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State threatens school board with suspension

By Brook Stockberger and Susie Ouderkirk Las Cruces Bulletin

If New Mexico Secretary of Education Hanna Skandera has her way, the five members of the Las Cruces Public Schools' Board of Directors will have to go back to class.

Skandera, acting on what she called "a number of complaints," recently sent a letter to the LCPS school board pointing out multiple times the

secretary believes the board violated the Open Meetings Act and overstepped "the board's authority" and operated in a manner "outside of its charge."

So Skandera insists the members of the school board "undergo training specific to its roles and responsibilities as well as training specific to the Open Meetings Act."

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What's a mill levy and how does it affect Las Cruces?

By Susie Ouderkirk Las Cruces Bulletin

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, voters in Las Cruces will be asked to go to the polls to decide on the outcome of a mill levy that, in a nutshell, will continue a tax to repair, maintain and renovate schools in Las Cruces.

Las Cruces Public School Superintendent Stan Rounds, in a recorded message, explained this mill levy already exists, and, if approved by voters, will continue to fund "repairs, maintenance, and renovations for all

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Record-breaking enthusiasm



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Excited by the action on the court, Katy Howard, 9, throws her hands up in delight Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Pan American Center where the New Mexico State University women's basketball team tangles with Cal-State Bakersfield. Howard was part of a record-breaking crowd of 5,034 fans for a women's basketball game on hand during the school's "Pack The Pan Am 2.0" promotion. The Aggies notched their eighth-straight win. To read more about the game, go to Page A26.



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The Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners the city- and county-appointed commissioners. is seeking applicants willing to serve on the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority Commission.

To be considered, the applicant must submit a letter of interest, a current resume and three letters of reference to the Doña Ana County Community Development Department no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, 2016.

The Housing Authority Commission consists of two appointees by the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners, two appointees by the City of Las Cruces and a fifth appointee who is nominated by

Appointees serve staggered five-year terms. At present, the Housing Authority Commission meets at noon every third Tuesday of the month in the conference suite of the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority Commission. Meeting times and dates may be changed once vacancies are filled

Matters that frequently arise for consideration by the Housing Authority Commission include annual budgets, federally mandated planning documents, policy documents, tax-credit developments and the annual performance evaluation of the Housing Authority's executive director. Meetings average about 90 minutes each.

In addition to regular meetings, the Housing Authority Commission is empowered to hold special meetings and work sessions.

Applications for county appointments may be mailed to Doña Ana County Chief Planner Janine Divyak at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, N.M., 88007, or delivered in person to the Doña Ana County Community Development Department at the Doña Ana County Government Center

Road work underway east of LC

Crews from Mountain States Construction have begun work to make major improvements to both Baylor Canyon Road and Dripping Springs Road east of Las Cruces. The project is expected to last through the month of April.

Both District 3 Doña Ana County Commissioner Benjamin L. Rawson and District 4 Doña Ana County Commissioner Wayne D. Hancock said they welcome the \$2.8 million project, and they're hopeful that their constituents who are inconvenienced during construction will be patient while the project is underway.

"Overall, this project will be an improvement for our area," Rawson said.

Added Hancock: "We will all have to slow down a bit and expect some delays in our commutes, but that's the price of progress, and this project is both important and long overdue."

The work began on Dripping Springs Road from Camino Benito to just east of Baylor Canyon Road, with a pilot car assisting with traffic flow while one lane at a time is improved. That portion of the project is expected to take about 45 days, punctuated by minor shoulder closures in the construction zone.

Once dirt work is completed on



Jesus Rincon of Mountain States Construction stops traffic on Dripping Springs Road while drivers wait for the pilot truck to return and allow them to continue their eastbound journeys.

PHOTO: Corrie Stone-Fielder

Dripping Springs Road, the focus will shift to a 2.6 mile section of Baylor Canyon Road heading north from Dripping Springs Road. That phase will also take approximately 45 days with a pilot car to assist with traffic movement.

Paving operations on Dripping Springs Road may overlap with the work being done on Baylor Canyon Road, with the entire project expected to wrap up during the month of April.

Warning signs and detours will be prominently posted as appropriate as the project progresses.

Motorists are advised to slow down and to expect delays in the construction areas. Motorists also are reminded to exercise caution in all areas where workers are deployed.

Flooding master plan is topic of Feb. 3 meeting

The Doña Ana County Flood Commission will host a public meeting for the community of Salem to discuss a new master drainage study and to solicit public input from area residents.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 3, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Caballo Soil and Water District office, which is located between Salem and Hatch.

Representatives of Smith Engineering – the company contracted to perform the study – will be on hand, along with representatives from the Doña Ana County Flood Commission.

Residents with questions or concerns can contact Carl Lukesh at (575) 525-5566 or John Gwynne at (575) 525-5554. or visit the Flood Commission page on the Doña Ana County website.



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Opinion



Fromthepublisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Levy helps local schools

Voting yes will not raise your taxes

In this year's legislative session, New Mexico's lawmakers will determine how much money the state will budget for education. Due to the falling prices of oil and gas, there won't be as much money to go around as anyone would like.

Those state-budgeted funds cover teacher salaries and day-to-day operational costs.

But what if, at Sunrise Elementary School, an air conditioning unit goes out?

Or, if at Picacho Middle School, a refrigerator in the cafeteria breaks.

Or if there's a plumbing disaster at Oñate High School.

Taking care of those things is not as exciting as the architecturally beautiful renovation at Las Cruces High School.

Taking care of those things, however, allows your child to be comfortable and undistracted while trying to learn at school. How are those things taken care of?

By you voting yes Tuesday, Feb. 2, for the two-mill levy for school capital improvements.

Voting yes for the two-mill levy (SB9) generates more than \$6 million per year for major repairs and improvements at Las Cruces Public Schools.

The levy is already in place and helping to take care of our schools. Voting yes will continue the funding for those things for another six years. Because it's already in place, voting yes will not increase your tax rate.

Without the levy, monies for those basic capital improvements would have to come from the school's general fund, the same one that goes to pay teacher's salaries and day-to-day operations. Those funds are already too tight (and may be getting tighter) and we don't want to further encroach on those for things like mechanical repairs.

Here's an added bonus: School districts that have a mill levy in place are eligible to receive matching

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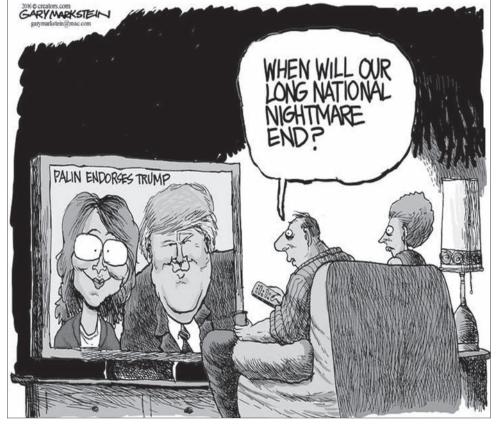
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funds from the state's Public Schools Capital Outlay Council for repair and renovations projects. Last year, LCPS received \$1.3 million from the council. Let's keep ourselves in position to receive those additional dollars.

The money from the levy also goes to cover things like music equipment, band uniforms, technology and safety equipment.

Through Friday, Jan. 29, you can vote early at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

On Election Day, Tuesday, Feb. 2, voting will take place 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at one of 12 voting centers: Branigan Memorial Library, Desert Hills Elementary School, Doña Ana Community Center, Doña Ana County Government Center, Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, Jornada Elementary School, Las Alturas Fire Station, Mayfield High School, Mesilla Elementary School, Sonoma Elementary School, Tombaugh Elementary School, and University Hills Elementary School.

We all hear people arguing and complaining about government all the time. People are often bitterly pitted against one another about issues. However, one thing you will consistently hear is, "We need to improve education in New Mexico."

Of course, you will hear debate when it comes to theories on HOW to improve education.

One thing we should not debate, however, is whether our students and teachers need functioning buildings and basic equipment so they can focus on the true task at hand.

You can help make that possible. Vote yes for the two-mill levy.



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OPINION

And kickin' himself

sideways like a spring

Billy blew his left

But his saddle got

some cockeyed, slippin'

His dally peeled off

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the horn! His anchor

hand stirrup, so he leaned against the tide

off the other side.

when it unwinds!

BaxterBlack ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE **Gerald Two Bears** and Billy Strike

Gerald Two bears was the foreman of the tribal branding crew.

Lots of Indians who were cowboys came to do what they could do.

Billy Strike was good at roping and his medicine was strong,

And he roped 'em automatic 'til misfortune came along!

He roped a good-size heifer calf, but he roped her 'round the neck. She ran behind his horse's butt and put'em

both in check!

The rope slid underneath his tail which spooked the pony some, So, of course, he went to pitching! 'Cause the nylon chafed his bum!

Now like I said, that Billy's tough and wouldn't quit his dally, The rope was holding him down tight! Made every peak and valley!

His horse was snorting up the dirt like he was sweepin' mines

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chain had broke! Billy flew like Humpty Dumpty and came down and broke his yolk!

Gerald Two Bears ran to Billy who lay still upon the ground. He said, "Billy, are you alright?" Billy never made a sound.

He listened for his breathing but he lav so awfully still

He said, "Billy, can you hear me?" Then with superhuman will

Billy's eyelid raised, his eyeball turned and swiveled toward the source

Gerald leaned up close and whispered, "Billy, can I have your horse?"

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The 'boy' way deserves its due

I was born a small boy. Yes, small. And yes a boy. Both were a problem in public school. The first because it attracted larger boys who exercised boy behavior at my expense, and the second because I accepted that is how boys are supposed to act.

And so I had to adapt to being smaller than other boys.

Sometimes I even admired how larger boys pushed me around since I thought at some point I would grow to be as big as my father. I didn't get a growth spurt until ninth grade. Previously I was one of the smallest in each class.

But I have always been a boy and therefore I had plenty of boy behavior hardwired into mv verv being. If I was punched my automatic response was to hit back. No, I didn't go tattle to adults; I tried to land a blow on the tip of the offender's nose where it would start a nosebleed.

Michael Swickard In My Opinion

Public schools tried to extinguish all boy behavior when I was in public school since it was loud, chaotic and irritating to adults. We boys were treated as if we were dysfunctional girls. We were treated as if we had not thought of what would be acceptable behavior.

"What were you thinking?" was a frequent question. Truth: wasn't thinking, just reacting as a boy.

Public schools then and now try to make all children act like girls. Pay attention, don't take cuts in line and don't ever punch another boy. The expected behavior of schools is modeled after girls who act like girls.

In the 1980s when my daughter was in third grade, she was

pushed around by a boy. I taught her something my Uncle Ralph taught me when I was young. It is a punch called "the hook." I didn't talk to the school about the boy's behavior, I gave her a way to deal with it. We practiced it.

Young kids throw straight lefts and rights which are easily blocked. The hook comes out of left field and knocks the offender down. Her mother and the school weren't pleased with her knocking the boy down, but he never pushed her again. Nor did any boy at that school. After her lecture was over, she came and high fived me.

That is what Uncle Ralph's lesson did for me. I was much smaller but packed a punch. My father was in the Air Force and we moved eight times in my public school time. Each new school had a bully or a couple bullies that picked on new smaller kids. But not me more than once.

My mother and the schools were exasperated with me hitting back. But I was usually left alone afterwards. And I learned to rely upon my own self instead of thinking I had to be protected by adults. They were never there when the flan hit the fan.

It is in the public dialog that bullying in public schools is rampant and out of control. There are many new procedures. The newest ones command the kids to not fight back when attacked. Rather, to take their assault and make a report to an adult. The schools are ramping up anti-bullying administrators, hiring more and more adults to take over the fight rather than teach children to be their own advocate. That is pure crap!

No I'm not saying the way to end all bullying is protective headgear and eight-ounce

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- 845 N. Motel Blvd. • Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum,
- 4100 Dripping Springs Rd. • Jornada Elementary, 3400 Elks Dr.
- Las Alturas Fire Station, 4145 Cholla Rd.
- Mayfield High, 1955 N. Valley Dr.
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Medicaid funding key to strong hospitals, strong communities

By Denten Park CEO, MountainView Regional Medical Center And John Harris CEO, Memorial Medical Center

Soon, our State Legislature returns to Santa Fe for its 2016 budget session. This year, critical decisions will be made in the Roundhouse that will affect the health and wellbeing of our people and our state's economy.

For years, our state's hospitals struggled to care for rising numbers of uninsured — providing millions of dollars in needed, often lifesaving care. At the urging of hospitals, physicians and the business community, Governor Martinez and our State Legislature worked together to expand our state's Medicaid program in 2014. Today, nearly 40 percent of New Mexicans are covered by Medicaid — including 236,000 newly eligible New Mexicans — providing improved access to care for thousands of low-income adults and families, as well as people living with disabilities

While these decisions have reduced the financial burden for hospitals and patients alike, critical challenges remain. With one of the nation's highest poverty rates, New Mexico faces rising healthcare costs stemming from high rates of obesity, chronic

disease, substance abuse and violence.

At the same time, a large number of New Mexicans remain uninsured and underinsured, including here in Doña Ana County. Many simply do not qualify for Medicaid. Others are covered by high-deductible health plans and often struggle to pay their medical bills. As a result, hospitals must still provide significant charitable care to uninsured patients while facing increasing levels of bad debt from insured patients who cannot afford their out-of-pocket expenses.

As our Legislature makes important funding decisions in the upcoming session, it is essential to consider these challenges — and the vital role our hospitals play in communities across our state.

For example, hospitals are a major driver of our state's economy, contributing more than 64,000 direct and indirect jobs and creating a \$6.8 billion economic ripple effect through the purchase of local goods and services.

In fact, hospitals have been steady contributors to New Mexico's job growth in recent years, adding more than 6,300 new jobs since 2005 and providing an average weekly wage that is among the highest for all industries in the state. This impact comes at a time when overall job growth in New Mexico has been sluggish and unemployment remains high.

At the local level, hospitals are crucial to the vitality of communities, providing necessary health services, serving as a hub for health resources and supporting the local economy and tax base with well-paying jobs.

In Doña Ana County, hospitals contribute nearly 2,700 direct jobs and another 1,400 indirect jobs, for a total contribution of more than 4,100 local jobs.

Hospitals generate \$125 million in direct wages and another \$41 million in indirect wages, resulting in \$166 million in total economic activity.

New Mexico's hospitals provided care for nearly 164,000 hospital patient admissions and delivered nearly 26,000 newborns in 2014. A recent three-year effort by 23 of our member hospitals resulted in double-digit improvements in several key quality areas and cost savings of more than \$5 million.

Whether providing lifesaving medical care, quality jobs or other benefits, there is no doubt that hospitals fill a critical need. In re-

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gloves. But one thing is for sure: Throughout our children's lives they will be pushed around. Thinking that the only way to deal with abuse is to get a government higher authority to attend to it is lunacy.

Yes, the government must deal with cases of physical abuse beyond a certain

level. And often a restraining order only works when the person also has a pistol and is willing to use it. We need to teach our children to take responsibility for themselves as much as possible.

Often it is just boy behavior anyway and should not trigger having a SWAT team parachute into the school. Let boys be boys and teach everyone how to cope.

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cent years, our State has taken important steps to ensure these community institutions have the funding needed to remain viable for generations to come. But more must be done.

In partnership with the New Mexico Hospital Association and the patients served across the state, we urge the Legislature and the Governor to support adequate and ongoing funding for the Medicaid program. Making this investment today will allow the state to get the greatest benefit from federal matching

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Strong partnerships contribute to student success

By Michael Cheney Chairman, New Mexico State University Board of Regents

We have just finished another productive year at New Mexico State University and continue to head in the right direction. A few months ago, the NMSU Board of Regents passed a resolution committing the university to a national dialogue on higher education reform titled Complete College America. Simply stated, we want students to graduate on time, get a job, and give back. These are our "Three Gs" and this effort will only be successful if we have strong partnerships with our friends on campus and in the community.

One of our most valued partnerships is with Las **Cruces Public Schools** (LCPS) under the leadership of Superintendent Stan Rounds and NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers. Together, we have accomplished several things that will contribute to student success. Superintendent Rounds' continued leadership is vital to this partnership. He has played a critical role in our efforts to create a seamless K-20 pipeline. Those of you who have worked with Stan Rounds in the past know that his contributions to LCPS and the community are invaluable. Please contact your school board representative to voice

your support of his leadership.

The Early College High School program has become a model statewide to enable districts to address retention and dropout rates. NMSU and LCPS have also worked together on dual credit, a program fostered by the New Mexico Public Education Department that gives students a start in college level coursework before they graduate from high school. NMSU teaches dual credit courses on all of its campuses. Stable leadership at the helm of NMSU and in the superintendent's chair have contributed greatly to the success of these initiatives.

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To update the community on some of the other student success initiatives we are undertaking at NMSU, the Board of Regents passed a policy last July that will reduce the minimum number of credits required to get a baccalaureate degree from 128 credit hours to 120. There are a few allowances for verifiable accreditation and certification issues. The university did this to drive students to a four-year graduation goal as opposed to a five- or six-year goal. Full-time is now 15 credit hours per semester as opposed to 12. Helping students graduate sooner accomplishes a few things, they spend less

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time and money on school, they become part of the workforce earlier, and they often graduate with less debt. That is a win-win all the way.

We are learning from the best practices of 33 states that have signed on to Complete College America. NMSU has instituted a "Navigator" program for entering freshmen to make sure they are connected to the university through students, faculty and mentors. Our navigators check on them if we haven't seen them in class in a few days, which is another way NMSU is a caring community transforming lives.

In the past two years the university has raised admission standards to the highest in New Mexico. As a follow-up to that, the university created the "Guaranteed Pathway" for students who may fall a little short of those requirements. They can start at one of our community colleges and as they raise their grade point average (GPA), they can transfer to the main campus after one year. The focus is helping the student to be successful.

For the first time in NM-SU's history we created a new Regents' Student Success Committee. Chaired by Regent Kari Mitchell and Regent Jerean Hutchinson, the committee is comprised of private sector business people who are partnering with NMSU's leadership team to strategize on addressing those three Gs.

Successful students can give back in many ways to NMSU including service to their community. We recently had a very successful "Giving Tuesday," raising the number of alumni givers to a number never seen before!

I look forward to another successful year at NMSU. Our relationships with our partners, the LCPS and the community contribute widely to that success. I'm looking at 2016 as a year of continued student success.



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Visiting classrooms at J. Paul Taylor Academy, former educator and Representative J. Paul Taylor, 95, converses with a 2nd grader about what he is learning in school Jan. 26 following a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

A school about inspiration

By Elva K. Österreich Las Cruces Bulletin

The students at J. Paul Taylor Academy are taking pleasure in their new school and on Tuesday, got to celebrate it.

After moving into a new building, designed expressly to the school's needs, in November, an official ribbon cutting took place this week. On the wall in the general purpose room at the school, some of the children had posted notes about what they like at the new facility. "My favorite part of the new school is our class room," writes Ashlynn Shepherd. "It has 4 white boards. It is twice the size of our old room."

"The bathroom is my favorite part because of the urinals," writes Chase Kaufman. "That's why I like the bathroom."

J. Paul Taylor himself was on hand for the occasion as well as Las Cruces Public School Board members and superintendent Stan Rounds. Also attending were J. Paul Taylor Academy board members, parents, teachers and all the students. Several students had presentations to make during the ceremony and gave gifts out to attending officials. But interim administrator Herb Torres was quick to tell the audience why everyone was there.

"The adults are not here for themselves, they are not here for the building," he said. "They are here because they want to develop a culture of learning that will support kids."

New executive



Deb Widger, center, is flanked by Pat Sisbarro and Laura Conniff, at an NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink reception for Widger Thursday, Jan. 21. Widger is the organization's new executive director. Sisbarro and Conniff are two of the founders and longtime co-chairs of the organization.

Wedding winners



BULLETIN PHOTO BY RICHARD COLTHARP Garrett Arnold, Andrea Moore and daughter Natalie Peña will celebrate their marriage Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Las Cruces Bridal Events & Showcase at the Las Cruces Convention Center. The couple won a drawing for a free wedding that will take place during the showcase, which is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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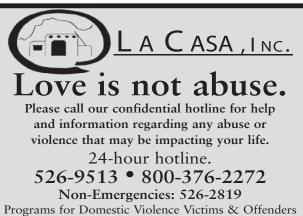
It's time to wake up Las Crucens

Following an unjustified \$93 million tax hike. the first action of the new year that our progressive-led City Council takes is a request for more funds to meddle in its own municipal elections. I don't trust them with the process already! They did not follow the rule of law in the last two elections that I am familiar with. First, they crunched the time not allowing for process of certification or challenge resolutions. Second, the candidates

they certified were not qualified to be on the ballot. What does that say? Their certification process was a hoax.

But don't worry, it will only cost Las Crucens \$200.000 for the latest pretense. These are the same taxpayers who were already burdened with a tax increase on clothing, school supplies and household items, and the same Las Crucens who nearly a third of live in poverty. The Council cites a need to insert fairness into the election process to justify this expense; however we saw clearly in the 2014 Santa

Fe elections that public financing of campaigns only opened the door to unions coming in and spending big money to ensure their darlings a victory. I say the City should be focusing on bringing jobs into our already struggling economy rather than holding out their hands for Las Crucens to fork out even more money. While workers and small business owners continue to pick



up and leave town for better opportunities, our fearless Mayor and Council prioritize a failed strategy that creates no jobs and only takes money out of Las Cruces homes. Wake up, Councilors. Wake up, Citizens! *Bev Courtney*



CMI earning stripes as blockbuster film school

By Mike Cook Las Cruces Bulletin

The Creative Media Institute for Film and Digital Arts (CMI) at New Mexico State University started out with a dozen or so majors in 2006, had no tenure-track faculty and was part of the now-defunct College of Extended Learning.

In December, 40 NMSU students graduated with bachelors of creative media degrees, and the department will have more than 330 majors returning this spring to take more than 40 different classes in digital filmmaking and animation and visual effects, said Department Head Amy Lanasa. CMI alumni are successful screenwriters, filmmakers, editors and crew members on movie and television sets in New Mexico and major media markets across the country.

'Experiential learning'

CMI facilities at NM-SU's Milton Hall include a state-of-the-art digital projection screening room, post-production lab, 2-D and 3-D animation labs and production space, according to *http://cmi. nmsu.edu/*.

Department staff includes Distinguished Achievement Professor Mark Medoff, who won a



It was also Medoff who gave Lanasa the phrase that has come to define her philosophy as a teacher and department head. "Mark told me, 'We can sit around and talk about making movies, or we can go make them'," Lanasa said. "That's what we tell our students.

"This is experiential





Students from New Mexico State University's Creative Media Institute work on the feature film "The Odd Way Home," written and directed by CMI professor Rajeev Nimalakhandan in 2013 and crewed by CMI students and alumni. Its stars included Rumer Willis and Veronica Cartwright. "The best part about Odd Way was the crew I got to work with," said Nimalakhandan. "They are like family to me even now. On the last day of production I had to fight to hold back tears."

you're going to sit and be talked to," she said. "That's how it works — by doing and by making and by creating." And, unlike some other film programs, CMI is "a really safe place to fail,"

learning. There's not very

many of our classes where

really safe place to fail," Lanasa said. "Make some bad movies and learn to make better ones. There's so much more to learn from things that look like failures."

That's part of the reason the program is attracting film students from New Mexico, the region and around the country.

CMI's digital filmmaking majors can take classes in everything from acting for film and sound design to editing, producing and directing. Courses for animation and visual arts majors range from drawing, sculpture and model-

ing to 3-D sets and environments and motion capture techniques.

Many students come to CMI with some knowledge of filmmaking because "they know how to use a camera," Lanasa said. "They've had technology in their hands since they were babies. They've been making movies since they were little kids." But often, "they have no idea how to use that camera to tell a story," she said.

The task for CMI, as its mission statement reflects, is "developing and nurturing the artistic endeavors of student filmmakers through industry-standard education, research and collaboration in the art, craft and production of the moving image through storytelling." It's helping each student find his or her "own voice, own point of view," Lanasa said. "How do you use this technology to tell the best story?"

That student has to learn every aspect of filmmaking, and he or she must learn to collaborate with fellow students and staff to create a marketable film, television show or web series, she said. And, "story is a part of every class," Lanasa said.

The most memorable student films she has seen at CMI in the past 10 years are ones in which the student is "exploring a theme or an idea that is very personal to them," Lanasa said.

A recent example is a seven-and-a-half minute film called "Princess" that was written by CMI major Mary Grace Hill and directed by CMI Assistant Professor Ross Marks, who is an award-winning filmmaker and executive director of the Las Cruces International Film Festival.

The film won awards for best short film, production, director and sound, along with best of festival and audience favorite at the Southern Arizona Independent Film Festival last March, and qualified for consideration in the short-film category at the 2015 Oscars, according to a CMI news release.

"Princess' is a true CMI collaboration," Marks said in the release. "It represents the very best of our department. We used a collection of students and faculty to bring to life a wonderful and emotional story."

Hill came up with the idea for the film in a screenwriting class taught by Marks. CMI graduate Dave Witt produced the film. CMI assistant professors Mitch Fowler (director of photography) and Sherwin Lau (editor and



Students from New Mexico State University's Creative Media Institute help spread the word about the school's men's basketball team by filming a promo film.

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sound designer) were also part of the production. Watch the film at *http://cmi.nmsu. edu/2015/03/princess/*.

"I find CMI to be incredibly inspiring," said Marks, who was hired part-time in 2008 and became full-time in 2013

"For me personally, it's been an interesting journey because I was living in Los Angeles, directing movies," he said. Marks directed "Twilight of the Golds" for Showtime, and won the best directing award at the Sundance Film Festival in 1995 for "Homage."

"My career was rocketing as a young man. I got burned out by the film industry and stopped directing movies because I was so disillusioned by success," he said. Invited by Medoff (Marks' father-in-law) to "teach and get involved in CMI," Marks said returning to Las Cruces has "given me a whole new outlook on the entertainment industry and gotten me directing again ... because I've been so inspired

by my students." Marks said he just recently signed with a large management firm to represent him as a film director.

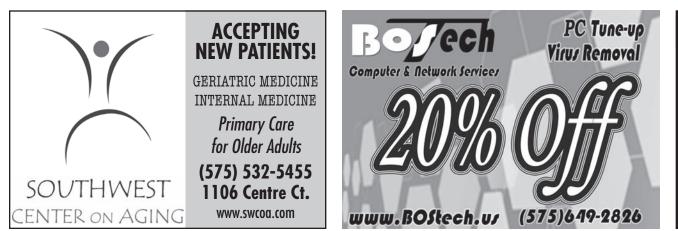
"I think what I'm able to do is be kind of job-focused for the students... I know what it takes to work professionally and I know what it took to break into the industry. My focus is on how to help my students find work once they graduate."

In 2015, Marks directed "The

Heart Outright," based on a Medoff play from his award-winning "Red Rider" trilogy. The film included many CMI students so they "could get a feature film reference on their resumes," Marks said. At least three students got professional work right away as a result, he said.

Marks also is executive director of the Las Cruces International Film Festival, which debuts this March. One of the focuses of the festival, he said, is "on doing workshops and training and opportunities for our students. I think we have 32 student volunteers that will be working during the festival, several of whom will be getting

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Tony award winner helped start CMI

By Mark Medoff

Distinguished Achievement Professor, Creative Media Institute for Film and Digital Arts

I was called one morning by a high-ranking administrator at NMSU in 2005. I was then teaching at Florida State University.

She told me (former New Mexico) Gov. Richardson wanted to start film schools and film training programs around the state. NMSU had to make a proposal of intent.

Her question to me was: "What do we say?" I asked, "How long do we have?" "Till tonight," she said.

