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## Union support



National Education Association-Las Cruces members held a rally in front of the Las Cruces Public Schools administration building Tuesday, Feb. 16 in support of the LCPS board of education. The board received a letter Jan. 26 from New Mexico Public Education Department Secretary Hanna Skandera that was critical of the board because of complaints. The teachers' union, though, wanted to support the board. "For the first time in years, we have an actively supportive school board taking common sense positions in support of students, employees, and fiscal responsibility," said NEA-Las Cruces President Patrick Sanchez. "We need to continue to support our locally elected board as they stand up to political appointees in Santa Fe. Local control has never been more important than it is today." The board voted to not extend Superintendent Stan Rounds' contract. See Page A3.

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## Fire chief to retire in May

By Mike Cook  
Las Cruces Bulletin

There's a family photo of Las Cruces Fire Chief Travis Brown, age three, sitting with his sister on an old fire truck in Las Cruces Fire Station 1. A couple of years later, when he was in kindergarten at East Picacho Elementary School, Brown told a teacher's aide he wanted to become either a fire-fighter or a police officer when he grew up.



BROWN

And, when Brown did join the Las Cruces Fire Department (LCFD) in July 1989, he told a fellow cadet at the training academy that he "definitely would like to become a fire captain (the equivalent of today's battalion chief), and if I make it there, then maybe chief

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## City reports \$4.2 million surplus

By Mike Cook  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Revenue for the City of Las Cruces is about \$2.2 million more than expected through the second quarter of the FY 2015-16 budget, and city spending is about \$2 million less than expected, city Budget Manager Robert Coleman said Tuesday, Feb. 16, during a regular

meeting of the City Council.

That means the city has about \$4.2 million more in its current budget than expected.

Most of the increase in revenues – \$1.69 million – comes from the collection of more gross receipts tax than expected, Coleman said. Franchise and licensing fee collections were also

higher than projected, he said, while property taxes were about \$320,000 less than budgeted.

The city's spending decrease, Coleman said, came about because of the "prudence of our senior staff in managing the budget." By department, he

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## Rural bus service to begin Monday, Feb. 22

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The Blue and Red routes will provide service from the Las Cruces Intermodal Transit Center at Alameda and Lohman to Anthony. The Orange and Purple routes will operate from Anthony to Sunland Park and Chaparral, with connections to Sun Metro transit service in El Paso, Texas. All four bus routes will connect in Anthony.

The Yellow line service will operate from Alamogordo to Las Cruces, with connecting service at the Las Cruces Intermodal Transit Terminal for the Roadrunner and the Gold and Silver line service.

The South Central Council of Governments is the fiscal agent for the South Central Transit District, with funding from Doña Ana County, the City of Las Cruces, the Village of Hatch, and some towns in Sierra County.

After a 60-day promotion of free ridership, additional funding will come from rider fares and advertising on the buses. Fares for the service will be \$1 per ride, regardless of whether a rider has to transfer from one bus to another to reach the desired destination. Each bus is equipped with free wi-fi for the riders.



David J. Armijo has been brought on board by the South Central Transit District to be the executive director of the service.

Armijo also has served as the chief executive officer of the Hillsboro Regional Transit Authority in Tampa, Florida, director of transit services for the Dallas Area Rapid Transit District, general manager of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, director of operations for the Orange County Transportation Authority and director of transit and aviation for the City of Santa Fe. He holds a bachelor's degree in public administration and a master's degree in public policy, both from California State University in

operates 600 buses in four operating divisions, with more than 2,000 employees.

"We are fortunate beyond measure to have a person like David Armijo to lead this critical component of public transportation here in southern New Mexico," said South Central Regional Transit District Chairman Wayne D. Hancock. "His desire to come home to his roots, combined with his extensive experience and impressive skill set, set this system on a firm foundation for a successful launch and a sustainable future."

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San Diego. He is a past president of the New Mexico Transit Association.

A native of Las Cruces, Armijo has more than 23 years of experience in managing transit systems in New Mexico, Florida, Texas and California. Most recently, he was general manager of California's third-largest transit agency – the Alameda/Contra Costa

Transit District – which

## Commissioner Garcia to lead March 3 meeting in La Union

District 2 Doña Ana County Commissioner Dr. David J. Garcia will host a work session on Thursday, March 3, from 6-7 p.m. at Our Lady of Refuge Mission Hall, 1320 Mercantil Avenue, in La Union.

In conjunction with the county's Grants Administration and Community and Constituent Services Offices, Dr. Garcia will educate area residents about the County's intention to apply for funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

To qualify for federal reimbursement funding, the county is required to collect data from residents regarding costs they have personally accrued due to flooding events in La Union since 2011. This can include damage costs that their insurance companies covered. An ex-



DR. GARCIA

ample of a qualifying expense could include home repairs due to flooding.

The survey form is available on the county's website. The document can be downloaded and completed prior to the meeting, or residents can complete the form at the meeting with assistance from county staff.

Residents must have documentation of their expenses, since FEMA personnel will contact individuals when verifying the county's grant proposal, as required by the federal Stafford Act for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

For more information in advance of the March 3 meeting, residents may call the Doña Ana County Community and Constituent Services Office at (575) 525-5989, or visit their offices within the Doña Ana County Government Center in Las Cruces.

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# School board does not change superintendent's contract

By Mike Cook  
Las Cruces Bulletin

By a 4-1 vote, the Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education decided not to extend the contract of LCPS Superintendent Stan Rounds.

At the board's meeting Tuesday, Feb. 16, members Maury Castro, Ed Frank, Chuck Davis and President Maria Flores voted not to cancel Rounds' current contract, which would have paved the way to give him a new contract with an additional year. Board mem-



ROUNDS

ber Barbara Hall voted in favor of cancelling Rounds' current contract and creating a new contract that would have extended his tenure as superintendent.

The vote is "not intended as a negative action in any way," Flores said. "Superintendent Rounds continues as the leader of LCPS," she said, adding that the school board will continue to work with him.

Based on their vote, Flores then announced there

was no reason for the board to take another vote, which was listed on the board's agenda. School district officials said by not taking a vote, Rounds' current contract remains in place through June 30, 2017.

The board's new attorney, Elena Gallegos of Albuquerque, was present at the meeting and met with the school board in a closed executive session prior to the open meeting.

Rounds was hired by LCPS in February 2007.

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## From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

# Bulletin begins new chapter

## Newspaper prepares to change locations

Even though it says on the front page of our newspaper every week, "Local News and Entertainment Since 1969," many locals are surprised when they hear the Las Cruces Bulletin has been around for more than 46 years.

Any business that sticks around that long will see changes.

Next month, the Bulletin will see a change, or at least a change of scenery.

The newspaper will be moving its offices from North Telshor Boulevard to Calle de Mercado in Mesilla. If you've been around the community long enough to remember the Las Cosas Kitchen Shoppe, well, that will be our new location.

