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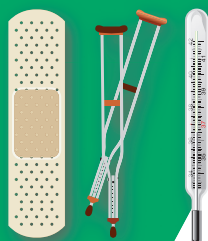
# HOT CUISINE



Cowboy Days this year hosted its first CASI Chili Cookoff at the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Here, Bud Barrick serves Tahereh Ghassemi some of his Mile High chili. For more photos and results, see page 24.

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# Doña Ana County 'Your Partner in Progress'



## Unprecedented! County scores 6th clean audit

For the sixth consecutive year, Doña Ana County's annual outside audit has come back with zero findings of deficiencies in processes and protocols.

During the Feb. 28 regular meeting of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners – at which the audit was presented – District 3 Commissioner Benjamin L. Rawson noted that Doña Ana County is the only county in the State of New Mexico to receive no findings over a six-year period, and only one municipality – the tiny Village of Causey, population 104, in Roosevelt County – received no findings over the same period.

"It's unusual for a governmental entity of this size

to get two consecutive clean audits," said Doña Ana County Manager Julia T. Brown. "To receive six consecutive clean audits may well be unprecedented, and it's a sparkling tribute to the county's Finance Department for managing the strong financial protocols that have been put in place to safeguard the integrity of taxpayer funds."

She noted that, in 2011, the New Mexico State Auditor's Office bestowed its very first Accountability Award for Large County Audit Achievement to Doña Ana County. The award was co-sponsored by the New Mexico Association of Counties.

"Occasionally, department heads and elected officials complain about the budgeting and procurement processes that we have in place," Brown said. "The processes may be cumbersome at times, but they're in place for good reasons, and this string of clean audits demonstrates that they're working as they should."

The county's external audits from 2011 through 2015 were conducted by Hinkle and Landers, PC, of Albuquerque. The 2016 audit was conducted by REDW, LLC, of Albuquerque.

To view the audit in its entirety, visit the Doña Ana County website's Finance Department page.

## UDC training series slated for March 20-21

The Doña Ana County Community Development Department has scheduled a two-day, three-session training seminar relative to the Unified Development Code that went into effect earlier this year.

The first seminar will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, March 20, in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center. The focus will be on a series of overview presentations followed by question and answer periods. The session presenter – consultants from PlaceMakers – will give a talk about how community types developed, along with check lists for plan review. The idea is to walk participants through the process of reviewing a community-type development application.

The second seminar will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center, and it will consist of three presentations – Process; Designing a New Community; and Developing an Application – with a question and answer period after each one. This session is designed to be similar in content to the night before.

The final seminar will begin at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, also in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center, with a focus on an interactive exercise in setting up a basic community-type plan at the sketch level so that participants can see the

critical elements. PlaceMakers will facilitate the work. The development community is encouraged to participate, and county planning staff will be on hand at all three seminars.

The seminars will consist of group work using base maps, tracing paper, scales, pencils and pens to walk through the planning and application process.

Each of the sessions – along with an index of frequently asked questions – will be videotaped and subsequently made available on the Doña Ana County website for the benefit of those unable to attend.

Space is limited, and reservations are strongly recommended for each of the three sessions.

To RSVP, call or leave a voice message for Doña Ana County Chief Planner Janine Divyak at (575) 525-6130. RSVPs may be emailed to [janined@doaanacounty.org](mailto:janined@doaanacounty.org).

In addition to the seminars, an operations manual for the UDC has been developed and placed on the county's website. It can be downloaded and printed by those seeking more information about the code and how to work within it for a variety of applications and various planning tools.

To access the UDC Operations Manual, visit [www.donaanacounty.org/development](http://www.donaanacounty.org/development) and click through on the UDC tab at the bottom right hand side of the page.

## DASO launches smart-phone app

Keeping up with news and information from the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department is now as close as your smartphone, thanks to a free new app launched by the department.

The app is available on iTunes, Windows and Google Play, and is designed to assist in critical two-way communication between the sheriff's department, residents of Doña Ana County, or anyone around the world who would like to stay connected with the agency.

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# Officials warn New Mexicans about tax scams

## BULLETIN REPORT

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owe taxes; it generally will mail bills to those taxpayers.

• **Phishing/Email Scams** — Scams involving fake emails and websites that appear to be from the IRS and are used to steal personal information. These emails and websites appear legitimate but contain phony login pages in the hope that victims will provide money, passwords or Social Security numbers that can be used in identity theft.

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# School board members sworn in

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education members Ray Jaramillo and Terrie Dallman and returning board member Maria Flores were sworn into office on March 1 by Third Judicial District Judge Fernando Macias.

Jaramillo and Dallman were elected and Flores re-elected in February. Each will serve a four-year term on the board.

Jaramillo, who is the director of the Alpha School childcare center in Las Cruces, replaces Chuck Davis on the board. Davis retired after 16 years of service.

Dallman, a retired LCPS teacher, replaces



PHOTO COURTESY LCPS

Left to right are new Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education member Terrie Dallman, Third Judicial District Judge Fernando Macias, re-elected board member Maria Flores, LCPS Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing and new board member Ray Jaramillo.

Barbara Hall, who was appointed to the board in 2011 and elected to a full term in 2013. Hall did not run for re-election in 2017.

Flores, also a retired LCPS teacher and current board president, will serve her third

term on the board.

The other two members of the five-member board of education are Maury Castro and Ed Frank. Each was elected in 2015, and their seats will be up for election again in 2019.

Board members attended an all-day retreat with Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing and other LCPS administrators on March 3. Their first regular board meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14.

The board's duties include hiring the school district's superintendent, overseeing the budget and developing policy.

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# Mayfield freshman wins back-to-back competitions

## BULLETIN REPORT

The year is off to a great start for Mayfield High School freshman Mireya Sanchez-Maes. In addition to winning the 2017 NAACP Essay or Poetry Contest, she recently won four individual and team awards at the 2017 Cave Classic Speech and Debate Tournament at La



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The MHS student debate team poses with awards from the 2017 Cave Classic Speech and Debate Tournament in Albuquerque. Left to right, Brian Marquez and Mireya Sanchez-Maes.

Cueva High School in Albuquerque.

Sanchez-Maes won first-place in the NAACP competition, followed by Centennial High School student Andrew Angel (second place), Centennial's Kaden Taylor (third place), and Arrowhead Park Early College High School student Caitlyn Larson (Honorable Mention). More than 30 original student works were submitted to the contest, which required 9th-12th-

grade students to write an essay or poem about the topic, "Dr. King's Influence on Me."

At the 2017 Cave Classic Speech and Debate Tournament, Sanchez-Maes won first-place awards for individual performance in the Lincoln Douglas Debate and Original Oratory categories. In addition, her team performance with Mayfield junior Brian Marquez earned the duo top honors in the tournament's Small School Sweepstakes category and a second-place win in the Duo Interpretation category.

Mayfield was one of 18 teams participating and the only team from Las Cruces.

"Their dedication and perseverance are a big part of what made them successful," said Mayfield English teacher Donna Hansen.

"The students in this district have continued to demonstrate that they have the talent, leadership and dedication to become the next generation of leaders at the local, state and national level," said LCPS Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing. "I'm so proud to be part of a community filled with such passionate educators, dedicated staff and remarkable students."

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# New signs honor downtown history

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Downtown Las Cruces Partnership (DLCP) has erected 11 way-finding signs downtown and in the Mesquite

Historic District and at Pioneer Park, said DLCP Office Administrator Julia Palomino.

“Every historical downtown location now has a way-finding sign that educates visitors on its history,”

Palomino said in a DLCP blog.

Signs are located at Coas Bookstore/the site of Hotel Don Bernardo, the site of St. Genevieve Catholic Church, Main

Street and Griggs Avenue, the Amador Hotel, Pioneer Women’s Park, the Acequia Madre and the Las Cruces Museum complex.

“The revitalization of downtown would not be complete without these sites, some of which are still standing today,” Palomino said. “The opening up of Main Street to traffic has allowed visitors to experience downtown the way it once was. With renovations happening in the Amado

Hotel, the history of these buildings is coming back to life,” she said.

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# Just another Saturday in Las Cruces

## And to think that I saw it on University Avenue

“**T**o Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street,” the children’s book that launched Dr. Seuss’s career, was published 80 years ago.

If you grew up in America, chances are, it’s one of the books you learned to read with. If you have children, chances are

it’s one of the books you taught them to read with.

Saturday, March 4, I felt a little like Seuss’s Marco from the book, but instead of strolling down Mulberry Street, I found myself up and down University Avenue.



**RICHARD COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

First stop was Toucan Market, which Seuss would have embellished

into the tropical home of the toucan. Me? I just needed some Altoids. As often happens though, I ran into two friends and had a nice conversation. Next, I saw Toucan co-owner Richard Cole, who had some good stories and wine recommendations.

My second stop along University was the convention center for the Home & Garden Show, presented by the Las Cruces Home Builders Association. The variety of vendors and presenters was amazing. If you can think of something for your home, or your yard, there are people in our community who can make

it happen. And if you can’t think of something, there are experts here who can think of it for you.

New Mexico State University may not be considered an Ivy League school, but our college has plenty to offer, and some things you can’t find back East. We had a chance to prove it over the weekend, as the Yale University Bulldogs came to Presley Askew Field to play baseball against our Aggies.

The Bulldogs are not used to seeing such beautiful Southwest scenery as our Organ Mountains, framed nicely beyond the outfield fence at Presley Askew. Perhaps that distracted the Yalies, who lost three of the four games they played here, including twice on that beautiful Saturday.

If you travel University Avenue far enough east, it turns into Dripping Springs Road, and I did that March 4, to the Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, which drew massive crowds Saturday and Sunday for its annual Cowboy Days. I had the opportunity to be a judge at the Cowboy Days’ first Chili Cookoff. Chili cooks prepared their best concoction of meat and spices for visitors and judges. There was a variety of events for all ages. Cowboy Days are gone but you can still catch two great exhibits at the FRHM, brilliant photographs by local farmer Jay Hill, and an intriguing pictorial history of the building of Elephant Butte Dam, completed 101 years ago.

After Cowboy Days, I stopped at the quiet desert oasis of La Buena Vida Park to read a book, check email and digest

some of that chili.

Next stop was Milagro Coffee y Espresso on University, for Mexican coffee, a cinnamon roll and a little more reading. Unexpectedly, four tables were covered with chess boards and several competing players.

There are plenty of places to eat along University Avenue, but the Aggiest is the Game Sports Bar and Grill, decorated with all things NMSU, old and new. You can’t go wrong with the Corked Bats, pecan encrusted green chile strips.

Last stop was the Pan American Center, for the final home game for Aggie men’s basketball. It was senior night and the last home game ever for Ian Baker and Matt Taylor. Baker has hit many big three-pointers over the years. Many overlook, however, the way Baker can cut through the lane and twist mid-air to find a layup or to dish an assist.

When I first saw Taylor a couple of years ago, his hair was longer and taller, reminiscent of Julius Erving’s 1970s ‘do. He has something else in common with Dr. J: Matt Taylor can dunk the hell out of the basketball.

At 6-4, Taylor has dunked on, around and over any number of opponents. He had some monster dunks Saturday, one a very Erving-esque tomahawk jam.

Here’s hoping Taylor and Baker can help the Aggies win the Western Athletic Tournament in Las Vegas this week, earning a berth in the NCAA tournament. We’ve seen the Aggies do it before.

And to think we saw it on University Avenue.

## 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.



# First-year residential program should help NMSU students

By DANIEL J. HOWARD

New Mexico State University is engaged in a comprehensive effort to improve student success and ensure that more of the undergraduate students who begin their studies at NMSU achieve a four-year degree. A new requirement reflecting our commitment to student success is the first-year residency requirement that will go into effect in the fall of 2017.



HOWARD

The move to a first-year

residency requirement is motivated by research demonstrating that students who live on campus in their first year are better connected to a university community, more likely to attend class, and more likely to graduate.

Nevertheless, the university recognizes that living at home while attending a world-class university is one of the factors that makes NMSU attractive to local residents, and this option will continue to exist.

Exemptions from the first-year residency requirement will be available to students living with their parents, legal guardians, or immediate family

members (aunt, uncle or grandparents); students living with a spouse/domestic partner or dependent children; students who are 21 years of age or older; and students who are veterans or on active military duty.

A complete list of exemptions is available on the First-Year Residential Experience Web site: <https://housing.nmsu.edu/exemptions/>.

Accompanying the first-year residency requirement is a concerted effort on the part of our Housing and Residential Life staff members, led by Director Matt Crouse, to develop the First-Year Residential Experience (FYRE) that will

encourage self-discovery and a thirst for learning. The number of Living Learning Communities (groups of students with shared interests and courses) in the residence halls will be expanded, there will be a greater emphasis on outreach to students by the residential staff, and there will be more leadership development activities for students in the form of residence governance opportunities.

Improving connections with faculty members is a key objective of the FYRE program and this will be achieved through socials and events with faculty members, known as FYRE-

starters, who will be affiliated with a residential unit.

Student satisfaction with the undergraduate experience at NMSU is high. We have confidence that the FYRE program, coupled with other student retention initiatives, will enhance this satisfaction while increasing the number of students who achieve their degree goals.

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# Immigration: Build a freeway, not a wall

Our nation has been talking for decades about the problem of immigration into our country involving people without legal status. No one has done anything about it. Much of the talk has focused on the country of Mexico since many people coming into our country without legal status come from Mexico. Many, not all.

As I said in last week's column, the politicians for and against immigration solutions have been and are mainly using the controversy for their own

fundraising. Politicians on both sides don't want resolution of immigration issues because they themselves are making so much money fundraising



**MICHAEL SWICKARD**

In My Opinion

on the fears. For all these years, what we know is that many people from other countries are bypassing our legal immigration processes. Over the years one of the plans is to build a wall. And it would appear a doer

rather than just a talker, President Donald Trump, is set to build a wall between our country and Mexico.

Don't do it President Trump, I have a better plan. The wall is a thumb in the eye of Mexico. Plus, we are building a wall with no utility other than stopping people entering our country outside of legal processes.

It won't work. China found that after building the 5,000-mile Great Wall of China. It didn't work because invaders just bribed the Chinese guards to go through the wall when they wanted. Sounds like the problem Americans have with drug cartels bribing our authorities.

I do not like win-loss political solutions. A wall does nothing for our country other than provide jobs building it and bribes for our authorities from cartel members to get past the wall.

There is another way to spend that money and spend it on a better win-win solution. Rather than

just build a wall on the border, build a 15-foot raised six-lane super-freeway along with an easement on our side for two-way railroad track construction, multiple pipelines, power lines and cellphone towers.

The cost of just building a wall is similar to building a 15-foot-high super-freeway which would act as a wall. We get the benefit of an easement on our side. My friend, former State Senator Lee Cotter, a civil engineer, first mentioned this to me a couple weeks ago. I really like the idea.

One of the great improvements of our time is super-freeways. President Dwight Eisenhower was an Army Lieutenant-Colonel in 1919 when he joined a convoy of equipment and men from the nation's capital to San Francisco. It took the 80-vehicle convoy 62 days averaging a rate of six miles per hour.

He vowed that if he was ever in charge, he would build superhighways. At the time, Germany was

doing so with its Autobahn. Eisenhower was lifted out of obscurity at the start of WWII to become the supreme commander of the military and then the 34th president of the United States.

Now coast-to-coast travel on freeways is only a few days. So why not put another path across the Southern Border which would allow better transportation along with more access to our country's markets for Mexico and to Mexico's markets for our country.

Queen Elizabeth II said, "At its heart, engineering is about using science to find creative, practical solutions." I agree, engineering solutions are much better to use than political solutions. Our nation, using engineering, sent people to the moon and returned them safely. While politician President John Kennedy started the quest, it was engineers that achieved that mission.

Just having a wall out

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in the middle of the area with nothing around it will still require constant monitoring, which would also be what the freeway would require. A 15-foot rise would make it harder to just walk across the border, but it would not be impossible. Having traffic and regular rest stops would make it attractive to our citizens and would be heavily

monitored for anyone trying to cross without authorization.

Let us build something useful to use on both sides of our southern border while still being a barrier to those who would enter our country without legal status. It is an engineering solution rather than a political solution. I like win-win solutions.

*Email: drswickard@comcast.net - Swickard's new novel, Hideaway Hills, is available at Amazon.com*

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR****Shame on ICE**

To the editor:

The Feb. 24 article, "Immigration raids cited in school absences," shows that on Feb. 16, ICE raided homes and terrorized children. Shame on you, ICE. We know President Trump promoted immigration raids to catch bad "dudes." How many murderers, cartel members and rapists were caught when ICE raided and terrorized families and school children?

It shouldn't matter what side of the political aisle you stand, nor what country you were born in. Terrorizing families and children will never be acceptable in this United States of America. We're better than that. Abusive raids don't reflect American values.

*Rita and Warren Howard  
Las Cruces*

**ICE article balanced**

To the editor:

A friend of mine from college (half a century ago) lives in your area, and in the course of a current events discussion within a small email group he sent along the story ("Las Cruces protest ICE operation," Feb. 24). I thought the article was well written, giving space to both the official statements from ICE and the local police, the viewpoint of the protesters, and the experience of the ordinary passers-by who were inconvenienced by the protest. I had a sense I knew what had happened after reading it, and that the reporter had not excessively privileged any particular point of view.

*David Jodrey  
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**LETTERS** CONTINUED FROM 9**Demonstrators lacked access**

To the editor:

Your story on the Indivisible rally at Congressman Steve Pearce's office last Friday noted that the building's owner denied demonstrators access to its parking lots.

A security guard informed rally organizers that no one without official business with (any of the businesses located with the property, which includes Pearce's office) would be allowed into the parking lot to ensure the normal flow of business at the partially leased property. If that was indeed the owner's concern, why were signs recently erected next to the driveways proclaiming: "Political rallies prohibited?"

Pearce should insist that his Republican ally remove the signs and allow constituents free access to his taxpayer-funded office so long as they do not interrupt other businesses. Otherwise, his constituents might conclude that Pearce supports this questionable crack-down on their constitutional rights.

*Diana Tittle  
Truth or Consequences*

**Children's health an issue**

To the editor

Even though Congressman (Steve) Pearce's doors were open, I didn't get a chance to speak with a staff

person so I am posting my question and concerns as a letter to the editor.

Congressman Pearce, throughout your political career you have been an advocate for the unborn, so much so, you have voted to defund Planned Parenthood because 3 percent of their practice involves performing abortions, overlooking the 97 percent of other important care they provide for women.

You also told me in an email that you will continue to support policies that promote the most comprehensive women's health possible, and yet you supported to overturn the BLM's regulation on venting and flaring because of the damaging effects (the) rule would impose on New Mexico's economy — practices that put tons of hazardous air pollutants into our atmosphere.

According to the March of Dimes, "Exposure to air pollution during pregnancy can increase your risk of premature birth and low birth weight... your exposure to air pollution during pregnancy may affect your child's health (especially breathing) and learning skills later in life."

According to WebMD, "Being exposed to just a small amount of air pollution during pregnancy ups the risk of a pregnancy complication that can cause long-term health problems in children, a new study warns."

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Please tell me how you justify your actions?

Congressman Pearce, you also wrote in an email to me, "While we may disagree on this issue, I appreciate hearing from you. The only way to ensure our great republic continues to thrive is for citizens like you to exercise your First Amendment right, and voice your opinion. I am truly honored to be fortunate enough to represent the people in the 2nd Congressional District."

I look forward to a town hall were this is true.

*Kristin Dovalina  
Las Cruces*

**Reform home inspections**

To the editor:

New Mexico is one of roughly 20 states that still have not adopted licensing requirements for home inspectors. So, I can take a course online for \$595 and get a piece of paper that says that I am a "Certified Home Inspector." With this, a person can hire themselves out to unsuspecting home buyers and real estate agents who think they are actually qualified to do an inspection.

With a mail-order certificate, the "inspector" can make home sellers jump through hoops by making false findings like saying the house A/C does not work but fail to check if the breaker is turned on. These are the kind of people that New Mexico is hiring to do home inspections. Totally unqualified to do the job.

It is time to establish a real certification program for home inspectors that includes a written test, hands-on demonstration and continuing education. Without such a program within the Construction Industry Division, the residents of NM are potentially getting ripped off by fly-by-night inspectors.

*Mark Best  
Las Cruces*

**Defining racism**

To the editor

I happened to read the opinion letters in the Feb. 24 Bulletin and was interested enough to go to the Feb. 17 issue to grasp what the two letters inspired by (Billy) Huntsman's article were about.

Turns out he was talking about labeling and its racist roots. When someone points out racism, calling it "divisive" implies that oppression can't possibly still exist.

Also, implying that we're all in unity continues to center on white privilege and asks that people of color accept their circumstances. We're all members of the human race, except some of us have more power than others.

*Tim Reed,  
Las Cruces*

**Helping the homeless**

To the editor:


The purpose of this letter is to contribute to the dialogue on ... homelessness in Las Cruces and the need for policy that supports this population.

I am a master of social work student at NMSU and


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I have experienced the frustrations of knowing that my clients' likelihood to succeed in making changes would be greatly improved by finding them stable housing; however, because of insufficient funding the odds of succeeding are not very good. We have various resources for individuals that assist with housing (e.g. section 8, public housing, habitat for humanity); however, these resources are limited and at times availability is very specific.

It is crucial that funding for programs (for) homelessness increase. Currently, one of the proposed bills is HB 136 (Homeless Rapid Rehousing). Its purpose is to provide rapid rehousing services such as case management services, life-skills training, housing counseling, and short-term and long-term rental assistance to assist those individuals with securing and maintaining housing. Such policies can assist Las Cruces in decreasing this population effectively long term.

*Iliana Sanchez  
New Mexico State University*

**Extend training to grassroots**

To the editor,

Animal abuse as well as domestic violence are both public health and safety concerns that should adamantly be addressed in the communities they occur. I (am) glad to know that House Joint Memorial 6 bill was recently approved and thus will now be passed on to the Senate for consideration.

However, in further researching the bill, I could not help but wonder if the awareness training for warning signs will eventually be transferred to those working in other agencies that are not at the state level. I am currently working as a graduate student intern at a day-shelter for the homeless where I recently witnessed a client violently slap his pit-bull dog twice in the face as if it were a misbehaved child. The sight not only alarmed me but makes me ask "what about training for those who work in the non-profit sector?"

Extending training to those working at the grassroots level is just as needed and could possibly prove to be effective as well.

*Gigi Holder  
Las Cruces*

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# National conference highlights Aggie Pathway

## BULLETIN REPORT

Doña Ana Community College (DACC) recently displayed the “Aggie Pathway” as an innovative approach to help students graduate. The exhibit took place at the recently completed Achieving the Dream (ATD) student success conference.

The national conference included 265 community colleges discussing best practices for students to complete their certificates and degrees. DACC was one of only 28 colleges asked to display a promising program in the Emerging Ideas Exchange at the 13th annual conference held February 21-24. ATD is dedicated to student success and reform. DACC is a leader college in the organization.

The Aggie Pathway is designed to effectively support students who begin their academic careers at a community college en route to a bachelor’s degree at New Mexico State University (NMSU). The transfer program drew wide interest from conference attendees.

The Aggie Pathway recently completed its first semester at all community colleges in the NMSU system. In the inaugural semester, 286 students took advantage of the program at DACC.

Three groups were identified as candidates for the DACC program; those who want to attend NMSU but do not meet the admission requirements, those who are the first in their family to pursue higher education, and those who are interested in



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**Michelle Guzman-Armijo explains the Aggie Pathway to an ATD participant while (l to r) Mary Beth Worley, Brad Mazdra and Shannon Bradley look on**

a bachelor’s degree but want to start on a community college campus.

The program includes a number of educational practices that research has shown

to support student success including;

- Learning communities
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Aggie Pathway students with a 2.5 GPA or greater after 24 college-level credits will be able to transition to NMSU at that time. Students with a 2.0 to 2.49 GPA will be able to enter after 36 college-level credits. Pathway students will be eligible for an associate degree when they pass all of the courses required for the degree, whether they complete the requirements while at the community college or after they transition to the university. Classes are forming now for the fall 2017 semester.

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## COMING UP

**Youth bowling:** Leagues ongoing, 1 p.m. Sundays, Ten Pin Alley, 1201 E. Amador Ave. through April 30. Las Cruces USBC invites youth ages 6-20 to join bowling leagues. Info: Linda Goff, 575-642-6054.



**Guided birding tours:** 8 a.m. each Saturday, Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, 5000 Calle del Norte. Led by internationally known volunteer resident ornithologist Richard Anderton.

**Dripping Springs Trail Hike:** 4 p.m. until dark Saturday, March 11, Bureau of Land Management brings to life the history of the trail from the people who called it home hundreds of years ago. Meet at Dripping Springs Visitor Center, east of University Drive at the end of Dripping Springs Road.

**National Model Railroad Association-Roadrunner Division:** 1:30 p.m., Saturday March 11, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Free monthly meeting. Contact: Jean Melvin 575 526-6238

Museum of Nature & Science events:

- 10 a.m. Saturday, March 11 - Artrageous - Paper Flowers
- 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, March 14 - Art Tales - Uncle Andy's: A Faabbbulous Visit with Andy Warhol by James Warhola, followed by a Pop Art activity
- 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 18 - Artrageous - Flower Pencil Toppers
- 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22 - Lecture: Collecting Visual Art in the United States, 1950-90 by Michelle Lanteri
- 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 25 - Artrageous - Plantable Paper

**History and stories of New Mexico's national parks:** 10 a.m.- noon Saturday, March 11. New Mexico State University graduate students in history present the history and stories behind New Mexico's national parks. Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Cost: free.

**Stamp Show:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 11, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 12, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Mesilla Valley Stamp Club hosts exhibits, competition, dealers, buying and selling, door prizes. Cost: free. Info: 575-202-1937.

**Cruces Apple User Group (CAUG):** 10 a.m. Saturday, March 11, at the Administration Building of DACC, South Espina and Gregg streets, room 114. Parking on Gregg Street.

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**Federal Employees meeting:** 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 11, Esparanza Room, Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 Don Roser Drive. National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association offers a presentation by Justin McHorse, MS, assistant dean, multicultural affairs, marketing and communications of the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine.

There is a cost (cash only) for the breakfast buffet beginning at 8:45 a.m. For reservations, call Carol Main at 575-382-7686 or Carol Smith at 575-522-3033.

**Republican Women of Mesilla Valley meeting:** 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 11, Sunset Grill at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course. Guest Speaker Rick Lopez, first vice chair GOP state representative. Info: 575-522-5494.

**Acton Academy Spring enrollment open house:** 1:30-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, 1730 Tierra de Mesilla. For an appointment, call Anna Biad at 575-449-4796 or visit [www.actonlascruces.com](http://www.actonlascruces.com).

**The Las Cruces Academy visitation:** 8:30-10 a.m. Tuesday, March 14. The Las Cruces Academy, 1755 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla, invites the public to visit the school to watch classes in Chinese, talk with teachers and view facilities. From 5:30 to 7 p.m., visitors may speak with teachers and view the classrooms. Info: [lascrucesacademy.org](http://lascrucesacademy.org) or 575-521-9384.

**Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees:** 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 14, in the Roadrunner room of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The speaker will be Audrey Hartley of Jardin De Los Niños. Lunch will be at the individual member's discretion. Info: Linda Morgan, 575-522-0203, or Navora Richardson, 575-523-6004.

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**brary computer classes:**  
• Windows 10 – 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, March 14. This class will describe the new features of Windows 10 and how to navigate the new operating system. Topics include the new start menu, Cortana and how to customize the desktop.