A group of us from various departments and both the main campus and DAAC worked periodically for about a year. My focus was on a program that involved both CMI and CMT (the Creative Media Technology Department at Doña Ana Community College); I wanted us working together.

When we were ready to begin, I said I would go to DAAC and teach a course. I was told, no, that wouldn't work, I had to stay on the main campus.

That was enormously disappointing and had to do — as several other things in life do — with money. Now, a decade into the two programs, Amy (Lanasa, CMI department head) and Matt (Byrnes, CMT director) are working together with both faculties to fulfill the initial intent that we break from the anticipated and create something revolutionary.

When Jonathon Benson and

Mike Laurance and I started the program — and they were so central to the good things that happened, as was our boss at the time, Carmen Gonzales — we grew so fast that we needed faculty fast and abundantly.

Amy had first been my student when she was 19 and I was a visiting professor at the University of Oklahoma.

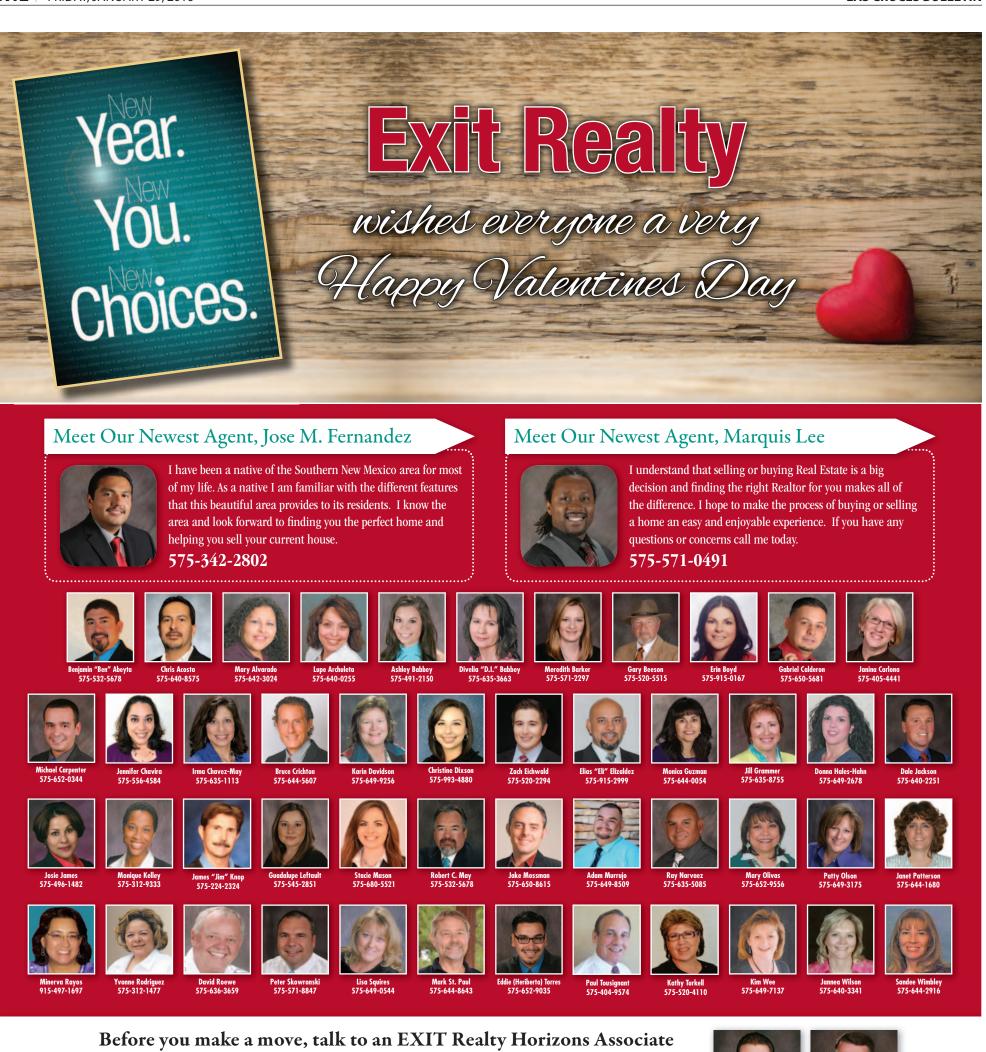
She then went on to graduate school at FSU when I was there and was in the first group of grads in a program I helped envision that granted an MFA in Professional Writing. She was like one of my daughters; I loved her as a person and respected her creative and academic talents. She was the first person we hired.

It was she who recommended the next people we hired classmates of hers at FSU: Sherwin Lau and Mitch Fowler. Then came Rajeev Nirmalakhandan, with whom I'd worked since he was a senior in high school, and the writer-filmmaker Rod McCall, a talent hiding away in Hillsboro; we rousted him and he's been an integral part of our growth.

The faculty now includes, among others, my son-in-law, Ross Marks. We are, no kidding around, a family in several very good ways.

Our animation program, led by Derek Fisher, Eddie Bakshi and Jess Gorell, has become recognized in just these few years of our existence as one of the top 25 in the country. Not bad for a bunch of artists with their heads in the clouds.





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Crucen knows the (piano) keys to success

By Susie Ouderkirk Las Cruces Bulletin

Vince Alten knows how to make sunbeams bounce off his chest. Well, at least they bounce winningly off his chest on the cover of his "Drinks On Me" EP. In the picture, he's stretching out a muscle tee, looking soulfully over his shoulder toward the setting sun, perhaps contemplating life.

But my mother taught me to never judge a book by its cover. Her advice is solid: there's so much more to Vince Alten than the rugged good looks and the provocative poses.

A singer/songwriter/ piano player, the Albuquerque native found his love for music singing in the church choir as a child. His skills on the piano came out when he was about 12 years old and was banished to his room "with nothing but a set of encyclopedias and an old electronic keyboard in the closet," he said. "When I was bored with the encyclopedias, I found this cool electronic thing and started messing around with it."

He learned his first song on that old keyboard, playing by ear, within an hour. He's still not sure if his mom was really mad or really surprised when she came home that night. I wonder what might have happened if the only thing in that closet had been a kazoo.



New Mexico State University business student and musician Vince Alten performs for fans. Alten, who used to serve in the Air Force, has played in venues in Turkey, Germany and France.

'It's all music'

Little ol' Las Cruces has once again cultivated a bright musical talent with the skills, the voice and the drive to make it big in the music industry. If you've had the chance to hear him perform, either solo or with his band, you know how impressive he is. If you haven't heard him, then add it to your immediate bucket list. This U.S. Air Force vet is in complete control of his music, his life and his destiny, and it's a treat to watch him do his thing.

Alten performs on a Korg Stage Vintage piano, which carries tones like a lot of the music that came out in the 60s and 70s, and his repertoire includes a wide range of genres. Call-

ing his musical style a combination of country with a little rock and a little blues, Alten finds his inspiration in Billy Joel, Garth Brooks and "pretty much most 90s country, any classic rock and late 90s-early 2000s alternative." When he performs it's obvious he has influences all across the boards: during a recent gig at Farley's Restaurant, he played songs from Billy Joel. Thomas Rhett and Alabama, as well as a smattering of his originals.

A current business major at NMSU, Alten spent seven years in the military and has played gigs all around the U.S. and in venues in Turkey, Germany and France (mostly pubs.) He played once at

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the airport in Baltimore, Maryland, which had special significance because he spent his years in the Air Force as an air traffic controller. (No planes ever crashed on his watch.)

At 27, he's studying business because, "Everything in business transfers over to the music." But having to fall back onto a college degree is not part of his plan: "I am very confident," he said in reference to his future as a performer. "There's no, 'Just in case.' It's all music."

'If I touch just one person, I've done my job'

Alten really felt the intensity of performing at one of his biggest shows, opening for Montgomery Gentry to about 3,000 fans.

"It was a very good crowd. It was one of the very best feelings in the world," he said.

The show he enjoyed the most, however, was his smallest. He played at the Starmax Theater and bowling alley in Deming to a crowd of three (and two of those were theater employees.) By the end of the evening, his one-man audience was in tears.

"If I touch just one person, I've done my job," he said.

Alten performs as a solo act as well as with a band made up of some of Las Cruces' most skilled musicians. "I have the best band that I could ever ask to perform with," he admit-

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Paul Walter Kimball plays acoustic guitar, Mike Baker plays electric guitar, Barrick Jacko plays bass. and Dave Ferris is on drums. Other musicians sit in when they can, he said. "Clif Warren was my bass player before he took a very good job in Austin, Texas at the beginning of this year. Tim McKellar on bass, and Dave Jacko on drums; I can't thank these guys enough for all of the hard work they put in to make our music sound amazing."

All but one of his band mates is a military veteran, and that's pretty much mandatory. "Anybody that wants to come play with me needs a military background." He believes the military training makes for a better work ethic and, therefore, better rehearsals and performances.

'I'm very simple'

The EP (a CD with just a few songs on it) "Drinks on Me" is Alten's first recording. He has several hundred songs floating around in his head and on random pieces of paper, and roughly 12 of those are complete and in his live rotation. He's a generous performer willing to play all cover songs and requests if that's what the audience wants.

"I'm very simple," he said. "I like to make do with what I have." And he's telling the truth. He's content to play his music in Las Cruces while he takes classes and raises his young son. He's going to school via the G.I. bill and that satisfies him. "As long as the house and the truck are paid off, the bills will get smaller," he explained.

In addition to traveling, (one of his favorite places is Nashville, Tennessee,) he calls himself "an adrenaline junky" and has completed 20 skydiving jumps. He's also good at math, which might explain his knack for picking up music and playing by ear. Once, at a bar in Germany, rowdy patrons insisted he play a song by "the greatest American band ever!" which he doesn't remember to this day. He dutifully went searching for the song on the Internet, listened to it, memorized the lyrics and played it right then. The song was, shall we say, 'indelicate' and most of the audience was turned off, except for the rowdy table that requested it. "They did buy me a fair amount of alcohol to make that happen," he said, laughing.



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internship credits," he said.

CMI students and staff also collaborated on a nearly two-minute video called "The Magnificent Aggies" that introduces the members of the 2015-16 NMSU men's basketball team. "Inspired by the spaghetti westerns that became popular in the 1960s, the video sees the athletes and coach (Marvin Menzies) in the gym and also out in the desert in Old West attire," according to a CMI news release. Watch the video at *http://cmi. nmsu.edu/2015/11/creative-media-institute-creates-exciting-video-fornmsu-mens-basketball-team/.*

lenges in the video's pre-production was finding 17 cowboy outfits for very tall basketball players. Producer Katrina Marquez reached out to Las Cruces costume designers Autumn Gieb and Tiffany Figueroa to help with that.

Working together to solve those kinds of problems is what the collaboration in CMI's mission statement is all about And being able to do just about anything on a film or TV set is also important, Lanasa said.

That's one reason students from nine different CMI classes collaborate every semester in mixedclass productions to produce 15 to 18 eight-minute films. "It forces them to work together outside of class," Lanasa said. The students "problem-solve together in pre- and

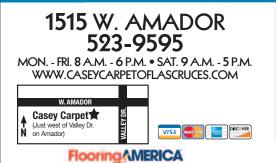
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For many of the students, it's their first time on a film set, and they get to work through all different crew positions.

"That's how it is in the real world," she said, remembering that one of her first jobs after graduating with a bachelor's degree in Acting from the University of Oklahoma was hanging lights for a play.

While at UO, Lanasa served as stage manager for a play being directed by Medoff, who was a visiting professor. Medoff convinced Lanasa to also take his playwriting class there. "That class changed my life," she said.

On the first day of the class, students were required to write five pages of dialogue. Lanasa wrote hers about a conversation she'd had with a friend at a Sonic drive-in. They became the first five pages of a script that eventually made its way to the Kennedy Center as part of the American College Theatre Festival in 2002, where it was named best short play.

Lanasa met up with Medoff again a few years later when they were both at Florida State University. Lanasa was in the first ever professional writers' class at FSU, where she obtained her MFA before making her way to NMSU and the brand new CMI program.

"I fell in love with this community," she said. "I love teaching these students. I don't know of any other place where you're going to find the kind of students we have at NMSU. It keeps you wanting to come to work; it's going to keep you young."

Lanasa said her work at CMI has also helped her as a writer by giving her "a better sense of the stories I want to tell because that's what I preach in my classroom. I'm really grateful. It gives a lot of purpose to all the voices in my head," she said.

During a recent sabbatical, Lanasa revised her play "Twitch," which premiered at the Black Box Theatre several years ago. She also taught herself how to teach television production, which she said combines film's storytelling through images and theatre's storytelling through dialogue. "There are 500 channels screaming for original content," Lanasa said, "plus online platforms."

CMI students also get to focus on their particular interests in directing, editing and acting classes taught by Medoff, Lanasa, Marks and other experienced and award-winning filmmakers and screenwriters like Fowler, Lau, Ilana Lapid, Rod McCall, Derek Fisher and Rajeev Nimalakhandan.

"Film is hard to break into," said CMI graduate and professional film editor Ben LaMarca, who is a native of Lordsburg and now lives in California "Aside from the hundreds of weird names for everything, you need several years to hone your talents and learn the industry. You can move to a film citv like LA or New York and jump into the fire but you're definitely going to get burned and it might cost you as much as a degree at CMI and you won't have the piece of paper to fall back on. I only personally know three successful people in the industry who didn't graduate from film school: one is really good at convincing people to give him money, another is ridiculously talented at whatever he does to the point that you hate him for it and the other went to film school but didn't finish.

"Four years of constant mentoring from my professors at CMI and CMT (the Creative Media Technology program at Doña Ana Community College) shaped me," LaMarca said.

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The training must be completed within 60 days. Without the training, Skandera reports the board faces suspension.

School Board Chair Maria A. Flores responded via email with the following statement: "I have read the Secretary's letter and I am deeply troubled

by it. While I do not agree with the factual accuracy of the allegations contained within the letter. I want to be clear that I am committed to working with state agencies to address these concerns. More importantly, I intend to stay focused on my role as Board Presi-

dent and member of the Board, and the mission of the District to serve its students, parents and community."

Meanwhile, when asked if she thought there had been violations of the law made by the board, Board Secretary Barbara Hall referenced an AP article that highlighted Skandera's letter after about the issue and said, "What was in the AP article was evidence enough."

She went on to say that she would not speak for the other board members and hopes that none of the other board members would either. "We have not met or

talked about this yet," Hall said.

The other members of the board include: Vice President Chuck Hall: Maury Castro; and Ed Frank.

Skandera wrote there is an "unwillingness of the board to follow state law regarding the teacher evaluation system" and is upset Flores made a directive to Superintendent Stan Rounds to "put it in a drawer" in regards to Skandera's own directive to report teacher absences as contained in the NMTEACH Protocol "in direct defiance to the regulations and NMAC."

There are multiple bullet points in the letter describing various alleged missteps made by the board.

Some of those include: • Rounds was asked to leave an open meeting so the board could meet with principals. Minutes from the meeting quote the board president noting the board discussed the matter amongst them-

selves ... the minutes do not reflect the discussion. indicating the discussion had been conducted outside of the meeting suggesting either a rolling quorum a polling of the board or an illegal meeting.

• The board president removed the district's long-time attorney and engaged a new attorney without the approval of the board.

• The board president ordered the district business manager to enter into a contract with outside counsel to conduct an investigation of a district program and the superintendent without the approval of the board.

• The board directed the superintendent how the LEAP/Jump program

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Las Cruces public schools."

Referred to as the Two Mill Levy for School Capital Improvements (or SB9), the tax would generate "about 6.2 million (dollars) per year," Rounds stated, for "major repairs and improvements, musical instruments, safety equipment and student technology."

More specifically, issues to be addressed include roofs, heating and cooling, restrooms and playground equipment.

Approving the two-mill levy will not increase the current tax rate. It will maintain what property owners already pay to maintain our public schools, protecting taxpavers' investments. Rounds said.

A mill levy is one way many state and local ju-

risdictions raise money from property taxes based on the value of the land each person or business owns. According to Mark Kennan on the website Small Business by Demand Media (http:// smallbusiness.chron.com). "The mill levy represents how much of your property's taxable value will be charged in real estate taxes. Each 'mill' represents a tax of one-thousandth of a dollar for each dollar of the assessed value of the property (from the prefix "milli-," or "thousandth)."

Kennan goes on to explain (for what it's worth), "To figure the mill levy, divide the amount of money that needs to be raised from the real estate tax by the taxable value of the land in the jurisdiction. Then multiply the result by 1,000. For example, say there's a total of \$100 million of property in the

area and the government wants to raise \$150,000 from property taxes. Divide \$150,000 by \$100 million to get 0.0015. Then multiply 0.0015 by 1,000 to find that the levy equals 1.5 mills."

Las Cruces Public Schools Chief Communications Officer Jo Galvan said that in addition to the \$6.2 million, the Public School Capital Outlay Council will match the funds for additional construction and remodeling projects. "But we have to have the Mill Levy funds to begin with."

Money given to and used by Las Cruces Public Schools can be tracked by going to the LCPS website and clicking on the Sunshine Portal on the left side of the homepage. Links to all of the LCPS budgets, town hall meetings, overviews, presentations, audit reports and quarterly reports are

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would be managed including that the supervisor of the principal would be responsible for the program essentially resulting in the principal being removed, a directive Skandera said is outside the purview of the board.

Skandera warned the school board

failure to take the training "could result in my taking action to suspend the board until such time as these issues are addressed and I am confident that the Las Cruces Public Schools are operating under the provisions of law that govern school board responsibilities."

The next scheduled gathering of the board is a work session set for 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 2.



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• Jornada Elementary School, 3400 Elks Drive • Las Alturas Fire Sta-

tion, 4145 Cholla Road

 Mayfield High School, 1955 N. Valley Drive

• Mesilla Elementary

School, 2363 Calle del Sur in Mesilla • Sonoma Elementary

School, 4201 Northrise Drive

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Chamber presents awards at gala

Rick Altamirano, center, a branch manager for First Light Credit Union, stands with Rick Jackson of American Document Services, left, and Troy Tudor, interim executive director of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, Friday, Jan. 22 at the Las Cruces Convention Center for the Chamber's Choice Awards and Gala. Altamirano was named Conguistadore of the Year.

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Troy Tudor, left, and Bill Connor, right, of El Paso Electric, presents Lino Castillo, a dual-language, sixth- and seventh-grade science teacher at Sierra Middle School with the Teacher of the Year Award.



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Royal Jones, left, owner of Mesilla Valley Transportation, accepts the chamber's award for Large Business of the Year.

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Troy Tudor, interim executive director of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, left, presents John Hummer of Steinborn & Associates Real Estate with the Citizen of the Year Award.



Owner of Burger Time restaurants, Kevin McGrath, accepts the Nonprofit of the Year award on behalf of the Burger Time High School All Activities Golf Tournament.



Joanne Ray, left, owner of Main Street Bistro & Ale House, accepts the award for Small Business of the Year from Richard Coltharp, center, publisher of the Las Cruces Bulletin.





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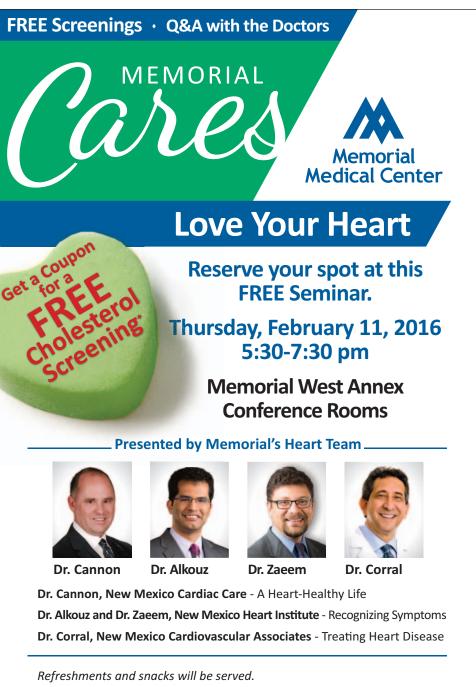
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Young Professional of the Year Rachel Courtney, center, marketing director for Horse N Hound Feed N Supply and former production director for the Las Cruces Bulletin, is a member of the DACC Creative Media Technology Board and the board of West End Art Depot and the Tombaugh Gallery Committee to aid local artists. She is joined by Troy Tudor, left, and Matt Mossburg of Merrill Lynch.



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COMING UP

Rio Grande Theatre presents Mark Nizer

At 7:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 29 illusionist and comedian Mark Nizer performs at the Rio Grande Theatre. 211 N. Main St. Nizer is one of the greatest entertainment comedians and jugglers performing today. Whether juggling laser beams at 1000 rpms, or throwing five ping pong balls 20 feet in the air using only his mouth or even juggling a burning propane tank, a running electric carving knife and a 16-pound bowling ball, you'll discover for yourself that Nizer is truly "the juggler your mother warned you about." Tickets available at www.riograndetheatre.com or by calling 523-6403.

Constitution seminar deadline approaching

RSVP must be made by Friday, Jan. 29 for "The Making of America" seminar, presented by the National Center for Constitutional Studies (*www.nccs.net*,) from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20, at Corbett Center Student Union Ballroom on the NMSU Campus. Attendees receive a fill-in-the-blanks, take-it-home Seminar Discussion Guide and lunch for \$10.00. RSVP at 915-479-3337 or candiwendler@aol.com. Open to the public.

Free course in Spanish for Alzheimer's families and caregivers

Spanish-speaking families facing Alzheimer's disease have access to a free course offered by the Southern Area Health Education Center (SoAHEC) in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter. The class is 8 a.m. to 5p.m., Friday, Jan. 29 at 4003 Geothermal Dr. To register or for information, call Lori or Sandra at 646-4887 or Ana Luisa at 646-3061.

Picacho Peak Brewing Company presents musical guest

From 9 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 29, Picacho Peak Brewing Company at 3900 W. Picacho Ave. presents Ray Orta. Info: 680-6394

Mesilla Valley Mall Get Fit Expo

Mesilla Valley Mall hosts a Get Fit Expo from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30 from noon to 4 p.m. For information, contact Susan Palmer at 575-522-1001 ext. 302.

American Southwest **Theatre Company Anniversary Gala** Reception

At 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30, American Southwest Theatre Company celebrates the institution's thirty-year anniversary. Parade of costumes, awards, music, food, theatrical retrospective, dancing. Tickets: \$30 (\$10/students) at the CFTA Box Office or by calling 646-4515, the Pan Am ticket office at 646-1420 or online at *ticketmaster.com* (search ASTC)

Knights of Columbus holding youth free throw championship

All boys and Girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to the Council 9527 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship at noon on Saturday, Jan. 30 at Las **Cruces Catholic School Multipurpose** Room, 1331 N. Miranda. There is no entry fee. Proof of age and written parental consent are required. Winners will be awarded trophies and are eligible to advance to the district and state competitions. For information, call John Byers at 382-5276 or Art Kerschen at 647-3235.

Community Action Agency sets business plan workshop in Spanish Jan. 30

Develop a winning business plan and run a successful business at the workshop: "How to Write a Business Plan." which will be presented in Spanish. Workshop is 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Jan. 30. Dr. Rodolfo Acosta-Pérez, director of family empowerment for Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico, presents the workshop at The Women's Intercultural Center (WIC). across from St. Anthony's Church, 303 Lincoln Street, Anthony, NM. Seating is limited to 30 people. To register, call 575-527-8799, Ext.136 or register online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ XLK3M3S.

Antique Treasures Day at Farm and Ranch **Museum postponed**

The once-a-year Antique Treasures day at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum has been postponed. It was originally set for Jan. 31 but will be rescheduled later in the spring. Check back with the Bulletin or the

Museum for more information about Tri-Unity Conference this event at 522-4100.

AARP/CAA free tax preparation

AARP/CAA offers free tax prep services starting Monday, Feb. 1 through April 15. Hours: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m.noon on Fridays. Evening hours: 6 -7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday starting mid-February. Preparation is conducted at 3880 Foothills Road. The tax service is available to everybody regardless of age. We do simple personal returns (wages, pensions, interest etc;) we do not do complicated business taxes. We file electronically and do prior-year taxes. For more information, call 527-8799.

NM Democratic **Women's Federation** monthly meeting

The Doña Ana County chapter of the New Mexico Democratic Women's Federation will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. at International Delights, 1245 El Paseo Road on Monday, Feb. 1. Everyone is welcome and attendees may come early and order dinner as they choose. Various candidates will talk about their campaigns. Call 644-0444.

Switch to Linux with Zorin-OS at Doña Ana **Community College**

Microsoft has ended support for Windows XP. Without new patches and updates, your computer will become vulnerable to malware. Don't buy a new computer, just migrate to Linux at 6 p.m. on Mondays from Feb. 1 to March 28 (no class March 14.) Ages 14 and up. For Windows-compatible computers (not Apple or tablets.) Bring a USB Flash drive with a minimum 8 GB capacity. Class meets at DACC Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada, Rm 104. Fee is \$61. To sign up or for information, email commed@dacc.nmsu.edu or call 527-7527.

New Mexico Chile Conference

Conference meets all day at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces Feb. 1-2 and focusses on the use of drones in agriculture, new regulations/research into food modernization safety, current chile marketing strategies, updates on mechanization and insect and weed control. Walk-ins \$120 for individuals and \$475 for booths. *http://www.chilepepperinsti*tute.org/events.php. Info: 575-646-3028.

deadline nears

On Friday, Feb. 26 featured speaker Brenda Jones Harden, Ph.D will discuss 'Building a Network of Care to Promote the Well-being of Families and Children Experiencing Adversity' at NMSU's Corbett Center Auditorium, 1600 International Mall. Registration ends Feb. 1. For more information, contact Felicia at 526-6682 or at folivas@ aitkids.com. To register: www.triunityconference.net.

High Tech Consortium workshop planned

From 8 a.m.to 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Feb. 3, the High Tech Consortium hosts a Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) workshop overview of the SBIR/STTR programs with an emphasis on those at the National Science Foundation (NSF). This workshop develops a competitive Phase 1 proposal and takes place at the NMSU College of Health and Social Services Building, 1335 International Mall room 220. For information, call Terry Jack at 522-3868, Richard Majestic at 521-0018, 408-206-0693 rmajestic@msn.com or *htcnm.com*.

Mesilla Valley Stamp Club meets

At 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4 in the Roadrunner Rm at Branigan Livbrary, 200 E. Picacho Ave. the Mesilla Valley Stamp Club will hold its monthly meeting. Cost is free and open to anyone interested in stamp collecting. For information. call 202-1937.

Free WESST training class coming up

A free training course titled 'Leadership, Are You a Leader or a Manager?' meets from 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4 in the Roadrunner Rm at Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. This training covers ways to improve leadership and identify leadership opportunities. For information, visit *www.wesst.org*, call Manny Morales at 541-1583 or email *mmorales@wesst.org.*

Doña Ana County Republican Party offices announce hours

The Doña Ana County Republican Party Headquarters, located at 3201 S. Main St., is open to serve the public Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information, call 523-8683.



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Terry Gaiter, veterans employment representative at the Las Cruces office of New Mexico Workforce Connection, is the employer liaison for a workshop designed to connect a small group of businesses with prospective employees.

Employers, job seekers connect at workshops

By Alta LeCompte Las Cruces Bulletin

Employers asked for a better way to meet job seekers — and the Las Cruces office of New Mexico Workforce connection responded.

The local office has developed a unique event that brings together employers and job seekers in a more intimate setting than a job fair.

The first of these workshops will be held Friday, Jan. 29, at the Workforce Connection, 226 S. Alameda Blvd. Additional get-togethers are scheduled for March and May.

Each workshop will feature a maximum of five employers, so nobody will get lost in the crowd.

Employment specialist Glenna Baker said she conducted a customer service survey of local employers who partner with Workforce Connection.