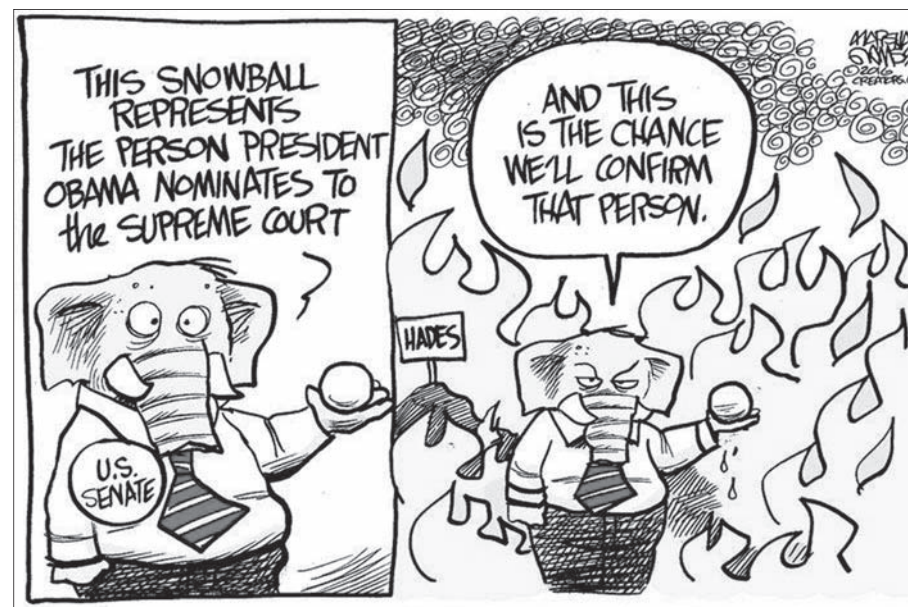
The Bulletin has spent nearly 12 years on Telshor, and for many years before that, offices were on Madrid Avenue. In this latest move, we will re-locate once again a rather ugly turquoise wooden sign that used to hang in front of those Madrid offices. It currently decorates our break-

*'We look forward to the opportunity that comes with all moves: a new beginning. We don't look forward to the downside that comes with all moves: actually moving all that stuff.'*

room, and we'll find a suitable spot in our new home.

The move is a simple business decision, and it makes sense for our operation at this time. We look forward to the opportunity that comes with all moves: a new beginning. We don't look forward to the downside that comes with all moves: actually moving all that stuff. You never fully real-

## EDITORIAL CARTOON



ize how much stuff you've accumulated over time until you box it up and haul it to a new location.

I enjoyed working with and getting to know better our landlord and fellow Aggie hoops fan Lee Rawson. I'm looking forward to working with and getting to know better our future landlord and fellow Rotarian Eddie Binns.

This could be either a good or bad thing, but at our Mesilla location, there are a dozen or more restaurants within practical walking distance of our offices. So we might be eating out more, but we'll rationalize it by saying, "Oh, we'll walk off the calories." I'm no nutritionist, but my guess is the numbers probably won't tip to the side of being more healthy.

One of the drawbacks to the Bulletin location on Telshor is we aren't within practical walking distance of any restaurants. Of course, now we get word Rudy's Barbecue is planning

a new location here on Telshor, just north of Kitchen Kraft Home. Rudy's is something I would be willing to walk a ways for.

One thing I won't miss about the Telshor location is the often tricky ingress and egress around Spruce and Telshor. The new location is very convenient to the Mesilla exit from Interstate 10 and offers easy in and out to Avenida de Mesilla from Calle de Mercado.

We look forward to getting to know our new neighbors, including the Leavitt Group, Edward Jones, the Paisano Café, American Dog Pet Grooming and others.

Because our current view is blocked by the looming flood control dam out our back door, our whole staff will welcome with open arms (or at least open eyes) the wonderful sight lines we'll now have of our community's enduring signature, the powerful Organ Mountains.

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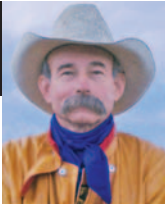


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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## The Gun Battle



As terrorists continue their penetration of the Unites States and mentally deranged psychos attack unsuspecting pedestrians, our country seeks solutions. Conservative Constitutional fundamen-

talists stand by the law and support arming everyone! Whereas progressive liberals insist on disarming everyday citizens and depend on government to protect everyone! Yet compromise is hard to find.

Speaking for myself, I know many reasonable supporters of the 2nd Amendment and the NRA who would be amenable to some restrictions on sales of some automatic weapons or ground to air missile, for instance. So why can't we compromise with the Anti-2nd Amendment's political promises? Simple...we do not trust our own government. We know there are those who would disarm us all.

The wisdom of our forefathers was prescient. They knew that men in power would immediately begin to take freedom away from the citizens they serve. The most precious of which is freedom of speech. We have reached a point in our history where plutocrats are trying to outlaw anything offensive they determine might hurt someone's feelings. Like termites, these

opponents of free speech gnaw away at our most powerful right...the right to speak our mind. An American citizen should not have to look over her shoulder before she expresses her opinion, be it religion, profanity, racist, unkind, profound, offensive, untrue or beautiful. In a country founded on a Christian moral foundation, we encourage "Love thy neighbor as thyself"

as a guide. But, by law, we permit the foulest of behaviors to be allowed. The government does not have the right to deny the First Amendment to any lawful citizen. Nor do states or cities. No court, mayor, governor or college president has the right to restrict legal citizens from voicing their opinion. But they do.

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# New solutions for poverty, illegal drug use

Comedian W. C. Fields joked, "The best cure for insomnia is to get a lot of sleep." That is like the solutions our leaders have for America's problems of illegal drug use and poverty. Over the last sixty years our leaders have filled to overflowing our court system with non-violent illegal drug users. And our leaders have dramatically increased the number of people on welfare.

Neither solution over the years has even started to eradicate the problems. Worse, it seems the best minds in our society can only come up with things that make the problems worse. We have more illegal drug use and more poverty now after spending billions of dollars.

Tragically both leave lots of human carnage in their wake and lost opportunities for generations. It would be nice if we apply Thomas Edison's view of failure. He referred to inventions that didn't work by saying, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." In each case he tried something different.

Our leaders cannot see different solutions for poverty and illegal drug use other than what we



**Michael Swickard**  
In My Opinion

have been doing for sixty years. Albert Einstein said, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

Part of the problem is that crime and welfare are huge industrial complexes with billions of dollars to employ people. If we no longer need all of those police and prison workers do we have anyone who could fire a million government workers? Politically it is impossible. But it needs to be done.

Poverty does not occur because other people are successful. Poverty occurs because people do not have the desired productive skills or inclinations to use their skills. Welfare stalls people from jobs because they lose benefits.