• Introduction to Computers: File Management – 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, March 21. A basic class where students will learn how to manage files by saving, attaching and storing information.

• Introduction to the Internet – 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, March 28. A class for those who want to learn how to go online and move around the internet with ease. Students will learn how to access websites, how to navigate, what web addresses are, basic searching skills, and internet safety.

Info: 575-528-4005 or [library.reference@lascruces.org](mailto:library.reference@lascruces.org).

**Las Cruces Running Club annual meeting:** 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, St. Clair Bistro, 1720 Avenida de Mesilla. Business will include election of officers and directors, financial report, review

of activities the past year and improving services to members. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided, and drinks and food may be ordered. LCRC members and the public are invited.

**Herpetologist Frank Bryce lecture and showcase:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Learn about snakes, our friends in the desert in this educational, family-friendly event. Drawing upon his decades of experience with venomous snakes, Bryce will talk about the reptiles and bring in live specimens in cages to help with identification, including a Gila monster that may be the oldest one in captivity. Cost: free. Info: 575-522-5552.

**AARP March meeting:** 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, at MountainView Senior Circle at 3948 E. Lohman Ave., behind Walgreen's. Las Cruces AARP Chapter presents Sandy Meyer of Adult Protective Services. Please bring a dry food good to share with those who have less.

**Minnesota Club So-**

**cial and Lunch:** 11 a.m., Wednesday March 15, Cattle Baron, 790 S. Telshor Blvd.

**Kitty Glitter Jewelry Pre-Sale opening:** 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, March 17, at Griggs and Reymond Event House, 504 W. Griggs Ave. Presented by Project Save A Kitten! Admission is \$10, light refreshments served. The sale continues 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 18.. Thousands of donated jewelry pieces, boxes and decorative items, \$1 and up, will be for sale, including men's jewelry. Fundraiser beneficiaries include Cat's Meow Adoption Center, Doña Ana Big Kitty Fix, Broken Promises SW and others. Info: [gardens@zianet.com](mailto:gardens@zianet.com) or [elaine.stachera@yahoo.com](mailto:elaine.stachera@yahoo.com).

**La Piñon 25th anniversary charity golf tournament:** 8 a.m. Friday, March 17, at the New Mexico State University Golf Course, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. La Piñon and community partners will tee off at to raise money for items not covered in grant funding sources. \$10,000 hole-in-one contest and lunch provided by Texas Roadhouse. Info: Sarah at 575-526-3437 or email [media@lapinon.org](mailto:media@lapinon.org).

**Teen Splash Night:** 7-11 p.m., Friday, March 17, Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department Teen Splash Night includes swimming, music and games. For teens 13-17. Cost: \$1. Info: 575-541-2782.

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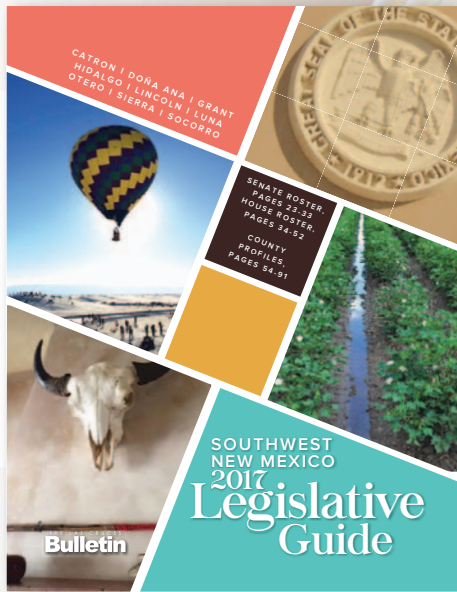
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# Film festival includes works by local filmmakers

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

While the Las Cruces International Film Festival (LCIFF) began Wednesday, there is still time to attend a wide slate of films and workshops. All films screen at Cinema 10 in Las Cruces. For schedules and more visit [www.lciffest.com](http://www.lciffest.com).

The festival showcases movies from a number of Las Cruces filmmakers. Kyle Karges, Mark Vasconcellos, David Salcido and David Noble said they were honored to be included. Here is more about them and their films.

## “Lost Padre Mine”

Thursday, March 9, 5 p.m.

“Lost Padre Mine” is an 87-minute feature film that follows a disreputable treasure hunter as he accepts an invitation from a member of the local clergy to search for the mysterious Padre LaRue Spanish gold mine, said director David Noble of Las Cruces.

“We filmed ‘Lost Padre



PHOTO COURTESY DAVID NOBLE

**The cast and crew of “Lost Padre Mine” filming at Southwest Aviation in Las Cruces in July 2015.**

Mine’ in 2015 in Las Cruces, El Paso, Socorro, Sunland Park and other surrounding areas,” Noble said. The film used entirely local actors and crew members. The lead is played by Mark Vasconcellos and also stars Stephanie Frias and Cesar Miramontes of El Paso. The crew consisted of Camera Hogs LLC of Las Cruces. Post-production was managed by

PRC productions in Las Cruces, and distribution is managed by Borderlands Media, also of Las Cruces.

Noble said he is “extremely proud that LCIFF has recognized our hard work and is showcasing the movie in the festival. There were scores of local Las Cruces talent that helped this project, and we hope that many in the community come to



PHOTO COURTESY MARK VASCONCELLOS

## Filming a scene from “River.”

support the results of this labor of love.”

## “River”

Friday, March 10, 4:30 p.m.

“River,” is a 100-minute crime drama by Las Cruces filmmaker Mark Vasconcellos. It was shot mostly in Las Cruces but also other borderland locations from 2012-15. More than 60 actors from Las Cruces and El Paso are in the movie, which was made by local crews.

“We started ‘River’ as a web series,” Vasconcellos said, “but when a distributor from the Paramount Lot saw some of it, he said it looked great, was interesting and had good production value, so why not just turn it into a feature film and sell it? The scope of this movie is not small by any means for a micro-budget.

“It is great being accepted to screen at the LCIFF 2017. It’s neat to be a part of a film festival

which is growing, gaining momentum, getting bigger stars involved, and this gives the Las Cruces public something to watch, something to be proud of and something which may get them involved in our next film.”

## “Devil in the City of Crosses”

Friday, March 10, 7:30 p.m.

“Devil in the City of Crosses” is an 81-minute “action suspense thriller shot on a budget of \$500,” said Las Cruces filmmaker Kyle Karges. The film was “shot entirely in Las Cruces over the last year and a half,” he said. “I only used local actors and crew from Las Cruces and El Paso.

“I love being in the LCIFF because this film wouldn’t exist without the support of this fantastic

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# Cruces native maintains U.S. Navy aircrafts

By **LIEUTENANT JILL RYAN**  
Navy Office of Community Outreach

A Las Cruces High School graduate and Las Cruces native is serving in the U.S. Navy with Commander Strike Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet (CSFWP).

Airman Kenneth Grotefend works as an aviation structural mechanic and operates out of Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore, California.

Grotefend is responsible for the maintenance and safety of the aircrafts.

"I love working on the aircrafts and getting the jets ready to fly. I enjoy

giving the pilots hand signals and letting them know when they have the green light to take off," Grotefend said.



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has been home to the Navy's West Coast strike fighter community since 1980, when strike fighter squadron VFA-125 was the first squadron established to train Navy and Marine Corps aviators in the F/A-18 Hornet," said Vice Adm. Mike Shoemaker, Commander, Naval Air Forces.

The strike fighter

wing, headquartered at NAS Lemoore, ensures that each squadron is fully combat-ready to conduct carrier-based, all-weather, attack, fighter and support missions for the Pacific Fleet.

"I love working with everybody at this command. We are like a family. We are a small cohesive group of people," Grotefend said.

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# Cruces senator's pot bill passes first test

## BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico State Senate has passed a marijuana decriminalization bill sponsored by Las Cruces Sen. Joseph Cervantes (D).

The vote on Senate Bill 258 was 33-9 in favor.

The measure reduces



**CERVANTES**

penalties for adults who possess small amounts of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The final vote was bi-partisan with eight Republicans voting in

support (Baca, Brandt, Ingle, Moores, Neville, Pirtle, Rue, and Woods). The bill was amended on the floor to reduce the amount that would be decriminalized from one ounce to half an ounce. A similar bill in 2015, also sponsored by Cervantes, narrowly passed the House on a 21-20 vote but didn't have time to get through the House. SB258 now advances to the House.

The proposed legislation makes half an ounce or less of marijuana and possession of any drug paraphernalia a fine of \$50, which is not considered a criminal conviction. Currently in New Mexico, possession of up to one ounce of marijuana is a petty misdemeanor crime with fines and possible jail time; over one ounce and up to eight ounces of marijuana is a misdemeanor

crime with large fines or possible jail time of up to one year.

Cervantes sees his bill as a step in criminal justice reform. "Adopting financial civil penalties for small amounts of marijuana for personal use would be a major step forward for criminal justice reform in our state," he said. "This bill alone would free up dollars that are better spent by law enforcement agencies and courts on more pressing public safety needs."

The New Mexico Administrative Office of the Courts has reported that in 2016 there were over 2,000 possession of marijuana one ounce or less cases filed in magistrate and metropolitan courts unrelated to any DWI, domestic violence, or felony charges. There were 3,660 cases of use or

possession of drug paraphernalia unrelated to DWI, domestic violence, or felony charges.

Senator Mark Moores (R-Abuquerque), who introduced the amendment and voted in support of the measure said, "This bill garnered my support because it only reduces penalties for people using marijuana for their own personal use. Individuals selling and distributing marijuana would still face the same penalties they do today. In no way does this bill lessen those penalties."

New Mexicans agree it is time to change the way we are policing marijuana in the state. In November 2014, voters in Santa Fe County and Bernalillo County voiced support for marijuana decriminalization with majorities of 73 percent and 60 percent, respectively. Statewide, a 2013 poll by Sanderoff showed 57 percent of New Mexicans favored decriminalization.

The city of Santa Fe decriminalized small amounts of marijuana in 2014.

"Although we would have preferred our legislators support statewide legalization of marijuana, this bill represents an important step forward by making sure we are not making criminals out of thousands of New Mexicans who do not belong in jail," stated Emily Kaltenbach, the New Mexico State Director of the Drug Policy Alliance. "I am troubled by the millions of taxpayer dollars that are spent every year on processing thousands of low-level marijuana misdemeanor offenders. Even more troubling is that young people and people of color are disproportionately arrested for marijuana in our state."

To date, 21 states and the District of Columbia have reduced penalties for marijuana possession. About one-third of the U.S. population lives in jurisdictions where marijuana has been essentially decriminalized, meaning there is no jail time associated with possession.



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They review the capital improvements plan that identifies capital improvements or facility expansion, for which impact fees may be assessed, file written comments, and monitor and evaluate implementation of the capital improvements plan.

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Applications can be picked up at the City Clerk's office inside City Hall at 700 N. Main St., or accessed online at: <http://www.las-cruces.org/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-commissions-and-committees>.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (575) 541-2115. The TTY number is (575) 541-2182. [www.las-cruces.org](http://www.las-cruces.org)

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# County deputy honored

## BULLETIN REPORT

A Doña Ana County Sheriff's deputy has been named the recipient of the Larry Willard Flame of Hope award for her continued dedication to the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

Deputy Michelle Ugalde has been involved with LETR for 10 years and has served on its executive committee as state director. She was named to the Final Leg

team that ran the Flame of Hope through South Korea in 2013 and was recently named to the team again for this year's World Games in Austria in April.



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"It is quite an honor to receive this kind of award," said Ugalde, "but the real honor is the ability to work with all of the athletes in New

Mexico and around the world. There's no greater feeling than to see the accomplishments of this organization through their eyes."

Sheriff Enrique Vigil called the award "exemplary" and said the honor is what defines the heart and soul of his department.

Ugalde will leave for Austria in March. Follow the Special Olympics World Winter Games at [www.let-finalleg.org](http://www.let-finalleg.org).

# LCPD plans sobriety checkpoints

## BULLETIN REPORT

The Las Cruces Police Department has scheduled at least three sobriety checkpoints and four saturation patrols to be held within city limits during the month of March.

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

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

Las Cruces Police encourage those who plan on consuming alcoholic beverages to use a designated driver – someone who will not be drinking alcoholic beverages – for their transportation needs.

Anyone in need of a safe ride home on Fri-



days, Saturdays or holidays between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 3 a.m. can take advantage of Project Home, a program sponsored by Doña Ana County and Las Cruces Shuttle and Taxi. One or two people can receive a

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Rep. Steve Pearce (R-NM) prepares to address a large gathering of constituents at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

## Pearce addresses Ruidoso town hall

### BULLETIN REPORT

Congressman Steve Pearce (R-NM) on March 4 hosted a town hall meeting at the Ruidoso Convention Center. The nearly two-hour event covered a wide range of topics from tax reform, Medicaid, and Medicare to public lands management, immigration reform, border security, and education reform.

The Ruidoso appearance followed a “mock town hall” protest in Las Cruces critical of Pearce’s absence in Las Cruces during the congressional break.

“We had over 300 people at the town hall yesterday, and the most important takeaway is that we all came together to have a civil dis-

cussion and conversation about the health of our communities and the direction of our nation,” Rep. Pearce said. “The entire room was energized, yet individuals on both sides of the political spectrum were able to engage in the important dialogue of the day.

“The success of our nation rests on the will of the people to make their voice and their desires known. During the town hall, I heard from mothers, fathers, teachers, doctors, veterans, and so many more. It was wonderful to be able to engage with each and discuss what is important to their families and within their communities.”

Rep. Pearce continued to state, “While the room did not agree on

everything, it did agree on a few key facts. We all want a stronger, healthier economy in New Mexico, we all want better opportunities for our children, and we all want our communities to be safe. We as New Mexicans are in a unique opportunity to come together to find solutions with the new Administration that will achieve our common goals. Neither New Mexico nor the nation have the time or the resources to continue to allow political disdain to rule the conversation – we must work together. I am extremely pleased so many different viewpoints were represented yesterday. Our state and nation can accomplish great things when we unite around the desire to improve.”



Rep. Pearce addresses a crowd of about 300 in Ruidoso.



Veterans were afforded front-row seats at the town hall meeting.

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# Pageant seeks contestants, sponsors, volunteers

## BULLETIN REPORT

The Miss Las Cruces Scholarship Organization has a new director, and is gearing up for its annual pageant to be held at 5 p.m., March 18, at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts.

The new local director is Brandi Holcomb, who teaches family and consumer science at Camino Real Middle School. Holcomb was Miss Otero County 2014 and competed in the 2015 Miss New Mexico Pageant, where she was a top-five competitor, said Miss New Mexico Scholarship Organization Executive Director Greg Smith of Portales, New Mexico.

“Brandi is a great addition to the Miss NM Scholarship Organization family. She understands how our pageant system works and that the Miss America Organization is about service to others,” Smith said.

Holcomb said she is honored to work with the local pageant, and encouraged “all young ladies to give this a thought because this is such an amazing opportunity. I would not be who I am today without this program.”

During the pageant, the 2017 title holders will begin

their reign. Taylor Rey is Miss Las Cruces 2017, and Abrianna Morales has been chosen 2017 Miss Picacho Hills Outstanding Teen, among other titles in the “Miss” and “Teen” categories. The newly crowned titleholders will compete for the title of Miss New Mexico or Miss New Mexico’s Outstanding Teen the week of June 12-18 in Portales, NM on the Campus of ENMU.

The 2018 title holders will be chosen during the upcoming Miss Las Cruces Scholarship Pageant.

The pageant is currently registering contestants, looking for sponsors and recruiting volunteers.

To be a sponsor or volunteer in any capacity, email Holcomb at brandi.holcomb7@gmail.com or Smith at missnewmexico@yucca.net.

Interested contestants should sign up by going to [www.missnewmexico.org](http://www.missnewmexico.org) and click on the appropriate entry form link for information or to enter.

“We encourage young women between the ages of 12-17 to compete in the Teen competition and young women between the ages of 17-24 to compete in the Miss competition,” Smith said. “We will also have a Little

Miss division (mentoring only) for ages 4 to 12 and a Tiny Mister & Miss division for newborns to 4 years of age.

Admission to the pageant is \$20 for adults 13 and older. NMSU students’ entry is \$10 with valid ID, and children 12 and under are free. Tickets are only available at the door the day of the show, and there is no reserved seating.

The Miss America Organization is the nation’s leading advocate for women’s education and the largest provider of scholarship assistance to young women in the United States, awarding millions of dollars annually. The organization provides women an opportunity to further their personal and professional goals and instill a spirit of community service through a variety of unique, local and nationwide, community-based programs.

## 2016 title holders

Miss Las Cruces: Faith Analies Cortez

Miss Doña Ana County: Isabella Morrow

Miss Las Cruces’ Outstanding Teen: Abrianna Morales

# Las Cruces Native Plant Society donates to parks

## BULLETIN REPORT

The Las Cruces Chapter of the Native Plant Society of New Mexico recently donated \$250 to the Friends of the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, which is endeavoring to purchase and install a greenhouse in which to raise plants native to southern New Mexico.

The greenhouse would house plants that historically grew along Las Cruces’ part of the Rio Grande but are currently missing from the park.

The greenhouse would also allow for educational opportunities for Las Cruces students on the benefits of using native plants in home gardening.

In addition, residents will be able to learn about xeriscaping, as well as purchase extra plants not used in the restoration activities, through plant sales at the park.

The Native Plant Society of New Mexico is a non-profit organization dedicated to conserving the native flora of New Mexico. In addition to the Bosque State Park, they donated another \$250 to the Leasburg Dam State Park.



COURTESY PHOTO

Friends, board members and Native Plant Society members include Vic Crane, president; Fred Yellon, board member; Meg Freyermuth, NPS member; John Freyermuth, NPS member; Carolyn Gressitt, NPS president; Jay Wilbur, board member; Kim Morgan, treasurer; Walt Whitford, board member; Marcia Corl, NPS member; Susan Ansara, secretary; Ruby Estrada, board member; Tom Packard, NPS vice president; Shem Levenson, vice president; Gary Gruer, MVBSP technician.

# Law enforcement agencies repeat immigration stance

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Area law enforcement agencies have all publicly spoken out against Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations in Las Cruces and the county, and further vowed they will not enforce immigration laws unless state law is violated first.

The agencies are the Las Cruces Police Department, New Mexico State University Police, the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office, plus the Doña Ana County Commission.

The response comes after the U.S. Department of Homeland Security sent out options of authorization to city, county and state law enforcement agencies to enforce federal immigration laws. This directive is known as Section 287(g).

"No New Mexico department or agency (state, local or tribal law enforcement) has a signed 287(g) agreement with DHS/ICE," Chad Pierce, public information officer with the New Mexico State Police, told the Bulletin in an email.

"The (directive) is geared toward law enforcement and corrections departments/agencies that operate jail/detention facilities. The 287(g) program is not a program designed for our (state police's) participation as we have no incarceration facilities."

Doña Ana Sheriff Enrique "Kiki" Vigil has now said multiple times that DASO will not enforce federal immigration laws, citing limited officers and department funding as the reasons, and the fact that immigration law is the direct duty of ICE.

"The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office is not here to enforce immigration laws," Vigil said at the Feb. 28 county commission meeting.

He reiterated this statement later that day during a town hall meeting held at the Doña Ana Resource Center in the village of Doña Ana. He'd also previously issued a statement to the Albuquerque Journal, which he invoked at both meetings:

"This new directive from Homeland Security



PHOTO BY BILLY HUNTSMAN

DAC Sheriff Enrique Vigil addresses an audience member during Feb. 28's town hall meeting.

is not a mandate to local law enforcement," Vigil read from his statement, which goes on to say the directive is an option, which DASO is not choosing to adopt. "My position from the beginning has been that we are charged with enforcing violations of New Mexico statutes."

Further, Vigil said, DASO is charged with protecting any potential witnesses to crimes, regardless of their immigration status.

As long ago as September 2016 at an immigration forum held in the Las

Cruces City Chambers, LCPD Chief Jaime Montoya has said his department will not enforce immigration laws.

"If you call dispatch and say, 'My neighbor's an illegal immigrant, can you go send the cops?' We don't do that," Montoya said.

LCPD will only notify immigration authorities if an illegal immigrant is arrested for a non-immigration criminal violation such as aggravated assault or murder.

"The way we look at it is we don't enforce immigration law, but if they're

here committing crime, we don't want those people on our streets," Montoya said.

Montoya reiterated the department's stance on Jan. 27 in a statement:

"Our primary purpose is protecting the residents of Las Cruces by enforcing local laws," Montoya said.

NMSU Police Chief Stephen Lopez circulated an email throughout NMSU's Las Cruces campus on Feb. 22.

"NMSU Police Department has never sought, and has absolutely no intention of obtaining, au-

thority for its officers to enforce immigration laws under the Section 287(g) program," Lopez said in the email.

Section 287(g) is DHS's directive giving the option to local law enforcement to enforce immigration laws. "Our officers have enough work to do enforcing state statutes and providing proactive crime prevention," Lopez said.

The Doña Ana County Commission, on Feb. 28, following input from the public, voted 4-1 in adopting a resolution opposing ICE operations in the county. District 3 Commissioner Ben Rawson cast the dissenting vote, saying the general consensus of the public was that they were against arresting and deporting individuals solely for immigration law violations, but for arresting and deporting individuals who violate New Mexico statutes and also happen to be in the country illegally.

"Yet that (differentiation) is nowhere in the resolution that we're talking about today," Rawson said. "The resolution just says we oppose (enforcing immigration law), that's it, doesn't matter who it is, doesn't matter what they've done."

Rawson said he could not support the resolution as it was currently worded.

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# City manager praises police handling of ICE protest

*Editor's note: The following is a statement from Las Cruces City Manager Stuart C. Ed regarding the Las Cruces Police Department's handling of the Feb. 16 ICE protest in downtown Las Cruces. In his statement, he quotes Police Chief Jaime Montoya:*

I commend and thank Police Chief Jaime Montoya for his professional and peaceful handling of Wednesday's protest in downtown. The following is a brief overview of the situation I asked Chief Montoya to prepare:

"One of our traffic officers noticed in the area of City Hall a large group of people walking north on Main Street in the middle of the road. The officer immediately asked for assistance and other officers arrived consisting of the Traffic Unit and members of patrol. They immediately began coordinating the blocking off of the road at Picacho

Avenue and Main Street to protect the protesters from getting hit by cars.

"The protesters sat down across Main Street just south of the intersection, completely shutting down vehicular traffic. A total of 17 officers responded to assist to include two sergeants, one lieutenant, the west area commander, a deputy chief and myself. We estimate that the protesters may have blocked the roadway up to 30 minutes or so. Lt. Kiri Daines started the conversation with the group initially, and I also assisted her with the "negotiations".

"We were able to convince the group to protest legally by going to Albert Johnson Park and we fully supported



their 1st Amendment right. They agreed and moved their protest to the park where they continued their rally. The entire incident lasted a little over an hour and they then dispersed. "We also requested dispatch to put AMR (ambulance) and the Las Cruces Fire Department on standby in case someone was injured on scene. There was an allegation that one of the protesters was struck by a civilian vehicle, we did follow-up with the protester on Thursday and she did not wish to pursue any charges. It really didn't appear that the vehicle struck the pedestrian but was just trying to get through the intersection and the protesters were

not allowing the driver to move his vehicle.

"The protest was organized by NM CAFÉ in protest of the ICE raids that occurred earlier that day at 2230 N. Doña Ana Road. (Los Arboles Mobile Home Park)."

– Jaime Montoya, Police Chief



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# Welcome New Board Members



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Citizens Bank of Las Cruces is pleased to announce the addition of two new Board Members to its Board of Directors. They are Jed Fanning, current Executive Vice President of Citizens Bank of Las Cruces, and Claiborne Gallagher, a partner in RJL Real Estate Consultants in El Paso, Texas.

They join current Board of Directors: Tom Hutchinson, owner of La Posta Restaurant and Cantina, John Curry of Curry Construction, David Ikard of NAI 1st Valley Realty, Ruth Christopher, CFO/EVP, Citizens Bank of Las Cruces, George Ruth, President/CEO, Citizens Bank of Las Cruces, Don Beasley, Partner in Beasley Mitchell & Company, Brad Beasley, Partner in Beasley Mitchell & Company, and Kari Mitchell, CEO/owner, Las Cruces Machine Manufacturing.



## First chili cook-off a success

The first CASI (Chili Appreciation Society International) Cook-off for the annual Cowboy Days March 4 and 5 was deemed a success, according to organizer Stephanie Johnson-Burick.

"We had 18 entries on Saturday and 14 on Sunday, which I was happy about," she said. "I was hoping for 12-14 on Saturday and 10 on Sunday. I was also so pleased about the amount of money raised for our selected charities. That number also exceeded my expectations."

Entry fees and public donations benefited Friends of the Museum and Action Program for Animals.

Winning entrants for the cook-off were Tom Chaney of Anthony, Saturday, and Don Stoppiro of El Paso, Sunday

**RIGHT: Matthew has a great time riding the mechanical bull.**

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TABITHA ROSSMAN



**Nevaeh takes a pony ride with Enrique Aualos assisting.**



**ABOVE: Rich Fisher was a judge for the chili cook-off.**

**BELOW: Pam Horner with the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association shoots a few rounds at stationary targets. The CMSA is one of the fastest-growing equestrian sports in the nation.**

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# Homeward bound

Scenes from the 36th annual Home & Garden Show, March 4 and 5 at the Las Cruces Convention Center.



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Galen Skieyak and Hanah Rhey talk with Barry Klein about floral creations.



ABOVE: Mark and Patty Cobby talk with Shooter Sherwood with Renewal by Anderson about their windows.

RIGHT: Kaela Bradfute putts on the Syn Lawn golf carpet.



Anthony Sanchez and Felica Jihehez help Rian build a birdhouse.



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# Segregated NM school listed in National Register

## BULLETIN REPORT

A segregated New Mexico grade school built during the Jim Crow years was listed in the National Register of Historic Places during Black History Month.

The Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary School in Vado near the Mexico border was built in 1926, the same year the precursor of Black History Month was established as the second week of February in recognition of Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

The school in Vado was built during a period

when white residents of Southern states — especially Texas — began moving to New Mexico, which subsequently adopted Jim Crow laws in 1925, nearly 50 years after they were established to segregate all public facilities in former Confederate states. Most African American students in the South attended substandard, poorly built and over-crowded schools because of the laws. This was not the case in most of New Mexico's segregated communities.

"Segregated schools in New Mexico built for African American Chil-



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### One of the original teacher's desks can still be seen at the school.

dren were often solidly built, as indicated by the brick-and-concrete Dunbar School," said Steven Moffson, Historic Preservation Division state and national register coordinator. "In fact, state legislation from 1925 required classrooms and schools built for children of African descent be 'as good and well-kept as those used by pupils of Caucasian or other descent'."

Segregation in New Mexico ended shortly after the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision, years before it was abolished nationally as part of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Most southern states did not desegregate their schools until 1970.

Bobbie J. Boyer attended the school from 1945-1954. She remembers the four-room school which held two grades in each classroom for its "outstanding teachers

and the principal, Gile B. Grimes," and the good, basic education she and other students received. Commemorating the school as a local landmark was the dream of her late husband, Roosevelt, and the Boyer family, which first came to New Mexico c. 1901 when Frank Boyer founded the short-lived agricultural community Blackdom south of Roswell.

