think this will help them."

## Nowhere to trim

Both Mike Beckett, owner of COAS books, and Buffy Johnson, owner of Home Instead Senior Care, said they're struggling to cope with the new wage reality.

Johnson said she spent 25 years as a healthcare industry executive, "flying around the country fixing up train wrecks of nursing homes all over the country."

She purchased the Home Instead franchise in Las Cruces in June, so dealing with mandated wage increases from an employer perspective is new to her.

She said she did an impact analysis prior to the change but has not seen payroll figures on the actual cost.

Home Instead paid slightly above minimum prior to the increase, so the impact is not as great

as it might have been. Still, it's a big bite for a small business Johnson said.

"Eventually it will be passed on to the customer. I don't want to do that to my customers."

Johnson said she is facing a triple whammy: higher wages, paying Affordable Care Act fines in lieu of providing health insurance for her employees and the anticipated implementation of the federal white collar overtime exemption.

A Texas judge ruled the overtime exemption unconstitutional in November, Johnson said.

"It's not dead yet, but it's in a coma. I'm looking at three bottom-line impacts, none of which I can control."

Johnson said in lieu of raising prices she's currently evaluating all her expenses to determine where she can cut: "I think that's prudent."

## Bookstore blues

Beckett said his used-book business faces stiff competition and has very little wiggle room to raise prices or cut expenses.

"I'm dealing with a world-wide market," said Beckett, who does a portion of his business online.

An 80-cent an hour jump in wages costs COAS Books Inc. \$50,000 a year, he said, adding that the increase is cutting out a whole demographic of young people who will no longer be employed.

Beckett said his staff

peaked at 35 but has shrunk into the 20s following the previous minimum wage increase

"We've let people go — as they leave and move on we don't rehire. We're hiring less and less people."

Beckett said that, as a result, he's working longer hours, which translates into one of the lowest age scales at COAS.

"I'm just watching the nickels and dimes," he said. "I can't fix the building; I can't grow the business ... to be something Las Cruces can be proud of. I'm scared every day. By grace or by God I've made it this far — but barely."

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The contents of the unit consists of: Futon, TV, Kitchen Table, Plastic Storage Bins, Bags of Clothes, Computer, Storage Shelves

**Date of Auction:  
February 14, 2017  
at 10:00 a.m.**

**Place: Stull Storage Units,  
1546 Missouri Ave.,  
Las Cruces NM 88001**

Stull Storage #1 - Agent  
Nancy Abeyta, Manager  
575-522-5528

Dates: 01/20, 01/27, 2017

**Jamie Stull Storage Units 2  
960 South Triviz Dr.  
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

**Mauricio Baca  
5487 Verbenia Street  
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

**Notice is hereby given** that all the contents of your storage unit(s) **560** at Stull Storage Units #2, will be **SOLD AT AUCTION** to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$420.00**, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: Kitchen Table Set, Book shelf, end tables, bed, misc.

**Date of Auction:  
February 14, 2017  
at 10 a.m.**

**Place: Stull Storage Units,  
960 S. Triviz Dr.,  
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

Stull Storage #2 - Agent  
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,  
Manager  
(575)525-2927

Dates: 01/20, 01/27, 2017

**Jamie Stull Storage Units 2  
960 South Triviz Dr.  
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

**Debbie Orona &  
Raymond Anaya  
2001 S. Sadler St.  
Deming, NM 88030**

**Notice is hereby given** that all the contents of your storage unit(s) **213** at Stull Storage Units #2, will be **SOLD AT AUCTION** to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$407.00**, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: Dryer, 2 couch-

es, rims, bedroom furniture, work table, car parts

**Date of Auction:  
February 14, 2017  
at 10 a.m.**  
**Place: Stull Storage Units,  
960 S. Triviz Dr.,  
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

Stull Storage #2 - Agent  
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,  
Manager  
(575)525-2927

Dates: 01/20, 01/27, 2017

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on December 12, 2016, The Estate of Jose F. Perez-Ledezma, 2250 Shady Place, Las Cruces, NM, 88007, filed application numbered LRG-12302-POD1, OSE File No. LRG-12302, with the State Engineer for Permit to Drill and Use a Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-12302-POD1 to a depth of 125 feet with a 6-inch casing in the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of projected Section 34, Township 22S, Range 1E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X: 1,461,009 ft. and Y: 491,527 ft. (NMSP Central NAD83), on land owned by the applicant, which will supplement existing well LRG-12192, located on property owned by Jose Perez-Ruvalcaba & Ma Irene Ledezma Ramirez also within the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of said projected Section 34 and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X: 1,460,652.87 ft. and Y: 491,754.43 ft. (NMSP Central NAD83), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 1.22 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of said projected Section 34 as described in Subfile No. LRN 28-007-0206 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed well LRG-12302-POD1 will be located northwest of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 470 feet southwest of the intersection of Shady Place and Shadywood Lane.

Dates: 01/13, 01/20, 01/27, 2017

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on December 16, 2016, The Salopek Foundation, 5090 Snow Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-8447 POD6, OSE File No.: LRG-8447, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-8447-S-2 located within the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of projected Section 17, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 13' 36.49"N, 106° 46' 2.06"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 400 feet for a 16-inch casing to be located within the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of projected Section 17, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 13' 35.65"N, 106° 46' 1.52"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, to supplement wells LRG-8447, LRG-8447-S, LRG-8447-S-3, and LRG-8447-S-4, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 320.43 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the following:

Subdivision Township	Section Range
Part SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 24 South	7 2 East
Part SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 24 South	8 2 East
Part NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 24 South	17 2 East
Part SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 24 South	17 2 East
Part NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 24 South	17 2 East
Part SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 24 South	17 2 East
Part NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 24 South	18 2 East
Part NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 24 South	20 2 East

As described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-001-0016 Right A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for proposed well LRG-8447 POD6 is located south of Mesilla, NM and may be found approximately 1.0 mile southeast of the intersection of Pajaro Road and Snow Road. Old well LRG-8447-S-2 will be plugged. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conser-

vation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

**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 February 21, 2017

(1) **Council Bill No. 17-019; Ordinance No. 2805:** An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Chapter 13, Division 2 - Affordable Housing General Oversight of the Las Cruces Municipal Code, 1997, as Amended (LCMC).

(2) **Council Bill No. 17-020; Ordinance No. 2806:** An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from A-2 (Rural Agricultural District from the 1981 Zone Code) to M1/M2 (Industrial Standard) on a 1.4± Acre Parcel Located at 2305 W. Amador Avenue. Submitted by Robert and Ana Macias, Property Owners (70921).

Date: 01/13, 01/20, 01/27, 2016

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2330 S. Valley Drive  
**523-0603**

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Guild D-4 acoustic guitar ..... \$300  
Used 12-string guitar ..... \$160  
Fender hot rod deluxe tube amp ..... \$400  
Fender "1998" Mexico Strat ..... \$345  
Fender "2004" Mexico tele ..... \$345  
Martin D-15 "2013"  
(\$1,400 Retail value - MINT condition) ..... \$880  
Lowry micro genie keyboard, portable w/case .. \$200  
Ibanez 5-string bass ..... \$250  
Jupiter alto sax ..... \$350  
Peavey bass amp 1x12 speaker ..... \$140  
New Bristol acoustic guitars mahogany top ..... \$249

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SUNDAY 10AM - 2PM

# LEGAL NOTICES

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Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 24th day of January, 2017.

**Linda Lewis, CMC**  
City Clerk

Date: 01/27, 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 transfer of ownership and change of location of Liquor License No. 28077, with on premises consumption, to Amsterdam Holdings, LLC d/b/a Boots & Bourbon, to be located at 505 South Main Street, Suite 85, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for Tuesday, **February 21, 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 10 day of January 2017.

/s/Linda Lewis, CMC,  
City Clerk

Dates: 01/20, 01/27, 2017

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following legally described trust real estate will be sold, pursuant to the power of sale as provided in the following Deed of Trust, to wit:

Deed of Trust dated April 24, 2013, and filed of record in the office of the County Clerk for Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on May 2, 2013, as Instrument No. 1310912,

at public auction to the highest bidder on the front steps of the Judicial District Court for Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 201 W. Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, on March 3, 2017, at the hour of 1 o'clock p.m. of that day. The legal description of the real property that will be sold at this sale is as follows:

Tract I: A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE WITHIN

THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 2 EAST, OF THE SURVEYS OF THE U.S. RECLAMATION SERVICE BEING A PART OF TRACT 613 AS DESIGNATED ON THE PLATS OF THE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR AND PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 9A-79B, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED MARKED BY A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SOUTH MAIN STREET, IDENTICAL WITH THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF A TRACT OF G.O. WHITE, WHENCE AN IRON RAIL RIGHT OF WAY MARKER BEARS SOUTH 34° 59' 25" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 78.14 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE SHANNON TRACT NORTH 82° 23' WEST, 117.52 FEET ALONG THE CENTER OF A SMALL IRRIGATION LATERAL TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT MARKED BY A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE NORTH 5° 53' 29" EAST, 75.09 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER MARKED BY AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 83° 11' EAST, 143.42 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER MARKED BY AN IRON PIPE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE ORIGINAL SHANNON TRACT; THENCE ALONG SOUTH MAIN STREET SOUTH 24° 39' 46" WEST, 80.59 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

TRACT II: A PART OF LAND SITUATE IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING A PART OF LOT 3 OF THE PLAT OF GUSTAFSON'S SUBDIVISION FILED JANUARY 28, 1909, AND BEING PART OF TRACT 9A-79C AS SHOWN ON THE U.S.R.S. PROPERTY MAPS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT

BEING A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SOUTH MAIN STREET, SAID POINT BEING IDENTICAL WITH THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 9A-79C; THENCE SOUTH 82° 29' 42" WEST, 23.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE NORTH 82° 23' WEST, 95.14 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE NORTH 5° 53' 29" EAST, 6.02 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 82° 23' EAST, 117.52 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Pursuant to NMSA 1978 §14-11-10.1, a simple description of the Real Property is: 1042 S. Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

The name of the Trustor in the subject Deed of Trust is 1042 Properties, Inc., a New Mexico corporation. The name of the original Beneficiary/Lender in said Deed of Trust is Bank of the Rio Grande, N.A., which, by merger, became First National Bank of Santa Fe. TriCentury Bank is the successor beneficiary to the Deed of Trust by recorded Assignment of Mortgage assigning said Deed of Trust to TriCentury Bank. Said Assignment of Mortgage (corrected) was filed of record in the Office of the County Clerk for Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on June 2, 2016, as Instrument No. 1612276.

A Notice of Substitution of Trustee naming the undersigned as the substitute Trustee, with power of sale, was recorded on May 10, 2016, in the office of the County Clerk for Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as Instrument No. 1610099.

The Deed of Trust secures a Promissory Note from the Trustor, of even date with the Deed of Trust, in the original principal sum of \$242,350.18. The unpaid balance due on said Note, secured by the Deed of Trust, is itemized as follows:

Unpaid Principal Balance \$115,861.46  
Current Interest Due thru 11/29/16 \$1,216.53  
Late Charges Due: \$149.69

Plus per diem interest after November 29, 2016, of \$57.14 per day (at the default rate of 18% per annum), plus costs of collection including legal fees, recording fees and publication fees as a result of the default on the Note and Deed of Trust.

This Notice shall act as notice of the acceleration of the full balance due on the Note, as stated above.

The Beneficiary reserves the right to sell both Tracts described above as one property, in bulk, at the sale.

Dated this 1st day of December, 2016. Richard Leverick, as Substitute Trustee

/s/Richard Leverick  
s/Richard Leverick, Esq.  
5120 San Francisco NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109  
(505) 858-3303  
On behalf of TriCentury Bank

Dates: 01/20, 01/27, 02/03, 02/10, 2017

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

No. D 307 CV 2016 0 2807  
Judge: Manuel I. Arrieta

## IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF LEILA GOMEZ TORREZ FOR CHANGE OF NAME

### Amended NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** THAT Leila Gomez Torrez, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen (14) years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from **Leila Gomez Torrez** to **Leila Melinda Gomez**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta District Judge, on the 6th day of March, 2017, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W.

Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfull submitted,  
/s/ Leila Gomez Torrez  
4057 Inca Avenue  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
(575) 644-7557

Dates: 01/20, 01/27, 2017

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

NO. CV-2016-2921  
Marci E. Beyer

## IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MARISOL M HRABAK FOR CHANGE OF NAME

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Marisol M. Hrabak, 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 **Marisol M Hrabak** to **Marisol M Herrera**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Marci E. Beyer, District Judge, on the 9th day of March 2017, at the hour of 8:15 a.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Marisol M Hrabak  
Marisol M Hrabak  
1345 Paxton St  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
PO Box 6503  
Las Cruces, NM 88006  
575-649-2803

Dates: 01/27, 02/03, 2017

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

D-307-CV-2017-176  
Judge: Arrieta

## IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MARIA REFUGIO ELEONORA SANDOVAL FOR CHANGE OF NAME

### NOTICE OF PETITION

## TO CHANGE NAME

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Maria Refugio Eleonora Sandoval, 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 District Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, where she seeks to change her name from Maria Refugio Eleonora Sandoval to Ruth Jiron (Maiden name of Ruth Sandoval), and that this petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I Arrieta, District Court Judge, on the 28th day of February, 2017, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. at the Third Judicial District County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue Las Cruces, New Mexico.

WITNESS the Honorable Arrieta, 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 20th day of January, 2017.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY: /s/ Na Heavner  
DEPUTY  
NA Heavner

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

NO. CV-2017-59  
James T. Martin

## IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF LAURIE A. BURKE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Laurie A. Burke, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from **Laurie A. Burke** to **Laurie A. Blanco**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the **7th day of March 2017, at the hour of 9:00 a.m.**, at

the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(Seal)

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/Laurie A. Burke  
Laurie A. Burke  
2829 Meriweather St.  
Las Cruces, N.M. 88007  
575-649-6949

Dates: 01/27, 02/03, 2017

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

No. 17-0011  
Judge Diana A. Bustamante

## IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: AMADO ANTONIO GARCIA (a/k/a Amado A. Garcia), DECEASED.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 5822 Jalapeno Dr., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012 or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED this 10th day of January, 2017.

/s/ Nahim Flores  
NAHIM FLORES  
Personal Representative  
5822 Jalapeno Dr.  
Las Cruces,  
New Mexico 88012

KEITHLY &  
ENGLISH, LLC  
SHANE A. ENGLISH  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
Post Office Drawer 1329  
Anthony, NM 88021  
(575) 882-4500  
(575) 882-5000 [FAX]

Dates: 01/20, 01/27, 02/03, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2013-00444

## WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR CARLSBAD FUNDING MORTGAGE TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

GUSTAVO MOLDOÑO-ADO, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF BILL J. MARTINEZ, DECEASED, FIRST NEW MEXICO BANK, LAS CRUCES, FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC., LAS CRUCES MEDICAL CENTER LLC dba MOUNTAIN VIEW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO and THE ESTATE OF BILL J. MARTINEZ, DECEASED, Defendants.

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **February 8, 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 735 Stone Canyon Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 23, BLOCK 1 OF CANYON POINT 2 SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 5, 1996 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 18 AT PAGES 426-427, PLAT RECORDS.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a



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judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 4, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$427,062.05 and the same bears interest at 4.875% per annum from November 1, 2016, 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 valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

Dates: 01/13, 01/20, 01/27,  
02/03, 2017

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

No. D-307-PB-2016-00090  
Judge Douglas R. Driggers

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
CLAUDE RICHARD  
HARRIS, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed the Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal 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: January 6, 2017

/s/Richard Patrick Harris  
Richard Patrick Harris,  
Personal Representative of  
the Estate of Claude Richard  
Harris, Deceased

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

/s/Joseph M. Holmes  
Joseph M. Holmes  
Attorney for the  
Personal Representative

Dates: 01/20, 01/27, 02/03,  
2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-02503  
JUDGE ARRIETA

**MESILLA VALLEY  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY,  
Plaintiff,**

v.