Poverty doesn't cause crime. Criminal behavior and illegal drug use are mental illnesses. I am not saying ignore or release them because it is an illness. But before we find a solution we must correctly identify the prob-

lem. We must frame as mental illness the disregard of society's rules.

Putting millions of Americans into the legal system because of their choice for themselves of taking drugs does not work. One approach is to view illegal drug use as a health problem rather than as a criminal offense. Portugal did so in 2001. The results are compelling.

I am not involved in the illegal drug question personally. A few years ago a speaker said, "All you people from the '60s spent your time in college partying and smoking dope." I raised my hand and said, "Did not!" If drugs were all legal I would still only be medicated by coffee and green chile.

The reason I am looking to Portugal along with twenty-five other nations is that over fifty years as a journalist I have watched our drug policies fail miserably. Drugs are as available now as fifty years ago, according to people who know.

I believe that the correct direction for our country was mentioned by Herbert Hoover in 1928 as he was campaigning to

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Rounds is good for school district

I need to express my concern about what I presently see going on in our district.

I am a native of Las Cruces. All three of our children attended and graduated from LCPS schools. I was an EA, teacher, assistant principal and elementary school principal for LCPS for over 33 years. Currently I serve on the Board of Directors for the LCPS Foundation (and) I am a volunteer in two of our local schools where two of our grandchildren attend. I am deeply vested in our district and though no longer an employee, I am a very active and involved citizen.

I watch the school board meetings and follow the workings of the district closely. I am concerned about the apparent movement I perceive toward trying to rid the district of Superintendent (Stan) Rounds.

Rounds is one of the best superintendents I worked for, period. I worked under many, many superintendents during my tenure. You will not find a better man for our superintendent.

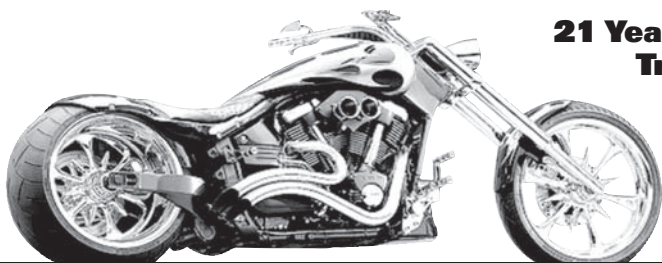
Mr. Rounds is dedicated to the children of our district and truly cares about each one and the quality of education that each receives. Our attendance rate, graduation rate and the majority of school "grades" have improved under his administration.

He is fair, moral, sincere and truly vested in our district, its employees and students. His knowledge of school law, instruction and budgetary constraints is extremely deep and wide ... I urge the LCPS school board members to stay focused on the good of the district and ensuring the best for our students, families, and staff members. Retaining and indeed, supporting Mr. Rounds needs to happen.

Jennifer Terrazas

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So how do these specious political weasels get around the law? The writers of our Constitution could see them coming. They knew that somewhere down the road government officials would try to eliminate the 1st Amendment, the Right of Free Speech. We are watching them in action today. It is the first step toward dictatorial control. Laws being enacted by unelected bureaucrats, uncontrolled looting and crime under the guise of legitimate protest, cartels smuggling people and drugs across our border, terrorists with no name, yet the throttled media mince around, clouding the truth in the name of political correctness and diminishing our right to vocally object. Where does it end?

The writers of the Constitution built an impervious wall to protect our precious Right of Free Speech. It is called the 2nd Amendment, to wit...

"...necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." How clear is that?

Though many power seekers down through the ages have tried every legal maneuver to taint, disclaim, and misinterpret the 2nd Amendment as vague, "out of context", outdated, not applicable in a modern world and susceptible to "executive order", they have failed.

NOTE: The 1st AMENDMENT COULD NOT EXIST WITHOUT THE 2nd AMENDMENT.

As soon as the gun banners can disarm us, THE PEOPLE, democracy will be on its way out. It's very depressing to watch injustice, needless killing, and terrorist bombing in our own backyard, but most of all, it is a sad state of affairs when we cannot trust our elected and appointed leaders.

P.S. December 2015 Congressional survey: 9% approval.

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# Charges pending in multi-vehicle hit-and-run crash

Las Cruces Police are continuing to investigate a multi-vehicle hit-and-run crash along Solano Drive on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Traffic investigators learned that a 2005 Ford pickup struck three vehicles as its driver appeared to be recklessly heading northbound on Solano Drive.

The Ford pickup continued north at a high rate of speed, crossed into the southbound lanes of traffic and struck three poles before hitting a short rock wall at the Si Senor Express restaurant where it was disabled and came to a rest in the Si Senor driveway.

Police discovered that the Ford pickup was driven by a 27-year-old woman who was injured in the crash. She was transported to University Medical Center of El Paso with what are believed to be non-life-threatening injuries. Charges against the woman are pending completion of the investigation. Police believe alcohol and speed may



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A 2005 Ford pickup struck three vehicles as its driver appeared to be recklessly heading northbound on Solano Drive Tuesday, Feb. 16.

be contributing factors in the crash.

One other person received relatively minor injuries during the multi-vehicle hit-and-run crash.

## Care worker suspected of swindling \$11,000

Police are looking for a former home care worker suspected of accepting an \$11 check from an 85-year-old client and



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altering the check to read \$11,000 before depositing it into her account.

Christina M. Mendez, 29, of the 2100 block of Lester Avenue, is charged with one count of forgery over \$2,500. The charge is a third-degree felony count.

Mendez is Hispanic, 5-feet-11-inches tall and weighs approximately 155 pounds. She has brown hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with information on Mendez's whereabouts is asked to call police at 526-0795.

## Man suspected of fraud arrested

Gary D. Sugamosto, 67, the man suspected of swindling several individuals out of cash he suggested would pay for "flipping" used vehicles, was arrested by Las Cruces Police.

Sugamosto is charged with five felony counts of fraud in-

cluding two counts of fraud over \$2,500, one count of fraud over \$20,000, one count of fraud over \$500 and one count of fraud by worthless check.

Detectives learned that in 2015 Sugamosto approached several individuals in Las Cruces and suggested he worked for a local car dealership and could purchase used vehicles at drastically discounted prices, and then "flip" the vehicles in order to make a profit. Sugamosto entered into contracts with at least four individuals who believed the suspect would use cash they gave him to purchase vehicles. Each of the victims believed Sugamosto would share with them the proceeds from the sales of the vehicles.

Investigators learned that Sugamosto swindled nearly \$60,000 from four victims. He also gave one victim a \$26,000 check which was later learned to be drawn on a closed bank account.

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be elected President of the United States. He said, "We have not yet reached the goal but... we shall soon, with the help of God, be in sight of the day when poverty shall be banished from this nation. There is no guarantee against poverty equal to a job for every man."

