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**Councillor: It's time to widen Telshor**

By Mike Cook  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Because of heavy and ever-increasing traffic congestion, Las Cruces City Councillor Ceil Levatino wants the city to reconfigure about 2.5 miles of north Telshor Boulevard, between its intersections with Lohman Avenue and Commerce Street, from two to four lanes.

"If we remove the center turn lane and the bike lane, it's already wide enough for four cars," Levatino said. "It's something that can be done easily, frankly, and for a relatively small amount of money."

Levatino has discussed her proposal with City Manager Robert Garza, and has driven north Telshor with Assistant City Manager Daniel Avila. Council District Six, which

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**Garza leaves lasting legacy as retirement looms**

By Mike Cook  
Las Cruces Bulletin

**Editor's note:** This is the first of a two-part story about retiring Las Cruces City Manager Robert Garza. Part 2 will run Friday, April 29.

When Robert Garza started work with the city as a 21-year-old engineer, Las Cruces was about 28 square miles in size and had a population of about 47,000 people. The city had 600 employees and an annual budget of about \$100 million.

Garza was the first city employee to have a personal computer at his desk, and started work when the city offices were located in the old



**GARZA**

hospital building on Alameda Boulevard. There were no cell phones in those days, so he used a two-way radio to communicate with other city staff. As chief engineer and public works director, he used an overhead projector and transparencies at city council meetings, and remembers dazzling councillors with the first color transparencies they had ever seen. ("The focus of council members lit up like an extra-, extra-bright bulb," Garza said.)

Almost 30 years later, as Garza

prepares to retire as city manager, Las Cruces has more than doubled in population to nearly 120,000 people, it has almost tripled in size to about 77 square miles, there are 1,483 full-time city employees and the budget is nearly \$400 million.

Garza's office is on the third floor of the new city hall.

"This is not the same city that I came to work for," said Garza, whose last day of employment is May 28. "We've quadrupled the size of our business," he said.

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## Money Smart Week '16 kicks off

Visitors to the Las Cruces Farmer's Market on Saturday, April 23, will see a sea of green shirts and balloons in front of the Rio Grandé Theater, where the official local kickoff of Money Smart Week 2016 will be underway.

The kickoff will feature giveaways, demonstrations, an inflatable money machine and calendars outlining more than 70 seminars coming up throughout the next week in Doña Ana County.

Proclamations approved by both the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners and the Las Cruces City Council will be formally presented.

Space is limited for many seminars. To reserve a seat in the seminar(s) that appeal to your needs, get a copy of the seminar schedule at the kickoff



event or at [mswdac.com](http://mswdac.com) and call the designated contact person for each seminar you plan to attend.

Financial institutions, not-for-profits, schools, libraries and many more community partners are joining together along with the Federal Reserve

Bank of Dallas/El Paso branch to help support financial education during Money Smart Week in Doña Ana County, April 23-30, 2016.

Free seminars in both English and Spanish will take place throughout the Las Cruces area. The seminars are designed to be useful to people of all age groups and income levels.

Classes will be held at various locations and will cover a wide variety of topics related to money management, savings, navigating large purchases and how to read a credit report.

Doña Ana County Money Smart Week Co-Chairs Shirley Hitson and Kevin Wilson emphasize that residents of all ages and economic backgrounds are invited to attend.

### New N.M. voting law is good news for many 17-year-olds

It's official, and it's good news for young voters: The New Mexico Secretary of State has confirmed that qualifying 17-year-olds can vote in the June 7, 2016 Primary Elections as long as they will turn 18 by November 8, 2016.



To be eligible, they are required to register by May 10, the registration deadline, and must be registered as one of the two major party affiliations – Democrat or Republican.

The law is effective May 18, therefore, registered 17-year-olds who are planning to vote in the Primary can begin voting on that date up until Election Day, June 7.

"Our office anticipated this outcome all along," said Chief Deputy Clerk Scott Kraehling, "so we've put procedures in place for the election. Upon registering, eligible 17-year-olds will receive a confirmation letter, and information about the upcoming election."

In addition, Kraehling said, outreach efforts have begun in the local high schools to register students and provide information to them, teachers and parents, with more than 100 new registrations completed to date.

For more information or to schedule a registration event, contact Outreach Coordinator Samantha Ashley-Verdin at (575) 647-7428.

### Sheriff: Use-of-force class slated

For the second time in 2016, the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will offer a unique, one-day class to educate the public on the use of force in police work, and the split-second decisions law enforcement officers are trained to make in potentially deadly situations.

"Law Enforcement Use of Force: What the Community Needs to Know" will be hosted at the DASO main headquarters, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, on Saturday, May 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The class is free and open to the public. Due to the subject matter, the class is limited

to the first 25 people who apply. Lunch is provided.

The class also includes a shoot/don't shoot simulated scenario for participants, along with detailed information on the various classes and curriculum law enforcement officers are required to learn.

To apply, email Kelly Jameson at [kellyj@donaanacounty.org](mailto:kellyj@donaanacounty.org) or send a private message via the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department Facebook page. For security purposes, applicants must provide their date of birth, a valid driver's license, email address and phone number.

### Kraehling put back on voting committee

Doña Ana County Chief Deputy Clerk Scott A. Kraehling has been reappointed for a two-year stint to the state's Voting System Certification Committee.

Sen. Mary Kay Papen, D-Las Cruces, made the appointment. The committee reviews and approves all election tabulators and electronic poll books used for state and local elections within New Mexico.

Voters in New Mexico use two systems. The first checks in each voter and prints a ballot. Voters feed ballots into the second system, which then tallies the votes.

Both systems go through an approval process administered at the state level. The Vot-

ing System Certification Committee reviews, makes recommendations about, and ultimately approves both systems.

"I'm honored to serve again," Kraehling said. "Every election, we think of ways to improve these systems, and this committee is the most effective means for getting the improvements implemented. By having a local representative on the board, we have more influence in decision making and our voters have a voice to make the process fair for all voters."

Kraehling is a former District 4 Doña Ana County Commissioner, and he has been chief deputy county clerk since September of 2014.

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# Nonagenarian Don Buck 'just paying the rent'

By **Susie Ouderkirk**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Don Buck just turned 90. Most of us can only imagine the experiences he's accumulated and the changes he's seen in nearly a century on Earth. Sitting down with Buck, you see the experience in his

eyes, you hear the wisdom in his voice and you feel the contentment in his words. He is a man who has spent his life doing a lot of things right.

On March 10, Buck celebrated his birthday with family members from all compass directions. Twen-

ty-two of his children and grandchildren visited from diverse places such as North Carolina, Wisconsin, Arizona, Indiana and Texas, as well as New Mexico, his adopted home state.

### Military service

Although he's been a New Mexican for more

than 40 years, he credits his experiences in the military, which took him all over the globe, as being influential to who he is.

Born in New York, Buck enlisted in the Navy in 1943. He was assigned to Naval Air Station Lakehurst in New Jersey where he became a student at

Aerographers school and learned how to be a weather observer. He quickly moved to stations in Minnesota, Hawaii and Georgia, as well as several ship and shore locations in the Pacific area of operations.

After being released from active duty, Buck returned to New York and

went to work for the postal service. He was called back to active duty in 1949, when, after a stint in instructor training school, (which he called "charm school,") he became a senior weather observer/forecaster and trainer for

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## From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

# Vaya con dios, Marvin

### Stability, consistency mark Menzies' Aggie tenure

It will be a long time before another New Mexico State University men's basketball coach can amass enough victories to pass Marvin Menzies on the Aggies all-time coaching list.

Menzies, who's leaving to take the head coaching job at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, finishes with 198 victories, No. 3 on the NMSU list, behind Lou Henson's 289 and Neil McCarthy's 229.

The Aggie record books do not include a category for Most Hugs Given. If they did, Menzies would be No. 1.

Over his nine years at NMSU, Menzies spoke his mind and displayed emotions on and off the court. But for every time Menzies got upset with a player, there were two times he hugged him. It was important to Menzies these players who arrived as teenagers grow into good men.

A lasting memory is the 5-9(ish) Menzies staring up at 7-5 Sim Bhullar giving him instruction, encouragement or a scolding. All that time craning probably doubled Menzies' chiropractic bill.

Another lasting memory is success. Eight winning seasons.

Seven 20-win-seasons.

Seven Western Athletic Conference championships.

Five NCAA appearances, including four in a row from 2012-2015.

Menzies was millimeters away from

three more NCAA tournament bids. In his first season, 2008, the Aggies lost a triple-overtime thriller to Boise State in the WAC final. In 2009, they lost by a single point to Utah State. And this year, only a heartbreaking buzzer-beater by Cal State-Bakersfield kept NMSU from a fifth straight tournament title.

Menzies would probably tell you one disappointment was not winning a game in the NAAs. We came close in 2010, losing by three to Michigan State, which made the Final Four that year. And again in 2014, going to overtime against San Diego State, coached by one of Menzies' mentors, Steve Fisher.

Another picture of Menzies' success came on Senior Night 2012. That night, three seniors, Hernst Laroche, Hamidu Rahman and Wendell McKines, were honored in the Pan Am Center. They all had been with Menzies for four years — McKines for five years, due to an injury in redshirt season. All had been starters most of their time. Laroche spoke something like four languages and had multiple degrees.

You could see the pride in Menzies' face that night. These were his guys. They had been through the wars together, and a week later it would culminate in another conference tournament title and an NCAA appearance.

McKines was Menzies' first recruit and quickly became one of the most popular Aggies. Like Menzies, McKines



Former New Mexico State University men's basketball coach Marvin Menzies speaks with Aggie broadcaster Jack Nixon.

was emotional. He had a fire, an energy and a toughness that inspired fans, teammates and certainly Menzies, too.

Three years later, the 2015 Senior Night featured another trio of career Menzies players. Daniel Mullings, Remi Barry and Tshilidzi (Chili) Nephawe all had been with Menzies for four years — Nephawe for five years, due to an injury in redshirt season. All had been starters most of their time and each came from a different country. Mullings was from Canada; Barry from France; Nephawe from South Africa. This demonstrated another strength of Menzies: the ability to communicate well with players from diverse backgrounds.

One of Menzies' good friends re-

mined me the coach was a career assistant when he arrived. Before our eyes we got to watch him — and, as a community, help him — grow into a bona fide NCAA Division I head basketball coach, gaining confidence and valuable experiences every year.

Stability and consistency were part of Menzies' brand, down to the long tenure of his top two assistants, Paul Weir and Keith Brown. That trio has molded the Aggie program.

From the beginning, Menzies and his wife, Tammy, jumped into life in Las Cruces and became a part of our community. They will be missed, but we thank them for all they've done, congratulate them on this opportunity and wish the Menzies family all the best.

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## The axis of ideal understanding



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knowledge derived from Education (ED) equals your dependence on your knowledge gained from Experience (EX).

On the graph at the beginning (graduation) your reliance on ED knowledge is at its zenith and your reliance on EX knowledge is at its nadir. As time passes your knowledge from ED, in relation to your knowledge from EX, will decline as defined by percentile.

Thus the lines on the

graph will eventually cross. ED will equal EX. That point is your personal Axis of Ideal Understanding. You have reached the Peak of your Practical Intelligence. Thereafter you will rely more on EX than ED.

### DISCLAIMER

Although I graduated with a DVM, my first "D" grade was in Algebra as a junior in high school. In

college while attempting to pass the "pre-vet" requirements I received a "D" two semesters running in the 4-hour Physics classes and an "F" in the required 5-hour Calculus and Trigonometry course. The "F" was changed to a "D minus" by a sympathetic graduate student.

In veterinary school I promptly earned an "F" in Physiological Chemistry in which I repeated the

final exam and escaped with a "D".

As a senior in vet school we were required to write a Senior Paper as part of our senior grade. I chose as my subject "The Anatomy of Five Non-Domestic Animals." The faculty members on the committee did not approve of my topic selection; "Stupid, juvenile, frivolous and

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# 'Tribes' are liars, cheaters and puppy dog haters

*"One of the expedients of party to acquire influence within particular districts is to misrepresent the opinions and aims of other districts. You cannot shield yourselves too much against the jealousies and heartburnings which spring from these misrepresentations..."*

— President George Washington's farewell address

Our first president knew the political party system held many dangers. Not the least is intentional lying and cheating to enhance one party over others in elections and during the time of governing. We have a government with its party interests instead of the interests of the country as a whole.

To me it seems America has dissolved over the years into tribes. There are four tribes I see: Democrats, Republicans, Independents and Disinterested Americans. In every question of what our country should do next is the overarching needs of



**Michael Swickard**  
In My Opinion

the tribes such that America is held hostage by the tribe in power.

Washington realized that the pull of the party system would cause otherwise good people to lie, cheat and act to bolster their party. He opposed the very notion of the party system. While he was President Washington, everyone was quiet and then the party system started full force after he left office.

Currently two tribes run our government. We are in an election year and I hear citizens wonder why the conventions of the tribes do not allow transparency or fairness. Indeed, they are a tribe and to them this is life and death of the tribe.

When elected those tribe members are then part of the

government and swear to act honestly. But as we can see their behavior is to push their tribe regardless of the damage it does to our country. Sadly, we have put the two tribes, Republicans and Democrats, in charge of our government. There are a few independents but not enough to change the outcomes.

I had to be a member of one of the two tribes if I wanted a voice in who was going to represent that tribe in the general election. Over the last couple decades, I have been a member of three tribes: Independents, Democrats and now Republicans.

Each tribe is a private entity though the practitioners, when running for office, do have to conform to some general rules. Their fiduciary relationship is generally their own tribe. Therefore, they generally band together while in office to represent their tribe and defeat the efforts of the other major tribe. Citizens are fed up with their

self-serving behavior but the system currently assures that only Republicans or Democrats will win the presidency. The rules assuring this outcome were agreed upon years ago in a bi-partisan effort by Republicans and Democrats.

We also have sham local governments which proclaim they are non-partisan but by the way they run and govern it is obvious they are still tribe members who follow their tribe. Even more disturbing is that the media is supposed to not be a member of either tribe but it is obvious the media often are pushing one tribe over the other.

You can tell by their coverage of some candidates where no mention is made of legitimate issues and on other candidates they happily spread the dirt spoken by a partisan that so-and-so candidate is a liar, cheat and a puppy dog hater.

So what are we to do? Truthfully, we are needing patriots to

take over the tribes at the local levels and not participate in tribal unity. They will be met with a vigorous defense of the same-old model when they try to make changes. So it will hinge on enough patriots in the two major tribes deciding to clean up their tribes.

Will it work? It is the only thing that will work. One thing more: journalism schools must be set back to where they were when I graduated in 1972. At that time, we looked down on both Republicans and Democrats and didn't root for either.

Most importantly, money and privilege must be taken out of elected service. No more going to Congress in a station wagon and flying home years later in their own jet. One step at a time. Giving up the tribe mentality will be a good start.

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“weekend warriors,” which he held until 1957, when he began a whole new career after receiving a direct commission from a 1st Class Petty Officer in the Navy to a second lieutenant in the Army Signal Corps.

A whole list of assignments followed, based on his meteorology training and executive commanding experiences, and after globetrotting for 16 years, he retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1973, and moved his family — wife Lossie, five daughters and a son — to Las Cruces.

**Why Las Cruces?**

“It’s the best,” he said. “You can’t beat anything about it. Climate. It’s beautiful, people are friendly. Where else can you be warm sitting in the sun and in the same day be at 10,000 feet?”

Las Cruces, Buck said, “is a jewel.”

Never one to sit around, on his laurels or otherwise, Buck accepted a “supposedly short-time job” as a program director for the American Red Cross. The six-month position turned into a 22-year commitment as Executive Director of the United Way of Doña Ana County.

There’s not much Buck hasn’t seen or done. He has grandchildren, great grandchildren and

even a great-great-grandson. He bought a horse for one of his daughters, and was a supportive gymkhana dad for years. He’s a founding member of the Three Crosses Travelers Group, and has been an active member of the Picacho Hills Country Club board of directors, the Whole Enchilada Fiesta, the Rio Grande Rotary, the Military Officers Association of America and the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, with which he’s a Conquistadore, the official goodwill ambassadors for the organization. As of right now, he’s the oldest living Las Cruces Chamber Conquistadore, and a proud member of the “Red Team” which competes — convivially — with the other two teams.

**So many people in the background**

Buck is refreshingly optimistic about the younger generations, and is impressed with the high school students he interacts with at Rotary Club meetings.

“We bring them in from the high schools and they’re outstanding,” he said. “They’re remarkable.”

He’s also proud of the citizens of Las Cruces as a whole.

“We have a lot of talent in this community. Look at White Sands and NASA,” he said. “We

have people out there that are brilliant.”

He also admires some of Las Cruces’ founding business fathers, such as developer Eddie Binns, who built the house Buck bought in 1973.

“There are so many people in the background who have done so much for the community,” he said. It shouldn’t be lost on him that he, too, is one of those “people in the background,” who have done so much for Las Cruces.

His wife, Lossie, a southern belle from Georgia, passed away in 2008, and Buck admits that his goal in life right now is, “survival.” He credits one specific tactic for his longevity: “A scotch and water every night before bed. Single malt. At least 12 years old.”

He’s honest with his doctor about this self-prescribed remedy. “My doctor just says ‘keep it up.’”

His constant companions these days are his two cats, Shadow and Miss Marmalade, although he claims to be “just fostering them” until they can be placed in a suitable home. He’s been “fostering” the two lucky felines since 2008.

For Don Buck, there’s been joy and sorrow, travel and family, war and retribution, hard work and service. Lots and lots of service.

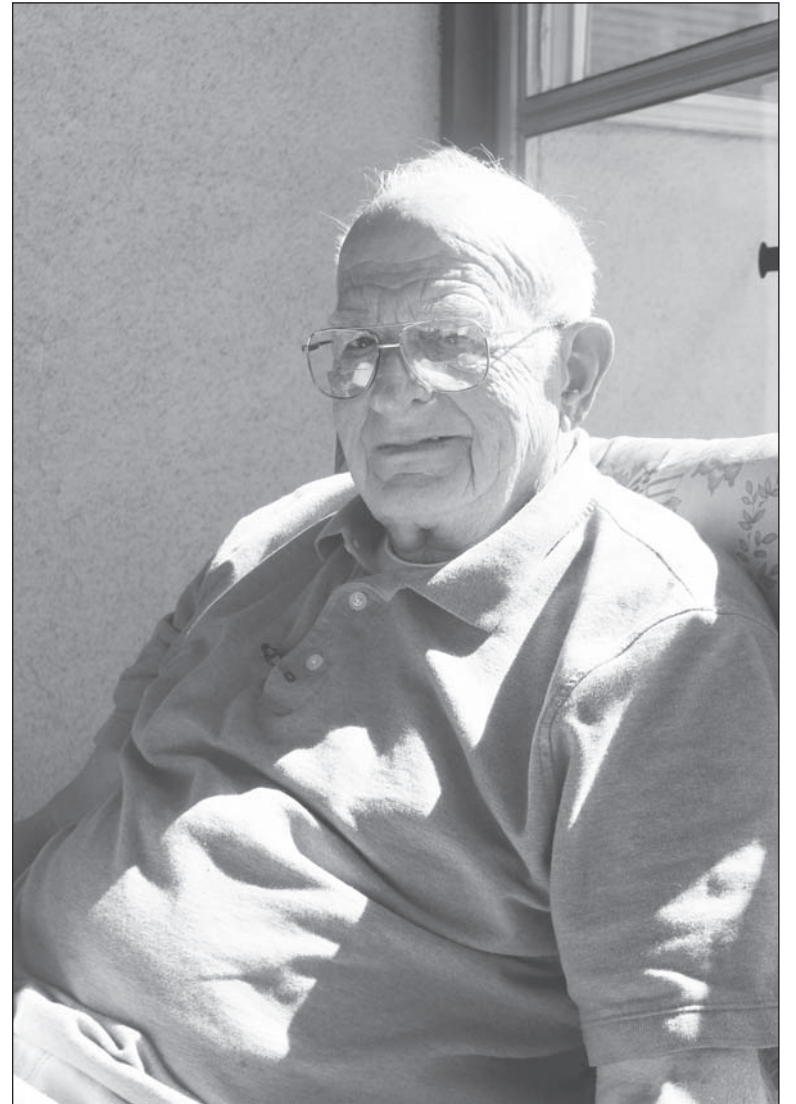


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Don Buck sits on the back porch of the house he’s owned and lived in since 1973.

“I believe volunteering is just paying the rent on the space you occupy,” he said.

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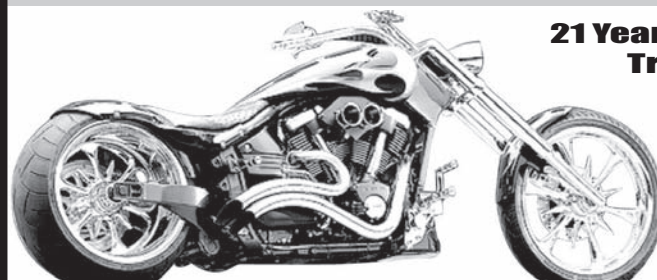


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# Looking Back



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Reflections

## 100yearsago

With the situation with Mexico following the Pancho Villa raids still dominating local news, trouble brewed elsewhere. An editorial in the April 22, 1916 Las Cruces Citizen read, "President Wilson's last note to Germany is the last note of harmony which can be sounded between this country and the realms of the Kaiser." It closed, "Whether this will mean war with Germany or not depends on Germany, and should the reply of that government be unsatisfactory, the citizenship of the United States stands ready to support the President to the limit and whatever the result. 'The United States is First, Last and All the Time' is our slogan."

## ATTENTION

### THE NEW MEXICO PECAN GROWERS ASSOCIATION PUBLIC NOTIFICATION FOR AGRICULTURAL BURNING

The New Mexico Pecan Growers Association is notifying the citizens of the Mesilla Valley of planned increases in agricultural burning between the months of Jan. and June. During this time of the year, the pecan growers of New Mexico burn agricultural waste from their operations, which can result in increased levels of smoke. If you have any questions regarding smoke from agricultural burning, please call the New Mexico Environment Department of Air Quality Bureau at 1-800-224-7009.

A list on the Citizen's front page elaborates on the simple headline RULES TO AVOID TYPHUS FEVER.

Las Cruces prepared to celebrate the Shakespearean Tercentenary and May Day Festival in various ways throughout the city, the Citizen reported. Las Cruces Public Schools was to combine its May Day Fete with the celebration of the Bard; 250 or more students were participating. "A Grand Processional will open the festivities with trumpeters, folk dancers and singers, Morris dancers, competitive dancers, fairies, May Queen and attendants, stiltmen, jesters, hobby horse and banner bearers in evidence, followed by the May Queen crowning, raising of Maypole, and Maypole dance, Maysongs, and English folk games, by the ward schools. A competitive gymnastic dance by the High School boys. A Grecian sacrificial dance of Spring, by the High School girls." The evening would close with a performance of "Pyramus and Thisbe," from "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

## 75yearsago

The April 24, 1941 Las Cruces Citizen announced the arrival of "an exciting new industry being developed in Doña Ana County": a marble quarry in the Potrillo Mountains, about 25 miles west of La Union.

Owners and developers Reuben R. Alvarez and J.F. Nevares had thus far found four types of white, black, pink and grey marble.