**ESTATE OF TINA PEREZ (A/K/A TINA LUCERO); THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF TINA PEREZ; ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTERESTS ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF; JIMMY RAY PEREZ, JANELLE PEREZ**

**AND ALL UNKNOWN  
OCCUPANTS,  
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF CIVIL  
ACTION PENDING**

To: ANY HEIRS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF TINA PEREZ A/K/A TINA LUCERO; ANY UNKNOWN DEFENDANT WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4958 KENMORE, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity, has filed a Complaint in the above entitled-and-numbered cause in the office of the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, seeking to foreclose on the real property located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 5 in Block numbered F of Rincon Mesa Subdivision Phase 1, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Rincon Mesa Subdivision Phase 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 20, 2007 in Plat Book 22, Folio 157-158.

The object of the action is to foreclose on the mortgage held by Plaintiff.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance or plead herein on or before the 20th day of March 2017, Judgment will be rendered in said cause against you by default.

The Plaintiff's attorney is Damian L. Martinez and Benjamin J. Young of the HOLT MYNATT MARTINEZ P.C., P.O. Box 2699, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004. A copy of the Complaint may be requested by calling Mr. Martinez at 575-524-8812. If you file an Answer or any other pleading in this case, you must provide a copy to Plaintiff's attorney at the foregoing address.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 18 day of January, 2017.

(Seal)

Claude Bowman  
District Court Clerk  
/s/ Javier Cuevas  
Deputy

Dates: 01/27, 02/03, 02/10,  
2017

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2015-02247

**US BANK NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION, AS  
TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE  
LOAN TRUST INC.,  
ASSET-BACKED PASS-  
THROUGH CERTIFI-  
CATES, SERIES  
2005-WF1, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SANTANA SALDIVAR;  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF  
SANTANA SALDIVAR;  
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 1060 Mimbres Court, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 12, MIMBRES SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 536, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 31, 1960, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 1, PAGE 53, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 PM on February 23, 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 June 6, 2016, in the total amount of \$88,970.86, with interest at the rate of 6.95% per annum from April 8, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. US Bank National Association, As Trustee For Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-WF1, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-00024

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

vs.

**STACY M. PACHECO,  
and if married, THE  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF  
STACY M. PACHECO,  
(true name unknown);  
CHRIS PACHECO, and if  
married, THE UN-  
KNOWN SPOUSE OF  
CHRIS PACHECO, (true  
name unknown); TAXA-  
TION AND REVENUE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE  
STATE OF NEW MEXI-  
CO, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **February 15, 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 6235 Mesa Grande Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A 0.59 ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, COMPRISING PART OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 2 EAST, U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS, AND BEING PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, WHENCE THE EAST ONE-QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 15 BEARS THE FOLLOWING TWO COURSES AND DISTANCES: S 89 DEG. 50' 04" E, 150.00 FEET; N 0 DEG. 30' 00" E., A DISTANCE OF 342.00 FEET; THENCE S

89 DEG. 51' 00" E., A DISTANCE OF 30.00 FEET; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 00 DEG. 27' 45" W., 170.04 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE N 89 DEG. 49' 36" W., 149.97 FEET, TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE N 00 DEG. 30' 00" E., 170.06 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE S 89 DEG. 49' 11" E., 149.86 FEET TO THE PLACE AND POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.59 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO A 25 FOOT WIDE ROADWAY EASEMENT BEING PARALLEL AND ADJACENT TO THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND AND ANY OTHER EASEMENTS OF RECORD AND SUCH AS MAY EXIST ON THE GROUND,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 2009 Southern Energy/ Legacy Double Wide, VIN No. DSETX12233AB.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 5, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$121,931.57 and the same bears interest at 5.125% per annum from September 1, 2016, 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 proper-

ty and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

Dates: 01/20, 01/27, 02/03,  
02/10, 2017

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2014-00451

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

vs.

**MANUEL L. ROSALES  
AND EMMA C.  
ROSALES, 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 9230 Higgins Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

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LOT NUMBERED 1 IN BLOCK NUMBERED I OF BUTTERFIELD PARK, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID BUTTERFIELD PARK, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 8, 1963 IN PLAT BOOK 8, FOLIO 72. ALSO KNOWN AS:

LOT NUMBERED 1 IN BLOCK NUMBERED I OF BUTTERFIELD PARK SUBDIVISION, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 18, 1962 IN PLAT NO. 574, PAGE 72 OF THE PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 pm on February 23, 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 December 13, 2016, in the total amount of \$126,439.52, with interest at the rate of 5.25% per annum from June 21, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal

property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

CV-2016-01783

**MAUREEN PONCE SINGLETON REVOCABLE TRUST, Plaintiff,**

v.

**TUSACAN VALLEY PROPERTIES, INC., et al., Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on Thursday February 9, 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 Special Master will sell all the right, title and interest of the named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described 4 tracts of real property to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds. Each of the 4 tracts to be sold are situated in Santa Teresa, Doña Ana County, NM and are as follows: 131 Tuscan Ridge Cir., Santa Teresa, NM

88008 and described as follows:

1st tract is known as 131 Tuscan Ridge Cir., Santa Teresa, NM 88008, identified as:

**LOT 3, BLOCK 3, TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM, AS DESIGNATED ON PLAT OF TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, FILED IN REAL PROPERTY RECORD OF DOÑA ANA, NM, 2/12/2015, BOOK 23, FOLIO 721-722 ON 2/13/2015.**

2nd tract to be sold is known as 134 Tuscan Ridge Cir., Santa Teresa, NM 88008, identified as:

**LOT 10, BLOCK 2, TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM, AS DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM ON FEBRUARY 13, 2015 IN BOOK 23, FOLIO 721-722. Plat filed: 2/13/2015.**

The remaining 2 tracts shall be sold together and are known as 136 Tuscan Ridge Cir., Santa Teresa, NM 88008, further identified as:

**LOT 11, BLOCK 3, TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM, AS DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, FILED IN TH OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM ON 2/13/2015 IN BOOK 23, FOLIO 721-722. Plat filed: 2/13/2015.**

Which shall be sold with 139 Tuscan Ridge Cir., Santa Teresa, NM 88008, further identified as:

**LOT 7, BLOCK 3, TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM, AS DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF TUSCAN RIDGE VILLAS, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM ON FEBRUARY 13, 2015 IN BOOK 23, FOLIO 721-722. Plat filed: 2/13/2015.**

The sale will be made to satisfy Final Default Foreclosure Judgment filed Dec-

ember 13, 2016, in favor of Plaintiff, pursuant to a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure therein.

Plaintiff, Maureen Ponce Singleton Revocable Trust, has a Judgment against Defendants, Tuscan Valley Properties, Inc. and Dan M. Brown, in the amount of \$652,894.97 bearing interest at 8% per annum from 7/1/2016.

Plaintiffs 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 properties 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.

Firth•Johnston•Bunn•Kerr  
PO Box 942  
El Paso, TX 79946

/s/Kenneth L. Beal  
Kenneth L. Beal  
Special Master

Dates: 01/13, 01/20, 01/27,  
02/03, 2017

STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT

Cause No. CV-2016-02434  
Judge James T. Martin

**TERRY GUETHE and VELLA GUETHE, Plaintiffs,**

v.

**CHRISTOPHER CARO**

**PEREZ, VICTOR CARO PEREZ, and DEBRA DIANNE TORREZ, if living, if deceased, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DEBRA DIANNE TORREZ, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendant DEBRA DIANNE TORREZ, if living, or, if deceased, to her unknown heirs:**

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiffs, Terry Guethe and Vella Guethe, have 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 Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico:

A tract of land situate within the corporate limits of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located in Section 17, T.23S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, being part of Block 12, Las Cruces Park Addition, plat filed January 7, 1890, in plat record 2, page 48, of the Doña Ana County Records, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

**BEGINNING** at a 1/2" iron rod set along the East line of Virginia Street, for the Northwest corner of this tract; **WHENCE** the Northwest Corner of block 12, of said Las Cruces Park Addition, bears N. 18°08'00" W., 216.00 feet;

**THENCE**, from the point of beginning, leaving Virginia Street N. 72°39'00" E., a distance of 60.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Northeast corner of this tract;

**THENCE** S.18°46'00"E., a distance of 50.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found along the North line of Bowman Avenue for the Southeast corner of this tract;

**THENCE**, along the North line of Bowman Avenue. S. 72°39'00" W., a distance of 60.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set at the Northeast intersection point of Bowman Avenue and Virginia Street, for the Southwest corner of this tract;

**THENCE**, along the East line of Virginia Street N.

18°46'00" W., a distance of 50.00 feet to the point of beginning, enclosing 0.068 acre of land, more or less.

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 Plaintiffs  
2460 S. Locust Street,  
Suite E  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
(575) 541-1278

Dates: 01/27, 02/03, 02/10,  
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STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-01740

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

vs.

**EPI M. GALLEGOS, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EPI M. GALLEGOS (true name unknown); WALTER GALLEGOS, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF WALTER GALLEGOS, Deceased; GLENN GALLEGOS; TOM GALLEGOS; WALTER GALLEGOS, JR.; MICHELLE PADILLA; TERESA MARTIN; MARIA PACHECO; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF WALTER GALLEGOS, DECEASED, Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

Defendant(s) Walter Gallegos, if living, if deceased, The Estate of Walter Gallegos, Deceased, Glenn Gallegos, Tom Gallegos and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Walter Gallegos, Deceased 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 1997 SeDoña Hills Parkway, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly

described as:

Lot numbered 41 in Block numbered V of Sonora Springs, Phase 4 at Sonoma Ranch South, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Sonora Springs, Phase 4 at Sonoma Ranch South, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 6, 2002 in Plat Book 20, Folio 176-177.

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

January 11, 2017

By Electronically signed  
/s/ Rachel M. Chiado  
Karen H. Bradley  
Deborah A. Nesbitt  
Rachel M. Chiado  
Marisol C. Garcia  
Loni J. Hodge  
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 January, 2017.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN  
CLERK OF THE  
DISTRICT COURT

By /s/Wendy Cousler  
Deputy

Dates: 01/20, 01/27, 02/03,  
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**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No.: D-307-CV-2016-00773

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**NUNE NAGAPETYAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NUNE NAGAPETYAN; THE NUNE NAGAPETYAN LIVING TRUST U/T/D DATED AUGUST 18, 2010; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY; Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Nune Nagapetyan, Unknown Spouse of Nune Nagapetyan, The Nune Nagapetyan Living Trust U/T/D Dated August 18, 2010:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 4636 Camino Dos Vidas, Las Cruces, NM 88012. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 23, BLOCK K, DOS SUENOS ESTATES, 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 4230 ON 09/28/2005 IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 352-57 OF PLAT RECORDS

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

**McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP**

By: /s/ Umair Malik  
Karen Weaver  
Umair Malik

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 01/20, 01/27, 02/03,  
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## THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2015-01176

**BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ROBERT ROSE-NBLOOM AND LORRAINE ROSENBLUM, HUSBAND AND WIFE; CAPITAL SAVINGS BANK, SSB; FIRST-LIGHT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; 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 4130 Gila Trl, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 32, Block A, ARROWHEAD ESTATES 4, 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 June 20, 2003, in Book 20 Page(S) 361-362 of Plat Records.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on March 9, 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 January 4, 2017, in the total amount of

\$185,957.50, with interest at the rate of 4.375% per annum from January 1, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

## NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. BOKF, N.A., a National Banking Association, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home to 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

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2015-01559

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

vs.

**MICHAEL A. CANDELARIA, DELIA V. CANDELARIA, HUSBAND AND WIFE; 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 4425 Ojo Caliente Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88011-4303, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 5 IN BLOCK NUMBERED M OF SONOMA RANCH EAST II, PHASE 4, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SONOMA RANCH EAST II, PHASE 4, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JANUARY 31, 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 128-130.

The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on March 23, 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 December 23, 2016, in the total amount of \$233,725.24, with interest at the rate of 5.0% per annum from September 13, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility

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

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-01907

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SINDY L. JONES, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS THE TRUSTEE OF THE JONES 2007 FAMILY TRUST; DALE E. JONES, TRUSTEE OF THE JONES 2007 FAMILY TRUST; 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 3901 Sonoma Springs 1104, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

UNIT #1104, CASAS DE SOLEDAD CONDOMINIUMS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE DECLARATION FOR CASAS DE SOLEDAD CONDOMINIUMS AND THE CONDOMINIUM PLAT RECORDED ON JANUARY 10, 2007 IN BOOK 778 IN PAGES 1283 THROUGH 1402 OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY CLERK RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15pm on February 23, 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 December 12, 2016, in the total amount of \$67,391.34, with interest at the rate of 6.00% per annum from October 20, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Nationstar Mortgage LLC, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-02600

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

vs.

**JULIA ECHEVARRIA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, JULIA ECHEVARRIA:**

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 215 Palo Verde Drive, Sunland Park, NM 88063. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 8 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 40 OF MEADOW VISTA

SUBDIVISION, PLAT 6, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID MEADOW VISTA SUBDIVISION, PLAT 6, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JULY 22, 1959 IN PLAT BOOK 8, FOLIO 45.

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

**McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP**

By: /s/ Carrie Cook  
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Dates: 01/20, 01/27, 02/03,  
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## THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-02349

**JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SAMANTHA J. HOOPER AND JOHN DOE HOOPER, WIFE AND HUSBAND; ABC CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND HANE DOES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOCE, IF DECEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.**

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ty, New Mexico, commonly known as 5041 Starlite Court, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 26 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 29 OF LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, PHASE VI-A, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, PHASE VI-A, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 2, 1996 IN PLAT BOOK 18, FOLIO 412-413.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on March 23, 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 September 22, 2015, in the total amount of \$84,365.30, with interest at the rate of 5.375% per annum from July 31, 2015 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. JPM organ Chase Bank, National Association, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER**

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

Case No. :  
D-307-CV-2016-00001

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

vs.

**DONALD R. HIRSCH, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF DONALD R. HIRSCH, DECEASED; FRANCES M. HIRSCH, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF FRANCES M. HIRSCH, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; 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 415 McClure Road, Las Cruces, NM

88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 16, LINDA VISTA SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 335 THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 3, 1947, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 6, PAGE 53, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on March 9, 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 Default Judgment in Rem granted on December 14, 2016, in the total amount of \$171,875.90, with interest at the rate of 1.7300% per annum from July 31, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-00003  
Arrieta, Manuel I.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOSE JARAMILLO-FRIAS IRREVOCABLE TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2014**

**NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION**

**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:**

**TO: ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE MATTER OF THE JOSE JARAMILLO-FRIAS IRREVOCABLE TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2014, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.**

Hearing on the Petition for Judicial Determination of Beneficiaries and Judicial Supervision of Administration and Final Distribution of Trust (the "Petition") filed by the undersigned petitioner will be held at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on March 30, 2017, at 9:00 A.M. before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge. You are hereby notified that at the hearing the Court will consider the request by the petitioner to:

1. determine the beneficiaries of the Jaramillo-Frias Trust who are entitled to distribution of the entire remaining principal and undistributed income of the

Jaramillo-Frias Trust estate in accordance with paragraph 6.1 of the Jaramillo-Frias Trust;

2. direct Petitioner, as Trustee to make final distribution of the Jaramillo-Frias Trust to the beneficiaries as determined by the Court;

3. approve the payment from the Jaramillo-Frias Trust of the fees of Petitioner and the costs and attorney fees incurred by Petitioner in bringing this Petition before the Court; and

4. otherwise direct Petitioner, as Trustee with regard to the administration and distribution of the Jaramillo-Frias Trust as the Court shall determine and granting Petitioner such other relief as the Court determines is appropriate.