Our nation can become great when we allow people to become more productive, to use their natural talents and abilities in jobs. Jobs are the great changer of a society. The free market is the engine of prosperity. The enemy of prosperity is government people who

want to control the free market.


Every rule or regulation that diminishes the ability of people to be productive moves people toward poverty. It is not something that can be legislated. Everyone is either moving toward poverty or not. Change the drug laws to treat it as an illness and not something to fund our vast law enforcement/judicial/prison industries.

I hope Winston Churchill was right when he wrote, "You can always count on Americans to do the right thing - after they've tried everything else." We've tried all those things that don't work, let's try something different.

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### Rural areas, El Paso Bus service begins Feb. 22

Bus service on four South Central Regional Transit District bus lines will begin providing service in Doña Ana County on Monday, Feb. 22, with service operating in the morning, midday and afternoon commuting hours.

The Blue and Red routes will provide service from the Las Cruces Intermodal Transit Center at Alameda and Lohman to Anthony. The Orange and Purple routes will operate from Anthony to Sunland Park and Chaparral, with connections to Sun Metro transit service in El Paso. All four bus routes will connect in Anthony.

After a 60-day promotion of free ridership, additional funding will come from rider fares and advertising on the buses. Fares for the service will be \$1 per ride, regardless of whether a rider has to transfer from one bus to another to reach the desired destination. Each bus is equipped with free WiFi.

Complete bus schedules are available on the website at [SCRTD.ORG](http://SCRTD.ORG). For more information, call (575) 323-1620.

### County seeks housing board applicants

The Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants willing to serve on the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority Commission.

To be considered, the applicant must reside within Doña Ana County but not within any incorporated municipality. To apply, submit a letter of interest, a current resume and three letters of reference to the Doña Ana County Community Development Department no later than 5 p.m. Friday, March 4.

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

### Sheriff's Department offers unique use of force class

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department again offers a unique, one-day class from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20, 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. The class is free and open to the pub-

lic. The class is limited to the first 25 applicants.

The class 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. It takes place at the DASO main headquarters, 845 N. Motel Boulevard. To apply, email Kelly Jameson at [kellyj@doananacounty.org](mailto:kellyj@doananacounty.org) or send a private message via the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department Facebook page. For security purposes, applicants must provide date of birth, valid driver's license, email address and phone number.

### Jeff Flores named as March of Dimes Chair for 2016

The March of Dimes announces that MECA Therapies Owner/CEO Jeff Flores has taken on the role of March for Babies Chair for 2016. March for Babies is the largest annual fundraising event for the March of Dimes. A community-wide Kickoff breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at the Las Cruces Convention Center. The March for Babies walk is set for Saturday, April 30 at Johnson's Park. Teams or individuals can register at [www.marchforbabies.org](http://www.marchforbabies.org). As chair, Flores will spearhead the Executive Leadership Team.

### NMSU Wildlife Specialist appointed to state land trust advisory board

New Mexico State Land Commissioner Aubrey Dunn appointed Dr. Samuel Smallidge to represent the beneficiaries to the State Land Trust Advisory Board, and on Feb. 5, the New Mexico State Senate confirmed the appointment.

The State Land Trusts Advisory Board assists the State Land Commissioner in the formulation of policies and programs for the trust. Members are appointed by the State Land Commissioner and confirmed by the State Senate to serve six-year terms.

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# 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.

## IMPORTANT: SEEKING WITNESSES!!

A "Toss No Mas" event was held on Saturday, October 17, 2015. The previous day, Friday, October 16, 2015, between 10-12 in the morning, two women wearing matching purple shirts were at the LCPD Codes office in Las Cruces picking up materials related to the event. While the women were at Codes, a man entered the office to file a complaint about dog poop being washed out at his carwash business. If you are one of these women, or know who they are, please contact Claudia at Lilley and O'Connell, P.A., at (575) 524-7809, 1020 S. Main St., Las Cruces, NM 88005.



## COMING UP

### High Tech Consortium meeting at new time Friday, Feb. 19

The February High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico membership meeting is from 4 to 5:30 p.m. (this is a new time for our membership meeting) at the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course Banquet Room. This month's speaker is Bill Mattiace, former Mayor of Las Cruces, volunteer on various organizations and boards and current Executive Director of the New Mexico Border Authority. Anyone interested in growing technology in southern New Mexico is welcome. Cost for meeting is \$5; with meal \$20.00 – check/cash preferred. For information call Terry Jack at 522-3868.

### Class on business, dining etiquette offered at DACC

Fear of embarrassment from doing or saying the wrong thing is a common source of stress in a business or professional setting. Business Etiquette is the place to enhance and polish your business image, skill, sophistication and confidence. Meal to practice dining etiquette included. Course meets 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 and cost is \$29. For information, call 527-7776 or email [ctp@nmsu.edu](mailto:ctp@nmsu.edu).

### Federated Republican Women meet

The Doña Ana County Federated Republican Women meet at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 26, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2900 Elks Drive. The cost of lunch is \$12.00. Guest speaker is Bill Mattiace, executive director New Mexico Border Authority. Deadline for reservations is Monday, Feb. 22. Contact Patricia Rothengass at: [artp-jr1940@yahoo.com](mailto:artp-jr1940@yahoo.com) or 521-9171.

### Republican Party of Doña Ana County presents Lincoln-Reagan dinner

On Friday, Feb. 26, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, Doña Ana County Republican Party hosts a social hour from 6 to 7 p.m. followed by dinner and an address by Don Tripp, leader of N.M. House of Representatives. Reservations: Per person \$100. Table for eight \$950. Pay with check or cash at Headquarters, 3201 S. Main St., Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or call: 523-8386; 527-5574; 405-2337; pay at the door. No

tickets. Email: [secretarydarpnm@gmail.com](mailto:secretarydarpnm@gmail.com). (Note: Coverage cannot be bound or changed).

### CDL training available at prep course

Get hands-on training for the CDL exam pre-trip, including terms, evaluation and identification of parts, and criteria for scoring. Six required backing skills will be demonstrated and scoring criteria discussed. The course costs \$99 and meets from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, or Saturday, April 9. For information, call 527-7776 or email [ctp@nmsu.edu](mailto:ctp@nmsu.edu).

### Thomas Branigan Library announces bookmark scavenger hunt

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library offers an on-going activity aimed at adults. Bookmark Scavenger Hunt is a quest to encourage patrons to browse the library's shelves. No sign-up required: just visit the library, look through the books and find "special" bookmarks to win a prize. Last day to collect prizes is April 1. Free. For information, call 528-4005 or visit [library.reference@las-cruces.org](mailto:library.reference@las-cruces.org).