Sound familiar? An editorial titled "Our Heritage — Expression, Not Suppression" read, "When a country that boasts of a democracy, substitutes government ownership of property of private enterprise in lieu of reasonable regulation, the citizens living in that country will see gradual destruction of free institutions. They will find themselves lignin under a government which will slowly take away fundamental rights that govern their everyday living — rights which protect them from unjust treatment by government gone wild."

## 50yearsago

The April 28, 1966 Las Cruces Citizen reported Doña Ana County car owners had been contributing their share of payment for the construction of the 41,000-mile interstate highway system "by way of taxes on gas, oil and tires, since 1956, when the project was begun," and tallied "their annual bill as \$752,000." By 1973, the program's expected completion date, drivers would be paying an additional \$240 per car.

## Coming Up

### Astronomy meeting, presentation April 22

From 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 22, at Doña Ana Community College central campus, room 141 of the Technical Building, is the monthly meeting of the Astronomical Society of Las Cruces. A presentation on climate change will be given by University of Arizona Professor Emeritus Guy McPherson. Free. Door prizes. For information, visit: [aslc-nm.org](http://aslc-nm.org) or email [president@aslc-nm.org](mailto:president@aslc-nm.org).

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### Ensembles present Radiohead tunes

The New Mexico State University Jazz Ensembles present the music of rock band Radiohead at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 22, in Atkinson Recital Hall in the NMSU Music Center.

Classic Radiohead tunes such as "Idioteque," "Bodysnatchers," and "Optimistic" will be performed. The concert is free and Radiohead T-shirts will be for sale.

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useless" were the printable criticisms, I recall. "Do one on Collie Eye or Bog Spavin..." they suggested. I resisted. They threatened if I didn't choose a more serious subject they would guarantee me a "D"!

My senior paper included the anatomy of the elephant, giraffe, hippopotamus, rhinoceros and the blue whale. I got a "D". But I know that a giraffe has cloven hooves and both the blue whale and elephant have internal testicles. And though I have long passed my Peak of Practical Intelligence, I have used tidbits of anatomical knowledge more often than I have calculated the cosine of someone's polygon. Suffice it to say, if any of my scientific readers negatively evaluate my Axis theorem, fire away, you can't scare me with a "D!"

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## GARZA FROM PAGE A1

### 'The gold standard'

Few would argue that Garza's impact on the city has been enormous.

"Robert has used those decades to hone his skills and his understanding to a level that has served our community exceptionally well and to a point where he is widely acknowledged as the best city manager in Las Cruces history," said Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith.

"I have worked with over 10 managers, both city and county," said Mayor Ken Miyagishima. Robert is by far the best I have ever worked with. "He set the gold standard for city managers."

"He brings a wealth of knowledge and understanding to whatever table he comes to; coupled with institutional and regional knowledge and history, he has the kind of vision and 'big picture' perspective needed in a public administrator," said Doña Ana County Manager Julia Brown. "He leaves very big shoes to fill as he departs."

### Time for Robert to be selfish

Despite efforts by Miyagishima and others to get him to stay, Garza is retiring in May because of changes in the Public Employee Retirement Association (PERA) that make leaving before July 1 financially advantageous. The city will lose more than 200 other employees because of the changes, Garza said, including Fire Chief Travis Brown and Parks and Recreation Department Director Mark Johnston.

"I am a very, very fortunate person who is leaving a job that I love and I am going to miss," Garza said.

"It will be difficult for him to 'unplug,' since he dedicated countless hours to this job and feels there is more work to be done," said Garza's wife, Maryester Garza, who is the principal of Sierra Middle School. "But



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Robert Garza, seen here in 1987, was the first Las Cruces City employee to have a personal computer at his desk.

now, it's time for Robert to be selfish and do something for himself. He definitely deserves it," she said.

"It's going to be hard. It's going to be weird," Garza said. "June will be great. Come July and points beyond that, I'm going to definitely be missing the work and the people. They have become extended family."

Maryester Garza suggested that her husband may now find the time to "play some golf, go fishing and travel."

Garza himself said he likely will become a consultant to "other communities in the region," using his skill sets in engineering, management and finances to help them design and build strategies for growth. And, he said, his "skills will continue to be brought to bear to help this city."

### Putting together this puzzle

There may even be a run for public office in Garza's future. Although he

said he wouldn't consider running for a local office, he might be interested in a statewide campaign. The land commissioner's job is of particular interest, since it would make use of his vast storehouse of knowledge and experience.

As he looks to the future, Garza said what he will miss most at the city is the people he works with. He also will miss "creating the future, designing what we will have in our community," which he said is "one of the biggest rewards that comes with being a city manager. I have my hands on so many buttons putting together this puzzle," Garza said.

There are some things Garza said he won't miss about the job, including "continuously defending everything we do. Every breath we take, every move we make is being questioned by somebody," he said.

He also won't miss "being at the receiving end of critics," who "try to degrade and erode. The part that's most difficult is when it becomes personal," he said, adding that "my skin is really thick. I can take a lot."

### Background

Garza was born in Ruidoso and moved to Las Cruces when he was a year old. His father, Lalo, was the long-time district attorney in Las Cruces, and also was a district judge. His sister, Carmen, is a federal magistrate judge and former defense attorney. His brother, Carlos, was a county magistrate judge and county commissioner.

Robert Garza is a 1982 graduate of Las Cruces High School with a degree in civil and structural engineering from New Mexico State University. He has been a licensed engineer since 1994 and is a member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).

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### What others are saying about Robert Garza

"An amazing resource; seemingly tireless and imperturbable. He will be missed as a person and as a super capable executive."

- City Councillor Jack Eakman

"Robert's calm demeanor, strength of character and vast institutional knowledge will be sorely missed by me. He has been an absolute pleasure to work with and I wish him the very best. I predict he won't be retired for long."

- City Councillor Ceil Levatino

"What I like a lot about him is his even, level-headedness. I have never seen him get upset or angry. He handles difficult events and situations calmly and thoughtfully."

- City Councillor Gill Sorg

"He is widely acknowledged as the best city manager in Las Cruces history. I have found Robert's depth of knowledge and innovation quotient to be hugely helpful in our efforts to see Las Cruces shine on so many levels."

- Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith

"Robert is a visionary person. I think early on in his city career, he knew exactly where he wanted to be and which direction he wanted to take the city. Now 29 years later, his vision of Las Cruces is very much a reality."

- Robert Garza's wife, Maryester Garza, principal of Sierra Middle School

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# Council adopts sound stage strategy

By Mike Cook  
Las Cruces Bulletin

After a lengthy discussion at its Monday, April 18 regular meeting, the Las Cruces City Council voted unanimously to approve a resolution adopting a strategy for the expansion of the Las Cruces Convention Center and the development of a sound stage.

The strategy calls for appropriating about \$5 million in hold-harmless

gross receipts tax funds and using two appropriations from the New Mexico Legislature for a phase-one expansion of the convention center from its current 50,000 square feet to 80,000 square feet, adding meeting rooms, a large exhibit hall and additional parking.

The city has lost potential revenue because the convention center is currently too small to accom-

modate many large gatherings.

"We've lost \$3 or \$4 million in the last couple of years," Mayor Ken Miyagishima said.

The first phase would also include designing the exhibit hall to meet film-industry standards to the fullest degree possible with the resources available, according to an amendment added to the original resolution by Mayor

Pro-Tem Greg Smith. That way the exhibit hall could double as a sound stage, at least temporarily.

City Public Works Director Loretta Reyes said phase one could probably be completed in 12 to 18 months.

The longer-term phase two of the strategy calls for the construction of a stand-alone, purpose-built sound stage at a location and a date yet

to be determined by the council.

"Studios are turning away business in northern New Mexico. Some of that stuff could be filmed here," Councillor Gill Sorg said.

"We need to bring it down to good-paying jobs, to opportunities for Las Cruces," Councillor Jack Eakman said.

Tony-winning playwright Mark Medoff said he has been hired

to rewrite a movie script and direct the movie, and has convinced the producers to move production from Georgia to New Mexico. About half the film will be shot inside a house, which the producers will have to find and secure the use of. Medoff said. "It would be so much easier to build (the house) in a sound stage where I could control everything," he said.

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## City Council declares Hope E. Harrison Day

By Mike Cook

At its April 18 meeting, the Las Cruces City Council declared Sunday, April 24 as Hope E. Harrison Day in Las Cruces.

Hope, who turned 2 on April 11, suffers from Trisomy 18 (T18), a rare chromosomal abnormality.

Most victims of T18

don't survive childbirth, and of those who do, only about 10 percent make it to their first birthdays and only about two percent live to be two years old.

Hope's parents, Bobby and Rachel Medoff Harrison, grandparents Mark and Stephanie Medoff and Norman and Julie Harrison,

launched the Hope E. Harrison Foundation.

Their goal is to raise \$1 million to create a T18 database and fund research into the disease and education about it.

The foundation will host a fundraiser beginning at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 24 at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Tickets are \$45 each, \$70 per couple and \$15 for children. For \$1,000, you get 10 tickets, front-row seating and acknowledgement from the stage.

For information on the fundraiser and on T18, visit [www.Hope-Full.org](http://www.Hope-Full.org).

Donations can be sent



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The City of Las Cruces will hold a public hearing to solicit comments on proposed updates to the Public Safety Development Impact Fees and Public Safety Development Impact Fee Capital Improvement Plan that will be considered by City Council on May 16, 2016. If approved the new fees and plan will become effective on July 1, 2016. The proposed fees and plan are available for review on the City of Las Cruces web site at [www.las-cruces.org](http://www.las-cruces.org) and in the office of the City Clerk.

For more information contact Fire Chief Travis Brown at (575) 528-4067.

The TTY number is 575-541-2182.

The City of Las Cruces will make reasonable accommodation for a qualified individual with a disability who wishes to attend. Please notify the City of Las Cruces at least 48 hours before the meeting by calling 528-3227.



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## TELSHOR

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Levatino represents, includes all of north Telshor Boulevard.

Garza agreed that some kind of solution is needed.

"I believe we are going to reach a critical mass of traffic congestion along this corridor where something will need to be done to increase vehicular capacity," he said. "In many urban areas, interstate highways are designed with frontage roads that

carry local traffic off of the interstate to local roadways. In the case of I-25 through the city, there are no frontage roads, thus pushing all local traffic to this area. Adding frontage roads at this point in the evolution of the transportation system would be very challenging and costly."

Levatino's proposal "may be feasible as long as accommodations are made for an alternate bicycle facility and a complete traffic assessment and feasibility study supports it,"

Garza said. "Expanding the capacity could take a lot of different forms, from simply restriping the road to moving curbs and acquiring additional rights of way," he said.

"The cost will depend on the approach taken," Garza said. "If it can be done with a restriping process, the cost would be minimal; if the recommendation is to add width to make the corridor safe, that could be quite expensive – up to \$3 million."

That determination may come relatively quickly, he

said.

"The study will likely be done within a few months; work or transformation timeline will depend on the study results," Garza said.

For Levatino, dealing with traffic congestion on north Telshor is primarily a public safety issue and secondarily an economic issue.

During peak hours, "traffic easily fills that turn lane onto Spruce and is backing up traffic on Telshor," she said. "People are doing stupid things because they're frustrated.

Stupid actions lead to disasters. Our number one job is public safety."

"I don't want to see someone hurt or killed," Levatino said. "That's my big fear. Government and organizations tend to wait until there's a disaster and then react. I prefer to be pro-active."

With two lanes of traffic going each way, Levatino said, "people can get around" cars that are turning left even without a designated turn lane. "Is it a perfect solution? No. But it's the best we can do with-

out getting capital outlay to widen" that portion of Telshor, she said.

Levatino said a secondary concern about the traffic congestion is its impact on north Telshor businesses. "If a business is willing to invest money to build their business there ... I don't want potential customers to be discouraged from going there because the traffic is so bad," she said.

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# Helping hand benefits DACC, NMSU students

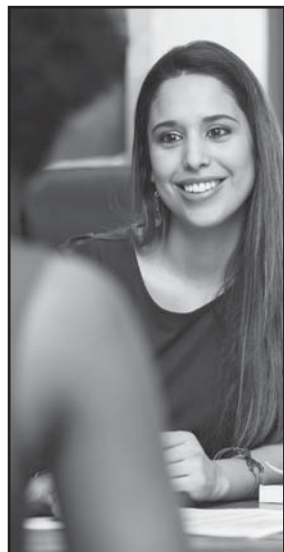
By Darrell J. Pehr  
For the Bulletin

Since 2002, the Wolslager Foundation has supported non-traditional students through scholarships at Doña Ana Community College and New Mexico State University. More than \$2.29 million has been provided for students.

The scholarships are available to full-time students at DACC and NMSU students who transferred from DACC.

"I can tell you that at the time I was going to school, my husband and I were both working part-time, minimum-wage jobs with three small kids to support and the thought of dropping out to get a full-time job was always on my mind, especially since we were both in school," said scholarship recipient Sarah Keesling. "Had it not been for scholarships, I would have never been able to finish school."

Keesling is now a math teacher at Oñate High School in Las Cruces working with students who have disabili-



NMSU alumna and current graduate student Vanessa Mendez chats with a student in her office at NMSU, where she is employed as a program adviser and graduate teaching assistant in the Communication Studies department.

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ties.

"I am grateful every day to have been given the opportunity to go to school," Keesling said.

For Vanessa Mendez, currently a graduate teaching assistant in NMSU's Department of Communication Studies, the scholarship came as a

boost to her confidence.

Mendez started at DACC and became involved in student government and earned an associate's degree.

The next step, though, was not as clear to her. When she was finished at DACC, she was concerned about going into debt to seek a higher degree at NMSU.

"I was not even convinced I would be able to succeed, having been the first generation in my family to pursue higher education," Mendez said. "The scholarship provided me with a sense of accountability, as someone saw the potential in me."

The Wolslager Foundation was established to improve the quality of life for individuals in the area where J.W. and the late Josephine S. Wolslager previously owned and operated their Coca-Cola bottling franchises, which included Coca-Cola Bottling of Las Cruces and Magnolia Coca-Cola Bottling in El Paso. This goal has been met by the foundation, providing support

for educational opportunities including scholarships, improving and expanding medical facilities and health services, and supporting programs and projects that facilitate development of children and youth, as well as services beneficial to elderly citizens.

Since 1996, the Wolslager Foundation has distributed more than \$44 million to more than 190 nonprofit organizations in southeastern Arizona, south-central New Mexico and west Texas.

"Almost all of our scholarship recipients are the first in their families to obtain an advanced degree," said Wolslager, the grandson of J.W. and Josephine Wolslager. "They are typically older than the average college student and the majority of them work at least part time, if not full time, in addition to taking a full course load. Many of them are also parents, which is profound in that they are setting an incredible example for their children to follow."

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# 2016 Earth Day events that are worth catching

By Suzanne Michaels  
For the Bulletin

This year at the downtown Farmer's Market, visitors can catch at least two events celebrating Earth Day, Saturday, April 23.

In honor of Earth Day, the South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA) is hosting a booth at Farmer's Market to answer curbside recycling questions. The booth will be onsite from 9 a.m. to noon. Big blue curbside recycling bins advertise the booth.

"This is a great opportunity to get your questions answered," said SCSWA Recycling Coordinator Tarkeysha Burton.

For questions about what's recyclable,

*'This is a great opportunity to get your questions answered.'*

**TARKEYSHA BURTON**

SCSWA Recycling  
Coordinator

what's not, why recycled materials have to be clean, dry, and loose in the bin, this is the place to get answers.

Burton notes, "Our biggest recycling issue continues to be contamination. Some residents put items that are not re-

cyclable — dirty diapers, containers with food, chunks of wood — in recycling bins. Those items are not recyclable."

At noon the Reuse and Recycle Fashion Show takes place at La Placita on Main Street.

This annual event, sponsored by Keep Las Cruces Beautiful (KLCB), features the latest in fashion made by creative recyclers in the community. The event is supported by the SCSWA providing gift cards for creations deemed the best.

*Green Connections is submitted by the South Central Solid Waste Authority. Reach the SCSWA at 528-3500 or visit [www.SCSWA.net](http://www.SCSWA.net).*



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The Reuse and Recycle Fashion Show is a popular event every year, held from noon to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 23 at the La Placita area near the Rio Grande Theater at Farmer's Market.

# Two-year-old glass recycling program shines

By Suzanne Michaels  
For the Bulletin

The drop-off-only glass recycling program in Las Cruces is thriving. In fact, the tonnage of glass bottles and jars being dropped off in Las Cruces doubled from 2014 to 2015, increasing from 8 to 9 tons per month to 19 to 20 tons.

That means more free crushed glass is available to residents in three colors — amber, green, and white — at the South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA) Recycling Center, 2855 W. Amador. Most

residents who scoop up the glass cullet say they use it for landscaping.

SCSWA Recycling Coordinator Tarkeysha Burton notes she gets calls about the two-year-old program.

"I just answered a few questions from a UNM Archeology student who was assigned to write a research paper on why Rio Rancho isn't recycling glass. She Googled 'glass recycling' and I believe we're the first thing to come up."

Burton also explained why the Las

Cruces program is succeeding: "Recycled materials are usually sold to offset the cost of managing those materials. But glass has very little commodity value. The success of this program might be attributed to the fact that this is a community-driven effort, and residents are willing to take the glass to two drop-off sites. Then, the SCSWA crushes the material and gives it back free to the community. So we are not spending a lot of money handling,

transporting, or processing the glass."

In other communities, however, glass recycling is not faring so well. The Las Cruces glass recycling program was mentioned last week in a South Carolina newspaper, *The Chronicle-Independent*, where glass recycling is being discontinued:

"Decatur, Georgia, plans to stop accepting glass in June; the Houston city council

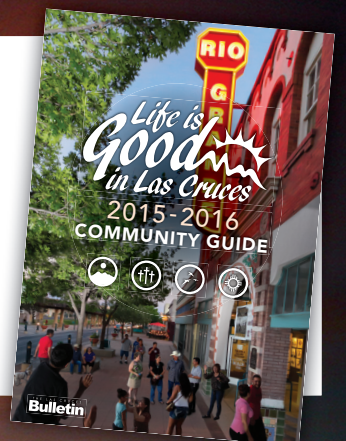
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# GLASS FROM PAGE A12

recently voted on a new recycling contract which excludes glass; and here in South Carolina, the city of Mauldin ended glass recycling just a few weeks ago.

On the other hand, glass recycling doubled in Las Cruces, New Mexico from 2014 to 2015. The glass is crushed and actually re-

turned to the community for various purposes, including landscaping.”

Glass bottles and jars may be dropped off at two sites in Las Cruces: The SCSWA Recycling Center, 2855 W. Amador Ave. which is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 4

p.m. on weekends. The second drop off location for glass is the recycling yard at the Foothills Landfill, which is open 24 hours a day at 555 S. Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

*Green Connections is submitted by the South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA). For information, contact the SCSWA at 528-3800 or visit [www.SCSWA.net](http://www.SCSWA.net).*



Green wine bottles are loaded into the SCSWA's industrial-sized glass crusher.

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# Las Cruces Teacher of the Year named

## Bulletin report

Cheryl Carreon works with developmentally disabled preschoolers at East Picacho Elementary School. The 26-year teaching veteran was recently named 2017 Las Cruces Public Schools Teacher of the Year.

Carreon learned of her selection at a banquet honoring educators Monday, April 18 at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

An LCPS committee chose from 33 teachers who were nominated for the award and then went through the application process.

According to a LCPS release, Carreon “impressed the committee with her wide range of activities, from mentor and cooperating teacher for university students to active NEA member and a Boy Scouts of America volunteer.

“My hope is that children in my class not only see themselves



COURTESY PHOTO

The 2017 Las Cruces Public Schools’ Teacher of the Year is Cheryl Carreon (third from left) who teaches developmentally delayed preschool students at East Picacho Elementary School. The other finalists are (left to right): 4th Runner-Up, Debra Vance, Picacho Middle School; 3rd Runner-Up, Tiffany Valles, Sierra Middle School; Carreon; 2nd Runner-Up, Tamara Miller-Dwake, Arrowhead Park Early College High School; and 1st Runner-Up, Melody Hageman, Centennial High School.

as special, but see themselves as possessing talents and gifts that through practice and hard work can be developed into something amazing,” Carreon wrote in an essay she submitted. “How amazing it is to have a career where every day I have the opportunity to make a day happier, create learning opportunities, foster respect, and help change the world.”

Other finalists for the award were: Melody Hageman, a science and computer programming teacher at Centennial High School; Tamara Miller-Dwake, a

science teacher at Arrowhead Park Early College High School. Tiffany Valles from Sierra Middle School; Debra Vance, a science teacher at Picacho Middle School.

Also recognized was this year’s recipient of the Dr. Sandra K. Nakamura Professional Development Award. Nina Nuñez is a math and engineering teacher at Arrowhead Park Early College High School. In addition, two teachers were honored for earning their National Board Certification: Terri Stockberger, a dual-language teacher at Val-

ley View Elementary; and Rubie Valdez, a fifth-grade teacher at Conlee Elementary School.

Awards were also given to three students from Las Cruces High School and one from Centennial High School who are National Merit Scholarship finalists. The students from LCHS are Helen Cai, Eric Leung and Jonah Ng. The Centennial High finalist is Andrew Phillips.

Several National Hispanic Scholars were also honored. From LCHS are Brandon Bicknell and Pachely Mendivil, and from Centennial High School are



National Hispanic Scholar Sarah Dysinger of Centennial High School accepts an award from LCPS Foundation President Sherley O’Brien. Ten high school students have been named National Hispanic Scholars for 2016 and National Merit Scholarship finalists. Looking on is Centennial Principal Michael Montoya. The other National Hispanic winners are Luis Gomez, Analyssa Martinez and Arianna Martinez, of Centennial High; and Brandon Bicknell and Pachely Mendivil of Las Cruces High School. The National Merit Finalists are Helen Cai and Eric Leung of Las Cruces High; and Jonah Ng and Andrew Phillips of Centennial High.

Sarah Dysinger, Luis Gomez, Analyssa Martinez and Arianna Martinez.

The LCPS Foundation also paid tribute to three members from its board of directors who are retiring from the board after many years’ of service. Honored were President Sherley O’Brien, Treasurer Gary Lenzo and Past-President Len Hampton.

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# Las Cruces businesses team up to promote the city

Website celebrates why city is a great place to live, retire

**Bulletin report**

Several Las Cruces businesses came together recently to promote the city as a

great place to live by launching a new website targeted to appeal to potential new residents and businesses.

RankedTheBestLasCruces.com showcases some of Las Cruces' top features and benefits in an effort to help the city continue to grow and prosper. Business leaders are trying to reverse a steady ten-

year decline in new-housing construction starts, which have declined from more than 1,500 new homes in 2006 to just fewer than 400 in 2015.

During the past 15 years, the City of Las Cruces has been consistently ranked as one of the best places to live, work and retire, and local business owners and commu-

nity leaders are making a collaborative effort to get the word out.

"This new Las Cruces website is an exciting way to share our great city and what it has to offer to people who are looking for an affordable place to live," said Joseph Arnone, co-owner of Exit Realty Las Cruces.

Surrounded by attractions like multiple national and state monuments, top-ranked golf courses, the historic plaza at Mesilla, one of the largest farmers' markets in the U.S., and world-class concerts and theater performances, Las Cruces offers an outstanding quality of life that the website showcases, Arnone said.