A copy of the Petition is on file with the Court in the above-captioned cause and is available for your review.

Pursuant to NMSA, 1978 §45-1-401 (2014), notice of the time and place of hearing on the Petition is hereby given you by publication, once each week, for three consecutive weeks.

Witness our hands and seals of this Court.

DATED: January 18, 2017

(Seal)

Claude Bowman  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By /s/ Victor A. Eres  
Deputy Victor A. Eres

ZIA TRUST, INC.,  
Petitioner

By: Kathryn Kitchens  
Its: Sr. Trust Officer  
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**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2015-01521

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

vs.

**THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF MIRIAM N. JENSON, DECEASED; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MIRIAM N. JENSON, DECEASED; NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION; FIRST NATIONAL BANK, 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 7265 Brahma Road, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTHEAST OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING PART OF LOT 2, CARMONA ACRES, PLAT FILED SEPTEMBER 22, 1998, IN BOOK 19 PAGE 161, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 2, CARMONA ACRES, PLAT FILED SEPTEMBER 22, 1998, IN BOOK 19, PAGE 161, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS;

THENCE, FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, N. 89 DEG., 57'26"E., A DISTANCE OF 292.75 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF A 40.00 FOOT WIDE RIGHT-OF-

WAY DEDICATED TO DOÑA ANA COUNTY, KNOWN AS BRAHMAN ROAD, FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT: WHENCE THE ORIGINAL NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2, CARMONA ACRES, PLAT FILED SEPTEMBER 22, 1998, IN BOOK 19, PAGE 161, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS, BEARS N.89 DEG., 57'26"E., 40.00 FEET;

THENCE, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF BRAHMAN ROAD, S.00 DEG. 20'57"W., A DISTANCE OF 165.43 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE, LEAVING BRAHMAN ROAD, S.89 DEG., 56'47"W., A DISTANCE OF 292.58 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N.00 DEG. 17'20"E., A DISTANCE OF 165.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ENCLOSING 1.112 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO A 5.00 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT PARALLEL AND IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE NORTHERLY, WESTERLY AND SOUTHERLY BOUNDARIES.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on March 9, 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 January 5, 2017, in the total amount of \$59,717.19, with interest at the rate of 6% per annum from October 1, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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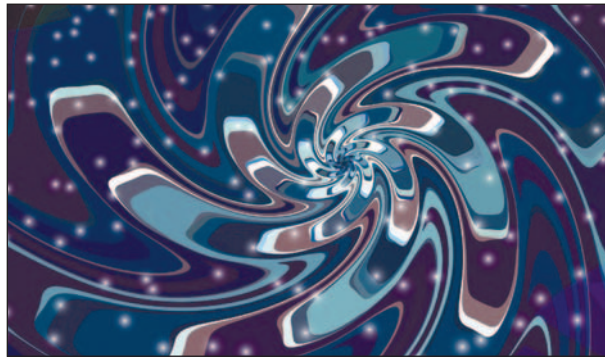
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Journey to Ketchikan by Teri Van Huss is an example of fractal art.

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## Schedule of Events

**11 a.m.**

Doors Open

**12 p.m.**

Renee's Bridal Fashion Show -  
Prom & Quince in Ballroom

**12:45 p.m.**

Nearlywed Game Show in Exhibit Hall

**1:30 p.m.**

Renee's Bridal Fashion Show - Bridal in Ballroom

**2:00 p.m.**

Dillard's Menswear Fashion Show in Exhibit Hall

**3:00 p.m.**

Live Wedding in Ballroom



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# Las Cruces celebrates 20 years of For the Love of Art Month

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

For the Love of Art Month, always in February, is celebrating its 20th year in Las Cruces.

"February finds ArtForms members drawing our membership, other arts organizations and the community into the ArtForms organized and promoted For Love of Art celebration," according to [www.artformsnm.org](http://www.artformsnm.org).

"Following the Las Cruces City Council proclamation declaring arts an important component of a community's quality of life, galleries, museums, non-traditional venues and artists' studios welcome the public to exhibits reflecting the vibrancy, diversity, history and culture of art in southern New Mexico" throughout the month, the website

continues. "Special activities include studio and gallery tours, a member art show and art venues all around the town."

The Founders Exhibit will be held throughout February at The Gallery at Big Picture, 311 N. Main St. in Downtown Las Cruces, next to Las Cruces Community Theatre.

Event guides for the 2017 Love of Art Month are available at locations throughout Las Cruces and Mesilla, including the Las Cruces Art Museum, 491 N. Main St. Downtown.

For the Love of Art Month will include artist studio tours every weekend in February. Studios will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. "A total of 28 artists' studios will be open this year, often with more than one artist

displaying their work," according to ArtForms. "You will find local artists displaying sculpture, fiber arts, watercolors, paintings, fractals, jewelry, photography, silk art, ceramics, mixed media and much more."

Check the event guide to find out when each gallery is open.

There also will be art exhibitions and performing arts events throughout the month:

- Local entertainer Chris Waggoner will perform his much-heralded Neil Diamond tribute at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. downtown on Saturday, Feb. 11.

- No Strings Theatre Company (NSTC), 430 N. Main St., will present "Out of Sterno" through Feb. 12.

- At the Black Box

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BY MIKE STEPHENS

## LOVE OF ART

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Theatre is the Mesilla Valley Dance Collective performance of "A Reimagining of Pandora's Box" on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 25 and 26.

• Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St., will present its three final performances of Edward Albee's award-winning play "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 3-5.

• The 2017 ArtForms Member Show will open during the first Friday Ramble on Friday, Feb. 3 and continue through Saturday, Feb. 27. It will be held at Mas Art Frame & Art Supply, 126 N. Main St.; the El Paso Electric Gallery inside Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.; and Mesquite Art Gallery, 340 N. Mesquite St. The show will be juried with award ribbons going to first-, second- and third-place entries, plus an honorable mention.

For more information, including event guide and map, visit [www.artform-snm.org](http://www.artform-snm.org).

## Event guide changes

An event guide is provided to point participants in the right direction for studio tours and events. However, there are two small changes in the guide:

1) Jeri Desrochers (with C.C. Cunningham and Mary Zawacki) has pulled out from the studio tour due to health concerns

2) Jean Wilkey's spot, 'G' on the map, was incorrectly placed. It should be next to 'F', Storm Sermay.



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**The National Dance Company of Ireland presents: Rhythm of the Dance**  
February 14, 2017 • 7:30pm

**Las Cruces Civic Concert Association presents: Alina Kiryayeva**  
February 16, 2017 • 7:30pm

**Roy Orbison Returns with Wiley Ray & The Big O Band**  
February 17, 2017 • 8pm

**Viva La Cultura! Nacha Mendez**  
February 18, 2017 • 8pm

**African Guitar Summit**  
February 23, 2017 • 7:30pm

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- FRI JANUARY 27 • 10:30 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Rhythm Roundup (Music/Dance for ages 2-5)
- FRI JANUARY 27 • 3:30 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Library Lab (Activities/Stories for ages 6-10)
- FRI JANUARY 27 • 7:30 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
*Awakening in Taos*, Premiere Screening and Gala Event for Independent Film about Mabel Dodge Lujan
- SAT JANUARY 28 • 1:00 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
Independent Film Screening & Workshop by Mark Gordon, Writer/Director of *Awakening in Taos*
- SAT JANUARY 28 • 6:30 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
*Awakening in Taos*, an Independent Film about Mabel Dodge Lujan
- SUN JANUARY 29 • 2:00 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
The American Association of University Women present *One For the Girls*
- TUE JANUARY 31 • 10:30 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Read to Me (Storytime for ages 3 and up)
- TUE JANUARY 31 • 2:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Computer Class—Intro to File Management
- TUE+THU JAN 31+ FEB 2 • 4:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Teen Game Night
- WED+THU FEBRUARY 1+2 • 10:00 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Toddler Time (Storytime for ages 1-3)
- WED FEBRUARY 1 • 11:00 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Mother Goose Time (Activities for Infants)
- FRI FEBRUARY 3 • 7:00 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
The Doña Ana Arts Council presents "Moon Mouse, A Space Odyssey"
- SAT FEBRUARY 11 • 7:00 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
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# LCCT's 'Virginia Woolf' a theatrical battle royale

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

"He catches on to the game as quickly as I change the rules," Martha muses in one of the most telling lines in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

The play is currently in production at Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. in downtown Las Cruces. It has six more performances during the next two weekends, and is definitely worth seeing.

The Tony-winning stage play (and the Oscar-winning movie based on the play) is all about games, and all the characters are armed with the brilliantly barbed words of playwright Edward Albee.

The play is rather like verbal paintball, as Martha and George take aim at each other and connect again and again with a deadly accuracy born of more than 20 years of brutal marriage. Every direct hit opens an old wound or leaves a new mark, but no one ever dies and the game never stops.

You almost expect to see them duck behind furniture, because they know exactly what is coming. Instead, they use an endless flow of alcohol to prime their weapons and expand their fields of fire.

When guests Nick and Honey arrive for a visit after 2 in the morning, George and Martha draw them into even deadlier games. They use the younger couple as cannon fodder or as battlements, and at other times seem to forget they are even in the room. George and Martha live for their private war and will do anything, use any means, to keep it going.

You find yourself asking Nick and Honey again and again, "Why don't you leave?" Are they entranced as spectators and second-string participants? Are they honing their own arsenals as they look at future versions of themselves?

You also want to ask George and Martha an even bigger question: "Why are you doing this?" Watch and listen, and Albee and this company will tell you dark secrets about themselves and their families.

It's clear that director Patrick Payne, a veteran of Las Cruces theatre as a director, actor and playwright, knows how this battle was meant to be fought and how to use his actors to fight it.

He uses the height difference between George and Martha, the age and cultural differences between the couples, the vocal ranges of his talented cast to help bring out the subtext, the nuances of Albee's story and the many stories within it. And, he uses the wonderful set and all its props — along with the costumes that suit each actor perfectly — to bring this story to its inevitable and gut-wrenching conclusion.

Janet Beatty-Payne and Danny Wade play powerfully and elegantly against each other as Martha and George. Their rage and sorrow build with an inevitability that is both witty and heartbreaking. It also is genuinely scary at times, and you find yourself changing sides as they continue to pound on each other.

Greg Blackman and Erica Krauel are both newcomers to the stage, and what a way



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**Danny Wade and Janet Beatty-Payne as George and Martha in Las Cruces Community Theatre's production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"**

to break into theatre in the challenging roles of Nick and Honey. Talk about caught in the crossfire! Both actors stepped up with strong performances.

This is a powerful evening of theatre. Go see it.

Upcoming performances

of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 27 and 28 and Feb. 3 and 4, and at 2 p.m. on Sundays, Jan. 29 and Feb. 5.

Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$11 for students, senior citizens and military; \$9 for children under age 6; and \$10

each for groups of 10 or more. Student "rush" tickets will be sold to students with valid student ID for \$5, 15 minutes before curtain time if seats are available.

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





COURTESY PHOTO

The trio of Patrick Ball, Lisa Lynne and Aryeh Frankfurter will perform "Legends of the Celtic Harp" on Feb. 22 at Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Ave.

# Musical Celtic journey coming to UUC

By **LISA LYNNE**

For the Bulletin

"Legends of the Celtic Harp," a musical journey into the heart of a legendary instrument, will be performed by "three of the premier Celtic harpers in the world: Patrick Ball, Aryeh Frankfurter and myself," said harper Lisa Lynne. "We've created a dramatic ensemble that takes listeners deep into the myths, stories, magic and fabled history of this most captivating instrument."

The concert and storytelling event takes place at 7 p.m. Wednes-

day, Feb. 22, at Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Ave. Admission is \$15.

"My partners and I are Celtic harpers who have toured extensively throughout the U.S.," Lynne said. One recent review from Presenter Review states, "Legends of the Celtic Harp is a blend of music and oratory, falling somewhere between concert and theater. It spanned nearly the range of human feeling, from humor to tragedy, tenderness to rage, reality to mysticism, and more. The effects were powerful and exhilarating."

"Audiences will hear three

Celtic Harps including the rare wire-strung Swedish Nyckelharpa, Cittern and Irish Bouzouki, intertwined with moving stories of humanity and music through time," Lynne said. For more information about the harpers, visit [www.LegendsOfTheCelticharp.com](http://www.LegendsOfTheCelticharp.com), call 575-522-7281, or visit [uuchruchlc.org](http://uuchruchlc.org).

*Lisa Lynne is a multi-instrumentalist and performer with worldwide recognition for her original compositions. She can be reached through [www.legendsofthecelticharp.com](http://www.legendsofthecelticharp.com).*

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Classical guitarist available for performances, private lessons

Classical guitarist Hunter Beck received his master's degree in classical guitar from Arizona State University, where he taught for several years. He specializes in classical but is available to teach theory, history and technique for all styles of guitar. "I love the process of discovering and nurturing each individual's unique talents," Beck said. Info: 575-522-5181.

### Mas Art holds classes with Wayne Carl Huber

Pencil and Pastels art class taught by Wayne Carl Huber is open to adults and high-school students. Subject matter will comprise of still life and landscape. Basic assignments for beginning drawing will also be included.

- Jan. 28: pastel still life drawing;
- Feb. 4: pastel landscape drawing.

Classes held at Mas Art Frame and Art Supplies, 126 S. Main St. Contact instructor for fees. Enrollment is limited to eight students. Supply list and info: Wayne Carl Huber at 575-647-5684 or [wch1966@msn.com](mailto:wch1966@msn.com).

### Raven Art Studio classes in full swing

Art classes for teens 17 and older and adults with Rick Rotante at Raven Art Studio take place at 300 N. Main St. All classes are \$25 per session.

- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Mondays: Drawing in charcoal
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  - 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Thursdays: Pastel painting
  - 6-9 p.m. Fridays: Special 10-week introduction to oil painting class. Call for dates and materials list. \$185.
  - 4-7 p.m. Sunday: model workshop (minimum four artists)
- Info: Rick Rotante at 909-233-0425.

### Bead Society studio tour Feb. 11, 12

The Las Cruces Bead Society is participating in For the Love of Art Month with a studio tour featuring bead artists Lana Patterson, Sha-

ron McKim, Evelyn Rivera, Susy Rossman, Ernestina Trujillo, Linda Reeder-Sanchez and Beth Chidester-Landers. Acrylic landscape painting by Rhoda Winters. Free demos, art on display, jewelry, painting and bead work from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 at 1314 N. Reymond St. Info: 575-644-4156.

### NM Vintage Wines live music

NM Vintage Wines presents:

- 8-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27: Chris Baker, local country
- 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28: Megan Davenport, from Miami, Florida, country/blues/pop, originals
- 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29: Alister M + Steve MacIntyre, indie/rock/folk
- 3-5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3: Barney muggers, jazz in a folk/ragtime rhythm

Location: 2461 Calle de Principal in Mesilla.

### The Black Market Trust concert to benefit music scholarships

The Black Market Trust, an American pop/vocal jazz band whose music combines the sounds of the great American crooners and vocal groups with the romantic Eastern European gypsy fire of jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt, is coming back to Las Cruces for a concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 at the Rio Grande Theater, 211 N. Main St. with proceeds benefitting the Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society's scholarship funds. Tickets are \$15 pre-sale by credit purchase and \$20 at the door. The performance is general seating and doors open at 7 p.m. Info: [www.mvjazzblues.net](http://www.mvjazzblues.net) or 575-640-8686.