### Children's story time and discounted shopping at Tutti Bambini

Tutti Bambini, 300 El Molino Street at Alameda, hosts a children's story time at 10:45 a.m. every Wednesday. Parents can shop for children's clothes at half price while the kids enjoy a story. For information, call 526-9752.

### AARP/CAA free tax preparation

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

### Doña Ana County Republican Party offices hours

The Doña Ana County Republican Party Headquarters, 3201 S. Main St., is open to serve the public Mon-

day through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information, call 523-8683.

### Elite Business Builders Group meets on Wednesdays

Elite Business Builders BNI Group meets at Picacho Country Club, 6861 Via Campestre Wednesdays from 8:30-10 a.m. Open networking, questions & answers. For information and to be a guest call Cheryl 524-1201 or 520-730-4456.

### Las Cruces Civitan Club Meeting

The Las Cruces Civitan Club meets monthly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. We hope to see you there... and bring a friend to Los Compas Restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive. Second Tuesday meeting starts at noon; fourth Tuesday meeting starts at 6 p.m. For information, call 649-0165.

### Doña Ana County Senior Games Kick-Off

Doña Ana County Senior Games holds its 38th annual Kick-Off and registration Saturday, Feb. 20 from 10 a.m.-12-30 p.m. at the Mesilla Park Community Church Fellowship Hall, 3101 S. Main St. Senior Games conducts safe and friendly competition in 26 sports during March and April. Advanced registration required. Games are open to individuals age 50 plus. Newcomers and novices encouraged. For information call Mike at 523-1152 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays.

### March of Dimes kickoff breakfast Feb. 24

The March of Dimes announces a community-wide Kickoff breakfast to be held at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at the Las Cruces Convention Center. The March for Babies walk is set for Saturday, April 30. For information, visit [www.marchforbabies.org](http://www.marchforbabies.org).

### Astronomical Society meeting Feb. 26

From 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26 the public is invited to the monthly meeting of the Astronomical Society of Las Cruces in room 141 of the Technical Building on the Dona Ana Community College main campus across from NMSU. See website for directions. Learn about the society and enjoy a presentation on spectroscopy (the study and analysis of light) by geologist Alex Woronow. Door prizes at the end of the meeting. Cost is free. For information, contact [aslc-nm.org](mailto:aslc-nm.org) or [president@aslc-nm.org](mailto:president@aslc-nm.org).

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## IN THE NEWS

### Office of University Advancement seeks honorary degree nominations

The NMSU Office of University Advancement is calling for nominations for honorary doctoral candidates, the university's highest honor awarding alumni and friends of NMSU who have made noteworthy contributions to the educational, business, scientific and cultural life of our state and nation. Selection of honorary doctoral degree recipients rests with the Board of Regents of NMSU. Nominations are sought for individuals to be considered for both the 2016 spring and fall commencements. No current faculty member, administrator of the university, or any currently serving elected official should receive an honorary degree. However, with a majority vote of the Board of Regents, these prohibitions can be overruled. Submit nomina-

tions by filling in the form at: <http://fndforms.nmsu.edu/honorarydegreenominationform.php>. Deadline for 2016 submissions is 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26. Questions may be directed to Jolie Tixier at 646-5567.

### Nonprofit organization seeking local host families for high school exchange students

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs (ASSE), in cooperation with community high schools, is looking for local families to host boys and girls age 15 to 18 from a variety of countries: Norway, Denmark, Spain, Italy, Japan, to name a few. ASSE students will experience American culture while they practice their English and will share their own culture and language with host families.

The exchange students have pocket money for personal expenses and full health, accident and liability insurance. ASSE students are selected based

on academics and personality, and host families can choose their student from a wide variety of backgrounds, countries and personal interests. To become an ASSE Host Family or to get involved with ASSE, call the Western Regional Office at 800-733-2773 or go to [www.host.asse.com](http://www.host.asse.com) to begin an application.

### No access changes at Holloman due to REAL ID

Team Holloman will continue to enforce current entry requirements for base access in response to the influx of requests for information about Holloman's implementation of the Real-ID Act. Holloman will continue to enforce current entry requirements until receipt of additional guidance from the Department of Defense. The public will be advised of any changes before the implementation of any new requirements. Holloman will continue to vet visitors through a national law enforcement background check prior to entry.

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said, the greatest savings came from the Las Cruces Police Department (LCPD) – about \$672,000. There were also savings of \$405,000 in administration, \$322,000 from the Parks and Recreation Department, \$233,000 from the Transportation Department and \$217,000 from the Public Works Department.

City Manager Robert Garza said the surplus has been achieved because city staff members are “really good at holding the line,” and because of the continued decline in gasoline prices. Lower gas prices means the city is spending less on fuel for city vehicles, and local residents and visitors to Las Cruces have more disposable income, he said.

During the past five years, Garza said the city has ended each fiscal year with a surplus of \$3 million to \$4 million.

The council unanimously

passed a resolution adjusting the current year's budget “allowing for adjustments within various line item budgets and transfer accounts” due to the surplus.

#### Other issues

Also at the meeting, the council voted unanimously to approve resolutions authorizing the city to:

- Accept a \$1.125 million United States Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) hiring grant. With the three-year grant, which requires a 25 percent cash match from the city that will total \$574,000, LCPD will hire nine new community officers, said LCPD Deputy Chief Justin Dunivan. The grant, he said, will support department initiatives of greater officer visibility and community engagement.

- Use city salary savings to complete currently underfunded city projects. City Parks and

Recreation Deputy Administrator Sonya Delgado said funds will be used for a variety of projects, including improving the tennis courts at Young Park and Apodaca Park, the Lions Park parking lot, the aquatic center deck surface; enhancing day and night features of a fountain that will be part of the downtown plaza that is now under construction; and providing furniture for the city's Juvenile Citation Program office.

- Issue and sell up to \$9.5 million in revenue bonds to pay for the construction, acquisition and improvement of roads and for sewer infrastructure and a drainage system in the 1,500 acre in the Metro Verde Voluntary Assessment District.

Public Works Director Loretta Reyes told the council Metro Verde will pay 100 percent of the cost of the development, as it pays the city back to repay the bonds. Metro Verde will provide project plans and speci-

fications, she said, while the city will be responsible for procurement and construction.

The bond sale is expected to be Wednesday, March 9, with funds available April 5.

#### In memory of Silva

Several council members wore hats at the start of the meeting, in honor of the late Miguel Silva, who served eight years on the council, with his second term ending last November. Feb. 16 would have been Silva's 56th birthday. He died of an apparent suicide in January. A memorial passed by the New Mexico State Senate honoring Silva and his service to Las Cruces and New Mexico was read at the meeting.

#### Music and retirement

The council also watched a video presented by Visit Las Cruces Executive Director Philip San Filippo of country music performer Bri Bagwell performing her new song,

“Las Cruces.”

Garza also confirmed at the meeting that he will retire May 31.