Their only request was for small venues where they could meet and get acquainted with prospective employees, she said.

"For me, at a large job fair when you go to an employer's table, not only are you there, but 10 other people also are there," said Terry Gaiter, veterans employment representative and Baker's partner in the new venture. "This will be an opportunity to give your speech uninterrupted."

Gaiter said employer slots available for the first three workshops were filled within two or three days.

He said workshops will be held every other month.

Participating employers for the January event are Union Pacific, Convergys, Sunspot Solar Energy

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Main Street Bistro, MVT, garner top business honors

Bulletin report

A pediatrician and a man who started his career at age 19 driving a truck each stood on the stage of the Las Cruces Convention Center Friday, Jan. 22, to accept accolades from the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce for what they have in common: successful entrepreneurship.

The Chamber celebrated as Small Business of the Year Main Street Bistro & Ale House, owned by Joanne Ray, and as Large Business of the Year Mesilla Valley Transportation, built from scratch by Royal Jones.

Ray, who continues to work her day job as a physician while son Nick runs the Bistro, in 2015 organized Downtown merchants to run their first-ever promotion, the "Keep Downtown in Your Wallet" discount card project and coordinated a Downtown merchants event during to kick off the December holidays.

Jones owned and drove a truck for 27 years before co-founding MVT. The innovative practices he has implemented at MVT earned the company recognition in 2014 as an Environmental Protection Agency's Smart Way Excellence Award. MVT currently encompasses 14 companies that employ 3,500, not including owner-drivers.

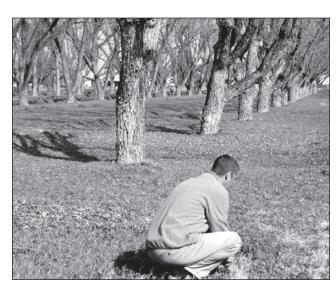
In addition to honoring the Main Street Bistro and MVT, the Chamber presented a Nonprofit of the Year award to the Burger Time High School All Activities Golf Tournament.

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Nick and Joanne Ray, owners of the Main Street Bistro, are pictured at the ribbon cutting celebrating the opening of their restaurant.

Sweeping season



Glenn Schwaiger kneels to pickup pecans left behind following the harvest of his four-acre grove on North Valley Drive.



Following the shaking and sweeping, the nuts are loaded into a bin for transport to the processing plant.

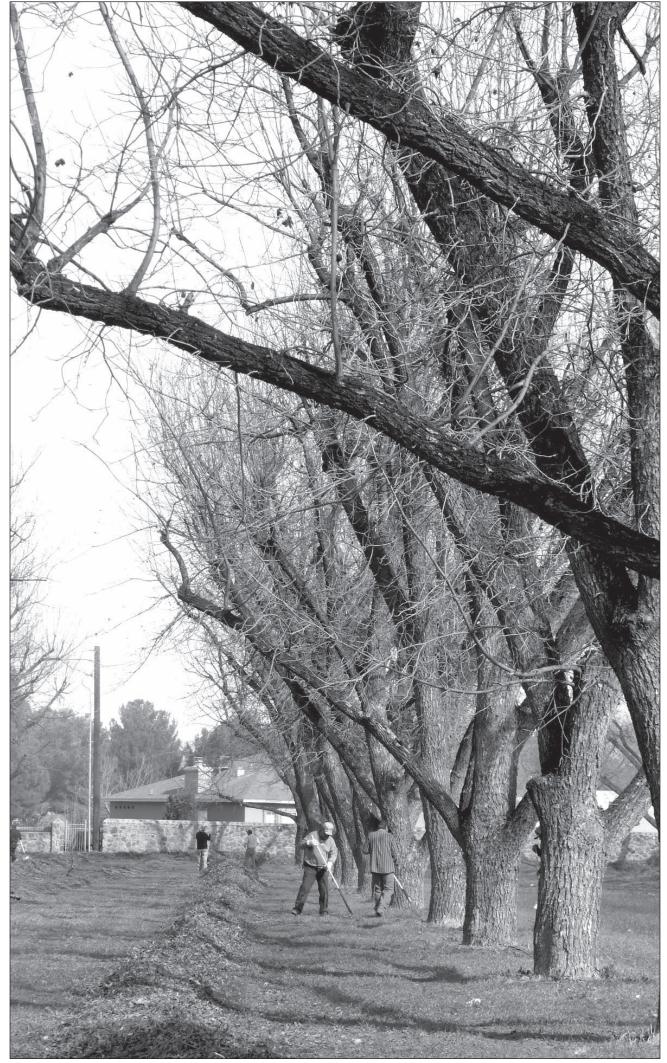


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BULLETIN PHOTOS BY ALTA LECOMPTE A crew from Arnold Bros. rakes Schwaiger's grove. For a report of the Mesilla Valley 2015 harvest, see the Feb. 6 edition of the Las Cruces Bulletin.

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Outstanding public servants and volunteers who devote their time and talent to the Chamber and the community also received awards.

Honorees included:

• Volunteer of the Year Deanna Green, founder of enchanted Occasions Event Rentals, for her dedication to the Chamber and other organizations, including the Southwest Environmental Center

• Conquistadore of the Year Rick Altamirano, branch manager for First Light Credit Union, who supports several Chamber programs as well as American Cancer Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Bataan Memorial March and Leadership Las Cruces.

• Young Professional of the Year Rachel Courtney, marketing director for Horse N Hound Feed N Supply and former production director for the Las Cruces Bulletin. She is a member of the DACC Creative Media Technology Board and the board of West End Art Depot and the Tombaugh Gallery Committee to aid local artists.

• Citizen of the Year John Hummer, co-owner of Steinborn & Associates Real Estate and executive board member and president of Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, has served on the board of di-



BULLETIN PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE

Police Officer of the Year Mark Renteria, center, has served multiple deployments with the U.S. Marines. Since March 2013 he has been with the east and west mesa commands of the Las Cruces Police Department and served as a member of the gang task force.

rectors of the Borderplex Alliance, Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance and Downtown Las Cruces Partnership. He has led fundraising efforts for March of Dimes, Mesilla Valley Hospice and other nonprofits.

• Firefighter of the Year Lt. Chris Mount received law enforcement certification from the Las Cruces Police Department enforcement and currently supervises fire investigations and handles social media education in fire prevention.

• Police Officer of the Year Mark Renteria has served multiple deployments with the U.S. Marines. Since March 2013 he has been with the east and west mesa commands of the Las Cruces Police Department and served as a member of the gang task force.

El Paso Electric Crystal Apple Awards were presented to the following outstanding educators:

• Administrator of the Year

Pricilla Johnson, principal of Highland Elementary School

• Teacher of the Year Lino Castillo, dual language sixth and seventh grade science teacher at Sierra Middle School

• Early Career Teacher of the Year Ana Bruner, first grade teacher at Highland Elementary School.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

WESST winter workshops set

WESST will present a series of workshops in the Roadrunner Room of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

The season includes "Leadership, Are You a Leader or a Manager?" from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4. Learn who should lead your business and how you can become a better leader. This training will cover ways to improve leadership and identify leadership opportunities.

A two-part series will be presented 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 3 and March 10.

On March 3, session one, "Growing Your Business Through Online Sales," will deliver insights into shopping preferences and discuss tactics that influence positive shopping experiences.

March 10 will cover "International e-Commerce 101 — Why Export?" Some 95 percent of the buying population lives outside of the United States. Learn how to get your product out globally, how to understand country regulations, complete forms and classify your product.

Register online at *www.wesst.org*, by calling Manny Morales at 541-1583 or emailing *mmorales@wesst.org*

SBIR/STTR workshop offered for tech firms

The High Tech Consortium and Arrowhead Center invite small technology firms to participate in a SBIR / STTR Phase 1 Proposal Development Workshop with NSF emphasis 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 3, on the New Mexico State University Campus.

The event featuring Jim Greenwood and NSF representative Peter Atherton will be held in Room 220, College of Health Sciences and Social Services building, 1335 International Mall.

This comprehensive workshop will provide an overview of the SBIR/STTR programs, with an emphasis on those at the National Science Foundation (NSF). A four-step process will be presented on how to develop a competitive Phase 1 proposal. In addition, twenty minute one-on-one sessions will be offered with a NSF representative via webinar.

The event is presented by the NM FAST Partnership Program, which aims to increase participation of small technology firms in the innovation and commercialization of new technology through Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs.



Forest fires offer lessons for economic policymakers

Economies are like forests. They are complex organisms and when you change one aspect it often has unintended consequences for another aspect.

Take the practice of suppressing forest fires. The "Big Blowup" was a series of forest fires in 1910 that burned 3 million acres in the western United States in only two days. This had a profound effect on national fire policy, with the U.S. Forest Service adopting a policy of suppressing all forest fires.

The consequence was the slow accumulation of brush and forest detritus. When the forest did catch fire, it burned hotter and faster, making the fires larger and more dangerous. Thus, the Forest Service, through its actions, causes larger fires than



would otherwise happen.

A better policy, most forestry scientists now agree, is to allow more frequent small fires to burn off fuel, even setting some fires deliberately, to reduce excess tinder, thereby, protecting the forests from a large conflagration.

This is not a popular policy with the public, as it can result in fires that harm beloved landscapes and displace animals. And fires can impose economic loss by destroying harvestable timber. Allowing fires to burn can be bitter medicine, yet it is best for the ecosystem. Some believe that the Federal Reserve made the same sort of mistakes as did the Forest Service when the Fed adopted policies that aimed to prevent all recessions. A recession, according to advocates of this view, is the equivalent to a small fire that burns off kindling from the forest floor. Weak businesses that can squeak by in good times are eliminated.

By preventing recessions, the Fed allows more and more marginal firms to survive so that when a recession finally does occur, it's much larger and more disruptive than would be otherwise.

By this logic, the longer between recessions, the more mild the recession, the greater the comeuppance when recession does manifest. The severity of the 2008 financial crisis, for example, is explained by the "Great Moderation" that preceded it.

The "Great Moderation," of course, is the period between 1985 and 2007 during which the U.S. economy experienced only two very mild recessions. It is a period of stability unprecedented previously in our history with annual unemployment rates never exceeding 7.5 percent.

Most economists attribute the great moderation to aggressive actions by the Fed in response to negative economic news — the 1987 Stock Market Crash, the S&L Bailout, the Mexican Peso Crisis, Long-Term Capital Management Bailout, and so on. Had the Fed not taken aggressive action, any one of these events could have triggered a sharp recession, thereby preventing the "Great Recession."

I'm not sure I buy the logic of all this. After all, businesses aren't underbrush and recessions aren't fires. In fact, had the Fed taken action to bail out Bear Stearns, the "Great Recession" might have just been a mild recession. That is, just precisely the action that advocates of the recession-equals-forest-fire view would argue against is exact the action the Fed should have taken.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at New Mexico State University. His dissertation, more than 25 years ago, was on the S&L Crisis. The opinions expressed may not be shared by the regents and administration of NMSU. Erickson can be reached at chrerick@nmsu.edu.



What is spiritual economics?

Sixteen years into the 21st century, there is little debate over the mind-body connection. It is, in fact, a non-issue among thinking people.

We know that headaches are often caused by tension and stress; that regular meditation ameliorates many physical complaints.

Few would argue that our mind and the quality of our thoughts have a great deal to do with the state of our health.

Still another aspect from modern spirituality suggests that our body does not end with our physical self. The body of our experience, our relationships, our work life — and especially our financial freedom or lack of it — are also the effects of mental and emotional causes. This is known as Spiritual Economics and is the title of a best-selling book by the late Eric Butterworth, first published in 1983.

Butterworth noted, "Prosperity is a way of living and thinking, not just money and things. Poverty is a way of living and thinking, not just a lack of money and things."

The belief in lack is something that can be overcome by rethink-



ing how this universe functions. It is a given that everything we see comes out of what we cannot see. There is a creative intelligence at work producing the universe and everything in it. It knows how to supply what it makes with what it needs to fully prosper.

One of the great minds of the 20th century, Ernest Holmes, described the giving-ness of Life to life as "lavish and relentless."

Christian Scripture asks us to "consider the lilies of the field, they toil not nor do they spin" as a metaphor for how we are each supplied from within our own being. As the oak tree is in the acorn, there is a built-in success mechanism in humans. It is in our nature to prosper and live an abundant life. Our wealth is ready to be revealed in our experience, but we must allow it to flow forth.

Spiritual Economics shows us

how our thoughts act as either barriers to the flow or conduits.

Even those born into poverty-stricken cultures can change their relationship to supply. Ragsto-riches stories abound in every culture, and they always involve a change of self image of some kind.

It is never too late to raise our awareness about how our good comes to us. We can learn to demonstrate how Life supports us according to our deeper beliefs. Age or background or religious training are not factors. This is a deep study that can help anyone to live, as Butterworth said "a wealthful life."

If we are willing to challenge our old ideas and learn to think differently about money and wealth, we can raise our prosperity quotient.

Carol Carnes, the spiritual director at Wellspring New Thought Center, is the author of "The Way In" and a daily email blog, "Living Consciously." She also is a keynote speaker at mind-body conferences. Carnes is teaching an eight-week class in Spiritual Economics beginning in February at Wellspring, 140 Taylor Road. For more information, call Jennifer at 524-2375.

Building Las Cruces



BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA LECOMPTE

A 24-unit apartment complex, Paseo Del Oro, is scheduled for completion in late 2016. Construction is financed by the US-DA's office of rural development in cooperation with Tierra Del Sol and Thomas Development.

SAVE THE DATE

SAT 1/30 - MON 2/1

Las Cruces Day Santa Fe, Eldorado Hotel & Spa 309 W. San Francisco, Santa Fe. Annual event to focus on the legislative issues of Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico. Hosted by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Council of the Conquistadores. For more information, call the Chamber at 524-1968.

TUE 2/2 - WED 2/3

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Career Connections Fair, Corbett Student Union, New Mexico State University. Employers may register by going to *www.careerservices.nmsu. edu*.

WED 2/3

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. SBIR / STTR Phase 1 Proposal Development Workshop, New Mexico State University College of Health and Social Services Building, 1335 International Mall. For information, call Arrowhead Center, at 644-6120.

TUE 2/9

11:30 a.m. Business in the Borderplex Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance Forum, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Roberto Coronado, assistant vice president in charge and senior economist at the El Paso Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas will speak. Registration required, \$25 online. Payment at the door, \$30. Register online at *www. mveda.com/blog.*

FRI 2/19

Social media marketing workshop, Small Business Development Center at Doña Ana Community College. The all-day event will feature guest presenter Eric Spellmann. Registration through Feb. 12. For information and an early registration discount, contact Pavla Paiz at 527-7676 or email *sbdcinfo@nmsu. edu*.

FRI 2/26

6 p.m. Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Corporate tables and sponsorships available. Attire formal. Cost: \$75 per person. For more information or to RSVP, contact the Chamber office at 524-8900 or *lascruceshispanicchamber.com*.

SAT 3/5 – SUN 3/6

10 a.m. Las Cruces Home Builders Association 2016 Home & Garden Show, Las Cruces Convention Center. Booth spaces and show sponsorship opportunities available. For more information, contact the association at 526-6126 or *events@lchba.com*.

POSTPONED

Spaceport America Drone Summit to be held at Spaceport America in Sierra County. For information regarding sponsorship and vendor opportunities, contact *info@spaceportdronesummit.com*.

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Systems, Tresco Inc. and Sitel Corp., Baker said. On March 11, Union Pacific, P-K Tool & Manufacturing Co., U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Tresco will be represented, while Convergys, El Paso Electric, Tresco Inc., Union Pacific and U.S. Customs and Border Protection will be at the event May 20.

It's first come, first served for employers that want to attend, Baker said.

Each session will offer face time for networking as well as an opportunity to brand their organization or business.

"We're focused on getting the word out that we are an employer-friendly agency ready to meet employers' needs," Baker said. "We have quality candidates that can meet their needs not just people who come in here with their pajamas on."

For job seekers, the event will create an opportunity to be hired by a reputable employer.

The format will include time to submit a resume, deliver an "elevator speech" and have a job interview.

Baker said job seekers may discover some businesses have a greater variety of jobs than they might have imagined. El Paso Electric, for example, hires for many more positions than lineman and cashier.

"The main thing we want to accomplish is to let the community — businesses and job seekers — know we have a lot of resources we can offer them," Gaiter said.

For more information, contact Gaiter at *terry*. *gaiter@state.nm.us* or 524-6250, Ext. 1026, or Baker at *glenna.baker@state.nm.us* or 524-6250.

Alta LeCompte can be reached at alta@lascrucesbulletin.com or 680-840.

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Ag men open homestand with Lou Henson Classic

Bulletin report

The defending undisputed Western Athletic Conference Champion and four-consecutive WAC Tournament Champion NM State Aggies (13-8, 5-1) close out the first half of WAC play with the Lou Henson Clas-

sic against UT Rio Grande Valley (6-15, 2-4) at 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30 in the Pan American Center.

The Aggies are coming off a 68-67, double-overtime victory at CSU Bakersfield.

Lou Henson Classic

The Lou Henson Classic has been an Aggie tradition since the first game against Chicago State on Dec. 2, 2006 when NM State won 80-74. The Aggies have gone 10-1 in Lou Henson Classic games, with their only loss coming to North Texas, 75-72 (Dec. 1, 2007).

The game honors Aggie Hall of Fame coach Lou Henson, who was the bench boss from 1966 to 1975, and again from 1997 to 2005. After two stints at his alma mater, Henson is the alltime winningest coach at NM State with 289 wins and ranks 11th all-time in career Division I wins with 779. Doña Ana County has proclaimed Saturday as Lou Henson Day in conjunction

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BULLETIN PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE NMSU's Brianna Freeman applies pressure to CSU Bakserfield's Batabe Zempare in the Aggies 86-63 victory Saturday, Jan. 23 at the Pan American Center.

Ag women still unbeaten in WAC play

Bulletin report

As far as games of King – or rather Queen – of the Hill are concerned, this one has been a wash.

So far no one in the Western Athletics Conference has been able to knock the New Mexico State University's women's basketball team from its perch. The defending WAC champions improved to 6-0 in the league with an 86-63 victory against Cal-State Fullerton Saturday, Jan. 23 in front of a record-breaking home crowd of 5,034 fans at the Pan American Center. Upcoming games NMSU at UT Rio Grande When: Saturday, Jan. 30 Tipoff: 6 p.m. MT

NMSU at Grand Canyon When: Thursday, Feb. 4 Tipoff: 7 p.m.

The Aggies are now 17-3 on the season and are in the midst of an eight-game winning streak. They return to action Saturday, Jan. 30 at a UT Rio Grande Valley squad that is itself 5-0 in WAC play.

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Wanna break 85? Where will your improvement come from?

For this brief piece of instruction, I chose 85 as a benchmark score for two reasons. Many, many weekend golfers, who certainly know how to swing a golf club, shoot below 90 regularly. They just need a breakthrough to establish their solid confidence.



Now, it may be time to raise the bar and set your goal for shooting below 85 consistently. You may not realize it, but if you do that as a matter of routine, you will be scoring better than 75 percent of the total golfing population. And in this case, it's not about changing equipment, or playing with a different group, or playing more often, or hitting a zillion range balls or even seeing a shrink.

Here are four sure-fire ways to take your average score to the next level – sub 85.

First, playing off the short grass is a good thing. Your tee shot, regardless of whether the hole is a par 5 or par 4, should be about finding a playable position from the fairway or semi-rough. We need to absolutely eliminatie hitting into a hazard, out-of-bounds or losing our golf ball. Those are examples of "unforced errors," and

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with the game to celebrate Henson's induction into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame and his contributions to the county.

Series record

The game will be the 14th meeting between the Aggies and the former Texas-Pan American, with NM State holding a 10-3 advantage. The series started on Jan. 8, 1969 when the Aggies handed the now Vagueros a 109-74 defeat at the Pan American Center. NM State has won the last seven contests with UTRGV, including a 69-48 triumph in Edinburg, Texas on March 4, 2015 and a 53-48 win at the Pan Am on Jan. 31, 2015. NM State holds a 6-1 series advantage at the Pan Am, a 3-2 in

Upcoming games UT Rio Grande at NMSU When: Saturday, Jan. 30 Tipoff: 7 p.m. MT **Radio:** 570 AM

Grand Canyon at NMSU When: Thursday, Feb. 4 Tipoff: 7 p.m. Radio: 570 AM

Edinburg and a 1-0 edge on a neutral floor. The last UTRGV win in the series was on Feb. 11, 2002, when the Broncs posted a 100-86 in south Texas.

On a roll

NM State has won four straight with the 68-67 double overtime win at CSU Bakersfield. The Aggies have also won four straight WAC games after their 14-game winning streak against WAC opponents was snapped with a 79-75 loss at Grand Canvon Jan. 9. The streak dated back to an 85-63 win

over GCU on Jan. 22, 2015. NM State has won four straight at home with the 80-62 win over Chicago State since dropping a second game at home this season with the 62-59 loss to Wyoming. NM State had its 11-game winning streak at the Pan American Center snapped with the 83-74 loss to New Mexico on Nov. 15 and had won four more before the loss to the Cowboys. Since the start of the 2012-13 season, the Aggies sport a 53-6 record at the Pan Am (.898). In the last 66 contests

played by NM State at the Pan Am, the Aggies are 60-6 (.909).

NM State has won 30-straight Western Athletic Conference games at the Pan American Center. That doesn't include a non-conference win over current member CSU Bakersfield prior to joining the league.

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The Aggies and Vaqueros are slated to tip-off at 6 p.m. (MT) in Edinburg, Texas.

Against Bakersfield, the Aggie defense came up big, forcing 17 turnovers and converted them for 26 points. The defense also forced Bakersfield into four, 10-second violations, the most NM State has forced all season.

NM State put the game away early in the fourth quarter, putting up seven-straight points to go up by 71-53 on a jumper by Brooke Salas. The freshman was one of four Aggies in double-figures with a final line of 12 points, four board, four assists and two blocks.

Salas, who has started all 20 games this season for the Aggies, was named College Sports Madness Player of the Week after averaging 16 points, 5.5 rebounds and 5 assists to go with a .560 clip from the floor and .400 clip from 3-point range in NM-SU's past two games.

Salas tore it up from the floor for

the Aggies against Seattle Universitv Thursday, Jan. 21. The 5-10 guard went 6-for-7 in the first half for 14 points en route to NM State's 69-54 victory over the Redhawks. Salas was on the verge of recording a triple-double, but settled for a season-high 20 points on seven boards to go with six assists and a steal.

Two days later, the Placentia, California product notched eight of her 12 points in the fourth quarter to help NM State pull away from the Roadrunners.

Salas is averaging 9.0 points, 4.8 rebounds and leads the team in freethrow percentage (83.3).

Also against Bakersfield, Brianna Freeman was three rebounds shy of getting her 14th-career double-double and fifth of the season, finishing with 11 points, seven boards and one block.

The Aggies were deadly from the field all afternoon, especially from 3-point range. NM State connected on 13-of-27 shots downtown as a team (.481). The Aggies shot .484 from the field (30-62), their second-best shooting performance this season.

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no-nos if we are going to break 85. To get your ball in the shorter grass (i.e. in position) 90 percent of the time, check your aim, your alignment, clubface angle, grip, ball position and tempo. Practice these pre-shot specs so they become habit.

Secondly, if you're skilled enough that you're breaking 90, you probably are driving the golf ball decently. Of course, there are the blow-up holes, certainly.

But ask yourself, 'What's the maximum distance from the green before vou start to lose the confidence vou need for a shot which will find the putting surface?' If you are hitting your approach shot from 150 yards in, you generally should be in an attacking mode. This is the second secret for clearing your sub-85 bar; more greens in regulation and much more putts for birdies instead of pars.

The third key in our target of below 85 concerns the short game.

Well, imagine that.

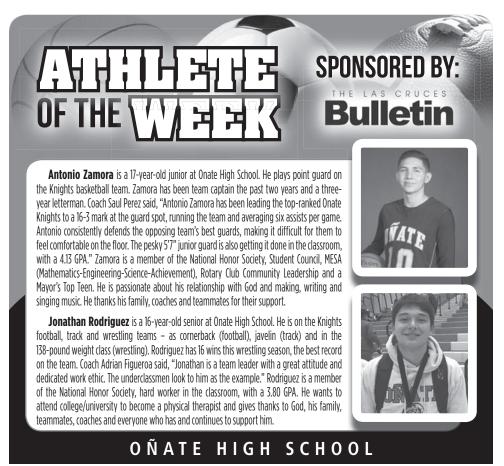
More strokes are lost on and around the greens than anywhere else on the golf course. From 40 yards in, whether you're pitching, chipping, hitting from a bunker or putting, if you're getting down in 3, which you should be, you'll

be threatening 85. The vast majority of higher handicap players get somewhere in the vicinity of the green, like within 40 yards, and then proceed to take five more strokes to get it in the hole. Certainly the short game requires touch, feel, finesse, skill and talent to play like a pro around the greens. I'm suggesting that you just can't grossly mishit shots or misunderstand distances or take more than one swing to extricate your ball from a sand bunker. It doesn't have to be perfect, but swing the club with enough authority and sense of distance and direction to give yourself a chance with the putter.

Finally, here is the biggest secret of all for moving forward toward your new performance and scoring status as a sub-85 golfer: thinking like a golfer. What does that mean, you ask? For one thing, it means establishing a mental micro-plan for each hole you play, which requires some brain processing in advance of sticking a tee into the ground, briefly interrupting the blabbering, needling of your opponent, arguing over last week's bonehead NFL plays and calls, and agreeing on the brand of beer from the beer cart. Thinking like a golfer also means turning your active thought producing brain off - yes off - after you've decided on the club and the play, visualized the shot, finished your preshot routine

and are standing over the ball. So let's go back to the first three breakthrough "secrets" (above) where you are actually "thinking like a golfer." You don't need to swing out of your shoes to drive it in the short grass; think smooth tempo. Next, you don't need to

fire at every pin. Understand the term (and location) of a "sucker pin;" and think middle of the green. And chipping and putting demand more emotional patience than anything else – so think calm. More than anything, position your ball to play to your strengths.



Wagner: 'Health policy is my love' **NMSU DEAN'S LIST**

By Charlotte Tallman For the Bulletin

When Donna Wagner was named dean of the New Mexico State University College of Health and Social Services in June, she was no stranger to the college — she had been



serving as the interim dean since the previous August and before that, as an associate dean. As she learned more and more about the college in her various positions, one thing became apparent: She knew she was part of something that was

WAGNER

making a difference on the campus, in the community, throughout the state, across the country and even internationally.

Wagner's tenure at NMSU began in January 2011, when she arrived at NMSU to serve as associate dean of academic affairs. She came to NMSU from Towson University in Towson. Marvland, where she was a tenured professor of gerontology and health science and the founding director of the university's gerontology program. She received her Ph.D. in urban affairs from Portland State University. At NMSU, Wagner began to teach courses, conduct research and assist with administrative

responsibilities - while also using her reputation as one of the country's leading experts in the field of gerontology to help strengthen health policy and change the way the country views eldercare.

"Health policy is my love," said Wagner, who currently serves on the Institute of Medicine Consensus Committee on Family Caregiving for Older Adults. The committee is tasked with the development of a report and recommendations for public- and private-sector policies that foster practice and policy change. "It's a great committee of experts and I am honored to be a part of it. The work is stimulating and engaging, and I know what we are working on is going to make a difference."

Making a difference is something that drives Wagner in the College of Health and Social Services, and her goals for the college revolve around that drive. She is working to increase the college's presence in the community – not only within Las Cruces, but also statewide, nationally and internationally. One project she is working on with community activists and experts from UNM is the development of a statewide registry for residents with Parkinson's disease.