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# Grant County veterans remember the forgotten

By Elva K. Österreich  
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Armando Amador deployed to Vietnam and had been there for 26 days, he was on his way to a fire base and spotted someone who looked familiar marching with a platoon going in another direction. He called out a name, "Angel," but the soldier didn't respond.

Then Amador called his friend's nickname, "Anke!" and the man looked up.

The old friends, both having gone to Cobre High School, greeted one another and spoke briefly. The friend had been there only two days. Amador wanted to sit down and talk for a while.

"I needed to talk to somebody," he said.

The friend said he had to go, the platoon was marching out, but he would be back in two days. He asked Amador to provide the beer and they would sit and have a long talk.

Amador had the beer waiting. But when Angel Quevedo came back, he was dead.

"I got to put him in a body bag," Amador said.

Amador lost another school buddy,



Armando Amador, one of the founders of Forgotten Veterans Memorial Park in Grant County, stands before a Huey helicopter donated by Holloman Air Force Base for display at the park. For Amador, the Huey brings up feelings of rescue and safety from the Vietnam War stage.

PHOTOS BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

David Borunda, a little later, at home in Grant County, to a car accident probably related to post traumatic stress disorder before PTSD was a name for something.

The loss of his friends led Amador on a long journey of leadership. He and others started the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 358 in Silver City in 1991 where he has served as president all but two years since.

Amador's dream was to honor those lost, including his old schoolmates, with a place to remember them and the concept of the Forgotten Veterans Memorial Park. Land-acquiring efforts began in

1992, and, after a big community push the first wall went up in 1999.

Since then things just came together, one step at a time, with the threads being tied up as everyone worked to keep building. A sculpture, three airy green metal leafy stems, sits with three flagpoles behind it. Large lava rocks are arranged around the sculpture and a pole holding a torch stands near and is lit for special occasions.

"The three stems represent life," Amador said. "The large rock stands for the heat of combat. The flame stands for everlasting life."

Two evergreens also stand in the area: they stand for Quevedo and Borunda in Amador's mind.

Since that first wall went up in 1999, other silent memorials have been added. There is a 9/11 memorial flagpole, a sculpted POW/MIA empty chair and table with a rose and other items, a life-sized statue of Jesus embracing a soldier and a real Huey helicopter — donated by Holloman Air Force Base — installed on a pole above the peaceful park path.

People often tell Amador the park is a spiritual, peaceful place. For the Vietnam veterans who built it and maintain it, the park is also something else.

"It's part of the healing process for us," Amador said.

For information, or for a tour of the

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**ABOVE:** A statue of Jesus embracing a soldier is one of the several touching installments at the Forgotten Veterans Memorial Park in Grant County near Silver City.

**RIGHT:** A memorial sculpture set with lava rocks and a pole with a torch provide a lasting tribute to the forgotten veterans who served the United States through the years.



## VETERANS

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park, contact Amador at 575-649-5064 or park caretaker David Pratesi at 575-537-3194.

**DIRECTIONS:** Turn north on Fort Bayard Road off of U.S. Highway 180 and the park will be on the left where the Huey helicopter can be seen above the trees. The drive is just a little beyond the park before the Fort Bayard Medical Center. Fort Bayard Road is about nine miles East of Silver City.

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### Regents support modifying tuition for Mexican students

The New Mexico State University Board of Regents has adopted a resolution in support of examining a modified tuition for students from Mexico, in accordance with New Mexico Statute 21-22g-3. The move is designed to make NMSU's tuition more competitive and to encourage more students from Mexico to attend NMSU.

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### Dean candidates visit NMSU

Two of the three finalists for the position of dean for the College of Engineering will travel to Las Cruces to interview and to interact with faculty, staff and students and share the vi-

sions and interests in the position.

Lakshmi N. Reddi, Ph.D., PE Dean, University Graduate School Florida International University, Miami, Florida will be on campus Tuesday, April 26. Theodosios Alexander, Ph.D., Director of Interdisciplinary Research Collaborations, Parks College of Engineering Aviation and Technology, St. Louis University will visit Monday, May 2. William Schonberg, Ph.D., PE, DS, Civil Architectural, and Environmental Engineering Department Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, Missouri, visited April 14.

Faculty, staff and students may attend the open forums at 1 p.m. on the respective days to learn more about the candidates.

### Academy nomination process begins

U.S. Sen. Tom Udall will begin accepting applications for nominations to U.S. military service academies throughout April and May and members of Udall's staff will host information sessions across the state for high school students and recent graduates who are interested in entering an academy in the fall of 2017.

Students have until Oct. 14, 2016, to submit an application. Prospective applicants are encouraged to begin the application process win advance.

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# Marriott coming to University Avenue

## Bulletin report

By 2018, the long-held vision of a hotel adjacent to the Las Cruces Convention Center will likely be realized.

Aggie Development Inc. on April 7 signed a lease for a 2.7-acre parcel where the hotel will be built. The New Mexico State University Board of Regents approved the agreement April 10.

DMC Holdings Inc. and Total Management Systems plan to build a 120-room hotel on the site west of the Las Cruces Convention Center.

Aggie Development's executive director, Scott Eschenbrenner, said the hotel will be a Courtyard by Marriott prototype, with a restaurant, outdoor pool, two breakout rooms and a fitness center.

The hotel will serve the convention center and create an additional revenue stream for the university, he said.

"The university had an obligation to the city," Eschenbrenner said. "We told them we would put a hotel on that land when we leased the land for the convention center."



An artist's rendering of the future 120-room hotel to be built by a New Mexico developer on 2.7 acres of land adjacent to the Las Cruces Convention Center.

The new hotel also will bring tax revenue and jobs to the city, he said.

The City of Las Cruces completed the one-story convention center in 2011. Original plans penciled in an adjacent hotel and also an expansion of the convention center that would

possibly double its current 55,000 square feet of space.

### Aggie Development Inc. goes into business

The NMSU Board of Regents created Aggie Development Inc. in 2014 to better manage and devel-

op the university's land and property assets. In 2015, the Board of Regents approved a land lease with Aggie Development Inc. to pursue the hotel project.

Eschenbrenner said NMSU will neither develop nor own the hotel.

"That's important in light of major budget cuts," he said. "The project will bring money back to the university."

The land lease would put at least \$80,000 of lease payments a year into NMSU's coffers, Eschenbrenner said.

"It could go up, because the agreement amount is based on a percentage of the hotel's gross receipts," he said.

"Our Board of Regents has instructed us to be more entrepreneurial in

how we operate," NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers said in a release. "This hotel is just the first of several commercial enterprises we are working on with Aggie Development Inc. Over the coming months and years, we'll announce more projects that will create additional revenue streams for the university."

"This hotel project is the beginning of what we hope to be a productive utilization of university property in the future," said Mike Cheney, vice chair of the NMSU Board of Regents. "This strategy is in keeping with NMSU's culture of pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps and working to control our own destiny."

### From idea to drawing board

"The (hotel) idea started as early as 2006," Eschenbrenner said. "A deal was supposed to happen in 2008."

But the economy tanked, the deal fell through and the convention center hotel project was put on the back burner.

The hotel project was revived when the end of the recession appeared to be in sight.

"Ben Woods, who was my predecessor, reached out to several New Mexico developers and others active in the region," Eschenbrenner said. "He brought in two New Mexico developers last May for a site visit. Ben retired

  
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# Farmers Market ousts manager

By Alta LeCompte  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Board of Directors of the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market in closed session has terminated market manager Duane Mosley.

Mosley said he has retained attorney Jose Coronado and has been advised not to comment on his dismissal.

Andy Hume, Downtown coordinator and liaison to the market for the City of Las Cruces, said he has met with the board and shared a list of concerns regarding the LCFCM's ability to meet its financial agreement with the city.

Hume said because a lot of the discussion took place during executive session he could not comment further on his concerns.

Market vendors who

wished to remain anonymous said the April 11 board meeting was called on short notice — on Saturday, April 9. Four members were unable to attend, they said.

## Market status evolves

The Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market was established in 1971.

In 1981, a city ordinance designated the Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Board to oversee the market. A committee of vendors was elected to govern day-to-day operations. In 1999, the City of Las Cruces accepted management responsibility for the market and appointed a manager, according to [www.fcmlc.com](http://www.fcmlc.com).

In 2013, the city ended

its stewardship of the market, which incorporated as a nonprofit.

"The market signed a letter of agreement with City Council in June 2013 followed shortly by a lease to conduct the market on city property," Hume said.

In a March 17, 2016, FCMLC work session, vendors discussed a proposal to seek a reduction in its lease agreement for advertising to \$1,500 a month and discussed ways market participants might raise money for the FCMLC, according to minutes of the meeting.

"The market faces the same financial issues every nonprofit has," Hume said. "They try to keep costs very low and are always looking to di-

versify to increase revenue."

In his 2015 annual report to the city, Mosley called the market's finances "stable."

"In 2015 we brought in \$105,956.78. These numbers include payment

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in June and I took over the project.”

“We’re excited because this is a project that has been in the making for years,” Caruthers said. “Not only will this project benefit the convention center, and the Las Cruces community, it will also create opportunities for students in our School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management.”

“We love having this kind of synergy with NMSU and its HRTM program,” said Prakash Sundaram, the project’s lead developer. “It will be a great learning opportunity for HRTM students who are interested in the hotel business. They’ll have the opportunity to learn every single department in the hotel.”

Eschenbrenner said Sundaram recently completed a hotel in Artesia and his company owns a total of eight hotels in the state.

“Being next to the convention center was a big deal for him, as was the opportunity to collaborate with HRTM, working with a lot of bright young students he can train for his organization,” Eschenbrenner said. “The site has good exposure from I-10 and easy access to I-10 and I-25.”

Total Management will spend the next few months putting together financing, permitting and making other preparations. Ground breaking for the hotel could happen as soon as 2017 and it would be open for business in 2018, according to Eschenbrenner.

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11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., **MVEDA Business** in the Borderplex Forum, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Jason Espinoza, president of the New Mexico Association of Commerce and Industry (ACI), will be the featured speaker. Advance registration \$25 with online payment. Payment at the door with cash, check or credit card is \$30. Register online at [www.mveda.com/blog](http://www.mveda.com/blog).

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from grants that totaled \$14,246.78. We also saw an increase in temporary voucher sales, nearly doubling our sales from the previous year. This shows we have more participation and a stable, growing vendor base. Overall, vendor-based income was up by \$2,787.00,” Mosley said.

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The market remains open as usual Wednesday and Saturday mornings on Main Street Downtown.

“The board has taken a collaborative approach to taking on the man-

agement responsibilities during this transitional period,” Hume said. “The block captains are very well organized.”

Volunteers working with Sheri Franzoy, vice president for operations, are staffing the office, Hume said.

“We’re committed to helping the market thrive Downtown,” he said.

Meanwhile the LCFCM board is negotiating with the city on the market’s contract, which is due to expire June 30, according to vendor sources.

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# Failure to raise tuition compromises NMSU mission

I just don't get the New Mexico State University Regents.

They seem to think that a cut in state funding can be made up just by wishing it — that cutting the NMSU budget by millions and millions of dollars will have no effect on the quality of the education at NMSU.

At least that is the only reason I can figure for the otherwise irrational decision by the Regents to fail to pass a 4.1 percent blended tuition increase.

A little background. Thanks to the declining energy prices along with increased needs in other areas of the budget, the state has cut support for higher education. This, coupled with a decline in overall enrollment, has left a \$10.7 million hole in the NMSU budget.

The NMSU administration asked the Board of Regents to

**Chris Erickson**  
State of the Economy



partially fill that hole by increasing tuition. This would have still left an additional \$7.4 million that would have been covered by hiring freezes and program eliminations.

NMSU is run on a shoestring. NMSU staff receive very low salaries. The NMSU policy is to pay faculty 10 percent below market, making it difficult to attract and retain faculty. In fact, over the last six years, total salaries on campus have fallen by 15 percent after adjusting for inflation. Staff head count is down 18 percent and faculty head count is down 4 percent. These job cuts have been possible because NMSU employees are working harder

and smarter than ever before. There is no more fat left in the budget. Indeed there is no more meat. All that is left is bone.

Frankly, students can afford to pay more. College in general and at NMSU in particular is a bargain. In fact, a college degree has been and remains the required document for entry into the middle class. The median college graduate makes just short of \$1 million more over their lifetime compared to a high school graduate.

The benefits from a college degree begin early in the graduate's career. For individuals between 25 and 32, the so-called millennials, the high school/college pay gap is \$17,500 per year. That is the largest such gap ever measured.

But what about college debt? Isn't debt a hideous burden on young people? To which I an-

swer: Not really. The average college graduate in 2015 graduated with \$35,000 in student debt, meaning that it takes the typical new grad about two years to earn enough in higher pay to pay off their debt.

Still not convinced that a college degree is worth it? Then consider this. After taking account of the full cost of college, including wages not earned because of attending classes, the return on a college degree, compared to a high school degree, is 15 percent. Compare that to a savings account paying less than 2 percent or the stock market paying percent.

And the return to a NMSU grad is higher than the average as NMSU is and remains a relatively low cost university. Among our peer institutions, which includes land grant universities and regional competi-

tors, we are consistently ranked low on tuition costs, yet our students go on to make the same salaries of graduates of much more expensive schools.

But running a university is an expensive proposition. Someone has to pay for it. If the state is cutting funding, then at least some of the burden to make up the difference should fall on the students. Cutting the budget by \$10.7 million is going to compromise quality. It's likely going to mean layoffs.

*Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at New Mexico State University. Erickson has had tenure at NMSU since 1994. While he says it every week, it is almost certainly true this week: The regents and administration of NMSU may not share the views expressed. Erickson can be reached at [chrerick@nmsu.edu](mailto:chrerick@nmsu.edu).*

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When the nonprofit formed in 1964, its name was an acronym for the Service Corps of Retired Executives, because early mentors were recruited from the ranks of the retired. The organization later shortened its name, as many of its volunteers still hold jobs in a complex and rapidly evolving global economy.



Thanks to its resource partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration and its nationwide network of volunteers, SCORE can offer its services at little to no cost.

### SCORE's wide reach

Santa Fe is home to one of the state's oldest SCORE chapters. Launched in the mid-1970s, it mentored more than 800 clients last year, and 500 more attended its workshops.

"Anyone is welcome to come to Santa Fe and attend our workshops," said Ray Berger, chairman of the chapter that serves Northern New Mexico. Berger also belongs to a three-person

mentoring team, contributing experience from his 35 years in marketing and merchandising for large U.S. retailers.

SCORE also serves the state from offices in Las Cruces and Albuquerque.

The Las Cruces SCORE chapter serves southern New Mexico from its office in the Loretto Towne Center at 505 S. Main St.

The national office of SCORE, which gave the Santa Fe chapter the 2014-15 platinum award for outstanding client service, encourages the nation's 310 chapters to expand their reach by posting webinars and educational videos on their

websites and offering mentoring through Web-based platforms.

### Group, individuals welcome

A client administrator assesses the needs and objectives of each entrepreneur who asks for individual mentoring and then matches the client with the team that has the appropriate know-how. Mentors, for example, can help entrepreneurs design a business plan, evaluate a business concept, choose a legal structure and create an exit strategy.

All SCORE branches offer workshops that provide more general information in a group setting. Topics include crowd funding, legal structures and regulatory compliance, writing a business plan, growing a sustainable nonprofit, social media, maximiz-

ing a business website and working with Quick Books.

To learn more about SCORE or to volunteer as a mentor, visit the Las Cruces website at [www.scorelascruces.org](http://www.scorelascruces.org), Albuquerque website at [www.abqscore.org](http://www.abqscore.org) or the Santa

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New Mexico State University Athletics Director Mario Moccia speaks to the media Monday, April 18 about the start of a coaching search to replace men's basketball coach Marvin Menzies, who left NMSU to take the head job with UNLV.

## Moccia: New coach must do better against the Lobos

By **Christophe Chino**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Beat the Lobos.

That's the message New Mexico State University Athletics Director Mario Moccia said the person who takes over for departed men's basketball coach Marvin Menzies must internalize.

In-state rival the University of New Mexico must go down.

"We have to do better competitively against UNM," he said. "That is a very big deal to me."

Moccia spoke at a news conference Monday, April 18 about the search for the Aggies' next bench minder.

With victories in just

four of the last 16 games against the Lobos, Moccia said it is crucial for the next head coach to have a game plan to change the tide.

"I want somebody that's going to bring a plan to say, 'Here's how we are going to be much more competitive with those guys,'" Moccia said.

NMSU's AD also said he wanted to stress the importance of academics to any potential candidates.

"The vast majority of our student athletes won't go on to play professionally, so we need to make sure they are getting their degrees," Moccia said.

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## Aggies declare for NBA Draft

### Bulletin report

New Mexico State University forward Pascal Siakam and guard Ian Baker hope a career in the NBA is in their respective futures.

Siakam, a sophomore, and Baker, a junior, have both declared for the NBA Draft.

The unanimous WAC Player of the Year, Siakam, a 6-9 sophomore from

Douala, Cameroon leads the nation with 27 double-doubles, rank-



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ing eighth in rebounding with 11.6 boards per game and 26th in scoring

with 20.3 points per contest. He also ranked 32nd with 2.24 blocked

shots per game.

Baker, a 6-0 guard from Washington D.C. said he has not hired an agent. That means Baker can retain his amateur status and return to school if he withdraws his name before

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## NMSU's annual spring game



BULLETIN PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE

New Mexico State University quarterback Tyler Rogers cocks his arm to throw Saturday, April 16 at Aggie Memorial Stadium during the team's annual spring game. The senior signal caller completed 7-of-13 passes for 158 yards – including a 55-yard bomb to first-year Aggie Jonathan Boone. For more photos, see Page A24.

## Las Cruces players point way for University of the Southwest

By **Barbara Boxleitner**  
Special to Las Cruces Bulletin

Freshman Ben Tingen has led the area players on the University of the Southwest base-

ball team, which is located in Hobbs.

The Mayfield High School graduate is among six locals listed on the roster. The out-

fielder hit .338 in starting all 25 games he played. He had six RBIs and a team-high eight stolen bases in 11 attempts.

Sophomore first baseman

Ean Smith started 22 of the 25 games he played and batted .319. The Las Cruces High graduate had 12 RBIs, third on the squad. Smith had a .976 fielding

percentage in a team-high 168 chances.

Mayfield product Josh Gomez

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## NBA DRAFT

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the draft.

"I discussed it with my coaches and family and we felt it was best that I evaluate and put my name out there," he said.

Baker said he will be actively searching for options that will give him more guidance as a player and a person.

"As a competitor you

want to play at the highest level," he said. "So I feel it's best for me to find out some things I need to work on so I will be ready for that level. Whether that's right now or later on."

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hit .182 with three RBIs in 15 games. Previously at Oñate, Fernando Escapita was 1-1 with a 12.86 earned run average in eight appearances, including two starts.

Out of Oñate, Isaiah Blanco was 1-for-2 with one RBI in 12 games, and former Bulldawg PJ Sanchez was 1-for-4 with one RBI in five games.

### More baseball

Roman Trujillo is a freshman infielder for New Mexico State University. The Oñate alumnus hit .154 with one RBI in eight games, including four starts. He had a perfect fielding percentage in 22 chances.

Centennial High graduate Isaak Bustamante batted .242 through 25

games for Eastern New Mexico University. The redshirt freshman catcher had seven RBIs. He had a .988 fielding percentage in a team-high 164 chances.

Junior outfielder Andrew Saucedo, a past Bulldawg, hit .250 with two RBIs in six games for Lyon College.

New Mexico Highlands University sophomore Curtis Hynes had no record and a 10.80 ERA in six appearances. He played for Oñate.

### Women's basketball

Sophomore Daeshianna McCants averaged 2.9 rebounds and 2.1 points in 27 games for University of Texas at El Paso. The Mayfield graduate, who started six times, had 17 blocked shots.

*Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at [bboxleitner@outlook.com](mailto:bboxleitner@outlook.com).*

## COACH

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Along with his attention towards the Aggies' rivals to the north, Moccia also said that he is looking for a coach who can increase the competitiveness in non-conference games, while continuing to be a dominant factor in its conference.

Moccia also clarified that head coaching experience is "a great benchmark, but certainly not a make-or-break."

There is one candidate with no head coaching experience who is already a shoo-in for a spot on the short list of finalists: current Aggies associate head coach, Paul Weir.

Moccia said once he learned of Menzies' departure, he told Weir that as long as he was interested in the position, "he would automatically be in our fi-

nalist group."

Moccia will be creating a "small committee" to help guide him in the search for the new coach, a tactic he said he has used in past coaching searches, but stated that ultimately the decision will be made by him.

Menzies, meanwhile, will take over a UNLV program that recently lost Chris Beard, who left for a job at Texas Tech just three weeks after taking the UNLV position. Menzies had earlier interviewed for the UNLV job before Beard was hired.

Menzies coached the Aggies for nine years, with 20 or more wins in seven of those seasons. He was named the 2015 WAC Coach of the Year and took NMSU to the NCAA Tournament in five of the past six seasons.

"Marvin is an experienced head coach with UNLV and West Coast

roots who knows what it takes to build and maintain a winning college basketball program," UNLV president Len Jes-sup said in a statement. "He is a dynamic recruiter and proven leader who understands the proud tradition of UNLV basketball, and we look forward to welcoming him back to campus."

Menzies spent the 2004-05 season as an assistant with the Rebels under Lon Kruger before leaving to serve as an assistant under Rick Pitino in Louisville. After two years with Pitino, Menzies took over at New Mexico State.

"Certainly we want to wish Marvin well," Moccia said. "He has done some tremendous things here in the past nine years."

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## Legends unite for Club



**ABOVE:** Former NMSU coach Lou Henson gives a welcome at the Boys & Girls Club Community Breakfast.

**RIGHT:** Olympic gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey, voted by Sports Illustrated as the Female Athlete of the 20th Century, was the keynote speaker April 14 at the 2016 Lou & Mary Henson Community Breakfast, benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces.



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## One last time at home



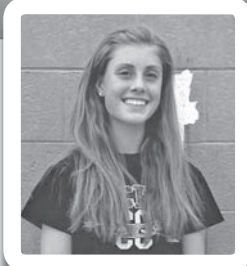
New Mexico State University senior Liam Goldberg competes against an opponent from Western New Mexico University. The team took on Western New Mexico University for the last home match of the season on Friday, April 15. Goldberg and Strahinja Trecakov were honored. Both won their singles match and the Aggies pulled off a 6-1 win.

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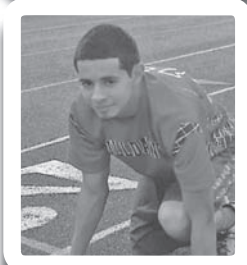
## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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**Irene Fernald** is a 16-year-old junior at Las Cruces High School. She runs track and cross country and is also on the Lady Bulldawgs swim team. Fernald is a two-time state qualifier in swimming, three-time state qualifier in cross country and three-time state qualifier in track. She is relentless, leads by example and outworks her opponents. Fernald plans to continue cross country and track at the collegiate level. She is an excellent student, with a 4.0 GPA and outside of sports she enjoys Hebrew and Spanish playing trombone in the school's marching and concert band and symphony. Fernald is a member of Students for Sustainability and president of the National Honor Society.