#### State of the city

The next meeting of the council will be a work session, which will begin immediately after a special Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) board meeting, which will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 22, in city council chambers at city hall, 700 N. Main St. TIDD is comprised of Mayor Ken Miyagishima and members of the council, along with Billy Garrett of the Doña Ana County Commission.

Miyagishima will give his annual state of the city address beginning at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, in council chambers.

For more information, visit <http://www.las-cruces.org/en/departments/city-clerks-office/city-council-meetings>.



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## BROWN

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someday.”

That dream came true in May 2010 when Brown was named Las Cruces fire chief, after more than 20 years of service with the department as a cadet, trainee, firefighter, fire investigator, academy coordinator, fire lieutenant, youth violence coordinator, battalion chief, deputy chief and interim chief.

Brown will retire this month at age 49, after nearly 27 years with LCFD.

### 'We are a busy system'

Brown has seen many changes at the department in almost three decades. LCFD was opening Fire Station 5 about the time Brown signed on, and there were 75 to 80 department personnel at that time, he said. Today, LCFD has seven stations across the city and is building an eighth as part of the East Mesa Public Safety Complex, and there are 147 sworn personnel, Brown said.

Each station has a fire truck, two stations also have ladder trucks and there is one command vehicle, he said. The number of paramedics has grown from six when Brown became chief to 31 today.

“We are a busy system,” Brown said.

LCFD logged 15,950 calls – and 16,764 total emergency and non-emergency responses – in FY 2015, according to its 2014-2015 Report to the Community. That compares to 14,733

calls in FY 2014, 14,262 in FY 2013 and 16,083 in FY 2012.

### Within five minutes

Only about 3 percent of calls are for actual fires, Brown said. About three-quarters are for medical emergencies. There are also calls for public assistance and occasional false alarms and good-intention calls. Those numbers, he said, are fairly typical for fires departments nationally.

Of the fires responded to last year, 39 percent were structure fires, 21 percent were rubbish fires, 17 percent were brush/wildland fires and 13 percent were vehicle fires, the report said.

Fire Station 1 at 201 E. Picacho Ave. – where the chief's office is located – had the largest number of calls, with 4,327, the report said. Fire Station 2, 1199 E. Foster Road, was second, with nearly 3,500 calls.

During FY 2015, fire trucks arrived at fire calls within five minutes, 63 percent of the time “for all calls requiring lights and sirens,” the report said, which was a 10.5 percent improvement over the previous year. The department was “also able to provide advanced life support for emergency calls 90 percent of the time in less than eight minutes,” the report said.

### 'Beam with pride'

LCFD also can provide ambulance transportation when local providers are delayed or there is a system overload, Brown said. And, emergency medical

technicians can hook up EKG machines to a patient at the scene of an emergency and send readings to emergency-room doctors so they can decide the level of care the patient requires even before he or she gets to the hospital, Brown said.

“The technology that is out there is definitely allowing us to provide a very different level of care,” he said.

“The thing that I am most proud of, especially as the chief, is the level of customer service our department provides, and the level of service on calls,” Brown said, noting that he receives many emails and visits from people thanking firefighters for the work they do.

“Some of the stories people share with me about what our firefighters do just really make me beam with pride,” Brown said. Las Cruces firefighters are “willing to give of themselves for the good of others,” he said. “We care about people.”

### Setting the standard

A firefighter's job is “to attack a fire” and provide other services to the community, Brown said. “It's the way people do it that makes a difference.” As a young firefighter, he said, “people represented that, taught it to me, made me realize that's an expectation of our department.”

“Regarding the retirement of Chief Brown, this is bittersweet, as I am happy for his retirement, but a huge void in the fire department,” said Mayor Ken Miyagishima. “Chief

Brown has taken his department to new heights. He is definitely head and shoulders regarding fire chiefs in the state of New Mexico. He will be missed immensely.”

“Chief Brown exemplifies the city's values that include quality of service, recognizing residents as customers, demonstrating accountability, treating residents and employees fairly and equitably, and showing excellence and pride in his work,” City Manager Robert Garza said in a recent city report. “He embodies honesty and integrity, and strives for continuous improvement in all areas of service. He has set the standard by which future leaders of LCFD will be measured through his dedication, work ethic, and contributions.”

### 'An amazing organization'

Another thing Brown is proud of is that LCFD has achieved a Class 1 fire safety rating, as determined by the Insurance Services Office, Inc. LCFD was the first fire department in the state to receive the top rating, which is based on how well the department scores on things like water distribution, fire equipment and manpower, and fire alarm and dispatch facilities, the department's annual report said.

“We are such an amazing organization,” Brown said.

He also points with pride to the level of cooperation between the city's fire and police depart-

ments. That relationship, Brown said, “is stronger than it's ever been.”

### Motivation

Among the fires Brown remembers during his service is the Las Cruces Public Schools administration building fire in the early 1990s, when he was a young firefighter. “That was a very large fire in our community,” Brown said. It was also unusual because it took longer to control than most fires, he said.

“I have some memories and images that aren't necessarily fond,” Brown said. “That is part of what also drives us to want to provide that exceptional level of care and pushes us to do more to help others, because of some of the things we've seen” and the desire to prevent them from happening again, he said.

### Looking ahead

As Brown begins to think about retirement, he said he is “humbled to have had the opportunity to serve in this capacity, and thankful to people in the department and everyone who has ever worn the uniform of a Las Cruces firefighter.”

Brown also expressed his thanks to Las Cruces for “how I have been accepted by the community in this role, as well as the

support that's been provided to us over the years.”

He also said the families of the firefighters he works with deserve great thanks and appreciation, and his family is no exception. “They make sacrifices,” he said, and without them LCFD “wouldn't be as strong.”

Brown said the time is right for him to retire. “I need to move on and more of the next generation can step up and take the fire department to the next level,” he said.

In retirement, Brown plans to spend time on the 14-acre family farm north of Las Cruces where he grew up and still lives with his family.

“I want to spend as much time as I can with my son over the course of his senior year,” Brown said. His son, Justus, will graduate from Las Cruces High School in 2017, and plans to enter the military.

Chief Brown has no plans to sign on with another fire department. “This is the only chief job I ever wanted,” he said. “This is my community. This is my department. There may be some bigger things out there, but there's nothing better than this job.”

For more information, visit [www.las-cruces.org/departments/fire-department](http://www.las-cruces.org/departments/fire-department).

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# The Museum Rocks! Show offers gems, minerals

The fourth annual The Museum Rocks! Gem & Mineral Show will take place on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 20-21, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. This year's event will feature fossils, meteorites, gems, jewelry and hourly door prizes along with food and fun for the whole family.