"So many black people came to New Mexico from southern states for a better life," she said. "It is important to remember this school and that Vado was an all-black community when it was settled because not everything that happened to black people in history happened in the South."

Bobbie Boyer and the president of the Vado Historical Society, Johnny Hulguin and his wife, Esty, actively pursued the nomination. Holguin graduated from the school in 1957,

the final year schools were segregated in New Mexico. The school continues to be the community's focal point, is used for many gatherings, and houses a local Head Start program. It also is the sole surviving public building in Vado.

"The Dunbar school is a landmark in the history of segregation and in the history of African Americans in New Mexico," said Jeff Pappas, State Historic Preservation Officer and HPD director.

"We're grateful to have had the opportunity to list this school in the State and National Register, not only for its important place in the state history, but because it opens the door for other underrepresented communities to come forward with important buildings and other cultural resources to be recognized in the Registers."

The Dunbar School is among six surviving

schools built during segregation, primarily in southern and eastern parts of the state in Alamogordo, Artesia, Carlsbad, Clovis, Hobbs, Las Cruces, Roswell, and Tucumcari.

During Heritage Preservation Month in May, HPD and communities around the state will honor historic preservation achievements and identify future preservation initiatives. Achievements also will be recognized with awards presented by the State Cultural Properties Review committee, which first listed the Dunbar School to the State Register in December.

The 2017 Preservation Month theme, Untold Stories: Cultural Diversity in New Mexico, will be interpreted on the 30th annual Preservation Month poster and in some of the 40 preservation month events that will be held statewide in May.

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# Audit finds city is financially sound

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

The City of Las Cruces is in “a very strong financial position,” the senior manager of the firm that conducted an audit of the city for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2016, told the city council at its Monday, March 6, regular meeting.

The city’s annual financial report showed total assets of \$611 million, liabilities of \$235 million and a net position of \$375 million, said Moss Adams LLC Senior Manager Ryan Luetkemeyer. That’s an increase of \$20 million over FY2015, he said.

“That’s a good, positive effort,” Luetkemeyer said.

The nearly 300-page

audit report said the city’s “business-type activities” – including utilities, solid waste management and other services – showed assets of \$312 million for FY2016, liabilities of \$90 million and a net position of \$222 million, an increase of \$6 million over FY2015, he said.

City receivables were \$52.4 million, an increase from \$36.1 million the previous year; capital assets of \$594 million, up from \$577 million; and long-term debt of \$305 million, compared to \$211 million.

The report also showed that 80 percent of city revenue comes from taxes, including gross receipts, property and franchise taxes; 10 percent comes from charges for

services; five percent from grants; three percent from investment income; and two percent from franchise fees.

Luetkemeyer said gross receipts tax, property tax and franchise tax collected by the city increased from \$110.6 million in FY2015 to \$117.3 million in FY2016.

Luetkemeyer said three findings were reported to the city as a result of the audit: 1) “several areas of the (city’s) information technology infrastructure were identified as needing enhanced controls,” 2) city policies and procedures were not followed related to purchasing cards used by city employees; and 3) four city fund budgets were over-expended: Downtown Revitalization

(over by \$300), Older American Act Program (\$28,495), 2005 GRT public improvements (\$220) and self-insurance fund (\$59,986).

Luetkemeyer said city staff were addressing the findings.

The council unanimously approved a resolution accepting the financial report.

At the meeting, the council also unanimously approved:

- a nearly \$2 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration for the Road-RUNNER Transit service, the city-operated public transportation system. The annual grant requires a city match of nearly \$1.8 million.

- a resolution authorizing routine mid-year budget adjustments. City Councilor Ceil Levatino said she was

concerned that the adjustments included a 19 percent increase in the cost of health insurance for city employees. “That needs to be looked at,” Levatino said. She and Councilor Casandra Gandara requested that the council hold a work session in the near future on city health insurance.

City Manager Stuart Ed said a consultant hired by the city to analyze health-care costs has recommended that the city create a medical clinic at city hall for city employees.

- an extension of the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau’s contract with MOETIV8 Marketing of Hallandale, Florida for media buys not to exceed \$500,000 per year.

## County celebrates another clean audit

### BULLETIN REPORT

For the sixth consecutive year, Doña Ana County’s annual outside audit has come back with zero findings of deficiencies in processes and protocols.

During a regular meeting of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners – at which the audit was

presented – District 3 Commissioner Benjamin L. Rawson noted that Doña Ana County is the only county in the state of New Mexico to receive no findings over a six-year period, and only one municipality – the tiny Village of Causey, population 104, in Roosevelt County – received no findings over the same period.

“It’s unusual for a governmental

entity of this size to get two consecutive clean audits,” said Doña Ana County Manager Julia T. Brown. “To receive six consecutive clean audits may well be unprecedented, and it’s a sparkling tribute to the county’s Finance Department for managing the strong financial protocols that have been put in place to safeguard the integrity of taxpayer funds.”

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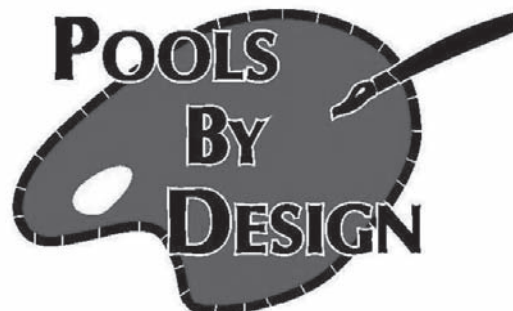
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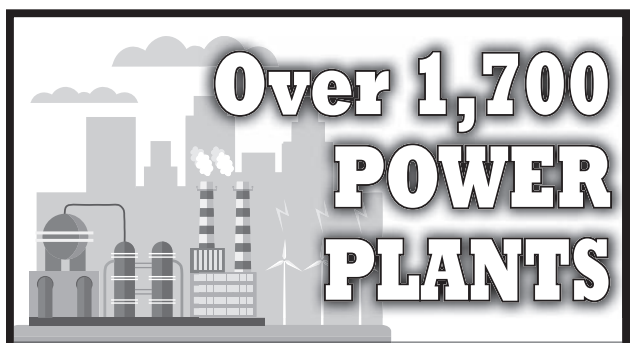
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# San Jose Cemetery is final resting place of many early settlers



The grave of Estevan Ochoa.



An unidentified grave in San Jose Cemetery.



An unidentified grave in San Jose Cemetery.

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The oldest grave in San Jose Cemetery dates back to 1859. The cemetery is the final resting place of many of Las Cruces' earliest family members, along with members of the Territorial militia and soldiers who fought in the Civil War, the Indian Wars of the late 19th century, the Spanish-American War (one of Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders), World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

In the older section of the eight-acre San Jose Cemetery, 100 N. Espina St., you will find the Amador family tomb. Martín Amador built the historic Amador Hotel in the 1870s. Former Las Cruces City Councilor Dolores Archuleta said she remembers being in and around the tomb as a child, before the doors were permanently locked.

Near the original entrance to the cemetery on Organ Avenue and Manzanita Street are the graves of the Nestor Armijo family. Nestor and his wife, Josefa, moved to Las Cruces in the late 1850s. He became a successful businessman and built the building that is today the Armijo House.

Also buried in San Jose Cemetery are colorful figures from Las Cruces' storied past like soldier, justice of the peace and Desert Springs resort developer Eugene Van Patten (1839-1926); Adolph Lea (1825-1903), whose homestead at Fort Selden became Leasburg; former priest, businessman and politician Theodore Rouault (1851-1940); and St. Genevieve Church pastor from 1878-80 and again in 1902 Reverend Father Andres Eschallier (1844-1922).

Other prominent locals buried in the cemetery include land owner and freighter



The Armijo family plot and the grave of Nestor Armijo

Barbaro Lucero, French settler Francisco Carbonniere, and spiritual leaders of the Piro-Manso-Tiwa tribe Vicente Roybal Jr and Edward Roybal, according to Las Esperanzas, Inc., the Mesquite Street and Original Town Site Historic District. Archuleta is president of Las Esperanzas.

There is also at least one Jewish grave in the cemetery, which is inscribed in Hebrew and includes the Star of David. "This is truly an important historic landmark, and yes, many of our early settlers are buried here," Archuleta said. "We don't have to exhume their graves to learn their histories because they left their footprints in the heart of Las Cruces; we just have to look for them."

You will also find the grave of the last horse thief legally hanged in the county, and not far away is the grave of the sheriff who hung him, said St. Genevieve's Catholic Church historian Rosemary Leyva.

There are also many children buried in the graveyard, including victims of the 1918 influenza epidemic that claimed millions of lives

across the country.

As of 1912, the cemetery had 3,352 burials, Leyva said.

"Many early graves were not marked with permanent headstones, or their markers suffered deterioration or vandalism," according to a booklet put together about the cemetery from information contained in the Las Cruces Historic Cemetery Guide.

In many cases, grave markers were constructed by hand by family members of the deceased, Leyva said. Often, she said, crosses used on grave markers were tilted in a certain direction to indicate others in the cemetery the person was related to.

St. Genevieve Church began keeping the vital records of the parish in 1859, according to the brochure. The first recorded burial at San Jose Cemetery was Maria Magdalena Cordero, age 12, who was buried there on May 11, 1859.

The cemetery is open to the public during regular business hours, which are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, visit [www.stgen.info](http://www.stgen.info) and [www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/](http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/)

PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK, LAS CRUCES BULLETIN



A veteran of the Spanish American War is buried here.



The grave of Nacasio Montes

## OBITUARIES

**SANTOS M. GUEVARA**

Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, **SANTOS M. GUEVARA**, age 90, of Las Cruces left her dwelling place on earth and entered eternal life to be with her heavenly father on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at the Heritage Assisted Living and Adult Day Care. She was born to Francisco and Maria Baeza Matta on January 15, 1927 in Balmorhea, Texas. Santos attended and graduated from Balmorhea High School where she played basketball. She graduated on April 18, 1947 from Tri-State Beauty College in El Paso, TX and was a licensed cosmetologist for 65 years. Santos was the owner and operator of the Tip Top Beauty Salon for many years. She was a communicant at St. Genevieve's Catholic Church where she was the choir director for at least 40 years and sang in different choirs in the community including "Los Pastores."

Those left to mourn her passing include her loving husband of sixty-seven years, Manuel J. Guevara of the family home; three daughters, Margie Barela (Robert Brijalba) of Las Cruces,

Martha Crist of Los Angeles, CA, and Doreen McWilliams (Ed) of Conifer, CO; a son, Manuel Jay Guevara of San Francisco, CA; a brother, Frank Matta of Starkville, MS; two sisters, Eloisa Vasquez of Pecos, TX and Theresa Ramirez of Calimesa, CA. Other survivors include twelve grandchildren; twenty-one great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Lorri Ann Guevara; a brother, Jose Matta; four sisters, Dalila Herrera, Dora Tellez, Rita Torres and Patricia Matta.

Visitation for Mrs. Guevara was held on Monday, March 6, 2017 at St. Genevieve's Catholic Church, 100 S. Espina where the Prayer Vigil followed. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated immediately thereafter with Reverend Rogelio Martinez officiating. Inurnment of Cremains will follow in St. Genevieve's Columbarium.

Honorary bearers will be Sheila, David, Albert, Nathan and Daniel Barela, Michael and Stephanie Crist, Josh and Julia McWilliams, Allison Chacon, Andrew Morales and Angel Guevara.

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**TOMAS C. CANO**

**TOMAS C. CANO**, age 104, of Vado passed away on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at his home. Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces

**IRMA DIAZ PADILLA**

**IRMA DIAZ PADILLA**, age 61, of Las Cruces passed away Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at her home. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

**WILLIAM SWIFT**

**WILLIAM SWIFT**, age 57, of Carrizozo died Monday, February 6, 2017 at Memorial Medical Center. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

**FELICE MARY GREEN**

Felice Mary Green, 93, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on March 6, 2017. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.



## Lizzie the Lizard



COURTESY PHOTO

The Doña Ana County Illegal Dumping Partnership (IDP) announced its new mascot, Lizzie the Lizard. The lively mascot will join Carlos the Coyote in the IDP's efforts to expand community involvement and youth education. "Youth education is incredibly important to us and our partners," said Vicki Lusk, manager of Doña Ana County Animal Control & Codes. "We want our programs to capture the attention of students, spark interest in beautifying and cleaning up Doña Ana County, and create a lasting impression that reminds students to take care of the land around them."

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Trailer photo for "Devil in the City of Crosses."

## FILM FESTIVAL

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community. The opportunities that exist and are coming to Las Cruces are second to none. It's really a great time to be a filmmaker in Las Cruces."

For more information on the film festival and when these films will be screened, visit [www.lciffest.com](http://www.lciffest.com).

### "Lady Belladonna's Night Shades"

Saturday, March 11, 3:30 p.m.

"Lady Belladonna's Night Shades" is a 96-minute anthology, Las Cruces filmmaker David

Salcido said. "We shot the bridges for the anthology in El Paso in August 2016. The shorts were all shot at different times."

Most of the film's shorts were shot locally and used local actors and crews, Salcido said. "The only exception is 'Wolff's Law,' which was shot in Albuquerque, but (filmmakers) Sheridan and Keagan are alums of CMI (the New Mexico State University Creative Media Institute for Film and Digital Arts), so there's a connection there."

"The movie has been getting wide recognition ever since it was released on VOD in January, particularly in Europe."

We've received a number of very positive reviews and are currently in talks to have it picked up and distributed more aggressively on DVD, which will expand our reach and, hopefully, open the door for more entries in the saga of Lady Belladonna and her flunkies."

Salcido said he was surprised the movie was chosen for LCIFF "because I figured everybody who wanted to see it in this area had done so. Also, the short 'Perfect,' which is included in the anthology, was an official selection last year. Obviously, I'm delighted to be included in LCIFF for the second year in a row."



PHOTO COURTESY DAVID SALCIDO

Stars of "Lady Belladonna's Night Shades."

# Get a clue, break out of jail

## Las Cruces opens escape venue

By ALTA LeCOMPTE

Las Cruces Bulletin

If you were locked in an Old West-style jail, how long would it take you to escape?

The answer lies hidden inside Cluenundrum, a recently opened Las Cruces “escape room” entertainment venue that incorporates a Billy the Kid theme.

Brent Baker, former hospital administrator turned business owner, opened Cluenundrum in January, and already family and business groups have tried their collective hands at breaking out of Billy’s cell.

Some businesses and organizations sign up for the experience as a team-building exercise, while other visitors go to jail just for the fun of it.

### How to succeed in escaping

Clients include insurance companies, a group from Spaceport America and New Mexico State University graduate students.

“It’s fascinating to see the group dynamics,” Baker said. “Some people came through here who thought they were very intelligent and they were terrible as a team. They didn’t work well together.

“A team of teachers communicated and worked as a team — they did so well together.”

Most groups fall somewhere in between, he said.

One family would have succeeded — if they’d listened to the person with the best ideas.

“One of the younger children was spot on,” Baker said, “but

the older children didn’t pay any attention to him.”

He said there are 18 clues hidden in the jail cell and the adjacent sheriff’s office. They’re contained inside a chess board, a wall safe and other fanciful locations.

To date, the fastest group completed the challenge in 51 minutes, but none have escaped without some coaching from Baker.

“I’ll give subtle hints, and sometimes if you’re not on the right target I’ll give a major hint to keep the game going,” he said.

While his clients may be excited to follow the clues, Baker gets psyched by the challenge of creating a new business, learning as he goes.

He said he got the idea for Cluenundrum while visiting his sister-in-law’s family in Spain.

“We did one there and it was so much fun we decided to do another,” he said. “The first one was simple. It had absolutely no ambiance. The second had an Egyptian theme, with hieroglyphics painted on the wall — and they had a sarcophagus that actually opened.”

The escape room concept originated in Japan in the 1990s, Baker said, and spread to Europe in the 2000s.

“Since we’re in the Southwest, why not do Billy the Kid?”

While there are Southwest antiques scattered throughout the “set,” most of the electronics and furnishings were created by Baker and his brother Kent Baker, an electrical engineer.

### Cluenundrum

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday

**WHERE:** 580 S. Valley Drive

**ONLINE:** [www.cluenundrum.com](http://www.cluenundrum.com)

**PHONE:** 575-523-9300

**EMAIL:** [info@cluenundrum.com](mailto:info@cluenundrum.com)

Brent Baker is now working on a second escape chamber based on the 2004 film “National Treasure.”

### Goodbye, boredom

Baker received an undergraduate degree in health promotion from Brigham Young University and a master’s in hospital administration from Arizona State University, but he soon decided corporate life was not for him.

He was a hospital administrator for six years in Brownsville, Texas, and executive director of a multi-specialty physician group before leaving health care in 1999.

“I was part of a team that was very successful in the hospital business, but I just didn’t like hospital administration as a business,” Baker said.

He then acquired a Service Master franchise, and expanded the business to El Paso and Las Cruces. He moved to Las Cruces in 2003.

Over the years he has started a number of ventures, some of which flew and some of which flopped.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA LeCOMPTE

**Brent Baker, owner of Cluenundrum escape rooms, sits at the sheriff’s desk on the Billy the Kid set.**

“I love the creative process of how to design, build and brand a company,” Baker said. “It’s innate.”

His list includes a cable company, a paint company and an answering service.

He started 1 Call Plumbing and Construction in Las Cruces. After selling that company, Baker invested the proceeds in Cluenundrum.

“I guess I just have the bug,” he said. “I like to start things, make them go and then turn them over to other people to manage. Each time I do one, I learn.”

Nevertheless, the principles of marketing, finance and economics he studied in college can be applied in any kind of business, he said.

“They were beneficial to

transfer from health care to Service Master,” he said. “Instead of dealing with sick people, I was dealing with sick houses. I was still dealing with insurance companies, on call 24 hours and making money on other people’s misery.”

Baker said he is now schooled by his young friends on using social media sites to market his business.

“I come from a generation that had floppy discs,” he said. “I did my high school reports on typewriters.

“It’s a learning process, and I love to learn. It motivates me to put new things in practice and see what works.”

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Downtown Detroit CEO to speak

From 8 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, Eric Larsen, CEO of Downtown Detroit Partnership, will tell the story of the renaissance of downtown Detroit and lessons that could translate to Las Cruces.

The presentation will be held in Las Cruces City Council Chambers. A Q and A will follow.

In mid-2014, Larson took over the role of CEO of the Downtown Detroit Partnership (DDP), after serving as a board member since 1995.

The DDP is a private/public partnership of corporate and civic leaders that supports, advocates and develops programs and initiatives that aim to create a clean, safe, and inviting downtown community.

For more information about the DDP, go to [www.downtowndetroit.org](http://www.downtowndetroit.org).

For more information about the March 14 event, contact Andy Hume Las Cruces downtown coordinator at 575-528-3048, [ahume@las-cruces.org](mailto:ahume@las-cruces.org), or Bob Pofahl, 575-680-8812, [bob@cbi-holdings.com](mailto:bob@cbi-holdings.com).

### NMSU honors city official

Andy Hume, downtown planning and development coordinator in the Economic Development Department, was recognized by New Mexico State University as a Department Star for Geography.

The NMSU College of Arts and Sciences recognized Hume at "A Starry Night," its annual event to recognize department stars and fundraise for the Dean's Fund for Excellence, which supports students and faculty in the college. He was nominated for the work he has done teaching in the geography department and for his excellence in the planning field.



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Steve Buraczyk of El Paso Electric; Andrea Tawney, president of the New Mexico State University Foundation; Doña Ana Community College President Renay Scott; and DACC Department Chair Terry Mount prepare to cut the Anthony Chamber of Commerce ribbon marking the official opening of the Line Worker Facility on the Chaparral Center grounds.

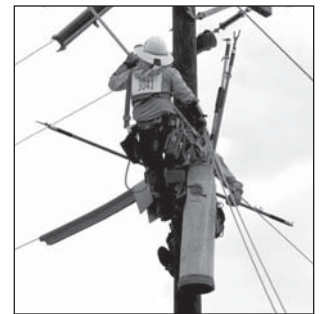
## Electric Line Worker Facility opens

Officials from Chaparral, Doña Ana Community College, New Mexico State University and El Paso Electric celebrated a new Line Worker Facility on the Chaparral Center grounds with a ribbon cutting hosted by the Anthony Chamber of Commerce.

EPE and DACC created a partnership to help produce local line

workers. EPE provides scholarships, internships and training so graduates are prepared to enter the workforce upon graduation.

In conjunction with the opening, a line worker rodeo competition was held. The line workers completed tasks they perform on a daily basis, most 30 feet in the air.



El Paso Electric line workers perform required tasks as part of the EPE Rodeo.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday, March 14**

**8 to 10 a.m. Downtown Renaissance presentation** by Eric Larsen, CEO of Downtown Detroit Partnership in the Las Cruces City Council Chambers. Info: Andy Hume, Las Cruces downtown coordinator, 575-528-3048, [ahume@las-cruces.org](mailto:ahume@las-cruces.org); or Bob Pofahl, 575-680-8812, [bob@cbiholdings.com](mailto:bob@cbiholdings.com).

**11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) Business in the

Borderplex Forum, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Tim Nitti, president and CEO of the New Mexico Economic Development Partnership, will speak. Advance registration \$25; payment at the door \$30. Reservations required. Info: 525-2852.

**Thursday, March 16**

**9 to 11 a.m. Free workshop on starting a business.** The Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave. Info and registration: [www.nmsbdc.org/lascruces](http://www.nmsbdc.org/lascruces) or 575-527-7676.

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# SBDC: Follow your passion

By ALTA LeCOMPTE  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Tracy Baker laughed when asked how long she had been thinking about starting a farm-to-table restaurant in Las Cruces. “Nineteen days,” she said.

Baker was attending a recent workshop on How to Start a Small Business at the Small Business Development Center at Doña Ana Community College.

Sitting next to her was Meilssa Calderon of Luna Fibre Farm, in Chapparal.

They exchanged cards and discussed their mutual business interests.

“I guess I’m going to put it out to the planet now,” Baker said, referring to her goal to own a restaurant.

Baker said she had worked in the industry and started businesses, but had questions regarding her new venture. She

and others directed their questions to SBDC business adviser Humberto Hajar, who facilitated the workshop.

Baker, Hajar later said, was among several attendees with an interest in restaurant and food-related businesses. Also in the room of 16 were theater, service sector and consulting specialists.

## A solid start

Participants heard basic information on business structures and the tax implications, how to obtain a federal Employers Identification Number, how to obtain a business license, and more.

Hajar said the first question he asks clients is, “What’s the purpose of your business?”

“Don’t go into a business to make money,” he said. “Go into it because it’s your passion.”

He encouraged attendees to start by researching



BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA LeCOMPTE

**Humberto Hajar, adviser with the New Mexico Small Business Development Center addresses a workshop on How to Start a Small Business. For information on upcoming workshops, visit [www.nmsbdc.org](http://www.nmsbdc.org) or call 575-527-7676.**

the competition, the intended industry and their target market.

Regarding the latter, Hajar said, “Please hear me: Don’t sell to everyone, but focus on a group. The rest are welcome bonuses.”

“The mistake a lot of entrepreneurs make is when they come in and we ask them who’s their target market, they say ‘everybody.’”

He said most small businesses have a limited marketing budget, which makes it especially important to know “who you’re marketing to in order to direct your resources there.”

“We’ve got access to several databases with demographic reports and competition research,” he said. “If you need information, come talk to us.”

He said naming a business is his favorite part of the process.

“Your business name is your first presentation. Think of something that represents you and your business and be aware of how that name will affect your target audience.”

Hajar said SBDC can help with writing business plans, identifying

funding sources, developing marketing strategies, preparing financial projections, budgeting and management.

“Anything we offer is completely at no cost. We’re a community resource,” he said. “What you tell us stays here.”

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## Pizza restaurant Dion’s opens second Las Cruces location



BULLETIN PHOTO BY BILLY HUNTSMAN

Dion’s quietly awaits its March 13 grand opening.

Pizza restaurant Dion’s is scheduled to open its second Las Cruces location Monday, March 13, at the intersection of El Paseo and Idaho, near Las Cruces High School.

It is expected to bring up to 70 new jobs.

“We are excited to have a location more accessible to those living on the west side of Las Cruces,” Dion’s CEO Mark Herman said. “Residents will be able to enjoy favorites like ‘The 505’ with green chile and pepperoni and our famous Ranch

dressing, without crossing I-25.”

The new Dion’s is the first New Mexico location to feature an updated interior and exterior design. “While more modern, the design will still be a comfortable place to gather and connect with family and friends,” said Herman. “It will feature items like repurposed high school bleachers.”

The new restaurant seats up to 130 customers. It has an open kitchen layout and a stand for children to watch pizza makers create

their meal. In addition, it will have a convenient pick-up window for call-ahead and online orders.

“We are excited to expand in the city” said Herman. “Our current location has been successful and we look forward to serving more of the Las Cruces community.”

Dion’s was founded in 1978 in Albuquerque. In 39 years, the company has grown to 23 stores and 1,600 employees in three states.

For more information, visit [www.dions.com](http://www.dions.com) or call 505-858-1010.

# Signergy honors SBDC

By ALTA LeCOMPTE  
Las Cruces Bulletin

While passing through southwestern New Mexico on a road trip in 2004, Californians Marvin and Diana Herrera fell in love with Las Cruces. It was then that they decided to make the city their home.

Marvin Herrera saw Signergy Productions and became curious about the business. He asked the owners if they were interested in selling the design and printing business.

After negotiating on the purchase price, he and Diana requested a business loan from First American Bank. First American referred them to the Small Business Development Center at Doña Ana Community College, where they received assistance putting together a loan package for an SBA loan.

The Herreras had little knowledge of how to acquire a business.

"If it were not for the SBDC we would not have been able to buy Signergy," he said. "The help from the SBDC made the dream come true. They provided the help to everything else we needed to get the business and

to keep it going."

Signergy customers can order anything from banners to signs to flags, which can be seen throughout Las Cruces.

In fact, Signergy flags fly in front of city buildings, schools, the university and banks.

In Doña Ana County, the Herreras found a different lifestyle and a different rhythm, one that provided a sense of community. When the opportunity arises and they are available they take part in school programs and donate flags and banners to organizations in need.

The Herreras' business has remained strong even in times of economic downturn. Now, with the economic climate improving, they feel the market will enable them to grow and perhaps add a second location. When that time comes, Marvin Herrera said, "We will pay yet another visit to the SBDC for counseling and analyzing these future plans."

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Marvin and Diana Herrera bought and grew their Las Cruces business, Signergy Productions, with the help of the Small Business Development Center at Doña Ana Community College. The New Mexico Small Business Development Center Network, and the Procurement Technical Assistance Program, recognized 2016 Star Clients, including the Herreras, at a dinner in January.



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**Full - Time Cosmetologist/Barber:** High Commission, Excellent Tips & Retail Pay. Cut Gallery, Laura 526-8765.

## Garage, Yard & Estate Sales

**Yard Sale,** Saturday, March 11, 2017, 7am to 1pm. 1006 Heather Circle, LC. A/Cs, couches, golf clubs, tools, stuffed animals, misc.

## Miscellaneous Rentals

Apartment For Rent Near Picacho \$415 month \$415 deposit. No Pet, No smoking All utilities included. Available April 1st. 575-649-8651 or 575-647-5849.

## Land & Lots for Sale

**Land For Sale By Owner as "IS" in Butterfield Park 575-523-6825**

## Miscellaneous

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Got an older car, boat or RV? Do the humane thing. Donate it to the Humane Society. Call 1-800-316-0265

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

No. 17-0038

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY L. WILSON DECEASED**

NOTICE TO

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## CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **TAUNIA C. PADILLA** has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: February 15, 2017.