**Sam Suarez** is an 18-year-old senior at Las Cruces High School. He is defensive back on the Bulldawg football team and runs the 400, 800, 400 relay and medley relay in track. Suarez is a 4x1 state qualifier and 1,600 sprint medley state qualifier. He believes in running hard and finishing strong. Suarez loves to have fun. He is funny, a hard-worker and constantly striving for personal and team progression. Outside of sports, Suarez enjoys working out, running with his teammates/friends, listening to music and math. He is family-oriented and a good student, with a 3.7 GPA.



LAS CRUCES HIGH SCHOOL



# Defense flexes muscle during spring game

## Bulletin report

The Aggie defense stood tall during the New Mexico State University football team's 2016 Spring Game.

The defense finished with three sacks, two interceptions (one for a touchdown) and two forced fumbles (one recovered).

The first fumble came in the second quarter when Brett Kowalski knocked the ball loose from Xavier Hall. Luckily, Hall was able to recover the ball. The offense eventually found its way into the end zone when King Burke powered his way in.

Quarterback Conner Cramer, playing in front of the Aggie faithful for the first time, wound up orchestrating both scoring drives for NM State. The first drive was a 17-play, 90-yard drive in the second series and then again in the third on a 14-play, 80-yard drive.

Signal caller Tyler Rogers looked sharp in his return after an injury-plagued 2015 and completed 7-of-13 passes for 158 yards — including a 55-yard bomb to first-year Aggie Jonathan Boone. Boone, a redshirt sophomore transfer from Ellsworth Community College in Iowa, displayed his ability to be a deep threat as he finished with 138 yards on eight catches.

The senior quarterback also connected on the deep ball to Tyrian Taylor for 46 yards in the first quarter. The offense settled for a field goal on the same drive. Taylor finished the day with 89 yards while Gregory Hogan hauled in 91 yards on eight receptions.

Cramer was efficient from the pocket for NM State, converting 22-of-28 passes for 173 yards. Nick Jeanty also finished with 102 total passing yards, completing 12-of-22 passes with one pick.

Burke played with a lot of power on the run, finishing with 105 net yards on 19 carries — including a 48-yard run to go with his two touchdowns. Hall saw a large amount of carries, totaling 58 yards on 17 carries.



LEFT: NMSU quarterback Tyler Rogers hands the ball off to running back and former Las Cruces High Bulldawg Xavier Hall.

BELOW: Defensive end Jassavia Reese smiles on the sideline.



ABOVE: After catching a pass from teammate Tyler Rogers, wide receiver Izaiah Lottie fights for yardage.

LEFT: New Mexico State University running back Larry Rose III breaks free from teammate Will Clement during the 2016 NMSU Spring Game, Saturday, April 16 at Aggie Memorial Stadium.



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# Epic Masters leaves behind a few lessons

I know it has been almost two weeks since the epic, truly shocking finish to the Masters Tournament. Jordan Spieth, last year's Masters Champion, stumbled on the final nine holes, including a quadruple bogey seven on the par three, 12th hole.

At about the same time and three groups ahead, eventual winner Englishman Danny Willett was finishing with three birdies during the last six holes.

In the immortal words of the late Yogi Berra, "It ain't over 'til it's over."

Regardless of who you were rooting for, it was an exciting final day at the Masters.

Looking back at not only the weird final round, but at the entire week at Augusta National Golf Club, some perplexing questions remain as well as some important "takeaways" for us watching at home.

First of all, I don't believe Spieth choked coming down the

**Charlie Blanchard**  
Golf Doctor



stretch at "Amen corner." If he wasn't ranked No. 2 (a month ago No. 1) in the world, and if this had been his first major, maybe. This was a matter of a bad swing — actually two bad swings — at the wrong golf hole, at the wrong time. One water ball he could have recovered from; but two balls in Rae's Creek, no way.

On a Sunday in 1996, Greg Norman stood on the first tee at Augusta leading the tournament by five shots. That day he lost to Nick Faldo by the same amount.

That was a choke.

For his last 26 holes Spieth made the equivalent of four double bogeys (two and a quad); it wasn't just a single bad shot that lost it.

Will Spieth recover from

his loss?

He later admitted that this loss, considering the fact he was leading for three days, "hurt a lot." But he's just 22, and has an ironclad emotional makeup as well as a super team of handlers and family. Years from now, after he hoists several more trophies from major tournament wins, he will realize the truth in the old homey adage about trials and pain that: "If it doesn't kill you, it'll make you stronger."

It came as a shock to see the video replay of Ernie Els trying to putt his golf ball on the first hole as he began day one of the Masters. It was first reported that he 7-putted from a few feet away; of course watching the video it was hard to count the strokes as the Big Easy hockey-pucked his ball back and forth. But later it was corrected to a 6-putt.

Els had a three-footer for par, but then went back and forth, even missing a backhand from

a foot, for a record breaking 9 on the hole. To his credit, Els didn't avoid questions from the media after his round, stating that he could "barely take the putter back" due to what he said was the "heebie-jeebies."

What!?

This from a seasoned tour player who has a total of 68 professional wins worldwide, including 19 PGA Tour victories with four Majors. Els won the 1994 U.S. Open in a playoff and the 2002 British Open in a playoff. The takeaway for all of us: the yips can happen to anyone, anytime, anywhere.

On the improbable other side of the coin appeared 58-year-old Bernhard Langer who has battled the yips demon for much of his golfing life. But not especially at Augusta National, since he won both the 1985 and 1993 Masters. On Sunday, lurking at 1 under par, he was in the second-to-last group, just behind Spieth and Kaufman. In 1986 Langer

became the Official World Golf Ranking inaugural No. 1 player. For most of the time, ever since the long wand-type putter emerged as an accepted part of pro golf, Langer managed to quiet the yips, enabling him to record two Masters wins, 42 European Tour wins and 26 PGA Champions Tour victories — 99 professional wins worldwide.

My takeaway is the amazing top-level performance career that has been possible with legends like Sam Snead, Ben Hogan and now Bernhard Langer, who have been able to turn their lifelong passion into a lifelong competition.

As for 2016 Masters Champion Danny Willett, he may have been blessed by "Sports Illustrated" (reverse jinx?) which ran a feature a few issues ago entitled "Yorkshire Terror."

Guess he won one for Monty. Yup, we'll see lots more of Mr. Willett in majors and in the Ryder Cup.

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# MountainView Regional honors organ donors

By Susie Ouder Kirk  
Las Cruces Bulletin

On Thursday, April 14, MountainView Regional Medical Center honored Las Cruces area organ and tissue donors at a balloon release ceremony that also introduced a new Wall of Heroes, located in the hospital's lobby.

MountainView CEO Denten Park led the ceremony, and organ transplant recipient Warren Yehl, Mountain View COO, spoke of his personal experience as a survivor who has an organ donor to thank.

The original Wall of Heroes, which displayed static photographs of organ donors who were patients at Mountain View, has been in place in the hospital lobby since 2011.

"The new display is a digital video montage," that scrolls through photos of organ donors from the area, said Public and Media Relations Manager for New Mexico Donor Ser-



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**A new Wall of Heroes to honor organ donors is on display in the lobby of MountainView Regional Medical.**

vices Maria Sanders.

About 250 family members and friends of organ donors gathered on the lawn at MountainView Regional Medical Center and released green and blue balloons with personal notes of remembrance tied to the strings, Sanders said.



**Family members and friends of organ donors gathered at MountainView Regional Medical Center for a balloon release Thursday, April 14, to honor those from the Las Cruces area who donated organs and tissues.**

# Scottish Rite center's one of city's 'best kept secrets'

By Mike Cook  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Scottish Rite Bodies Secretary Bob Northrup calls it "one of the best kept secrets in Las Cruces."

He's referring to the Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center, 195 E. Boutz Road, which has been providing free service to children with dyslexia for the past 27 years.

"We never pat ourselves on the back for what we do," Northrup said. "We just do it."

More than 400 students from throughout southern New Mexico have received help improving their reading skills at the center, and about 100 teachers from Las Cruces and El Paso and from across the state have participated in the center's therapist training program "to learn a curriculum and strategy which are recognized as effective for teaching basic language skills to students with dyslexia," according to a center brochure.

Each summer, the center provides training to teachers from Las Cruces, El Paso and throughout New Mexico. Teachers typically attend training classes over two summers and need 750 hours to become certified, said center director and therapist Judy Carter. The center charges a nominal fee for the training,



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

**Center Director and therapist Judy Carter, center, and teachers/therapists Shanni Macgee, left, and Lana Chambers work to make the Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center a success.**

which is usually paid by Masons in participating teachers' home communities.

"We are very blessed with support from the Masons," Carter said.

The program began in Las Cruces in 1989 when Carter moved to Las Cruces with a family member who had dyslexia. She trained as a tutor, got the program going and, more than a quarter-century later, continues to oversee it.

The center is providing service to 15 children right now, and typically serves about 24 public-school-aged children a year, Carter said. It also offers video-taped teaching programs so parents who can't bring their children in for scheduled classes can still work with them at the center, she said.

The Scottish Rite temple has three classrooms available for its teaching programs, including two that were built in 2015, with funding from the Scottish Rite Foundation of New Mexico, Northrup said.

The program works with Las Cruces Public Schools on scheduling children for the dyslexia classes.

Carter said people who suffer from dyslexia are "just normal people that have trouble learning to read. There is a misconception, she said, that if a child is learning disabled, he or she is "not smart." But in fact, a high percentage of children who successfully complete the dyslexia program are re-tested, and are classified as gifted," Carter said.

"A student can go from below average in his reading abilities to above average by the end of the program," Carter said. Most children participate in the program for about two and one-half years, although it can be longer for some, she said.

The cost of the program for each participating child is paid entirely by Las Cruces Scottish Rite Bodies, Northrup said. Some of the money comes from its annual Flapjack Fundraiser pancake breakfast, which Scottish Rite holds the last weekend in March every year in partnership with Applebees restaurants of Las Cruces.

Volunteers came from Masonic lodges throughout southern New Mexico to help with the 2016 breakfast, which was held March 26, Northrup said. "Everybody just pitched in and helped. It was a community effort to provide the funding to help these kids."

"The Scottish Rite is a Masonic organization that continues a Master Mason's education of the first three degrees," according to <http://scottishrite.org>. Other Masonic-affiliated organizations include the Shriners, Eastern Star, DeMolay International and the International Order of Rainbow. "The Scottish Rite degrees actually originated in France and were based on legends that came from Scotland, so 'Scottish' is in name only," according to the website.

Northrup said the local lodge has more than 300 members.

The organization is perhaps best known for the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, which opened in Dallas in 1921. It has served more than 225,000 children in the past 95 years, and has more than 70 active research projects. For more information, visit [tsrch.org](http://tsrch.org).

The Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center is a nonprofit charity. You can send a contribution to the center at P.O. Box 357, Las Cruces, N.M. 88004. For more information, call 523-7171 or email [secretaryvclsr@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryvclsr@gmail.com).



# STEVEN W. SMELSER

*January 26, 1970 to April 15, 2016*

Steven W. Smelser "Steve" age 46 died suddenly Friday April 15, 2016 at his home.

He was born January 26, 1970 in Quemado, NM and grew up in Roswell, NM, also spending much time on his grandparents ranch in Cuba, NM (Homer & Vera Smelser) where he developed skills at an early age. He was an active Boy Scout for many years and earned many merit badges as well as several championship trophies in the youth Soccer League.



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He graduated from Goddard High School and also attended New Mexico Military Institute and also completed several vocational training programs. He was a "jack of all trades" and a master carpenter and could build or fix almost anything. Steve was a supervisor for Menefee Mining in Cuba, NM as well as Big Chief Stone in Las Cruces and Santa Fe. He did water well drilling and servicing for Rodgers & Co. in Albuquerque and repaired construction heavy equipment for Schmidt Construction in Lindreth, NM. He was a working partner in Pony Tracks Horseshoeing & Livestock Management Services, and did extensive work on the family ranch in Cuba, NM. He

got his CDL and did 18 wheeler "over the road" driving for Roadrunner Trucking.

Steve settled into Las Cruces in 1995 and attended DACC classes and was a foreman for Clean Cut Lawns & Landscaping. He married Margaret Pacheco in 2002 and together they started LynCon Inc. after he obtained his GB98 contractor's license in 2003. He worked on many commercial and residential projects in Las Cruces including renovating the Hotel Encanto lobby and transforming the restaurant into the Azul Nightclub. Currently he was the Quality Control Supervisor for Gen-Con Inc. on the Burrell College of Osteopathic in Las Cruces adjacent to the NMSU campus which is near completion.

Steve was also an active working partner in Animal Haven Lodge, Salon & Kennel on Valley Dr. which he and his wife Margaret started in 2008 during the housing market slump. He built the entire state of the art facility and also performed certified dog grooming services for several years as well as other operational duties. He and Margaret both received commendations from the Spay and Neuter Action Program and the animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley for promoting and assisting with the adoption of homeless animals and providing services for homeless pets. He was an animal lover of all species.

# MARIA DE JESUS VALDEZ HERRERA

*March 13, 1931 to April 12, 2016*

On April 12, 2016, our heavenly Father called home to his Kingdom our cherished mother, MARIA DE JESUS VALDEZ HERRERA, age 85 of Las Cruces. Maria was born March 13, 1931 in Durango, Durango, Mexico to Francisca Valdez and Lucio Angiano. As a young woman, after the death of her mother, she went to live with her older brother and sister-in-law in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, where she met the love of her life, Florencio Herrera, Sr. They married on May 25, 1948 and later moved to

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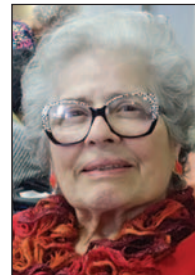
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# ERLINDA ARCHULETA WILLIAMSON

*November 20, 1933 to April 16, 2016*

ERLINDA ARCHULETA WILLIAMSON, 82, of Las Cruces passed from this life on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village. She was born November 20, 1933 in Hill, NM to Anastacio and Guadalupe (Avalos) Archuleta. Mrs. Williamson retired as an insurance agent and was a member of the Catholic Church.



WILLIAMSON

Those left to mourn her passing include a son, Randy Carrillo of Las Cruces; a daughter, Dr. Karen Couch and Dr. Ronald C. Couch of Chestertown, MD; six brothers, Anastacio Archuleta of Albuquerque, Reynaldo and Mike Archuleta both of Las Cruces, Raymond Archuleta of CO, Danny Archuleta of AL, and Albino Archuleta of Silver City; two sisters, Dolores Hale of Las Cruces and Carolina Jordan of TX. Other survivors include six grandchildren, An-

gela Marie Barbuscia, Jennifer Michelle Mathieu and Heather Elaine Carrillo, Ronnie, Courtney and Collin Couch; eleven great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Henry J. Carrillo; her second husband, Ben Williamson; two sisters, Mary Ortiz and Carolina Archuleta; a grandson, Frank "Casey" Porcher III.

Visitation for Mrs. Williamson took place on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 in Baca's Funeral Chapel where the Funeral Mass followed. Family and friends have joined together for a Graveside Services on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5140 W. Picacho where she will be laid to rest.

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# CATHERINE 'KIKI' R. AMEZQUIT

*April 4, 1954 to April 2, 2016*

CATHERINE "KIKI" R. AMEZQUITA, 61, was called home by our heavenly Father on Saturday, April 2, 2016. She was born April 4, 1954. "Kiki", as she was fondly known to her family and friends, was a homemaker and lifelong resident of Las Cruces.

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October 7, 1948 to April 13, 2016

PATRICIA JEANNE HAMM HANSON, was born October 7, 1948 in York, PA. She died at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces on April 13, 2016. Patricia graduated from Northern Illinois

University in 1950 with a double major in Political Science and Russian. She married Nels Hanson that year.

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## PEARL LILLIAN DAVIS NICKELL

In January our beautiful and beloved Pearl was lost to us. She died at age 92 at Memorial Medical Center. Pearl was a resident of Mesilla Park Heritage in Mesilla, NM since 1984.

Pearl was born and grew up in Alton, Illinois. She was a graduated of the Gradwohl School of Laboratory Technique Saint Louis, and served her internship at Inlow Clinic in

Shelbyville, Indiana. She became a member of the American Medical Technologists in 1942 and immediately accepted a wartime position in the military hospital at Scott Field, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital.

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# Centennial High reaps rewards of a principal who goes extra mile

Montoya took Walk the Moon's advice to shut up and dance

### Bulletin report

Centennial High School students were the recipients of a "free" prom, courtesy of High School Nation (HSN) Tour, "a traveling music and arts festival that visits public high schools all across the nation, introducing to students opportunities in all fields of the arts," according to the Centennial High School Facebook page.

HSN sponsored a nationwide contest called "Best Dancing Principal" in the fall of 2014, in which the winning school would receive a full-blown prom.

Mike Montoya, Centennial's principal, reached out to HSN and the school's Powder Puff Dancers, who choreographed a dance number for him, and recorded a video of the event.

Nationwide, viewers were tasked with watching all of the dancing principals from around the coun-

try and voting for their favorite.

Montoya left it all out on the floor during his dance with the Hawkawockies dancers to Walk the Moon's song, "Shut up and Dance," and the votes flooded in, giving Centennial the win, according to the HSN website.

High School Nation paid for everything, Montoya said via email.

"Tents, dancefloor, video screen, DJ. Makeovers for the senior girls and tuxes for the guys," he said.

The organization also donated money to the junior class, which traditionally would have used the profits from the event for its own prom next year, Montoya wrote.

Due to high winds, the prom, which was initially to be held at Red Hawk Golf Course, was moved to the athletic fields at Centennial. Surprise guests included rapper Trevor Jackson and actor/singer Drake Bell.



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## Festival welcomes hometown stars, big names



COURTESY PHOTOS

Las Cruces natives Josh Grider, above, and Bri Bagwell, right, will both participate in this year's Las Cruces Country Music Festival.

**By Mike Cook**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB; also known as Visit Las Cruces) Executive Director Phillip San Filippo heard the No. 1 and No. 2 songs on the Texas country music chart last December, he knew he had to invite both artists to participate in this year's Las Cruces Country Music Festival.

After all, they are both Las Cruces natives: Bri Bagwell and Josh Grider.

In addition to performing, both will be doing some emcee chores as well. Grider will host the festival's salute to local musicians on Friday, April 29, and Bagwell will be the host on Saturday, April 30.

In addition to Grider and Bagwell, performers include the Nitty Gritty Dirty Band, Rick Trevino, Lee Ann Womack, David Nail, Cam and Aaron Watson.

The festival will have a north stage and a south stage in the Downtown area.

Last year's festival drew about 5,000 visitors each night, and "ticket sales seem to be ahead of last year," San Filippo said. Now in its fourth year, the festival has increased in attendance every year, he said.

"People know what to expect from the festival, now in its fourth year, so they are not afraid to buy tickets in advance," he said.

The festival, San Filippo said, has become a signature event not only for Las Cruces, but for the entire state and the region.

"That's quite frankly what we're trying to accomplish," he said. It's



"one of the best festivals in the area."

San Filippo said the festival was purposefully scheduled the last weekend in April to coincide with the New Mexico State University NIRA (National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association) rodeo, which will be held at NMSU. Residents and visitors can attend both the festival and the rodeo for less than the price of a "country music concert anywhere else," he said.

In fact, the festival pass and VIP pass include admission to the rodeo.

The festival also coincides with Avenue Art street painting festival Downtown (Saturday morning and early afternoon, April 30), and the Farmers and Crafts Mar-

ket downtown that same day.

The Country Music Festival also will have a kids' area that includes free activities for children. And, there will be a special wounded warrior veterans' area.

A New Mexico True section will include vendors from the area and around the state offering "everything that's New Mexico," San Filippo said, including local pecans, chile and arts and crafts.

San Filippo said he is looking forward to hearing Grider at the festival, along with Bagwell performing her song, "Las Cruces" which has already received 120,000-plus hits on social media; Cam's performance of

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# Could festival move out of Downtown?

## Bulletin Report

Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Phillip San Filippo said he “would absolutely love” to keep the Las Cruces Country Music Festival in the downtown area in 2017 and beyond. But, the conversion of Church and Water streets from one-way to two-way traffic, which begins next year, will “minimize our use of Downtown.”

Wherever the festival is held in 2017, San Filippo said it will continue to grow in attendance and respectability. And, the CVB will try to avoid the major expense of renting a large facility because it doesn’t want to “raise prices to a higher level” and prevent some people and families from attending, he said.

“Few places have a festival with this caliber of people at these prices,” San Filippo said. “We don’t want to get so big that it’s not Las Cruces.”

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**FRI APRIL 22 • 3:30 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Library Lab-Stories/Activities ages 6-10

**FRI APRIL 22 • 7:30 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
Cirque Zuma Zuma

**SAT APRIL 23 • 1:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Team Anime ages 12-18

**SAT APRIL 23 • 7:30 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
Viva Espana

**SUN APRIL 24 • 2:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Fourth Sunday Movie

**SUN APRIL 24 • 2:30 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
Viva Espana

**MON APRIL 25 • 1:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Getting Started with Grants to Individuals

**TUE APRIL 26 • 10:30 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Read to Me-Storytime ages 1-3

**TUE APRIL 26 • 2:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Computer Class—Windows 10

**TUE+THU APRIL 26+28 • 4:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Teen Game Night-Games ages 12-18

**TUE APRIL 26 • 6:30 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
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**WED+THU APRIL 27+28 • 10:00 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Toddler Time-Storytime ages 3-5

**WED APRIL 27 • 11:00 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Mother Goose Time—Activities for Infants

**WED APRIL 27 • 2:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
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**SAT APRIL 30 • 10:00 A.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
Santa Fe Opera Spring Show *Unshakeable*

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her Grammy- and Country Music Association-nominated song “Burning House”; Lee Ann Womack’s legendary “I Hope You Dance”; and the 50th anniversary of The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. “I remember ‘American Dream’ and ‘Mr. Bo Jangles’ when they came out,” he said.

Bagwell and Grider have gained “a lot of notoriety” as country music performers, San Filippo said. But they are “still home-town folks. They really care about this community. They know where their roots are. They’re both very loyal people.”

For more information about the festival, visit <http://www.lascrucescountrymusic.com>. For more information about the NMSU rodeo, visit <http://aces.nmsu.edu/rodeo/>.

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# WSMR soldier will perform in El Paso in May

By Mike Cook  
Las Cruces Bulletin

United States Army Sgt. First Class Wacinqe BeMende, who is stationed at White Sands Missile Range, will appear in the "The Telling Project" when it comes to El Paso for three performances in May.

The performances are 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 18 at the Chamizal National Memorial Theater; 3 p.m., Saturday, May 21 at Fort Bliss Chapel; and 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 24 at Bel Air High School auditorium.

All three performances are free and open to the public.

There will also be a performance for high school students on May 18 in El Paso and for event sponsors and performers' guests on May 21 in Santa Teresa.

"The Telling Project is a national performing arts non-profit that em-

ploys theater to deepen our understanding of the military and veterans' experience," according to <https://thetellingproject.org>. The project "gives veterans and/or family members the chance to go on stage to speak about how service affected their lives and attitudes. Greater understanding fosters receptivity, easing veterans' transitions back to civil society, and allowing communities to benefit from the skills and experience they bring with them. Through this understanding, a community deepens its connection to its veterans, itself, and its place in the nation and the world."

BeMende is retiring May 14 after 40 years in the military. In addition to the Army, he also served in the Marine Corps, Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Army National Guard and Army Reserve.

He also is an honorary member of the Coast Guard. BeMende has served in the United States, England, Somalia and Iraq.