Free spirit dance every Wednesday

Express your spirit through free dancing. No experience necessary. Held 2-3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Center for Spiritual Living in the Heart of Las Cruces at 575 N. Main St. Info: 575-523-4847.

Art classes offered

The following art classes will take place at My Place Jewell Studio, 132 B Wyatt Drive.

- 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays: Beginning Drawing and Painting.
- 1-3:30 p.m. Thursdays: Intermediate and Advanced Drawing and Painting.

High School Students are welcome in either class. Payments of

\$45 are due every four weeks. Students may begin anytime. Home-school art classes offered for students between ages of 7 and 12, who may enroll in classes repeated from noon to 12:50 p.m. every Wednesday. Price is \$25 for four classes. Instructor Wayne Carl Huber, MFA, is licensed in art education in New Mexico and has 50 years of teaching art nationally. Info: 575-647-5684 or [www.waynecarlhuber.com](http://www.waynecarlhuber.com).

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## GALLERIES & OPENINGS

### NMSU art faculty, staff exhibition runs through Feb. 9

Featuring works by 11 NMSU Department of Art faculty and staff members, the exhibition "Impermanent Topography," which opens Tuesday, Jan. 17, addresses the social, political, geographical and cultural landscapes that comprise our ever-shifting understandings of contemporary life. Curated by Michelle Lanteri, "Impermanent Topography"

includes artwork by Julia Barello, Tauna Cole-Dorn, Craig Cully, Jessika Edgar, Motoko Furuhashi, Richard Hesketh, Wes Kline, Adam Labe, Bree Lamb, Jacob Muñoz and Rachel Stevens.

The exhibition runs through

Feb. 9 at the University Art Gallery, 1390 E. University Ave.

### WE WANT YOUR SUBMISSIONS

If you have an announcement you'd like to see in galleries, please send to [susie@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:susie@lascrucesbulletin.com).

### Gallery features Tugel, Hendrickson

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre, will feature local artists Arlene J. Tugel and Sylvia Hendrickson. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Sunday. Info: 575-522-2933 or visit [www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com](http://www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com).

### Woodcut exhibit

Artist Nancy Frost Begin has an exhibit at Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road, featuring woodcuts, architectural images, and the "Avian Fashion Show," where she has taken favorite persons in history, art, science, music and made wood cuts with birds. Info: 575-541-0658.



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# Masterpiece contest challenges art lovers

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts gallery celebrates "For the Love of Art Month" with the "My Masterpiece Contest," during the month of February.

The gallery is displaying current jpegs of the works created by gallery members, copying a famous artist's work or in the

style of a famous artist. The works are tagged with a clue about the famous artists, and entrants must correctly match the famous artist to the artwork created by gallery members. The entry with the most correct answers received earliest in the month will win a \$50 gift certificate donated by LaPosta

Restaurant.

The gallery will host a "For the Love of My Masterpiece" show and reception 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 at 2470A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla. Light refreshments and music will be provided and additional artwork for sale will be on display. Info: 575-522-2933.

## CALL TO ARTISTS

### Acting workshops feature sitcom veterans

Eric Lutes, who played Del Cassidy on "Caroline in the City," and Jane Sibbets, who played Carol Willick on "Friends," will make a joint presentation about their acting careers and offer advice for people who want to break into acting at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave.

For more information, contact Kilroy at 575-646-6000 or [wkilroy@nmsu.edu](mailto:wkilroy@nmsu.edu).

### NMSU Masterworks Chorus to hold auditions

The New Mexico State University (NMSU) Choral Activities Department will hold auditions for the Masterworks Chorus for the 2017 spring semester by appointment in room 106 of the NMSU Music Building, 1075 N. Horseshoe Drive.

Singers are asked to prepare a short song, or an accompanist will be provided for a familiar hymn, tune or carol. The NMSU Masterworks Chorus combines campus and community singers coming together to perform a repertoire of major choral works and shorter extended works with and without orchestra. The ensemble meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays in Room 103 of the Music Building.

For more information or to set up an audition time, contact John Flanery, director of Choral Activities, at 575-646-1306 or [jflanery@nmsu.edu](mailto:jflanery@nmsu.edu).

### Submissions sought for juried ceramic exhibition

The Las Cruces Museum of Art and the Potters' Guild of Las Cruces seek submissions for From the Ground Up XXVIII Regional Juried Ceramics Exhibition 2017. Submissions are open to ceramic artists living and working in the Mountain Time zone states: NM, TX, AZ, UT, CO, WY, ID and MT. The exhibition runs Aug. 4 - Oct. 21, 2017. Awards include cash prizes. This year's juror is Steven Hill. The deadline for submissions is postmark-date April 21, 2017. The full prospectus and submission form are available online at [www.pottersguildlc.com](http://www.pottersguildlc.com) and [www.lascruces.org/museums](http://www.lascruces.org/museums). For more information, contact Exhibitions Curator Joy Miller at [jmiller@las-cruces.org](mailto:jmiller@las-cruces.org).

### Monument Artist in Residence program deadline Feb. 28

The Friends of Organ Mountains Desert Peaks and Bureau of Land Management announce a call to artists to apply for the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument Artist in Residence Program to take place May 1-31, 2017.

The Artist in Residence program educates and promotes the appreciation, protection and preservation of natural and cultural resources on public lands. The residency provides an artist and public an opportunity to interact to better enhance the understanding of the public lands as well as the unique qualities an artist's eye can capture.

Entries for the 2017 Spring Residency must be received via email on or before Feb. 28, 2017.

For more information, see program details and application materials at: [organmountainsdesertpeaks.org/artist-in-residence/](http://organmountainsdesertpeaks.org/artist-in-residence/) or contact Ben Gabriel at 575-323-1423 or email [info@organmntfriends.org](mailto:info@organmntfriends.org).

### Aldo Leopold writing contest open to grades 6 through 12

The purpose of the Aldo Leopold Writing Contest is to build on the author's legacy by inspiring the next generation of citizens to participate in the evolution of the land ethic through the written word. The Aldo Leopold Writing Contest invites New Mexico students in grades 6 through 12 to read Leopold's work, especially A Sand County Almanac, and to write an essay on land ethics. Students in grades 6-7 write essays no longer than 300 words; grades 8-9, 400 words; grades 10-12, 500 words. Each grade category will be judged separately. A \$500 cash prize will be awarded in each age category with an additional \$250 worth of books awarded to the school of the overall best essayist. The first-place essays will be read at the awards ceremony at 2 p.m. April 23 at the First Annual Leopold Lecture at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque.

Entries must be emailed to [brian@goldenapplenm.org](mailto:brian@goldenapplenm.org) by Feb. 7. Visit [www.LeopoldWritingProgram.org](http://www.LeopoldWritingProgram.org) for contest and entry information.



COURTESY PHOTO

Naida Zucker's landscapes will be on display at the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery.

## Gallery announces new artists for February



COURTESY PHOTO

New gallery artist Anne Carter makes her debut at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe.


The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery in February will feature artists Naida Zucker and Bert Gammill, according to a press release. The gallery also announces new member Anne Carter, who creates portraits, figures and landscape subjects using oil and acrylic mediums. She has studied and been displayed in California, Montana, Texas and Santa Fe.

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts gallery will kick off its annual Love of Art Month/My Masterpiece contest with a reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, with light refreshments and music. Gallery hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre. For information, call 575-522-2933 or visit: [www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com](http://www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com).



COURTESY PHOTO

Bert Gammill's artwork is showcased in February.



### Fountain Theatre

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**AT THE MOVIES** Your guide to the latest films

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**Elle**  
**Rated:** R  
**Genre:** Horror  
**Directors:** Paul Verhoeven

**Hellurween: A Madea Halloween**  
**Rated:** PG-13  
**Genre:** Horror, comedy  
**Director:** Tyler Perry

**Jack Reacher 2: Never Go Back**  
**Rated:** PG-13  
**Genre:** Action  
**Director:** Edward Zwick

**Masterminds**  
**Rated:** PG-13  
**Genre:** Comedy  
**Director:** Jared Hess

**Top grossing Jan. 20-22**

- 1. Split**  
\$40,010,975
- 2. xXx: The Return of Xander Cage**  
\$20,130,142
- 3. Hidden Figures**  
\$15,721,606
- 4. Sing**  
\$9,003,780
- 5. La La Land**  
\$8,427,583
- 6. Rogue One: A Star Wars Story**  
\$7,210,470
- 7. Monster Trucks**  
\$7,072,602
- 8. Patriots Day**  
\$5,753,016
- 9. Sleepless**  
\$4,453,322
- 10. The Bye Bye Man**  
\$3,430,6

**Now playing**

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**Sing**



**Rated:** PG  
**Plot Overview:** A koala named Buster Moon has one final chance to restore his theater to its former glory by producing the world's greatest singing competition.  
**Starring:** Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon, Seth MacFarlane

**xXx: Return of Xander Cage**



**Rated:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** Xander Cage is left for dead after an incident, though he secretly returns to action for a new, tough assignment with his handler Augustus Gibbons.  
**Starring:** Vin Diesel, Donnie Yen

**La La Land**



**Rated:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A jazz pianist falls for an aspiring actress in Los Angeles.  
**Starring:** Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone, Rosemarie DeWitt

**Gold**



**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** Kenny Wells, a prospector desperate for a lucky break, teams up with a similarly eager geologist and sets off on an amazing journey to find gold in Indonesia.  
**Starring:** Matthew McConaughey, Bryce Dallas Howard

**Patriot's Day**



**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** An account of Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis's actions in the events leading up to the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing and the aftermath.  
**Starring:** Mark Wahlberg, Michelle Monaghan, J.K. Simmons

**Split**



**Rated:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** After three girls are kidnapped by a man with 24 distinct personalities they must find some of the different personalities that can help them while running away and staying alive.  
**Starring:** James McAvoy, Anya Taylor-Joy, Haley Lu Richardson, Jessica Sula

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**Hidden Figures**



**Rated:** PG  
**Plot Overview:** A team of African-American women provide NASA with mathematical data needed to launch the program's first successful space missions.  
**Starring:** Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe

**A Dog's Purpose**



**Rated:** PG  
**Plot Overview:** A devoted dog finds the meaning of his own existence through the lives of the humans he teaches to laugh and love.  
**Starring:** Dennis Quaid, Britt Robertson

**Monster Trucks**



**Rated:** PG  
**Plot Overview:** Looking for any way to get away from the life and town he was born into, Tripp (Lucas Till), a high school senior, builds a Monster Truck from bits and pieces of scrapped cars.  
**Starring:** Lucas Till, Jane Levy, Thomas Lennon

**The Founder**



**Rated:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** The story of Ray Kroc, a salesman who turned two brothers' fast food eatery, McDonald's, into one of the biggest restaurant businesses in the world.  
**Starring:** Michael Keaton, Nick Offerman, John Carroll Lynch

**The Resurrection of Gavin Stone**



**Rated:** PG  
**Plot Overview:** A former child star pretends to be a Christian to land the part of Jesus in their annual Passion Play, only to discover that the most important role of his life is far from Hollywood.  
**Starring:** Brett Dalton, Anjelah Johnson-Reyes, Shawn Michaels

**Rogue One**



**Rated:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** The Rebellion makes a risky move to steal the plans for the Death Star, setting up the epic saga to follow.  
**Starring:** Felicity Jones, Diego Luna, Alan Tudyk



## 'Seasons' an old-fashioned, handsome nature film

By **JEFF BERG**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

In this beautifully shot and lightly narrated documentary, the filmmakers, Jacques Perrin and Cluzaud, who were previously responsible for "Winged Migration" and "Oceans," take viewers on a wildlife journey through the seasons, which essentially represent time from the Ice Age to present day.

Along the way, mostly through European forests, the picture captures animals in real life, although it is acknowledged that the filmmakers do plant a few trained and people-friendly critters hither and yon, but it is rather hard to tell as we witness rest, birth, play, flight, pursuit, eating and danger.

Narrated by Perrin, the film shares bits of knowledge about

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**GRADE: B+**

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"Opens Jan. 27 at the Fountain Theatre for a week run.

the Ice Age and climate change (note: it is real) that has led to the world of animals as we see (or often don't see) them now. I've always found the dearth of wildlife in New Mexico to be sad and a bit puzzling. I have seen one bobcat perched on my back fence, but other than that, unless I head farther north, where herds of antelope range along with the occasional deer, all I see around here are rabbits, coyotes, gophers and the occasional skunk.



The film becomes grayer as humans begin to dominate the story. There is not a lot of human activity in the movie, but what there is causes alarm. Perrin's narration offers a warning to us as we continue

to turn our backs on nature, noting at one point: "If we are capable of building eternal cities, we should be able to protect the natural world."

But most of the film revels in what is left of the wild forest covering that once-sheltered much of Europe. "Seasons" was shot mostly in France, Norway, the Netherlands and Scotland.

But the film often notes that its mission is to offer pleasure rather than reprimand, and for much of its running time "Seasons" shares finely edited sequences of deer in the forest, baby owls gazing out of tree knotholes, baby bears learning to climb trees, a lot of wild horses, elk, lynx, capercaillies (a sort of grouse) and foxes. And there are some scenes that very sensitive viewers should make note of, including hunt-

ing scenes with an owl and also with a pack of wolves.

"Seasons" shrewdly wins back the compassion votes for the predators by showing how wolves are being forced out by deforestation and strongly pointing out how humans sort animals into two groups: useful such as pets or working creatures, or vermin that must be subdued and eradicated.

"Seasons" is certainly an old-fashioned, handsomely created nature documentary for family audiences, (probably not the best for youngsters), which supports the idea that man against nature is an unnecessary opposition.