**TAUNIA C. PADILLA**  
960 Laurel Street  
Las Cruces,  
New Mexico 88001

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

Dates: 03/03, 03/10, 03/17, 2017

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

**Amanda Sanchez 6788 E. Ortega Rd. Las Cruces, NM 88012**

**Notice is hereby given** that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 289 at Stull Storage Units #2, will be **SOLD AT AUCTION** to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$460.00**, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of:  
Dresser, Barber Chair, rims, scooter, misc.

**Date of Auction:**  
**March 21, 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: 03/03, 03/10, 2017

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

No. 17-0041

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HARLEN EUGENE BRADLEY, SR., a/k/a HARLEN EUGENE BRADLEY, a/k/a HARLEN E. BRADLEY, DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **PETER JAMES BRADLEY** has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims

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

DATED: February 21, 2017.

**PETER JAMES BRADLEY**  
5627 Lassiter Rd.  
Las Cruces,  
New Mexico 88001

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

Dates: 03/03, 03/10, 03/17, 2017

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

**Dyan Marquez 105 North Links Dr., Apt 2019 Avondale, AZ 85323-3043**

**Notice is hereby given** that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 714 at Stull Storage Units #2, will be **SOLD AT AUCTION** to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$380.00**, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of:  
Boxes, bike, misc.

**Date of Auction:**  
**March 21, 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: 03/03, 03/10, 2017

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on February 6, 2017, Ricardo C. Holguin, 520 Holguin Rd, Vado, NM 88072 and Julia Holguin Ernst, 6232 La Posta, El Paso, TX 79912 filed application numbered LRG-14188-POD2, OSE File No's. LRG-14188-1 and

LRG-1246-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-14188-POD1 located at X = 1,512,100.7 Y = 409,703.5 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by Ricardo C. and Esther Holguin and drilling replacement well LRG-14188-POD2 located at approximately X = 1,512,100 Y = 409,684 on land owned by Ricardo C. and Esther Holguin for the continued diversion of an amount of water determined by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBID for irrigation of 8.55 acres of land owned by Ricardo C. and Esther Holguin located within part of the NW 1/4 of Section 20, Township 25S, Range 03E, NMPM, as described by Subfile No's.: LRS-28-010-0045 and LRS-28-010-0046 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey and 9.92 acres of land owned by Julia Holguin Ernst located within part of the SW 1/4 of said Section 20, as described by Subfile No. : LRS-28-010-0084 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Replacement well LRG-14188-POD2 will be located north of Vado, NM at approximately 168 feet south southeast of the intersection of Myers Rd and the Three Saints Main Canal. Existing well LRG-14188-POD1 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005

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within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer,

575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 03/10, 03/17, 03/24, 2017

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on January 12, 2017, Charles Tharp, on behalf of Doña Ana Land Company, INC, 6000 N. Valley Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed application numbered LRG-11107-POD6, OSE File No. LRG-11107 and LRG-11107-A, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water

Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling supplemental well LRG-11107-POD6 to a depth of 250 feet with 12-inch casing located at approximately X = 1,456,665 Y= 507,818 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant to supplement existing wells LRG-11107 et al, located as on file with the OSE, for the continued diversion of an amount of

water reserved for the future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBID for the irrigation of 454.35 acres of land and groundwater only irrigation of 18.07 acres of land owned by the applicant located within part of the following projected Sections: SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec-

tion 09; NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 15; NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 16; NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 21; NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 22, all within Township 22S, Range 01E, NMPM as described by the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey Subfile No's.: LRN-28-004-0003- A (A-D), LRN-28-004-0061, LRN-28-004-0062, and LRN-28-004-0063. Proposed supplemental well

LRG-11107-POD6 will be located north of Las Cruces, NM approximately 1,363 ft. north northeast of the intersection of N. Valley Dr and the Picacho Lateral. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill and use supplemental well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having

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

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 20, 2017, Dona Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association, PO Box 866, Dona Ana, NM 88032, filed application numbered LRG-80, LRG-1905, LRG-4250-B, and LRG-15880-1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Combine and Commingle Underground Water Rights and Enlarge Service Area within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Dona Ana County by combining water rights as recorded and on file with the State Engineer in

Files LRG-80, LRG-1905, LRG-4250-B, and LRG-15880-1 for the combined diversion of 8,569.755 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater from the following wells, located on land owned by the applicant, described as follows:

| Well            | Location   |
|-----------------|--|
| LRG-80-S        | X = 1,433,473 Y = 542,044 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet |
| LRG-80-S-2      | X = 1,433,295 Y = 541,730 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet |
| LRG-80-S-3      | X = 1,433,293 Y = 542,054 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet |
| LRG-80-S-4      | X = 1,433,293 Y = 541,245 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet |
| LRG-80 POD7     | X = 1,433,380 Y = 542,195 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet |
| LRG-1905        | X = 1,471,343 Y = 493,403 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet |
| LRG-1905-S      | X = 1,466,113 Y = 506,280 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet |
| LRG-1905-S-2    | X = 1,469,851 Y = 491,904 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet |
| LRG-1905-S-4    | X = 1,467,696 Y = 499,287 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet |
| LRG-1905-S-5    | X = 1,463,659 Y = 503,133 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet |
| LRG-1905 POD10  | X = 1,474,923 Y = 496,644 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet |
| LRG-4250-S      | X = 1,450,400 Y = 476,262 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet |
| LRG-4250-S-2    | X = 1,450,842 Y = 476,251 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FM'S 3002 Feet |
| LRG-4250 POD7   | X = 1,452,213 Y = 476,935 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet |
| LRG- 15880 POD1 | X = 1,459,639 Y = 473,017 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet |
| LRG-15880 POD2  | X = 1,460,701 Y = 473,423 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet |
| LRG-15880 POD3  | X = 1,460,700 Y = 473,430 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet |

The applicant seeks to exercise the aforementioned 8,569.755 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for community type use including domestic, irrigation, municipal, industrial, commercial and related purposes within the proposed service area, owned by Dona Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association and individual customer members, described as follows:

| Subdivision | Section | Township | Range  |
|-------------|---------|----------|--------|
| Part        | 3 — 4   | 22 South | 1 East |
| All         | 5 — 6   | 22 South | 1 East |
| All         | 8 — 9   | 22 South | 1 East |
| Part        | 10 — 11 | 22 South | 1 East |
| Part        | 14      | 22 South | 1 East |
| All         | 15 — 17 | 22 South | 1 East |
| All         | 20 — 22 | 22 South | 1 East |
| Part        | 23 — 25 | 22 South | 1 East |
| All         | 26 — 28 | 22 South | 1 East |
| All         | 33 — 35 | 22 South | 1 East |
| Part        | 36      | 22 South | 1 East |
| Part        | 30      | 22 South | 2 East |
| Part        | 1       | 23 South | 1 East |
| All         | 2 — 8   | 23 South | 1 East |
| All         | 10      | 23 South | 1 East |
| Part        | 11      | 23 South | 1 East |
| All         | 15      | 23 South | 1 East |
| Part        | 17 — 18 | 23 South | 1 East |
| Part        | 22      | 23 South | 1 East |
| Part        | 10      | 21 South | 1 West |
| All         | 11 — 14 | 21 South | 1 West |
| Part        | 15      | 21 South | 1 West |
| Part        | 1       | 23 South | 1 West |
| Part        | 12 — 13 | 23 South | 1 West |

Wells LRG-80-S, LRG-80-S-2, LRG-80-S-3, LRG-80-S-4, and LRG-80 POD7 are generally located in Radium Springs, NM. Wells LRG-4250-S, LRG-4250-S-2, and LRG-4250 POD7 are located within the Picacho Hills Subdivision. Wells LRG-15880 POD1, LRG-15880 POD2, and LRG-15880 POD3 are located within the Fairview Estates Mobile Home Subdivision. Wells LRG-1905, LRG-1905-S, LRG-1905-S-2, LRG-1905-S-4, LRG- 1905-S-5, and LRG-1905 POD10 are generally located north of Las Cruces, NM.

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

Dates: 02/24, 03/03, 03/10, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the following property shall be sold at public auction or otherwise disposed of in satisfaction of lien in accordance with the New Mexico Self-Storage Lien Act.

To be held at:  
Aggie Storage  
960 Sand Castle Ave  
Las Cruces NM 88012  
575-644-1167

Paula Cutter  
2029 Sagecrest Ave  
Las Cruces NM 88011  
Unit #410 -  
Dresser, Medical Equipment, Computer, Patio Bistro, Boxes, Book Shelves, and Rugs. \$1,070.00

Date of the Auction:  
Friday, March 17, 2017  
Times:  
Registration 8:30 - 9:00am  
Auction 9:00am

Place: Aggie Storage  
960 Sand Castle Ave  
Las Cruces NM 88012  
Manager: Art Sanchez  
575-644-1167

Dates: 03/03, 03/10, 2017

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the following property shall be sold at public auction or otherwise disposed of in satisfaction of lien in accordance with the New Mexico Self Storage Lien Act.

To be held at:  
DISCOUNT SELF STORAGE  
2499 EL CAMINO REAL  
LAS CRUCES, NM 88007  
575 382-0000

ON SATURDAY,  
MARCH 18th, 2017  
BEGINNING AT 10 a.m.  
SIGN IN AT 9:30 a.m.

THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS: 103, 206, 238, 257, 343, 348, 382, 654, 670, 675, 676, 682, 703, 713, 737, 780, 788, 794  
Tenant addresses are "last known."

Unit 103  
RUDY CASTILLO  
P.O. Box 846  
Hatch NM 87937  
Unit items consist of:  
Couch, kids' bicycles, car seat, kids' items

Unit 206  
ISSAC GEBMAN  
P.O. Box 16642  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
Unit items consist of:  
Office chair, misc. household items

Unit 238  
JENNIFER DOLAN  
511 S Walnut  
Carlsbad NM 88220  
Unit items consist of:  
Dresser, living room table, head board, TV stand, misc. household items

Unit 257  
MANUEL LOZANO  
502 Labrado Way  
Suison City CA 94585  
Unit items consist of:  
Propane tank, clothing, misc. items

Unit 343  
RUDY ZAPATA  
1520 W Hadley Ave Trl 27  
Las Cruces NM 88005  
Unit items consist of:  
4 tire rims, speakers, car jack, frames with pictures, misc. items

Unit 348  
CRYSTAL ARAIZA  
2013 S Triviz Dr #316  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
Unit items consist of:  
Couches, 2 tv's, electric heater, misc. items

Unit 382  
ELISA ROMERO  
825 Trojan Lp #D  
Las Cruces NM 88007  
Unit items consist of:  
Dresser & mirror, mattresses, dining table & chairs, chest & drawers, misc. items

Unit 654  
JESSIE ESCALERA

P.O. Box 914  
Dona Ana NM 88032  
Unit items consist of:  
Microwave, children's toys, shop vac, assorted household items

Unit 670  
MARGARET LUJAN  
3635 Haines Rd  
Las Cruces NM 88007  
Unit items consist of:  
Baby bed with Mattresses, car seat, misc. plastic bins

Unit 675  
GARY PERRY  
3201 Kearsage Dr Unit B  
Lake Havasu City AZ 86406  
Unit items consist of:  
Misc. household items

Unit 676  
ALISON BROOKSHIRE  
4980 Thunder Way  
Las Cruces NM 88012  
Unit items consist of:  
Misc. household items

Unit 682  
RICHARD HERNANDEZ  
1054 Aguilera Ct  
Las Cruces NM 88007  
Unit items consist of:  
Bins, boxes, bike, household items

Unit 703  
PATRICIA GONZALES  
1029 La Fonda #8  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
Unit items consist of:  
Ladder, speaker, suit cases, misc. boxes

Unit 713  
DESIREE JUAREZ  
4093 Mojava Dr  
Las Cruces NM 88005  
Unit items consist of:  
Dresser with drawers, desk storage bins, boxes misc. items

Unit 737  
MARIA SCHIEFFER  
127 Florida St  
Las Mesa NM 88044  
Unit items consist of:  
Dining room set, tv's, washer, dryer, sofa set, wood cabinet, bed, misc. items

Unit 780  
PABLO CHAVEZ  
1132 Madero Ave  
Las Cruces NM 88005  
Unit items consist of:  
Christmas decorations, kids' toys, misc. clothing

Unit 788  
RONALD JACKSON  
7576 Vista De Oeste Pl  
Las Cruces NM 88012  
Unit items consist of:  
Mountain bike, tent, bed frame, fish tank, misc. items

Unit 794  
MICHAEL SCHAVIER  
920 E Mulberry Ave  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
Unit items consist of:  
Pool table with cue sticks & cue balls

Dates: 03/03, 03/10, 2017

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

NO. D-307-CV-2017-494  
Mary W. Rosner

## IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Bernice Montoya FOR CHANGE OF NAME

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bernice Montoya, 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 3rd Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Bernice Montoya to Bernice Cardon Montoya, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Mary W. Rosner, District Judge, on the 24 day of March 2017, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., at the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(Seal)

Respectfully Submitted,  
/s/Bernice Montoya  
PO Box 1214  
Doña Ana, NM 88032  
575-649-8053

Dates: 03/03, 03/10, 2017

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

Probate No. 16-0245

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

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RITA O. SOSA

has been appointed personal representative for the estate of the above named decedent. All persons having claims against the ESTATE OF DANIEL SOSA, JR. are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or their claim will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the above named personal representative, Rita O. Sosa, Post Office Box 1267, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004, the attorney for the personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated: March 7, 2017

/s/ Daniel Sosa, III  
Daniel Sosa, III  
Attorney for  
Personal Representative  
SOSA LAW FIRM  
Post Office Box 12293  
Albuquerque,  
New Mexico 87195  
Telephone: (575) 526-6864

Dates: 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 2017

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

No. PB 2017-22  
Judge Arrieta

## IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF REBA NAOMA McCORMICK,

Deceased.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.

/s/M Reeves Evins  
Melissa J. Reeves-Evins  
200 W. Las Cruces Ave.,  
Ste. A  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
575-522-5009  
522-5031 FAX  
Attorney for Personal Representative

Dates: 03/03, 03/10, 03/17, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-00636

## HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR GSA

HOMEQUITY TRUST  
2005-7, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY E. DE LOSH, Deceased; PAT MUTZBAUGH, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY E. DE LOSH, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF DOROTHY E. DE LOSH, Deceased, Defendants.

## NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 22, 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 1814 East Mulberry Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 11, Block 7, UNIT NO. 4 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on August 14, 1967, in Book 10 Pages 14-15 of Plat

Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 14, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$84,756.54 and the same bears interest at 7.375% per annum from August 9, 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 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



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## INVITATION BID/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)/REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ)

| Description               | Number    | Pre-Bid/<br>Pre-Proposal Meeting  | Due Date / Time  |
|---------------------------|-----------|---|--|
| Willow Glen Sewer Project | 16-17-054 | **MANDATORY**<br>March 16, 2017 / 2:00pm<br>700 N Main, Rm 3138, Las Cruces, NM | March 28, 2017 / 2:00pm<br>700 N Main, Rm 3138, Las Cruces, NM |

Please use this link to access all City of Las Cruces solicitations: <https://www.newmexicobidsystem.com/Registration.asp?ID=17575> Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Section, at 700 N. Main, 3rd Floor, Room 3134.

Unless otherwise noted above, copies of solicitation documents may be inspected or obtained at City Hall, 700 N. Main St, Room 3134, Las Cruces, NM. Additional information/clarification regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Section at (575) 541-2525 or by email to [bidclerk@las-cruces.org](mailto:bidclerk@las-cruces.org)

Dates 3/10/2017

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home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

Dates: 02/24, 03/03, 03/10,  
03/17, 2017

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

Probate No. PB-2017-0049  
Judge Diana A. Bustamante

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
EVERTS W. MOULTON,  
Deceased.**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of Everts W. Moulton, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either (1) to the undersigned personal representative in care of his attorney, Law Office of Kyle H. Moberly, P.C., either by delivering or mailing it to his office, which is located at 2460 S. Locust, Suite E, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or (2) filed with the Doña Ana County Probate Court.

DATED: March 3, 2017

/s/ Donald A. Beasley  
DONALD A. BEASLEY,  
Personal Representative of  
the Estate of Everts W.  
Moulton, deceased

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

By: /s/ Kyle H. Moberly

Kyle H. Moberly  
Attorney for  
Personal Representative  
2460 S. Locust Street,  
Suite E  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
(575) 541-1278

Dates: 03/03, 03/10, 03/17,  
2017

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

No. 17-0042  
Judge Diana A. Bustamante

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF:  
MANUEL ALVILLAR,  
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 three 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 5767 Sanderling Dr., Santa Teresa, New Mexico 88008 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 2nd day of  
March, 2017.

/s/ Thomas Alvillar  
TOMAS ALVILLAR  
Personal Representative  
5767 Sanderling Dr.  
Santa Teresa,  
New Mexico 88008

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: 03/10, 03/17, 03/24,  
2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-01111

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

vs.

**CONSTANCE F. BIERNER AKA CONSTANCE BIERNER, IF LIVING, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CONSTANCE F. BIERNER AKA CONSTANCE BIERNER, IF DECEASED, AND OTERO FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

**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 985 La Vida Nueva Court, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 15, PUEBLITOS DE LAS CRUCES, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNED ON PLAT NO. 3421, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY OF DECEMBER 11, 2000, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 19, PAGES 557-558, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 a.m. on March 24, 2017**, outside the front entrance of the Third Judicial District, 201 W. Picacho, #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 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 Judgment granted BOKF, N.A.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded in rem Judgment on February 10, 2017, in the principal sum of \$51,413.50, plus interest due on the Note through January 15, 2017, in the amount of \$2,026.68, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 3.375% per annum (\$4.75 per diem) until paid, plus late fees in the amount of \$96.10, plus escrow advances for property taxes in the amount of \$1,612.46, plus hazard insurance premium in the amount of \$1,528.00, plus FHA/HUD

premiums in the amount of \$48.10, plus property preservation in the amount of \$190.45, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through January 16, 2017, in the amount of \$1,437.99, and costs through January 16, 2017, in the amount of \$943.37, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 3.375% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant(s) as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

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

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani  
Faisal Sukhyani  
C/O Leverick & Musselman, LLC  
5120 San Francisco NE  
Albuquerque,  
New Mexico 87109

Dates: 02/24, 03/03, 03/10,  
03/17, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-02342

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

vs.

**RAMONA CHAVARRIA  
and TERESA C. EVARO,  
Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **March 29, 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 2145 Coleen Court, Las

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

LOT NUMBERED 21 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 5A OF LOMA HEIGHTS PLAT NO. 3, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID LOMA HEIGHTS PLAT NO. 3, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 19, 1960 IN PLAT BOOK 8, FOLIO 52.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 21, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$101,427.10 and the same bears interest at 4.2500% per annum from January 18, 2017, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real

property subject to a one month right of redemption.

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

Dates: 03/03, 03/10, 03/17,  
03/24, 2015

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

No. D-307-PB-2016-00119  
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
ALFREDO P. VIGIL,  
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: November 30, 2016

/s/ Enequina H. Vigil  
Enequina H. Vigil,  
Personal Representative  
of the Alfredo P. Vigil,  
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: 02/24, 03/03, 03/10,  
2017

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

NO. D-307-CV-2015-01855

**CONERSTONE HOME  
LENDING, LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**DAWN OLANDER FKA  
DAWN A. MARTIN, AND  
THE UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE OF DAWN  
OLANDER FKA DAWN  
A. MARTIN, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on **March 14, 2017 at 11:00 am**, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 168, ENTRADA DE SIERRA SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on August 10, 2007, in Book 22 Page(s) 291-293 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 7466 Sierra Luz Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 21, 2016 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$159,543.49 plus interest

from October 1, 2016 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.125% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended or taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

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

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded 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 rights of redemption.

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

Dates: 02/17, 02/24, 03/03,  
03/10, 2017

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

Case No.  
D-307-CV-2016-01902  
Judge Mary Rosner

**FIRSTLIGHT FEDERAL  
CREDIT UNION,  
Plaintiff,**

v.

**DANOIS R. MONTOYA,  
JR., Defendant.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, on **March 30, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.** at the Doña Ana County District Court at 201 W. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, the undersigned Special Master will sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all of the right, title, and interest of the above-named Defendant to the following described real property. The property to be sold is located at 3920 Ramrod Forge, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, and is more particularly described as follows:

Lot 5, Block 3, SETTLERS' RIDGE, UNIT ONE, AT RANCHO DEL REY, 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 November 22, 1991, in Book 17 Page(s) 108-110 of Plat Records.

The sale will be made pursuant to a Default Judgment entered on February 13, 2017, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which is a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff. Plaintiff was granted judgment in the amount of \$158,345.13 plus interest at the rate of 2.875% per annum. from February 13, 2017 to the date of sale; the costs of sale including the Special Master's fee and the publication cost; and additional amounts, if any, which

Plaintiff will be required to pay prior to termination of this action for property taxes, insurance premiums, and any other costs of upkeep of the real property of any sort. Plaintiff has the right to bid at the sale and to submit its bid verbally or in writing. 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 thereon 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 disclaims any responsibility for the valuation of the real property and improvements thereon by the County Assessor; for any environmental contamination, if any; and for any zoning violations, if any.

Notice is further given that the purchaser at the sale should take title to the above described real property subject to a thirty (30) day right of redemption.

/s/ Stephen Tucker Swaim  
2/17/2017  
Stephen Tucker Swaim  
Special Master  
Pickett Law Firm, LLC  
PO Box 1239  
Las Cruces NM 88004 1239  
Phone: (575) 526-3338

Dates: 02/24, 03/03, 03/10,  
03/17, 2017

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

NO. D-307-CV-2016-02174

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

v.

**ROBERT E. DE KINDER  
JR. AND THE UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE OF  
ROBERT E. DE KINDER  
JR., Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO** to the above-named Defendants Robert E. De Kinder Jr. and The Unknown Spouse of Robert E. De Kinder Jr,

**GREETINGS:**

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 2921 Valle Vista, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOT 27 AND THE WEST 4 FEET OF LOT 26, IMPERIAL TERRACE, A TOWNHOUSE SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON SEPTEMBER 07, 1973, IN BOOK 11 PAGE(S) 66 OF PLAT RECORDS.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
WEINSTEIN &  
RILEY, P.S.

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

Dates: 03/10, 03/17, 03/24,  
2017

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

NO. D-307-CV-2016-02494

**IDAHO HOUSING AND  
FINANCE ASSOCIATION,  
Plaintiff,**

**DIANA F. BOYD AND  
NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE  
FINANCE AUTHORITY,  
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

to the above-named Defendant Diana F. Boyd,

**GREETINGS:**

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1707 Defiance Ave, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 382, Block 11 of SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION PHASE III, located in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on Plat thereof recorded on March 28, 1979 in Plat Book 12, at Page(s) 246-248 as Plat No. 970, records of Doña Ana County.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
WEINSTEIN &  
RILEY, P.S.

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

Dates: 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 2017

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-00110

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE  
LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JAMES HILL; THE UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE OF  
JAMES HILL; CHARTER  
BANK; OCCUPANTS OF THE  
PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF  
FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled

Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5261 Cochise Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 11 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 3 OF MESA LA JOLLA SUBDIVISION UNIT 2 PHASE 1, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID MESA LA JOLLA SUBDIVISION UNIT 2 PHASE 1, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON OCTOBER 18, 1989 IN PLAT BOOK 16, FOLIO 136-140,

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on April 6, 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 19, 2017, in the total amount of \$134,715.47, with interest at the rate of 4.000% per annum from May 6, 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, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning

violations concerning the property, if any.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 861 Birdie Drive, Anthony, NM 88021-8485, and more particularly described as follows:

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 COURT**

Case No.  
D-307-CV-2015-02264

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

vs.

**ISAAC HOLGUIN, ANNETTE M. HOLGUIN; STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT AND UNKNOWN TENANT (REAL NAME UNKNOWN), 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 861 Birdie Drive, Anthony, NM 88021-8485, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 16, IN BLOCK NUMBERED 5 OF DOS LAGOS HOME SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID DOS LAGOS HOMES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2 FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY Y, NEW MEXICO ON NOVEMBER 20, 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 375-376,

NATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID DOS LAGOS HOMES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2 FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY Y, NEW MEXICO ON NOVEMBER 20, 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 375-376,

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on April 6, 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 19, 2017, in the total amount of \$123,697.74, with interest at the rate of 5.1250% per annum from September 30, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-02208

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

vs.

**ROBERT C. LOPEZ AKA  
ROBERT CHARTON  
LOPEZ; MIKA LOPEZ;  
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY  
OF ACTION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, ROBERT C. LOPEZ AKA ROBERT CHARTON LOPEZ; MIKA LOPEZ;**

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 5731 Pecan Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88011. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 15 IN BLOCK NUMBERED D OF DESERT BREEZE SUBDIVISION, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID DESERT BREEZE SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON 07/26/2006 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 714-717.

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.

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

No. CV-2016-02042  
Judge: Rosner

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

vs.

**MAGDALENA T. CALDERON, BRIANA ENRIQUEZ, LOAN MAX TITLE LOANS, AND 1993 CHEVY CAPRICE, RED; VIN: 1G1BN53E1PR106714; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. LZJ993, Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

**To: Respondent Briana Enriquez:**

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1993 CHEVY CAPRICE, RED; VIN: 1G1BN53E1PR106714; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. LZJ993.
2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.
3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

**CITY OF LAS CRUCES**

By: /s/ Robert Cabello  
Robert A. Cabello  
Assistant City Attorney  
PO Box 20000  
Las Cruces, NM 88004

575-541-2128  
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Rosner, Mary, 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 17 day of November, 2016.

(Seal)

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OFFICER

By: L K Brown  
DEPUTY - Lindsey K Brown

Dates: 02/24, 03/03, 03/10,  
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**STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT**

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-02643  
Judge: Arrieta

**CALEB PEREZ, Plaintiff,**

v.

**INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, AND UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

TO: UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM A LIEN, INTEREST OR TITLE ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF, Caleb Perez.

The nature of this suit is substantially as follows, to-wit:

This action is brought to quiet title on the following property owned by Caleb Perez:

**Lot 9, Block B, ARROWHEAD ESTATES 9, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 17, 2005, in Book 21 Page(s) 163-164 of Plat Records.**

The street address of the property is 1233 Osage Ct, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

If you or your attorney do not respond to this Notice of

Pendency of Action, a default judgment may be taken against you.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN  
2/16/2017  
CLERK OF THE  
DISTRICT COURT

By: /s/ Wendy Cousler  
Deputy - W. Cousler

Respectfully submitted,

WATSON SMITH, L.L.C.

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Dates: 02/24, 03/03, 03/10,  
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**STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT**

Case No.  
D-307-CV-2016-00161  
Judge James T. Martin

**COMPASS BANK, an Alabama Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,**

v.