"There are some really important benefits to

starting a directory like this," Wagner said. "A statewide registry raises the awareness of the disease, supports research issues and the development of new treatment options. It can also be used to provide information about resources for those with the disease and their family caregivers."

Wagner has identified community engagement as the number one priority for the work of the college. "We have many talented faculty and staff who are working in the community to address unmet needs. We will shed a light on their contributions and increase our engagement on many levels. It is a great learning laboratory for students and faculty alike with the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors."

"Our students chose to study in our college because they want to make a difference in the life of the community." Wagner reports. "Our social work, public health and nursing students don't select these majors because they want to make a lot of money in their career they are here to make a difference. CHSS alumni not only work in the community in their chosen profession but have entered public life as elected or appointed officials; all making a difference in the lives of our neighbors."

The Las Cruces Bulletin is taking a look each week at the deans of the various colleges at New Mexico State University

THIS WEEK - College of Health and Social Services Dean Donna Wagner

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City eyes three locations for soundstage

By Mike Cook Las Cruces Bulletin

At its Monday, Jan. 25 work session, the Las Cruces City Council heard reports on three possible locations for a soundstage that likely will be constructed in Las Cruces in the near future and could bring millions of dollars in new revenue to the city.

A presentation by City Community and Cultural Services Director David Dollahon listed the pros and cons and preliminary costs of building a soundstage either within Arrowhead Research Park on the New Mexico State University campus or within the city's West Mesa industrial park.

City Manager Robert Garza suggested a third possible location near the Las Cruces Convention Center (LCCC) on land the city already leases from NMSU.

The city has about \$1 million in capital outlay money to pay for a soundstage, with a three-to-one match in city hold-harmless gross receipts tax funds.

Within budget

Mayor Ken Miyagishima and members of the council indicated their support for building a soundstage, but said they were concerned about initial costs and longer-term return on investment.

"It's important to me to know that it's at least break-even," Miyagishima said. "What I don't want is to have a building that's sitting empty."

"I sincerely want to see this happen," Councillor

Ceil Levatino said, saying she was more interested in its success from an economic development than an arts perspective. But, she said, "I don't want this to be another Spaceport. We have to stay within budget."

With the consensus of the mayor and council, Garza said city staff will put together a "plan of action," including sending out requests for interest (RFI) to determine potential use of a Las Cruces soundstage, putting together a business plan for the facility and requesting business plans from potential soundstage partners.

"We need solid figures," Garza said. He said the council could expect a follow up report within about three months.

\$6.9 million

Dollahon told the council that research and analysis indicates the soundstage should be at least 18,000 square feet in size, have at least a 40-foot ceiling and contain space for staff and production offices and a mill. Preliminary cost estimates for a 41,700 square foot facility would be about \$6.9 million, which would include other costs as well. He said that amount could be reduced through changes in design and construction.

Dollahon said the proposed sites at Arrowhead Park and West Mesa industrial park each have pros and cons, noting that both the city's Film Soundstage Committee and Economic Development Committee have indicated their preliminary support for the Arrowhead Park site.

The Arrowhead Park site, he said, has the advantage of being closer to potential film production partners NMSU, Doña Ana Community College and Las Cruces Public Schools and their students. Dollahon said the site also has closer proximity to activities within city limits, better transportation accessibility and security, better internet connectivity and higher visibility as a tourist attraction.

Industrial park advantages include its location on land the city already owns; its unobstructed outdoor views; and its isolation, which would allow for greater use of special effects onsite, Dollahon said. There are some environmental concerns about the site, he said, including odor and air quality (blowing dust).

As a third alternative, Garza said the city could use economic development funds already set aside for LCCC expansion to build an 18,000-square-foot facility that could be used as an exhibition hall by the city when it was not rented out as a soundstage.

"With the investments we are going to be making there anyway, we may be able to achieve two of our goals with one effect," Garza said. "I'm not saying that's the answer; it's another possibility."

"I think that's the answer," Miyagishima said. Locating a soundstage near LCCC "alleviates my concern. This really answers a lot of questions here as far as I'm concerned," he said.



HARRY LOUIS BURDICK October 3, 1921 to January 4, 2016

On January 4, 2016, HARRY LOUIS BURDICK of Las Cruces NM passed away after a prolonged battle with dementia and melanoma skin cancer.

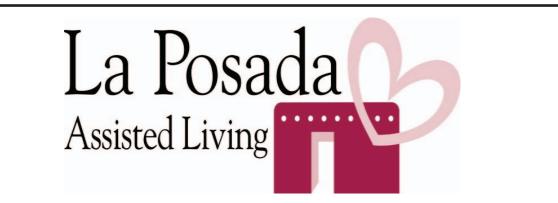
Harry Louis Burdick was born on October 3, 1921 in Hudson MI, a small farming community on the Michigan Ohio border to Fern Sawyer Burdick and Lou Burdick. He was the family prankster, always ribbing and giving a hard time to his siblings George Burdick and Ellen Burdick Thurman. He and his cousin Steve Law-



rence were attached at the hip, where one went the other went and trouble often ensued. In his later years he often recalled his childhood and the love he had for all things Hudson related. He wore his Hudson Tigers hat with pride.

Harry attended high school at Wayland Academy. In July 1942 he was called to serve during WWII in the 151st Infantry Division. He

served with pride in the Pacific Theater. While in the Philippines he was part of the battalion known as the Avengers, who went on to save those soldiers that were a part of the Bataan Death March. He was



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awarded 3 Bronze Stars for his actions during service.

Bill Moore, Janet's brother would introduce Harry and Janet. They fell in love and corresponded throughout the war. They were married June 28, 1947 at St. George Episcopal Church, Milwaukee WI. Her friends and family nicknamed him "Happy". About a year later they would expand their family to include their beautiful and ever loved daughter Susan Ellen Burdick.

In 1955 the Burdick's moved west and Harry was offered a job at White Sands Missile Range NM. The Burdick's fell in love with New Mexico and made Las Cruces their permanent home. He worked tirelessly over a 34 year period on many government projects that were his pride and joy.

His greatest passions in life were God, Golf, Grandkids and The Green Bay Packers. He was an active member of the St Andrews Episcopal Church and enjoyed participating in every aspect of church life. He contributed to various golf organizations supporting youth golf. After retiring from White Sands Missile Range, he owned his own Golf Repair Business that served many a golfing friend. He loved being the go to golf repair man for the NMSU golf teams. There was not a day that went by that his passion for golf was not on display. Some of his greatest golf stories entailed meeting such legends as Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Lee Trevino.

Harry loved his Granddaughters Amy and Marie as if they were his own children. He helped Susan raise them into upstanding and beautiful citizens of the world.

Harry is survived by his loving daughter and care taker Susan E. Burdick, Las Cruces NM, his grandchildren Amy L. Bridges and husband William Bridges of Albuquerque, NM, Marie A. Hull and husband Dathan Hull of Austin TX. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews Helen Thurman, Holly Burdick, Robin Burdick Buddle, Brenda Burdick, Beverly Burdick Madison, Jimmy Thurman and Mark Burdick, and many Great-Nieces, Great-Nephews and their children.

Harry is preceded in death by his wife Janet Moore Burdick, his parents Lou and Fern Burdick, his Sister Ellen Burdick Thurman, his Brother George Burdick and his Sister In-Law Martha Burdick.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday February 5, 2016, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 518 N. Alameda Blvd, Las Cruces NM at 11 am. Rev. Scott Ruthven presiding.

A reception luncheon in the Church Gathering place will take place immediately following the service.

Graveside services will be held at Masonic Cemetery with full military honors at 3 pm.

Services are being handled by Getz Funeral Home, Las Cruces NM (575) 526-2419 $\,$

For those attending the funeral the family asks that you wear brightly colored golf clothing. As we all know that was his signature style. He wanted his life to be celebrated and for his loved ones and friends to live in joy.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the New Mexico State University Foundation, College of Business, ATTN: Harry L. Burdick Golf Scholarship. Box 30001, Las Cruces, NM 88003-8001. For additional information contact Pat Gavin at 575-649-8993.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to his Doctors and Nurses whom cared for him during his final days. Words cannot express how grateful we are to Dr's Davis, Schaeffer and De La Vega and the nurses at Casa Bella Assisted Living along with Ambercare Hospice Care for sharing their love and giving Harry the utmost care in his final days.

Harry Burdick will be remembered for his laughter, his service to God, Family, Community and Country.

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MARIA CANO RIVERA May 31, 1934 to January 19, 2016

On January 19, 2016 our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, MARIA CANO RIVE-RA, age 81, of Las Cruces passed away at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born May 31, 1934 in Carichi, Chihuahua, Mexico to Antonio and Maria Villalobos Cano. Maria's passion was gardening, cooking and baking for her children and grandchildren. On November 17, 1998, Maria was baptized into the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall under her teacher Barbara Reed, and has been a devout member.

Survivors include four sons. Chris and Tony Rivera both of Las Cruces, Charlie and Michael "Mike" Rivera (Delia) all of La Mesa; four daughters, Blasa Rivera, Maggie Rivera, Bertha "Birdie" Rivera and Sylvia Quiñonez, (Ruben) all of Las Cruces; three brothers, Mike Cano of Colorado, Ruben Cano of Las Cruces and Sixto Cano of Arizona; two sisters, Martha Galvan and Clementina Rigales both also of Las Cruces. Other survivors include fourteen grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; one great great-grandchild as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Maria was preceded in death by her parents; three sons, Richard, Amado and Roy Rivera; three grandsons; one great-great grandson; a sister,

Velia Montoya and a brother, Jose Cano.

A Memorial Service will begin at 10 AM Friday. January 29, 2016 in Baca's Funeral Home, 300 E. Boutz Road with Elder Hector Quiz officiating. Concluding Service and Inurnment of Cremains will follow in Masonic Cemetery, 760 S. Compress Road where she will lay to rest alongside her sons.

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Herminia C. Alvarez March 29, 1923 to January 25, 2016

It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, HERMINIA C. ALVAREZ, age 92, on Monday, January 25, 2016 at her home. She was born March 29, 1923 in Lake Valley, NM to Ezequiel H. and Pascuala Castro. Mrs. Alvarez was a homemaker and a member of the Catholic Church

Those left to mourn her passing include two sons. Miguel Castro of Doña Ana: Francisco Alvarez of Datil, NM; two sisters, Virginia Register of Salem and Maria Elena Alvarez of Placitas; two brothers, Jorge Castro of Gardenia, CA, Ezequiel

Castro Jr. of Hatch. Other survivors include twelve grandchildren; twenty-three great grandchildren; eight great-great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jose R. Alvarez.

A Graveside Service was held on, January 27, 2016 at 2 PM in the Garden of Memories in Hatch with Reverend Alejandro Reves officiating.

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John 'Eddie' Stowell August 14, 1956 to January 21, 2016

JOHN "EDDIE" STOWELL. 59, of Las Cruces, NM passed away January 21, 2016. Eddie was born August 14, 1956, in Spokane, Washington to Bob & Pat Stowell. He was the 7th of 14 children. Eddie is survived by; his loving wife Valerie Stowell; 4 children John (Rebecca) Stowell, Josh (Megan) Stowell, Rachel Prugh, and

Mike (Melissa) Estep; and 7 grandchildren. He was a dedicated member of Cornerstone Baptish Church where he volunteered a lot of his time. Eddie had



STOWELL

a passion for cars and helping people. There did not exist an automobile he couldn't fix and he always came through for friends and family in need. Memorial Service by Pastor Cowan was held on Thursday, January 28th, 2016 at Cornerstone Baptist Church. Burial will be held at 1:30pm, Friday, January 29th, 2016 at Hillcrest

Memorial Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Cornerstone Baptist Church 5301 Cortez Dr. Las Cruces, NM 88012.

RODEAN 'DEAN' GLEASON January 9, 2016

Welcoming New Patients

RODEAN "DEAN" GLEASON, mother of Jeanne Gleason, passed away on January 9, 2016 in Lovington, NM. Services will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 2:00 pm at First Baptist Church in Lovington, NM.



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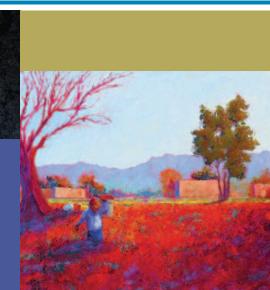


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For the Love of Art Month

This February, Las Cruces celebrates with 28 days of visual art, song, dance and all things art





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Bulletin FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2016 B2 For the Love of Art Month returns to Las Cruces

By Zak Hansen Las Cruces Bulletin

In 1998, Mayor Ken Miyagishima decreed 28 days of each year in Las Cruces would be henceforth devoted to all things art – visual art, film, song, poetry, literature, theatre and beyond – proclaiming February For the Love of Art Month in the City of the Crosses.

Nearly two decades later, as the weather starts to warm and the wind starts to blow through the valley, a quick look around Las Cruces evinces the month-long celebration is alive and thriving under the guard of the ArtForms Artists Association of New Mexico, making February the shortest month of the year with the longest list of artistic endeavors and undertakings.

From the first through the twenty-eight of the month, there's no limit to what art-loving Las Crucens can do, make, see and create – gallery openings at the city's eclectic art galleries, museums, performing arts and nontraditional venues and public spaces, new productions by the Mesilla Valley's longest-running theatre companies, concerts and live performances, poetry readings, workshops and demonstrations, literary roundtables. studio tours through the spaces in which artists create art and much more.

Though there's plenty to see right off the bat, For the Love of Art Month re-



C.C. Cunningham is one of dozens of Las Cruces artists opening their doors for next month's For the Love of Art Month studio tours. Pictured is Cunningham's "Confabulation."

Perry tackling the many-sided concerns over water worldwide. "Water!" remains on display through Feb. 27. The newly opened Desert Roots Artist Gallery and Café (1001 S. Solano Drive) will feature work by regional artists and a schedule of performances in February.

East, make a trip to the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, which offers a look at the Land of Enchantment's rich roots in the land, with rotating, long-term and permanent exhibits filling its halls livestock and local flora populating its expansive grounds.

To the west, galleries and spaces throughout the historic town of Mesilla and residential Mesilla Park – Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, Café de Mesilla, Tres Manos Weaving, Adobe Patio Gallery, Art Obscura Gallery and more – present shows geared to art lovers of all tastes.

The second and third weekends of the month — Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 13-14 and 20-21 myriad Mesilla Valley masters will open the doors to their studios, giving all a glimpse into their lives and creative processes far beyond what you seen on the screen or canvas, behind the lens of the camera or propped atop a

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ally gets going with the First Friday Downtown Art Ramble, held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, in which the dozen-some galleries dotting Main Street's façade and those in the nearby Mesquite Historic District unveil their latest monthly exhibit featuring some of the best and brightest locals hung aside works from every part of the globe.

The focal point of the ramble this year is the debut of the Las Cruces Museum of Art's 19th annual ArtForms Members Exhibit, "Here & Now." Featuring photography, fractal art, paintings, sculpture, multimedia and more, this annual members' exhibit culls the best work from the ranks of the ArtForms Artists Association – professional artists, art enthusiasts, hobbyists, business owners. students. teachers. retirees and those with a simple love for the arts.

Two days later, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, Tombaugh Gallery, inside Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces at 2000 S. Solano Drive, will host an artists' reception for the extensive spread of "Here & Now," so deep and diverse a collection it broke the bounds of its formerly fitting home Downtown.

Any direction you look, art is happening.

Throughout blossoming Downtown, artists of all kinds give their work to the world on the walls of Branigan Cultural Center. Big Picture Digital Image Experts and Gallery, Main Street Bistro, Insta-Copy, Las Cruces Community Theatre, Cottonwood Gallery, Mas Art Frame & Art Supplies, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Quillin-Stephens Gallery, El Paso Electric Company. the Rio Grande Theatre, M. Phillips Fine Art Gallery, the Black Box Theatre, Nopalito's Galeria, Mesquite Art Gallery, Lundeen Inn of the Arts and Unsettled Gallery.

A jaunt up north will lead you to new shows at Aa Studios and Crimson Pig Gallery.

Due south, New Mexico State University Art Gallery continues "Water! What is it Good For?," a dual exhibition from Bethany Taylor and Brenda gallery pedestal.

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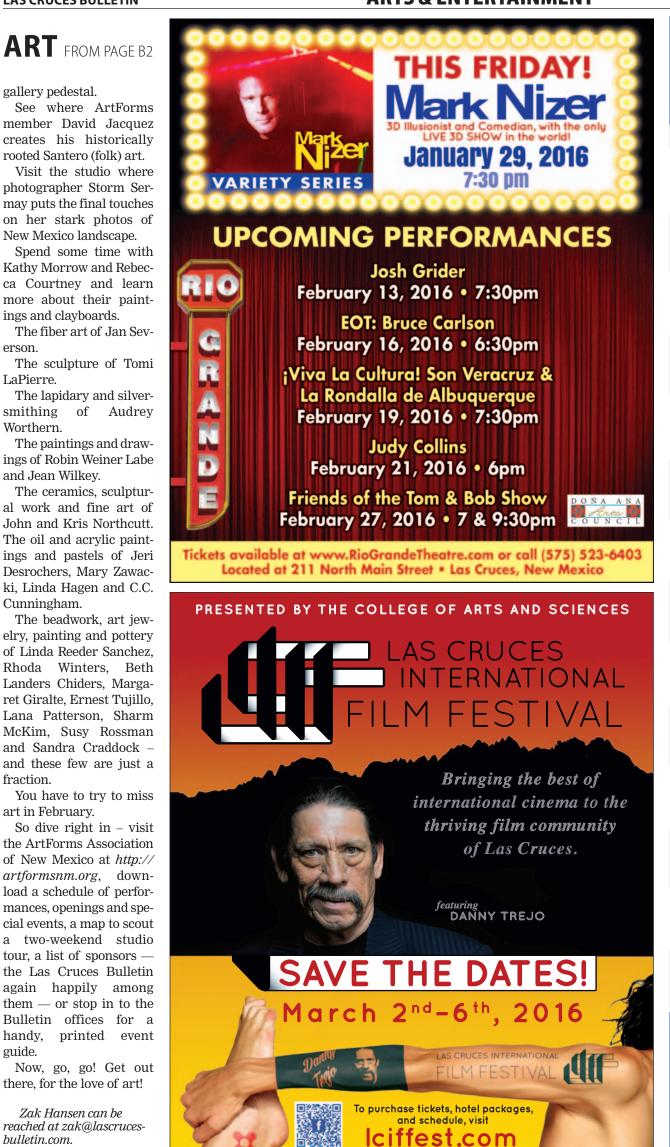
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FRI JANUARY 29 • 3:30 P.M. Library Lab (Stories/Activities for ages 6-10)	Branigan Library
FRI JANUARY 29 • 7:30 P.M. Mark Nizer, Comedian & Illusionist	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
SAT JANUARY 30 • 1:00 P.M. Team Anime ages12-18	Branigan Library
SAT JANUARY 30 ● 2:00 P.M. Create a Tardis ages12-18	Branigan Library
TUE FEBRUARY 2 • 10:30 A.M. Read to Me-Storytime ages 1-3	Branigan Library
TUE FEBRUARY 2 • 6:30 P.M. Every Other Tuesday: Jazzman Ross	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
TUE+THU FEBRUARY 2+4 • 4:00 P.M. Teen Game Night-for ages 12-18	Branigan Library
WED+THU FEBRUARY 3+4 • 10:00 A.N Toddler Time-Storytime ages 3-5	A. Branigan Library
SAT FEBRUARY 13 • 7:30 P.M. Josh Grider	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
TUE FEBRUARY 16 • 6:30 P.M. Every Other Tuesday: Bruce Carlson	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
FRI FEBRUARY 19 • 7:30 P.M. Viva La Cultura with La Rondella de Albuquerq	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
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SAT FEBRUARY 27 • 7 & 9:30 P.M. Friends of Bob and Tom Comedy Tour	RIO GRANDE THEATRE
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Events Calendar

FRI. 1/29

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Art silent auction, Desert Roots Artists' Market and Gallery, 1001 S. Solano Drive. Bid on works by participating local artists. A new artist is featured each week. Call 652-7366.

7 p.m. Live music, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

7 to 10 p.m. Live music with Los Latinos, The Game Sports Bar and Grill, 2605 S. Espina St. No cover. Call 524-4263.

7:30 p.m. Mark Nizer, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Doña Ana Arts Council continues its 2015-16 Variety Series with world-renowned entertainer Mark Nizer. Bringing his unique brand of original comedy, world-class juggling, movement, music and 3-D technology to the Rio Grande Theatre stage, Nizer



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touts the philosophy "the impossible is possible, the improbable is probable." Doors open at 7 p.m., show time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$37.50 for Main Floor reserved seats; \$27 for Balcony reserved seats; (includes all fees and a pair of 3-D glasses). Call 523-6403 or visit *www.riograndtheatre.com*.

8 to 10 p.m. Live folk and Americana music with The Blue Gramas, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Guadalupe. No cover. Call 523-9463.

9 p.m. Live music with Billy Townes Jazz Trio, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

9 to 10 p.m. Live music with Ray Orta, Picacho Peak Brewing Co., 3900 W. Picacho Ave. No cover. Call 680-6394.

SAT. 1/30

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Daddy's Flea Market, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide variety of items will be available. Call 382-9404.

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, Main Street Downtown. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art, pet adoptions and more. Free. Visit *www.fcmlc.org*.

9 a.m. to noon, MVM Farm volunteer day, MVM Farm, 2653 Snow Road. Interested in organic farming and local food production? Want to find out more about vermiculture, composting, laying hens, season extension and crop planning in our region? Come and volunteer at the MVM Farm in Mesilla. Free. Call 805-6757 for directions or email *info@mvmfarm.com*.

9 a.m. to noon, Photography Boot Camp workshop: Learning about Your Camera, Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Doña Ana Photography Club offers a series of five monthly courses. This month's topic is "Learning about Your Camera." Cost is \$5 per class, or free with a DAPC membership at \$15. To register, email *education@daphotoclub.org*.

10 a.m. Family Science Saturday, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Join the museum in August as the museum hosts the BLM Groundworks crew, a nonprofit organization that partners with local businesses to provide local youth with opportunities for personal and professional development by learning new skill sets and participating in community projects. This week's topic is the geology of southern New Mexico. All ages are welcome, from 3 to 93. Free. Call 522-3120.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 1101 S. Solano Drive and 317 S. Main St. This week, Douglas Jackson will be the storyteller at the Downtown location and Jean Gilbert will be the storyteller at the Solano location. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 524-8471.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. SNAP, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science and Museum of Art atrium, 491 N. Main St. Recognizing the importance of interdisciplinary learning experiences, the education staff of the Las Cruces Museums system have collaborated on a new program offering SNAP – the Science, Nature and Art Program. The program encourages visitors to embrace their artistic creativity while engaging in educational activities inspired by Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). This week's topic is winter weather. Free. Call 541-2137.

Noon to 4 p.m. Get Fit Expo, Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.

2 to 6 p.m. Live music with Jerry Pacheco and Ed Camden, Sombra Antigua Winery, 430 La Viña Road, Chamberino, N.M. No cover. Call 915-241-4349.

3:30 to 4 p.m. Learn to play Middle Eastern rhythms, My

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Shooting Star No Strings Theatre Company Black Box Theatre 430 N. Main St. 523-1223 Tickets \$10 to \$12 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday 2:30 p.m. Closes Sunday, Jan. 31

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Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. No drum required but must call ahead for loaner drum. Cost \$2 per lesson. Call 693-1616.

7 to 10 p.m. Live music, The Game Sports Bar and Grill, 2605 S. Espina St. No cover. Call 524-4263.

8 to 10 p.m. Live Spanish and pop guitar with Maggie Garcia, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Guadalupe. No cover. Call 523-9463.

8 to 11 p.m. Live rockabilly music with Double Clutchers, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

9 p.m. Live music with Billy Townes Jazz Trio, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

SUN. 1/31

1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Johnny Rawls, Sparky's Green Chile Room, Hatch. Call 267-4222

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Daddy's Flea Market, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide variety of items will be available. Call 382-9404.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday Farmers Market, Tractor Supply Co., 1440 W. Picacho Ave. This is a true farmers market with produce and food as the primary items, along with some arts and crafts. Free. Call 993-6521.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday Tea Party, Desert Roots Artists' Market and Gallery, 1001 S. Solano Drive. Loose-leaf, perfectly brewed tea by the pot, accompanied by sweet and savory finger foods. Other beverages, snacks and appetizers are also available. Cost is \$7.95 per person. Call 652-7366 to reserve space – seating is limited.

2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Live music with Travis Manning, Sombra Antigua Winery, 430 La Viña Road, Chamberino, N.M. No cover. Call 915-241-4349.

MON. 2/1

6:30 p.m. Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meeting, Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meets the second Monday of each month. There is a short business meeting followed by a meeting of interest to quilters and guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Linnea Egbert at 521-0521 or *lascolcherasqg@aol.com*.

TUE. 2/2

1 to 3:30 p.m. Beginning Drawing and Painting, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. Pencil, pastel, charcoal drawing and watercolor and acrylic painting focusing on the basic and advancing at your own pace. Taught by artist and educator Wayne Carl Huber. Adults and high school home school students are welcome. Enroll any Tuesday for four weeks at \$45. Contact Huber for supplies and more information at 647-5684.

5 to 6 p.m. Belly Dance Club, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. Join one of the longest-running dance groups in the area. Open to ages 11 and older. Great low-impact exercise. Cost \$4 per lesson. Call 639-1616.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango de Las Cruces, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla. Daniel Haverporth will teach a class from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., dances from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. Cost \$5, NMSU students free with ID. Call 620-0377.

6:30 P.M. Every Other Tuesday with Ross "Jazzman"

LeCompte, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Ross "Skip" LeCompte has been performing on the trumpet and as a jazz vocalist for more than 60 years, performing with various jazz, dance and show venues throughout the U.S. and Europe. LeCompte has backed vocalists such as Sammy Davis, Jr., Frank Sinatra, Jimmy "Mr. Five by Five" Rushing and Mel Torme, has been a featured trumpeter, mellophonist and flugelhornist with the bands of Cozy Cole, Tony Parente's Dixie Allstars and Don Ellis Big Band and was a member of the Merv Griffin Show Band under the direction of Mort Lindsay. LeCompte and his wife, Alta, relocated to Las Cruces in 2011 from Virginia, where he produced and directed the Jazz by the Lake Festival in Clarksville for 10 years. Locally, he has been experimenting with performing as a single, with prerecorded background music, and is a board member of the Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society. Every Other Tuesday is a Doña Ana Arts Council program that showcases local performers. Free. Call 523-6403.

7 p.m. Doña Ana Photography Club, Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Program will include "Less is More," a technique to eliminate distracting details in photos, presented by Alex Burr, and "Working with Plastic Cameras" by Robert Peinert. Free and open to the public. Visit *www.daphotoclub.org* or call 522-1691.

WED. 2/3

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, Main Street Downtown. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art, pet adoptions and more. Free. Visit *www.fcmlc.org*.

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5 to 8 p.m. Open Mic, New Mexico State University Barnes & Noble, University Avenue and Jordan Road. Poetry and musicians alternate. Organized by David Rodriguez. Free. Call 646-4431.

8 to 10 p.m. Open mic, Q's Steak, Pasta and Brewhouse, 1300 Avenida de Mesilla. No cover. Call 571-4350.

8 to 10 p.m. Old-time fiddle music with Los Cacahuates, Spotted Dog Brewery, 2900 Avenida de Mesilla. No cover. Call 650-2729.

THU. 2/4

9 a.m. Grandma Mona's Science Story Time, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Grandma Mona invites children ages 3 to 5 to the museum for Science Story Time the first Thursday of each month, to read a story relating to one of the many exhibits in the museum. This month, participants will read "Swimmy" by Leo Lionni, followed by a topic-related activity. Free. Call 522-3120.