*Jeff has been reviewing movies for the Bulletin since 2002. He lives in Santa Fe and can be reached at 505-466-1634.*

## PUZZLES

## SUPER CROSSWORD

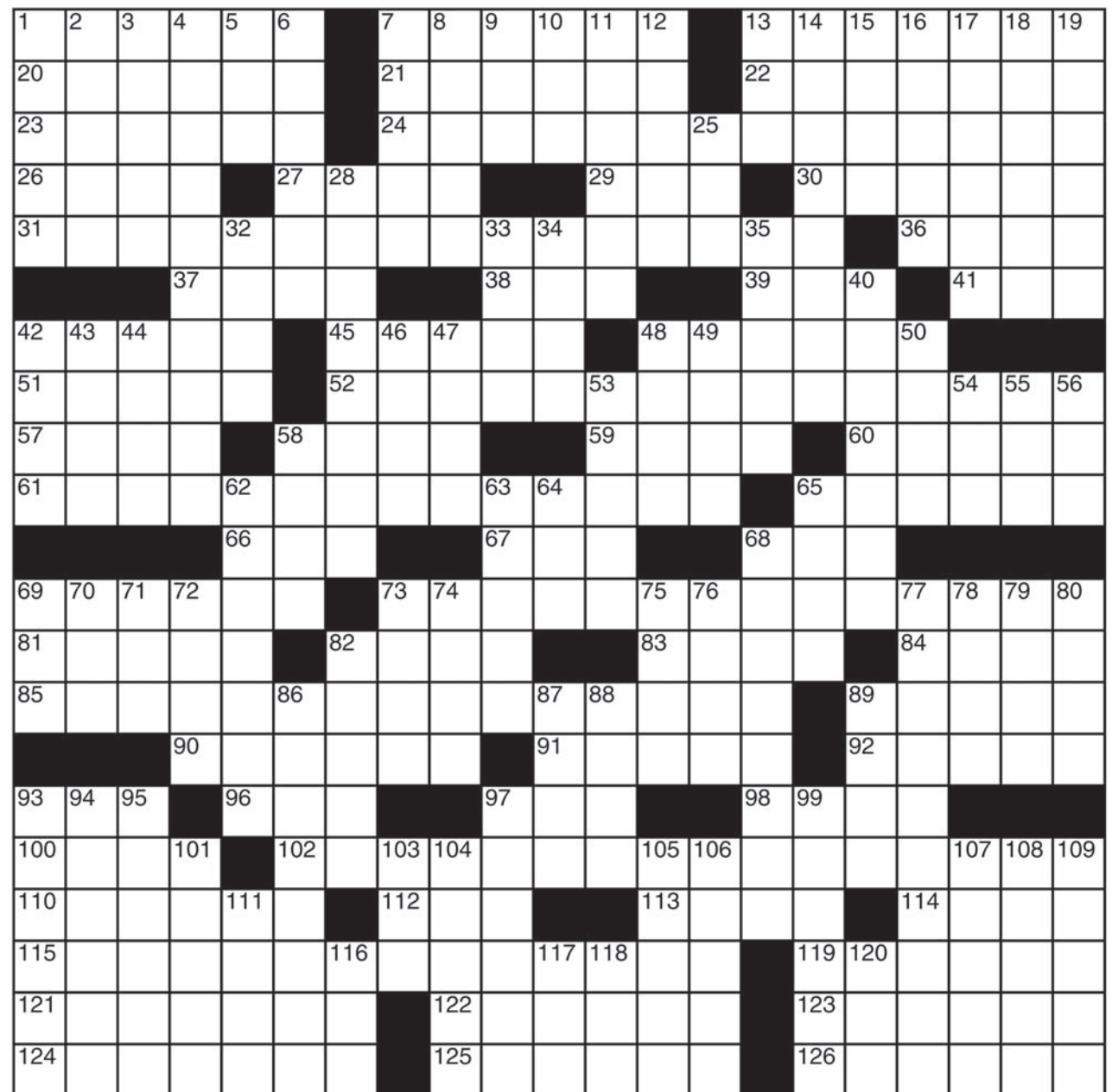
## ACROSS

1 Like galaxies and nebulae  
 7 Cry after a long wait  
 13 Beef or pork alternative  
 20 Nabokov novel  
 21 Obi-wearing companion  
 22 Volcanic flow  
 23 Is a hammy actor  
 24 Start of a riddle  
 26 Extras for iDevices  
 27 See 8-Down  
 29 — out a win (just prevail)  
 30 Long Island town with a Triple Crown racetrack  
 31 Riddle, part 2  
 36 Corn bread  
 37 Barracks site  
 38 Shaker — (city in O.)  
 39 Sweet roll  
 41 Scuff up, e.g.  
 42 Opposing voters  
 45 March Madness, with "the"  
 48 More spiteful  
 51 Jack up, e.g.  
 52 Riddle, part 3  
 57 Brow shape  
 58 Boxer's prize  
 59 Astral bear  
 60 "Robinson Crusoe" novelist  
 61 Riddle, part 4  
 65 Banquets  
 66 "Alfie" lyricist — David  
 67 Scrubs sites, for short  
 68 Ending for pay  
 69 Blockhead  
 73 Riddle, part 5  
 81 Front wheel convergence  
 82 Not of the cloth  
 83 Jedi's furry friend  
 84 Butter lookalike  
 85 End of the riddle  
 89 Shrimplike crustacean  
 90 Exploding water balloon sounds  
 91 Triple-time dance, in Dijon  
 92 Ira Levin's "— Before Dying"  
 93 Angry feeling  
 96 Used a sofa  
 97 Danson of "Cheers"  
 98 Trunk growth  
 100 Seat of Grand County, Utah

102 Start of the riddle's answer  
 110 Apartment window sign  
 112 Hoover offering, for short  
 113 Blockhead  
 114 Go bankrupt  
 115 End of the riddle's answer  
 119 Nobel winner Eugene  
 121 Northern French port  
 122 Prix fixe part  
 123 Moo makers  
 124 Arid quality  
 125 Eternal City citizens  
 126 Enters, as a PIN

## DOWN

1 Shoe gripper  
 2 Pizzazz  
 3 Skiing locale  
 4 Mirage carmaker  
 5 Ending for Manhattan  
 6 Black currant liqueur  
 7 Like tumblers  
 8 With 27-Across, Pavarotti number, e.g.  
 9 Ignited, as a fire  
 10 Fire leftover  
 11 Bedclothes  
 12 In bad taste  
 13 "Evita" role Guevara  
 14 Grand slams, e.g.  
 15 "— cost ya"  
 16 Put in a vise  
 17 Blast sound  
 18 Actress Lynch of four Harry Potter films  
 19 Talk on and on  
 25 Playboy founder, familiarly  
 28 Tool for moving just-baked bread or pizza  
 32 Publisher Conde —  
 33 Persian king  
 34 Tiny, for short  
 35 2012 rival of Romney  
 40 FDR's plan  
 42 Hunter of Moby Dick  
 43 Screenwriter Ephron  
 44 Nervous twitches  
 46 Baby cow  
 47 Entr'—  
 48 Ford make until '11  
 49 Celtic language  
 50 Emu cousin



53 "Bring It On" star Kirsten  
 54 Suppositions  
 55 Light bed  
 56 "— So Fine" (Chiffons hit)  
 58 Trying tot  
 62 Lat-building exercises  
 63 Building pest  
 64 Get it wrong  
 65 Clamorous criticism  
 68 Often-requested Italian song  
 69 Extreme degree  
 70 Debtor's note

71 With 99-Down, brunch time, often  
 72 Parts of clown outfits  
 73 "It — be!"  
 74 Bops  
 75 Prosperity  
 76 Pointed tools  
 77 Minimization of job-related hazards  
 78 Jai follower  
 79 Hedge plants  
 80 Father's Day callers  
 82 Averse (to)

86 Big dishes  
 87 At any time  
 88 Dry riverbed  
 89 Onetime  
 93 "Someone informed me ..."  
 94 Housetop laborer  
 95 A bit crude  
 97 Electronic music genre  
 99 See 71-Down  
 101 Irish writer Brendan  
 103 Biblical exile  
 104 Origami need  
 105 Routinely

106 Pharmacy measures  
 107 Hook worms  
 108 Palmer or Lehmann  
 109 "Juno" star Page  
 111 Campbell of "Party of Five"  
 116 The, to Luc  
 117 It spits out \$20 bills  
 118 Big gun gp.  
 120 Fife refusal

# 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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## SCRAMBLERS



"I found out it's not the price — they made the candy bar \_\_\_\_\_!"

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!

Damage  
**BALIDES**

Guide  
**GAMANE**

Outcome  
**LUSTER**

Angst  
**EFRA**

**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: Z equals R

NVRC E FRZQBC NBJMX ZJMR BTRZ

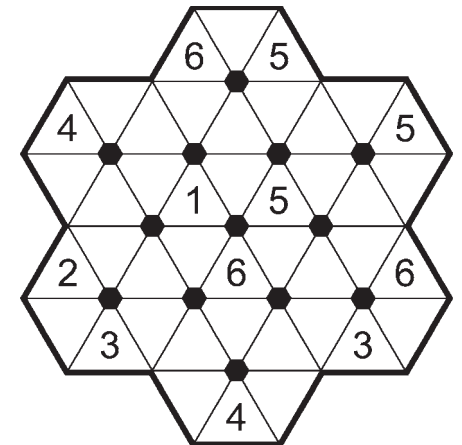
E QHOCHDHGECF FEZP BD ECGHRCF

DZECGR, XHX VR VETR E MBP BD

OEJM?

## 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

When a person would rule over a significant part of ancient France, did he have a lot of Gau?!

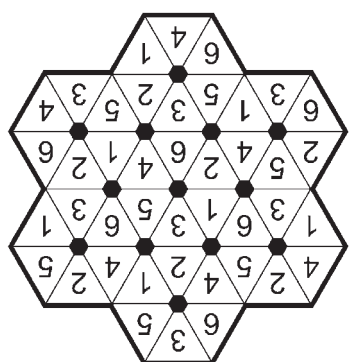
## CRYPTOQUIP

### SMALLER

Today's Word

1. Disable; 2. Manage; 3. Result; 4. Fear

## SCRAMBLERS



## SNOWFLAKES

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## WEEKLY SUDOKU

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## SUPER CROSSWORD





# Another new administration in Washington

**“P**ut not your trust in princes, in sons of men in whom there is no salvation.” We sing this verse from Psalm 143 every week in the Orthodox Church as part of a liturgical hymn called an “antiphon.” It’s a great reminder of the tenuous place all governance has in our minds and perhaps in the minds of all people religious or not. Atheists and agnostics could sing this verse lustily, I suspect, along with us. I have quoted it previously in columns on the eve of elections; this time it’s quoted in the aftermath of an inauguration which, to many, augurs a monumental shift in American politics.

The question that arises is: what is salvation in this Psalm – or for that matter, overall in the scriptures we call the Bible? One suspects that most people, geared to hearing scripture through ears conditioned by a conservative Christian perspective, will understand it as something like a guarantee of

life after death. It is not. In this Psalm, and elsewhere, it means something quite other; it means assistance or help or support or wholeness, even health. It’s a this-worldly concept, not something to do with “the afterlife.”

You can look up the Hebrew word behind the English translation and find it comes from a

root meaning “to make wide, spacious.” Salvation is having room to move in this reading, even to be given freedom. You can see under this definition Israel’s background in slavery in Egypt or the release from captivity in Babylon. It’s a word for the fullness of life



**GABRIEL ROCHELLE**  
Tales from the Cassock

in this world, not the next.

You can look up the Greek word behind the English translation and find it primarily means deliverance from difficulties or preservation of life in the face of hazards. Yes, it does carry the meaning of ultimate salvation but that’s not the primary concern in the Greek and it is of no

real concern in the Hebrew.

The point is not that no Earthly ruler can guarantee life after death; it is that no Earthly ruler can guarantee life after birth, nor life in its fullness and freedom. A guarantee for full life is false on the surface of the matter – and in our better and more rational moments, we all know this. We tend to put our trust in rulers, often prematurely, without their having been tested, but it is ill-placed. We tend to go for the charismatic and boisterous, not the calm and measured, politicians in our midst. They are not going to save us whether eternally or temporally.

If you have not read the Constitution or the Bill of Rights in a long time, perhaps this is the moment to do so. If you have not read the Declaration of Independence since grade school, dust it off and make sure you do.

We are once again at the dawn of a new administration, armed with the cautionary messages our faiths give us, whether religious or not. Armed also with the common sense we were born with once the patina of victory (or defeat) wears off, we have no choice but to remain alert and attentive to what goes on. Whether you are a Trump supporter doesn’t matter anymore. It is our duty as Americans to monitor what goes on in the best interests of what we individually and collectively believe is for the good of our country. That’s the privilege, the right and the duty we bear as citizens of this nation.

*Fr. Gabriel Rochelle is pastor of St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, Las Cruces. Visit the church website at <http://stanthonylc.org>*

## MEET THE COLUMNISTS

# Columnist pulls inspiration from current events

*You read them every week, but what do you really know about them? How does Rorie Measure know so much about books? We’re confident that Father Gabriel Rochelle is above reproach, but is he really? You decide.*

*In our series “Meet the Columnists,” Susie Ouderkirk profiles each of our columnists so you’ll know more about them. This week, we reintroduce the author of “Tales from the Cassock,” Father Gabriel Rochelle.*

By **SUSIE OUDERKIRK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Father Gabriel Rochelle has been writing columns of one kind or another for most of 40 years.

“I’ve always liked to comment on events and issues from a theological and/or religious point of view, going back to when I was a campus pastor in central Pennsylvania,” Rochelle said.

The priest and pastor of St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission at 518 N. Alameda Blvd. has lived

## Father Gabriel Rochelle

**AGE:** 77

**LIVES** in Las Cruces

**EDUCATION:** BA in classics (Greek/Latin and Philosophy); M. Div. (theology degree); Th.M. (master’s in Hebrew, Greek, and biblical studies), M. A. (Celtic studies), Ph.D. (theology and literature). Post-doctoral studies at Claremont.

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**FAVORITE QUOTATION:** “Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re,” which means “Gently in manner, determined in action.”

in Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, Chicago and New Haven, Connecticut. He started writing columns in

Las Cruces through contact with Bulletin publisher Richard Coltharp, and currently teaches in the Honors College at NMSU and online for the national seminary in New Jersey.


One of his wishes is that more people who are “not religious” will read his columns, because he writes for them as well, Rochelle said. He doesn’t plan his columns in advance: “They are usually spurred in some way, vague or blatant, by current events (like elections) or holidays (like Thanksgiving).”

Rochelle also writes a monthly column for the Bulletin’s arts and leisure publication, *Desert Exposure*, in which he discusses one of his other passions: bicycling. But that’s not all. He also enjoys calligraphy, baking, Celtic studies and occasionally birding.

His writing is most recently showcased in his book “A Staff to the Pilgrim,” in which he combines his pastor’s heart for people with his love for Celtic

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## RELIGION BRIEFS

### Unitarian Universalist February Roundtables

The goal of the Roundtable Discussion is to learn more about all sides of issues and more about each other.

• "It takes a village: Seven actions you can take to lift New Mexico public education out of 49th place" by Jose Garcia, former NM secretary of higher education. From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5 at UUCLC Church library, 2000 S. Solano Drive.

• "Community Impact and Education" by Frank Rene Lopez, executive director of Ngage NM. From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 at UUCLC Church library, 2000 S. Solano Drive.

• "Coming out of the Closet: The Affirmation of Humanism" by Richard Hempstead, board certified

dermatologist. From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 at UUCLC Church library, 2000 S. Solano Drive.

• "Exploring Cuba before McDonalds, Hooters and Starbucks arrive" by Elisa Sánchez. From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 at UUCLC Church library, 2000 S. Solano Drive.

Info, comments or suggestions: roundtable@uuchurchlc.org.

### Spiritual group discussion at CSL

Eckankar, religion of sound and light of God, is a practical spiritual teaching which can be used to better understand the ordinary and miraculous events in our lives. Eckankar will host a spiritual discussion on the topic of "Discover God's Love in your Daily Life" from 11 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Jan. 28. The events take place at The Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. For more information, call 654-0071.

### Spiritually healthy divorce support

Peace Lutheran Church offers a supportive group for those working through or facing divorce from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sundays Feb. 5 through April 30 at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Childcare available on request. Info: church office at 575-522-7119.

### Jewish Federation director to speak at Temple Beth El

Daniel Chejfec, director of The Jewish Federation of El Paso, will speak at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 at

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**BRIEFS** CONTINUED FROM 50

Temple Beth El, 39890 Sonoma Springs Ave. Cheifec worked in the Argentine Jewish community as youth director, adult education director and counselor trainer, serving on the national board of the Argentine Association of Jewish Communal Professionals. He has worked in New Jersey, Delaware, Kentucky, New York and currently Texas and will be sharing his journey from Argentina to Texas.

**Men's prayer meeting at Heart for the World**

Heart for the World announces a 7

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spirituality. According to his website, "In this devotional treasure, he introduces us to nine Celtic saints (five women and four men) who embody nine spiritual themes: simplicity, silence, solitude, a sense

of place, spirit, supplication, spiritual friendship, a sense of mission, and sanctity. Each chapter includes an introduction to the saint, heart-felt devotional essays that support each theme, the saint's tropar (prayer), and an original pen-and-ink drawing." The book can be purchased on Amazon.

His interests are many, and so are his favorite spiritual stories.