**SUN WEST ESTATES, LTD., BOWEN INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTORS, INC., and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA acting through the SECRETARY OF TREASURY and the INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will, on **Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.** at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant Sun West Estates, Ltd. in and to the following-described property, situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, to-wit:

Lot 7, Block 1, Hacienda San Miguel Unit II, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, NM

Lot 8, Block 3, Hacienda San Miguel Unit II, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, NM

Lot 13, Block 4, Hacienda San Miguel Unit II, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, NM

Lot 4, Block 5, Hacienda San Miguel Unit II, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, NM

Lot 5, Block 5, Hacienda San Miguel Unit II, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, NM

Lot 6, Block 5, Hacienda San Miguel Unit II, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, NM

Lot 7, Block 5, Hacienda San Miguel Unit II, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, NM

Lot 8, Block 5, Hacienda San Miguel Unit II, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, NM

Lot 9, Block 5, Hacienda San Miguel Unit II, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, NM

The sale will be made pursuant to the Judgment entered on September 30, 2016, in the above-titled and numbered cause, a suit to foreclose a mortgage lien held by Plaintiff by which Plaintiff has a security interest on the above-described real estate in the sum of \$239,670.16 as of September 30, 2016, plus interest at the statutory rate of 8.75% per annum from the date of Judgment to the date of sale (\$11,087.85), together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee (estimated at approximately \$250.00 plus gross receipts tax). The proceeds from the judicial sale will be applied first to the payment of the costs and expenses of the sale, then to the payment of the Judgment in favor of Plaintiff. Any excess funds shall be deposited with the Clerk of the Court to be applied as may be determined by the Court. Plaintiff has the right to submit its Judgment by way of bid verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its Judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT** the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservation, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due including unpaid utility bills. 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 a County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, any homeowners' association or condominium dues, assessments, declarations, rules requirements and restrictions, if any, any requirements imposed by city or county ordinance or by state law affecting the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any. No representation is made as to the validity of the rights of ingress and egress. Transfer of title to the highest bidder shall be without warranty or representation of any kind. 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. **ALL PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND TO**

CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on February 24, 2017.

By /s/ Samantha R. Barncastle  
Samantha R. Barncastle  
Special Master  
Barncastle Law Firm  
P.O. Box 1556  
Las Cruces, NM 88004  
Ph: 575-636-2377

RESPECTFULLY  
SUBMITTED,

**SCOTT HULSE P.C.**

By /s/ Casey S. Stevenson  
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Attorney for Plaintiff

Dates: 03/10, 03/17, 03/24,  
03/31, 2017

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

No. CV-2017-367  
Judge James T. Martin

**RALPH G. STEINHOFF  
and ANN T. STEINHOFF,  
Plaintiffs,**

vs.

**CITY OF LAS CRUCES, a municipal corporation; JONATHAN D. SCHUMER and MELISSA C. SCHUMER, husband and wife; and JONATHAN D. SCHUMER, d/b/a MAIN**

**STREET MOTORS, LLC, a New Mexico limited liability company; C. W. FLY, a/k/a CAREY WAYNE FLY, as TRUSTEE OF THE JOHN C. FLY AND DOROTHY B. FLY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST dated May 14, 1997; BRIAN HALLOCK and DENINE HALLOCK, husband and wife; and any and all unknown heirs, devisees, spouses and claimants of interest in the premises Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT**

**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: Any and all unknown heirs, devisees, spouses and claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiffs**

I, CLAUDE BOWMAN, Court Administrator of the Third Judicial District Court in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, do hereby cause to be issued this Notice of Pendency of Suit, for the purpose of service of process on any and all unknown heirs, devisees, spouses and claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiffs.

The names of the Plaintiffs, Defendants, and the Court in which said cause is pending and the civil cause number are set out hereinabove.

The Defendants against whom service by publication is sought to be obtained are any and all unknown heirs, devisees, spouses and claim-

ants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiffs.

The general object of this action is to quiet and to set at rest the title of Plaintiffs in and to the lands described herein against any adverse claims of the Defendants and that the Defendants be barred and estopped from having or claiming any lien upon, any right or title to the estate of Plaintiffs in and to said lands, or any portion thereof, adverse to the Plaintiffs.

The property which is affected and concerned by this pending action is located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

**DESCRIPTION OF A  
0.075 ACRE TRACT**

A tract of land situate in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 7, T.23S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being East of Lot 11, Alameda Terrace and also being part of U.S.R.S. Tracts 9B-63A, 9B-64A2, 9B-64B, and 9B-65A and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a 'A' iron rod found on the North line of Harvard Drive; being identical to the Southeast corner of the above mentioned Lot 11;

Thence from the point of beginning and leaving the North line of Harvard Drive, N.43° 29'54"W., 28.15 feet to a painted "x" set for a

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corner of this tract;

Thence N.77°09'40"E., 18.69 feet to a painted "x" set for a corner of this tract;

Thence N.42°26'21"W., 107.46 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for a corner of this tract;

Thence S.82°22'00"W., 22.29 feet to a painted "x" set for a corner of this tract;

Thence N.43°59'54"W., 5.22 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Northwest corner of this tract;

Thence N.82°42'37"E., 14.15 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set;

Thence N.80°51'52"E., 14.31 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence S.47°46'37"E., 3.48 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set;

Thence S.47°46'37"E., 146.60 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set;

Thence S.47°33'54"E., 13.16 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set;

Thence S.31°30'04"E., 15.30 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence S.78°50'00"W., 38.03 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence N.43°29'54"W., 29.51 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.075 acres of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

A plat was prepared under Job # 16-0377. Field Notes by Moy Surveying, Inc., License No. 18078. All corners set are 1/2" iron rods with 1" plastic caps stamped 18078. All iron rods or monuments found, tagged, stamped 18078.

The name of the Plaintiffs' attorney is as follows: Dana M. Kyle of The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.A., 318 W. Organ Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, (575) 525-0020.

Defendants any and all unknown heirs, devisees, spouses and claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiffs, against whom constructive service is sought to be obtained, are hereby notified that unless they file a responsive pleading or motion with this Court within twenty (20) days after the date of the third and last publication of

this notice, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered in such suit against them by default.

**WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL** this 23 day of FEBRUARY, 2017.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN  
Court Administrator

By /s/Elsa Gomez  
Elsa Gomez  
Deputy

Dates: 03/03, 03/10, 03/17, 2017

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

No.: D-307-CV-2016-01892

**LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**FLORA PADILLA; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FLORA PADILLA; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF ENRIQUE PADILLA, DECEASED; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL BANK; COSMOS FINANCIAL, LLC; GE MONEY BANK; RAZOR CAPITAL, LLC, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Flora Padilla and The Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Enrique Padilla Deceased:**

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff LSF9 Master Participation Trust 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 2201 Calle De Suenos, Las Cruces, NM 88001. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 3, BLOCK 3, DALE BELLAMAH MANOR PLAT NO.1, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 448 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JULY 27, 1956, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 7,

PAGE 74, 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

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 02/24, 03/03, 03/10, 2017

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

Case No.:

D-307-CV-2016-01656

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

vs.

**PEDRO HERRERA; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PEDRO HERRERA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; ALBERT ORDUNEZ; CONSECO FINANCE SERVICE CORP., Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5833 Tierra Roja, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 1B OF KISSIAH PARRIGAN SUBDIVISION REPLAT NO. 4, LOCATED IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JUNE 27, 1995 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 18 AT PAGES 283, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:00 pm on April 20, 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 February 13, 2017, in the total amount of \$61,861.50, with interest at the rate of 5.00% per annum from January 2, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

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

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-01946

**MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JAMES A. GALLEGOS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES A. GALLEGOS; Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, James A. Gallegos and the Unknown Spouse of James A. Gallegos:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff, Midfirst Bank 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 3748 Ascension Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88012. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 18, BLOCK A, HIGH DESERT SUBDIVISION PHASES 1A AND 1B, 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 OCTOBER 14, 2005, IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 373-375 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.

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Dates: 03/03, 03/10, 03/17, 2017

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-00020  
Judge Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA M. HERNANDEZ, Deceased**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Petitioner Lydia Hernandez, through her attorney, ScottHulse, P.C. (Joshua Dwyer), gives the following notice to any persons who may have an interest in this matter:

The hearing on the Petition for Formal Probate of Copy of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative will be held at **11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 13, 2017**, in the Third Judicial District Court, Courtroom 7, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

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Judge ARRIETA

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See feature on page 44.

# Las Cruces Arts Fair begins March 17

Woodworker Michael Michaud creates segmented wood bowls, peppermills, rolling pins and cutting boards using laminated hardwoods.

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By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

The seventh annual Las Cruces Arts Fair, Friday through Sunday, March 17-19, is the Doña Ana Arts Council second-biggest fundraiser of the year (after the Renaissance ArtsFaire).

In addition to a juried art show and sale, a highlight this year will be flamenco dancers from Albuquerque, said DAAC Executive Director Kathleen Albers.

Yjastros en Vivo, featuring the work of Yjastros: The American Flamenco Repertory Company, will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday at Rio Grande Theatre (RGT), 211 N. Main St. downtown.

All other Arts Fair events will be held at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

Tickets for Yjastros en Vivo are \$15 and \$25.

“This is a really big deal for us to the headliners for the National Flamenco Festival,” Albers said. Yjastros are “testing the waters” with the March 18 performance “to see how receptive southern New Mexico is to a professional flamenco group,” she said.

The performance will include eight dancers, all of whom have received flamenco-dance training in Spain, Albers said. The show will include six costume changes, and musicians will accompany the dancers on stage.

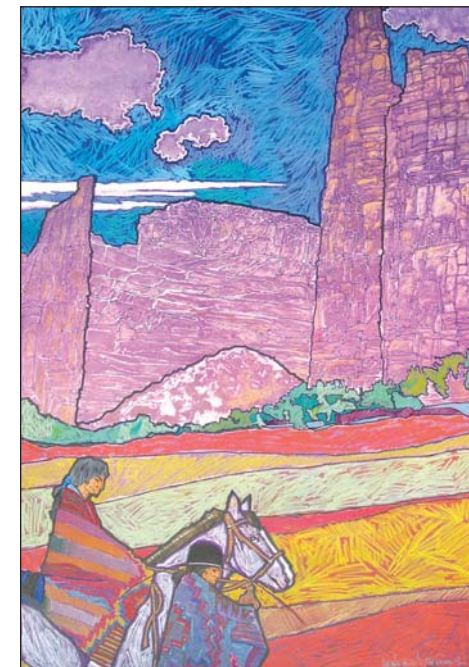
In addition to the performance at RGT, the group will conduct workshops at UTEP in El Paso, Albers said.

Other flamenco music is on tap, as well. For the third year in a row, the live flamenco guitar and percussion music of Euterpe, a group based in El Paso and Juarez, will be featured, on Friday evening and all day Saturday, Albers said.

“Make it an art-filled weekend” is this year’s theme for the fair.

“This is not just another arts fair,” Albers said, noting that the event will include 94 visual artists at the convention center. DAAC also provides free space to artists from New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College.

Art works for sale will include “fun and funky hand-crafted or sophisticated jewelry, unique garments, metal sculptures for indoors and out, fine art prints,



The work of Amado Peña of Santa Fe is said to be quintessentially Southwestern

kitchen items made from exotic woods, ceramics, photography, recycled art and drawings and paintings in a variety of mediums,” Albers said.

Participating artists are from Las Cruces, Mesilla and throughout New Mexico and the Southwest.

Looking for art reflecting the Southwest? Visit Amado Peña Jr. of Santa Fe, who says, “It has been said that my work is the essence of the Southwest, with bold colors, forms and dynamic composition that capture a vision of a people, a land, and its art.”

Perhaps you’re looking for something to reflect our area’s rich Native American heritage? Stop by and see James Tsoodle, an artist of Kiowa and Taos Pueblo ethnicity from Albuquerque. He creates paintings with acrylic on canvas to portray the north and south plains warriors as they were in the 1800s.

Maybe you’d like something with a more Asian influence? Wendy Wilkerson, Glorieta, New Mexico, paints with gouache on rice paper with silver, gold, and copper metallic gouache details. She says, “For over a decade, my works have taken on the intense color and vibrancy of the Yunnan school of painting,

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## ARTS FAIR

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reminiscent of Jiang Teifeng and Ting Shao Kuang.”

Terry Adams of Cuba, New Mexico, has a degree in archaeology from Arizona State University, and creates bell sculptures in metal, wall art, and guardian sculptures. He says, “I’ve logged thousands of hours in the red rock canyons of the Four Corners region studying rock art and ancient pottery design. These experiences are reflected in my work as a metal sculptor as my designs derive from the symbols and spirit of the ancient artists of the great Southwest.”

Woodworker Michael Michaud of Bartonville, Texas, creates segmented wood bowls, peppermills, rolling pins and cutting boards using hardwoods which are laminated, allowing the various colors and grain patterns to be a part of each piece. Michaud says, “Working with woods from all over the world has given me an appreciation of the characteristics of each species, allowing me to make the appropriate use of each type of wood.”

Another of this year’s highlights is the Quick Draw event, which will begin at 6 p.m. on March 17, as some 25 artists take up to 90 minutes to create a drawing or painting based on a single theme that is revealed that evening. The artists compete for prizes, and their artworks are auctioned off to the highest bidder after the competition, Albers said.

The Arts Fair takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 17; from 10

## ART DEMONSTRATIONS

## SATURDAY, MARCH 18

11 a.m.: Kay Primer: Initial steps of the bronze process  
Noon: Phyllis Gunderson: Landscape painting utilizing oil and pallet knife  
1 p.m.: Andrea Sharon: Encaustic process for photos  
2 p.m.: Sally Quillin: How to use acrylic paint, modeling paste and a palette knife to create a multi-layered sparkling painting  
3 p.m.: Kathe Stark: The gourd art process

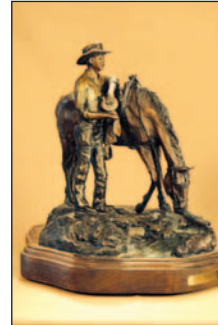
## SUNDAY, MARCH 19

11 a.m.: Krystyna Robbins: Oil painting using brush and palette knife for texture  
1 p.m.: Ben Hoffacker: Sculpting and casting jewelry  
2 p.m.: Mike Stephens: How to do table top light painting

a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 18; and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 19.

Tickets to the fair are \$8, and are good for two days of the event, Albers said. Children ages 12

and under attend for free. Tickets are available at the door or online at [www.daarts.org](http://www.daarts.org).



Bronze artist Kay Primer will give a demonstration at 11 a.m., March 18.



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**FRI MARCH 10 • 3:30 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
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**FRI MARCH 10 • 7:00 PM** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
A Children's Theatre presents *Dr. Dolittle*

**SAT MARCH 11 • 10:00 A.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
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**SAT MARCH 11 • 2:30 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
LCIFF presents Comedy Workshop with *Johnny Galecki*

**SAT MARCH 11 • 6:00 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
Las Cruces International Film Festival Awards Ceremony

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**WED+THU MARCH 15+16 • 10:00 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Toddler Time (Storytime for ages 1-3)

**WED MARCH 15 • 11:00 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Mother Goose Time (Activities for Infants)

**SAT MARCH 18 • 8:00 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
National Institute of Flamenco presents *!Yjastros en Vivo!*

**SUN MARCH 19 • 3:00 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
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Left to right are Algernon D'Amassa and Randy Granger in "Killing Buddha."

## 'Killing Buddha' hits the road

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces performers Algernon D'Amassa and Randy Granger will perform the highly acclaimed "Killing Buddha" at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at

the Philanthropy Theatre at One Pioneer Plaza in El Paso.

Tickets are \$16 at the box office and at Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets are also available at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com). Call 1-800-745-3000 or 915-534-0609.

The one-act show was written by D'Amassa and premiered at the Great Salt Lake Fringe Festival in August 2015 and won the festival's "Fringe Pick" award.

In the show, D'Amassa is the storyteller; Granger, who wrote the music, is the instrumentalist. In a 2016 review, the Bulletin called them "a bit of Vladimir and Estragon, a dash of Penn and Teller, a pinch of

Thelma and Louise. Vagabonds and travelers, worn but not weary, they have alighted briefly from their journey to share a story based on a very old Buddhist fable about the Buddha's encounter with a murderer who wants to atone."

The show has been performed in Las Cruces, Silver City, Hillsboro, Deming and Albuquerque, and at the International Fringe Festival in San Diego, California.

For more information, contact D'Amassa at 545-7613. Visit [www.theatre-dojoo.org](http://www.theatre-dojoo.org).

Mike Cook may be reached at [goodguymwc@q.com](mailto:goodguymwc@q.com).

## Theater announces one-act play lineup

### BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT) will feature the works of a number of Las Cruces playwrights, along with local actors, directors and crew members, during the annual LCCT One-Act Play Festival, which will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31 and April 1, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 2, at LCCT, 313 N. Main St. downtown.

The lineup of plays for this year's festival is "It Is Blood," written by Mary Armstrong and directed by Robert Senecal; "Ray The Robot Goes To School," written by K.P. Jacobs and directed by Bekki Anderson; "The Terrorist Under My Roof," written and directed by Gabriele Teich; "Dinner At 5:00," written by K.P. Jacobs and directed by Chris Lininger; "Shine On Me" written and directed by Annette Hummell; "Off The Record," written and directed by Spencer Taylor; "This In Not A Fairy Tail," written and directed by Kenny Jacobs; and "A Scene From A Beauty Shop," written and directed by Robin Korody.

All seats for the festival are \$10. Student "rush" tickets will be sold to those with a valid student ID card for \$5 15 minutes before curtain time if seats are available.

For more information, call 575-523-1200 or visit [www.lcctnm.org](http://www.lcctnm.org).

# 'More Sex, please'

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

"Good show, old chap, good show!"

There is so much to enjoy in Las Cruces Community Theatre's latest production, "No Sex Please, We're British," including outstanding performances all around by long-time veterans of local theatre and several newcomers, terrific costumes, a wonderful set and a production that is just plain fun to watch.

The play is, to put it simply, a farce to be reckoned with.

There is one tiny bit of delightful (and quite unexpected) nudity and a lot of double entendres, "Oh, Mr. Bromhead, I can't wait for you to examine my portfolio" being a grand example.

"No Sex Please, We're British" has a cleverly written script about a mistaken mail order: "adult" photos, books and other surprises arriving in brown-paper parcels instead of the glassware that was expected.

In fact, almost nothing in this show is expected, as the parcels are delivered amid the comings and goings of newlyweds in their small flat above the bank where the husband works, another bank employee, Peter's mother, the bank manager (who has an eye for Peter's mother), a police superintendent, a bank auditor, deliverymen and two other very interesting visitors who show up in the second act.

The play's director, Norman Lewis, is continuing his 40-year

theatrical career with this show. He owned a theatre in New York for more than 20 years and even acted on Broadway. Most recently, Lewis brilliantly played Bette Davis opposite Loretta Swit in LCCT's "Jezebel and Me." His "portfolio" as an actor, director, stage manager and producer is evident in every aspect of "No Sex Please, We're British," and especially, I think, in the casting.

Darin Robert Cabot and McKensi Karnes play Peter and Frances Hunter, who have been married for less than a month. Darin and McKensi are engaged to be married in real life, and that adds a bit of zing to their many, many kissing scenes. They were sort of the "straight men" of the ensemble, and they were terrific.

I didn't recognize Susie Ouder Kirk when she entered as Peter's mother, Eleanor. Her blond wig, magnificent costume and posh accent kept me guessing for just a bit. Stunning performance, dahling!

Likewise for David Arias, who played the police superintendent. He was great in "A New Brain" late last year at Black Box Theatre, and I didn't recognize him at first in this show. He has added another great performance to his repertoire.

I don't want to say a whole lot about Mary Huhmann and Erin Wendorf's performances as two second-act characters because that might spoil some of their (often scantily clad) antics.



Director Norman Lewis works in set design

PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

They were terrific. And, you will be astonished at Huhmann's costume and one of her props.

Aben Miller and Blake Stover had smaller parts as the two deliverymen, but they figured in the comedy and confusion as delightfully as everyone else.

The three newcomers to the LCCT stage in this show were Jeff Dolecek, Carl Mitchell and Robert Sheehan. Bravo to all three. They were exceptional.

Kudos also to Autumn Gieb's fabulous costumes, which added so much to these outstanding performances, as did Larry Chandler's scenic design. The five doors on this set were opened and closed dozens of times as various characters arrived and departed.

"No Sex Please, We're

British" continues for two more weekends at Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT), 313 N. Main St. downtown. Upcoming performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, March 10-11 and 17-18, and at 2 p.m. on Sundays, March 12 and 19.

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 those with a valid student ID card 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).

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## Museums host art workshops

### BULLETIN REPORT

The Las Cruces Museums will host art workshops at both the Branigan Cultural Center and Museum of Art every Saturday in March from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Branigan Cultural Center presents the family program Culture Club with the following schedule:

- March 11 - It's (almost!) Pi Day. Visitors will create a "pi-line skyline" by graphing pi digits into a bar graph, and then coloring in the background to create a landscape. We will also be doing "pi-kus", a take on the traditional Japanese poems haikus.

- March 18 - Japanese Lanterns. Japanese lanterns are a significant part of Japanese culture, seen everywhere in temples, restaurants, and festivals. We will create paper lanterns to hang at home.

- March 25 - Archaeology Day. In concurrence with Archaeology Day, visitors will be given the chance to learn and try and decode hieroglyphics.

The Museum of Art hosts the informal, interdisciplinary workshop "Artrageous". Participants will have a chance to indulge their creativity while creating a project to take home. The theme for Artrageous in March is "Springtime" and here are the topics:

- March 11 - Paper Flowers
- March 18 - Flower Pencil Topper, inspired by the ReTooled exhibition
- March 25 - Plantable Paper

Admission to the City of Las Cruces Museums is free. The museums are located downtown and are open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For additional information, visit [museums.las-cruces.org](http://museums.las-cruces.org).

If you need an accommodation for a disability to enable you to fully participate in this event, contact the museum 48 hours prior to the event.



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Las Cruces artist George Mendoza with two of the eight paintings he has provided for the art show at DACC's East Mesa campus.

## Legally blind artist shows his works



The artwork on display at DACC's East Mesa campus includes digital art designed by students of DACC Creative Media and Digital Graphics professor Abby Osborne.

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces artist George Mendoza has eight paintings on display as part of an art show in the main building at Doña Ana Community College's East Mesa branch, 2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

Mendoza was on hand for a March 3 reception at DACC to kick off the show, which also includes art by the students of DACC Creative Media and Digital Graphics professor Abby Osborne and instructor Ouida Touchon.

The reception was a fundraiser for DACC's Permanent Art Collection Endowment Fund, which needs \$5,000 to reach its \$15,000 goal. DACC has a 300-piece art collection.

Live music for the reception was provided by students from J. Paul Taylor Academy, and hors d'oeuvres (including candied

bacon crostini with whipped herb cream cheese, roasted chicken tikka in cucumber cups and fig and gorgonzola puff pastry cups garnished with candied pecans) were made and served by students in DACC's culinary arts program.

"Painting and writing books, that's kind of how I live my life," said Mendoza, who lost most of his sight at age 15. The artist said he began painting as a child, and one of his finger paintings hangs in the Smithsonian Institution. Now, Mendoza said, he paints in his back yard, early in the morning in the summer and in the afternoons during the winter.

For more information, contact the DACC Art Committee at 575-527-7582.

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# Community invited to participate in art contest

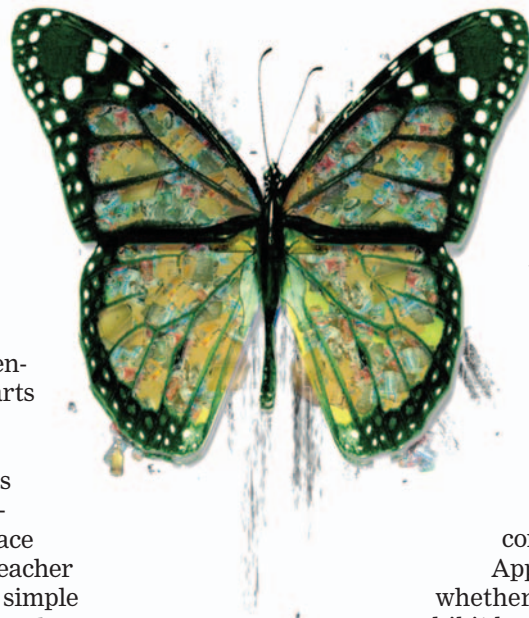
## BULLETIN REPORT

El Dorado High School invites the El Paso, Juarez and Las Cruces communities to participate in the school's art contest, *Metamorphosis: Trash to Treasure*, to raise awareness about environmental concerns.

The contest, which is part of the *Its Your World* community art project, will promote recycling and support educational achievement, environmental stewardship, and the arts in the community.

"I think it's important we make an effort to help our environment as members of our community and inhabitants of this world," said Candace Printz, El Dorado High School art teacher and contest organizer. "It can be as simple as recycling, and entering the contest that promotes reusing materials, or spreading the word about our efforts."

Participants will have the opportunity to work with recycled material to make creative art. Winners will



earn cash-value prizes, participate in a meet-and-greet with former first daughter Chelsea Clinton, and have their artwork showcased at the International Museum of Art.

Contest rules and guidelines can be found in the *It's Your World* project website at [www.tinyurl.com/j23deme](http://www.tinyurl.com/j23deme) and click on the Competition link.

Artists may enter the contest by submitting a photo of their artwork before midnight March 31 to [itsyourworldproject@gmail.com](mailto:itsyourworldproject@gmail.com).

Applicants will be notified whether they were chosen for the exhibit by April 5. Chosen contestants will need to drop off their artwork from

April 7-8 at El Dorado High School, 12401 Edgemere Blvd.

Award winners will be announced during a recep-



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**ABOVE:** Some of the soda cans used as a backdrop for the butterfly.

**LEFT:** A butterfly with various soda cans visible through its wings.

tion at 1:30 p.m. April 23 at the International Museum of Art.

For more information, call El Dorado High School at 915-937-3200 or contact Candace Printz at 915-731-6271 or by e-mail at [itsyourworldproject@gmail.com](mailto:itsyourworldproject@gmail.com).



## Gallery features work of 94-year-old

In March, Mesquite Art Gallery features the work of Charles Beck, an artist from the Midwest who works in palette knife oil and wood cuts. Beck, 94, suffered a stroke and currently resides in a nursing home in Minnesota.



A fan of his work, Mel Stone, owner of the Mesquite Art Gallery, has amassed much of Beck's works and features them in his gallery this month for sale to the public.

The exhibit features both framed and unframed work.

The gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Hours are Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.



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## 'Logan' a personal narrative

By ADAM PALOMINO

Las Cruces Bulletin

**GRADE: A+**

Logan is playing everywhere

"Logan" marks Hugh Jackman's ninth and final outing as the feral mutant Wolverine, capping off a 17-year run as the character. That alone is a mind-blowing feat, though what truly astounds is the high regard he holds for the character; working hard to ensure this final outing did him justice, going as far as to take a pay cut to secure the film's R-rating.

Taking a cue from last year's mega-successful "Deadpool," "Logan" does away with the conventional tropes of the standard superhero

movie to focus on a grounded, more personal narrative. There's no eccentric villain seeking control of the world with a giant beam of light bursting from the sky. Instead, we are treated to a decaying Wolverine, struggling to go on with his life. The X-Men, save Professor Xavier, are dead and it's been 20 years since the last new mutant was born.

Complicating matters further is the introduction of X-23 — spectacularly brought to life by newcomer Dafne Keen — the apparent clone of Wolverine, sought after by the very scientists who created her. Wolverine sees her as nothing more than a liability, but Xavier is determined to help, which leads the trio to go on the run.

The action, no longer barred by a PG-13-rating, is bloody and brutal, serving the story deliciously.