The Museum Rocks! show is hosted in the western-style New Mexico Farm &

Ranch Museum, giving attendees access to the entire museum as well as the show. A huge assortment of various cut and uncut gemstones from around the world will be on display, with many finished and unfinished stones available for purchase. Vendors will display and sell all varieties of jewelry and jewelry-making supplies. Exhibitors are coming from as far away as Arizona, California, Oregon, Texas and even Australia.

Young geologists and paleontologists will thrill at the opportunity to see evidence of prehistoric life and natural processes. There will be books available to purchase, as well as a wide range of food vendors and other attractions.

Every hour, door prizes will be awarded to guests at The Museum Rocks! Gem and Mineral Show. The prizes can range from showcase gems or handmade jewelry to items donated by local businesses.

The Museum Rocks! is a fundraiser for

the Friends of New Mexico Farm & Ranch Museum, a nonprofit organization that raises funds for special needs at the museum.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22. Admission is \$5 per person, age 4 and up, which includes entry to the museum.

For more information, visit [www.lcmuseumrocks.com](http://www.lcmuseumrocks.com) or contact Las Cruces Event Planning at 522-1232.



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# Gala to raise funds for March of Dimes

By Brook Stockberger  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The little boy opened his eyes and gave his mommy and daddy hope.

When Camille Plante gave birth to her son, Ryder, after just 23 weeks of pregnancy, she knew the situation was dire.

“They said if he was under 500 grams, they would not even try to save him,” Plante said. “He was 610 grams.”

That’s not even a pound and a half.

Considered a “micro-premie,” Ryder had:

- A stage 2 brain bleed
- Severely underdeveloped lungs
- Eyes that did not open for 10 days

All in all, the doctors told Camille and her husband, Dustin, that their son had a 10-percent chance to live.

Ryder – who turns 3 on Feb. 28 – spent about half a year in a hospital in El Paso. Camille said she was not able to even hold him until he was two months old.

She said every day there was some piece of news, usually dire, and the couple decided they did not want to hear any more.

“We told them not to tell us one more negative thing,” Camille said. “We were there every day. We knew the situation. We thought he would pass every day.”

When he finally opened his eyes on Day 10, Camille said they felt hope.

“It was like he was telling us, ‘I’m in it to win it,’” she said.

Now Ryder hopes people will celebrate with him and have a boot-scootin’ good time Friday, April 8 at the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum to raise money



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Ryder Plante plays outside his home. The boy – who weighed a little more than one pound when he was born premature, will turn 3 on Feb. 28. His March of Dimes fundraising team, Team Ryder, is spearheaded by his parents, Camille and Dustin, and the group hopes to raise \$25,000 for March of Dimes at the Wee Warrior’s Western Gala on Friday, April 8 at the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

for the March of Dimes, which works to prevent pre-term births.

The first ever Team Ryder, The Wee Warrior’s Western Gala is a fundraiser and will include a dinner, live auction and dance with a live band and DJ.

The events starts at 6 p.m.

Camille and Dustin operate Team Ryder, a fundraising group for March of Dimes

The gala hopes to raise \$25,000 for March of Dimes.

“I believe in this foundation,” Camille said. “We got involved with

March of Dimes because they are doing research that is helping children live. Every year, babies have a better chance.”

Margarita Eddings, the senior community

director with the Southern New Mexico March of Dimes, said the Plate family is in charge of the fundraiser.

“This event is actually a family team event. It is

not being done by the March of Dimes but is being handled by the Plante family and their committee,” Eddings said. “March of Dimes is the beneficiary of the proceeds under the name of Team Ryder, The Wee Warrior!”

Still, Eddings said March of Dimes really looks forward to the event.

“We are excited to have the Plante family step up their family team fundraising efforts with this event,” she said. “The Plante family is an important part of the Southern New Mexico March of Dimes. They have for the last year been our local ambassador family and we have been given the blessing of watching Ryder grow and develop his skills into an amazing toddler.”

The committee has been planning since early October.

“This was an effort that the Plante family has wanted to do since before the 2015 March for Babies event but due to a death in their family they had to put their plans on hold,” Eddings said.

She said the response from the community has been “very supportive.”

“The community has been able to see Ryder grow and the Plante

family has been so good in sharing their story and how much Ryder benefited from the research of the March of Dimes,” Eddings said.

The Wee Warrior’s Western Gala shares a weekend with the Urban Cowboy Celebrity Waiter, which is scheduled for the next night, April 9. The celebrity waiter event used to be an annual fundraiser for the March of Dimes, but this year will raise money for Jardin de los Niños.

“We are grateful for the years that (the event) benefited the March of Dimes and we are proud and grateful for all the family teams that share their family story, fund-raise and walk with us,” Eddings said.

As for Ryder, Camille said he’s doing well.

“He has no (developmental) delays,” she said. “He’s excelling.”

Ryder does wear glasses, but he runs and plays and is really into super heros.

As for the Western Gala, tickets have not been printed yet, but Camille said she has already sold 12 tables.

Tables of 10 will be on sale for \$600 and individual tickets can be purchased for \$65 per person.

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# Celebrity Waiter serves up funds for Jardin

By Elva K. Österreich  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Zane Silva turned 8 years old in November, something no one expected to happen.

When, eight years ago, a perfect pregnancy turned into a nightmare, his parents faced a train wreck, Zane's father, Jeffery Silva said.

"He decided to come early (10 weeks), struggled, they brought him back to life," Jeffery said. "The first four weeks he was in critical condition. The chances were he wouldn't survive. He had multiple surgeries. It was surreal to me because there were other babies that just did not make it."

Jeffery said he made a promise to God that if Zane lived, Jeffery would do what he could for the community.

"Zane's first three years were very tender," Jeffery said. "He was always in the hospital in the first three years. It was so scary."

In the second year of Zane's life the March of Dimes asked the Silva family if they would be the ambassador family for the organization and Zane



COURTESY PHOTO

Zane Silva, 8, was born prematurely and struggled to survive but has grown strong and, along with his father, will host the annual Team Zane Celebrity Waiter event on Saturday, April 9. This year the event raises money for Jardin de los Niños, a daycare for homeless and near homeless children.

became the face of the Celebrity Waiter event held in Las Cruces. Team Zane threw themselves into the event and produced it for six years.

"We became one of the largest fundraisers for March of Dimes in New

Mexico," Jeffery said.

Then, this past summer Zane asked his father if they could help other people too. So Team Zane has shifted gears and is organizing an Urban Cowboy Celebrity Waiter evening to benefit a local non-profit, Jardin de los Niños. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 9 at the Las Cruces Convention Center. The event includes a Dolly Parton look-alike contest, a swing dance competition and rides on a mechanical bull. Tickets are \$50 per person.

"We decided a good transition would be Jardin de los Niños," Jeffery said. "The funds stay in the community. It broke my heart. I was looking at Zane and these other kids and thinking he gets to come home to a warm meal and a bed and some of these other kids don't have that."