"One of the best is from Dostoevsky's "Brothers Karamazov," from the novel within the novel called "The Legend of the Grand Inquisitor,"" Rochelle said. "Jesus comes back to earth and, once again in

prison, confronts the Grand Inquisitor, who tells him that he will have to die all over again, because he wanted to give people freedom. The Grand Inquisitor essentially tells Jesus that people don't want freedom, they want security, and that is what the Inquisition offers them." It is a very sobering les-

son indeed, Rochelle said.

As much as he teaches, Rochelle also keeps learning. From his parishioners, he has been taught "compassion, humility, service and perseverance."

His column, Tales from the Cassock, runs the fourth week of every month.

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## What's a century among friends?

Good Samaritan-Las Cruces Village residents Trudy and Symie are a combined 204 years. Trudy (100 years, four months) reminisces about her late husband and is blessed with her two daughters. Symie, 104 years old, won a weightlifting contest in 2008 and proudly keeps her hair a beautiful red.



At 104, Good Sam-Las Cruces Village resident Symie said, "One hundred and four doesn't really mean anything. When I'm 105 then I'm going to get excited."



Good Sam-Las Cruces Village resident Trudy Lootens is a monumental century old.

# NMSU student helps feed Las Cruces seniors

By **TIFFANY ACOSTA**  
For the Bulletin

From her experience as a young girl living with her grandmother, Shelby Stuckel knows how tight the budget can be at the end of the month. As a graduate student in public health at New Mexico State University, she is working with a local food bank to make sure seniors have enough to eat every month.

"I'm invested in it because I was raised by my grandmother, and sometimes we struggled at the end of the month when her Social Security ran out," Stuckel said. "I have empathy and I think it's neat to meet people to talk to at the mobile food pantries, because they have the best stories and best insights. It's good to get out



PHOTO BY TIFFANY ACOSTA

**Shelby Stuckel, a public health graduate student at New Mexico State University, is working with the senior mobile food pantry in Las Cruces to help reduce food insecurities for senior citizens.**

in the community and talk to them."

In August, Casa de Peregrinos Food Bank in conjunction with Roadrunner Food Bank

and the City of Las Cruces started a food distribution program at local senior centers across Las Cruces. The senior mobile food pantry now

serves five centers: Eastside Community Center, Henry Benavidez Community Center, Munson Senior Center, Sage Café Community Center and Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center. The program distributes once a month at each site and provides 50 pounds of food, which includes 40 percent produce, to 50 seniors at each location.

Stuckel said bringing the food to the seniors is critical.

"We are going to where they are," she said. "We go to them, where they are for classes or eating lunch. It's in their community so it's pretty close rather than having to arrange for a ride if they don't have transportation. From what I've seen, it's appreciated that we're going to the senior centers."

"Shelby is a shining star helping to lead some of our county's food distribution programs," said Cindy Kratzke, public health sciences associate professor. "She finds common ground with seniors and other community members who need help with food donations."

Stuckel began working with Casa de Peregrinos after completing a year with AmeriCorps working with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for the Roadrunner Food Bank. She said she enjoys working with the nonprofit sector especially with food insecurity and socioeconomic disparities issues in the region.

To volunteer or donate to Casa de Peregrinos, contact Lorenzo Alba, executive director, at 575-523-5542.

## Seeing the tower for the trees

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

From a distance, it looks like a tree, though you may not notice it at all, driving toward the mountains along Avenida de Mesilla. But if you happen to glance at it, you would think it a particularly tall tree.

Odd, if you think about it, for such a tall, leafy tree to be encased within a cinderblock square located in the middle of a vacant lot behind Murphy's Express. But as you get closer to it and see more of it, you notice how symmetrical and angular its branches are, how straight-standing the tree itself is.

If this were a true tree, it'd be a natural wonder of the world. Alas, it is not a true tree.

It's a Verizon antenna tower designed to look like one.

"Some cities have ordinances that require these towers to blend in with the environment and scenery," said a representative from Verizon. "So we just try to maintain curb appeal around them."

The Las Cruces City Clerk's Office said the city has no such ordinance and the city's Community Development Department said Verizon designed the tower as a tree just to be a good neighbor.

To see for yourself, drive north along Valley and turn left onto Aspen Ave. Take the first left and enter the parking lot behind a row of businesses—among them, a Verizon Wireless retailer.

Appropriately—for both the name of the street and the tower's design—the antenna's site ID is Aspen.



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## NM wildlife federation launches youth program

By **SUSAN TORRES**  
For the Bulletin

Based in southern New Mexico, the Nuestra Tierra project will offer Hispanic and underserved youth opportunities throughout the year to explore New Mexico's landscapes and rich cultural heritage. The New Mexico Wildlife Federation, Friends of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks and Latino Outdoors are collaborating on the Nuestra Tierra Conservation Project.

Nuestra Tierra activities will include hiking, fishing, kayaking, camping and hunting among others, providing youth with an opportunity to engage in fun, cultural, and impactful outdoor experiences. Youth also will learn about future career opportunities in conservation and be connected with internship opportunities in New Mexico and around the country.


"Without a passionate group of young people to lead the next generation of conservation work, we will fail at protecting our state's and our nation's public lands and our most treasured cultural landscapes," said Gabe Vasquez, southern New Mexico coordinator for the New Mexico Wildlife Federation. "All New Mexican families deserve an equal opportunity to explore and enjoy the great outdoors.

Public lands belong to all Americans regardless of their income, race, or zip code. We hope this project helps more New Mexicans experience this state's outdoor heritage, and many others, find a career they are passionate about."

Nuestra Tierra's first event took place Jan. 19 in the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, where Nuestra Tierra leaders guided local youth from the Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces on a cultural hike

to explore the Native and Hispanic history of the Mesilla Valley.


In addition to facilitating youth recreation, mentorship, career engagement, and education opportunities, Nuestra Tierra program leaders will also produce the publicly available Nuestra Tierra Podcast, which will feature multicultural voices from around the nation who will offer their insight and perspective on how to move the legacy of Hispanic conservation forward.



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# To prune or not to prune?

This is the time of year that the majority of pruning should be done. However, there are certain flowering trees and shrubs that should not be pruned right now. The list includes wisteria, lilac, forsythia, viburnum, flowering quince, flowering almond, spirea, banks rose, redbud and purple leaf plum to name a few.

The reason for not pruning at this time of year is so that you can enjoy all of the plant's flowering potential. If you prune now, you will risk losing some of the flower buds that are getting ready for their early spring show. These beauties bloom very early in the spring months so it is wise to know what you are pruning even when the plant has no leaves.

If you do see some branches or limbs with obvious flaws (dying, diseased, or have wayward growth), you should remove them as soon as possible. Sterilize your equipment after each cut when pruning diseased tissue. This will reduce the risk of spreading any infection into some of the older growth.

If you have had poor flowering or no blossoms on the plants listed above, you may want to incorporate super or triple super phosphate into the soil now. This primary nutrient will aid in the production of flower buds as well as root growth. This element is usually sold in a granular form but may also be found in a soluble powder as well. The granule typically only needs to be applied once or twice per year while the water-soluble formula may need more frequent applications throughout the growing season.

Assuming the above plants escape a late frost (while flower buds are in production), this nutrient should take care of a stubborn 'non-willing to flower' plant. Another trick may be to let your plant "stress" out for water by lengthening the time in between normal watering. This may trick the organism into "thinking" it may be on the path of eminent death and may lead to flower production. This is its way of carrying on its genetic material through drought.

For most other dormant trees and plants, now is the ideal time to prune. This includes fruit and shade trees. Fruit trees may be a bit trickier; you do



**GARY GUZMAN**  
Gardening Guru

not want to remove too much as this may reduce your yield. On the other hand leaving too much on may lead to more but smaller fruit. Try to leave limbs that branch out, closer to a 45 degree angle as opposed to a 30 degree or smaller angle. The smaller the angle the less amount of weight the branches can carry. They are also prone to breaking

easier during our windy season.

Roses should be pruned before Valentine's Day as a rule. Drastic heavy pruning will result in more new growth typically with larger—but fewer—flowers. This method is suggested for older, neglected bushes. Lighter and more selective pruning can result in more flower production at the expense of flower size. After pruning your roses, you may also begin to apply fertilizer for quick regrowth and better flower production.

Remember to have a reason for every cut you make. Don't just cut for the sake of pruning. Unnecessarily chopping off large limbs or branches not only looks unsightly, but it will also lead to even more maintenance and pruning for years to come. Stand back and examine your tree after each cut. Remember to keep the basic and natural shape of each plant. If you prune trees correctly when they are young it will lead to little or almost no pruning when they reach maturity.

For most evergreens, it is best to wait until the temperatures warm up. The reason for this is so that your plant does not have a large gap or "empty space" for the next few months. If you wait until the new growth starts to emerge, the new growth will cover up pruning gaps much quicker. You may, however, proceed with "light" pruning or shearing if it will not disrupt the overall look of your broadleaf or coniferous plant.

So get out and enjoy the warmest January I've ever seen (or felt).

## MEET THE COLUMNISTS

### Gardening Guru is 'native to the core'

*You read them every week, but what do you really know about them? How does Rorie Measure know so much about books? We're confident that Father Gabriel Rochelle is above reproach, but is he really? You decide.*

*In our series "Meet the Columnists," Susie Ouderkirk profiles each of our columnists so you'll know more about them. This week, we reintroduce Gardening Guru Gary Guzman.*

**By SUSIE OUDERKIRK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Gary Guzman, owner of Color Your World Nursery and Guzman's Greenhouse, started writing for the Bulletin when his advertising sales team came up with the idea several years ago.

Born and raised in Las Cruces, Guzman is "Native to the core."

"This is actually the third job I have had in my life," Guzman said. "I started working at Kmart at the age of 16. I ended up in the garden shop as a laborer, then eventually garden shop manager."

He worked at Kmart for eight years and went to New Mexico State University part time but did not finish. He was hired on as assistant manager of Rowland Nurseries on Telshor in Las Cruces and after a couple of years was promoted to store manager.

"I worked with Rowland Nurseries for 13 years and then had the opportunity to purchase what was then called The Greenhouse on University Avenue with the help of (Greenhouse Inc. owner) Randy Farmer," Guzman said. "About three years later I was able to open up what is now called Color Your World after Rowland Nursery had closed up shop in Las Cruces. The lease contract at the University Avenue location ended when the property was sold in 2009."

In 2014, Guzman purchased the location on 270 Avenida de Mesilla which is now Guzman's Greenhouse LLC, to help serve the west side.

Owning a business is a "never-end-

### Gary Guzman

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**FAVORITE QUOTATION:** "The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second-best time is now." — Anonymous

ing process," Guzman admits. "You can never become complacent."

Guzman's personal favorite desert plants are creosote, mesquite trees and desert willow. The creosote is fragrant when it rains, the mesquite provides shade in the driest places, and the desert willow provides color in the hottest situations, he said.

Working with tough and resilient desert flora has taught Guzman at least one important thing: "In the words of the fictional character Ian Malcolm from the book and movie Jurassic Park, 'Life will find a way.'"

Believe it or not, gardening is one of his hobbies as well as his trade.

"I actually go home and work on my yard. I really don't get tired of this stuff," he said.

When he's not knee-deep in plants, he's learning how to play the keyboard.

"My brother Felipe Guzman, who is a musician, was instrumental (pun intended) in helping me with this process," Gary said.

He and his wife, Lydia, a teacher at Camino Real School, enjoy spending time with their grandchildren, who keep the couple busy.

For his columns in the Bulletin this year, Guzman expects to discuss color, containers, water-wise plants and water usage, insects and diseases and he's open to readers' suggestions. Gardening Guru runs the fourth week of every month.

## MVGC members honored for decades of participation



New Mexico Garden Club President Suzy Andrego (left) presents 30-year membership awards to (center left) Rosemary Maddox and Julie Mather. Mesilla Valley Garden Club President Charlene Brock (far right) assists.

COURTESY PHOTOS



NMGC President Suzy Andrego, Beulah Oyler (center) receives a special award for 50 years of membership from New Mexico Garden Club President Suzy Andrego (left) and Mesilla Valley Garden Club President Charlene Brock.

The Mesilla Valley Garden Club (MVGC), organized in 1930, recently recognized three of its members for their longstanding participation with the club. Rosemary Maddox and Julie Mather have been members for 30 years and Beulah Oyler has been a member for 50 years.

The three honored members were presented with the MVGC's Rose Award from President Charlene Brock and presidential citations from State President Suzy Andrego. Oyler also was presented with an engraved crystal vase for her 50 years of membership and involvement.

## March 1 is deadline for two Women's Club scholarships

### SUBMITTED

The NMSU Women's Club Scholarship application is due March 1. The NMSU Women's Club is committed to supporting returning female undergraduate students in attaining their educational goals. The club's scholarship committee annually recommends one or two candidates for the NMSU Women's Club scholarship. Each candidate is awarded a \$500 scholarship and invited to attend the club's spring luncheon.

The scholarships are open to any female NMSU undergraduate student at the main campus or branch campuses who is return-

ing to school after a break in her education (either after high school or after starting college). These scholarships have been set up specifically for returning students because students immediately out of high school have other opportunities, such as the lottery scholarship, available to them. Candidates must have completed at least 45 credit hours and have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

The Ruth Mary Webber Scholarship application is also due March 1. The NMSU Women's Club is committed to supporting single mothers with dependent children in attaining their educational goals. The club's scholarship committee

will recommend one candidate for the Ruth Mary Webber Scholarship. The winner is awarded \$250 and invited to attend the club's spring luncheon.

The Ruth Mary Webber Scholarship is open to female NMSU undergraduate students at the main Las Cruces campus only. Each candidate must be a single or widowed mother with dependent children who reside with her and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

For more information, contact the NMSU Women's Club President, Susan DeMar, at [sdemar@nmsu.edu](mailto:sdemar@nmsu.edu) or 575-646-3509. For more information, visit <https://women-sclub.nmsu.edu/scholarships/>.

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# Smitten with sandwiches for breakfast

We savor sandwiches not just at lunchtime, but also for breakfast and dinner. As much as we love them, we tend to skip making them for breakfast. If rushed, we often swing by a drive thru to pick up an egg sandwich to eat on our way to work (or at the office), or we'll order one at our favorite coffee shop with a hot mug of brew. Yet at home, more times than not, we'll surrender to a bowl of cereal with fruit. Granted, the latter takes little preparation but if a hot meal sounds more appealing and less ho-hum, set your alarm a wee bit earlier to whip up a heartier and tastier offering.

Breakfast sandwiches are a snap to make if you've prepped in advance, which I try to do with regularity right after grocery shopping. I keep plastic containers of chopped and/or minced onion, multicolored mini sweet peppers

(I love these!), garlic, and green or red chile in the fridge. Also on hand: a bag or two of arugula, kale, or spinach.

A favorite rise 'n shine concoction of mine is to add the onion, garlic and peppers to a pan sizzling with olive oil. I like



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Chile Knights

a variety of oils, including Meyer's lemon, blood orange, garlic, bacon, and chile, of course. Each adds a flavorful punch to the stir-fry.

Once the onion becomes translucent (it takes just a minute or two), add a handful of the greens and two eggs.

Scramble the works. When the eggs are cooked through, add salt and pepper to taste. Sandwich the spicy, colorful concoction between toasted bread smeared lightly with real butter. For a potassium punch, include a banana with the meal. Since the ingredients have been prepared in advance, breakfast takes a mere seven minutes or less to make. It's healthy, tasty, and will, I promise, keep hunger pains at bay until lunch. But my favorite sandwich stir-fry isn't the only rise 'n shine option. Give the other two shared below a try. Keep in mind, breakfast sandwiches can "hit the spot" at dinnertime as well.