If you've grown tired of or are naturally weary of superhero movies, "Logan" is the one that will flip your perspective.

# Neruda: An intriguing cat-mouse thriller

BY JEFF BERG

Las Cruces Bulletin

So, last week, it was director Pablo Larrain's "Jackie," this week it is his previous film, "Neruda," an almost equally interesting film, although somewhat more complex.

"Neruda" teases at first, offering what looks like a slightly pedestrian period work, but quickly switches gears, becoming something much more cerebral and interesting. It is also a true hero versus villain work.

Pablo Neruda, a Chilean senator and of course a great poet, is also a die-hard Communist. Impeached by then-president of Chile Gonzalez Videla for his outspoken views on the country giving up Communism in deference to the United States, Neruda is soon forced into fleeing and hiding, with a state investigator, Oscar Peluchonneau, played by Gael Garcia Bernal, usually, but not always, hot on his trail.

In a way, the picture at first feels like a blah



PHOTOS FROM MOVIELIST.COM

**Oscar Peluchonneau (Gael Garcia Bernal), state investigator searching for Pablo Neruda.**

melodrama, but it slowly morphs into something that could find a viewer rooting for Neruda (who later ended up in exile in Mexico and Buenos Aires, before returning to Chile and later running

for president himself), but Larrain fooled me with the lane change and the very idea that Neruda's aggressor, who is also the narrator, has a deep respect for his quarry.

Neruda has a lot of

charisma, a hearty appetite for food and women and just enough daring to leave clues for his prognosticator as he trips around the countryside, barely eluding Peluchonneau. At times, he seems to be enjoying himself a bit too much, much to the chagrin of those helping him along the way.

Peluchonneau visualizes his quest of Neruda in lavish thoughts and with that, Larrain's film becomes much less about the political crisis of the time and more invested in the man and his work. It is almost like a script for a Roadrunner /Wile E. Coyote work at times, with the exception being that Peluchonneau likes what he is doing in spite of his intense desire to

## GRADE: A-

This review is dedicated to the late, great reviewer and writer, Richard Schickel who one offered this truism that I use at all times... 'two measures of a movie's quality should be how much a viewer retains and how much one wants to see it again.'

"Neruda" rolls into Mesilla tonight, March 10, for a week run at the Fountain Theatre, a block south of the plaza in case you still haven't found your way over there...

capture Neruda.

As Neruda's wife, Mercedes Moran boosts the casting and story considerably, as her patience

and guidance helps to bolster the emotional base of the picture. While the investigator remains a bit suspect and very gently comical, Neruda seems to like baiting him with bread crumbs of clues, while at times, it seems that all she can do is shake her head and get Neruda in the next car for his next narrow escape.

Although totally confusing to me at times, "Neruda" keeps its momentum from start to finish. If begs the question... is this fact or fiction, an idea that can keep a viewer in suspense until the closing moments of the movie which is shown in a type of montage.

It becomes legend over history.



**Pablo Neruda (Luis Gnecco) is a Communist poet/senator on the run from persecution by the Chilean government.**

## PUZZLES

## ADD CAMPAIGN

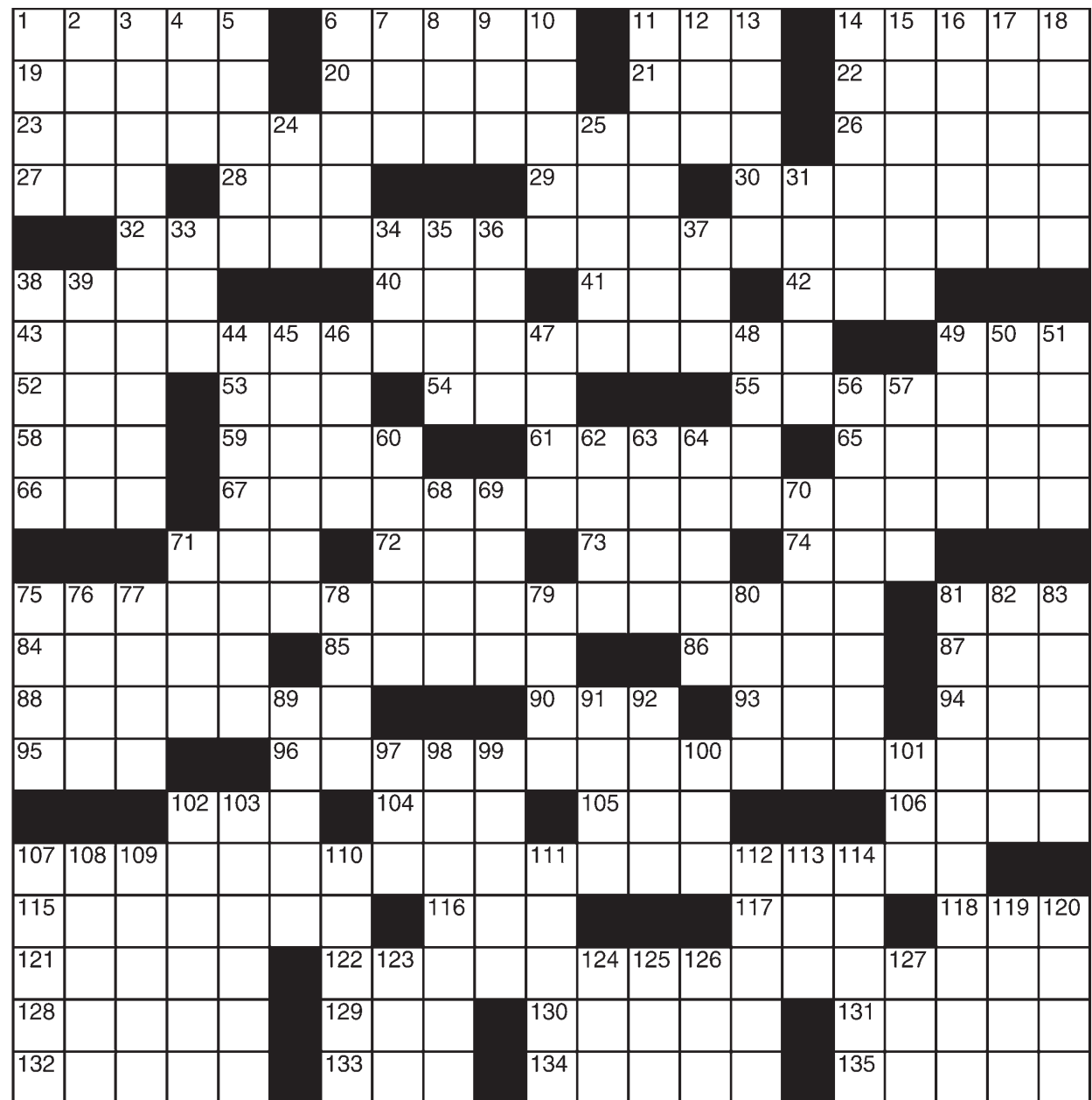
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1 British Derby town  
 6 -- apso (terrier)  
 11 Billy's bleat  
 14 Time and --  
 19 Name on a mower  
 20 Greek letters  
 21 Raised RRs  
 22 Storybook elephant  
 23 Cheer up the singer of "Galveston"?  
 26 Cowboy rope  
 27 "Aw, quit -- bellyachin'!"  
 28 Frozen cubes  
 29 Puck, for one  
 30 Lack of law  
 32 Rice fields whose workers love a frothy pastry filling?  
 38 With a very sharp image, for short  
 40 Ipanema site, briefly  
 41 Drink in many a 58-Across  
 42 Corp. VIP  
 43 Scottish boys testifying in court?  
 49 Fr. woman with a halo  
 52 "As I see it," to a texter  
 53 "Science Guy" Bill  
 54 Turkey Day tuber  
 55 Artistic users of acid  
 58 Pub barrel  
 59 Farm fowls  
 61 Food grinder  
 65 "Zapped!" actor Willie  
 66 GQ staffers  
 67 Threw one's ordinary existence into confusion?  
 71 Sky's color, in Salerno  
 72 Luau guitar, for short  
 73 Ocean filler  
 74 Driver's 180  
 75 Horse riders' activity in an Asian island country?  
 81 Insult, hip-hop-style  
 84 "-- a Grecian Urn"  
 85 Actor Davis  
 86 Rebuke to Brutus  
 87 Rhea's kin  
 88 Bill or Hillary  
 90 Suffix with joy or humor  
 93 Slim fish  
 94 Big primate  
 95 Slugger Griffey  
 96 Officer in charge of soft packing material?

102 Tycoon Onassis  
 104 Two, to Jose  
 105 Take it on the -- (escape)  
 106 Woes  
 107 NFL announcer John acting up?  
 115 Typical  
 116 Crude stuff  
 117 Stud's place  
 118 Pay a visit to  
 121 Municipal  
 122 Deliver a craze follower into custody?  
 128 Up in the air  
 129 Nero's "I love"  
 130 Spirits in bottles  
 131 -- -car (Avis service)  
 132 Hopes to get  
 133 "Fresh Air" ailer  
 134 Artery-opening tube  
 135 Letters of plurals

## DOWN

1 All nerves  
 2 Brazilian soccer hero  
 3 Sniffers in rescue operations  
 4 O'Hare airport code  
 5 Army doc  
 6 Tablecloths, e.g.  
 7 Ad -- committee  
 8 "I'm -- loss"  
 9 Froot Loops toucan  
 10 In line with  
 11 Hybrid meat  
 12 Completely  
 13 Like -- in the face  
 14 Wear away  
 15 Beehive, e.g.  
 16 Ancient calculators  
 17 Machine shop tool  
 18 Gets ragged  
 24 Prefix with car or chic  
 25 Make dim, as by tears  
 31 Opposite of day, in Bonn  
 33 Kooky  
 34 Nation south of Braz.  
 35 Super-small  
 36 Opus finale  
 37 Drop-line link  
 38 "Looks great to me!"  
 39 Called  
 44 Aid for an asthmatic  
 45 Looked at amorously  
 46 Wire, e.g.



47 Stone of film  
 48 Word  
 49 Interstate rig  
 50 Not kosher  
 51 Nero's "to be"  
 56 Cruel Roman emperor  
 57 Physically fit  
 60 Aspersions  
 62 Linear, for short  
 63 Weigh down  
 64 As -- (usually)  
 68 Squeezes (out)  
 69 Arnaz of TV  
 70 Her niece is Dorothy

71 Weed -- (lawn care brand)  
 75 Foot coverer  
 76 Be inactive  
 77 "No, Hans"  
 78 Charlie Chaplin's last wife  
 79 Era after era  
 80 Agenda part  
 81 Envy and lust  
 82 Urge to act  
 83 Plaintiffs  
 89 In arrears  
 91 Wrinkly citrus fruit  
 92 Flip through  
 97 34th prez

98 Show respect (to)  
 99 "Because -- so!"  
 100 "Wow!," in an IM  
 101 Not a one  
 102 Going with the flow  
 103 Strikes back, say  
 107 Kind of parrot  
 108 Teresa's city  
 109 English county  
 110 "Borstal Boy" author  
 111 Many YouTube uploads  
 112 Prove apt for  
 113 Little battery

114 Rapper with six Grammys  
 119 Villa d'--  
 120 Greek letters  
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 124 Pooch's doc  
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 126 -- Tin Tin  
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# PUZZLES

## WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

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

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| 1 |   |   |   | 4 | 5 |   |   | 8 |
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## SCRAMBLERS



"Let's talk \_\_\_\_\_"

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!

Avoid REGION

Lean NUGAT

Appeal LEAP

Tarnish LIPOS

**TODAY'S WORD**

## CRYPTOQUIP

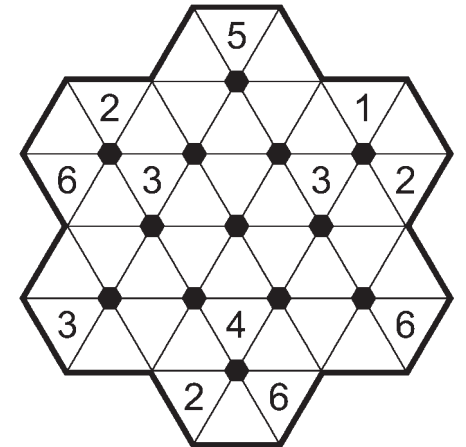
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: K equals S

U GUKB SBMKL ZDHLFK GMTFQ  
 KSMV QUKETKKUDH SBZS SMVUE  
 ZFOLZQX. SBLX'OL OLZFFX BZOVUDH  
 MD US!

## 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

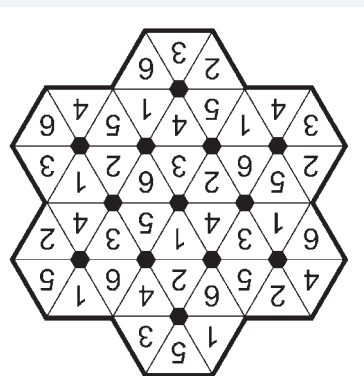
I wish those angels would stop discussing that topic already. They're really harping on it!

### CRYPTOQUIP

#### OPTIONS

Today's Word  
 3. Plea; 4. Spoil  
 1. Ignore; 2. Gaunt;

### SCRAMBLERS



### SNOWFLAKES

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### WEEKLY SUDOKU

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**What letters are not in the alphabet?**  
ANSWER: The ones that are in the mail.

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### Let's Goof Off!

**Did you know** there is a day just for goofing off? March 22 is **National Goof Off Day!** What a great day for a page full of fun and games to enjoy.

**Goofy Picture**  
How many goofy things can you find in this picture?



1-10: Have a giggle!  
11-15: Golly Gee! Your goof-detector is GOOD!  
15+: Gadzooks! Goof Off Greatness!

**Create a Goofy Story**  
On the island of \_\_\_\_\_, Goof Off Day is celebrated with a \_\_\_\_\_ in the lagoon. For thousands of years, islanders have enjoyed the annual \_\_\_\_\_ building contest. The top prize is a bag of \_\_\_\_\_. The winner gets to \_\_\_\_\_ to a neighboring island for a vacation, and receives all the \_\_\_\_\_ he or she can carry. It is customary to shout \_\_\_\_\_ while juggling \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of the day. Finally, there is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Giant \_\_\_\_\_ have been carved to honor Goof Off Day, and these can be seen from miles away.

### Make a Newspaper Hammock

Get ready for Goof Off Day by making a hammock out of newspaper! Be sure to save this *Kid Scoop* page so you can do the games while lounging on your hammock!

- Roll about 50 pages of newspaper into a tight tube. Make 15 to 20 tubes.
- Connect the tubes using extra-strength clothesline or manila rope.
- Hang the hammock indoors or outdoors, tying it to sturdy supports at each end.

When the hammock is as long as your body, bring the rope ends together to form loops for hanging.

The newspaper hammock idea is from Steven Caney's *The Invention Book*. Check it out at your local library for more inventive projects!

### Goofy Words

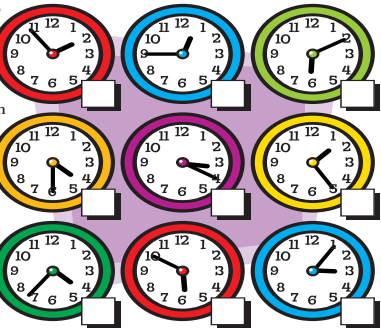
Can you read these pictures? Each group is a word. Example:

Key + Keyboard = **KEYBOARD**  
Bee + 4 + Hand = \_\_\_\_\_  
Bell + E + Button = \_\_\_\_\_  
Shoe + Horn = \_\_\_\_\_  
Car + Pencil + Tree = \_\_\_\_\_  
D + Lightbulb + EVIL = \_\_\_\_\_

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use skills and strategies of the reading process to follow written directions.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

**Goof Off Time**  
Each of these clocks shows a time between noon and 7 p.m. Number them in order from the earliest time to the latest.

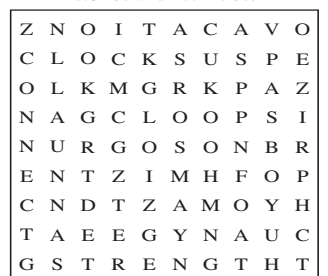


Standards Link: Measurement: Know time intervals and how to read time to the nearest minute.

### Double Double Word Search

- GOOFY
- HAMMOCK
- OPPOSITE
- VACATION
- GADZOOKS
- LOOPS
- ANNUAL
- HONOR
- CLOCKS
- GIANT
- STRENGTH
- CONNECT
- SHOUT
- PRIZE
- GEE

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



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

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Goofy Creatures

Make Goofy Creatures by cutting out newspaper pictures of animals and people. Use different parts of the pictures to create new and goofy creatures.



Standards Link: Visual Arts: Use a variety of media to communicate ideas.

### Write On!

#### National Goof Off Day Celebration

March 22 is National Goof Off Day. Tell how you would like to celebrate. Be creative!

### Kid Scoop Together: Fill in The Blanks!

Replace the missing words from the word list below to find out how Goof Off Day might have started.

#### How did Goof Off Day begin?

Who started Goof Off Day? It's not \_\_\_\_\_. Maybe it was started by a hard-working \_\_\_\_\_ who realized he or she needed to \_\_\_\_\_ and took a day to just goof off. How do we know it wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ by someone who is always goofing off? Because that person would have created a Goof Off \_\_\_\_\_ or month or year!

A few years ago, a survey asked people to tell what they most liked to do on Goof Off Day. The top activity was playing \_\_\_\_\_ games.

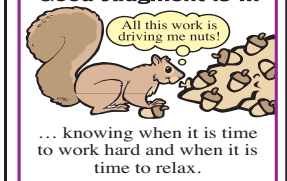
Who \_\_\_\_\_ the survey? Nintendo. Hmmm.

Do you have any other ideas? What would you like to do best on Goof Off Day?

**WORD LIST:** VIDEO, RELAX, PERSON, CONDUCTED, WEEK, KNOWN, CREATED

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Read grade-level appropriate expository text.

### What a Character!™ Good Judgment is ...



ANSWERS: Belly button, centipede, delirium, delight.

# High school art show on display

## BULLETIN REPORT

Featuring everything from elaborate papier mâché sculptures to detailed animal portraits, the LCPS High School Art Exhibition is on display now through April 21 in the LCPS Administration Building lobby, 505 S. Main St., Suite 249.

In recognition of the artists' work, an opening reception for the exhibition will be held on Wednesday, March 8, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Administration Building lobby.

"The quality of artwork is excellent, and it is inspiring to see just how much these young artists have accomplished in their high school visual arts programs," said Cynthia Smith, a visual arts teacher at Highland and Sunrise Elementary Schools.

The exhibition includes 43 pieces of artwork, some of which are



COURTESY PHOTO

## Student artwork featured in the LCPS Administration Building lobby

available for sale, created by talented artists from all four LCPS comprehensive high schools: Centennial, Las Cruces, Mayfield and Oñate.

Artwork for the exhibition was selected by a panel of visual arts

instructors based level of craftsmanship, creative and knowledgeable application of the elements of art and the principles of art design, composition and construction, and ability to be displayed to audiences of all ages, Smith said.

# Studio art classes

## BULLETIN REPORT

Registration for Session Two of the Spring Studio Programs Art Classes at the Las Cruces Museum of Art continues through March 15.

The session will run for six weeks from March 22 through April 29.

The Studio Programs Art Classes exist to give children, teens and adults the opportunity to learn a new skill or enhance existing knowledge while guided by local, experienced and qualified professional artists.

Students will be encouraged to have fun and be inspired to discover their inner creativity through various class options including beginning and intermediate ceramics, drawing portraits, still life painting, and art exploration.

Registration is at the Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main Street. Students must register in person Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30pm.

The Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main Street and open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For additional information, visit the website at: [museums.las-cruces.org](http://museums.las-cruces.org) or call 575-541-2137.

# Women on the Rails at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum

## BULLETIN REPORT

March is National Women's History month and the Las Cruces Railroad Museum will celebrate important contributions that women have made to the development of the railroad.

Throughout the month, the museum will host a series of mini exhibits from fashion to photos.

The first exhibit is "Harvey Girls Clothing." The Harvey Girls civilized the railroad experience for train passengers, settling the frontier towns as they moved west. Learn about who these women were

and what they wore in the 1880s.

The second exhibit, "Railway Women Today," features written interviews with contemporary Amtrak employees and opens March 18. Meet some of the women who keep the trains running smoothly today.

"WWII Pioneers," the final exhibit, opens March 25 and runs through April 8. With men fighting overseas during WWII, women stepped up to fill empty jobs on the railroads. Learn about the trails these women blazed and the kind of work they did.

A highlight of "Women on the Rails" is

a Brown Bag Lecture at noon, March 14. Local railroad pioneer Christine Aldeis will talk about her experience as

the first female engineer not only for the Santa Fe Railroad but the entire United States.

The museum is lo-

cated at 351 N. Mesilla St. and is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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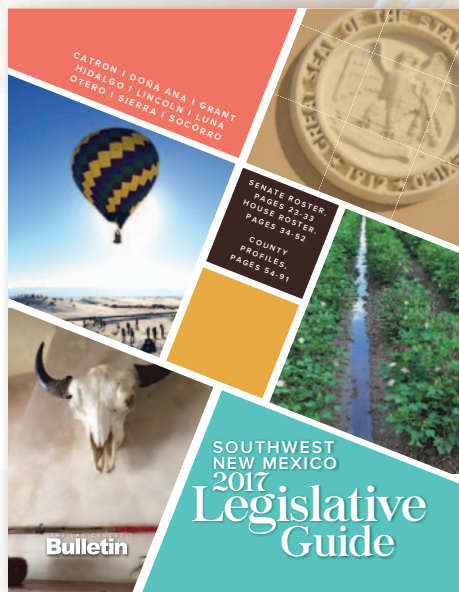
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## Branigan Cultural Center is accepting submissions

### BULLETIN REPORT

Branigan Cultural Center seeks proposals for exhibits with themes of cultural and historical significance relating to the Southwest to be presented in 2018. The center also is accepting submissions from artists (solo and group), from formal and informal scholars, and cultural heritage organizations.

To apply, complete the form at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/LCMS2017](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LCMS2017). Proposals must be received by 5 p.m., Friday, April 7. Applications must include a brief

(one to four paragraph narrative, should include artist statement or group mission, five to 10 jpg images of proposed work (or those of similar style and quality), and linear and/or square footage needs. Exhibits will run for a six-to-12-week period. Incomplete or late proposals will not be accepted.

For more information, visit [lascruces.org/museums](http://lascruces.org/museums) or call 541-2154. The Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Gallery hours 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday.

## Religious art show planned

### BULLETIN REPORT

Cutter Gallery will present "Celebrating the Sacred" on Saturday, March 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road.

Exhibit includes a large collection of devotional art and objects from the United States and Latin America dating from 1690 to the present day, all available for purchase.

The exhibit features two large depictions of San Miguel Archangel (St. Michael the Archangel), the leader of all angels and the army of God. One is a carved antique santo from the 18th century that stands more than feet

high, floating on a cloud and holding the sword of truth and the scales of justice. The other is a modern painting of the saint on an arched planked doorway found in Santa Fe.

A small antique silver triptych from Peru inspired wealthy travellers to pray before a miniature altar. It folds open to reveal a central panel with Christ Enthroned, and has wings on either side depicting stories from the life of Christ, including the Flight into Egypt and the Entrance into Jerusalem.

Throughout the show is a large selection of retablos — antique folk art

paintings on tin made in 19th-century Mexico, showing traditional Christian subjects, saints, the Holy Trinity, including fine examples of Mater Dolorosa (Our Lady of Sorrows) surrounded by symbols of her grief at the death of Christ. Other objects include sculptures, jewelry, crosses, devotional items, a large Pastorelas mask, family chalice and an antique schoolgirl sampler.

Gallery Talk by Debbie Rindge, Ph.D, art historian, "Saints and Santos," Saturday, March 25, 11 a.m. Call 575-541-0658 for reservations.

Show continues through April 29.

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# Casa Camino Real bookstore hosts signing

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Casa Camino Real Bookstore and Art Gallery will host a dinner, reading and book signing by author María Nieto 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16, in the Fiesta Room at La Posta de Mesilla restaurant, says Casa Camino owner and award-winning author Denise Chavez.

Nieto will read from her new



NIETO

available at \$20 each.

Dinner is \$16.50 and includes a complimentary margarita, house wine or beer and a

book, "The Water of Life Remains in the Dead" and sign copies of it and her first mystery novel, "Pig Behind the Bear," after the dinner.

The books will be

sopaipilla. Reservations are required.

"The Water of Life Remains in the Dead" is Nieto's second novel, and has earned her an International Latino Book award and the 2016 Next Generation Indie Book Award in multicultural fiction. The book also was named one of 2015's top fiction books by Latino authors.

The book is a "gritty, fast-

paced drama undercoated with humor," Chavez said.

The story is centered on canny and charming Los Angeles Times reporter Alejandra Marisol, who tenaciously delves into corrupt city politics, shady real estate transactions and an overbearing community to discover the truth behind crimes using the art of deduction and forensic science.

Nieto grew up in Los Angeles

and lives in Oakland. She is a professor of biology at California State University, East Bay, where she has been engaged in minority student recruitment, teaching, and research for more than 27 years.

For reservations and information, contact Chavez at 523-3988 or [comezon09@comcast.net](mailto:comezon09@comcast.net).

*Mike Cook may be reached at [goodguymwc@q.com](mailto:goodguymwc@q.com).*

## EVENTS CALENDAR

**Coolside Collective:** 7-10 p.m., Friday, March 10, NM Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Eclectic jazz collective featuring three musicians that'll keep it saucy and sassy.

**The Date Creativity workshop:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 11, April 8 and May 13, Creativity & Imagination Workshop – Dissolving the Blocks, Center for Spiritual Living in the Heart of Las Cruces, 575 N. Main St. Cost: \$40 (includes supplies.) Reservations requested. Take one class or all – no catching up to do. Led by Ruth A. Drayer, artist, author and numerologist. Info: [www.ruthdrayer.com](http://www.ruthdrayer.com).

**Buffalo Roast:** 5 p.m. Saturday, March 11, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. "Amazing Women of the Wild West," a Chautauqua by VanAnn Moore presenting Doña Tules (Gertrudes Barcelo), Susan Shelby Magoffin and Lydia Spencer Lane. Cash bar and silent auction. Cost: \$40 per person. Info: [ddenis@humansystemsresearch.org](mailto:ddenis@humansystemsresearch.org).

**Tanner Huston:** 8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 11, NM Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Americana comes to Las Cruces. Toe tappin' good times with music to dance and sway.

**Recorders in concert:** 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village Activity Center Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Rio Grande Recorder Chapter of the American Recorder Society presents a concert. Cost: Free. Info: Joyce Henry or Marcia Fountain, [info@rgrecorders.org](mailto:info@rgrecorders.org).

**Damián Luna:** 3-5 p.m., Sunday, March 12, NM Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Latin music with a solo guitar.

**The Southwest Calligraphy Guild:** 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. The March program will feature three work stations. Participants will be taught an embellished watercolor alphabet, how to paint watercolor bunnies, Zentangle-inspired flowers and different kinds of borders. Info, RSVP: Maude Beakley at [maudebeakley@yahoo.com](mailto:maudebeakley@yahoo.com).

**Contra Dance:** 7:30-10:30 p.m., Friday, March 17, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance features The Big Ditch Crickets and Lonnie Ludeman will be calling. The dance will have a St. Patrick's Day flavor. No partner needed. Beginners and newcomers. Instruction available at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$6; youth \$4, family \$15. Info: [www.snmmds.org](http://www.snmmds.org) or 575-522-1691.