His many medals and decorations include a Global War on Terrorism expeditionary medal and service medal and an Army overseas service medal.

BeMende has been stationed at WSMR since last July. He said he plans to stay at WSMR for several months to decide on his next move.

A native of Nashville, Tennessee, BeMende said he "reached a point where I decided to research my roots and learned I'm descended from the Mende people of West Africa, so I changed my name."

Contact BeMende at [wacinqe.a.bemende.mil@mail.mil](mailto:wacinqe.a.bemende.mil@mail.mil).

For more information, visit <https://thetellingproject.org>.



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Army Sgt. First Class Wacinqe BeMende will appear in "The Telling Project" in El Paso in May.

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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](http://www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com).

### 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. Submis-

sions now being considered. For more information, call Cynthia at 652-7366.

### 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.

### Tularosa MERC seeks member artists

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# Student artwork is on display at county building

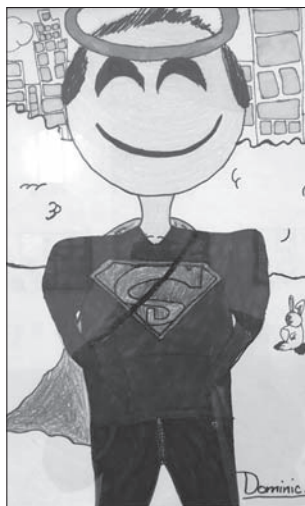
## Bulletin report

More than 100 pieces of original art by students in Las Cruces Public Schools, Gadsden Independent School District and Hatch Valley Schools are on display at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd., through September, 2016.

"The student art shows have been a rotating fixture for Doña Ana County's main lobby since 2000, with thousands of works by local student artists displayed for the public during that time," said county Director of Public Information Jess Williams.

The exhibit includes paintings, etchings, photographs and drawings, and the artists range in age from elementary students to high schoolers.

The student art exhibit complements the permanent art collection within the Doña Ana County Government Center, which includes 41 original oils and acrylics – mostly landscapes – donated in December, 2013 by Las Cruces artist Joyce T. Macrorie, as well as a series of historical photographs in the upstairs rotunda, and a spectacular photograph of the Organ Mountains donated in 2007 by Las Cruces artist R. Frederick Silva. The piece, titled "Fall Splendor," hangs on a second floor east wall, adjacent to the main entrance to the administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners and



the Office of the County Manager.

Also on display in the upstairs rotunda are works by students from the Hatch Public Schools, as well as a 10-piece mural by Las Cruces artist Meg G. Freyermuth, who made a long-term loan to the Doña Ana County Government Center's art collection. Titled, "Leap: It is Unchanging, Yet Trembles Sweetly," the impressionistic depiction of the Organ Mountains hangs on the west wall of the second-floor rotunda of the building. Below is a plaque with information about the painting, its history and its dedication.

Freyermuth coordinated the loan through the Doña Ana County Special Projects Office, which curates both the rotating student art shows and the building's permanent and semi-permanent collections.

On permanent display downstairs is an original oil painting by the late Las Cruces artist Alice Terry donated to



**ABOVE:** "Owl Collage," Black owl, by Mila Noopila, white owl by Rachel Torres. Both are second graders at Fairacres Elementary School. Their art teacher is Bernie White.

**LEFT:** "Emoji Self Portrait," by Dominic Lozoya-Wilson, a fifth grader at East Picacho Elementary School. His art teacher is Jennifer Gaides.

the Doña Ana County Government Center in 2008 for permanent display. The painting, titled "Heart of the Problem," depicts a dry desert arroyo and represents the artist's respect for the power of arroyos and the damage they can inflict to property during the summer monsoon season inherent to southern New Mexico.

Las Cruces artist Virginia Maria Romero donated four signed prints to the Doña Ana County Government Center for permanent display. The pieces are on display on the second floor near the elevators. Romero is a 20-plus-year resident of Doña Ana County who has shown her work regionally, nationally and globally. The four pieces featured are titled "Outcasts," "Migration," "Survival" and "Tonantzin."

On semi-permanent display in the main lobby is one of New Mexico's most famous paintings, decorative, glass

beads. The pony is for sale by the Doña Ana Arts Council, with the proceeds to benefit the historic Rio Grande Theatre. To date, none of the bids for it have met the minimum allowable for sale.

The pony will remain on display near the main reception desk of the Doña Ana County Government Center until it changes ownership. "Caballo de Las Cruces" was designed by local artist Julianne Hadfield. The beading process took more than 4,000 hours to complete by more than 100 community volunteers.

Also on semi-permanent display is "The Gift" by New Mexico artist David Linn. It is on loan from the New Mexico Arts Council's Art in Public Places program. The painting is displayed downstairs near the central elevators.

The public is invited to tour the art exhibits both upstairs and downstairs at any time during normal county business hours. For more information, call 525-5801.



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# Silver City charms cynical journalist

By Brook Stockberger  
Las Cruces Bulletin

There is truth in advertising in Silver City.

"That's certainly one big ditch," my wife, Terri, said as we stood side-by-side and peered down through trees off of the parking lot along Hudson Street, near the town's Visitor's Center

"Yep," was my witty reply.

Then we both yelled in unison: "Grant! Get back here."

You see, I recently took my Las Cruces-domiciled family – excluding a 17-year-old who had track and field practice – to Silver City during the final day of Spring Break.

My 13-year-old daughter, Jessie, was the only one who had visited the 23rd-largest town in New Mexico consistently thanks to trips with her grandmother. Terri and six-year-old Grant had never been to Silver City and it had been a long

time since I was in the area.

I must admit a little bit of skepticism rode along with me behind the wheel of our white Kia Soul when, after the requisite bathroom break/Diet Pepsi retrieval at Taco Bell in Deming, we turned northwest on U.S. Route 180 toward Grant County's county seat.

So many people rave about Silver City and its mix of arty eclecticism and Old West charm, which the cynical journalist in me couldn't help but repeat over and over again in the back of my head, "It's just another town with some nice scenery and a bicycle race. Why are we driving 100 miles to see nice scenery?"

Now, I did not have any bad thoughts or negative preconceived opinions, I just could not get the word "overrated" out of my head. I'm this way with just about anything



Jessie, left, and Brook Stockberger are happy to discover birch beer at Silver City restaurant Burgers & Brownies & Beer, Oh My.

– book, movie, restaurant, song – that receives a lot of popular fawning. Just ask my wife, it drives her nuts.

But the sun was high, the temperature was perfect, I was with my family and I enjoy a good road trip.

And guess what? Silver City charmed me.

There is truth in advertising.

Beautiful weather? Yep.  
Beautiful scenery? Yep.  
Great outdoor trails? Yep.

Neat parks? Yep.  
Good food (very important to a man of my size.) Yep?

Diverse stores? Yep.  
And, yes, even an arty, eclectic vibe with an Old West feel thrown into the mix.

I cannot go into detail about the entire day because of word counts and deadlines – you understand – but trust the rapid-fire portion that follows expresses the fun, kinetic-yet-some-how-peaceful nature of

my experience.

Here ya go:

Big Ditch Park lives up to its name and, except for the two youths who were trying to roll a giant rock down the steep bank and convinced my wife she was about to witness their respective untimely demises, the scene was very neat. (By the way, I do not think that was the first time those particular youths had rolled a big rock into the Big Ditch. They knew what they were doing. I wanted to join them.) One last thing about the Big Ditch, it used to be Main Street until one summer day in 1895 when Mother Nature decided to do some impromptu city planning via a flood. You can read about the history on plaques.

Choosing a place to eat can be a conundrum because everyone you ask has their personal favorite eatery. The name "Burgers & Brownies & Beer, Oh My" jumped out at me so we grabbed a

seat for lunch on North Bullard Street.

"Holy heck (or some variation of the phrase), they have birch beer," I exclaimed with delight. I used to drink birch beer back home in the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but in 20 years had never seen it in New Mexico. Jessie and I downed a bottle each of the sweet goodness. The waiter even backed away from our table instead of turning his back to us. Grant found the practice funny. Plus he loved the idea he had to go outside and go into a different building to go to the restroom.

"This sure is different," he said with all the six-year-old seriousness he could muster. Then he giggled.

The Boston Hill Open Space Trail System overlooks Silver City and provides numerous trails through the old mining location. Some climb, some descend but they give you a great feel for

the rugged landscape.

What do you say about Penny Park? There's a dragon, that's a good start. There are places to climb, swings, slides, balance beams and other cool items in the 15,000-foot square park. Nice for a respite for mom and dad while Grant bounced around.

Shall I go on?

Lake Roberts is beautiful and about an hour away. Fort Bayard has historic buildings and a National Cemetery nearby.

Ok, I'm turning into Tolstoy here. I better wrap this up. But, suffice it to say, we all had a great time, from the kindergartener to the teen to the mom and dad. We had not even left before we discussed what we wanted to do and see on our next trip.

Silver City punched my inner-cynic in the gut.

*Brook Stockberger can be reached at 575-571-9063 or brook@lascrucesbulletin.com.*

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Members of the NMSU Sol Y Arena dance ensemble will showcase their skills in flamenco and Spanish dance at this month's "Viva España" performances.

## NMSU dance program to showcases flamenco, Spanish dance

By **Adriana M. Chavez**  
For the Bulletin

The flamenco and Spanish dance program at New Mexico State University will host two performances later this month to fund its third trip to Spain.

"Viva España" promises to be a passionate evening of eclectic flamenco and Spanish dance performed by Sol Y Arena, the flamenco and Spanish dance ensemble of NMSU's dance program. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. April 23 and 2:30 p.m. April 24 at the Rio Grande Theater, 211 N. Main St. Tickets are \$10 for students and seniors and \$15 for adults.

Students in the flamenco and Spanish dance program will travel to Spain this summer for a month, which is the third trip directed by Paco Antonio and Lucilene de Geus, the co-directors of Sol Y Arena and faculty members in

the NMSU dance program, which is housed in the College of Education Department of Kinesiology and Dance.

"The flamenco and Spanish dance focus at NMSU is a curriculum programmed to create a plan of action for those who want to pursue a professional life as a flamenco or Spanish dance artist," Antonio said. "The large body of technique we present in all forms and structures along with choreographic concentration lead into the pedagogical methods that enable the student to apply a practical focus throughout a wide cross-section of organizations and venues both public and private."

Antonio said the opportunity for flamenco and Spanish dance students to study for a month in Spain offers an extremely rich experience in the classroom with celebrated international instructors, theater and tablao, or night-

club setting, performances.

"Students take daily walks through historic landmarks and museums, and return with inspiring choreographies and rich memories to be shared and

motivate the next generation of voyagers," Antonio said.

For more information, call the Department of Kinesiology and Dance at 646-4067.

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# Events calendar

## FRI. 4/22

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

**7 to 10 p.m. Southern New Mexico Pride Spring Fundraiser**, Grapevine Plaza, 3900 W. Picacho Ave. Featuring appetizers, special menu and cash bar, silent auction, live music by Perfect on Paper and more. Call 505-270-5857 info@southernmnpide.org.

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

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**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. 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, Gloria Hacker will be the storyteller at the Downtown location and Judith Ames will be the storyteller at the Solano location. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 524-8471.

**10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Las Cruces Ukulele Kids Club**, El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo St. Las Cruces Ukulele, a community group of ukulele enthusiasts, is starting a kids' club so that elementary- and middle-school children can learn to play the ukulele. This fun and easy to play four-stringed instrument is perfect for kids because of its diminutive size, plus entry-level ukuleles are available at reasonable prices. Practices are from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. and will continue on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. There is no cost to be part of the club other than material fees. Students should have their own ukuleles so they can practice at home, but for those just wanting to give it a try, loaner instruments will be available to use at practice. For more information or to sign up, e-mail [lascrucsesukes@gmail.com](mailto:lascrucsesukes@gmail.com) or call 405-7133.

**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). Free. Call 541-2137.

**Noon to 1 p.m. Reuse and Recycle Fashion Show**, La Placita, Main Street Downtown. Keep Las Cruces Beautiful (KLCB) will host the fourth annual Reuse and Recycle Fashion Show in honor of Earth Day, presenting outfits made from reused and recycled materials. Call 528-4506.

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**2 to 6 p.m. Live music with Chris Baker**, 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 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 with Unlyshed**, The Game Sports Bar and Grill, 2605 S. Espina St. No cover. Call 524-4263.

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**8 to 10 p.m. Live music with Spanky**, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Guadalupe. A feisty mix of folk and Americana with high energy by a singer-songwriter who brings the fun. No cover. Call 523-9463.

**8 to 11 p.m. Live honkytonk and rockabilly with Sorry About Your Sister**, 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.



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**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. Join us for a Sunday tea party. We offer a beautiful art-filled environment, organic loose-leaf teas by the pot and a variety of sweet, savory and spicy finger food accompaniments. Free. Call 652-7366 before, as seating is limited.

**2 to 4 p.m. Live music with Steve Selby**, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Guadalupe. High-energy, original saxophone rock and jazz. No cover. Call 523-9463.

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**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. 4/25**

**9 p.m. Open Mic hosted by Chris Baker and Friends**, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 5214-1099.

**TUE. 4/26**

**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 Ray Scroggins & Young at Heart Chorus**, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Every Other Tuesday concert series presents Ray Scroggins joined by Young at Heart Chorus. The Young at Heart Chorus entertains residents of assisted living and nursing homes in the Las Cruces area, and has a really good time in the process. The group has been in continuous operation since 1972, with the name of the group, the director, piano accompanist and venues changing through the years. Currently there are 25 members, who perform at four facilities each month. Music

changes monthly, selected from a large collection of old songs, generally favorites of the audience and the chorus. Programs are enhanced by varying the themes and by highlighting the talents of individual members with vocal solos or duets, group harmony, and instrumental accompaniment. The EOT series offers a free venue for local performers to showcase their talents and promote upcoming performances at other venues. Free. Call 523-6403.

**WED. 4/27**

**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](http://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. 4/28**

**9 a.m. Nature Kids**, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. The museum invites kids ages 3 to 5 to learn about local flora and fauna on the fourth Thursday of each month. 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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**5:30 p.m. Science Café, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science**, 411 N. Main St. The museum invites the public to listen and participate in Science Café, the museum's monthly science roundtable discussion. The free Café discussions are presented to advance greater public understanding and to encourage use of available science. Students and all those seeking greater knowledge of current science are encouraged to come. Free. Call 522-3120.

**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 with Pero No – Nicole Martinez and High Dez regulars**, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

**FRI. 4/29**

**Noon, Promoting Art in Las Cruces**, Main Street Bistro, 139 N. Main St. Promoting Art in Las Cruces, a free monthly series presented by the Doña Ana Arts Council, explores different ways for artists and arts organizations to promote themselves and their events, and gives individuals or groups the opportunity to connect with other members of the arts community. The event is held monthly on the last Friday of the month. Free. Attendees may order the buffet lunch for \$10, plus tip. RSVP by 10 a.m. the day of the event if you will be ordering lunch. RSVP to [admin@daarts.org](mailto:admin@daarts.org) or 523-6403. For more information, visit [www.RioGrandeTheatre.com](http://www.RioGrandeTheatre.com) or call 523-6403.

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## Word Salsa

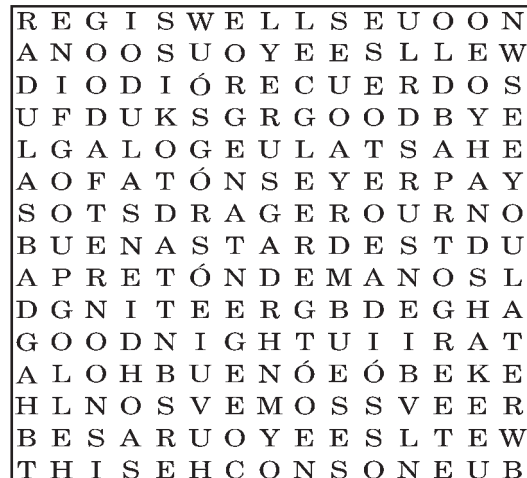
Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

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## Crossword Puzzles

### Diagramless, 21 x 21

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Lye
- 7 Spotty
- 14 Sweater style
- 16 Oldest independent country in Africa
- 17 Keyboard accompanying part
- 19 Open, as a gate
- 20 Nicaraguan revolutionary
- 22 Generate offspring, as in the Bible
- 23 Made a mistake
- 25 Mining sample
- 27 70 mph beasts
- 34 Red organic pigment
- 37 Garnished beef slices
- 38 To be unwell
- 39 Girl
- 40 DNA partner
- 41 Soda \_\_\_
- 44 Right angled letter
- 45 "You \_\_\_ my sunshine"
- 46 \_\_\_ Lonely Boys
- 47 Legal assoc.
- 48 Tie the knot
- 49 "A Beautiful Mind" director, first name
- 50 Hare racers
- 53 Supreme being
- 54 State of being off, as of butter
- 55 Birds that don't fly
- 57 Thin cotton fabric
- 58 Noisy parrot
- 61 Hiding place
- 63 High school dances
- 65 Takes advantage of again
- 67 Types of diseases where there is a lack of red blood corpuscles
- 71 Legendary treasure city in South America sought by Spanish explorers
- 78 1990 Costner film
- 79 Capital of Armenia
- 80 Tiny people
- 81 Part of a language

#### DOWN

- 1 Type of pipe
- 2 Married a Beatle
- 3 Prettiest girl and a poker card?
- 4 Emulate a movie star
- 5 Travel on snow
- 6 Chicken creator
- 7 Type of country music
- 8 Stays longer than expected
- 9 People living in a monastery but not under the monastic vows
- 10 Tax that led to a party in Boston
- 11 Cathode-ray tube, for short
- 12 Drunk's sound, \_\_\_ cup
- 13 Exclamation of impatience
- 15 Two-man partnership
- 18 Sun, for example
- 21 Golf driving area
- 24 Radio dash
- 26 All 365 days
- 27 Might
- 28 Nomadic Asian invader
- 29 Measurement of force
- 30 Make bigger
- 31 Ladies' get together restaurant
- 32 Afterthought
- 33 Today in Espanol
- 35 Balearic Island
- 36 Protein similar to collagen
- 37 Enameled metal ware
- 39 Hard wood tree
- 41 Glue
- 42 Follow
- 43 Ma's mates
- 50 Residue of tobacco smoke
- 51 Eccentric
- 52 Third in the family
- 54 Dwellings
- 56 Biological pocket
- 59 Goat related
- 60 Land area size
- 62 Emergency Medical Service, abbr.
- 64 \_\_\_ the sights
- 66 \_\_\_ and the Family Stone
- 67 Artist who founded Dada
- 68 Formally known as
- 69 Preceding period
- 70 Cat's cry
- 72 "First State", for short
- 73 Mineral
- 74 Dinosaur's last name
- 75 Goes with Maria
- 76 Grand Coulee e.g.
- 77 "\_\_\_ Night Love Affair," Bryan Adams song

### YOUNG ADULTS

#### ACROSS

- 1 Ancient Roman garb
- 6 Company
- 14 Superlatively senior
- 20 Jump for joy
- 21 Windflowers
- 22 Capital of Niger
- 23 Fix one's laces
- 24 Start of Cleveland
- 25 Viennese tongue
- 26 Replay type
- 28 Salinger title character
- 29 Big wheel
- 30 Valletta's island
- 33 Infuriates
- 35 Part 2 of quip
- 41 EMT specialty
- 44 Courted
- 45 Cupid
- 46 Disencumber
- 47 Like Mother Hubbard's cupboard
- 48 Shrinking inland sea
- 49 Cushion
- 51 Landing strip
- 54 "St. \_\_\_ Fire"
- 55 November electees
- 56 Page
- 57 Converse competition
- 58 Shape up
- 59 Trawling equipment
- 60 Oafs
- 62 Part 3 of quip
- 65 Famous
- 67 Slayer of the Minotaur
- 68 Part 4 of quip
- 72 Desert green spots
- 73 Type of theater comp.
- 76 Brainiac
- 77 Felipe or Moises of baseball
- 79 Easily misled person
- 80 Pub potion
- 81 Affix firmly
- 82 Making one's selection
- 84 Brown with a big band
- 85 Bread and whiskey
- 86 Psyche subdivisions
- 87 Ewe's call
- 88 K-12, in education
- 90 Merchandise on hand
- 91 Diffident
- 92 Part 5 of quip
- 97 Chili pepper
- 98 Low card
- 99 Atmospheric inhalations
- 102 Nightfall
- 105 Eliminate
- 110 Was vanquished by
- 111 End of quip
- 114 Crossbeam
- 115 Birthplace of Elvis Presley
- 116 Loss/damage word
- 117 Go in
- 118 Felt
- 119 Neighbor of Corsica
- 120 Old-time actress Ada

#### DOWN

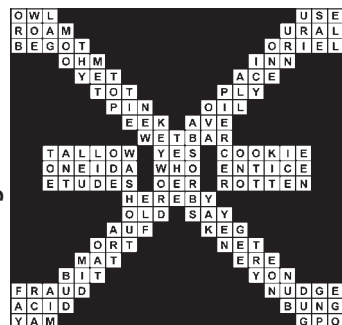
- 1 Garr of "Tootsie"
- 2 Span of a cart
- 3 Spunk
- 4 Touched down
- 5 Hot under the collar
- 6 Armed conflict
- 7 Granite State sch.
- 8 Comprehend
- 9 Nagy of Hungary
- 10 Refusals
- 11 Tooth covering
- 12 Tranquil
- 13 Opposite of NNW
- 14 Betrothed
- 15 Feudal lords
- 16 Repairs socks
- 17 Madame Bovary
- 18 Act like an usher
- 19 Actress Daly
- 27 Styron's Turner
- 29 Wizardry
- 31 Used a car as a down payment
- 32 Appendage
- 34 \_\_\_ avis
- 35 Huck Finn's creator
- 36 Singer Lena
- 37 Cook in dry heat
- 38 Sniggler's prey
- 39 Jot
- 40 Cry at the opera
- 41 Field in Italian
- 42 First: pref.
- 43 Put down new grass
- 47 Doldrums
- 49 TV tryouts
- 50 Idolize
- 52 Estrangement
- 53 Manly in Madrid
- 54 Ultimate purpose
- 56 Pantomime
- 58 Nods off
- 61 Attack
- 63 Newspaper screamer
- 64 Publish
- 65 Pens
- 66 Knish store
- 68 Fictional monsters
- 69 Nicker
- 70 Delegate
- 71 Composition for nine
- 73 Synthetic fabric
- 74 Put in office
- 75 Nettlesome
- 78 Hideous
- 82 "Bellefleur" writer
- 83 Stooge
- 85 Highway abbr.
- 87 Green years, for some
- 89 Possessed
- 90 Suffer in the summer
- 92 Snitch
- 93 "Bewitched" witch
- 94 Sexless
- 95 Dan of "Peyton Place"
- 96 Fort Worth sch.
- 97 Actress Phoebe
- 99 Lettered sandwiches
- 100 Profligate
- 101 Armchair athlete's channel
- 103 Roe source
- 104 Singer Dee
- 106 Sea bird
- 107 Swear word
- 108 Eye part
- 109 Sea bird
- 111 TV superstation
- 112 Took off
- 113 Fridays' lead-in?

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### Word Salsa



### Diagramless



### Exed Out



### CRYPTOGRAM

M R J N J N Q K X P K O M ! J C Z  
 C S U A U F L . S U A U F L J N  
 Q K X P K O M . M R K X K P U X K ,  
 J C Z Q K X P K O M .