## One Spicy Egg-licious Sandwich

4 jalapeño peppers, stemmed and seeded  
1 small yellow onion  
1 teaspoon fresh garlic, minced  
3 eggs  
¼ cup Romano cheese, grated  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1 teaspoon olive oil  
Salsa as a topper (optional)  
1 sliced and toasted bun

Julienne the jalapeño peppers and then peel and

chop the onion. Heat a sauté pan to medium heat. Add olive oil, jalapeños, and onion. Cook about 10 minutes, or until onions become translucent and jalapeños have softened. Add garlic and cook about one minute.

Beat eggs and pour over pepper mixture. Add Romano cheese. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Cook about 2 minutes, stirring frequently, until eggs set and cook through. Sandwich between the bun and enjoy.

## Green Chile Cheese Breakfast Sandwiches (Yield: four sandwiches)

2 mild green chiles (such as Anaheim)  
2 poblano chiles  
¼ teaspoon kosher salt  
3 ounces cheddar cheese, shredded (about ¾ cup)  
1/3 cup part-skim mozzarella cheese, shredded  
8 (1-ounce) slices whole-wheat bread or other favorite bread or buns  
Salsa as a topper, optional  
Cooking spray

Preheat broiler to high. Place chiles on a foil-lined baking sheet and broil 10 minutes or until blackened, turning once. Wrap in foil; let stand 10 minutes. Peel chiles; cut in half lengthwise. Discard seeds and membranes. Cut chiles into strips; place in a bowl. Add salt; toss. Note: This step can be done in advance. Refrigerate. Best used within two days. Sprinkle half of cheeses evenly over 4 bread slices; top with chiles, remaining cheese, and remaining bread slices. Heat a large cast-iron skillet over medium heat. Coat each bread slice with cooking spray and place in pan. Cook four minutes or until golden brown and crisp. Flip and cook about two to three minutes or until cheese melts. Repeat step with remaining sandwiches. (Recipe adapted from myrecipes.com.)



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## Play program studies, promotes activity for girls

By **ADRIANA M. CHAVEZ**  
For the Bulletin

While most children in the U.S. between the ages of 6 and 15 don't meet the physical activity guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, girls are at particular risk. Two researchers at New Mexico State University, however, are trying to change that with their study involving elementary school girls and NMSU athletes.

The program, Aggie Play, was developed by principal investigator Phillip Post, an associate professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Dance at NMSU's College of Education, and co-principal investigator Rebecca Palacios, an associate professor in the Department of Public Health Services at NMSU's College of Health and Social Services. The program's initial focus is on girls, who are consistently less active when compared to boys regardless of their race, income status, weight or age.

Post and Palacios received funding from the Paso del Norte Healthy Eating and Active Living initiative and the Mountain West Consortium Clinical and Translation Research initiative to support the program. Aggie Play is modeled after the Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative, a nonprofit program in northern California that uses female college student athletes from local universities to engage elementary school girls in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity for an hour once a week after school.

Post and Palacios collaborated with Enrich the Kids



PHOTO BY ADRIANA M. CHAVEZ

**Students at Hillrise Elementary School in Las Cruces learn dance moves as part of the Aggie Play program, a research project by associate professors Phillip Post and Rebecca Palacios. Aggie Play is funded by the Paso del Norte Health Foundation to encourage physical activity among children between the ages of 6 and 15.**

after-school program to deliver Aggie Play at Hillrise Elementary School. Enrich the Kids director Angie Montes worked with Post and Palacios to integrate Aggie Play into the Enrich the Kids after school programming. Both Post and Palacios said Aggie Play would not have been possible without Montes' support.

Post said the goal of Aggie Play is to encourage 65 girls at Hillrise Elementary School to become more active while interacting with NMSU female athletes and kinesiology stu-

dents. The program began in August and is expected to take place through May. Female athletes and students visit Hillrise Elementary for Aggie Play for an hour twice a week, while researchers keep track of each girls' fitness levels and body composition. Girls participate in several activities including dance, soccer and active games that involve lots of running. Breaks and snacks are provided.

Meanwhile, researchers with Aggie Play are also studying students at Alameda Elemen-

tary School who are not participating in the program. Those students will serve as the program's control group.

"This is a one-year project but we anticipate seeking additional funds to continue the program next year," Post said. "Our athletic director (Mario Moccia) has been very supportive of the program and has encouraged our female athletic teams to participate. Our athletes have to complete 15 hours of community service each year, so this is a nice opportunity for our female student ath-

letes to make a positive impact on their local community."

So far, the NMSU women's tennis, cross-country, soccer and equestrian teams have volunteered to participate in Aggie Play. Volunteers from NMSU's dance program have also spent significant time volunteering in the after-school program. Palacios said she hopes the program will not only continue next year, but expand to other Las Cruces schools and include boys.

"We're trying to highlight the importance of being active," Palacios said. "The female athletes and (NMSU) students are meant to be role models and serve as reinforcement for these girls to remain active in life, and aspire to something bigger."

Post and Palacios said they expect the participating Hillrise students will see significant changes to their Body Mass Index and overall body composition. The girls may also have more positive perceptions of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity and higher self-efficacy to engage in physical activity, compared to students at the control school, Alameda. If the program is effective, there's potential that other girls in southern New Mexico will see the same results if they participate in a program like Aggie Play.

For now, girls like Maribel Gutierrez, a 4th-grader at Hillrise Elementary, are having fun and learning from their NMSU mentors.

"I love Aggie Play," Maribel said after taking a break from dancing on the school's basketball courts. "You get to be active and it really moves your muscles."

# Liaison joins MECA Therapies Team to support neonatal intensive care families

## Bulletin REPORT

Camille Plante, a Las Cruces resident and the founder of the Wee Warrior Project, a soon-to-be-nonprofit organization that aids New Mexico Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) families, knows first-hand the challenges families face in the NICU.

Plante is the new NICU Family Liaison for MECA Therapies, one of the largest early intervention providers in New Mexico and the only early intervention provider that is a March of Dimes Community Partner, according to a press release.

“With my experiences both personal and through community outreach, I will join MECA Therapies to create a new position to support families transitioning from the NICU setting to their home,” Plante said.

As part of this collaborative partnership, MECA Therapies holds a NICU Family Support Print and Web licensure through the March of Dimes that will give families access to a wealth of resources and information to guide them through the NICU process and beyond, said Jeff Flores, CEO of MECA Therapies.

According to the release, Plante served as the March of Dimes family ambassador for two consecutive years



Camille Plante (top left) is the new Family Liaison for MECA therapies.

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and worked diligently to raise awareness within the community and encourage professionals and others to contrib-

ute to research funded through the March of Dimes.

MECA Therapies serves six counties in

southern New Mexico and continues to be an advocate for positive child development and early intervention.

## HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

### Free ear acupuncture clinic at Tesoro

Ear acupuncture to help reduce stress, anxiety, trauma/PTSD and addiction prevention and recovery is free (30-45 minutes session) from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27 at Tesoro Integrative Health, 1605 S. Main St. No appointment necessary; walk-ins welcome until 5:30. Info: 575-541-5660.

### Health insurance enrollment ends Jan. 31

The open enrollment period for beWellnm, New Mexico's official Health Insurance Exchange (NMHIX), is ending soon. Tuesday, January 31 will be the last day New Mexicans can either sign up for health insurance or change their existing plan for coverage in 2017.

BeWellnm Enrollment and Assistance Centers will stay open until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31 to facilitate enrollment at Lohman Atrium Suites, 1990 E. Lohman Ave. with both English and Spanish-speaking staff. Info: visit [www.beWellnm.com](http://www.beWellnm.com) or call 1-855-996-6449.

### Cooking school for adults with diabetes

Adults in New Mexico diagnosed with diabetes can learn how to prepare healthy and delicious meals by participating in the Kitchen Creations cooking school, sponsored by the New Mexico Department of Health and offered by the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service. The next Kitchen Creations session will be from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22 at Mayfield High School, 1955 N. Valley Drive. Free. To enroll in the Kitchen Creations cooking school, contact the Doña Ana Cooperative Extension Service at 575-525-6649.

### Breast Cancer Support Group hosts reconstructive surgeon

The January meeting of the Breast Cancer Support Group is from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 at Memorial Medical Center West Side Annex Bldg., 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. The speaker will be Paul M. Phillips, MD, plastic and reconstructive surgeon presenting “Breast Cancer Reconstruction at MMC.” The group meets the fourth Saturday of each month, excluding December. No pre-registration, no charge and open to all who are interested. Info: 575-524-4373.

### Breast Cancer Support Group set for February

The group meets the fourth Saturday of each month, excluding December. The next monthly meeting is from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 at Memorial Medical Center West Side Annex Bldg., 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. No pre-registration, no charge and open to all who are interested in health and wellness. For info, call 575-524-4373.

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### Immunizations available at Dept. of Health

The New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office at 1170 N. Solano Drive provides immunization services for children (0-18 years of age) on Monday mornings, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Info: 575-528-5006.

### Safe needle disposal/syringe exchange

The Las Cruces Public Health office provides safe needle disposal and syringe exchange from 8:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. every weekday at 1170 N. Solano Drive.

Info: 575-528-5090.

### Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach support group

Diabetes Educational Support Group meetings provide open discussion and short teaching regarding diabetes, and a question-and-answer period from 10 – 11:15 a.m. the third Thursday of each month in the meeting room of Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave.

### Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meets at noon Wednesdays in the library of St. James Episcopal Church, 1102 St. James Ave. and at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. OA is a fellowship of those individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from a compulsive relationship with food. Info: [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org) or call Barbara at 575-405-0128 or Wayne at 575-647-5684.

### Sexual Compulsives Anonymous

The group meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor (behind the T Mobile building). SCA is a 12-step fellowship of men and women who share experience, strength and hope to solve common problems and help each other recover from sexual compulsion. Info: [www.sca-recovery.org](http://www.sca-recovery.org) or 575-526-9535.

### Tai Chi class

City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department Tai Chi classes for adults meet From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday. Cost: \$30 for a four-week session, \$15 for those 60 and older. Limited space available on a first-come, first-served basis. Info: 575-541-2455.

### Meditation classes at Tesoro

Zen Buddhist meditation classes and study group with the Rev. K. Hilbert take place at 6 p.m. Thursdays at 1605 S. Main St. Walk-ins welcome. Cost: \$7 drop-in, five classes for \$30 or 10 classes for \$60. Info: 575-541-5660.

### Events at Center for Spiritual Living

Spirit Dance: 2-3 p.m. Wednesdays. Express your spirit through free dancing. No experience necessary.

Sacred Living Circle: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays. A group that discusses articles from the Science of Mind magazine.

Single Parents Support Group: 7-8 p.m. Thursdays.

Yoga: 9-10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays; 4-5 p.m. Wednesdays; 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

All activities held at the Center, 575 N. Main St.

Info: 575-523-4847.

### Cancer support group meets at UUMC

Meetings take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Cancer Care, a support group for those dealing with cancer, (patients, survivors, caregivers, family and friends) meets.

Info: Betty Harris at 575-524-3994 or the church office at 575-522-8220.

### Alzheimer's and dementia support group meets

Group meets at 11:30 a.m. every Thursday, Arbors of Del Rey Assisted Living Community holds a support meeting at Uno Pizzeria & Grill, 2102 Telshor Court. Arbors of Del Rey experts offer information and interventions.

Info: 575-382-5200.

### Tesoro Integrative Health Center yoga classes

At 10 a.m. Monday/Wednesday/Friday is Gentle Yoga; 7:15 a.m. Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. Saturday is Kundalini Yoga; 6:15 Tuesday/Thursday, 10 a.m. Saturday is Hatha Yoga; 6:15 Monday/Wednesday is Gentle Yoga at Tesoro Integrative Health Center, 1605 S. Main St. Walk-ins welcome. Drop-in fee is \$7; five classes for \$30; and 10 for \$60.

Info: 575-541-5660.

### Parkinson's Support Group meets third Tuesday

Support group meets at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. the Parkinson's disease Support Group of Southern New Mexico (PDSGSNM) meets.

### MS Support/Education group meets first Thursday

Group meets from 4:30 to 6 p.m. the first Thursday of each month in the Social Center Creative Arts Room at Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, join a multiple sclerosis support/education group. Date, time and location are subject to change.

Info/RSVP: 575-373-5130 or [lascrucesmselfhelp@gmail.com](mailto:lascrucesmselfhelp@gmail.com).

### Birth, death certificates available at Public Health Office

From 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, the Vital Records Office at the Las Cruces Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive, is available for registering and acquiring birth or death certificates. Closed noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.

Info: 575-528-5046.

### Breastfeeding support group

From 10 to 11:30 a.m. every Friday at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex, Piñon A meeting room Mama's Milk Club Breastfeeding Support Group meets. Refreshments provided. Free.

Info: 575-521-5393.

### Zumba class at aquatic center

From 10 to 11 a.m. every Saturday the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department holds Zumba class at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

Info: 575-541-2782.

### Zumba at Mountain View Senior Circle

At 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Mountain View Senior Circle, 3948 Lohman Ave., Suite 1, Zumba classes are held.

Info: 575-522-0503.

### Flu vaccines available

Flu vaccines are offered in many locations, including doctor's offices, hospitals, public health offices, and pharmacies, as well as by many employers and some schools. New Mexico Department of Health encourages those with health insurance to contact their health care provider or pharmacist about getting the flu vaccine. The Department offers vaccinations for people without insurance or who are otherwise not able to get vaccinated. Those with Medicaid or other insurance who go to Public Health Offices are asked to bring their insurance card. To find out about flu vaccination clinics throughout the state, call the Immunization Hotline toll free at 866-681-5872 or visit <http://flushot.healthmap.org/> to see where the vaccine is being offered.

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# NMSU partnering with service dog organization

By **KRISTIE GARCIA**

For the Bulletin

The New Mexico State University College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences is in the process of establishing a partnership with Paws and Stripes, a nonprofit organization in Albuquerque that provides service dogs to wounded military veterans.

Gaylene Fasenko, associate professor in the NMSU Department of Animal and Range Sciences, first learned about Paws and Stripes when she arrived at the university in 2010, the same year the nonprofit opened its doors.

The organization, which only takes dogs from local rescues, specifically provides service dogs for wounded military veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. Paws and Stripes integrates service-dog training and education with mental health support.

Fasenko and the college invited Paws and Stripes to take part in her companion animal and human-animal interaction

(HAI) class, as well as in a lecture for the public at Atkinson Recital Hall last month.

Both the class lecture and the public lecture were on Veterans Day and were part of NMSU Military and Veterans Appreciation Week. The featured speaker was military veteran Rachael Thompson, accompanied by her service dog, Myrna.

Fasenko said the presentation in her class had a powerful impact on the students.

"I can teach all day long about the symptoms of PTSD, and I can demonstrate what I heard from someone else about hugging a wall and being so hyper-vigilant that you can't turn your back on an open space," Fasenko said. "But until you hear firsthand from someone who's going through this, you don't realize the severity. It's one of the most powerful lectures you will ever hear."

"It helps the students realize there's a lot of people in this country that truly devote their lives to being part of the military, and then they get hurt as part of their service. It reveals

a layer of empathy and a layer of appreciation that we should have."

With NMSU's new HAI minor, this is the ideal time to begin the partnership. The minor is intended to augment the academic path for students who plan to pursue a career in animal science, as well as human health and wellness fields, such as criminal justice, early childhood education, special education, occupational therapy, psychology, social work or family and consumer sciences.

Stephanie Barger, director of programs for Paws and Stripes, said a partnership with NMSU is important because of the potential for research opportunities pertaining to service dogs.