1 to 3:30 p.m. Intermediate to Advanced Drawing and

Painting, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. This intermediate and advanced class will focus on the unique concerns of each student, working in a variety of media, including watercolor, acrylic, water soluble oil paints, pastels, and colored pencil. Subject matter will comprise of still life, landscape, figure, and architectural space. Students may start classes at any time and proceed at their own pace. Open enrollment starting any Thursday. Cost \$45 for four two and a half hour sessions. Call 647-5684.

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7 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. The Big Band Dance Club invites you to join us to dance ballroom, country, swing and Latin styles. Beginner's group dance lesson begins at 7 p.m., dances from 8 to 10 p.m. Cost \$7 members, \$9 nonmembers. Call 526-6504.

8 to 10 p.m. Live music, Bosque Brewing Company, 901 E. University Ave., Bldg. 985 Suite B. No cover. Call 571-4626.

8 to 11 p.m. Live music, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

FRI. 2/5

3 p.m. Evolved, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Evolved is a program that makes circuits through time, discussing important points in evolution and the development of the world as it currently exists. Join museum staff every Friday at 3 p.m. to explore the beginnings of the universe and discuss what the future may hold for us, as informed by modern philosophy and science. Free. Call 522-3120.

7 p.m. Live music, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

7 to 10 p.m. Live music, The Game Sports Bar and Grill, 2605 S. Espina St. No cover. Call 524-4263.

7 p.m. Howling Coyote Coffeehouse and Open Mic, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. The "granddaddy" of open mics in Las Cruces is open to acoustic musicians, poets, story-tellers and singer-songwriters. Artist sign-up begins at 6:30 p.m. and performances begin at 7 p.m. Free. Call 525-9333.

7 to 9 p.m. Live music with Dan White, Picacho Peak Brewing Co., 3900 W. Picacho Ave. No cover. Call 680-6394.

8 to 10 p.m. Live music, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Guadalupe. No cover. Call 523-9463.

9 p.m. Live music, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

SAT. 2/6

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Galleries & Openings

LAST CHANCE

BIG PICTURE DIGITAL IMAGE EXPERTS

AND GALLERY presents "Faces, etc. ..." by fine artist Carmen Navar. Navar's mission statement is to create "peace and beauty" in a stress-filled world, believing the arts are a powerful force for positive change. She communicates her art language through the movement of powerful brushstrokes and mark-making bordering on the realm of emotion, abstraction and figuration. "Faces, etc. ..." will present an array of Navar's newest works of the figure and face, which are whimsical and intense at the same time. "Faces, etc. ..." will remain on display through the end of January.

Big Picture Digital Image Experts and Gallery is located at 311 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 647-0508.

COTTONWOOD GALLERY, inside Southwest Environmental Center, presents a new show of artwork by Las Cruces painter Meg G. Freyermuth. Freyermuth recently completed the first Artist-In-Residence program for the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, a program that supports public lands through art. An avid hiker, traveler and gardener since childhood, Freyermuth uses these experiences to display her passion for the environment through brightly colored, dramatic paintings and drawings of the United States' wilderness. Freyermuth's show will remain on display through the end of January.

Cottonwood Gallery is located inside Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 522-5552.

ONGOING

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents "The Visionarias" by photographer Chris Carruth. In this series of photographs, taken in early 2014 and 2015, Carruth documents the Visionaria Network's ongoing development efforts in Cusco and the nearby Sacred Valley of Peru. The images portray multiple people, locations, and projects, elaborating on the organization's work as well as its impact in communities. The Visionaria Network promises a sustainable, community-driven, participant-owned model of development work, and strives to create a network of confident women leaders who plan and implement development initiatives within their communities. Carruth has worked in both the documentary and fineart photography since 2010. His main themes focus on identity, place and empowerment. He lectures at the University of Colorado, Boulder. "Visionarias" will remain on display through Saturday, Feb. 27.

Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2154.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART

GALLERY presents its first exhibition for the spring 2016 semester, "Water! What is it Good For?" featuring Florida-based artist Bethany Taylor and Texas-based artist Brenda Perry. In this two-person exhibit, Taylor and Perry will create critical spaces for viewers to engage with multifaceted environmental concern. Through their art, the duo asks viewers to consider meanings and practices of sustainability, water rights, renewable natural resources and environmental consciousness. "Water! What is it Good For?" will remain on display through Saturday, Feb. 27.

The NMSU University Art Gallery is located inside D.W. Williams Hall, at the intersection of University Avenue and Solano Drive. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, visit http://uag.nmsu.edu or call 646-2545.

CAFÉ DE MESILLA presents an exhibit of work from members of the Las Cruces Arts Association for the months of January and February. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of February.

Café de Mesilla is located at 2190 Avenida de Mesilla. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. For more information, call 524-0000.

AA STUDIOS presents "Dreams from the Desert," an exhibit of new ceramics and wall constructions by Las Cruces artist Christina Campbell. Campbell is a New Mexico artist who experiments with different media, including painting, drawing and ceramics. Much of her inspiration comes from the Southwestern land-scape and dream images. Her imagery reflects plant and mineral forms, ranging from tiny seed pods to monolithic stone formations. Water is

also a recurring element. Cambell has shown extensively in the U.S. and has had eight large one person exhibits. Locally, she has shown with the Border Artists and as part of the "State of the Art" exhibit at the New Mexico State University Art Gallery inside D.W. Williams Hall in NMSU. Campbell has served as a past board member for ArtForms and The Bridge Center for the Arts in El Paso. She is also a member of "The Insighters," an art group in Las Cruces with a metaphysical focus. "Dreams from the Desert" will remain on display through the end of February.

Aa Studios is located 2645 Doña Ana Road. Gallery hours are held the second weekend of the month and by appointment. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 520-8752.

ART OBSCURA GALLERY presents "The S— We Like," paintings and drawings by Andrew Martinez and photography by Joe Suarez. The exhibit will remain on display through the first weekend of February.

Art Obscura Gallery is located at 3206 Harrelson St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 494-7256.

ART ON EASELS GALLERY, located inside the Community Enterprise Center, features nearly 50 works by members of the Las Cruces Arts Association. January's LCAA featured artist is Judy Licht. "From my first experience watching dye flow from my brush onto silk, I was captivated by this fascinating medium," Licht said. "The dyes penetrate the silk, creating a single entity that is both rich color and soft texture. My lifelong exploration of color and my love for the natural world combine to inform my artwork. I create paintings on silk that hang on the wall as well as wearable art ¬ silk scarves and nuno¬-felted scarves (wool felted into silk)."

Art on Easels Gallery, inside the Community Enterprise Center, is located at 125 N. Main St. Art on Easels Gallery is open from 5 to 7 p.m. during each First Friday Downtown Art Ramble, as well as during the Las Cruces Farmers & Craft Market on the first and third Saturdays of the month. For more information, visit *www. lascrucesarts.com.*

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM presents in its north corridor "In a Nutshell: Growing Nuts in New Mexico," an exhibit centered on nuts grown here in the Land of Enchantment. Few crops are more diverse and individually tied culturally and economically to the various geographic areas of New Mexico's bountiful nut crops. Each of

the state's top nuts – piñon, peanuts, pecans and pistachios – has its own story to tell about how and why it is grown and harvested. The exhibit covers everything from the definition of a nut to its health benefits. In between is a fascinating look at the history, research and uses as well as growing and harvesting techniques. "In a Nutshell" will remain on display through Sept. 25.

The museum presents in its arts corridor "Linda Hagen: Light Affects." New Mexico always has been renowned for the effects of its light and its attractiveness to artists. Light affects the way we view this beautiful state, and in this collections of paintings by Las Cruces artist Linda Hagen, she accepts the challenge of capturing light on canvas – on form, distance and color. A love of animals, the West and nature inspire Hagen's work. "Light Affects" will remain on display through April 3.

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Regular museum admission is \$5 adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$3 children ages 4 to 17, \$2 active U.S. military and veterans and free for children age 3 and younger. For more information, visit *www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org* or call 522-4100.

DESERT ROOTS ARTISTS' MARKET AND GALLERY features works by local artists and a cozy café area.

Desert Roots Artists' Market and Gallery is located at 1001 S. Solano Drive. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 652-7366.

DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT

CENTER is currently displaying more than 100 pieces of new, original artwork created by students from Las Cruces Public Schools and Gadsden Independent School District in the center's first-floor corridor. The exhibit includes drawings, paintings, photography, etchings and more.

The student art exhibit complements the permanent art collection held inside the center, featuring 41 original acrylics and oils by Joyce T. Macrorie, several historical photographs and landscapes, art from students attending J. Paul Taylor Academy and Hatch Valley Public Schools and more.

The Doña Ana County Government Center is located at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 647-7210.

'2016 Teen Chaos Collaboration' art exhibition opens Jan. 29 with poetry slam

The City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department's Teen Programs will host an art exhibition "2016 Chaos Collaboration" artist reception and poetry slam on Friday, Jan. 29, at the

Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 W. Bell St. Public viewing hours will be Monday through Thursday, Feb. 1-4.

The art exhibition will feature original artwork

and poetry by Las Cruces teens grades 6 through 12.

"Chaos Collaboration" empowers teen artists to create artwork for exhibition, to showcase their talents and incorporate themselves fully in the community. Research has shown participation in the arts improves one's physical and psychological well-being and provides a catalyst for the creation of social capital. The City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department Teen Programs provide social, recreational, athletic, and artistic opportunities for teens throughout the community.

"Chaos Collaboration" art show and poetry slam is free.

For more information, contact Recreation Programs at 541-2455. The TTY number is 541-2772.

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum rocks!

By Craig Massey For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The Fourth-Annual Museum Rocks! Gem & Mineral Show is the main event in February at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

The show is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. The event is a fund-raising event hosted and sponsored by the Friends of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum and is managed by Las Cruces Event Planning. Another sponsor for the event is Frank Parrish.

This year's show features more than 60 vendors from throughout the Southwest. The event brings together wholesale and resale dealers of both cut and uncut gemstones, rocks, minerals, fossils and meteorites. Educational displays and jewelry supplies are also part of the event.

Admission is \$5 per person, age 5 and older. For more information about the show, contact Las Cruces Event Planning at 522-1232 or visit www.lcmuseumrocks. com.

The museum's next big event this year is Cowboy Days, held March 5-6. This festival is the museum's tribute to the state's ranching traditions and features demonstrations, children's activities, cowboy music, chuck wagon cooking, gunfight re-enactments, time travel, stagecoach and pony rides, mechanical bull rides, cowboy mounted shooting, arts and crafts vendors and much more.

Please note, due to ongoing maintenance work, the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Museum announced it will postpone its 13th annual Antique Treasures Day, originally



Rockhounds of all ages are invited to the Museum Rocks! Gem and Mineral Show at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, held Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 20-21.

scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 31. A new date sometime in spring will be announced.

Culture Series: Food & Agriculture in the Border Region 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11.

Krysten Aguilar, Food Planning and Policy Advocacy Specialist for La Semilla Food Center, will talk about how food and agriculture programs and initiatives can help create healthy, happy communities and foster local economic development. La Semilla Food Center's mission is to build a healthy, self-reliant, fair and sustainable food system in the Paso del Norte region of southern New Mexico and El Paso. La Semilla was established in 2010, the result of community garden, youth development and food system education efforts in southern New Mexico. Since its inception, the organization has taught thou-

sands of elementary and middle school students how to grow and cook fresh food while establishing a 14-acre education and demonstration farm in Anthony, N.M. Admission is a suggested donation of \$2.

Crafts for Kids 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13

Children of all ages are invited to come to the Museum and create their own Valentine craft to take home. Regular admission is required for all family members: \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, \$3 for children 4 to 17, and free admission for children 3 and under.

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 522-4100 or visit www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.



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Doña Ana Photo Club begins Boot Camp workshops

Doña Ana Photography Club (DAPC) announces the start of a series of five monthly "Photography Boot Camp" workshops beginning Saturday, Jan. 30, with "Learning About Your Camera" held from 9 a.m. to noon at Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St.

The series is aimed at anyone new to photography, anyone wanting to learn how to better use their camera or anyone with questions about photography and how to take better photographs. The public is invited to attend any one or all of the classes. Classes are \$5 each, or free for DAPC members. Membership is \$15 annually. Space is limited; if you have any questions, or to register, contact Rob Peinert at *education@daphotoclub.org*.

Did you get a new camera for the holidays? Do you have a camera sitting on a shelf because you haven't figured it out vet?

If you'd like to learn more about your camera and how to best utilize it to get great photographs, the Doña Ana Photography Club "Photography Bootcamp Workshop" is for you!

Rob Peinert, DAPC Vice President and 2012 Photo-of-the-Year winner, will lead the first workshop. Members from the photography club will be on hand to help as well.

The first part of the course will revolve around the basics of the camera and identifying general camera information, dials and buttons. Then the course will discuss basic techniques: getting comfortable with the camera, holding it and using it in the field; some basic photography tips will also be discussed.

For the second part of the course, attendees will break into smaller groups and work with a DAPC member photographer. Here they will be able to ask specific questions about their cameras and get hands on help. After some hands-on time, groups will go out and get some practice "in the field."

The Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market will be going on,

so there will be plenty of opportunities to practice things they learned and be able to ask questions while out taking pictures.

Participants will then return and have a chance to review and discuss their photos and ask any final questions.

Upcoming courses are: "Taking Better Photographs" (Feb. 20); "Getting Your Camera Off Automatic Mode" (Mar. 19); "Editing" (Apr. 16); and "Image Critique" (May 21).

For more information, visit *www.daphotoclub.org*.

Call to Artists

Desert Roots Artists' Market and Gallery seeks artists

Desert Roots Artists' Market and Gallery, 1001 S. Solano Drive, extends a call to artists in all media to showcase works in February and March. Submissions now being considered. For more information, call Cynthia at 575-652-7366.

Deadline for fiction book entries sought for NMPW women's book contest

An outstanding New Mexico writer will be honored for her work in fiction in spring 2016 when her book receives the prestigious Zia Award, given by the New Mexico Press Women.

New Mexico women writers are invited to submit their fiction books for consideration of the award, given each year at the annual New Mexico Press Women spring conference luncheon. The 2016 conference luncheon will be held April 23 at Bosque Retreat Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Finalists are required to attend the award luncheon to read from their work.

Each year the award rotates to one of three categories: fiction, children's literature, and non-fiction. To accommodate this schedule, a book published in the last three years is eligible. Any fiction book published in 2013, 2014 or 2015 will be accepted for consideration of the 2016 Zia Award.

Publishers or authors may submit a book entry. Membership in the association is not required, but the writer must be a woman. Authors must also live in the state, or have a strong connection to New Mexico, however the book can be published anywhere.

Entry is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Membership in NMPW is \$13 annually.

For consideration please submit: A cover letter with contact information (include email) containing the following: author's biography, author's connection to New Mexico, description of the book, a copy of the book, entry fee and optional membership fee, payable to "New Mexico Press Women."

Mail to the following address: Jessica Savage, Zia Award Contest Chair, 1612 Ralph Dr. Las Cruces, NM 88001.

Entries must be postmarked by Saturday, Feb. 6. An

acknowledgement letter will be emailed upon receipt of the entry.

Book entries are considered a donation to the organization and are not returned. The books will be part of the silent auction, held at the annual spring awards banquet, to raise scholarship funds.

For more information on the contest please send correspondence to the address listed above or email *jsavage@cybermesa.com*.

Tombaugh Gallery seeks regional artists

The Tombaugh Gallery is calling for regional artists within a 300-mile radius of Las Cruces to submit proposals for exhibitions for the 2017 calendar year. Non-traditional media or subject matter is welcome. All artwork must be for sale. Submissions should contain a letter of proposal with information about the artist, type of work to be shown and USB flash drive containing eight representative images as JPEG files. For group shows, supply a list of all members and 1 or 2 images from each member. If a show theme is being considered, please explain the theme fully. The Tombaugh Gallery has 44 linear feet for wall display and several pedestals.

Submissions should be postmarked no later than April 1. Submissions will be reviewed, and applicants will be notified by May 1, at which time possible show dates will be discussed. Artists/shows not selected will be notified at the same time.

Artists who prefer to send an electronic submission may contact Judy Licht at *jelicht@gmail.com* for instructions.

Address submissions to: Judy Licht, Committee Chairperson, c/o Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

For more information on Tombaugh Gallery, visit *www.uuchurchlc.org/2011/10/tombaugh-art-gallery*.

Celestial Sounds choir begins spring rehearsals

Celestial Sounds, Las Cruces' choir of women who love to sing, is currently rehearsing for its spring concert. The repertoire will include lyrical choral pieces by Gwyneth Walker, Eric Whitacre, Persichetti and more. Rehearsals are 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Two concert dates are planned for mid-May.

If you are interested in joining, contact Carol Nike

at 202-9646 or Carol_Nike@hotmail.com.

Foundation for Las Cruces Museums seeks volunteers

The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums (FLCM) is seeking dynamic, enthusiastic volunteers from the community to help run foundation programs and business. The Foundation supports the four city museums: the Las Cruces Museum of Art, Branigan Cultural Center, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science and Las Cruces Railroad Museum.

Foundation members support the museums by conducting events throughout the year and by managing funds that have been donated to the museum. Members work to support the museums through their popular "Rat on a Stick" food booth at the Renaissance Arts-Faire and through their annual Navajo rug sale. They also support museum educational initiatives, such as the evening adult events. Most recently, they are working with the Progress Club to offer listening devices to visitors of the museums.

If you have an interest in supporting the educational efforts of our museums, consider becoming a member of the foundation. The FLCM is a nonprofit organization of individuals who choose to support the museums with financial and volunteer contributions.

The Foundation Board needs members to serve in key leadership positions, including: President, runs the foundation meetings and serves as head of the Foundation board: Secretary, takes notes of meetings and maintains documents for the board; Treasurer prepares monthly financial statements, oversees financial transactions and guides board members in annual budgets; Communications Chair manages social media for the board and writes monthly guest articles in the Las Cruces Bulletin on foundation events; Special Events Chair leads the board in planning, promoting and conducting special activities, such as fundraising events and educational activities: and Development Chair, who works with the community, finding ways to bring businesses and other organizations together to support the museums and related educational initiatives.

Potential board members are invited to contact current board president Michael Weiss at *mikeweiss65@ gmail.com*.



World-class juggler, illusionist and comedian Mark Nizer brings his spectacular stage show to the Rio Grande Theatre Friday, Jan. 29, as part of the Doña Ana Arts Council's 2015-16 Variety Performance Series.

Illusionist Nizer comes to Rio Grande Theatre

The Doña Ana Arts Council proudly continues the 2015-16 Variety Performance Series with the world-renowned entertainer Performance Magazine labeled "nothing less than brilliant," Mark Nizer. Bringing his unique brand of original comedy, world-class juggling, movement, music and 3-D technology to Las Cruces, Nizer touts the philosophy "the impossible is possible, the improbable is probable." Nizer

stage into a wonderland of probability Friday, Jan. 29.

Nizer is one of the greatest entertainment comedians and jugglers performing today. His wild exploits have landed him on MTV, HBO's "Just For Laughs," Arsenio Hall, Bob Hope and Other Young Comedians, Comic Strip Live and LA Law. Whether juggling laser beams at 1000 rpms, or five ping

will transform the Rio Grande Theatre pong balls being thrown 20 feet in the reserved seats; \$27 for balcony reair using only his mouth, or even juggling a burning propane tank, a running electric carving knife and a 16pound bowling ball, you'll discover for yourself Nizer is truly "the juggler your mother warned you about."

The Rio Grande Theatre is located at 211 N. Main St. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$37.50 for main floor

served seats, all fees included - including 3-D glasses, and may be purchased online at www.riograndetheatre.com. at the Rio Grande Theatre box office, on the second floor of the theatre from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or at the door, day of show. For more information, visit www.riograndetheatre.com or call 523-6403.

Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the gray matter. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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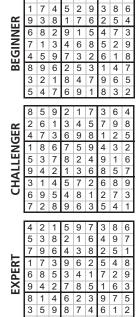
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A V L W LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

Ingenious dentist's sign: "Ignore your teeth and they will all go away."

'Neon Psalms' answers playgoers' prayer at LCCT

Review by Mike Cook Las Cruces Bulletin

The first thing you notice when the curtain goes up on "Neon Psalms" is the trailer that occupies a good part of the stage. The remarkable set, created by Doug Roby, Director larrychandler and Larry Fisher, sets the tone for the entire play, which continues through Sunday, Feb. 7, at Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT).

As soon as Jeff Peckham and Gail Wheeler – and later McKensi Karnes and Darin Robert Cabot – take the stage, though, the focus shifts to the acting, the directing of Algernon D'Ammassa and the story written by Thomas Strelich.

"Neon Psalms" successfully stiches together several compelling stories as it lays bare the regret-filled past and isolated present that characterize the lives of Luton (Peckam) and Patina (Wheeler) Mears and their daughter, Barbara (Karnes).

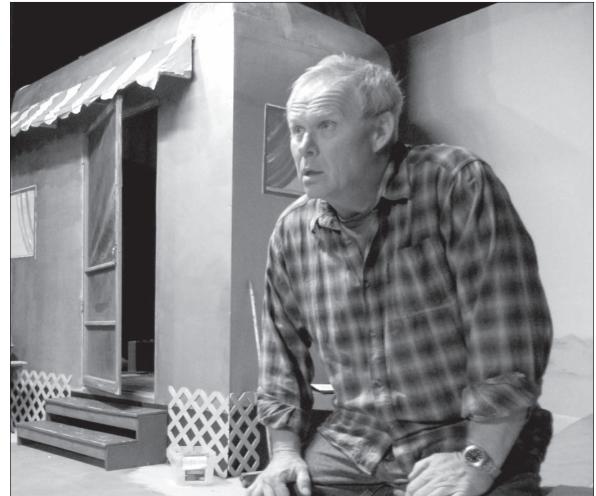
Patina copes through prayer, spouting Bible verses and the disturbingly accurate targeting of her husband's and daughter's vulnerabilities. Luton wanders in the desert and brings home turtles to care for. Barbara puts extra French fries in the bottoms of customer's bags at her dead-end job. Then, Ray Hays (Cabot) appears, literally bringing the fuel — he's a propane deliveryman — that may empower one of the Mears to a different and more hopeful future

D'Ammassa found a copy of "Neon Psalms" some years ago at Coas Bookstore next door to Las Cruces Community Theatre and was intrigued by the title, and then the dialogue. He recognized that the play, which premiered in San Francisco in 1985, is "eerily prescient; it feels new and current."

D'Ammassa used the costume design of Autumn Gieb, the sound design of David Wheeler, the light design of Ken Brouhard, the stage managing skills of Erica Krauel and Vanessa Dabovich and the backstage and booth talents of Bekah Riley and Bruce Howard to zero in on his actors and their characters and let them find the bitter and the sweet in the playwright's lines and in the spaces between them.

Peckham, Wheeler, Karnes and Cabot bring a wealth of acting experience and talent in every Las Cruces venue and far beyond to this show. Individually and collectively, they have found themselves in the Mears family members and in Hays – the damaged and yet resilient lives they struggle through and the ugly, funny and extremely human relationships they share.

Each actor brings an authenticity and an openness to his or her performance that reminds



Jeff Peckham stars as eccentric desert-dweller Luton Mears in Thomas Strelich's "Neon Psalms," now playing at Las Cruces Community Theatre under the direction of Algernon D'Ammassa. Seven performances of "Neon Psalms" remain through Sunday, Feb. 7.

the audience that the story isn't just about the characters on stage; it's a little bit about all of us and the neon lights and favorite psalms that color and compel our histories and our dreams.

Go see this play and see

where it takes you.

"Neon Psalms" will be performed at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 29 and 30 and Feb. 5 and 6, and at 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 31 and Feb. 7 at Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$11 for students, senior citizens and members of the military, \$9 for children ages six and under and \$10 per seat for groups of 10 or more.

Make reservations at *www*. *lcctnm.org* or call 523-1200.

Bears, bulls, bubbles and billionaires in 'The Big Short'

Review by Zak Hansen

Las Cruces Bulletin

"The Big Short" will piss you off. You'll enjoy it as it does.

The film is adapted from author Michael Lewis' 2010 nonfiction book "The Big Short: Inside the Doomsday Machine," detailing the build up to the late-2000s twin housing- and credit-bubble bursts, and the hubris, greed, foolhardy ignorance and outright complicity between the banks, ratings agencies and Federal government. It does this by more or less relegating that story to the sidelines, focusing instead on the various "outsiders and weirdos" who won big betting against the banks, the housing market and the entire American economy through the creation of the credit default swap market.

Director Adam McKay, who co-wrote the screenplay with Charles Randolph, steps far from his element with "The Big Short" – he's best known for comedies like "Anchorman," "Talladega Nights" and "Step Brothers" – with a confident, bold first foray into drama, earning an Oscar nomination for Best Picture along the way.

In 2005, Dr. Michael Burry (Christian Bale), eccentric, socially awkward, thrash-metal blaring, heavy metal drumming, autistic, monocular, glass-eyed former neurologist and later manager and founder of Scion Capital LLC hedge fund discovers in his methodical, trance-like studying of hundreds of pages of thousands of words, charts, graphs, market predictions, mortgage rates, stock prices, data points, facts and figures and other minutiae of the American economy.

Burry found something.

He found something everyone – everyone – hubristically missed or overlooked for profit.

He found the U.S. housing market, a decade-plus booming, was highly unstable, built on a crumbling foundation of high-risk, lower-returning subprime loans, and he predicted by 2007 the market would sinkhole entirely. He also realized Scion could make a killing by betting against the banks and housing market, creating a credit default swap market. With

Trumbo as he truly was — a rebel with a cause

Review by Jeff Berg For the Las Cruces Bulletin

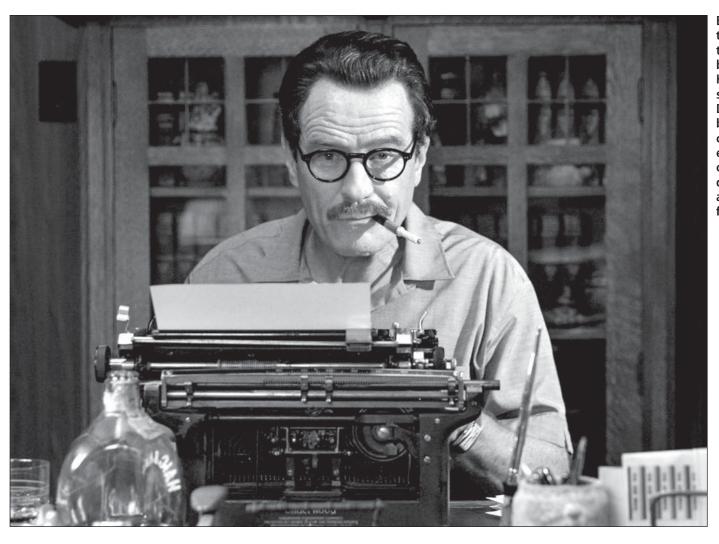
Usually, I have been told and have read, the bigwigs of the motion-picture industry, sometimes known as Hollywood, care little for their product other than opening weekend box office, age demographics (recently shattered, since someone finally figured out young men, the live-anddie-for demo, rarely do theaters now) and the final bottom line.

At one time it was different, with films being banned on occasion – as were three pictures shot at least in part in New Mexico, "The Golden God" (1914), shot entirely in Las Vegas and condemned by the National Board of Censorship as "inflammable" because of the battle scenes and the subversive tone of capital vs. labor – "The Outlaw," a Billy the Kid opus directed by Howard Hughes (yes, that Howard Hughes), which was partially shot in Socorro, finished in 1943, but not released until 1946 due to censorship issues, mostly concerning the upper body endowment of star Jane Russell and Hughes' efforts to, shall we say, cash in on them, and "Salt of the Earth" from 1954. shot in the Silver City area. This picture didn't get its due until recent years.