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

Is there anyone who gets why there are interstate highways in Hawaii?



# Galleries & Openings

## LAST CHANCE

**LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART** presents the All-City High Schools Senior Show 2016. The exhibition will feature works in a broad variety of art media and culinary arts. Participating artists are graduating seniors from Las Cruces area high schools – Las Cruces, Mayfield, Oñate, Centennial and Alma d'Arte. The show opens with an artists' reception and awards ceremony from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 15, and will remain on display for one week only through Saturday, April 23.

Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2137.

## ONGOING

**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY** presents its 2016 MFA Exhibition, "Subjects to Change." The exhibit features work from three Masters of Fine Arts candidates: Katy Stuckel, a sculptor of gypsum and rust; Cassandra Dixon, an illustrator who forms writhing textile body parts; and Andrea Luella Gohl, an installation artist who warps the conventional uses of furniture and hosiery. The common thread between them is their exploration and use of unexpected media which, under their watch, becomes highly charged fabric that evokes social commentary on diverse areas of modern-day life. Stuckel, Dixon and Gohl push the boundaries of their respective practices to tackle controversial issues, namely environmentalism, self-image and intimacy.

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.

**UNSETTLED GALLERY** presents an exhibit of new work from Las Cruces artists Jeanne Rundell, Cassandra Lockwood and Mary Robertson, which offers the viewer and opportunity to explore differences and similarities between the works of these three contemporary artists. At first glance, each artist is bold in her materials use. For Rundell, it is 3-D and color-color-color; Lockwood's brush strokes are boldly gestural; and Robertson's palette ranges from muted to pure color. Experience each artists' work at first glance and then delve more deeply into the artwork subtleties. The exhibit will remain on display through Saturday, April 30.

Unsettled Gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St. Regular gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and by appointment. For more information visit [www.unsettledgallery.com](http://www.unsettledgallery.com), email [u@unsettledgallery.com](mailto:u@unsettledgallery.com) or call 635-2285.

**MAS ART** presents "Doodles, Kaleidoscopes and Mandalas – Past Meets Present" by artist Jay Foster Savage. Savage has been involved in fine art, including oil painting, mixed-media collage and pen and ink for more than 20 years. His artwork has been greatly influenced by the landscapes of the Southwest, as well as Celtic heritage and the architecture or Russia. For the past six years, Savage's art has taken a more digital direction. "Doodles, Kaleidoscopes and Mandalas" will remain on display through the end of April.

Mas Art is located at 126 S. Main St. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 526-9113.

**NOPALITO'S GALERÍA** presents emerging local artist Imelda Chacon's first solo art show,

"Metamorphosis." "Metamorphosis" will remain on display through Saturday, April 30.

Nopalito's Galería is located at 326 S. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 4 to 7 p.m. Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 524-0003.

**ART OBSCURA GALLERY** presents "Free Beer," a group art exhibition of art as patches, featuring work from Aaron DeGruyter, Anne Quinones, Chris Rivera, Chris Preciado-Shelton, Cody Jimenez, Collette Marie, Lidia Abigail Avina, Jazz Torrez, KT Neely, Cassie Dixon, Matt Garza, Mike Carrasco, Orlando Guerra, Patrick J. Shaffer, Steph Preciado-Shelton, Valerie Devereaux, Vela, Walker Hansen and more. "Free Beer" will remain on display through the first weekend of May.

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.

**MESQUITE ART GALLERY** presents an exhibit created by owner Mel Stone. Said Stone, "A couple months ago, I joined the crowd – I produced a coloring book; a coloring book based on some of my horse photographs. But I took it one step further. I asked some Las Cruces artists to select a page from the coloring book and produce something ... about a dozen images will hang in my gallery during the month of April." Images aren't all in colored pencil or crayon – gelatin print and digital photograph, acrylics and watercolor and on everything from canvas to paper to silk. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of April.

Mesquite Art Gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 640-3502.

**COTTONWOOD GALLERY** presents "The Artistic Earth," featuring Doña Ana Community College students from all disciplines creating all kinds of art. Student artists are part of the

Art, Creative Media Technology and Digital Graphics Technology (CMT/DGT) programs at DACC. The DACC art program supports students who have a broad interest in the arts, offering students a multicultural examination of the principles and philosophies of art. In addition, the Art program supports students seeking introductory skills in a range of studio classes including Ceramics, Printmaking, Drawing, and Painting. The CMT/DGT program trains specialists to design printed materials and web sites, produce videos and films and participate in game design. The two options for students in this major include a 2-year Associate of Science and a Certificate program. Both courses of study merge design and digital media. The program brings together technologies, including print media, web design, multimedia, digital photography, animation and digital film. "This Artistic Earth" remains on display through April 29.

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.

**EL PASO ELECTRIC GALLERY** presents "Piercing the Veil of Illusion," an exhibit by Las Cruces visionary artist Barbara Besser. Besser, also known as Analeia, has been a New Mexico resident since 1993. She has lived in Silver City and Albuquerque, and now resides in Deming. Barbara is an art educator, ordained minister and Visionary Artist. She has toured the country showing her work, with lecturing and offering her 'spiritual portraits' as her specialty. "Piercing the Veil of Illusion" represents many years of Barbara's work in multi-media and three-dimensional techniques. "Piercing the Veil of Illusion" will remain on display through the end of April.

El Paso Electric Gallery is located inside the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Regular gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, 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](http://www.sudoku.com)

### BEGINNER

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

	7					2	9	
		5	9					3
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	5			7	2			
		9	7				5	
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	2	8					6	

### EXPERT

		3	2				6	
		5	3		1			8
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	7				3	8		

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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

7	9	8	3	6	4	1	2	5
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*Mesilla Valley Concert Band* Sunday, May 1st, 3:00PM  
**NMSU Atkinson Hall**  
**FREE Admission**



The Mesilla Valley Concert Band will perform a free concert on Sunday, May 1st at 3pm in the Atkinson Recital Hall in the Music Center at NMSU. As a special treat, the "Concerto for Alto Saxophone," originally scored for chamber orchestra and arranged for symphonic winds, will be performed by saxophone soloist Nathaniel Berman, assistant professor at East Central Oklahoma University (Ada), and former member of the Mesilla Valley Concert Band. Program highlights also include two works by Alfred Reed, one of the most commissioned composers for

contemporary concert band literature. His "First Suite" is a multi-movement piece that begins with a rousing march and ends with a lively country dance that is scored to be played "as fast as possible!" The second Alfred Reed piece was written for famed trumpeter Don Jacoby of Les Brown and Benny Goodman Band renown. The soloist is principal trumpet Bernie Chavez, director of activities for Deming Public Schools and formerly director of bands in Deming. And Aaron Copland's "The Promise of Living", arranged for band by Kenneth Singleton, former director of bands at New Mexico State University, will be conducted by Joseph Flores, Centennial High School band director. For more information, please see [www.mesillavalleyconcertband.org](http://www.mesillavalleyconcertband.org). Plan to join the band for another varied and entertaining presentation.

**Mesilla Valley Concert Band**  
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[www.mesillavalleyconcertband.org](http://www.mesillavalleyconcertband.org)



## Moore preaches to left-wing

By Jeff Berg  
 For the Bulletin

Appearing as a travelogue of sorts for countries that treat their residents better than the U.S., "Where to Invade Next", Michael Moore's latest film, although at times a bit glib, offers plenty of food for thought for renewing ideas that once existed in the U.S.

Moore and crew visit Slovenia, where there is no college tuition, even for U.S. students who want to go to school there, and Italy, where the government has enacted polices offering several weeks of vacation as mandatory, along with maternity benefits and real holidays. The film also visits Finland, which has the best education system in the world, France, which requires students to have real lunches and the opportunity to study the arts, and even Tunisia, where abortion is legal.

We also take a hop, skip and jump to Norway, where the prison system is one that works, to Iceland, where women have equal rights and power and to Portugal where no one gets arrested for drug use.

Germany offers other good things that Americans will never have, since we are too lazy and content as long as we have cell phones and drive-thru windows at fast food restaurants. Moore makes a great point when he of-

fers that Germany has taken responsibility for the crimes of World War II, making it part of the school curriculum, while in America, we barely acknowledge slavery and the decimation of First Nations peoples, instead, we support a churlish clown like Donald

Trump as a real candidate for president of the United States.

Moore usually backs up his findings with soft fact, noting that countries that offer free health care do have higher taxes, but not much, adding that the tax money proffered by other

countries is not similar to the US, since more than 50 percent of our taxes go for our wonderful military. He also opens the film with something I have noted in conversations for years, the U.S. has not "won" a war or helped win one since World War II. We also learn about their health care system and treatment of the middle class as a real part of the economy.

And oddly, almost all of what Moore discovers traces back to having roots in the U.S.

No doubt, Trump supporters and Republicans in kind won't flock to see this clever and often very funny (in a satirical way), film. But one would hope they do, since I think many of the people that do enjoy this work are the same ones that will be looking to leave the U.S. once President Trump is sworn in.

**FILM REVIEW**

"Where to Invade Next" is the offering at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla for the week of April 22. It is not rated, but does have some nudity and a bit of salty language.

**GRADE**  
**A+**

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# Las Cruces painter finds new medium: Tattooing

**Dawn Franco**  
For the Bulletin

A Las Cruces painter has recently started apprenticing to begin a new medium: tattooing.

Michael Ponce has traveled the world pursuing art and is now located in the Three Crosses continuing his journey of expression.

With tattoo artist Noah McDonald he is learning to master the art of tattooing at the Camino tattoo shop and art gallery located 501 E. Hadley Ave.

Ponce's pieces have a wide range of diversity, from backstabbing "Madonna's" to negative space jockeys, and religious icons.

## Q: When did you decide to be an artist?

A: Ha ha ha, this is a loaded question. I do not consider myself to be an artist, I personally consider myself to be a person who likes to draw and paint.

## Q: Why art? How do you feel about the art community?

A: I did not choose art, art chose me. I feel there are small pockets of artists and events in Las Cruces, however I feel there is no real "art community". Everyone is doing their own thing.

## Q: Do you think art is powerful?

A: I absolutely think art is a powerful tool. Art opens doors for people, it's a way for to communicate, to be heard, to get together, to convey feelings, and a good way to express yourself.

## Q: Inspirations? Mentors? Training?

A: My inspiration comes from artist of the 18th century, mostly the French academic painters including Chassériau. I was trained to paint at the New York Academy of Art and (in) England.

## Q: You've traveled the world pursuing art, what was that like? Locations? Living situations?

A: Some of the places I have visited include India, Australia, Europe, South Africa and Hong Kong. I was in pursuit of studying art from the great collections of these countries' museums and galleries as well as meeting the local contemporary artist and painters. The living situations allowed me to hang out with these local contemporary artist and view their culture and their paintings. It was a great way to have a



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Michael Ponce relaxes in his study where he stores some of his original art work.

feel for their culture.

## Q: How was the art scene in New York? Shows you've had? Success? Hardships?

A: The art scene in New York City is phenomenal – it is the center of the art world. I've been in many group shows, solo shows and I've had lots of success,

yet many hardships. With success comes hardships. My paintings are in the collection of many galleries, Wall Street banks and Ralph Lauren.

## Q: What is the highest price you've sold a piece for?

A: My paintings are a bargain, they can range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

## Q: What do you want your art to communicate?

A: I want to convey a very personal expressive feeling in each piece however I am more concerned about my ability to make and produce illustrious work.

## Q: How has living in the Southwest affected your art? What about other locations?

A: The Southwest has afforded me the opportunity to have more space to work, to have a life, to enjoy myself and to pursue other passions.

## Q: Talk about your favorite pieces. Why are they your favorite?

My favorite pieces are drawings of my friends, they are very personable. I like the gradations of tonal values in the light and shade, they are simple, yet powerful. I like to draw anatomical structures and to give life to my drawings.

## Q: Your painting and drawings look timeless, do you do this purposefully?

A: I try very hard to make my paintings look timeless, not that I am trying to copy the old masters, but I want my art to look like it was done by an old master.

## Q: Titles of works/different collections? Do you make several cohesive pieces to create a collection, or do you steer toward a single concept and one piece? Both?

A: I work on single paintings and drawings and I also work simultaneously on bodies of work whether it's a dozen paintings or drawings; I go back and forth between them.

## Q: Artists you've collaborated with?

A: I am currently in a nerd drawing group working along and collaborating with Noah MacDonald, we have been working together on drawings and pushing each other for more linear precision. I am currently not working on any shows.

## Q: Does your art go through different phases?

A: Absolutely.

## Q: What are you currently working on? Any upcoming shows?

A: I am pursuing a new medium tattooing, not because I want to be a tattoo artist, however I am fascinated by tattooing as art.

To view Ponce's work visit his website at [www.michaelponce.com/discourse.htm](http://www.michaelponce.com/discourse.htm).



# AtTheMovies

## Coming soon on DVD April 26

### Backtrack

Rated: R  
Genre: Mystery  
Starring: Adrien Brody, Sam Neill  
Director: Michael Petroni

### Krampus

Rated: PG-13  
Starring: Horror, comedy  
Starring: Adam Scott, Toni Collette  
Director: Michael Dougherty

### Jane Got A Gun

Rated: R  
Genre: Western, action  
Starring: Natalie Portman, Joel Edgerton  
Director: Gavin O'Connor

### Ride Along 2

Rated: PG-13  
Genre: Action, comedy  
Starring: Ice Cube, Kevin Hart  
Director: Tim Story

## Top-grossing April 15-17

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| <b>1</b> <b>The Jungle Book</b> (Week No. 1)<br>\$103,261,464                | <b>6</b> <b>Criminal</b> (Week No. 1)<br>\$5,767,278                   |
| <b>2</b> <b>Barbershop: The Next Cut</b><br>(Week No. 1) \$20,242,415        | <b>7</b> <b>My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2</b><br>(Week No. 4) \$3,258,720 |
| <b>3</b> <b>The Boss</b> (Week No. 2)<br>\$9,028,356                         | <b>8</b> <b>Miracles from Heaven</b><br>(Week No. 5) \$1,938,578       |
| <b>4</b> <b>Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice</b> (Week No. 4) \$9,028,356 | <b>9</b> <b>God's Not Dead 2</b> (Week No. 3)<br>\$1,877,835           |
| <b>5</b> <b>Zootopia</b> (Week No. 7)<br>\$8,142,641                         | <b>10</b> <b>Eye in the Sky</b> (Week No. 6)<br>\$1,553,083            |

# Picking the Flicks



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

### Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice

Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** Batman takes on the Man of Steel, but with the duo fighting each other, a new threat emerges against Metropolis.  
**Starring:** Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill  
**Director:** Zack Snyder



### 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



### 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



### My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2

Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A Portokalos family secret brings the tribe together again for an even bigger – and Greeker – wedding.  
**Starring:** Nia Vardalos, John Corbett  
**Director:** Kirk Jones



### Deadpool

Rated: R  
**Plot Overview:** A Special Forces op turned mercenary undergoes an experiment giving him advanced healing powers, taking on the alter ego Deadpool.  
**Starring:** Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin  
**Director:** Tim Miller



### The Jungle Book

Rated: PG  
**Plot Overview:** Mowgli the man-cub flees the jungle after the tiger Shere Khan poses a threat, guided by Baloo the bear and Bagheera the panther.  
**Starring:** Neel Sethi, Bill Murray  
**Director:** Jon Favreau



### Miracles from Heaven

Rated: PG  
**Plot Overview:** A young girl with a rare disease finds herself miraculously cured after surviving a terrible accident.  
**Starring:** Jennifer Garner, Kylie Rogers  
**Director:** Patricia Rigen



### Zootopia

Rated: PG  
**Plot Overview:** In the animal city of Zootopia, police bunny Judy Hopps and con artist fox Nick Wilde team up to uncover a conspiracy  
**Starring:** Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman (voices)  
**Director:** Byron Howard, Rich Moore



### London Has Fallen

Rated: R  
**Plot Overview:** Mike Banning uncovers a plot to assassinate all world leaders, set to visit London for the Prime Minister's funeral.  
**Starring:** Gerard Butler, Morgan Freeman  
**Director:** Babak Najafi



### Hello, My Name is Doris

Rated: R  
**Plot Overview:** Encouraged by a self-help seminar, a woman in her 60s decides to romantically pursue her younger coworker.  
**Starring:** Sally Field, Max Greenfield  
**Director:** Michael Showalter



### Barbershop: The Next Cut

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**Director:** Malcolm D. Lee



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**Director:** Ben Falcone



### The Huntsman: Winter's War

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## Garden tour promises to inspire visitors

### Bulletin report

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This year's gardens range from vegetable garden landscapes to native gardens. From bees and chickens to a vignette of mining tools, the gardens offer inspiration for local gardeners.

Visitors may begin the tour in any garden and proceed in any order. Signs in front of the homes help identify the participants, which are shown on a map provided on the ticket. Children should be supervised, as many plants are fragile and some may be poisonous. Refreshments will be available in one of the gardens. There will be drawings for gate prizes. Doña Ana County Extension

Service Master Gardeners will be available in each location to answer questions.

The tour is presented annually by three Las Cruces garden clubs: Mesilla Valley Garden Club, Desert Daubers Garden Club and Hi Hopes Garden Club. The proceeds of the tour are donated to gardening-related beautification and educational projects in the community.

Tickets can be purchased at the following locations: Ashley Furniture Home Store, 3299 Del Rey Boulevard; The Emerald Isle, 1701 Calle de Mercado; Glen Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Rd.; Guzman's Garden Center Color Your World, 540 Telshor Blvd. and 270 Avenida de Mesilla. Tickets also will be available

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Peter Harben and his wife, Margee, created a koi pond in their garden.



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Twenty two homes will be open during the Las Cruces Home Builder's Showcase of Homes April 22 and May 1.

## Showcase of Homes kicks off April 22

### Bulletin report

The Las Cruces Home Builder's Association presents its annual Showcase of Homes for two weekends between April 22 and May 1. At this year's free event, visitors can see 22 homes — inside and out — all across Doña Ana County. Homes on the tour are listed in price ranges from \$200,000 to over \$1,000,000.

This year's event is 4 to 7 p.m., Friday April 22 and 29; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday April 23 and 30;

and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 24 and May 1. The Twilight Tour will be 7 to 9 p.m., Friday, April 29.

Many of the homes will stay open late to showcase their unique lighting elements. Artisans, designers, builders and business people who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for the residents of Doña Ana County will be on hand to discuss the event and answer questions. For information on the event, call 526-6126.



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# Rethinking Jewish-Christian relationships

Passover begins Friday, April 22, and we wish our Jewish friends and neighbors a blessed festival. Passover is the beautiful festival of freedom, something that Jews have not always enjoyed throughout the centuries.

In speaking with a friend about this, she mentioned that it's only in her recent experience that the chasm between Judaism and Christianity has begun to be bridged. This has not happened without effort.

From early centuries, Jews were excluded from forms of participation in the places where they lived. Occupations were restricted, existence was threatened and communities were circumscribed through means that were considered lawful.

The cross, which for Christians is a symbol of spiritual freedom, became in later centuries a sign of oppression and torment for Jews. Centuries of mistrust, misunderstanding and mistreatment must be overcome, even to this day. We must remain vigilant.

Two things in particular are stunning about this history. First, Christianity



**Gabriel Rochelle**  
*Tales from the Cassock*

began as a minority group among all the groups in the period we now call formative Judaism. All of this growth and change was very fluid, if we turn the clock back two millennia. There was great interplay between Jews who accepted Jesus as messiah and those who did not. After all, there had been and would be, in time to come, Jewish groups that accepted one or another leader as a messianic figure.

Most of us who study these matters today believe that the ultimate parting of the ways between the Christian and Jewish groups of those early centuries did not occur until as late as 450 C.E. The separations were uneven, occurring at different times depending on where you were geographically, but eventually the separation was a wall. There was a time—some may find this hard to believe—when some Christians

denied that Jesus was Jewish, a situation which would be laughable were it not so pathetic and damning.

Second, for those of us in churches which retain historic patterns of worship, which includes in varying degrees Lutherans, Episcopalians, Roman and Byzantine Catholics, and we Orthodox, the framework and much of the content of our worship is straight out of Jerusalem, so to speak. This, of course, was conveniently forgotten in those centuries when the relationship between Jews and Christians was most severely strained or denied.

But the ground of all hymnody is the great book of Psalms, and the chant forms used by Catholics and Orthodox both find their origin in ancient Hebrew chant. The notion of a sermon as a commentary on a Biblical text is inherited from the Jewish synagogue. So much of what we take for granted comes from this background.

I was interviewed by some students from Centennial High School the other day, one of whom was Jewish, and I pointed out to him the deep connec-

tions that exist between our forms of worship.

The end of the 20th Century saw a burst of scholarship and interfaith dialogue that has improved relations and understandings in equal measure. Jewish scholars now teach courses in New Testament in some universities and seminaries. Many Christian scholars work in Talmud and Old Testament studies.

An excellent commentary on the New Testament by Jewish scholars is readily available. We have to admit that much of the energy for this work among Christians was fueled by reflection on the Holocaust of the Jews, but the work begun in the aftermath of World War II has continued and broadened and deepened as we turned the corner into the 20th Century.

We cannot turn back from this movement; we can only explore further the deep relationship that is truly ours as Christians and Jews. And we can rejoice!

Chag sameach, choverim! Happy feast, friends!

## RELIGION LISTINGS

### Spiritual group discussion at Funky Karma

Eckankar, religion of sound and light of God, is a practical spiritual teaching which can be used to better understand the ordinary and miraculous events in our lives. Eckankar will host a spiritual discussion on the topic of "Animals Are Souls, Too" from 11 a.m.-noon on Saturday, April 23. The event takes place at Funky Karma, 3207 S. Main St. For more information, call 654-0071.

### Divine Mercy Chaplet and Adoration

At 7 p.m. on the last Friday of every month at Holy Cross Church, 1327 N. Miranda St. All are welcome. For information, call 523-0167.

### Peace Lutheran Church prayer groups

Centering Prayer meets at 9 a.m. on Saturdays for 20 to 30 minutes. Women Gather for Prayer meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Peace Lutheran is located at 1701 E. Missouri. Call the church office for location: 522-7119.

### 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 at 9 a.m.

for the regular Sunday worship with Holy Communion at the church at 2900 Elks Dr. Children and families are encouraged and welcome. Sunday school for children and youth is also held at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday.

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](http://www.trinitylutheranlc.org).

### Church Bingo

Bingo is offered 7 p.m. every Monday and Tuesday in the multipurpose room at Holy Cross School, 1327 N. Miranda St. (doors open at 5:30.) All games can be played for \$5.

For information, call 646-5860. Every Thursday night is Bingo at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Tortugas. Doors open at 5:30. Food, fun, prizes.

### Catholic Charities legal services seeks volunteers

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### Unity of Las Cruces weekly events

From 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays is Book Study. The current book is "The God Code" by Gregg Braden. All are welcome at any time, the book stimu-

lates great discussion. From 11 to 11:30 a.m. is a Meditation Service and all are welcome. All Sunday Worship Celebrations are at 10:30 a.m. For further information call 523-5592 or visit our website [www.unityoflascruces.org](http://www.unityoflascruces.org).

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# Design library card contest

## Bulletin report

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library (TBML), 200 E. Picacho Ave., invites Doña Ana County residents to submit entries for the “2016 Design the Library Card Contest.”