"In the academic world, there is very little research on service dogs, particularly those that help people with PTSD and TBI," Barger said. "Researching the benefits can only be a positive thing. We are very enthusiastic, and we love working with academia and teaching people about service dogs, especially those

who help veterans with PTSD and TBI."

Fasenko envisions the partnership to include visits by veterans and their service dogs to her classes, lectures for the public, internships with the nonprofit and perhaps even Skype sessions. She said it would be an invaluable learning opportunity for her students and the NMSU community in general. Information about service dog and therapy dog training is already part of the companion animal curriculum at NMSU.

Barger said although the partnership is in the early stages, she knows it has the potential to be mutually beneficial.

"We are in early discussions, and it's important to identify activities and projects that would benefit both NMSU and Paws and Stripes," Barger said. "I'm hopeful we can provide educational presentations and subject-appropriate lessons for the classroom."

Another connection has developed between the university and the nonprofit. NMSU alumnus

Dianna Franco took various companion animal classes with Fasenko. After receiving her bachelor's degree in individualized studies in 2014, she was offered an internship opportunity with the nonprofit. She's now part of the Paws and Stripes dog training team.

Franco said studying various subjects at NMSU helped prepare her for her career.

"Studying multiple areas while at NMSU helped prepare me for this career, because they exposed me to disabilities, human anatomy and physiology, the science behind training animals and how animals can be helpful to people with disabilities," Franco said. "I also spent two years volunteering with the NMSU Therapeutic Riding Association, which gave firsthand experience on how powerful the human-animal bond is. Working for Paws and Stripes has required extensive on-the-job training, but having the varied background that I have from NMSU has helped in many ways."

## ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER OF THE MESILLA VALLEY PET OF THE WEEK

### Darla

Don't be fooled by Darla's initially shy demeanor – she is actually very playful and cuddly. Pull out a feather toy and watch how she opens up to you. Despite her lovely personality, Darla has been waiting at the shelter for about half a year. She is already spayed, vaccinated, chipped and ready to begin her new life today.



### Off-Site Adoption Events

- Farmers & Crafts Market – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays
- Dog adoptions are located at the far north end of the market on the Downtown Mall.
- Cat adoptions are located at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.
- Petco – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, 305 E. Lohman Ave. Bldg. D.

### Additional Services Offered

**Microchip your pet:** \$20. Available daily, no appointment necessary.

**Pet Licenses:** City and County licenses available daily.

**City:** Altered \$7; Unaltered \$50

**County:** Altered \$7; Unaltered \$50

**Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program:** Dogs \$35, Cats \$25. By appointment only.

**DONATION REQUESTS** – ASCMV is in need of dog crates, blankets and towels. Collars and leashes are also always needed. Donations can be dropped off during normal hours of operation or left at the door.

**ASCMV hours of operation** are noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and noon to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Call 575-382-0018.

# NMSU basketball rolls on

## Women still undefeated in WAC play

FOR THE BULLETIN

KANSAS CITY, MO. – The New Mexico State Aggies women's basketball team improved to 13-6 on the season, including 5-0 in the Western Athletic Conference, after pulling away on the road for a 60-43 win over the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Jan. 21.

With the victory, the Aggies swept the season series between the teams; the Aggies bested the Roos in Las Cruces two weeks earlier, 78-72.

NM State came out strong, running out to a 6-0 lead. After that, the teams traded baskets as the Aggies took a 17-14 lead at the quarter, thanks to strong inside play, where they outscored UMKC 10-4 in the paint.

The second quarter was all New Mexico State after the team went on a 19-0 tear, paced by an Aggies defense that held the Roos scoreless for nearly the entire period. The Aggies led 36-17 at the half, dominating in points off turnovers (13-4), second chance points (8-2), points in the paint (24-6) and points off the bench (17-6).

UMKC opened the third on a 9-0 run. A timeout by

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**ABOVE:** Aggie forward Johnathon Wilkins grabs a tough rebound in traffic.

**RIGHT:** Citizens Bank of Las Cruces has aided a fund drive for former Aggie Shawn Harrington, shot and partially paralyzed in his hometown of Chicago. Harrington was featured on the acclaimed documentary "Hoop Dreams."

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## Aggie men rewriting the record books

FOR THE BULLETIN

The New Mexico State men's basketball team steamrolled the University of Missouri-Kansas City 94-71 Saturday, Jan. 21, for its 16th consecutive win heading into their Jan. 26 road game at Seattle University.

The streak is beginning to rewrite the record books. It ties the Aggies' second-longest, set in 1968-69, and is tied for the third-longest active NCAA win streak. New Mexico State also won its 22nd straight game at the Pan American Center, which, nationally, trails only Kansas (53), Oregon (38) and Akron (26).

The largest crowd of the season, 9,893, reached into the upper bowl against UMKC, thanks to the Pack the Pan Am promotion.

"It was awesome, obviously, for our players and for our program to get that many people," Aggie head coach Paul Weir said. "There wasn't a lot of sit-on-the-edge-of-your-seat moments. But, to have that volume of people here is terrific. Hopefully the people that came for the first time or haven't seen us play enjoyed what they saw and will come back again. Hopefully, it's a sign for greater growth in the future."

The Aggies next play Utah Valley in Orem, Utah, Saturday, Jan. 28 (7 p.m., 99.5 FM). The Wolverines, 9-10, and 1-3 in Western Athletic Conference play, feature balanced scoring, with double-digit averages by Conner Toolson, Isaac

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## AGGIE MEN

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Nielson, Brandon Randolph and Kenneth Oqbe.

New Mexico State's next home game is Feb. 4 against Chicago State.

Against UMKC, the Aggies finished with four players in double figures led by senior Ian Baker, who had a game-high 20 points. It was Baker's fifth game this season of 20 or more points. Johnathon Wilkins had a stellar shooting night, knocking down 6-of-8 from the floor and two from downtown for a career-high 15 points. Reserve forward Jemerrio Jones added 15 points and 14 boards for his sixth double-double of the year.

Wilkins opened the scoring for NMSU (18-2, 5-0 WAC) when he sank a 3-pointer that UMKC's



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**Aggie freshman guard Jermaine Haley drives on the UMKC defense.**

(9-12, 2-3 WAC) leading scorer LaVell Boyd answered immediately. A 13-footer from Baker followed by a steal and slam

dunk from Jermaine Haley 1:34 into the game forced UMKC's head coach Kareem Richardson to take a 30-second

timeout with NM State on top 7-3.

Baker, Wilkins and Jones guided the Aggies early, combining for 31 of

NM State's 46 first-half points. Wilkins eclipsed his season-high in points set at Chicago State with 10 points on 4-of-5 shooting while Baker chipped in with 14 points of his own. Jones had seven points but pulled down 11 rebounds – four on the offensive glass.

"He's a very skilled shooter," Weir said of Wilkins. "I thought he was very assertive tonight. I think every coach and every player we have is pushing him every day to get going. We need him to be aggressive. If he can start to shoot the ball from 3-point land, I think it makes our offense really hard to guard."

New Mexico State methodically broke it open in the second half, going on a 10-0 run that eventually pushed the Crimson and White's lead to 82-56,

their largest of the game, with 6:24 remaining.

As the Aggies pulled away, Weir emptied his bench. The reserves accounted for 32 points.

NM State continued its season-long dominance on the boards, pulling down 15 offensive rebounds to gain a 24-15 edge in second-chance points. The Aggies also spread the ball on offense, registering 18 assists, including a season-high six from Matt Taylor.

At halftime, New Mexico State honored former Aggie Shawn Harrington and presented him with a personalized No. 10 jersey. Harrington, a native of Chicago, was featured in the acclaimed TV documentary "Hoop Dreams" but was shot and paralyzed in 2014 after returning to his family in the Windy City.

## AGGIE WOMEN

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NM State head coach Mark Trakh slowed the tempo for both teams, as neither scored over the next two minutes. Gia

Pack ended the drought with a 3-pointer, and they took a 48-34 lead into the final quarter.

The fourth was a low-

scoring affair as the Aggies relied on tough defense and efficient shooting. For the game, they were led by Pack (16 points), followed by Moriah Mack (12 points) and Brooke Salas (11 points).

State held UMKC, the WAC leader in field goal percentage (42.4 percent), to 31 percent from the field, while the Aggies shot 51 percent.

NM State returned home for a Thursday, Jan. 26, matchup against Seattle University. Their next game is Saturday, Jan. 28, vs. Utah Valley in the Pan American Center. Tipoff is 2 p.m. The women's program will host a kids' clinic prior to the game at 11:30 a.m. For more, search NM State Women's Basketball Kid's Clinic.



NMSU PHOTO

**NMSU's Jasmine Cooper goes up for a shot against UMKC Saturday, Jan. 21.**

# Real weekend warriors: Golf course rangers

Rangers, marshals, ambassadors – they go by several names, but they have challenging and demanding jobs to keep things safe and moving on the golf course. While I have written about beverage cart girls and club pros in earlier columns, marshals are the unsung heroes of efforts to maintain golfers' decorum when things get backed up and testy.

In Las Cruces, Red Hawk, Sonoma Ranch and New Mexico State have starters on the first tee and marshals who roam the course; Picacho Hills does not have marshals, but they ought to.

At most golf courses the duties of marshals include providing pure water to players, repairing divot spots, replacing things like sand bottles and washer towels, watching for unpaid golfers, checking on accidents and altercations, and, importantly, monitoring the pace of play, or as some say, a “delay in the flow of play.” The latter duty happens to be what most bozo hackers object to – sometimes violently – because they often play at a snail's pace.

Other duties at vari-



**CHARLIE BLANCHARD**  
Golf Doctor

ous golf clubs include: providing first aid, “asking” a player to leave the course, handling rowdy behavior, dealing with dogs loose on the course, seeing to trespassing children and/or adults, enforcing cart safety, and last but not least greeting customers and thanking them for playing.

When my research led me to [www.golfrangertrainingmanual.com](http://www.golfrangertrainingmanual.com), one of the quotes that struck me was this: “82 percent of all the bad press (about courses) is generated by a single person – the club's ranger.” In some cases, mostly out of town, marshals can get overbearing and demanding, which can lead to altercations. That may be the case in

larger markets, but in my nearly 30-year golfing experience, almost exclusively not here.

## Fairway rage

I could cite numerous true stories around the country in the past couple of years that demonstrate how course marshals maybe need to act like air marshals when golfers misbehave, but here are two examples that occurred over the past few months: In Utah, a player declined to let another person play through and then was stabbed with a knife; more recently, at Indian Creek Golf Course in Carrollton, Texas (just outside Dallas, where I have played several times), one golfer from the group behind hit his ball into a group on the green, after which a player on the green tossed the ball back off the green. The golfer from behind, who should have waited, got out of his cart and attacked the player who tossed the ball with a golf club, fracturing his skull and nearly killing him. The story and video went viral. The attacker, clearly suffering from fairway rage, has been

indicted for assault with a deadly weapon and could spend a decade in prison.

A few years ago, at Greenhorn Creek Golf Course in California, during an altercation on the course involving slow play, a 61-year-old man took his golf club and beat another player, inflicting bloody wounds. Pretty soon course marshals may need to carry weapons to secure patron safety.

Golf course marshals and starters, most often, are not employees and do not get paid. (In bigger markets some do.) Generally they enjoy free golf on days off, which is a modest reward for the risks they take. “People sneak

on the course, play two persons out of one bag, bring their whole families, drive carts into nature habitats and forbidden areas and then go crazy when we catch and reprimand them,” one local marshal told me.

After considerable research and interviews I have come to some conclusions. For course marshals the duty to enforce the rules and policies of the facility, especially the pace of play, places marshals in a customer service role requiring superior interpersonal skills, including tact, reason, control and courtesy. The whole idea is to get players, whether they be members, guests, patrons or visitors, to view

the marshal as “player assistance” rather than bothersome criticism, intrusion or punishment.

On our local golf courses I would also urge players to pick up the pace, follow instructions, and don't argue.

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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**Estrella Avalos** is a 16-year-old sophomore at Oñate High School. She plays center and is a two-year starter on the Lady Knights basketball team, averaging 12 points and 10 rebounds per game. The Knights are 7-10 for the season. Avalos is a good student, with a 3.30 GPA. She has a positive personality and is very respectful on and off the court. Outside of basketball and school, Avalos enjoys spending time with family and friends and attending church with her grandma. She gives thanks to her dad, cousin Tony, coaches and teammates.



**Hunter Thomas** is an 18-year-old senior at Oñate High School. He plays guard at 5'10" on the Knights basketball team. Thomas is leading the No. 1-ranked Oñate Knights in three-pointers and three-pointers field goal percentage and is a three-year varsity letterman. He is a team leader and is very respectful on the court and in the classroom. Thomas is a dedicated student, with a 3.12 GPA. He volunteered for a Special Olympics event at New Mexico State University, helping children with basketball drills. Outside of basketball and school, Thomas enjoys spending time with his family and friends. He thanks his parents for all they have done for him and thanks his coaches and teammates.

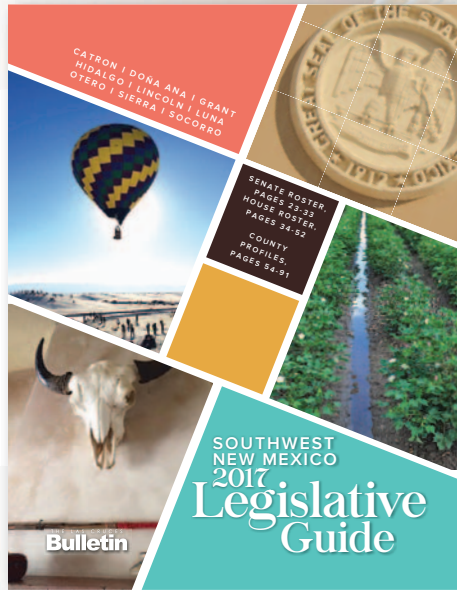
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## Semipro football league lines up

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**  
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The Borderlands will soon have a new semiprofessional football league.

Mitch Even, originally from Windom, Minnesota, where in 1990 he started the Windom Football League, later known as the Great Plains Football League (GPFL), hopes to start the first season of the MountainView Football League in March.

The plan is to have a team in Las Cruces, El Paso and perhaps Alamogordo, in addition to Phoenix and Tucson. The Cruces team would be called the Crusaders. A site for the games is yet to be determined.

Even feels the talent pool is large enough.

“There are tons and tons of people here who played high school, college, maybe even arena football who didn’t get drafted to the NFL,” he said. “This is a league for those guys: for those who want to put the pads on again, get onto the field. Even if you haven’t played before, come out and see what it’s like.”

Even has been a football devotee since childhood. His dad played through college and even tried out for the Vikings before getting injured in a car wreck. Following in his dad’s footsteps, Even did much the same until he was injured in a



COURTESY PHOTO FROM MITCH EVEN

**MFL’s proposed teams. Upper left-hand side: the Crusaders are Las Cruces’ proposed team.**

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game in college.

After recovering, he eventually entered the semiprofessional/arena football leagues around Minnesota before starting his own. The GPFL had 16 teams in the Upper Midwest. In addition to founding the league, Even

coached and played for the Minnesota Stallions.

Players interested in forming teams will pay a \$300 league fee. The teams will also be responsible for acquiring their own protective gear, though the league will provide official uniforms based on team names.

Coaches will be interviewed and selected based on experience.

The coaches will then pick from a pool of interested players, similar to the NFL Draft. Sponsorships from the community can be solicited in order to pay the coach and players, but the league itself will not pay.

Even expects the league to kick off in March, play through May, and have the first championship game in June. “We don’t want to just play around the city or the region, we want to travel and get experience against a lot of different teams,” he said.

Those interested in playing or coaching should contact Even at 507-822-4823.