However, during the 1950s the McCarthy goons in Washington were hot on the trail of such nasty and nefarious communists as Dalton Trumbo.

Trumbo, ably played here by Bryan Cranston ("Breaking Bad"), was a communist and made no real effort to hide that fact. But pursue him they did, even when they didn't know that he continued writing for smaller studios, using pen names or pseudonyms to cover his fanny.

During his career, Trumbo won two Oscars and was responsible for several outstanding picture screenplays, most especially "Spartacus," "Roman Holiday," and the New Mexico-made work "Lonely are the Brave." He also wrote but was not credited for another



Bryan Cranston stars as the titular blacklisted Hollywood screenwriter Dalton Trumbo in the Oscar-nominated "Trumbo," opening Friday, Jan. 29, and running for one week.

made-in-New Mexico flicker, "Cowboy," with Jack Lemmon and Glenn Ford.

All told, Trumbo did nearly 70 screenplays. Another of the late writer's works, "Montezuma" about the Aztec leader and his conflict with Spanish invader Hernan Cortes, is ru-

mored to be made soon with Steven Spielberg as director.

In this film, however, which is seen through a constant

haze of cig-

arette smoke, the picture focuses on the years that Trumbo was blacklisted and his "too bad for you" attitude, while also dealing to a lesser degree with his family issues.

Albuquerque native Jay Roach is the director of the film, which was adapted from a biography of Trumbo written by Bruce Cook. Roach's other works include the somewhat light comedies "Meet the Parents" and "Austin Powers," but he also did stronger work for HBO, taking the helm on "Recount" and "Game Change."

Trumbo was one of Hollywood's busiest writers in the 1930s and '40s, winning acclaim for his antiwar novel "Johnny Got His Gun," which has been

put on film twice, while also writing for more audience friendly works such as "Kitty Foyle," "A Guy Named Joe" and the mostly pro-war feature "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo" with Spencer Tracy. But he also had time to support labor issues and other 'lefty' causes of the day.

The picture begins just after the end of World War II, with John Wayne and Hollywood gossip columnist Hedda Hopper as his main antagonists. Hopper herself did her best to destroy Trumbo's career for more than 10 years.

In spite of these pressures, Trumbo writes like a madman, day and night, often sitting in his bathtub with his favorite adult beverage and many cigarettes. It is said that he could write 30 pages a day. He had a contract with MGM that made him the highest-paid writer in the business at the time, but as the Commie hunters expanded and the House Un-American Activities Committee people got going, Trumbo sat in the eve of the storm, as they tried to force him and nine others to name names, which made them all in contempt of Congress – a group I have held in contempt for decades.

Tossed in prison in 1950, we also see that Trumbo was a

family man, although not always acting in the best interest of his wife and children. Supported by a cadre of friends and hired later on by small studios, such as King Productions (led here by a great performance by John Goodman), the picture slowly picks up steam as Trumbo writes the scripts but allows others to claim them as their own work so they can get into print and on the screen. His big break comes when famed director Otto Preminger tracks him down and offers him "Exodus" allowing Trumbo to escape the vilification that has been showered on him.

The film often feels a bit like a made-for-HBO-work but the performances by Cranston and the fine supporting cast, boosted by excellent period representation, allow this picture to show Trumbo as he truly was: a rebel with a cause.

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Coming soon on DVD Feb. 2

Bridge of Spies

Rated: PG-13 Genre: Drama, suspense Starring: Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance Director: Steven Spielberg

Freeheld

Rated: PG-13 Genre: Drama Starring: Julianne Moore, Ellen Page Director: Peter Sollett

The Last Witch Hunter Rated: PG-13

Starring: Action, fantasy Starring: Vin Diesel, Rose Leslie Director: Breck Eisner

Our Brand is Crisis Rated: R

Genre: Comedy, drama Starring: Sandra Bullock, Billy Bob Thornton Director: David Gordon Green

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- (Week No. 6) \$14,078,648 Ride Along 2 (Week No. 2)
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- **The 5th Wave (Week No. 1)** \$10,326,356
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- \$3,176,529



Picking the Flicks

Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Movie reel based on a 5-point scale.

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Star Wars: The Force @@@@@ Awakens

Rated: PG-13 Plot Overview: The Rebel Alliance and the Galactic Empire – now the Resistance and First Order – square off once again. Starring: Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill Director: J.J. Abrams

The Boy

Rated: PG-13 Plot Overview: : An American nanny is shocked to discover her new family's boy is actually a life-sized doll – one she's convinced is really alive. Starring: Lauren Cohan, Rupert Evans Director: William Brent Bell

Dirty Grandpa Rated: R

Plot Overview: An uptight husband-to-be is tricked into driving his perverted grandfather to Florida for Spring Break. Starring: Robert De Niro, Zac Efron Director: Dan Maze

Daddy's Home Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: A mild-mannered executive and stepfather is forced to compete for his children's affection upon the arrival of his wife's freeloading ex-husband. Starring: Will Ferrell, Mark Walhberg Director: Sean Anders

Sisters

Rated: R Plot Overview: Two sisters throw one final house party before their parents sell the childhood home. Starring: Tina Fey, Amy Poehler Director: Jason Moore Starring: Kaley Cuoco, Bella Thome

Kung Fu Panda 3

Rated: PG Plot Overview: Po faces off against two epic threats – one supernatural and one much closer to home. Starring: Jack Black, Angelina Jolie (voices) Director: Alessandro Carloni, Jennifer Yuh OPENS FRIDAY, JAN. 29

Fifty Shades

of Black Rated: R Plot Overview: An inexperienced college student's relationship with a

wealthy businessman is strained by his wilder sexual practices. Starring: Marlon Wayans, Kali Hawk Director: Michael Tiddes

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Norm of the North Rated: PG

Plot Overview: Displaced from the Arctic, Norm the polar bear and three lemming pals head to New York City, where Norm becomes the mascot of a massive corporation – one with ties to his homeland's fate. Starring: Rob Schneider, Heather Graham (voices)

Ride Along 2 Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: With his wedding day approaching, Ben heads to Miami with soon-to-be brother-in-law James to take down a drug kingpin with a hold on Atlanta. Starring: Kevin Hart, Ice Cube Director: Tim Story



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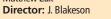
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The 5th Wave Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: After four deadly alien attacks, Earth is mostly destroyed and mankind is on the run, among them Cassie, trying to save her young brother.

Starring: Chloë Grace Moretz, Matthew Zuk



13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi Rated: R

Plot Overview: A U.S. Ambassador is killed during an American attack in Libya, and a security team must try to survive the chaos. Starring: Toby Stephens, John Krasinski Director: Michael Bay

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Rated: R Plot Overview: Legendary frontiersman Hugh Glass, mauled by a bear and left for dead, treks across the wild to take revenge on the men who abandoned him. Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hardy



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The Finest Hours Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: The Coast Guard heads out on a dangerous rescue mission when a blizzard destroys two oil tankers at sea off the coast of Cape Cod in 1952. Starring: Chris Pine, Holliday Granger Director: Craig Gillespie OPENS FRIDAY, JAN. 29

Jane Got a Gun Rated: R

Plot Overview: A vengeful woman recruits her ex-lover to save her outlaw husband from the gang that pursues him.

Starring: Natalie Portman, Joel Edgerton Director: Gavin O'Connor



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'THE BIG SHORT' FROM PAGE B12

Scion's fluid assets in hand, Burry hits the big boys — Lehman Brothers, Bear Stearns, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley — with his offer. Seeing him as a fool and ever-willing to take his money, he's nearly laughed off of Wall Street.

In the end, he leaves \$1.3 billion on the table, a stack of swaps and a ballooning, millions-a-year interest payment until those bets pay off. If they pay off.

That night, a gaggle of bragging, party bro bankers out for cocktails boasts to trader Jared Vennett (Ryan Gosling, also narrating in turns) news of Burry the sucker. Vennett may see what Burry sees, or he's just wondering why someone would make such a costly and ridiculous bet against a market Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan himself said was stable.

Vennett's assistant places a misdialed call to FrontPoint Partners attempting to reach the other FrontPoint in the same Morgan Stanley building - happens all the time - letting word of Burry's move slip. FrontPoint founder Mark Baum (Steve Carrell, playing a fictionalized Steve Eisman) gets wind and enlists his small team trio of actors Hamish Linklater. Jeremy Strong and Rafe Spall for a meet with Vennett. They're ultimately convinced by Vennett's hotshot spiel, "so transparent in his self-interest I respect it," and are on board.

Burry's investment is down 17 percent.

Becoming the hushed talk of the town, word of the trade reaches Charlie Geller (John Magaro) and Jamie Shipley (Finn Wittrock), in town and on Wall Street to have doors slammed in their faces by the heavy hitters. Investors Geller and Shiplev are the founders of a garage-band Boulder firm Brownfield Capital, which over its first four years turned a \$100,000 investment by Geller into upwards of \$30 million. The big banks won't let little-league Brownfield play with



Steve Carrell and Ryan Gosling lead an ensemble cast in director Adam McKay's Oscar-nominated, fact-based housing-bubble comedy-drama "The Big Short," now playing at Allen Theatres.

the pros with a measly \$30 million, so they enlist friend, retired banker and current seed-gathering Colorado survivalist Ben Rickert (a small part by Brad Pitt) for a guest spot in the game.

The players in place, this motley crew descends on the Las Vegas-hosted American Securitization Forum, where they realize things are even worse than they thought. The market's reliance on trash mortgage bonds, the lenders' greedy arrogance, the SEC investigators literally in bed with the bankers for a job down the line – all signs point to disaster, which is great for the guys, just bad for everyone else.

Burry's investment is down more than 120 percent.

When the bubble finally bursts, everyone makes a killing, but that win comes with its own losses. The characters each handle it differently, ranging from rich and cautiously ambivalent about profiting from the loss of millions of Americans' homes, jobs and lives to rich and downright mortified. They didn't cause the collapse, but they sure as hell made a buck from it. All the moral avenues are explored – Vennett is predictably ear-to-ear; Baum is wracked with guilt; Rickert again absconds to his cabin in the Rocky Mountains; Shipley and Geller remain friends, the later leaving the company he built.

He leaves Scion, moves and begins investing heavily in just one commodity: water.

Burry's investment is up 489 percent, closing at a respectable \$635,700,000,000 and change.

McKay's style in "The Big Short" has a quick, loose, almost documentary feel to it. Handheld cameras zoom into faces, momentarily wavering before correcting focus; the narrative space and time is placed with newsreel, snippets of television shows, music videos and commercials; characters periodically break the fourth wall to address the viewer directly. It jumps forward and back in time and place, checking in with the various camps for a few minutes to seconds at a time, or who they were and how they got that way and who they are going to be.

The housing and credit market bursts aren't easy to understand, much less so the greedy machinations behind them, and "The Big Short," while still perhaps a bit over any layman's head and indeed mine does a handily postmodern job of breaking it down for audiences. For some of the more intricate points, McKay enlists a few interesting A-listers to break it down – Margot Robbie sipping champagne in a bubble bath, breaking down the financial crisis; Selena Gomez and American economist Dr. Richard Thaler at a roulette wheel; even celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain, dispensing an economic parable through the parable of the unscrupulous restaurateur and the day-old halibut.

It's not old fish – voila! – It's seafood stew!

Most impressively, it makes an innumerably complicated matter – a matter of deep but

unrecognized import to any person who has ever made or spent money – and makes it a little easier to understand, without dumbing-down, goofing-around, condescending or over-expositing. It's a fresh, funny, insightful, angry film that demands accountability knowing full well it will never come. It gives people good people, greedy people, arrogant people, autistic people, real people – a pile of money on the horizon and follows each as they make their choices, reap the rewards and suffer the defeats each uniquely.

And don't worry – McKay's finely honed chops in comedy are still on display. He has an emotionally invested, multifaceted human drama with "The Big Short," one enhanced by the comic timing of a legend working in favor of a cast that shares a clear and comfortable chemistry.

It will still piss you off, though.

Zak Hansen can be reached at zak@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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Singing Out LGBTA choir begins rehearsals

Singing Out, a choir comprised of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allies, will begin rehearsals for its 2016 season on Friday, Feb. 2, and is seeking new members. No auditions or music-reading ability is required. For more information, visit www.singingout*lascruces.org* or email *singingoutlascruces@gmail.com*.

NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum seeks tour guides

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, is looking for volunteers to be tour guides during the spring 2016 season. Tour guides help the museum teach visitors about the rich cultural legacy of New Mexico by taking students through the museum. Enrich your own knowledge of New Mexico agricultural history at the same time. For more information, call Debbi Holderby at 522-4100 ext. 116.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery accepting applications

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is accepting applications for exhibitions, and encourages artists to stop by the gallery to learn more. Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933 or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

Tularosa MERC seeks member artists

The MERC, Tularosa's newest art and art gift cooperative on historic Granado Street is now accepting new artist memberships. Many details to share and many benefits. For more information contact greatrepnm@gmail.com.



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Fourth Annual NMSU Bel Canto concert

The New Mexico State University Department of Music and Doña Ana Lyric Opera present the fourth annual Bel Canto Scholarship Concert at Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, The eclectic program includes selections from operas by Handel, Donizetti, and Leoncavallo, as well as Broadway standards by Rodgers and Hart, the Gershwins, Bernstein, Lloyd Webber, and more. The four scholarship winners — Amanda Ronquillo, Lara Zel Hartman, Ejerson Balabas, and Cory Gasparich — will be joined by pianist, Flor de la Garza. DALO director, Dr. John Carlo Pierce, will moderate the program. This is a free concert. Refreshments will be served, and all donations benefit DALO's Bel Canto Scholarship fund. The event is sponsored by Temple Beth-El's Adult Education Committee.

Holy Cross to hold open house

Las Cruces Catholic Schools, which includes Holy Cross and St. Mary's High School, will hold an open house on Thursday, Feb. 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event is open to existing and new families interesting in enrollment. School tours will be given from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., followed by a spaghetti dinner in the auditorium school's from 4:30 to 6 p.m. There also will be a meet and greet with teachers and staff from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the dinner are \$5 per plate and families who purchase dinner will be entered into a raffle for free registration. Registration fee is \$325 for new students or \$175 for existing students. Holy Cross is located at 1331 N. Miranda St. School hours are 8 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. during the regular school year which runs August through May. For more information, please contact Holy Cross Catholic School at 526-2517.

Men's prayer meeting at Heart of the World

Join us Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. at the church, for our weekly men's prayer meeting. Manny Howie leads the prayer. Men, we hope to see you there. Located at 1605 S. Valley Drive. 523-1113.

Men's Prayer breakfast at First Baptist Church

Join us every Tuesday from 7 to 9 a.m. for a breakfast in the fellowship hall. For information, call 524-3691.

Fusion Youth Fellowship at Morning Star United Methodist Church

Join the youth's small group for music, family events and workshops from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at 2941 Morningstar Drive. For information, call 521-3770.

Trinity Lutheran welcomes young worshippers

You are invited to join Trinity Lutheran for the regular Sunday worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m., at the church at 2900 Elks Dr. Children and families are encouraged and welcome. Sunday school for children and vouth is also held each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. In a child-friendly environment, children meet and worship God through songs, prayer and Bible stories. All are welcome to join. Please call 523-4232 for information or visit the church's website: www.trinitylutheranlc.org.



Las Cruces Catholic Schools host an open house on Thursday, Feb. 4.

LCCS celebrates Catholic Schools week with open house Feb. 4

Las Cruces Catholic School invites the community to come celebrate Catholic Schools week at an Open House event which takes place on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 1331 N. Miranda. School tours will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will also be a spaghetti dinner served in the school's Multi-purpose Room from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Cost is only \$5/plate, and with each plate purchase you will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a waived registration fee for next school year. Extra chances are available for purchase and must be present to win. The Open House continues from 6-7:30 p.m. with a meet-the-teachers presentation and classroom visitations.

Special music service happens Feb. 7



Singer Celia presents a concert at the Center for Spiritual Living on Feb. 7.

On Sunday, Feb. 7, Celia will present a concert after the service at 1 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Celia is a singer who acts and accompanies herself with a one-of-a-kind sound. Tickets in advance are \$10: at the door are \$15. There will also be a live broadcast of the concert that can be viewed from anywhere by clicking on the following link: http://www.concertwindow.com/celiafarran. For information, contact Natalee at 523-4847.

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Homes Southwest Living FRIDAY, JANUARY 29,



Capt. Luis Carlos Montalvan and his service dog, Tuesday, will be in El Paso for a talk and book signing on Feb. 5.

Wounded warrior and his service dog will visit El Paso

Man will discuss inspirational memoir at signing

York Times New best-selling author Capt. Luis Carlos Montalván will be in El Paso for two days to speak about his experiences after 17 years and multiple tours abroad with the U.S. Army, and how his golden retreiver, named Tuesday, helped him overcome his post-traumatic stress issues (PTSD).

The Purple Heart recipient and his golden retreiver will host a book signing, a meet-and-greet event, and be the featured speaker at a fund-raising dinner event hosted by Golden Retreiver Rescue of El Paso.

Capt. Montalván will host a book signing at Barnes & Noble Booksellers at The Fountains, 8889 Gateway Boulevard, from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb 5. Montalván has two books focusing on his experience with his service dog, Tuesday: the *New York Times* bestseller "Until Tuesday" and his children's book, "Tuesday Tucks Me In." On Saturday, February 6, Montalván and Tuesday will be present at a mixer reception from 6 to 7 p.m. at the El Paso Marriott, 1600 Airway Boulevard.

He will be the featured speaker at a dinner event immediately afterward, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Saturday's events benefit Golden Retreiver Rescue of El Paso, a local non-profit group dedicated to assisting golden retreivers throughout the area. Tickets for the mixer are \$75 each, and tickets to the dinner are \$65 each, and are available online at *www.Hold-MyTicket.com* or at Better Life Petfoods in Las Cruces.

Tuesday is the recipient of the 2013-14 American Kennel Club's Humane Fund Award for Canine Excellence – Service Dog. Montalván has received multiple decorations including two Bronze Stars, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal for Valor, and the Combat Action Badge.

After completing his master's of science from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism (with Tuesday by his side), he wrote his inspiration best seller, "Until Tuesday," which stayed on the *New York Times* best-seller list for three years.

Golden Retriever Rescue of El Paso is a breed-specific, 501(c)(3) non-profit rescue organization dedicated to rescuing golden retrievers.

The group rescues stray, abandoned, or released golden retrievers, provides medical care, rehabilitation, nurturing and adoption into loving forever homes.

Contact Connie Jimenez at 915-920-0958 for more information.



Together with Heroes and a Half Shell, My Kids' Cafe, 532 N. Telshor, Ste. H, is calling all Jedi knights and princesses for a galactic celebration from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30. Darth Vader and Obi Wan will duel, junior Jedis can get training (bring your light saber), storm troopers will battle, and there will be snacks.

Kids \$13; adults \$5, which includes an all-day play pass. RSVP is required. Please call 449-4161.





DACC faculty, staff serve students and the community

By Eddie Binder

Thousands of students attend DACC every year. Most go on to work at careers or attend NMSU. But, who are the faculty and staff that teach college students and provide support for their education?

Professionally, the faculty and staff are highly qualified. For example, the DACC welding faculty has 125 national welding certifications between them and since 1994 have held more than 10.000 welder performance qualification tests. This is more tests than any welding program in the Southwest United States. Susan Wood, associate vice president for academic affairs for accreditation and assessment, is recognized nationally and sought after to make presentations on assessment. Many serve on national boards like Business and Marketing Professor Andy

Saucedo, who is the chairman of the board of the accreditation council for business schools & programs. The organization accredits business education programs nationally and internationally.

In the community, many make a positive difference in the lives of others. Faith Hutson, assistant professor in sonography was recognized as a "Woman of Distinction" by the Girl Scouts of America in 2015. She was recognized for her professional accomplishments and as a volunteer for charities. Kristi Martin, development officer for the Office of Communication and Development is a member of the board of directors for the Court Appointed Special Advocates who act as advocates for abused or neglected children in state foster care.

Instructor Robert Doyle of Computer and Information Technology is president of the board of La Casa while his department chair, Jon Juarez is the treasurer. La Casa provides comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence and their children in Las Cruces and Anthony.

Amy Collins, assistant professor of Public Health and Lauren Cunningham, interim head of the Dental Hygiene program were instrumental in organizing the "Run with Your Doc" 1K walk, 5K, and 10K run benefitting Healthcare for the Homeless. The event at East Mesa Campus attracted 650 participants in its inaugural year. The event benefited St. Luke's health care clinic that provides medical services to the homeless and near homeless. Plans for the second race are underway.

And, some faculty help the community celebrate. Abby Osbourne, associate professor of Digital Imaging and Design Technologies helped implement a Southwest flair on the New Year's Eve Time Square ball drop with the Downtown Las Cruces Chile Drop. Assistant Professor of Marketing Laura De La Cruz, serves as an official for dog herding events in the state and nationally.

While others are recognized as leaders for tomorrow. Rajaa Shindi of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning is a recent NMSU shark tank winner. Her software system treats attention disorders in children. She convinced five judges who are business owners that her company BrainSTEM had the potential to change lives.

So these are just a few DACC faculty and staff who contribute to the larger community. All provide outstanding instruction and community engagement.

Eddie Binder is the head of the Office of Communication and Development at DACC.

Doña Ana Community College offers up courses

Ready to start that novel you've always dreamed you'd write?

Get Ready to Write Your First Book

Whether you've already begun to write a book or not, it's normal to feel "stuck" on occa-

writing prompts, both as creative warm-ups and as a way of powering through mental roadblocks so you can get your words on the page. Learn about the different aspects of publishing. Age 16 and up. This

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class meets from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays from Feb. 6-April 16 (no class March 12, 19 and 26) at DACC Central DAHL room 182. Students should purchase The Writer's Idea Book prior to start of class. ISBN: 978-1-58297-179-7. Students can bring a personal laptop to class meetings. The 8-hour course fee is \$61.

Continue to Write Your First Book: adding more elements to your story

Now that you have the basics under your belt and a good start on your first book, get an idea of what to do next. Learn how to focus on additional elements of an unforgettable book such as good and bad characters, a fully developed setting, and different varieties of dialogue. Age 17 and up. This class meets from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays from Feb. 6-April 16 (no class

March 12, 19 and 26) at DACC Central DAHL 182. Students room should purchase The Everything Guide to Writing Your First Novel prior to start of class. ISBN: 978-1-4405-0957-5. Students can bring a personal laptop to class meetings. The 8-hour course fee is \$61. Teaching these writing classes is Barbara Alvarez, a professional writer and novelist, who has written over 3.000 non-fiction articles on a wide range of topics. She has written and self-published a non-fiction book under a pen name, as well as writing a romance novella under her own name

Ready to share your mad baseball skills?

Coaching youth baseball

New or experienced coaches will appreciate and continue to use the skills and drills taught in this course. Help your team win games by increasing player development during practice. Focus on repetition of proper fundamentals and techniques of pitching, hitting, fielding, throwing, and the drills associated with these This 6-hour skills. course meets from 7 -8:30 p.m. on Mondays from Feb. 8- March 7 (no class Feb. 15.) Class meets at the DACC Workforce Center, room 121. Age 16 and up. Course fee is \$47. Materials/supply fee of \$5 payable to the instructor at first class meeting. Mark Instructor

O'Neill, who played baseball until he was 37 (catcher and pitcher), began coaching at the young age of 14 in Little League. In his 30 years of coaching baseball, he has been very successful, winning numerous championships and posting team batting averages of .350 or better.

O'Neill has coached all phases of and every position of the game with traveling and high school teams.

Want to release your inner artist?

Learning to draw with **Young Rembrandts**

Saturdays from 10-11 a.m. from Jan. 30-Feb. 20 at DACC East Mesa, DAAR 112. Techniques in color pencil, marker, and Sharpie while creating individual drawings. Emulate master artist Andy Warhol, create a personalized skateboard graphic, and much more. For kids age 5 to 12. Course fee is \$49.

Looking to learn a new instrument?

Instant piano for busy adults and teens

Also known as 'Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People.' If you can

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find middle C and know the meaning of Every Good Boy Does Fine, you already know enough to enroll in this course which meets Saturday, Jan. 30 from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at DACC East Mesa, DAEM room 222. Ages 13 and up. Materials and supplies fee of \$29 payable to instructor for workbook and practice DVD. Fee is \$35 for the 3 hours.

How to play piano by ear

On Saturday, Jan. 30 from 12:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. learn one of music's mysteries: how to play songs without relying on sheet music. A practical presentation of music theory that includes predicting chord progressions, learning from recordings, and transposing. An ideal follow-up to the Instant Piano course. Open to anyone with a basic understanding of chords on any instrument. Age 18 and up. Materials and supplies fee of \$29 payable to instructor at class for book and practice CD. Course fee is \$35. Meets at DACC East Mesa, DAEM room 222.

Instant guitar for busy adults and teens

Guitar lessons anyone? On Saturday, Jan. 30 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. learn enough about playing the guitar to provide years of musical enjoyment. Learn basic chords and favorite songs. Age 13 and up. Materials and supply fee of \$29 payable to instructor at class for workbook and practice DVD. Fee is \$35. Class meets at DACC East Mesa, DAEM room 222.

Online registration is easy at *http://dacc.au-gusoft.net* or call 527-7527.

Home Depot Kids Workshop to create mailboxes



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Brooklynne Ash, 8, participated in the Home Depot's free workshop in January. Home Depot, 225 Telshor Blvd., hosts its Kids Workshop from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Feb. 6. The project for this month is a wooden Valentines Mailbox that the kids will get to personalize with paint. All participants also receive a certificate of achievement, a workshop apron and a commemorative pin. Register online at *http://workshops.homedepot.com/workshops/home*, by clicking on the Kids Workshops tab.

Public comments sought on road improvements

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Las Cruces District is seeking public comments on an environmental assessment (EA) that evaluates impacts to public lands in Doña Ana and Sierra Counties for proposed county road improvements. Currently, the EA is available on *http://www.blm. gov/nm/lascruces* for public review and comment by February 25, 2016.

The EA was prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. The purpose of the EA is to assess the potential effects of proposed improvements along a 23.6-mile section of county roads (CR) E-070, E-071, E-072 in Doña Ana County and CR A-013 in Sierra County. The majority of the proposed improvements will be contained within the existing road footprint.

The Southern Road Improvement Project (Project) is proposed by Doña Ana and Sierra Counties, in partnership with the New Mexico Spaceport Authority (NMSA). The Project would be funded with New Mexico State funds administered by the NMSA. Other participating agencies with interests in the Project include the State Land Office, which is a land owner in the area, and the National Park Service, which administers the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail, in partnership with the BLM. Several private landowners are also stakeholders in the proposed Project. emailed to *BLM_NM_LCDO_ Comments@blm.gov* with a subject line of "Southern Road Improvement Project," or in writing to the BLM Las Cruces District Office, Attn: Anthony Hom, 1800 Marquess St., Las Cruces, NM 88001. Comments, and any personal information provided with them, are part of the administrative file and are treated as public information.

For more information on the EA, please contact BLM Realty Specialist Anthony Hom at 525-4331.

Comments on the EA can be

Biggest yard sale in the Southwest Jan. 31

The biggest yard sale in the Southwest, the Super Sale, comes to Las Cruces on January 31 (the Sunday before the Super Bowl) in the East parking lot at the Field of Dreams, 2501 Tashiro Dr.

Individuals, businesses, churches, neighborhood groups and

non-profit organizations will be setting up booths and tables from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for hours of great thrift shopping. Food will be available.

The Super Sale is sponsored by the Adams Radio Group in Las Cruces, which consists of KGRT-FM, KHQT-FM, KSNM-FM and KWML-AM. For information, call 525-9298.