The contest is divided into two parts: Children 5 to 17 years will compete to design a Youth Card, and adults (18 and older) will vie to create the Adult Card.

The Library will accept entries at the front desk between May 1 and 31, during regular business hours. All entries will be judged by staff at the Las Cruces Museum of Art. Ten finalists (five adults and five children) will be chosen. The finalists' entries will then be voted on by the public.

Public voting will be held at the library from June 20 to 30.

The adult winner will receive a \$150 gift card and have his/her artwork displayed on the new adult library cards. The youth winner will receive a \$75 gift card and have his/her artwork displayed on the new youth card. The gift cards are courtesy of The Friends of TBML.

Entries must be submitted on an official entry form available at the library front desk. Participants are limited to one entry per person. Accepted forms of art include sketches, watercolor, paint, graphic design and crayon. All entries must be in paper format, whether created directly on paper or printed. Artwork with religious, political or obscene themes will be disqualified. Staff and family members of TBML are ineligible to participate in the contest. The Friends of TBML will host an unveiling party for the new library cards at noon on Saturday, Sept. 10.



PHOTO BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK

Get up close and personal with horses at Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino, at least until live racing ends May 3.

## An afternoon of horsin' around

### *This easy day trip is filled with fun*

By Susie Ouderkirk  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The live horse racing season here in southern New Mexico is coming to a close, but there's still time to take in this unique experience that happens right in your own backyard. Horse racing is an unforgettable adventure for all ages, especially for horse lovers and gamblers, and is still in full swing until Tuesday, May 3.

Odds are good that the whole family will enjoy a day at the race track and casino. With no entrance fee, the spacious track has a variety of areas to sit, eat and relax, as well as a casino with all the usual gambling opportunities. Being so close to the horses and jockeys is awe-inspiring, and watching (and hearing) the horses pound past the grandstand and across the finish line will have your pulse racing right along with them. Kids and grown-ups alike are undeniably captivated by the power, beauty and sheer speed of the racing experience.

Live racing is fun for everyone, not just

experienced gamblers, and at Sunland Park, it even can be a kid-friendly family experience. Odds are good the whole family will enjoy the racing, which takes place Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday starting at 1:30 p.m.

If you leave Las Cruces in the late morning and make one fun stop along the way, you'll make it to Sunland Park for lunch and in time to see the first race.

While driving toward El Paso on Interstate 10 east, take a quick detour at the Mesquite exit (exit 10) and an immediate right to Landmark Mercantile, 12,000 Stern Drive. The Mercantile is home to goats, sheep, donkeys, pigs, longhorn cattle and more exotic animals such as camels, ostriches and emus. Get up close and personal with this variety of interesting animals, then browse around the store for Western-themed clothing, boots, horse equipment, ice cream, dog and cat supplies and home décor. The Mercantile is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Continuing on I-10 east, get off at the Sunland Park exit and go right. Once you cross Doniphan Drive, the track comes up on the left at 1200 Futurity Drive. Parking is free (unless you want the valet parking) and there is no entrance fee to enter the casino itself. Take a minute to enjoy the view from the main floor of the casino

and the gorgeous view of the track and the mountains in the distance.

Check in at the hostess stand for (paid) seating availability in the enclosed turf club or make your way downstairs to the wide-open grandstand seating along the track, where you'll get a ring-side view of the horses, jockeys and trainers as they race for prize money and bragging rights. Stroll to the paddock area and see the horses being saddled, the jockeys getting last minute advice from the trainers and being hoisted up onto the backs of the shiny ponies as they start down the track for warm ups and post time. Guests over 18 can bet for as little as \$2, and the colorful program has the day's schedule of races and a legend with information about how to make a good bet.

Eat lunch at Ventana's Restaurant or Riley's, or if you're sitting in the Turf Club area, eat at your table while the horses run. The day includes nearly a dozen races, both Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred, and you'll finish up by 5:30 p.m. with plenty of time to drive home before dark. Don't delay this fun trip, because after the live racing season ends on May 3, it doesn't start up again until December. The track can be reached at 575-874-5200.



# Las Cruces student writing a diary about Sister City experience

By **Lucari Jordan**  
For the Bulletin

*Lucari Jordan, a student at Centennial High School, has spent the last nine months as an exchange student in Las Cruces' sister city, Nienburg, Germany. Jordan started learning German at a very young age from his German grandmother and relatives. He became interested not just in the language but also the culture and history of Europe. After taking German at Centennial, he switched to German online at Oklahoma State University. The Bulletin is sharing his monthly journal entries in a series over the next few weeks. He is the recipient of the Las Cruces Sister Cities Foundation scholarship and he started his journey in August, 2015.*

## Germany: August, 2015

My first month living in Germany has been colorful, energetic and has given me many insights into the cultural differences between this and my homeland.

On the drive from the airport to the house on August 25, I was already stunned to see everything so green. It is truly amazing how much difference a little water can make trees and plants growing out of every nook and cranny of the world around—such a difference from the dusty and warm

land to which I am accustomed.

## Colorful and vibrant flora and fauna

The Lesemanns from Estorf, about 9 km from Nienburg, are my host family: father Wolfgang, Oma (grandma) Liesel, sister Birthe and brother Simon.

After settling into the room, which I have now begun to call 'my room,' we went out for a wonderful dinner cooked on the grill and served in the garden, where I am, once again, astounded by the great variety of colorful and vibrant flora and fauna.

Following a few hours of non-airborne sleep, I hopped on a train with my host brother Simon and a mutual friend of ours, Melissa. We were headed toward Hamburg where we planned to meet a few more friends. The group, now fully consolidated, could not think of any specific activities and ended up milling around the streets. Though this was not how I had imagined the trip, I was happy to be listening to German being spoken all around and to just get a feel for German cities.

While getting into the rhythm of my host family and the time zone, which I apparently haven't yet pinned down entirely,

considering I'm writing this at 00:30 in the morning, I get acquainted with some of my non-human cohabitants on the little farm: a small herd of sheep, a brood of I-don't-know-how-many chickens, the wonderful not-so-little but ever-so-sweet and sad-eyed dog Toby, and of course a couple (4-5?) of more or less wild cats, the most cuddly and tame of which is the little hunter Majo.

## Thirteen different subjects a week

School was a very... enlightening experience the first day, though I was much too nervous about getting lost and figuring out the rather complex class schedule (13 different subjects a week) to pay attention to much of anything (guess one could say the same thing about American schools...)

The public transportation system here, which is used daily by a range of children from 5th to 12th grade as the primary way to get to school, was a very new thing to experience since I come from a place where there is very little. At this point I have learned enough from both friendly guidance and my fair share of mistakes (I had to ride my bike rather hurriedly to school one Friday morn-



COURTESY PHOTO

Lucari Jordan, a student at Centennial High School, is on exchange to Las Cruces' German sister city, Nienburg.

ing because I had missed the bus). I am now able to get around fairly easily.

Due to this new system and many other new things racing through my mind, I was rather silent and passive for the first couple of days, which, as anyone who knows me can testify, is quite the opposite of my normal attitude, if it is even possible to associate me with the word normal in any sense of the word (just a joke).

Of course after a few days, as my insecurities and silence in the class wear away, the boundar-

ies between my classmates and me diminish to the point where I now confidently count myself among some of the friend circles around the school. Oddly enough for me, I find myself having the most fun in the "sport" class, rowing, which is nothing like the excuse for P.E. I have experienced in New Mexico, where we are actually pushed to improve our stamina and strength, two things that I am not the best at.

## Missing the chile

From September 24

through 26, the city of Nienburg had its annual "Altstadfest" a wonderful fair type of deal with numerous bands and DJs playing each of the four nights. I joined in on the party on two nights and had an immeasurable amount of fun each time (the 70s rock cover band was the best in my opinion,) but all the music was good in any case.

Till next time, Tschüs, Bye, and Adios!

P.S. I am missing the chile though, but I have German bread to make up for that, I guess.

## GARDEN TOUR FROM PAGE B15

on the day of the tour at all of the gardens.

Sponsors of this year's tour include: Las Cruces Bulletin;

Color Your World; Robledo Vista Nursery; Sierra Vista Nursery; Malooly's Flooring Company; NMSU President Garrey Carruthers; Jose and

Olivina Sanchez; Wanda Bowman of Ashley's Furniture; Toby Rue of Morgan Stanley; Renee Frank of Steinborn Associates; Wild Birds Unlimit-

ed; Barb's Flowerland; Frame and Art Center; Cutie-cles Nail and Hair Salon; John Lacy of Merrill-Lynch; and Steve Lacy.



# LEGAL NOTICES

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

## Legal Notice

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on February 29, 2016, Prasanna Pai and Sangeeth Shanbhag, 4685 Spanish Dagger St, Las Cruces, NM 88011 filed application numbered LRG-1616-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-1616, 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-1616 located at X = 1,473,049 Y = 481,289.7 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicants and drilling replacement well LRG-1616-POD2 located at approximately X = 1,473,093 Y = 481,292 on land owned by the applicants for the continued diversion of an amount of water determined by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBID for irrigation of 3.51 acres of land owned by the applicants located within part of the SE¼ of projected Sec 12, T23S, R01E, NMPM, as described in part by Subfile No.: LRN-28-010-0223 (A) of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Replacement well LRG-1616-POD2 will be located in Las Cruces, NM at the physical address of 607 McClure Rd. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill and use replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. Existing well LRG-1616 will be properly plugged.

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

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: 04/15, 04/22, 04/29, 2016

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on March 21, 2016, Don S. & Allsyn J. Apodaca filed application numbered LRG-6333, OSE File No. LRG-3403-2, 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 domestic well LRG-6333, located within the SW¼ SE¼ of projected Section 35 Township 23S, Range 1E (NMPM) & more specifically located where X & Y intersect at 1,467,859 ft. & 457,976 ft. (NAD83), on land owned by Don & Allsyn Apodaca, and discontinuing the use of existing well LRG-3403, located on land owned by Susan A. Krueger, located within the SE¼ of said projected Section 35(NMPM) and more specifically described where X & Y intersect at 1,467,875 ft. & 458,365 ft. (NAD83), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 5.51 acres of land, owned by Don & Allsyn Apodaca, located within the SW¼ SE¼ of said projected Section 35(NMPM), owned by the applicant, as described in Subfile Order No. LRN-28-012-0352 Right A of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The site of existing well LRG-6333 is located west of the Town of Mesilla, NM and may be found approximately .63 miles North west of the intersection of Union Ave. and Snow Road and more specifically at physical address 3044 Snow Rd., Mesilla, NM 88046. Existing well LRG-3403 will be retained for other rights.

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

(2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be 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 date of the last publication of this Notice. 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: 04/15, 04/22, 04/29, 2016

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on March 24, 2016, Jerry Dewayne Fly, trustee of the John C. Fly and Dorothy B. Fly Revocable Living Trust, 25126 Avenida Rotella, Valencia, CA 91355 filed application numbered LRG-415-POD2 for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling supplemental well LRG-415-POD2 to a depth of 200 feet with 8-inch casing located at approximately X = 1,468,792.7 Y = 491,703.5 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing well LRG-415 located at X = 1,468,796 Y = 491,650.8 ft. on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBID for the irrigation of 4.0 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within part of the SE¼ of Sec 35, T22S, R01E, NMPM, as described in part by Subfile No.: LRN-28-008-0293 (A). Proposed supplemental well LRG-415-POD2 is located north of Las Cruces, NM at 676 Olde Country Road. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill and use supplemental well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. **Witness My Hand and Seal** of the City of Las Cruces on this the **18th day of April, 2016.**

Linda Lewis, CMC  
City Clerk

Date: 04/22, 2016

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

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

**To be held at:  
HOLIDAY SELF STORAGE  
2190 Holiday Ave.  
Las Cruces, NM, 88005**

Dates: 04/22, 04/29, 05/06, 2016

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of the Following Ordinance(s) at the Regular City Council Meeting Held on April 18, 2016:

**1. Council Bill No. 16-020; Ordinance No. 2779:** An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Chapter 22 (Personnel) of the Las Cruces Municipal Code (LCMC), 1997, As Amended, to Make the City Manager Directly Responsible for Administration of the City of Las Cruces Personnel System.

**Unit # C36  
Luz E Alvarez  
1120 Cherry St  
Las Cruces NM 88004  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Headboard, mattress, dining chairs, sofa misc. items**

**Unit # C38  
Michelle T Saadoun  
PO BOX 1844  
Las Cruces NM 87015  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Office chair, printer, electric heater, misc. boxes**

**Unit # C70  
Diana Alvarez  
295 W Chestnut  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Manual typewriter, table, futon, plastic bags**

**Unit # D01  
Dannie Golden  
1882 Embassy Apt 3  
Las Cruces NM 88005  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Misc. boxes and containers**

**Unit # D25  
Irene Rosas  
2504 Moon River Loop  
Las Cruces NM 88007  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Tires, refrigerator, chairs, ladders, elliptical, TV, misc. items**

**Unit # D30  
Shanell L Chee**

575-525-9056

**On Saturday,  
April 30th, 2016  
BEGINNING AT 10 A.M.  
Registration Begins  
@ 9:30am  
\$25.00 cleaning deposit per  
each unit purchased**

THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS A01, A32, A34, C09, C36, C38, C70, D01, D25, D30, E03, G13, I26, K20, K24, N04, Q01, 15, 45, 49, 60 Tenant addresses are 'last known'

**Unit # A01  
Christine M Carrillo  
PO BOX 69  
Radium Springs NM 88054  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Mattresses, dresser, reptile tank mirror**

**Unit # A32  
Wilma Aguirre  
1260 Hall  
Las Cruces NM 88005  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Big screen TV, mattresses, plastic bins, misc. household items**

**Unit # A34  
Lorraine Garcia  
5612 Arulla Ave NE  
Albuquerque NM 87110  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Wooden chairs, grill, Microwave, lots of boxes**

**Unit # C09  
Liliana J Morin  
1505 La Fonda #3411  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Loveseat, washer, lamp, misc items**

**Unit # C36  
Luz E Alvarez  
1120 Cherry St  
Las Cruces NM 88004  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Headboard, mattress, dining chairs, sofa misc. items**

**Unit # C38  
Michelle T Saadoun  
PO BOX 1844  
Las Cruces NM 87015  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Office chair, printer, electric heater, misc. boxes**

**Unit # C70  
Diana Alvarez  
295 W Chestnut  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Manual typewriter, table, futon, plastic bags**

**Unit # D01  
Dannie Golden  
1882 Embassy Apt 3  
Las Cruces NM 88005  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Misc. boxes and containers**

**Unit # D25  
Irene Rosas  
2504 Moon River Loop  
Las Cruces NM 88007  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Tires, refrigerator, chairs, ladders, elliptical, TV, misc. items**

**Unit # D30  
Shanell L Chee**

PO BOX 160  
Las Cruces NM 88005  
**UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Bags of clothing**

**Unit # E03  
Jasmine Rutledge  
4101 W Rosecrans Ave  
Apt 11  
Hawthorne CA 90250  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Misc. boxes and bags**

**Unit #G13  
Maria Dominguez  
2238 Carreon Pl Apt 3  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Washer, freezer, couch, large speakers, dryer, misc. household items**

**Unit # I26  
Dakota A Ocampo  
805 17th St. Apt. 227  
Las Cruces Nm 88001  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Misc. kids items, toys and clothing**

**Unit # K20  
Ernestine M. Sanchez  
PO BOX 1051  
Las Cruces NM 88032  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Fridge, couch, entertainment center, wooden table, couch, misc. items**

**Unit # K24  
Jonathan Delgado  
2230 Ana Rd Space 62  
Las Cruces NM 88005  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Desk, dresser, TV, washer, tool boxes, misc boxes**

**Unit # N04  
Albert M Flores  
330 Montana Ave  
Las Cruces NM 88005  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Dresser, Shelves, lots of clothing and misc. items**

**Unit # Q01  
Jeanette Betancur  
164 Cinnabar Ln.  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Display case, shelves, misc. items**

**Unit # I15  
Skylar Moodie  
1024 W Picacho Ave Apt 7  
Las Cruces NM 88005  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Couch computer chair, misc. items**

**Unit #45  
Weyling Jr Sanchez  
1195 N 5th St.  
Las Cruces NM 88005  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Couch, chair, misc. boxes**

**Unit #49  
Thomas G Collins  
PO BOX 693  
Las Cruces NM 88004  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Computer, fan, storage container, misc. items**

**Unit #  
Steven Peterson  
3009 Hyacinth St  
Las Cruces NM 88007  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Wooden furniture, posters, microwave, mattresses, misc. items**

**CASH SALES ONLY**  
Due Immediately Upon  
Completion of Sale  
A \$25 cleaning deposit will be required per unit purchased  
And you must bring your own broom and lock.

Dates: 04/15, 04/22, 2016

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to §48-3-14 N.M.S.A. 1978 that the following property will be sold at public action to the highest bidder for cash:

(1) Name of Horse:  
Pipistrelle  
D/o/b: 1993  
Sex: Female  
Tattoo/Brand: 2856R  
Markings: Large irregular whorl eye level  
Color: Bay  
Breed: Quarter Horse

(2) Name of Horse:  
Pipistrelle 2015  
D/o/b: 03/24/15  
Sex: Female  
Tattoo/Brand: None  
Markings: Large diamond shape star at forehead  
Color: Bay  
Breed: Quarter Horse

**NOW, THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Friday, May 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**, at 401 San Jacinto Road, Chamberino, Doña Ana County, New Mexico 88027. The amount of the indebtedness claimed under the "Claim of Agistor's Lien" is \$8,378.48 as of the date of sale.

Dated this the 18th day of April, 2016.

**KEITHLY & ENGLISH, LLC**  
By: /s/Shane A. English  
SHANE A. ENGLISH  
Attorney for Claimant  
Post Office Drawer 1329  
Anthony, NM 88021  
(575) 882-4500  
(575) 882-5000 (Fax)

Dates: 04/22, 04/29, 2016

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

NO. CV-2016-834  
Judge Darren M. Kugler

**Kasey Arnold FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF Alexander Bryan Edwards**

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME (OF PERSON UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **Kasey Arnold**, has filed a Petition to Change the Name of her child, from **Alexander Bryan Edwards to Alexander William Arnold**. This petition will be heard before the

Honorable Darren M. Kugler, District Judge, on the **7th day of July, 2016**, at the hour of **9:00 a.m.** at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W/ Picacho Ave. Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(Seal)

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/Kasey Arnold  
Kasey Arnold  
1925 Martha Dr.  
Las Cruces,  
New Mexico 88001  
575-386-9926

Dates: 04/22, 04/29, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-01869

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC fka Centex Home Equity Company, LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**THE ESTATE OF SHARON MARTINEZ, Deceased; ALBERT MARTINEZ, Individually and as Personal Representative of The Estate of Sharon Martinez, Deceased, and if married THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALBERT MARTINEZ, (true name unknown); THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF SHARON MARTINEZ, Deceased; WESTERN BANK, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **May 11, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 5059 Churchill Avenue, which may also be known as 5227 Lee Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 230, HACIENDA ACRES, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 560 on 08/22/1961 in Book 8 Page(s) 77 of Plat Records.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause



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on April 4, 2016, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$64,366.71 and the same bears interest at 7.050% per annum from January 22, 2016, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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

Dates: 04/15, 04/22, 04/29,  
05/06, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-02301

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

vs.

**FLORENTINO VILLEGAS; ELVIA A. VILLEGAS; and TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY**

**GIVEN** that on **May 25, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1415 Jeanie Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 16, OF TAYLOR FARM ESTATES UNIT NO. 3, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON JULY 10, 1978 IN PLAT BOOK 12, AT PAGE 198 AS PLAT NO. 939, 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 April 4, 2016, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$231,083.13 and the same bears interest at 3.500% per annum from January 27, 2016, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

property subject to a one month right of redemption.

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

Dates: 04/22, 04/29, 05/06,  
05/13, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-01382

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

vs.

**GILBERTO VI ARMENDARIZ, JR.; AMANDA S. ARMENDARIZ; and MANUELA RIVAS, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **May 11, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 6220 Cloud Dance Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 6 in Block D of Vista De La Montana, Phase IV, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on December 27, 2005 recorded in Book 21 at Pages 470-471, of the Plat Records.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on March 31, 2016, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$183,137.07 and the same bears interest at 6.500% per annum from December 31, 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 contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Electronically filed  
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody  
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Dates: 04/15, 04/22, 04/29,  
05/06, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-01893

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee for the Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, 2006-EQ1, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ALEXANDER P. GUERRERO; MARIA GUERRERO; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as nominee; and NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS, Defendants.**

**FIRST AMENDED  
NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **April 27, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of

the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1417 Thomas Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 5 in Block numbered 13 of Dale Bellamah Annex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Dale Bellamah Annex, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on June 29, 1954 in Plat Book 7 at Page 56.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on March 4, 2016, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$110,325.22 and the same bears interest at 4.625% per annum from December 15, 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 contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

Electronically filed

/s/ Pamela A. Carmody  
Pamela A. Carmody,  
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Dates: 04/01, 04/08, 04/15,  
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**STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2015-01708

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

vs.

**MOSIAH TELLES, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF MOSIAH TELLES, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES OR LEGATEES OF MOSIAH TELLES, DECEASED; CARRIE ORTEGA-TELLES, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARRIE ORTEGA-TELLES, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **May 4, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1408 San Andres Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 26, Block C, SAN ANDRES ESTATES, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 23, 1960, in Book 8 Page(s) 56 of Plat Records.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on March 29, 2016, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$201,712.37 and the same bears interest at 5.250% per annum from February 1, 2016, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to

the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-02350

**BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**VICKY L. CALLOWAY, 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 the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 9125 Clovis Road, Mesilla Park, New Mexico 88047, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 27, BLOCK A, BRAZITO ACRES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 12, 2005, IN BOOK 21 PAGES 204-205 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 a.m. on April 29, 2016**, outside the front entrance of the Third Judicial District, 201 W. Picacho, #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, NA.

BOKF, NA was awarded an in rem Judgment on March 14, 2016, in the principal sum of \$104,888.67, plus interest due on the Note through March 1, 2016, in the amount of \$5,681.50, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 6.50% per annum (\$18.68 per diem) until paid, plus late fees in the amount of \$193.87, plus escrow advances in the amount of \$1,167.49, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through February 29, 2016, in the amount of \$1,500.00, and costs through February 29, 2016, in the amount of \$653.73, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 6.50% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until

paid.

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

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

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

Dates: 04/01, 04/08, 04/15, 04/22, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-01980

**BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MICHAEL A. KREMNIETZ AND MOLLY KREMNIETZ, 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 1925 Connie Lou Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 2, BLOCK 2, UNIT NO. 1 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JUNE 26, 1964, IN BOOK 9 PAGE (S) 30-31 OF PLAT RECORDED.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 a.m. on May 20, 2016**,

outside the front entrance of the Third Judicial District, 201 W. Picacho, #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded an in rem Judgment on March 29, 2016, in the principal sum of \$125,822.51, plus interest due on the Note through March 10, 2016, in the amount of \$9,235.99, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 6.625% per annum (\$22.84 per diem) until paid, plus late fees in the amount of \$371.31, plus escrow advances for property taxes in the amount of \$616.90, plus hazard insurance premium in the amount of \$755.02, plus FHA/HUD premiums in the amount of \$1,395.84, plus property preservation in the amount of \$68.00, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through March 10, 2016, in the amount of \$1,500.00, and costs through March 10, 2016, in the amount of \$590.76, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 6.625% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

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

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

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani  
Faisal Sukhyani  
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Dates: 04/22, 04/29, 05/06, 05/13, 2016

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

PB-2016-0024  
Judge Kugler

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD EVANS, 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, in care of the Bates Law Firm, PO Box 305, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Suite A, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED: April 14, 2016.