**Chris Baker Friday:** 8-10 p.m., Friday, March 17, NM Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Back by popular demand, local country superstar.

**Cooper CW Ayon:** 8-10 p.m., Saturday, March 18, NM Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Foot drums, guitar, vocals, and harmonica?

**Little Table Contraband:** 3-5 p.m., Sunday, March 19, NM Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle Principal, Mesilla. A delightful blend of rock, Americana, and folk.

## CALL TO ARTISTS

**Quick Draw:** 6 p.m. Friday, March 17, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. A friendly, fast-paced two-hour competition and live auction will be held on opening night of the Las Cruces Arts Fair to benefit the winning artist and the Doña Ana Arts Council. The fair continues Saturday, March 18 through Sunday, March 19. Info: [www.DAArts.org](http://www.DAArts.org) or 575-523-6403.

**Name the café:** A new cafe will open this semester in Zuhl Library, and it needs a name. The winner will receive a \$100 Visa gift card. Enter at <https://goo.gl/forms/q3YObWTJo3eNky942>. Info: John Rivers, Sodexo marketing coordinator at NMSU, 575-646-1749.

**Artist in residence:** The Friends of Organ Mountains Desert Peaks and Bureau of Land Management encourage artists to apply for the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument Artist in Residence Program to take place May 1-31, 2017. Info: [organmountainsdesertpeaks.org/artist-in-residence/](http://organmountainsdesertpeaks.org/artist-in-residence/) or contact Ben Gabriel, 575-323-1423 or email [info@organmtntn-friends.org](mailto:info@organmtntn-friends.org).

**Rokoko Art Gallery:** Rokoko Art Gallery invites all "fools, freaks and fanatics" to submit for an art opening Saturday, April 1 titled "April Foolishness." Anything goes. \$15 entry fee. Entries due Saturday, March 25, 1785 Avenida de Mercado. Info: 575-522-5553.

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**Student PSAs:** Las Cruces and Doña Ana County area middle and high school students urged to participate in the 2017 CLC-TV Student Video Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest. The annual contest draws on local students to produce a 30-second PSA for the opportunity to win a prize (a GoPro HERO camera.) This year's theme is "Breaking Stereotypes." Students are asked to submit their video entries, following specific guidelines, by Friday, April 7 to qualify. Full contest rules/guidelines are provided at [CLCTV.com](http://CLCTV.com). Info: Adrian Guzman at 575-541-2026.


**Ceramics 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 states in the Rocky Mountain Time Zone region of the US: 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 April 21. Full prospectus and submission form available at [www.pottersguildlc.com](http://www.pottersguildlc.com) and [www.las-cruces.org/museums](http://www.las-cruces.org/museums). Info: Exhibitions curator Joy Miller at [jmiller@las-cruces.org](mailto:jmiller@las-cruces.org).

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**IHM enchilada dinner:** The Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary hosts its annual enchilada dinner fundraiser 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, March 10. Plates are \$7 each and can be eaten in or taken out. The event is in the church's Finley Hall, and funds go toward repairs and renovations at the church. Info: 575-525-8563.

**Purim dinner:** 5 p.m., March 11, Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave. Join the congregation for its annual Purim celebration, including a

carnival, pizza dinner, song fest, Purimshpiel (play) and a reading of the Megillah. Info: 575-524-3380, rabbi@tblc.org.

**Cowboys For Christ:** A non-denominational Christian outreach organization. Cowboys For Christ Las Cruces Chapter is looking for volunteers to help reach folks in the agricultural community with the saving grace of Jesus Christ. The chapter meets 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the IHOP at 351 E. University Ave. Info: benzo@live.com, www.cowboysforchrist.net or 505-804-3140.

**Near-death experience group:** 1:30-3:30 p.m. Monday, March 20, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. International Association for Near-Death Studies (IANDS) is a safe and supportive environment to understand, integrate and share experiences of touching into the beyond. Group meets the third Monday of every month. Next meeting April 17. Info: 928-897-0933.

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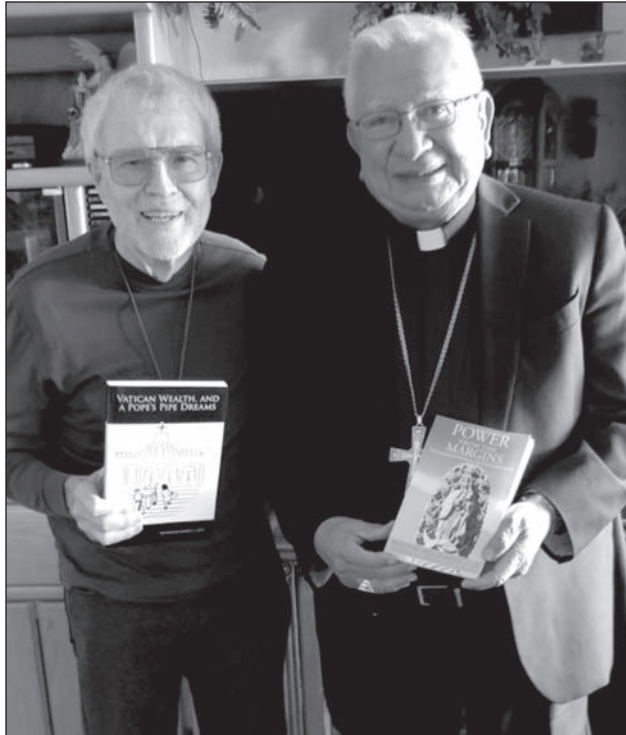


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Monsignor Robert Getz, left, and Most Rev. Ricardo Ramirez display their recently published books, "Vatican Wealth and a Pope's Pipe Dreams" and "Power from the Margins," respectively.

## Books by local Catholic leaders 'are a reflection of their hearts'

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Two longtime leaders of the Catholic faith in southern New Mexico are published authors.

The Most Rev. Ricardo Ramirez has written a nonfiction book called "Power from the Margins," which echoes the theme of Pope Francis in its title and its story of "the people at the margins, the forgotten, sometimes excluded" for whom the church must be the voice.

Monsignor Robert Getz, meanwhile, has penned a novel called "Vatican Wealth and a Pope's Pipe Dreams" about an imagined pope selling Vatican treasures to raise money for a world-peace initiative.

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### Bishop Ramirez

Ramirez was the first bishop of Las Cruces, appointed in 1982 when Las Cruces separated from the El Paso Diocese. He grew up in pov-

erty in Bay City, Texas, to become a member of the International Policy Committee of the U.S. Conference of Bishops and has traveled across the country and around the world as a representative of the church. He is the former chair of the conference's Committee on the Church in Latin America and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

He was ordained Dec. 10, 1966, in Houston and was named titular bishop of Vatarba and auxiliary bishop of San Antonio in 1981, coming to Las Cruces the following year. He has a bachelor of arts from the University of St. Thomas in Houston, a master's degree from the University of Detroit and four honorary doctorates. Ramirez has

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**Campus Mass:** 12:10 p.m. Tuesdays, 2615 S. Solano Drive. Newman Catholic students and St. Albert the Great Newman Center weekly Mass. Info: Mona Chip at mona@stalbertnewmancenter.org.

**Divorce support group:** 1-2:30 p.m. Sundays through April 30, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. A support group for those working through or facing divorce. Childcare available on request. Info: 575-522-7119.

**Practical Mysticism:** 5:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays for 10 weeks, Center for Spiritual Living in the heart of Las Cruces, 575 N. Main St. Facilitated by Rev. Bonnie, the purpose of this course is to evoke the inner mystic that dwells in you. Info: 575-523-4847.

**Men's prayer meeting:** 7 a.m. Saturdays, 1605 S. Valley Drive. Saturday morning prayer meeting led by Manny Howie. Info: 575-523-1113.

**Worship service:** 10 a.m. every Sunday at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 2540 El Paseo Road, worship services followed by a light meal before Bible classes for all ages. Info: www.crossofchristlc.net, on the Facebook page or by calling 915-740-7714 or 575-649-5458.

**Worship service:** Seventh Day Adventist, 240 Three Crosses Ave.  
 • 9:30 a.m. Sundays, service  
 • 11 a.m. Sundays Sabbath School  
 • 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Bible study  
 Info: 575-526-5623.

**Science of Mind talk:** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Join to discuss the articles of Science of Mind Magazine with like-minded people. Bring a lunch. Info: 575-523-4847.

**MMC Mass:** Holy Mass held noon Wednesdays in the chapel of Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. Info: 575-636-3274.

**Men's Fellowship:** Christian Men's Fellowship, noon Tuesdays, IHOP,

2900 Del Rey Blvd. Open discussion. All men welcome. Info: 575-621-2350.

**Mountain View Baptist:** 10 a.m. Sundays with Bible study. 11 a.m. Sundays, worship service at 705 N. Main St. Nursery available. Info: 575-680-6247.

**GriefShare:** 4 - 6 p.m. Sundays at First Baptist Church, Room 229, 106 S. Miranda Ave. GriefShare weekly seminar and support group designed to help rebuild life after losing a loved one. Cost: \$10 for participant workbook. Info: Penny Baca 575-635-9696.

**Mission Lutheran events:**

- 9 a.m. Sundays, Study God's Word for fellowship, coffee and snacks
  - 9:15 a.m., Sunday School and adult Bible study
  - 10:30 a.m. divine worship
  - 10 a.m. Saturdays "Discover the Faith" class for newcomers
  - 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays, class for people who are new to the faith or who would like a refresher course on what being a Lutheran is all about.
- Mission Lutheran church, 2752 N.

Roadrunner Pkwy. Info: 575-522-0465.

**Communion Service:** 10:15 a.m. Sundays, side chapel of First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. St. John's Catholic Church of Antioch communion service. Info: 575-621-0255 or www.stjohnscatholicchurchofantioch.org.

**Men's prayer breakfast:** 7-9 a.m. Tuesdays, 106 S. Miranda St. Men's prayer breakfast in the fellowship hall. Info: 575-524-3691.

**Non-denominational service:** 5:45 p.m. Sundays, Dream Center, Sixth and Wilson Streets. New Agape Christian Church offers a scriptural, theological, historical and scientific look at the Prophets. Children's church provided. Info: Pastor Herb 575-650-3915.

**Discover the Faith classes:** 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays, 2752 Roadrunner Parkway. A class for people who are new to the faith or who would like a refresher course on what being a Lutheran is all about. Info: 575-522-0465.

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attended seminaries in Toronto and Mexico City.

"In 'Power from the Margins,' he traces the historic struggle of the Latino Church to find its voice and outlines a road map for the future," according to a synopsis on amazon.com. "His reflections range from the role of the family and the promise of youth, to education, civil rights, and the challenge of immigration."

Ramirez, who worked for 10 years in Mexico as well as serving the church in Texas and New Mexico, said America's neighbor to the south is perhaps "the most beautiful country in the world because it has everything: history, folklore, culture, music. The vast majority (of its citizens) are hard-working (and) don't want

to come to the United States. They are forced to by circumstances," Ramirez said.

If the wall between the United States and Mexico that President-elect Trump has proposed is built, "It would be a bad thing for many people," Ramirez said. But, he said, people are so desperate to cross the border, people will go over it, around it, through it; they will find a way.

"We are witnessing a very dramatic movement," he said.

**Monsignor Getz**

Getz joined a silent order of Trappist monks at the age of 18 at Gethsemani Abbey in Kentucky and stayed with them for three years.

"I was just out of high school," he said. "I just packed up and went to the monastery. All I wanted to do was think about God."

At Gethsemani, his only pos-

session was a toothbrush, and, like the 200 other monks at the abbey, he slept in the clothes he worked in, which were changed once a week.

"I'm really a monk at heart," Getz said. "I'm not a collector of anything. I believe in simplicity."

Getz came to New Mexico in 1955. Getz studied theology at St. Thomas College in Denver, Colorado, and was ordained by Bishop Sidney Metzger in El Paso in 1961. He did graduate study work at Norte Dame and Catholic University in Washington, D.C., got a master's in education and counseling from UTEP and a master's degree in spirituality from the University of San Francisco.

Getz served in 14 different parishes, stretching from Denver to Fabens. He is the pastor emeritus at Basilica of San Albino in Mesilla and lives and serves as pastor at Good Sa-

maritan Village, where he holds mass every Saturday. He also holds Sunday mass in Fairacres.

Over the years, he has also hiked his way to the tops of the tallest peaks in Colorado, Arizona, Texas and New Mexico.

Getz's writing experience includes serving as a high school newspaper editor in Philadelphia and working on church newspapers. He completed his first manuscript, a biography, in WordStar in 1980 while serving at St. Francis Newman Center in Silver City.

Getz began writing "Vatican Wealth and a Pope's Pipe Dreams" about 25 years ago, he said. The story centers around Pope Francisco, who, with the sale of church artifacts, sets up Peace University, which offers peace-building degrees in everything from history and art to economics and psychology. The univer-

sity attracts students from throughout the world, including a series of other principal characters that add to the story in their own way.

Getz leaves the door open for sequels to the book, and said the next book could be about American financial operations of the church around the world, the development of Peace University around the world, the new pope and his commitment to the pledge toward peace or the efforts to negotiate the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Getz also drew the cover art for his book, which features simple drawings of the pope, the cardinal and the woman, along with the dove of peace.

To learn more about both books, search the titles on amazon.com.

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# Ornithologist volunteers at park

## Bird expert Anderton is internationally recognized

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

While his father and brother were interested in hunting, Richard Anderton began taking bird books on their trips in Derbyshire, England, when he was 10 years old.

Now 67, Anderton is an internationally recognized ornithologist who leads birding tours every Saturday morning at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park (MVBSP), where he is a regular volunteer.

MVBSP “is an oasis for migrating birds” that move down the Rio Grande in winter and return in the spring, Anderton said. Some species, like starlings, travel only a few hundred miles; others, like hummingbirds, migrate 2,000 miles, Anderton said. And, one MVBSP visitor, the arctic tern, never stops migrating, he said, except to mate. It experiences “the most daylight of any creature on the planet,” Anderton said.

“I’ve been into birds all my life,” Anderton said. “Every little peep and sound – I knew what it was.”

Anderton served as a bird-recorder at the Swiss Ornithological Institute and a member of the State of Graubünden Ornithological working group. He was involved in numerous publications such as “The Birds of Graubünden” and the “Swiss Atlas of Breeding Birds” and is an established blogger at [www.wildwestbirds.org](http://www.wildwestbirds.org).

Anderton has studied birds in England, Switzerland, Morocco, California and now New Mexico. “Changing continents is fantastic,” Anderton said. “It’s almost like being a boy again.”

Anderton and his wife moved to Mesilla in 2015. She is vice president for business development at Spaceport America. He is MVBSP’s volunteer resident ornithologist, and has been leading birding tours at the park since October. He conducts the tours at 8 a.m. every Saturday morning no matter what the season or the weather. The park has seven miles of trails, and tours usually last 45 minutes to an hour, Anderton said. They include a visit to the nearby Rio Grande.

MVBSP is home to or visited by about 60 of the world’s 700 to 800 bird species, he said. That explains why its visitors include many “twitchers” — people who engage in the competitive sport of collecting sightings of as many different bird species as they can. (The name comes from the sound they make as they tick off each species seen on their lists.)

“People travel all around the world” to add to their life lists, Anderton said, as they try to sight as many as possible of every bird species known to exist.

Anderton has conducted MVBSP tours for visitors from as far away as China and Australia, he said, along with



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**Richard Anderton is an ornithologist who leads birding tours every Saturday morning at Mesilla Valley Bosque Park, where he is a regular volunteer.**

people from across the U.S. His birding blog, Anderton said, is “bringing people in from all over.”

A recent bird of merit for birders, he said, is the Eastern Phoebe, which usually doesn’t travel as far west as Las Cruces, but can now be observed at MVBSP. There have been three sightings of the bird in the past two years at the park.

“The species does appear to

be moving its range westward,” Anderton said, noting that other birds are also changing their habitats.

Anderton said he isn’t particularly interested in finding new bird species, but does enjoy sighting birds of the same species that have subtle differences and geographical variations.

“That’s what makes me tick.”

Anderton said he is grateful to be able to begin every day

looking around the 300-acre MVBSP for birds, seeing the rare gray hawk, healthy populations of golden eagles and zone-tailed hawks, and native (and state bird) roadrunners.

Anderton is helping MVBSP in its efforts to reintroduce the endangered burrowing owl, and to maintain native species at the park like roadrunners

# The eating of the green



**SUNNY CONLEY**

Chile Knights

Top o' the mornin' to ya, lads and lasses! We're just a pot of gold away from celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Whether you're Irish or not, it's time to put one's thinking cap on (in this case, Top Hat), to ponder what to prepare in celebration of this blessed occasion. To me, St. Pat's Day is all about corned beef. I so love its salty, spicy taste. Although there's a rainbow of recipes from which to choose, I've selected a few just for you. Be prepared to do a jig or two after sampling the offerings shared this week. Sláinte!

## A Sassy Leprechaun's Dip (Yield: About 2 cups)

8 ounces cream cheese, softened  
1 1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded Swiss cheese  
4 ounces deli sliced corned beef, chopped  
1/2 cup spicy hot Thousand Island dressing (see recipe below)  
1/2 cup drained sauerkraut (my family liked a little more...around 3/4 cup)  
Cocktail size rye bread squares

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

In a large bowl mix the cream cheese, 1 cup of Swiss cheese, the dressing and chopped corned beef. Spread in a pie plate or other shallow serving dish. Top with the sauerkraut and the remaining 1/2 cup of Swiss cheese. Bake for about 15 minutes, or until bubbly around the edges. Serve on cocktail-size rye bread squares.

## Spicy Hot Thousand Island Dressing

3/4 cup mayonnaise  
1/4 cup chili sauce  
1 tablespoon Sriracha sauce (or to taste)  
2 tablespoons finely minced onion  
2 teaspoons dill pickle relish  
1 garlic clove, minced

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
Mix all ingredients together and stir to blend well. Chill for at least one hour before serving. Keep refrigerated.

## O'Poblano Peppers! (Yield: Four servings)

4 large Yukon Gold potatoes cut into thick slices  
2 teaspoons kosher or fine sea salt  
2 tablespoons olive oil, divided  
1 cup carrots, finely chopped  
1 to 2 medium onions, peeled and finely chopped  
1/2 pound cooked corned beef, finely chopped  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
1 teaspoon dried chile peppers, crushed  
2 teaspoons dried cilantro, crushed  
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
4 medium sized poblano peppers  
4 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, shredded

### For filling:

In a large saucepan filled 3/4 with water, bring to a boil over high heat. Add cut potatoes to the boiling water. Salt and reduce heat to medium. Gently boil about 10 minutes or until cooked about half way through. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the potatoes to a baking sheet. Cool slightly then cut the potatoes into small cubes. In a large nonstick skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of the olive oil over medium heat until it just begins to sizzle. Add the carrots and sauté for 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the onions and cook for 3 to 5 minutes or until translucent. Add the remaining oil, and the potatoes, cooking until slightly tender, about 2-3 minutes. Stir in corned beef, cumin, dried chile, and cilantro. Stir gently until the corned beef is heated through. Taste, adding pepper if desired. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F.

### To prepare poblanos:

Using a sharp paring knife, slice around the tops of each pepper. Remove the tops with the stem and seedpod intact and discard. Slice each pepper diagonally, starting at the top and going about 3/4 down the length of one side to create an opening

to insert the filling.

Place 1/4 of the filling inside each pepper pushing filling to the narrow ends first. Leave enough room to add the cheese on top. Place filled peppers on a baking sheet and add 1/4 of the cheese on top of the filling in each pepper.

Place the peppers in the oven. Cook until they have softened slightly and the cheese is melted, about 5 to 8 minutes. Use tongs to transfer the peppers to plates and serve immediately. Serve with shredded cabbage and extra shredded cheese.

## Luck of the Irish Tacos with Guinness Horseradish Cream Sauce (Serves: 8)

2 cups cooked, chopped corned beef, heated  
8 Multigrain tortillas or favorite tortillas

### For the sauce:

1/3 cup sour cream  
1/3 cup mayonnaise  
1/4 cup Guinness beer  
3 teaspoons fresh horseradish  
2 teaspoons spicy brown mustard  
1 teaspoon cider vinegar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1 package coleslaw mix  
8 multigrain tortillas

In a small bowl, whisk together the sour cream, mayonnaise, Guinness, horseradish, mustard, vinegar and salt and pepper. Top each tortilla with a couple of tablespoons or so of corned beef, followed by the coleslaw. Spoon the works with sauce and enjoy! (Recipe adapted from simplywhisked.com)

*Sunny Conley is an awarding-winning author and food columnist. "Life is better sprinkled and spiced with chile pepper!" Conley can be reached at chileknights575@gmail.com.*

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and quail, along with the many different kinds of birds that visit, which, according to a list from the Mesilla Valley Audubon Society, include thrashers, northern harriers, red-tailed hawks, sparrows, tanagers, cardinals, grosbeaks, buntings, blackbirds, meadowlarks, grackles, cowbirds, ori-

oles, finches, swallows, wrens, robins, mockingbirds, warblers, pipits, thrushes, gnatcatchers, bluebirds, geese, cormorants, egrets, blue jays, ravens, martins, crows, ravens, vultures and many others.

Park visitors even include the occasional shorebird, like mallards, teals, ospreys, herons and even the odd pelican.

MVBSP opened in 2008. It is located at 5000 Calle

del Norte in Mesilla.

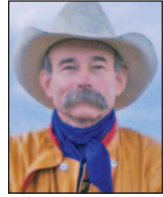
For more information, or to book a group tour, contact MVBSP Acting Superintendent Gary Gruer at 575-523-4398 or [gary.gruer@state.nm.us](mailto:gary.gruer@state.nm.us). For information on joining Friends of the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, email [friendsmvbsp@gmail.com](mailto:friendsmvbsp@gmail.com).

For more information on the Mesilla Valley Audubon Society, visit [www.mvaudubon.org](http://www.mvaudubon.org).

# Well, to be honest ...

I was walkin' through the show barn at the Stock Show. As I passed two fellers sittin' 'round a tack box, I heard the words, "Well, to be honest..."

I froze in my tracks! It's been my experience that anything preceded by those four words usually turns out to be a windy conglomeration of half-truths, excuses, sales pitches and exaggerated claims bound to make even the most gullible sucker have second thoughts.



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"Well, to be honest, the guy I bought her from said she'd settled every time that he bred her. So I think my A.I. man must have a faulty tank."

"Well, to be honest," said the horse trader, "I've never seen him limp like that. It must be the humidity."

"Well, to be honest," said the purebred man to the show superintendent, "I've noticed that discoloration on her belly myself, and occasionally her calves have a white tail, but two years ago they built a nuclear power plant down the road from the farm. Shoot, even my Labrador bitch has spotted pups!"

"Well, to be honest, I'd never thought of sellin' this bull. His weight per day of age was tops in my herd and I've been

offered \$50,000 for him...but if you're really interested..."

"Well, to be honest," said the fieldman to the breeder, "I'd like to help you put on your sale but I'm booked that day. When is it?"

"Well, to be honest," said the auctioneer after the sale, "It was dang good for what we had."

"Well, to be honest," said the lady to her neighbor in Amway, "I believe in what you're doin' but I'm busy the next five years."

"Well, to be honest," said the truck salesman, "I did flip it but it tracks as good as it ever did."

"Well, to be honest," I did buy one of his bulls after he beat me at the state show, but he repossessed it after 60 days. I think mine are better anyway."

"Well, to be honest," said the rancher to the vet, "I noticed her water broke yesterday."

"Well, to be honest," said the husband to his wife, "I knew our anniversary was last Sunday. I was just waitin' to see if you remembered."

"Well, to be honest, I did think of stoppin' off for a quick one with the boys but I changed my mind, but you'll never believe what happened..."

*Baxter Black is a cowboy poet, former large animal veterinarian and entertainer of the agricultural masses. Learn more at [www.baxterblack.com](http://www.baxterblack.com).*

# Technology ubiquitous even in interior design

BY KELLY KENNEDY

Without me, life would be nothing like you know it to be. I am ubiquitous and all encompassing. I touch people every day, in every way; but just as you think you have me figured out, the season's surely

changing. I affect every industry in the world. What am I? I am technology.

Technology has had a profound impact on the \$8.6-billion-per-year (and growing) industry of interior design. Technology is ever enhancing our lives in the fields of architec-

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## LUSH &amp; LEAN

# How to select climate-appropriate trees

By SUZANNE MICHAELS

For the Bulletin

**J**ohn White knows trees. He's the curator of UTEP Chihuahuan Desert Gardens, and formerly an extension horticulture agent for Doña Ana and El Paso counties. If you are trying to figure out what new tree to add to your yard in Las Cruces, he's the man to ask during the free Lush & Lean workshop hosted by Las Cruces Utilities, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16 at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

When asked about his favorite trees for our climate, White said there is no perfect plant and stresses diversity.

"We need a wide assortment in our tree selections to create a healthy canopy, and avoid a decimation of trees when a disease or insect pops up," he said. "And it's important to choose a

site-appropriate tree. Right now, I like oak varieties. They are a strong, valuable tree, with dense wood, don't use as much water as you would think, and will probably outlive all of us."

His second favorite tree is the Chinese Pistache, which does well in a residential irrigation setting. He also likes mesquite trees, which are native plants.

White does not recommend ash trees because of the Emerald Ash Borer that has wiped out millions of trees across the northeast and has now spread to Texas and Colorado.

"That destructive beetle could arrive here at any time in a load of infected firewood or infected live trees," White said.

He's also not fond of mulberry trees, since they were overplanted in our region and have proven to be problematic, causing horrific allergy problems. It's the same with Mondale



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**John White will present at the Thursday, March 16, Lush & Lean Workshop at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, sponsored by LCU Water Conservation Program.**

(Afghan) pines.

"They've been overused and overplanted here," White said. "Yes, they are fast-growing, but you know that saying about 'live fast and die young.'"

Be sure to ask White about tree roots; you'll be amazed to learn they don't grow straight down. White says most roots (85-90 percent) are found in the top two feet of soil surrounding the tree, and expand out to 1.5 to 2 times the height of the tree. Which means: are you watering your trees in the right place?

Lush & Lean workshops are free and open to the public, held Thursdays at All Lush & Lean workshops are free and open to the public. For a workshop schedule, visit [www.las-cruces.org/WaterConservation](http://www.las-cruces.org/WaterConservation) or [www.facebook.com/cityoflascruces](http://www.facebook.com/cityoflascruces).

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way for energy-efficient and eco-friendly trends in the market. One such tool that Sherry Franzoy, owner of Decorating Den Interiors Las Cruces, has used is radiant heating, also known as floor heating, which supplies heat directly under your floor or to the panels in the wall or ceiling of a home. In addition to the more obvious comfort and luxury of eliminating the feel of cold tile or flooring under your feet, radiant heating is more efficient by eliminating the duct losses of traditional systems. People with allergies or who seek to improve their overall indoor air quality prefer radiant heating because it does not distribute allergens like forced air systems can. The best part is that such technology is much more affordable than you might think.

Imagine a world where your window treatments can adjust

themselves automatically, creating the perfect room ambiance morning, noon and night. With Hunter Douglas PowerView treatments, for example, this could be your reality. Gone are the days of hassling with unsightly cords. Program PowerView to move your window treatments to the exact position you want and then control and schedule them using an intuitive app on your smartphone or tablet. You can also operate your PowerView settings with a remote control. These treatments can lift from the bottom, lower from the top, or both. Available in an incredible range of sophisticated styles, PowerView Motorization creates a whole new world of beauty and convenience.