NMSU Athletics Director Moccia applauds mentoring

By Mario Moccia Athletic Director at New Mexico State University

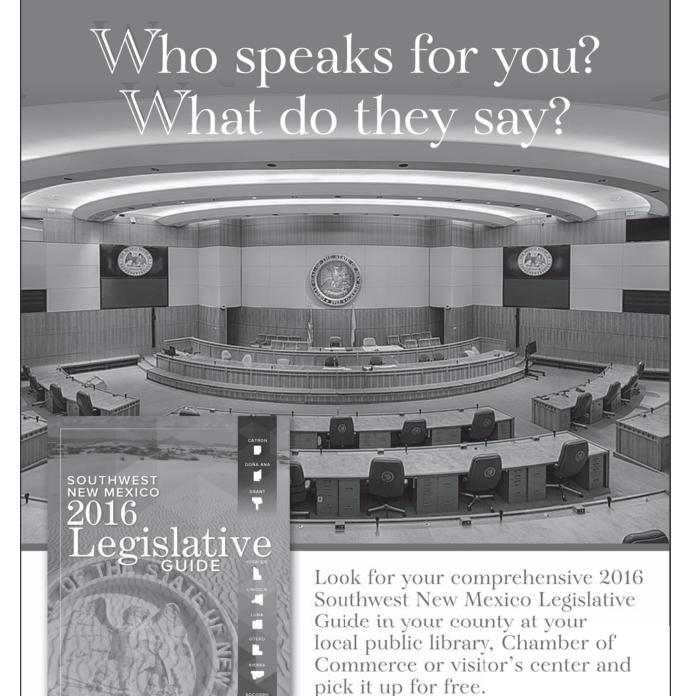
In 1996, Mike Alden, who was my boss at the University of New Mexico Department of Athletics, encouraged the external staff to get more involved in the Albuquerque community. Truth be told I can no longer remember who it was who steered me to the Big Brothers Big Sisters program specifically but nevertheless, I found myself going through the vetting process which is very thor-

ough and necessary.

After a few months I was contacted that I had been approved and a "Little" was selected for me.

On my drive to his home, I certainly had a massive case of anxiety not really knowing exactly what we would talk about, how our first meeting would play out and how I would be accepted.

The first thing that struck me was that out of all the years I had been living in Albuquerque I had never been to



If you wish to have one mailed to you, contact Teresa Tolonen at the Las Cruces Bulletin. The cost will be \$4 to cover postage. Teresa can be reached at legislativeguidereservation@lascrucesbulletin.com or by phone at 575-680-8061. the part of town that he was living in (I should mention my Little's name will be anonymous) as it was apparent the neighborhood was one with significant economic issues.

When I met my Little and his mother, the anxiety left after around 5 minutes and we had a great conversation getting to know each other.

After I discussed my schedule we made a time to meet and go on our first solo excursion.

I can't remember where we went first but I do remember Big Brothers Big Sisters did provide us many cost free opportunities for events. One memorable (and terrifying) event was when BBBS arranged for Bigs and Littles to go up for a hot air balloon ride. While my Little had a

while my Little had a great time, I pretty much decided that would be my last time in a wicker basket suspended by a balloon held with strings.

Now I did have an inside advantage working in the marketing department for Lobo athletics since it allowed me to take my Little to football and men's basketball games as well as many other sports. It was so gratifying to see the look on his face when he and some of his friends got to go on the field during a game or would meet a star player in person.

We also went out to eat, to the movies and more or less just "hung out."

Over the rest of my time living in Albuquerque I got to spend quality time with my Little, got to know his family, got to go to his little league games and be a small part of his life.

I would certainly defer to him as to what effect my influence had on him but I know his mother was very pleased with my involvement.

As things happen, I moved to different Universities and states: Texas, Missouri, Illinois.

Via email we tried to stay in touch and did so for a while but over time we contacted each other less and less and while I knew he was doing well we hadn't had contact in quite some time.

Flash forward to October 3, 2015 when the NM State Aggies were up in Albuquerque to play the Lobos for a football game.

While I was running around before the game, someone yelled out my name and low and behold there was my Little (who wasn't so little) with his fiancé and child!

As we chatted, it was so nice to hear he had a great job and was very happy with his young family.

We made a plan to get together and catch up and exchanged information and subsequently became Facebook friends.

I know being involved in BBBS was beneficial for me and for my Little. I would encourage people considering involvement in a community service initiative to give BBBS serious consideration.

I will tell you that direct involvement in a child's life can provide lifelong positive results, for both parties!

Read the entire Bulletin at www.lascrucesbulletin.com



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"NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Section 73-13-4 NMSA, the Board of Directors of Elephant Butte Irrigation District (District) will consider a Resolution to transfer water rights appurtenant to lands within the District which are not suitable for irrigation or capable of being properly irrigated to other lands within the District, if in the Board's judgement the land may be profitably irrigated advantageously irrigated. The request is made by ROBERT O & REAGAN R DUNNAHOO who requests that the Board suspend a total of 0.76 acres of water rights from lands located in Section 18, Twp. 19S, Range 2W NMPM., and being a part of USRS Map H-37B, 47A TR 1 and transfer them to lands owned by THOMAS S BICKLE located in Section 18, Twp. 19S, Range 2W, NMPM, being a part of USRS Map H-62B, 68. The place of the hearing is the offices of the District located at 530 S. Melendres, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the date of the hearing is February 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Protest or protests from any person or persons interested may be heard at the hearing. At the end of the hearing, the Board of Directors shall take formal action upon the Resolution. Any protestant or protestant's may appeal the decision of the Board directly to District Court within 10 days of the adoption or rejection of the Resolution "

Date: 01/29, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 12, 2015, Ramon Alvarez on behalf of the Estate of J.R. and Maria 1049 Mercantil Alvarez, Ave La Union NM 88021 filed application numbered LRG-5197-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-5197, 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-5197 located at X = 1.513.992 Y = 345.797 ft.NMSP. Central Zone. NAD83, on land owned by the Alvarez Family Trust and drilling replacement well LRG-5197-POD2 located at approximately X = 1.513.896 Y = 345.760 onland owned by the Alvarez Family Trust for the continued diversion of an amount of water determined by the May 24 1999 Order of the Third Judical District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBID for irrigation of 83.99 acres of land owned by the Estate of J.R. and Maria Alvarez et al located within part of the NW¹/4, NE¹/4, and SE¹/4 of projected Sec 20, T27S, R03E, NMPM, as described

in part by Subfile No.: LRS-28-018-0032 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Replacement well LRG-5197-POD2 will be located in La Union. NM at the physical address of 1025 Mercantil Rd The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill and use replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. Existing well LRG-5197 will be properly plugged. Any person, firm or corpora-

tion or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the Engineer, State 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 01/15, 01/22, 01/29, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 15, 2015, David P. and Critstina T. Gloria, 9975 North Valley, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-12017, OSE File No. LRG-24-AA, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by using existing well LRG-12017, located within the NW¹/₄ NE¹/₄ of Section 25. Township 21S, Range 1W NMPM, and more specifically located at or near where X 1,441.365.94 ft., Y = 530.650.48 ft., NMSP Central NAD83, on land owned by the applicants, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-24-A, located on land owned by Richard P. Gloria Jr. located within the NW^{1/4}NE^{1/4} of said Section 25 NMPM and more specifically described where X =

1 441 725 87 ft 530,550.94 ft., NMSP Cen-

cants, located within the

for other rights.

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

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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.

evaluate the application in

sions of Chapter 72 NMSA

Dates: 01/15, 01/22, 01/29,

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 27, 2015,

Milton & Janet Romney and

Kyle Romney, PO Box 1107, Mesilla Park, NM

88047, filed application numbered LRG-10501 POD5 with the State Engi-

neer for Permit to Change an

Existing Water Right within

the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in

Doña Ana County by drill-

accordance with the provi-

1978.

2016

State Engineer will

tral NAD83, for the contining a well to a depth of 180 ued diversion of an amount feet with 8-inch casing to be of shallow groundwater relocated within the NW1/4 SW1/4 of projected Section served for future determina-10, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and tion by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Indicial more specifically described District Court, Doña Ana at X = 1,491,310 Y = 448,772 NAD 1983 State County, State of New Mexi-co, combined with surface water from the Elephant Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 1.81 acres of owned by the applicants, to land, owned by the applisupplement existing well LRG-10501 located within NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 25. Township 21S, Range 01W 9, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and NMPM, as described in Subfile No.: existing well LRG-10501-S located within the SW¹/₄ of projected Section 10, Town-LRN-28-002-0125-A Right A of the Lower Rio Grande 24 South, Range 2 East, Basin Hydrographic Survey. The site of existing well LRG-12017 is located north NMPM, both on land owned by Salopek 6U Farms, Inc., of Las Cruces, NM and may for the continued diversion of an amount of water be found approximately 475 feet southwest of the interreserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 section of North Valley Dr and Latigo Ln, Las Cruces, Order of the Third Judicial NM. Existing well LRG-24-A will be retained District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface from the Elephant water Butte Irrigation District, for Any person, firm or corpora the irrigation of 2.02 acres of tion or other entity having land, owned by the applistanding to file objections or cants, located within the SW protests shall do so in writing (objection must be 1/40f projected Section 10, legible, signed, and include Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, as described the writer's complete name, by Subfile Order No.: LRS-28-002-0170 of the phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the applica Third Judicial District Court, tion must be based on: (1) Doña Ana County, State of Impairment; if impairment, New Mexico. The site of you must specifically identiproposed supplemental well LRG-10501 POD5 is located fy your water rights; and/or south of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water: if public physical address of 6225 welfare or conservation of Forest Hills Court. The water within the state of applicants have requested New Mexico, you must show how you will be emergency authorization to substantially and specifically drill the proposed well under

NMSA

72-12-24.

1978, Section

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment: if impairment. you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer. 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer,

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

Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 8, 2016, Doña Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association, PO Box 866, Doña Ana, NM 88032, filed application numbered LRG-80 POD7 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-80 POD6, located on land owned by the applicant, within the NW1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM, and more

specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°29'20.0"W. 106°55'18.1"W (WGS84), and drilling new well LRG-80 POD7 to be located within the NW1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM, within 100 feet of discontinued well LRG-80 POD6, on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing wells LRG-S, LRG-80-S-2 and LRG-80-S-3, located within the NW1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM, and LRG-80-S-4, located within the SW1/4 NW 1/4NW1/4 of Section 14. Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM, all on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of 198.43 acre-feet per annum, which may be increased up to 3.548.38 acre-feet per annum provided the applicant acquire replacement surface water offsets, for subdivision, industrial, municipal, commercial, irrigaand related purposes within the Doña Ana Mutual

Domestic Water Consumers Association service area previously known as the Fort Selden Water Company, Incorporated, service area located within and throughout Sections 11, 12, 13 and

14, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM. The site for new well LRG-80 POD7 is located north of Fort Selden State Park and may be found approximately 0.4 mile north of the intersection of Leasburg Dam Road and Fort Selden Road. Discontinued well LRG-80 POD6 will be plugged. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill proposed well LRG-80 POD7 under Section NMSA, 1978, 72-12-22, within 100 feet of discontinued well LRG-80 POD6

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer,

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

Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 15, 2013, Veronica Montoya, 2600 Doña Ana Rd. #3, Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed application numbered LRG-14988-POD2, associated with file number LRG-14988-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinu-ing the use of existing well LRG-14988-POD1, located within the SW¹/₄NE¹/₄ of projected Section 22, T23S, R01E, NMPM on land owned by the applicant and drilling replacement well LRG-14988-POD2 to a depth of approximately 200 ft. below ground surface with 4" casing to be located within $SW'_{4}NE'_{4}$ of said Section 22 at approximately X=1,462,297 Y=471,463 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone. NAD83) on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per or that amount annum, required for beneficial use whichever is less, of shallow groundwater for domestic purposes. The existing well and proposed well site are located at the physical address of 3796 Tierra Rd. in Las Cruces, NM. The old well will be properly plugged.

tion or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1)

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 MMSA 1978 Dates: 01/15, 01/22, 01/29, 2016 PATIENT'S OF ACTION-

OCCMED-M.M.J., P.C. EDWIN L. KENNEDY, мn TERESA REYES, M.D. **KEVIN ALLEN M.D**

DUE TO THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF EDWIN L. KENNEDY, M.D., WE HAVE BEEN LEFT WITH NO OTHER CHOICE THAN TO OFFI-CIALLY CLOSE DR KEN-NEDY'S CLINIC; ACTION-OCCMED-M.M.I. ON SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2015

ALL MEDICAL RECORDS ARE BEING STORED IN A GATED, SAFE STOR-AGE FACILITY FOR THE REQUIRED TEN YEARS AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL BE DESTROYED AS DEFINED BY THE NEW MEXICO MEDICAL

City of Las Cruces EOPLE HELPING PEO

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

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Due Date / Time
Armored Transportation and Depository Services	15-16-134	N/A	February 11, 2016 / 2:00pm
Music in the Park	15-16-125	N/A	February 23, 2016 / 2:00pm

Please use this link to access all City of Las Cruces solicitations: https://www.newmexicobidsystem.com/Registration.asp?ID=1757 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

Dates 1/29/16

INVITATION

Any person, firm or corpora-

STATE OF

NEW MEXICO

THIRD JUDICIAL

DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-CV-2015-01579

COUNTY OF

DOÑA ANA



BOARD.

ALL PATIENTS MAY RE-QUEST COPIES OF THEIR MEDICAL RECORDS. WE PROVIDING THE LAST ONE YEAR AT NO CHARGE; YOU MAY RE-OUEST THESE MEDICAL RECORDS BY WRITING TO

ACTION-OCCMED-M.M.L. P.C. ATTENTION: NANCY KENNEDY-MEDICAL RECORDS PO BOX 13399 LAS CRUCES, N.M. 88013

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR FULL NAME, YOUR DATE OF BIRTH AND YOUR PHONE NUMBER. COPIES ARE USUALLY READY WITHIN 24 HOURS AT WHICH TIME WE WILL CALL YOU AT THE NUMBER YOU PRO-VIDED AND MAKE AR-RANGEMENTS WITH YOU TO SET UP A TIME AND A PLACE TO MEET WITH YOU TO HAND OVER YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS COPIES

Dates: 1/15, 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 02/19, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

Case No: 16-0018

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NAN-NET LORAINE ROTH,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

John E. Bone has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the attorney for the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Doña Ana. Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

/s/John E. Bone Personal Representative

Jacqueline Bennett Attorney for Personal Representative PO Box 849 Las Cruces, NM 88004 (575) 527-0225

Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT NO. D-307-CV-2015-2624 NM 88005

(575) 312-4254

STATE OF

NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF

DOÑA ANA

DISTRICT

Plaintiff,

ADRIAN L. PADILLA

and REBECCA A. PADIL-

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that on February

24, 2016, at the hour of

10:00 a.m., the undersigned

Special Master will, at the

main entrance of the Doña

Ana County Judicial Com-

plex, 201 W. Picacho Ave-

nue Las Cruces New Mexi-

co, 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 3336 Green

Ridge Court, Las Cruces,

and is situate in Doña Ana

County, New Mexico, and is

particularly described as fol-

Lot 5. LENOX PLACE

lows:

LA. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

vs.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Joshua Hipolito Flores

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Luis Alberto Lucero FOR CHANGE OF NAME NOTICE OF PETITION

TO CHANGE NAME NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Luis Alberto Lucero, a resident of the City of Chaparral, County of Doña Ana. State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Luis Alberto Lucero to Luis Alberto Lazarin, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Douglas R. Driggers, District Judge, on the 12th day of February 2016, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the third Judicial District Court, Courtroom 6, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, 88005. Respectfully submitted,

/s/Luis Lucero Luis Alberto Lucero 957 Pinos Altos Chaparral, NM 88081 (915) 471-1349

Dates: 01/22, 01/29, 2016

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

NO D-307-CV-2016-90 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Joshua Hipolito Flores FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Joshua Hipolito Flores, a resident of the City of Las Cruces. County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of Fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the third District Court. Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to his name from change Joshua Hipolito Flores to Avien Hipolito Flores, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Mary Rosner, District Judge, sale on the 2nd day of March 2016, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the third Judicial District Court, Courtroom 6, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces,

postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

Joshua Hipolito Flores NOTICE IS FURTHER 1709 Calle De Suenos GIVEN that the real proper-Las Cruces, NM 88001 ty and improvements cerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all Dates: 01/29 02/05 2016 patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that THIRD JUDICIAL may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes No. D-307-CV-2015-02185 the property subject to, the HSBC BANK USA, NAation of the property by valu TIONAL ASSOCIATION the County Assessor as real TRUSTEE FOR or personal property, affix-WELLS FARGO HOME ture of any mobile or EQUITY ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES manufactured home to the land deactivation of title to 2006-3 TRUST, HOME a mobile or manufactured EQUITY ASSET-BACKED CERTIFIhome on the property, if any, environmental contamina-CATES, SERIES 2006-3, tion on the property, if any, and zoning violations con-cerning the property, if any.

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

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

Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 02/12,

02/19, 2016 STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD IUDICIAL

DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-01598

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

ELECTRONIC

SUBDIVISION REPLAT

NO 1, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, TIMOTHY A. DUTTLE; LUANNE B. KINAS-DUTTLE; and MORTas shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of GAGE REGISTRATION SYSsaid county as Plat No. 4056 TEMS, INC., Defendants. on 12/02/2004 in Book 21 Page(s) 46-47 of Plat Re-NOTICE OF SALE cords

THE FOREGOING SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the 10. 2016, at the hour of above Court in the above 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the entitled and numbered cause main entrance of the Doña on January 19, 2016, being Ana County Judicial Com-plex, 201 W. Picacho Avean action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The nue, Las Cruces, New Mexi-Plaintiff's Judgment, which co, sell all the right, title and includes interest and costs, is interest of the above-named \$267.046.86 and the same Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real bears interest at 3.000% per annum from December 4. estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be 2015, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees sold is located at 721 Mesa has the right to bid at such Point Road, Las Cruces, and and submit its bid situate in Doña Ana verbally or in writing. The County, New Mexico, and is Plaintiff may apply all or particularly described as folany part of its judgment to lows the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be

Lot 27, Block 3, of CAN-

YON POINT 2 SUBDIVI-SION, located in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on Plat thereof recorded on March 5, 1996 Plat Book 18, at Page(s) con-

426-427 as Plat No. 2778. records of Doña Ana County THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 4, 2016, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$186,260.44 and the same bears interest at 5.375% per annum from October 10, 2015 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 contamina

tion on the property, if any, and zoning violations con cerning the property, if any. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to

the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption. Electronically filed

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

Dates: 01/15, 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, 2015 STATE OF

NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-02027 US BANK NATIONAL

ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs JUSTIN J. RODRIGUEZ, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUSTIN J. RODRIGUEZ, (true name unknown), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 3, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana Judicial Complex, County 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 5013 Calle Princesa, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

19A. ELEPHANT Lot BUTTE LAND & TRUST CO. SUBDIVISION "A" REPLAT NO. 6, in the County of Doña Ana, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 2974 thereof, filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on June 26, 1997, and recorded in Book 18, Page 708, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico,

including, but not limited to, the manufactured home permanently attached thereto. A 1999 CAVC Doublewide, VIN No CAV AZL2984592XU, title to which has been deactivated in the records of the Motor Vehicle Department of the State of New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 28, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$69,917.84 and the same bears interest at 3.750% per annum from December 13, 2015, 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

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 contamina tion on the property, if any,

and zoning violations con-

cerning the property, if any.

may be due. Plaintiff and its

NOTICE IS FURTHER vs. GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to

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

Dates: 01/08, 01/15, 01/22, 01/29, 2016 STATE OF

NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No. 16-0009 Judge Diana A. Bustamante

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

CANDELARIA FIGUEROA, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 1304 N. Van Ness Ave., Compton, CA 90221, 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 21st day of January, 2016.

/s/ Elvira Moren Cortes ELVIRA MORENO CORTES (a/k/a Elvira Moreno Cortez) Personal Representative 1304 N. Van Ness Ave. Compton, CA 90221

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

Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 2016

BOKF, N.A., A NATION-AL BANKING ASSOCIA-TION DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA AS SUC-

CESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff

MARIO H. CABRAL, Defendant.

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 power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Sandoval County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3956 Sombra Prieta Court, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 3, BLOCK D, MONTE SOMBRA, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIG-NATED ON PLAT NO. 4564 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUN-TY ON APRIL 18, 2007. AND RECORDED ON BOOK 22 PAGES 191 -193, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on February 5, 2016, outside the front entrance of the Third Judicial Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, #A, Las Cruces, 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 Judgment granted BOKE N A

BOKF, N.A. was awarded in rem Judgment on December 18, 2015, in the principal sum of \$127,768.29, plus interest due on the Note through October 1 2015 in the amount of \$5,536.60, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 5.200% per annum (\$18.20 per diem) until paid, plus late charges in the amount of \$242.58, plus escrow advances for property taxes in the amount of \$208.93, plus hazard insurance in the amount of \$995.00, plus FHA/HUD premiums in the amount of \$342.69, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through September 30, 2015, in the amount of \$1,500.00 and costs through September 30, 2015, in the



amount of \$578.53, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 5.200% 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 ints, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PUR-CHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINA TION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani Special Master c/o 5120 San Francisco Road NE Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109 (505) 858-3303

Dates: 01/08, 01/15, 01/22, 01/29 2016

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

Case No. D-307-DM-2015-1650 Judge: James T Martin

Karen Leann Tracev. Petitioner,

Virdie Ray Tracey, Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO Virdie Ray Tracey, **RESPONDENT:**

Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you.

The subject of this lawsuit is: Divorce

If you do not file a response or responsive pleading with the above-titled Court within 30 days after the third publication of this notice. the court may enter a default judgment against you.

Karen Leann Tracey 1906 Coyote Ridge Rd. Las Cruces, NM 88011 970-201-2440

WITNESS the Honorable Judge James T. Martin, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 11th day of January, 2016. (Seal) CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT BY: /S/Mary E. Apodaca DEPUTY

Dates: 01/22, 01/29, 2/05,

2016 STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT No. D-307-CV-2015-01691

AS SUCCESSOR IN IN-TEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBU-OUEROUE, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

CONRAD EUGENE CLAYCOMB AND EVIE SHAEFER A/K/A EVIE MARIA SHAEFER A/K/A EVIE CLAYCOMB, 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 4735 Arabela Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, and is more particularly described as follows: LOT NUMBERED 1 IN

BLOCK NUMBERED 1 OF PARKHILL ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 4, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEX-ICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNA-TED ON THE PLAT OF SAID PARKHILL ES-TATES SUBDIVISION PHASE 4, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON 05/14/2007, IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 217-218.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on February 12, 2016, outside the front entrance to the Third Judicial District, Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces New Mexico 88005 at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted to BOKF, N.A.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded a Judgment in rem on January 5, 2016, in the principal sum of \$189,897.73, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through January 1, 2016, in the amount of \$10,760.83 and accruing thereafter at the rate of

4.000% per annum (\$20.81 MEXICO, per diem), plus late charges NEW AS SHOWN AND DESIGNA-TED IN THE PLAT of \$541.65, plus the balance due on the Mortgage's required escrow for property THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY taxes and insurance of CLERK OF SAID COUN-TY AS PLAT NO. 1084 ON \$3,658.88, plus attorney's fees in the amount of 11/05/1981 IN BOOK 13 \$1,500.00 and costs in the PAGE9S0 103-05 OF PLAT amount of \$819.03 with interest on the above-listed RECORDS. amounts, attorney's fees and

costs at the rate of 4.000%

per annum from date of the

entry of the Judgment until

The sale is subject to rights

and easements of record, to

unpaid property taxes and

assessments, and to the one

(1) month right of redemp-

tion in favor of the Defend

Judgment filed herein.

BIDDING.

/s/ Faisal Sukhvani

Faisal Sukhyani,

Special Master

Road NE

Albuquerque

(505)858-3303

02/05, 2016

STATE OF

NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF

THIRD JUDICIAL

DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-CV-2015-01805

UNITED STATES OF

AMERICA, acting

through RURAL

DAKOTA) N.A.,

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 Coun-

ty, New Mexico, commonly

known as 108 Spruce.

Sunland Park, New Mexico

88063, and more particularly

LOT 5, BLOCK 1, RIVER

SIDE SUBDIVISION UNIT 1A, IN THE COUNTY OF

DOÑA ANA, STATE OF

described as follows:

Defendants.

Plaintiff

DOÑA ANA

Telephone

5120 San Francisco

New Mexico 87109

c/o Leverick & Musselman

ants as specified in the

PROSPECTIVE PUR-

THEIR OWN EXAMINA

paid.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on February 26, 2015, outside the front entrance to the Doña Ana County 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 Judgment granted United States of America, acting through Rural Housing Service.

CHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE United States of America, TION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE acting through Rural Hous-PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ing Service, was awarded a Judgment on January 21, 2016, in the principal sum of \$110,636.78, plus outstand-ATTORNEY BEFORE ing interest through January 15, 2016, in the amount of \$11,951.26 and accruing daily thereafter at a rate of 5.750% per annum, plus late charges in the amount of \$113.72, plus escrow advanthe amount of in \$3047.25, plus property preservation in the amount of \$156.63, plus in rem judgment for an interest subsidy recapture in the sum of \$4,817.03, plus reasona-Dates: 01/15, 01/22, 01/29, ble attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through January 31, 2016, in the sum of \$1,500.00, and costs through January 31, 2016, in the sum of \$643.40, with interest on the late fees, escrow advances, fee balance, subsidy recapture, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 5.750% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

HOUSING SERVICE, and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemp-MARIO A. MAROUEZ. tion in favor of the Defend-CINTHIA MARQUEZ, ant as specified in the AND CITIBANK (SOUTH Judgment filed herein.

> CHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINA-TION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING. /s/ Faisal Sukhyani Faisal Sukhvani Special Master c/o Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C. 5120 San Francisco

Road NE Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109 (505) 858-3303

Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 02/19, 2016

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

No. CV-2015-01328 Judge: Rosner

STATE OF NEW MEXI-CO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT. Petitioner,

KRYSTAL AGUIRRE, AND 2006 DODGE CHARGER, BLUE; VIN: 2B3KA43G86H467954; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. 163 SHF, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION To: Respondent

KRYSTAL AGUIRRE: 1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2006 Dodge

Blue; Charger, VIN 2B3KA43G86H467954: New Mexico License Plate No. 163 SHF. 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: Robert A. Cabello

Assistant City Attorney P.O. Box 20000 (575) 541-2128 (575) 541-2017 Fax Attorney for Petitioner

, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County, this day of, 2016.

OFFICER DEPUTY

Dates: 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, 2016 STATE OF

> COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-01662 HSBC BANK USA, NA

TIONAL ASSOCIATION TRUSTEE FOR MASTR REPERFORM-ING LOAN TRUST 2005-1, Plaintiff,

DEBRA ALDRICH, aka DEBRA SUE ALDRICH, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEBRA ALDRICH, aka DEBRA SUE ALDRICH (true name unknown). Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

vs.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 10, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Com-plex, 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 2623 Quarterhorse Drive, Anthony, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate northwest of Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 22, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys as part of U.S.R.S. Tract 25-92A, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at an iron rod set for the northeast corner of the tract herein described, whence the section corner common to Sections 14, 15, 22 and 23, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys bears the following three courses and distances: North 0 deg. 05' 00" East, a distance of 996.01 feet to a point on the south line of Joy Drive (Doña Ana County No. A-062); thence Road South 89 deg. 45' 00" East, a distance of 1017.50 feet to the northeast corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 25-92A; and thence South 88 deg. 38' 04" East, a distance of 2627,98 feet to the section corner;

THENCE from the place of beginning and following along the center of a 50 foot wide road and utility ease-ment South 0 deg. 05' 00" West, 308.65 feet to the southeast corner of this tract:

THENCE South 86 deg 56' 05" West, 175.55 feet to an angle point;

THENCE South 86 deg. 48' 00" West, 11.89 feet to the southwest corner of this tract.