/s/Jeannine Evans  
Jeannine Evans  
Personal Representative of the Estate of Donald Evans,  
Deceased

PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY:

BATES LAW FIRM  
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Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305  
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/s/Lloyd O. Bates Jr.  
Lloyd O. Bates Jr.  
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 04/22, 04/29, 2016

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

No. D-307-PB-2016-00023  
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOYCE ELAINE DRAPER, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**DARWIN MASSINGILL** has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of **JOYCE ELAINE DRAPER**, deceased. 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 this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative c/o The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.A. (Dana M. Kyle), P.O. Box 2277, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004, or filed with the District Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 30th day of March, 2016.

/s/  
DARWIN MASSINGILL,  
Personal Representative of

the Estate of JOYCE ELAINE DRAPER, deceased.

Prepared by:

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

By/s/  
Dana M. Kyle  
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Attorney for Personal Representative

Dates: 04/15, 04/22, 2016

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

NO. D-307-CV-2015-01855

**CORNERSTONE HOME LENDING, INC., Plaintiff,**

v.

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

### NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Dawn Olander FKA Dawn A. Martin and the Unknown Spouse of Dawn Olander FKA Dawn A. Martin,

### GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 7466 Sierra Luz Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
WEINSTEIN & RILEY, P.S.

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

Dates: 04/15, 04/22, 04/29, 2016

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

No. D-307-PB-2016-00019

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALVIN L. WYATT, Deceased.**

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION IN FORMAL TESTACY PROCEEDING**

**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:**

TO: Unknown Heirs of Alvin L. Wyatt, Deceased, and to any person having an interest in the subject of the hearing.

Hearing on the Petition filed

by the undersigned setting forth that Alvin L. Wyatt died testate on January 27, 2016 leaving a Last Will and Testament in which the undersigned were designated as Personal Representative will be held at the District Courtroom at Las Cruces, New Mexico on the 23 day of May, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

/s/Katherine Jameson  
**Katherine Jameson**  
**1925 Arlington Avenue**  
**Las Cruces,**  
**New Mexico 88001**

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Dates: 04/22, 04/29, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00818

**FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ANNE C. HALLETT AND JOHN DOE HALLETT, WIFE AND HUSBAND; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants,**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me

or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5207 Comanche Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 34G IN BLOCK 11 OF ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST CO. SUBDIVISION "C" AMENDMENT NO. ONE OF PART OF BLOCK ELEVEN, LOCATED IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON JUNE 6, 1966 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 9 AT PAGES 97, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 PM on May 12, 2016**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA . FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was awarded a Judgment on December 31, 2015, in the total amount of \$61,599.03, with interest at the rate of 7.5% per annum from August 1, 2015 through the date of the sale.

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Said interest is in the amount of \$3,607.34.

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

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2013-01957

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

vs.

**RAFAEL G. AGUIRRE AND CAPITAL ONE HOME LOANS, LLC, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**THIRD AMENDED PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1225 Akers Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 5, BLOCK 109 OF COUNTRY CLUB MANOR NO. 3, REPLAT NO. 1, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 18, 1976 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 12 AT PAGE 47, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:15 pm on May 12, 2016**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted WELLS FARGO BANK, NA. WELLS FARGO BANK, NA was awarded a Judgment on September 12, 2014, in the total amount of \$106,945.92 with interest at the rate of 5.00% per annum from March 12, 2014 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$11,602.90.

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

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

the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

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

No.: D-307-CV-2015-02237

**DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2002-NC6, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-NC6, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**GERARDO ORTEGA; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GERARDO ORTEGA; PATRICIA ORTEGA; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PATRICIA ORTEGA; DOÑA ANA COUNTY UTILITIES DEPARTMENT; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Patricia Ortega and The Unknown Spouse of Patricia Ortega:**

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2002-NC6, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-NC6 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 414 Luna Azul Drive, Chaparral, NM 88021. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

THE WEST HALF OF LOT 30 BLOCK H, CHAPARRAL SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 15, 1971, IN BOOK 10, PAGE 72 THROUGH 74 OF PLAT RECORDS.

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

**McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP**

By: /s/ Stephen Kowal  
Karen Weaver  
Stephen Kowal  
6501 Eagle Rock NE,  
Suite A-3  
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## Students bring climate change lessons from Hawaii

By Kristie Garcia  
For the Bulletin

Twelve New Mexico State University students recently returned from a trip to Hawaii where they studied various aspects of climate change. The trip was part of the Sundt Honors Seminar course with NMSU Biology Regents Professor Michele Nishiguchi.

The Hawaii excursion included lectures by University of Hawaii professors with expertise in various areas, and the students visited the State of Hawaii's Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR), where coral restoration is being conducted. They also visited The Nature Conservancy, The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's Inouye Center and The Hawaiian Seafood Company's fish auction.

"Prior to the trip, I asked the students to break down what they thought were important topics in terms of climate change, because that's such a big focus," Nishiguchi said. "I gave them a couple of lectures on the basics of what was going on globally, then in particular, in Hawaii."

Four groups comprised of three students focused on different aspects of climate change. There were quite a few surprises and interesting facts the students learned during their trip.

"We went in expecting that our research project would include educating the Hawaiian people on how to better preserve their coral for future generations by developing public policy and proposals on how they could better manage their coral reefs," Sundt Seminar



COURTESY PHOTO

Students in the New Mexico State University Sundt Honors Seminar course volunteered at the Paepae o He'eia fishpond while in Hawaii over spring break.

student Ismael Torres said. "But our whole world was turned around once we got there. It turns out the whole community is really unifying in efforts to protect its coral."

Torres and classmates Ryan Kirby and Chad Martin studied socioeconomics, specifically, how climate change affects not only the financial stability of a place like Hawaii, but also how it impacts native Hawaiians.

Students Alejandra Enriquez, Jacqueline Kieltyka and Michelle Silber knew they wanted to study natural resources but were not certain about the focus of their project. After visiting various locations and listening to several lectures in Hawaii, the group decided to focus on sustainable fisheries, and in the process, discovered there were many cultural differences.

"Because of cultural differences, the people at the fishpond were skeptical about how the fisheries practiced sustainability," Enriquez said. "However, the people at the fishery said they were doing their best to practice sustainable fishing. For instance, they had modified hooks so that the sea turtles wouldn't get caught in them as much."

Kelcie Gerry, Applehelen Kirby and Sydney Salas focused on how climate change is affecting corals.

"A lot of bacterial diseases and macroalgal invasion can happen after the corals are bleached, so that leaves them more susceptible to disease," Applehelen Kirby said.

Jacob Bennett, Allison Dawe and Kira Turnham studied sustainable businesses. These three students studied businesses that are trying to comply

with greener rules and are trying not to dump too much waste into the ocean.

"What we discovered about the NOAA building at the Inouye Center was that it uses a lot of environmental aspects to keep itself green," Bennett said. "They took an old historic building from Pearl Harbor – an air hangar that had gotten shot up – and they kept the outside and renovated the inside, so they preserved some history there. They also used a bunch of materials to meet the gold standard of green. They used cold ocean water to cool it, and that was really interesting from an industrial aspect."

The NMSU group stayed at the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology at Coconut Island and also took part in a community outreach activity, in which they helped restore

lava rock walls in a native fishpond.

Transferring what they learned in Hawaii to New Mexico is important for the students.

"We wanted to bring home what we learned and make it applicable to New Mexico," Applehelen Kirby said. "That's what matters, and that's how people can make a difference. We are going to add an interactive portion to our presentation and really have people look at their carbon footprint and how we are adding to the problem of global climate change and how we can change that."

Torres and his group learned that one way to encourage public policy – whether in Hawaii or New Mexico – is by demonstrating climate change in terms of economics.

"We learned that the biggest step communities can take in protecting

their natural resources is using economic characterization tools or natural resource accounting methods that formulate and measure the economic value of natural resources, so that legislators can realize the importance and enact public policy and really affect change based on these economic principles," Torres said.

Kira Turnham looks forward to sharing the knowledge her group learned about sustainable businesses with the Las Cruces community.

"We can let local community members know what they can do here to not only improve their local environment but to also live sustainably and support businesses and tourism initiatives sustainably so that we can lower the impacts of climate change on a global scale," Turnham said.



# Healthy Happenings



## Parks and Rec couples and youth dance lessons

The City Parks & Recreation Department announces the Couples Dance and Youth Hip Hop Outreach dance lesson schedule at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatics Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

Couples Dance lesson registration runs through April 26. Classes meet from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning April 26 and run for four weeks. The class is limited to ten couples and features dance styles including Cumbia, Country, Bachata, Merengue, Salsa and more. Fee is \$40 per couple, per session, (eight classes.)

The Hip Hop Youth Outreach lesson registration runs through April 26 for children 12 to 17 years. Dance lessons are Saturdays from 10 to 11 a.m., April 30 through May 21. Fee for the class is \$1. For information, call the Las Cruces Regional Aquatics Center at 541-2782.

## Children's clothing donations sought for National Child Abuse Prevention Month

The month of April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and donations of clothing for babies and children, as well as packages of diapers, are being collected in Room 308 of Gerald Thomas Hall on the New Mexico State University campus through April 22.

These donations will be delivered to the local Children, Youth, and Families Department at the end of the month. For questions, contact Merranda Marin at 646-6031.

## Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of those individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from a compulsive relationship with food. Local meetings are at noon on Wednesdays in the library of St. James Episcopal Church, 1102 St. James Ave.; and Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave.

For information visit [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) or call Barbara at 405-0128 or Wayne at 647-5684.

## Sexual Compulsives Anonymous

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous is a 12-step fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other, that they may solve their common problem and help each other recover from sexual compulsion. We release our addiction to internet porn, unhealthy addictive relationships, and anyone or anything that keeps us from healthy, loving relationships. Meetings are 7 p.m., Mondays at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor (behind the T Mobile building). For information visit [www.sca-recovery.org](http://www.sca-recovery.org) or call 526-9535.

## Yoga at the Center for Spiritual Living

Yoga classes meet from 9 to 10 a.m., Mondays and from 4 to 5 p.m., Wednesdays at 575 N. Main St. \$5. For information, call 523-4847.

## Tesoro Integrative Health Center yoga classes

Tesoro offers yoga classes. Walk-ins welcome. Drop-in fee is \$7.00 or 5 classes for \$30.00/10 for \$60.00. Tesoro is located at 1605 S. Main St. For information, call 541-5660.

Mon./Wed./Fri.: 10 a.m.- Gentle Yoga w/Vibha; Tues.: 7:15 a.m.- Kundalini Yoga w/Nancy; Sat.: 8:30 a.m.- Kundalini Yoga w/Nancy; Tues./Thurs.: 6:15 p.m.- Hatha Yoga w/Nancy; Sat.: 10:00 a.m.- Hatha Yoga w/Nancy; Mon./Wed.: 6:15 p.m.- Gentle Yoga w/David.

## Free dance lessons with NMSU DanceSport

Learn to dance the best ballroom, Latin, swing and nightclub dances at 7 p.m. every Tuesday night at Arrowhead Park Early College High School, 3600 Arrowhead Drive. No partner or dance experience necessary. All levels and ages welcome. Bring friends and/or family. Lessons are taught by DanceSport Company members and act as a practicum for professional development. These classes foster a thriving dance community and offer dance as a healthy lifestyle alternative. For information, call 646-5704 or [dancesport@nmsu.edu](mailto:dancesport@nmsu.edu).

## Tai Chi class at Parks and Rec

The Parks & Recreation Department Tai Chi classes are 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday and are open to adults. Cost: \$30/4-week session, \$15 for those 60 and older. Limited space available on a first-come, first-served basis. For information, call 541-2455.

## Meditation classes at Tesoro

Zen Buddhist meditation and study group with Rev. K. Hilbert is 6 p.m. Thursdays at 1605 S. Main St. Walk-ins welcome. \$7.00 drop-in or 5 classes for \$30.00/ 10 classes of \$60.00. For information, call 541-5660.

## Reiki certification classes at Tesoro Integrative Health Center

Reiki classes for Level I, II and Master Level are occurring now through April 30. Flexible class times to fit your schedule. Reiki I: 2 hours weekly for 4 weeks (\$100); Reiki II: 2 hours weekly for 4 weeks (\$100); Master Level: 2 hours weekly for 12 weeks (\$300). Call Patti at 639-0188 for questions and to schedule your class times. Tesoro is located at 1605 S. Main St. For information, call 541-5660.

## Parkinson's Support Group meets third Tuesday

The Parkinson's disease Support Group of Southern New Mexico (PDSGSNM) meets the third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman.

## Parks and Recreation Department Zumba class

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department new Zumba class at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. takes place every Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. Zumba combines traditional Latin dance styles, including salsa, mambo, cha-cha, cumbia and merengue, as well as hip-hop, belly dancing moves and may include traditional group fitness moves, such as pushups, bicep curls, crunches and hi-low aerobic combinations. For more information, contact the Aquatic Center at 541-2782.

## Zumba at Mountain View Senior Circle

Zumba takes the "work" out of workout. A mix of Latin and World rhythms mixed with low and high intensity moves provides an enjoyable total workout to energize your body and give you a serious helping of awesome! Classes are at 3 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Mountain View Senior Circle, 3948 Lohman Ave., Suite 1. Call for information: 522-0503.

## Breastfeeding support group

Mama's Milk Club Breastfeeding Support Group meets 10 to 11:30 a.m. every Friday at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex, Piñon A meeting room. Refreshments are provided. There is no charge for attending. For more information, call 521-5393.

## Free marriage and family therapy for students and families at NMSU

The Family Resource Center at NMSU provides free therapeutic services to Las Cruces campus students and their families. Whether you are struggling in your relationships, coping with a loss, or are just feeling overwhelmed, anxious or down, the student therapists at the FRC can help. Sessions are conducted with individuals, couples or families. Contact us today to set up an appointment. Student therapists are supervised by licensed faculty members from the FCS Marriage and Family Therapy Program. Contact 646-2065 or [frc@nmsu.edu](mailto:frc@nmsu.edu) for more information.

## Nursing parent room available at NMSU Library

The NMSU Library now has a Nursing Parent room for parents who need a place to feed their child or pump breastmilk. The room is on the first floor of Zuhl



# ChileKnights

## Add some flavorful asparagus to the mix

The most recent crop of asparagus has been especially tasty. So tasty, in fact, that I stock up with 2-3 bunches a week. To keep spears fresh for several days, plunge them in a pan of ice water, cover, and refrigerate until ready to use. Wrapped snugly in plastic wrap or stored upright in one inch of water covered with a plastic bag also keep the spears fresh.

To select the most flavorsome asparagus look for firm, bright green (or pale ivory) slender stalks with tight buds. Larger stalks signal a more mature plant and sport tougher skins. To make them more palatable, simply shear the outer layer with a knife or vegetable peeler. Before cooking, simply snap off tough ends (from both young and mature spears) before cooking. I share three of my favorite recipes in this week's column. Enjoy!

### Chilled Asparagus Salad (Serves 8 as a side or 4 as a main entrée)

I prepared this as a side dish for Easter dinner. It was a hit! Other ingredients can be added. When made later, I added organic green onions and substituted chopped red bell pepper for the tomatoes.

- 3 cups fresh organic asparagus, cut into bite size pieces
- 2 fresh organic corn on the cob, shucked and cleaned
- 1 ½ cups organic cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 small jalapeno pepper, stemmed, seeded and chopped finely
- ½ cup fresh organic cilantro, chopped
- 2 limes (more or less to taste)
- Sea salt
- Fresh cracked pepper

Bring a large saucepan of salted water to boil. While water is coming to a boil, prepare an ice bath by placing water and ice in a large bowl.

Place the corn on the cob in the boiling water for approximately 1 minute then remove to a plate and set aside.

Next place asparagus in boiling water and cook for approximately 2-3 minutes until crisp tender. Immediately remove from the stove and drain in colander. Submerge colander with asparagus in ice bath so that asparagus is covered. Wait a minute, then remove and let drain.

Cut the corn from the cob, by placing the flat end of the cob on a large plate or bowl, steady the top with

**Sunny Conley**  
*Chile Knights*



your hand or a corn holder, then using your knife, carefully cut down the length of the cob on all sides to remove the corn.

In a large bowl, mix the asparagus, corn, tomatoes, jalapeno pepper, cilantro, juice of 1 lime (more or less to taste), and season with sea salt and pepper.

### Burrito de Espárragos with Pine Nut Sprinkles (Yield: ~ 6)

- 1 package oversized flour tortillas, lard free (98 percent fat free variety)
- 1 pound asparagus, steamed
- 1 large and firm red bell pepper, julienne
- 1 medium onion, sliced paper thin
- 6 roasted, peeled and de-veined plump Sandia (or other favorite) chile, cut lengthwise
- ½ pound of asadero or Monterey Jack cheese, sliced thin
- ½ cup pine (pinion) nuts (roasted tastes best)
- Fat free sour cream or non-fat Greek yogurt (I prefer Fage and Chobani brands)
- Cilantro
- Fresh Parmesan

Steam asparagus, preferably resting in a vegetable steamer, until just tender, al dente or until it offers a slight resistance when bitten into. (Do not overcook!) Set aside. Place a flour tortilla on a microwaveable dinner plate. Put three pieces of cheese across the center of the tortilla. Wrap a chile slab around a bundle of five slender asparagus stalks (use fewer if asparagus is chubby).

Place bundle in center of tortilla. Top with bell pepper and onion. Scatter tortilla with cilantro and pine nuts. Roll tortilla into a burrito. Microwave until just heated through and cheese begins to melt. Top with two or three dollops of sour cream and garnish with Parmesan sprinkles and two or three cilantro sprigs. For additional color, add a bell pepper sliver. Repeat with remaining tortillas. Serve with a spinach salad tossed with more pine nuts, mandarin orange slices, and a favorite dressing.

### Simple Springtime Asparagus Pasta with Lemon Habanero Sauce (Serves 2-3)

- 1 bunch asparagus (12 ounces), trimmed, and washed
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 lemons
- Olive oil
- 2 tablespoons of roasted, pulverized (mashed) garlic
- 10 ounces (~5 cups) bow tie pasta
- 2 ½ cups unsweetened plain almond milk
- Dash habanero powder
- 3-4 tablespoons flour

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Add asparagus to a baking sheet and toss with ½ tablespoon olive oil and a pinch each of salt and pepper. Top with several thin slices of lemon and bake for 20-25 minutes. Once finished cooking, remove from oven, cool slightly and roughly chop into thirds.

In the meantime, bring a pot of water to a boil and salt generously. While the water's heating, bring a large skillet to medium heat. Once hot, add 3 tablespoons olive oil and garlic. Whisk for about 1 minute.

Add 3 tablespoons flour and whisk. Cook for 30 seconds, then whisk in almond milk ½ cup at a time. Add a generous pinch of salt and pepper, dash of habanero, and whisk. Slightly lower heat and continue cooking to thicken, stirring occasionally.

Add pasta to boiling water and cook according to package instructions. Then drain and set aside.

For extra creamy sauce, add sauce to a blender (or use an immersion blender) to blend. Add another pinch of salt and pepper. For a thicker sauce, add another tablespoon of flour (or cornstarch). Blend until creamy and smooth, using the "puree" or "liquefy" setting. Taste and adjust seasonings as needed, then add back to pan and continue cooking over medium to medium-low heat to thicken.

Once your sauce has reached desired thickness, add the juice of half a lemon and stir.

Add ¾ of the chopped asparagus and the cooked pasta to the sauce and toss to coat.

Divide between 2-3 serving plates and top with remaining asparagus. Serve with a lemon wedge and vegan Parmesan cheese.

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# Volatile oils in juniper have stimulating action on the body

**Herb:** Juniper  
**Latin name:** *Juniperus communis*  
**Part used:** Berries

**By Trish McCaul**  
 For the Bulletin

Juniper is a member of the Cupressaceae (cypress or pine) family of plants. It is native to North America, Asia and Europe. Its berries have long been used to flavor liquors, like gin. It is rich in volatile oils which have a stimulating, and sometimes irritating, action on the body.

The volatile oils in juniper dilate the glomeruli of the kidneys, increasing the rate of waste filtration in the kidneys. This stimulates the flow of urine, making juniper a diuretic. Thus, juniper can be helpful in cases of water-logged kid-



neys, retained urine, and renal congestion. The volatile oils of juniper can be irritating to the urinary tract, however, so it is

important that that plant is not used in cases with active inflammation of this system. The irritating properties can be

mitigated by combining it with uva ursi, marshmallow, pipsissewa or manzanita.

Juniper's stimulating properties also extend to the digestive system. A few berries, eaten prior to meals, stimulate hydrochloric acid and pepsin production in the stomach. For these reasons, juniper can be helpful for those with sluggish digestion, especially in the elderly, who generally have lessened digestive secretions in the stomach. This can result in general dyspepsia, flatulence and poor appetite.

Juniper can also move mucus out of the respiratory tract, making it beneficial in coughs and colds. It can also help cleanse nicotine out of the

lungs, for folks who are quitting smoking.

Topically, the essential oil of juniper can be added to massage oils for arthritis, sciatica and gout. The tea can be used as a gargle for bleeding gums.

Juniper should not be used in cases of active inflammation of the kidneys and urinary tract. In any case where there is a health condition involving the kidneys, consult a qualified healthcare practitioner before using juniper. Juniper should not be used in pregnancy, as it stimulates urinary contractions.

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## HAPPENINGS

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### Hands-Only CPR Training at MMC

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technique in this 30-minute class. Classes will be from 10 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 14 in the Memorial Medical Center West Annex Conference Room, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. The next class is Saturday, June 11. Classes are limited to 30 participants. For information, call 524-2167.

### MS Support/Education group meets first Thursday

Are you seeking an MS (Multiple Sclerosis) group in Las Cruces open to all people affected by MS? Then this new group is for you. Join us from 4:30 to 6

p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the Social Center Creative Arts Room at Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle for emotional support and MS education. Date, time and location are subject to change: pelae call, email or text before attending your first meeting at 373-5130 or [lascrucessselfhelp@gmail.com](mailto:lascrucessselfhelp@gmail.com).

### NMSU to hold free Lamaze classes this summer

The New Mexico State University School of Nursing will offer Lamaze

childbirth preparation classes for free to pregnant women in their sixth to eighth month of pregnancy.

The six-week course will start in mid-May in the College of Health and Social Services building. Pregnant women must be 24 to 32 weeks pregnant by the first class. The course will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday from May 18 to June 29.

NMSU nursing faculty and students are teaching the educational classes to women. To register, call college assistant professor Martha Morales at 646-8089 or email at [moralest@nmsu.edu](mailto:moralest@nmsu.edu) during the 16th to 24th week of pregnancy as classes fill quickly.

## PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet Goose, and no, he is not an actual goose. This handsome fellow is a four-year-old, orange and white domestic short hair, who is a very sweet active little guy. This little man has been at our shelter for about three months. He is looking for his purrfect furrever home. Please come meet Goose at ASCMV, 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Hours of Operation: noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For information, call 382-0018.