In the future, phones, tablets and gadgets will not come with chargers; they will use inductive chargers built into desks, countertops, cars and other surfaces — just placing your device on any of these surfaces will charge it. Du-

Pont Corian is a product currently on the market doing exactly this, but as with everything, time will improve the technology and make it more affordable.

Nissan initially created a technology dubbed the "Self Healing Paint" which allows minor scratches on vehicles to magically vanish with the power of the sun. Such applied science is projected to show up in the form of interior paints soon. Even more fascinating, the latest piece of research, which comes directly from Delft Technical University in the Netherlands, is the concept of self-repairing concrete, which could revolutionize the construction industry.

It is an exciting time we live in. Technology is and will continue to shape design (and our world) in unimaginable ways.

*Kelly Kennedy is an interior designer for Decorating Den Interiors in Las Cruces. She can be reached at 575-521-8326.*



## Freestanding emergency department breaks ground

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces and MountainView Regional Medical Center will soon have a new freestanding emergency department on North Main Street, the first of its kind in New Mexico.

President and CEO of MountainView Denten Park said the new \$10-million emergency department will fill a health care gap in northern Las Cruces. Construction is estimated to be completed in August of this year.

“If you were to go to this location, it would be just like going to (MountainView’s) emergency department, the only difference would be if you had to be admitted,” Park said. “If you had to be admitted, or undergo surgery or go to the catheterization lab, we would have to transfer you to the hos-



Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima and MountainView Regional Medical Center CEO Denten Park (second and third from the left, front row) participate with others in the groundbreaking ceremony held Feb. 28 at the site of a new freestanding emergency department.

PHOTO BY BILLY HUNTSMAN

pital for that.”

The March 1 groundbreaking was the first step in building the new emergency department, an endeavor undertaken in 2013

when MountainView sent a request to the state for approval of the project.

“The new department will bring in about 30 FTEs (full-

time employees), as well as five or six doctors,” said Park.

The groundbreaking was attended by about 50 people, including Las Cruces Mayor

Ken Miyagishima, Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith and District 5 Councilor Gill Sorg.

“With two parents that are both 87, you come to appreciate emergency rooms and how instrumental they are to any community,” said Miyagishima.

The new department will be located at 2811 N. Main St.

*Billy Huntsman may be reached at [billy@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:billy@lascrucesbulletin.com) or 575-680-1958.*

## Celebrate World Down Syndrome Day at Las Cruces’ Buddy Day

### BULLETIN REPORT

The Down Syndrome Families of Las Cruces (DSFLC) will host its second annual Buddy Day, aimed at increasing awareness about Down Syndrome and celebrating World Down Syndrome Day, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Pioneer Women’s Park, 500 W. Las Cruces Ave.

The event will include jumpers, face painting, magicians, clowns, a horse-drawn carriage,

music and even an appearance by Spiderman.

Last year’s Buddy Day welcomed more than 500 people, according to DSFLC founder Christine Williams in a letter, including individuals with Down syndrome and 100 volunteers, who were mostly students, from all five high schools, and NMSU.

Buddy Day will include concessions and the sale of raffle tickets, Williams wrote.

The event is free and

open to the public.

Funds raised will be used to buy specialty bikes for children with Down syndrome, create baskets for parents of children born with Down Syndrome at Memorial Medical Center and pay for swimming lessons for children and adults.

“Just like typical children, our children want to learn to ride a bike, however, due to poor muscle tone, riding a traditional tricycle/bike is very difficult,” Wil-

liams said in her letter. “Thanks to funds raised from our Buddy Day last year, as well as a few grants we have received, we have been able to have two sessions of swim lessons at NMSU. We plan to continue to provide year-round swim lessons, free of charge to our families.”

The Williams started DSFLC after discovering that their sixth child, Hagen, born in 2014, had Down syndrome.

“Down syndrome oc-

curs when an individual has a full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21,” according to the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS). “This additional genetic material alters the course of development and causes the characteristics associated with Down syndrome.”

Down syndrome is the most commonly occurring chromosomal condition, according to the NDSS website ([www.ndss.org](http://www.ndss.org)). Approximately one in every 700 babies in

the United States is born with Down syndrome — about 6,000 each year. Down syndrome occurs in people of all races and economic levels.

For more information on Buddy Day, call 575-405-4186 or email [downsyndromelascrucis@gmail.com](mailto:downsyndromelascrucis@gmail.com). Visit [www.downsyndromefamiliesoflascruces.com](http://www.downsyndromefamiliesoflascruces.com). You can also find them on Facebook.

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## Health fair held at Ben Archer Health Center



Donna Lee, health educator at Ben Archer Health Center, distributes information at a March 3 health fair co-hosted with the Cancer Outreach Program at New Mexico State University. The event at Ben Archer on Motel Boulevard was held to increase colorectal cancer awareness and promote healthier lifestyles.

Rebecca Richards, dietary intern from NMSU, encourages healthy eating.



Bob Shade, World War II veteran and a volunteer with the US Too of Southern New Mexico booth at the fair, visits with Amy Ramirez, who represented Southwest Regional United HealthCare. A number of health-related organizations participated in the event.

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## Mindfulness-based stress reduction course offered in March

### BULLETIN REPORT

Retired nurse and long-time Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) practitioner and teacher Gerri January will offer her fifth MBSR course beginning at the end of March and continuing through mid-May.

There are two orientation sessions which are offered at no charge. If you want to take the full course, you are required to attend at least one of the orientations, which will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, and Wednesday, March 22, at Mesilla Valley Hospice (MVH), 299 Montana Ave.

The course itself begins on Wednesday, March 29 and continues each Wednesday evening through May 17. Each session is held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at MVH. There is also one all-day class held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, also at MVH.

The cost is \$79 per person for those aged 18 to 34 and \$119 per person for those aged 35 and older. The best form of payment is cash or check, January said.

All participants will receive four recordings to practice at home and a workbook for the class, she said.

January has been teaching the MBSR course in Las Cru-

ces since 2015.

She took the course herself seven years ago, driving to and from Albuquerque one night a week for two months to complete it.

“I was having difficulty with a lot of negative thinking,” January said. “I had tried different things to rid myself of it, but, despite my efforts, it continued to plague me.”

She had read about MBSR and decided to give it a shot. “Nobody was going to say I didn’t try everything,” January said.

After the third class she attended, January said she could “see where it worked for me. I started to feel some relief.”

In the years since taking the course, January said she has had fewer negative thoughts and “the anxiety doesn’t capture me in the same way it used to.”

The program was developed by Dr. Jon Kabat-Zinn, a researcher at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. Kabat-Zinn is a long-term meditation and yoga practitioner.

The point of MBSR, January said, is to be present with whatever you are experiencing at the moment. You can practice mindfulness not only in meditation – allowing your thoughts and whatever you are feeling to be there and

then bringing your awareness back to your breathing – but also when you are brushing your teeth, taking a shower, walking to your vehicle, eating or doing any of the hundreds of other things we each do every day.

January will be speaking on mindfulness in diverse communities at the J. Paul Taylor Symposium on Mental Health and Social Justice that will be held at New Mexico State University in March.

For information on the course, contact January at grj1114@gmail.com. For information on MBSR, visit [www.mindfullivingprograms.com/whatMBSR.php](http://www.mindfullivingprograms.com/whatMBSR.php).

# How are award-winning books chosen?

Today's column is a report from JoAnn Jonas, a board member of the Children's Reading Alliance and the host of Early Word – Author Chat, a podcast at [www.earlyword.com](http://www.earlyword.com).

Recently Jonas attended the American Library Association (ALA) meeting in Atlanta.

"As a children's librarian, this is the highlight of the year, reading all the current children's books, and discussing with our peers which are the best," Jonas said. "I have had the honor of serving on the Newbery, Caldecott and Wilder awards committees and it was truly the highlight of my career, to be a small part of making history in children's books. This is both a joyful responsibility and a challenge.

"One of the things I learned from serving on these committees is that the decision is a group decision and often we have to sacrifice our personal 'favorite' to the



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wishes of the group. To reach our final decision we all end up compromising and allowing ourselves to be convinced that the winning book is truly our best choice for all the reasons discussed."

The committees that choose the awards consist of children's literature experts, librarians who have experience in evaluating the text and the artwork of children's books. Through a confidential process, they discuss, evaluate, re-read and finally vote on the selections that they have discussed. Only one winner is chosen in each category — always a hard vote, but hopefully at the end of the process everyone on

the committee can support the decision.

This year's winner of the Newbery Award for Distinguished Writing in children's literature is "The Girl Who Drank The Moon" by Kelly Barnhill. This fantasy book for older readers is a story of magic and wonder. Kirkus reviews says, "An elderly witch, a magical girl, a brave carpenter, a wise monster, a tiny dragon, paper birds, and a madwoman converge to thwart a magician who feeds on sorrow. Guaranteed to enchant, enthrall, and enmagick. (Fantasy, ages 10-14)

The Caldecott Award is given to the book with outstanding illustration in a picture book. This year's winner is "Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat," illustrated and written by Javaka Steptoe. Horn Book Review says: "Picture books about artists are tricky. Should the illustrator mimic the sub-

ject's style, or instead attempt to capture his or her essence? Steptoe does a little of both in this introduction to Jean-Michel Basquiat, one of the most visionary — and misunderstood — artists of his generation." Kirkus Reviews adds: "Steptoe interprets Basquiat's style... Vibrant colors and personal symbols channel the sloppy, ugly, and sometimes weird, but somehow still BEAUTIFUL paintings, incorporating meticulously attributed collage elements and capturing the artist's energy and mystery. Stellar bookmaking — a riveting portrait of a young artist." (Biography, for older children to adults)

The most awarded book of the year was "MARCH: Book Three," a graphic novel written by Congressman John Lewis and Andrew Aydin, illustrated by Nate Powell. It won the Coretta Scott King Author Award, Michael L.

Printz Award, YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults, and Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award. The GoodReads Review: "The stunning conclusion of the award-winning and best-selling MARCH trilogy. Congressman John Lewis, an American icon and one of the key figures of the civil rights movement, joins co-writer Andrew Aydin and artist Nate Powell to bring the lessons of history to vivid life for a new generation, urgently relevant for today's world." (Graphic novel, history, for young adult readers)

One of the highlights of this conference for me, besides the cheering and joy at the Youth Media Awards announcements, and the March for Social Justice in Atlanta that weekend, was having the honor of meeting Congressman Lewis and having him sign my book. He was in Atlanta to participate in the

Women's March, but also attended many programs at ALA and was there to accept his award for his book "March: Book Three." This book won four major awards, a first in the history of ALA awards.

Just as with the Academy Awards, many of the award books are not the popular favorites, but works with a lasting quality and worth. I hope you will look.

For a complete listing of the books that were awarded this year, visit [www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2017/01/american-library-association-announces-2017-youth-media-award-winners](http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2017/01/american-library-association-announces-2017-youth-media-award-winners).

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## Back by Noon hike to Achenbach Canyon Cave

### BULLETIN REPORT

The public is invited to join the Southwest Environmental Center at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, March 11, for a trek to Achenbach Canyon Cave. The outing is part of the Southwest Environmental Center's Spring 2017 Back by Noon series.

The cave is on the west side of the Organ Mountains within the

Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument. David Soules, local conservation advocate and outdoor enthusiast, will guide the four-mile round-trip hike and will point out signs of human use of the cave long before Europeans arrived.

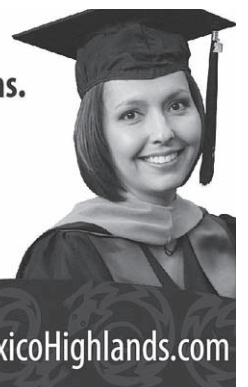
The hike is rated as strenuous. Advanced reservations are required. Space is limited. For more

information and to register, call 575-522-5552.

Visit [www.wildmesquite.org](http://www.wildmesquite.org) to see the full Back by Noon schedule.

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# Six ways for seniors to stay sure-footed, independent

BY BOB MOOS

When kids fall, they usually just get up and return to playing. But for older adults, falls are major threats to good health and independence.

Every year, about one in four Americans 65 and older falls, and about one in five of those who lose their footing suffers a serious injury, such as a hip fracture, broken bone or head injury.

About three million older adults a year are treated in emergency departments for injuries from falls, and about 800,000 are admitted to hospitals. But even a fall without a major injury can cause an older adult to become fearful or depressed, making it difficult to remain active – and

more likely to fall again.

Many people think falls are an inevitable part of aging. The truth is, they're not. Most falls can be prevented. Managing your medications, having your vision checked, staying strong with exercise, changing your footwear, creating a safer environment at home and using a cane or walker are all steps you can take to become more sure-footed.

Let's look at each precaution:

- Visit with your physician about your risk for falling. Ask the doctor or your pharmacist to review your current medicines – both prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs – to see if any might make you dizzy or sleepy. Also be careful when you start a new medication. Talk to your

health care provider about potential side effects.

- Have your eyes checked regularly. People with impaired vision are twice as likely to fall as those without a problem. Have an eye exam at least once a year and update your eyeglasses. Remember that using “variable-tint lenses” can be hazardous when you're walking into a darkened building from outside. Stop for a moment and allow your lenses to adjust.

- Exercise if you're able. With your doctor's OK, consider activities such as walking, aerobic workouts or tai chi – an exercise that involves slow and graceful dance-like movements. Such activities can improve your strength, balance, coordination and flexibility. If you avoid physical activity because you're afraid it will make a fall more likely, talk with your doctor. He or she may recommend carefully monitored exercise programs or refer you to a physical therapist who can create a custom exercise program to improve your gait.

- Change your footwear. High heels, floppy slippers and shoes with slick soles can make you slip, stumble and fall. So can walking in your stocking feet. Instead, wear properly fitting, sturdy shoes with nonskid soles. As an added benefit, sensible shoes may ease any joint pain you're suffering.

- Inspect your home for fall risks. More than half of all falls occur at home. So eliminate hazards around your house or

apartment. Remove newspapers, electrical cords and phone lines that you can trip over. Likewise, move coffee tables, magazine racks and plant stands from high-traffic areas. Secure loose rugs with double-faced tape – or remove them entirely. Store clothing, dishes, food and other necessities within easy reach. Also keep your home brightly lit to avoid stumbling over objects that are hard to see. Place night lights in your bedroom, bathroom and hallways. Turn on the lights before going up or down stairs. Also make simple home modifications, such as adding grab bars in the bathroom, a raised toilet seat or one with armrests, a second handrail on stairs and non-slip paint on outdoor steps.

- Get fitted for a cane or walker. A cane or walker won't make you more dependent; they'll make you more independent. But make sure you use the devices safely. Have a physical therapist measure you for a cane or walker and give you a short course on how to use the walking aids. Be careful about borrowing canes or walkers from friends, because what was a good fit for them may not be for you.

The fear of falling doesn't need to rule your life. By taking some smart steps to reduce the risk of an accident, you can stay healthy and active.

*Bob Moos is Southwest public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.*

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## Wellness center to participate in NIH study

### BULLETIN REPORT

Integrative Medical Center of New Mexico, which offers alternative approaches to health and wellness, will participate in a five-year National Institutes of Health study.

The study, “Trial to Assess Chelation Therapy (TACT2),” will examine intravenous chelation treatments in combination with oral vitamins

in diabetic patients with prior heart attacks to determine if they reduce heart attacks, strokes and death by removing toxins from the blood.

“We are so fortunate to have an opportunity to participate in a huge NIH trial right here in Las Cruces,” said Dr. Arthur Berkson, principal investigator of the Las Cruces site, in a press release. “The initial trial revealed

that chelating toxic heavy metals out of our bodies drastically reduces the risk of having another heart attack. TACT2 can reinforce our knowledge of this concept. Rarely does a medical trial completely change our understanding of disease. Our patients participating in TACT2 can potentially play a critical role in saving millions of lives in the future.”

# Aggie women make school history

## After a slow start to season, NMSU coming on strong

### BULLETIN REPORT

With their win over UT-Rio Grande Valley, the New Mexico State women's basketball team achieved two historical feats in the program's history.

With its 64-46 road win on March 4, the Aggies went undefeated in Western Athletic Conference play (14-0) for the first time in school history. NM State also won their 15th straight game for the second season in a row, which ties the program record set by Joe McKeown and the Aggies back in 1987-88.



MACK

The victory in the season finale gave NM State a 2016-17 regular season record of 22-6. With the regular season coming to a close, NM State now focuses on the WAC Tournament as the No. 1 seed. Their first matchup is Friday, March 10, in the semi-finals versus the winner of No. 4 UTRGV and No. 5 UMKC.

Friday's tip-off from Las Vegas is at noon (KRUX 91.5 FM).

"This is a huge accomplishment and the credit really goes to these great players," head coach Mark Trakh said of the historic victory. "They showed such great dedication and perseverance to achieve such a feat. I'm just so happy for them and what this program has been able to achieve."

As the game opened, NM State got out to an early lead with an 8-2 run with solid play in the paint. Following a timeout, the Vaqueros fought back to within 17-14.

The Aggies sustained their lead half-way through the second quarter, until the team went into the bonus with 4:58 remaining. The foul trouble forced



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**It has been a season to celebrate as NMSU rides a 15-game winning streak into the WAC tournament.**

NM State to play more conservatively on defense and the opponent's leading scorer Shawnte' Goff (15.5 ppg) took advantage.

Goff proceeded to score the next 13 points for UTRGV as the game was tied at 24 with 3:36 remaining in the half. After a basket from Aggie guard Gia Pack, the Vaqueros then hit a 3-pointer to take their first lead of the game, 27-26. Solid defensive pressure and efficient shooting from the team allowed them to regain the lead as the half closed out with NM State ahead, 34-30.

Heading to the locker rooms, the Aggies scoring was led by Brooke Salas

with 10 points and Moriah Mack, who added nine. The team also took advantage down low as they outrebounded (21-12) and outscored the opponent in the paint (16-12) to maintain their lead through 20 minutes.

In the third quarter, NM State used stifling defense to build a large lead. The Aggies held the Vaqueros scoreless until the 23-second mark of the quarter. The scoring drought for the opponent allowed the team to go on a 17-0 run as the quarter closed with their lead at 51-32. Four of the team's six field goals came from 3-point range, helping the team expand their lead.

The final quarter saw each team trade baskets, and fouls, with aggressive play from both sides, as NM State held onto their lead and walked away with the 18-point win.

Three Aggies finished in double digit scoring, led by Moriah Mack with 14 points, followed by Pack and Salas with 12 each. Salas added 11 rebounds for her team-leading sixth double-double of the year.

The Aggies outscored the Vaqueros in the paint (24-18), off of turnovers (17-10), on second chances (8-4) and off the bench (26-19). The y also out-rebounded the Vaqueros, 41-27.

# Chuha powers Aggie men into the post-season

Redshirt sophomore Eli Chuha grabbed the final Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week honor after posting a career-high 28 points and nine rebounds in a resounding 107-81 victory over UT-Rio Grande Valley March 4.

With the win, NM State finished the regular season 25-5 and 11-3 in conference play. The last time NM State finished

the regular season with 25 wins came during the 1989-90 season (25-2).

New Mexico State entered the WAC Tournament as the No. 2 seed and faced No. 7-seed Chicago State Thursday, March 9, at Orleans Arena in Las Vegas. A win would send them to the tourney semi-finals.

With his nine boards, Chuha came just shy of recording his 14th double-



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Eli Chuha collected the final WAC Player of the Week honor with a career-high 28 points and nine rebounds against UTRGV in the season finale.

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double of the year.

This was the first Player of the Week honor

for Chuha this season, but the fifth for NM State, the most by any team in the conference, topping Grand Canyon (four).

Chuha single-handedly eclipsed his career-high of 20 points in just 16 minutes of action in the first half, going 7-of-10 from the floor and 7-for-8 at the line for 21 points. The rugged Redlands,

Calif., product also had five rebounds, three on the offensive glass.

He would score his final seven points from the charity stripe (7-for-10) before finishing a night that included two assists and a steal.

On a night where emotions could have got the best of them, senior Ian Baker and Matt Taylor

both had terrific performances in their final game on Lou Henson Court at the Pan American Center.

Baker posted 21 points with seven assists while Taylor, a redshirt junior who is expected to graduate this spring, added 11 points and eight rebounds on 5-of-8 shooting.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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**Mariah Bartlett** is a 15-year-old sophomore at Centennial High School. She plays catcher on the Lady Hawks softball team. Her batting average is .425. Bartlett has a positive attitude, is a hard worker and a dedicated student, with a 3.0 GPA. When off the field and out of the classroom, she enjoys hiking with friends and walking her dogs. She hopes to play softball at the college level in Arizona.



**Cedric Reynaud** is an 18-year-old senior at Centennial High School. He plays catcher on the Hawks baseball team. Last year, Reynaud had a batting average of .424, .678 slugging percentage and .577 on-base percentage. He holds himself accountable in all areas of his life and works hard to better himself on and off the field. Reynaud is a dedicated student, with a 3.7 GPA. His interests outside of sports and school are giving back to the community and going to the gym.

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# The salty spray of camaraderie

Over the years I have asked a lot of golfers one leading question: Why do you play golf? The replies seem typically superficial, the most common being that golf is a “challenge.” Some speak of the chance to socialize, while others mention the exercise benefits, as they load their clubs into an electric golf cart.

Perhaps the most interesting and most genuine response to “why golf” came from a 17 year-old girl from El Paso, who I had been working with to improve her mental game. She was a good player, eventually winning a Division I golf scholarship, and I pressed her for the real reason she chose golf instead of soccer or basketball or something else. We walked a couple hundred yards down the fairway before she spoke. “I decided I wanted to be really, really good at something that was very, very hard,” she said, pausing thoughtfully before adding, “and something that none of my friends could do well at all.”

It blew me away, be-



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Golf Doctor

cause that was the first time I got an honest, introspective answer to my question. My young student had revealed herself as a competitor.

The essence of golf, as the Scots figured it some 500 years ago, is competition. For centuries all golf was match play, with one golfer playing a match against another golfer. When one player had enough of a hole, or lost the hole, he picked up his ball and they moved to the next hole. That’s why they played so fast! It wasn’t about shooting a low score, or producing a birdie-fest for television. Besides, too much Scotch whiskey was being drunk for that. In his classic book, *It’s Only a Game*,

golfing legend Jackie Burke, Jr. wrote, “the day you stop competing is the day you start the long walk to the graveyard.”

Though we may not immediately recognize it, we all compete. True, in our corporate and organizational work groups we have to cooperate; but to survive and dominate we have to compete. It may not be “why” we work or play, but we try to be better than something or someone. At times the golf course is our adversary. Other times it’s an opponent (who also may be a friend). Occasionally it’s ourselves – attempting to overcome our own demons.

But wait! There’s another side to this story. The essence of golf is also about camaraderie. Even the Scots and the Irish knew that, as they tipped their flasks to each other on cold, windy days when the salty spray blew in from the firths across the fairways that linked the land to the sea. When I was golfing in Ireland with my son and my nephew just last June I felt that

spray and I felt the strong, emotional fellowship that golfing bestowed.

I found the writings of John Updike (1932-2009) most telling on the topic of golfing camaraderie, seeing the game with both humor and pathos. The following quote appears in a 1996 compendium book called *Golf Dreams*: “Like the golf course itself, golf camaraderie is an artifice, carved from the vastness of nature: it asks only five or six hours a week, from

the jocular greetings in the noontime parking lot and the parallel donning of cleats in the locker room to the shouted farewells in the dusk, as the flagsticks cast their long shadows. Within this finity, irritations, jealousies, and even spats do occur, but they are mercifully dulled and dampened by the necessary distances of the game, the traditional reticence and mannerliness of sportsmen, and the thought that it will all

be soon over.”

Wow. Updike concludes: “We are, my beloved comrades and I, that afternoon’s entertainment; our camaraderie has the subtle frenzy of show business, the makeup and glitter of it, as our fortunes ebb and flow and we live up to our roles or momentarily step out of them ... (with transparency that leaves no shortcoming hidden and no happy stroke uncongratulated.”

## 4 Cruces teams still chasing hoops titles

### BULLETIN REPORT

Four of the seven Las Cruces teams in the state high school basketball tournament won first-round games.

In boys’ 6A, top-seeded Oñate High School defeated Sandia 52-41. Las Cruces High School, the No. 2 seed, beat Clovis 88-55. They could possibly meet in the final, 8 p.m., March 11, at WisePies

Arena in Albuquerque.

In girls’ 6A, Las Cruces High, seeded 4th, defeated Albuquerque Highland 55-27. They need to win twice more to reach the final, 4 p.m., March 11 at WisePies.

In boys’ 2A, Mesilla Valley Christian School (see page 72) defeated Alamo Navajo 81-58. The 2A final is 6 p.m., March 11, at WisePies.

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Oñate High School senior Forest McKee prepares to put the shot in the Oñate Track and Field Invite Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Field of Dreams. McKee took first place with a winning toss of 51-05.5.

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## Athletes earn state-qualifying marks at Oñate track invite

By KELLY SALAS

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Eleven area high school track and field athletes earned state-qualifying marks Feb. 25 at the Oñate Track and Field Invite at the Field of Dreams.

Leading the way with his first double victory of the season was Oñate High School senior Forest McKee, earning state-qualifying wins in both the boys' varsity shot put (51-05.5) and boys varsity discus (148-10). McKee also recently achieved a new personal best and Oñate school record throw of 54-0 in boys shot at the Truman Wills Invite in El Paso.

Knight teammate Amerhyst Aguirre claimed an early state-qualifying win in the girls varsity 3,200-meter run with a time of 11:54.26; Aguirre also took first in the girls 1,600 meters (5:34.34).

Mayfield qualifiers include Kayla Stephens with a win in girls' pole vault (9-0) and Lendsey Suggs with a first-place finish in the girls' varsity 300-meter hurdles (48.56).

Trojan senior Ryan Cox cleared 6-2 for first place in the boys' varsity high

jump. Cox finished a strong indoor season of competition, jumping a personal best of 6-4 and the runner-up spot at the 2017 Great Southwest Indoor Track and Field Championships in Albuquerque.

Rounding out the local state-qualifying tally was Centennial High's pole vault duo of Matilda Whitlock and Isaiah Galindes. Both earning second place finishes, Whitlock cleared 9-0 in the girls' varsity event with Galindes vaulting 12-0 in boys' varsity. The Hawk girls' varsity 4 x 400-meter relay team of Desiree Martinez, Savannah Mihecoby, Aubrey Swindle, and Jessa Gegax raced to strong winning finish in 4:12.23.

Team results for girls varsity earned Alamogordo first place (108); Centennial second (99); Oñate third (78); Mayfield fourth (59); Las Cruces fifth (23).

Centennial took the boys varsity team title (114); Alamogordo second (111), Oñate third (90); Mayfield fourth (63); Las Cruces seventh (13).

(Sources: Runnercard.com); NMAA 2017 Track and Field Qualifying Standards; NMAA.com)



## 2A District 3 champions

The Mesilla Valley Christian Schools Sonblazers are one of seven Las Cruces teams in the state basketball playoffs, which started this week. MVCS defeated Lordsburg 48-40 Feb. 25 to win the 2A District 3 championship. They won their first round state game, defeating Alamo Navajo 81-58. Details of their March 8 second round game were unavailable at press time.