THENCE North 0 deg. 03' 00" East, 319.52 feet to the northwest corner of this tract:

THENCE South 89 deg. 45 00" East, 187.33 feet to the place of beginning;

If there is a conflict between

the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 12, 2015, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$95,914.92 and the same bears interest at 3.875% per annum from October 27, 2015, 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, ease ments, 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 contamina tion on the property, if any, and zoning violations con cerning the property, if any.

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

property subject to a one month right of redemption. Electronically filed

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

Dates: 01/15, 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT NO CV-2015-01757

Judge: Kugler STATE OF NEW MEXI-CO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the AS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT. Petitioner,

vs.

IAISON BRYAN, BRYAN TRUCK & AUTO, AND 1997 TOYOTA 4RUNNER, WHITE; VIN: JT3HN87RGV9005122; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. 162RFD, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Respondent Jaison Bryan:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1997 Toyota 4Runner, White; V JT3HN87RGV9005122; VIN New Mexico License Plate No. 162 RFD

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

WITNESS the Honorable 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 day of, 2015.

COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DEPUTY

Dates: 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2015-01483

WASHINGTON FEDER-AL SAVINGS, SUCCES-SOR BY MERGER TO FIRST FEDERAL BANK, Plaintiff.

vs

ANTONIO MONJARAZ; EVA ESCAMILLA MON-JARAZ, aka EVA MON-JARAZ; BRENDA A GU-TIERREZ; and TAXA-TION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXI-CO. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) Antonio Monjaraz and Eva Escamilla

Robert A. Cabello The sale is subject to rights WITNESS the Honorable

PROSPECTIVE PUR-COURT EXECUTIVE

NEW MEXICO

DESCRIBED,

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.

By:/s/Catherine Sanchez

Jeannette M. Whittaker

McCARTHY &

Albuquerque,

Telephone No .:

COUNTY OF

THIRD JUDICIAL

ALBUQUERQUE,

HOLTHUS, LLP



THE CONDITION OF THE

PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN

ATTORNEY

Special Master

P.O. Box 51526

505-417-4113

By: Robert A. Doyle,

c/o Legal Process Network

Albuquerque, NM 87181

BIDDING

BEFORE

Monjaraz, aka Eya Monjaraz is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property loca-ted at 7617 Grouse Run Drive, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

LOT NUMBERED 101 OF AMBER MESA, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIG-NATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID AMBER MESA. FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY. NEW MEXICO ON OCTO-BER 20, 1988, IN PLAT BOOK 15, FOLIO 326-349.

and all improvements, in cluding, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 1973 Concord SW series, VIN No. 3424132076.

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

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

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

December 11, 2015

By Electronically signed /s/ Rachel M. Chiado Karen H. Bradley Deborah A. Nesbitt Rachel M. Chiado Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable, 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 11 day of December, 2015.

(Seal)

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT /s/Paloma Nava

Dates: 01/15, 01/22, 01/29, 2016

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No.15-0358

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

MADELINE ANN BRADSHAW, DECEASED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

of

above-entitled Court NOTICE IS HEREBY that, GIVEN Beasley, Mitchell & Co., LLP, has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate MADELINE ANN BRADSHAW. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present lows: LOT 10, AND 1/2 OF THE ADJACENT VACATED ALLEY, BLOCK D, COUNTRY CLUB ES-TATES, REPLAT NO. 1,

UNITED

TY, ON FEBRUARY

will be entered against you.

McCARTHY &

Karen Weaver

Jason Hoggard

Telephone No .:

(505) 219-4900

THE STATE OF

NEW MEXICO

THIRD JUDICIAL

COUNTY OF

DOÑA ANA

DISTRICT

N.A. Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF

SCOTT IZU, Defendant.

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 Coun-

ty, New Mexico, commonly

known as 2085 Chisholm

Trail, Las Cruces, NM

88005, and more particularly

described as follows:

HOLTHUS, LLP

By:/s/ Jason Hoggard

6501 Eagle Rock NE, Suite A-3

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113

Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 2016

their claims within two (2)months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative, c/o J. David Beasley, Esq., P.O. Box 550, Las Cruces, NM 88004, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, loca-ted at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007, (575) 525-6159. Dated: January 25, 2016.

Submitted by:

/s/L DAVID BEASLEY J. DAVID BEASLEY, Esq. BMC Legal Services, P.C. Attorney for the Estate of Madeline Ann Bradshaw P.O. Box 550 Las Cruces NM 88004 575-528-6728

Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 2016

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

No.: D-307-CV-2015-02385

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIA-TION ("FANNIE MAE"). A CORPORATION OR-GANIZED AND EXIST-ING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff.

vs.

DAVID A. DIBBLE; UN-KNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID A. DIBBLE; JER-RY D. DIBBLE, IF LIV-ING: IF DECEASED. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JERRY D. DIBBLE, DECEASED: OCCU-PANTS OF THE PROP-ERTY. Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Defendants, David A. Dibble, Unknown Spouse of David A. Dibble and Jerry D. Dibble, If Living; If Deceased, The Unknown Heirs of Jerry D. Dibble, Deceased:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIA-TION ("FANNIE MAE"), A

LOT NUMBERED 6 IN CORPORATION ORGAN-BLOCK NUMBERED C IZED AND EXISTING UN-OF COLLEGE PLACE DER THE LAWS OF THE SUBDIVISION NO. TWO, STATES OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW AMERICA has filed a civil action against you in the MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGand cause, the general object NATED ON THE PLAT OF thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property SAID COLLEGE PLACE located at 711 Lenox Ave, SUBDIVISION NO. TWO, Las Cruces, NM 88005. The FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF real property which is the subject matter of this action DOÑA ANA COUNTY NEW MEXICO ON OCTOis legally described as fol-BER 24, 1957 IN PLAT BOOK 1. FOLIO 34.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 AM on February 11, 2016, on the front steps of the main entrance of the Third REPLAT OF BLOCKS D Judicial District Courthouse, AND I. IN THE CITY OF City of Las Cruces, County Doña Ana, State of New LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best IS SHOWN AND DESIG-NATED ON PLAT NO. bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States 659, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to OFFICE OF THE COUNTY the Judgment granted CLERK OF SAID COUN-WELLS FARGO BANK. N.A . WELLS FARGO 1966, AND RECORDED IN BANK, N.A was awarded a Judgment on July 1, 2015, in BOOK 9, PAGE 88, PLAT the total amount of \$ 124,175.71, with interest at RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. the rate of 4.875% per annum from October 13, Unless you serve a pleading 2014 through the date of the or motion in response to the Complaint in said cause on sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$8,060 .36. If the or before thirty (30) days sale is set aside for any after the last publication reason, the Purchaser at the date, judgment by default sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, ease-ments, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due . WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for. and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in No. D-307-CV-2013-01146 its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County WELLS FARGO BANK, Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any

mobile

home to the land, deactiva-

tion of title to a mobile or

manufactured home on the

property, if any, environ-

property, if any, and zoning

violations concerning the

NOTICE IS FURTHER

such sale shall take title to

the above described real

month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PUR-

THEIR OWN EXAMINA-

TION OF THE TITLE AND

property, if any .

1 NM-14-638152-JUD IDSPub #0099258 1/15/2016 1/22/2016 1/29/2016 2/5/2016 THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT No. D-307-CV-2014-00059 FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIA-

TION, Plaintiff, VIRGINA WELLING AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VIRGINIA LYNN WELLING, IF

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

ANY, Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana Coun ty, New Mexico, commonly known as 2604 Poco Lomas Court, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows: LOT 14 POCO LOMAS SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIG-NATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUN-TY ON JUNE 15, 2004, IN BOOK 20

The sale is to begin at 12:00pm on February 25, 2016. at the main entrance of or manufactured the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana State of New Mexico at which time I will sell to mental contamination on the 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 FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIA-TION FEDERAL NA-TIONAL MORTGAGE AS-GIVEN that the purchaser at property subject to a one (1) SOCIATION was awarded a Judgment on March 19, 2015, in the total amount of CHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE \$ 328,967.34, with interest at the rate of 6.625% per annum from December 13, 2014 through the date of the

sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$ 26,212.61

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

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

PROSPECTIVE PUR CHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINA-TION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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

1 NM-14-625752-JUD IDSPub #0100022

1/22/2016 1/29/2016 2/5/2016 2/12/2016 THE STATE OF

NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF THIRD IUDICIAL DISTRICT

No.: D-307-CV-201400977

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPA-NΥ. N . A . . AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTER EST TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. F/K/A JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, IN CHASE BANK, TRUST FOR MASTR AL-TERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2003-4, Plaintiff,

ESTEFANA R. GARCIA AND BENJAMIN F. GAR-CIA AKA BEN F. GAR-CIA, IF LIVING; IF

DECEASED, THE UN-NER OF THE TRACT KNOWN HEIRS OF BEN-HEREIN JAMIN F. GARCIA AKA CONTAINING 0 7820 BEN F. GARCIA, DE-ACRE OF LAND, MORE CEASED, WIFE AND HUSBAND; ELEPHANT OR LESS. BUTTE IRRIGATION Unless you serve a pleading DISTRICT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXI-CO to Defendant, Benjamin F. Garcia aka Ben F. Garcia, If Living; If Deceased, The Unknown Heirs of Benjamin F. Garcia aka Ben F. Garcia, Deceased:

Catherine Sanchez You are hereby notified that 6501 Eagle Rock NE, the above-named Plaintiff Suite A-3 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST New Mexico 87113 COMPANY, N.A. F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW (505) 219-4900 YORK TRUST COMPA Attorneys for Plaintiff NY, N.A., A SUCCESSOR-IN-INTERE A S Dates: 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, ST TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. F/K/A 2016 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, IN TRUST FOR THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO MASTR ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2003-4 has DOÑA ANA filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled DISTRICT Court and cause, the general object thereof being No. D-307-CV-2014-02061 foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 5530 N. BOKF, N.A., A NATION-Doña Ana Rd Las Cruces AL BANKING ASSOCIA-NM 88007. The real proper-

TION D/B/A BANK OF ty which is the subject matter of this action is OKLAHOMA, AS SUC-CESSOR IN INTEREST legally described as follows: BY MERGER TO BANK OF A TRACT OF LAND SIT-N.A., Plaintiff, UATE IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, vs. LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST ONE-BRANDAN J. MYERS aka QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP BRANDON J. MYERS and LISA R. MYERS aka 22 SOUTH, RANGE LISA R. WALKER, hus-EAST, U.S.R.S. SURVEYS band and wife: ABC Cor-BEING WITHIN THE DOÑA ANA BEND COLOporations I-X, XYZ Part-THE nerships I-X, John Does I-X and Jane Does I-X, NY GRANT AND COM-PRISING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 4-69C AND BEING MORE PAR-TICULARLY DESCRIBED

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LOT NUMBERED 78 OF HACIENDA ACRES, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY NEW MEXICO AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID HA-CIENDA ACRES, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AU-GUST 22, 1961 IN PLAT

my designee as Special PAGE(S)

704-705 OF PLAT RE-CORDS

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

BOOK 8, FOLIO 77.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 AM on February 23, 2016, at the main entrance of the Judicial District Third 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 Judgment granted BOKF, N.A., A NATION-AL BANKING ASSOCIA TION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUC-AS CESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A BOKF, N.A., A NATION-AL BANKING ASSOCIA TION D/B/A BANK OF AS SUC OKLAHOMA, CESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on October 15, 2015, in total amount of \$141,730.63 with interest at the rate o f 4% per annum fro m April 1, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$5,0947.54

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easeall recorded ments, and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due

BOKF, N.A., A NATION-AL BANKING ASSOCIA TION D/B/A BANK AS SUC-INTEREST OKLAHOMA CESSOR IN BY MERGER TO BANK ALBUQUERQUE, OF N.A., its attor neys, 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 PUR-CHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINA TION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Margaret Lake. Special Master Pro Legal Services, LLC 201 Eubank NE, Suite A3 Albuquerque, NM 87123 (505)715-3711 NM-14-640579-JUD IDSPub #0099998

1/22/2016

1/29/2016 2/5/2016 2/12/2016 THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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

BOKF, N.A., A NATION-AL BANKING ASSOCIA-TION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUC-CESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK ALBUQUERQUE, OF N.A., Plaintiff,

DENNIS A. JENSON, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DENNIS A. JENSON, DECEASED; MIRIAM N. ENSON, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UN-KNOWN HEIRS OF MIR-IAM N. JENSON, DE-CEASED AND JOHN DOE JENSON, WIFE AND HUSBAND; NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DE-PARTMENT, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXI-CO to Defendants, Dennis A. Jenson, If Living; If Deceased, The Unknown Heirs of Dennis A. Jenson, Deceased, Miriam N. Jenson, If Living; If Deceased, The Unknown Heirs of Miriam N. Jenson. Deceased:

You are hereby notified that above-named Plaintiff BOKF, N.A., A NATION-AL BANKING ASSOCIA-TION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUC-CESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A. has filed a civil action against you in the aboveentitled Court and cause the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 7265 Brahman Road, Las Cruces, NM 88012. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SIT-UATE NORTHEAST OF CRUCES, DOÑA LAS COUNTY, ANA NEW MEXICO, BEING PART OF LOT 2, CARMONA ACRES, PLAT FILED SEP-TEMBER 22, 1998, IN BOOK 19 PAGE 161, OF

THE DOÑA ANA COUN-RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDI-CATED TO DOÑA ANA TY RECORDS, AND BE-COUNTY, KNOWN AS BRAHMAN ROAD, FOR ING MORE PARTICU-LARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BE-THE NORTHEAST COR-GINNING AT A 1/2" IRON NER OF THIS TRACT: ROD FOUND FOR THE WHENCE THE ORIGINAL NORTHWEST CORNER NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT IDENTI-CARMONA OF LOT 2, CAL TO THE NORTH-WEST CORNER OF LOT ACRES, PLAT FILED SEP-TEMBER 22, 1998, IN CARMONA ACRES BOOK 19, PAGE 161, OF PLAT FILED SEPTEMBER THE DOÑA ANA COUN-1998, IN BOOK 19 RECORDS, BEARS N.89 DEG., 57'26"E., 40.00 PAGE 161, OF THE DOÑA FEET; THENCE, ALONG RE CORDS: THENCE, FROM THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE POINT OF BEGIN-BRAHAM ROAD, S.00 DEG., 20'57"W., A DIS-TANCE OF 165.43 FEET DEG. 57'26"E., A DISTANCE OF 292.75 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET ON THE TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTHEAST WESTERLY LINE OF CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE, LEAV-WIDE

COUNTY

N. 89

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ING BRAHMAN ROAD S.89 DEG., 56'47"W., А DISTANCE OF 292.58 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE CORNER SOUTHWEST TRACT; THIS THENCE N 00 DEG 17'20"E., A DISTANCE OF 165.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ENCLOSING 1.112 ACRES OF LAND. MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO A 5.00 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT PARALLEL AND IMMEDIATELY AD-JACENT TO THE NORTH-ERLY, WESTERLY AND SOUTHERLY BOUNDA-RIES

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sume, salary history, and a list of three references to: Mr. Rick Jackson, Chair of the Search Committee 300A N. 17th St Las Cruces NM 88005 Rick@ADSLCNM.com 757 642-9696 Chamber information can be found at www.lascruces.org

The search will remain open until the position is filled.

PROPERTY, Defendants, NOTICE OF

FORECLOSURE SALE

THE STATE OF

NEW MEXICO

THIRD JUDICIAL

No. D-307-CV-2015-00645

BOKF, N.A., A NATION-

AL BANKING ASSOCIA-

TION D/B/A BANK OF

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CESSOR IN INTEREST

BY MERGER TO BANK

JOSEPH L. DUNN AND

SUSAN S. DUNN, HUS-

BAND AND WIFE; OC

OF

THE

N.A., Plaintiff,

CUPANTS

ALBUQUERQUE,

COUNTY OF

DOÑA ANA

DISTRICT

Complaint in said cause on

or before thirty (30) days after the last publication

will be entered against you

By:/s/Catherine Sanchez

Jeannette M. Whittaker

6501 Eagle Rock NE,

New Mexico 87113

Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 02/12,

McCARTHY &

HOLTHUS, LLP

Catherine Sanchez

Suite A-3

Albuquerque

Telephone No.

(505) 219-4900

date.

judgment by default

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE 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 6662 Vista Del Reino, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows

LOT 43A, ALTO ESTATES UNIT 3, REPLAT NO. 3, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY NEW MEXICO. AS

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SHOWN AND DESIGNA-TED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUN-TY ON MAY 12, 1995, IN BOOK 18 PAGE (S) 249 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 AM on February 11, 2016, at the main entrance of the Judicial District Third 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 Judgment granted BOKF, N.A., A NATION-AL BANKING ASSOCIA-TION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUC-CESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A. . BOKF, N.A., A NATION-AL BANKING ASSOCIA-TION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUC-CESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on October 15, 2015, in the total amount of \$344,134.85, with interest at the rate o f 6.125% per annum fro m July 1, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount o f \$12,993.45 . If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney .

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PROSPECTIVE PUR CHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINA-TION OF THE TITLE AND

THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING. By: Robert A. Doyle, Special Master c/o Legal Process Network

Cruces, NM 88012. The real

property which is the subject matter of this action is

legally described as follows:

LOT 20, BLOCK 6, SET-

TLER'S RIDGE, UNIT NO.

THREE, CORRECTION

PLAT, IN THE CITY OF

LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW

ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME

IS SHOWN AND DESIG-NATED ON PLAT NO.

3633, THEREOF FILED

FOR RECORD IN THE

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY

CLERK OF SAID COUN-

TY ON AUGUST 26, 2002,

BOOK 20 PAGES 113-115

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

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By:/s/Susan Carter

Susan Carter

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Jeannette M. Whittaker

6501 Eagle Rock NE.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 01/22, 01/29, 02/05,

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NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No.: D-307-CV-2015-02193 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff.

RENEE MARIE SIERS; EARL TODD SIERS: RENEE MARIE SIERS AS TRUSTEE OF THE RENEE MARIE SIERS REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JANUARY 18, 2007; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY,

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendant Earl Todd Siers:

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 3922 Saddle Fork Court, Las



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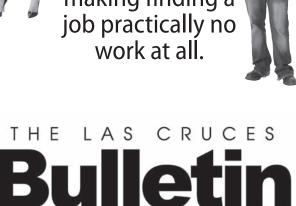


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FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2016 B29

Health Well Being



New office complex for Southwest Center on Aging



Southwest Center on Aging (SWCOA) which provides outpatient medical services in an office-based setting has relocated just minutes from both Memorial and Mountain View Hospitals to 1106 Centre Court. Special emphasis is placed on preventive medicine, healthy aging, dementia, depression, assessing functional abilities, and identifying risks for decline in health status.

Southwest Center on Aging (SWCOA) also provides medical

care for nursing home and assisted living residents, as well as a program which provides primary medical care in the comfort of your own home.

Dr. Roberto Duran is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Geriatrics, Hospice and Palliative Medicine. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Texas Tech University in El Paso and his fellowships in Geriatric Medicine and Palliative Care at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Before coming to Las Cruces, Duran was part of the medical staff at The Methodist Hospital and Methodist DeBakey Heart Center also in Houston. He has been appointed Clinical Assistant Professor of the Department of Medicine in the Division of Geriatrics at the University of New Mexico for the last 3 years.

Southwest Center on Aging is now accepting new patients. Call 532-5455 to schedule an appointment.

N.M. extension service, department of health host diabetes cooking school

Adults in New Mexico who have been diagnosed with diabetes can learn how to prepare healthy and delicious meals by participating in the Kitchen Creations cooking school, sponsored by the New Mexico Department of Health and offered by New Mexico State University's Cooperative $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Extension}}$ Service.

The next Kitchen Creations session will be offered in Las Cruces from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23 at Mayfield High School. The cooking school is free thanks to funding from the New Mexico Department of Health Diabetes Prevention and Control Program.

"Participants really benefit from this class so I feel fortunate to offer it in Doña Ana County," said Karim Martinez, Doña Ana County Extension home economist.

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Each Kitchen Creations session consists of four classes taught by Martinez and Janae Kraus, a registered dietician. Participants will learn food safety, how to plan meals, measure appropriate serving sizes, read food labels, balance carbohydrates and other useful cooking tips. Participants will also prepare and sample a variety of recipes during each class. Research has shown diabetes complications may be decreased when blood glucose levels are maintained within a range that mimics "normal" levels. In order to achieve these levels, people diagnosed with diabetes are often prescribed lifestyle changes such as diet modification.

According to New Mexico's Indicator-Based Information System, nearly 11 percent of adults in New Mexico were living with diabetes between 2011 and 2013. The national average during the same time period was about 10 percent.

"Many people with diabetes are not sure what to do improve their health, especially when it comes to food," said Cassandra Vanderpool, registered dietitian and extension diabetes coordinator for NM-SU's Department of Extension Family and Consumer Sciences. "Kitchen Creations goes beyond simply providing nutrition information to engaging participants in hands-on cooking and other activities so they can immediately apply what they are learning."

Vanderpool said that last year, more than 400 people attended Kitchen Creations cooking schools. At the last class, Vanderpool said, every participant reported they understood strategies to plan and prepare healthy meals, and that they were satisfied with the classes.

"Several months after attending the Kitchen Creations cooking school in Valencia County, a participant called the home economist to share her good news," Vanderpool said. "She had just returned from the doctor, and her A1C (blood sugar levels) had dropped. She attributed the improvement to the changes that she and her husband, who also attended the classes, had made in their cooking and eating habits as a result of what they learned from Kitchen Creations."

To enroll in the Kitchen Creations cooking school, contact the Doña Ana County Cooperative Extension Service at 575-525-6649.



PetsandPeople

Chained-dog ordinance in full force in the county

As of Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016, dogs throughout Doña Ana County were required to get relief from chains and tethers as a portion of the county's new animal-control ordinance took effect

Following a nationwide trend to abolish or severely limit the amount of time dogs can legally be chained — as well as the conditions under which limited chaining remains allowable the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners has approved the following revisions, which Animal Control personnel in

the field will be empowered to enforce.

• A person owning or having charge, custody, or care over a dog on his or her premises may use a tether as a temporary means of restraint only.

• A person shall not tether a dog to a stationary object for more than two hours in any 12hour period.

• A person shall not tether a dog to a running line, pulley, or trolley system for more than four hours in any 12-hour period.

• A person shall not tether a

dog in an unenclosed area where people or other animals are able to wander into the proximity of the tethered dog.

• A tether used to restrain a dog shall be at least 12 feet in length. Such tether shall not enable the animal to reach bevond the owner's property.

• A tether used to restrain a dog shall be affixed to a properly fitting collar or harness worn by the dog.

• A person shall not wrap a chain or tether directly around the neck or other body part of a dog.

• A tether used to restrain a dog shall not weigh more than one-eighth of the animal's body weight. The tether weight shall include any additional objects attached to the dog or tether, such as locks or fasteners.

• A tether used to restrain a dog shall have working swivels on both ends and shall be fastened so that the animal may sit, walk, and lie down using natural motions.

Critical definitions associated with the law include these three

Tether: To restrain an animal

by means of a chain, lead, runner, cable, rope, or similar device attached either to a stationary object or to a running line, pulley, or trolley system.

Physical Restraint: A person owning or having charge, custodv. or care over an animal shall keep the animal under humane physical restraint at all times.

Owner's Premises: A person owning or having charge, custody, or care over an animal on his or her premises shall restrain the animal either by a secure enclosure or by immediate control.

Animal rights coalition continues its mission

By Joanne Ferrary

The Coalition for Pets and People was formed by animal advocate people, volunteers and community leaders in 2012. The goal of all the foster, adoption, spay and neuter, micro chipping educational groups who participated in the Coalition was to reduce the number of animals euthanized to Zero in 7 years. That meant having a No Kill Shelter by the year 2019. We are halfway into that time allowed and the stats seem to be on track, but the next few years need to see extraordinary efforts on all aspects of animal placements, spay and neuter of dogs and cats, including feral, and extensive micro chipping and licensing to reach our goal.

One priority that will make a huge difference is to reduce the number of litters being born every day! If most pets, especially feral cats could be spayed or neutered by four months of age. we wouldn't risk increased populations of unwanted pets, we could reduce the stress on the shelter and all the groups helping to foster, adopt, or care for community cats.

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley has a lofty

goal of 1,000 surgeries per month set by the ASCMV Board of Directors, who are City and County leaders. This goal has been unmet in recent years. The Animal Shelter perform up to 400 surgeries a month. Other programs such as SNAP and PetSmart Charities increase that number by maybe 100. Local vets do another 100 per month. So if we are 600 into the 1,000 surgeries needed, we still are shy 400. If 100 more could be performed throughout the county per week we could reach our goal. A mobile surgical van makes perfect sense to go to communities throughout Southern NM.

There is such a van. It was purchased for Dona Ana County in 2007 with our tax dollars. It was supposed to be used by Animal Control for mobile surgical needs such as spay and neuter events and disaster response for pets. Currently, it is being drastically underused. It was originally heavily used for spay and neuter events in cooperation with a local non-profit group and occasionally for large animal hoarding cases. When the spay and neuter use ceased, about 4 years ago, at the request

of the Sheriff's Office, a few necropsies were performed, but that need has been replaced recently by a new County facility that meets necropsy requirements. It has also been used for the County Animal Control Education Services (ACES) program perhaps once a month to provide a mobile office at these events, not at all for its capacity as a mobile surgical unit. It seems a shame not to use a valuable and badly needed piece of equipment for other than its intended purpose.

The battle to get this "show on the road" again, literally has been going on for years! Roadblocks, delays, excuses have been heard at every turn. We need the County to take a stand, they are the ones who need to provide this for their constituents, provide compelling reasons for pets to be spayed or neutered by the time they are 4 months old and then take this mobile surgical van to convenient locations in Anthony, Chaparral, Sunland Park and Hatch. This is the only way we can get ahead of litters being born! Cats and dogs that are destined to be euthanized at the shelter because we couldn't figure out sooner than this to help prevent their conception. We killed 4,556 animals at our shelter in 2014, or 38.4% of the entire intake. The good news is this is 892 less than 2013 and 5,830 less than those killed in 2008, almost half. The bad news is this is still 4.556 animals whose souls were lost in one year.

People don't think about the puppies and kittens they purposely or inadvertently were party to creating, by not spaying or neutering their pet, and how those cute pets have a 2.5 greater chance of being euthanized than other pets in our region. We can't foster, adopt, or transfer our way out of this unless we spay and neuter every pet we possibly can! A mobile surgical van and a vet contracted to run it, no matter who supervises it, is the only way we can support the shelter's efforts for us to become a No Kill community and reach our Zero in 7 goal by 2019. Wouldn't it be great to get there sooner!

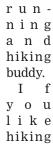
This is the year of the VAN! Now or never, our success is in the hands of the County to get this vehicle to ASCMV and then out into the areas of DAC that desperately need convenient low cost Spay and Neuter services.

PET OF THE WEEK

Meet the handsome. sweet, cuddly Pooch! This gentle giant is looking for a forever home.

As a very active and strong dog, he would be a





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ning down the Telshor Trail, this guy is the one for you.

He prefers big yards so he has plenty of room to run around and play. Pooch is a 4-vear-old black and white Terrier cross. Please come meet him today; he has been at our shelter for over nine months.

Hours of Operation: Monday thru Friday noon to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. For information, call 382-0018.