Jeffery said there are no hard feelings toward the March of Dimes. The family earned more than \$160,000 for the March of Dimes and it was time to change the commitment.

"I am the fortunate one, I get to hug my little boy almost every day," Jef-

frey said. "I am very thankful to the March of Dimes, their research saved his life. Now he's in a regular first grade class. It's been a long road for us. I want to show Zane that there are other needs in this community."

Jeffrey and Audrey Hartley, executive director of Jardin de los Niños, will serve as co-chairpersons for the event.

"I am over the moon with the prospect of the Team Zane event benefiting our kids at Jardin," Hartley said. "My husband, John, and I have been involved in the Team Zane Event as waiters for the last four years, and believe in what Jeffrey is trying to teach Zane. This is a dream come true for me. The Team Zane event will definitely help Jardin to forward our mission of creating new possibilities for homeless and near homeless children and their families through loving childcare, education, and the use of community resources."

For more information about the Team Zane Celebrity Waiter event, or to purchase tickets, call Hartley at 575-650-0768.

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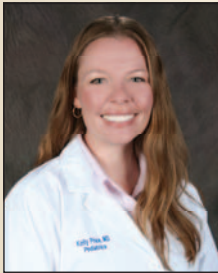
NMSU/Warner Hutchison Contemporary Arts Festival Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 24-25. The multi-event festival will feature the Sound-scape Sculpture work of Brack Morrow (<http://brackmorrow.org/>) as

well as music by John Cage, Vinko Globokar, Mike McFerron, Daniel Pinkham, Lon Chaffin, Ian Clarke, Gene Koshinski and Rhonda Taylor. Brack Morrow will give a free lecture on his

EAR1 project at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the NMSU Atkinson Recital Hall. About the project, Morrow said, "The EAR1 Project (Earth Aural Rover) is interdisciplinary as well as multidisciplinary designed

to explore how we may perceive environment in alternative ways. The project is manifested through my research of neuroscience, music, ecology, psychology and the related biological mechanics of each."

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# Family, friends put bow on Miguel's Tree

By Richard Coltharp  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Former Las Cruces City Councillor Dolores Archuleta told a story.

In the old City Hall building, she was seated at her councillor's chair next to fellow council member Steve Trowbridge during a meeting.

At the public comment segment, a man walked up to the microphone dressed in almost-full Pancho Villa regalia, missing only the guns.

"Who is that?" Archuleta asked, rather startled.

"Oh, that's Miguel," Trowbridge responded. "And that's all you need to know."

That Miguel was Miguel G. Silva, who Archuleta soon befriended, and who later would also serve on the city council.

Archuleta told her story Tuesday, Feb. 16 — what would have been Silva's 56th birthday —



Artist Scott Murray's bowtie sculpture dresses up Miguel's Tree at Klein Park in memory of City Councillor Miguel Silva.

during a ceremony at Klein Park honoring Silva, who passed away in January.

The occasion was the unveiling of artist Scotty Murray's giant, tree-mounted sculpture of a bow tie, Silva's sartorial trademark. One of them, anyway.

The blue tie with white and red stripes was mounted in what is known as Miguel's Tree, in the park Silva loved to

frequent near his home and in the District 1 he represented for eight years. The Mesquite Historic District group Las Esperanzas and the Court Youth Center, two of Silva's favorite organizations, coordinated the creation.

At the ceremony Silva's brother-in-law, Rev. Jeff Sutton, pastor at Living Word Family Church, talked about trees, Silva, God and angels. Sutton spoke wearing one of Silva's many hats, a giant sombrero.

"Wearing this hat, I feel like I'm inside of something," Sutton said. "Like the influence of Miguel."

"I'm impressed by Miguel. I mean his life left an impression on a lot of people."

Sutton related dedicating the tree to the Bible, which mentions tree or trees 305 times. God dedicated a tree — the tree of



life — to man very early in Genesis, the Bible's first book. And the Bible's last mention of a tree comes in the last book, Revelation, also the tree of life.

"I personally believe that Miguel, along with his family members, has already seen, touched, received revelation of and eaten of this very tree," Sutton said.

Silva's first and middle names, Miguel (Michael) and Gabriel, were two of the Bible's most prominent angels, Sutton said.

In a prayer, Sutton asked God to dispatch

two angels to reside at the tree: "One, a war- ring angel, just like Michael, to help people who come by here, young and old, with their struggles. And a second one, a messenger angel, just like Gabriel,

to offer hope and peace." The ceremony, attended by dozens of family and friends on a warm winter's day in the park, ended with the crowd singing the mariachi favorite "Las Mañanitas."

Las Cruces Mayor Pro Tem, resplendent in bow tie and sandals talks about Miguel Silva's Tree in Klein Park Tuesday, Feb. 16. Silva, a former city councillor, passed away in January.

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# Las Cruces education specialist garners Richard W. Becker award

The Dr. Richard W. Becker Award honors New Mexico's outstanding educators who are influencing students through environmental education and service learning.



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Stephanie Haan-Amato, science education specialist at the Asombro Institute for Science Education is one of two award winners.

Stephanie Haan-Amato is the science education specialist at the Asombro Institute for Science Education in Las Cruces. She previously worked as a biologist and a high school biology teacher. Stephanie's focus has been on three programs that highlight her talent for engaging participants in environmental education through stewardship and collaboration: Earth Squad citizen action program; Climate Hub curriculum development; and Desert

Dash Trail Races.

Stephanie created the Earth Squad citizen action program in spring 2013 to give youth a sense of power and personal investment when they implement solutions to environmental issues. Students worked with Stephanie for 11 weeks, learning about greenhouse gases and how to find reliable, online scientific resources about climate change.

Equipped with this new knowledge of climate change science, students brainstormed potential actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and then formed three committees to implement their plans: a school recycling plan involving students, staff and parents; a campaign and contest to reduce energy used at school by turning off unused lights and appliances; and a "no-idling zone" in the parent pick-up area to reduce carbon emissions from idling

cars.

USDA's Southwest Regional Climate Hub delivers climate-smart information and technologies for agriculture and land management. Stephanie is developing five, inquiry-based education modules for middle and high school students who will become the next farmers, ranchers, land managers, and informed citizens. Stephanie developed the first module on the impact of global climate change on the water cycle in the southwest U.S. The unit includes nine hands-on activities to help students understand causes and consequences of predicted climate change on the Southwest's water cycle through innovative experiments, games, critical readings, and data interpretation and presentation.

Also receiving the award is Joe Garcia, farm education director at La Plazita Institute in Albuquerque's South Valley.

# Las Cruces students named finalists in state poetry contest

Oñate High School student Verona Gomez and Rio Grande Preparatory Institute student Selena Solis will join five other New Mexico high school students as they compete to become New Mexico's Poetry Out Loud State Champion at the St. Francis Auditorium of the New Mexico Museum of Art on Sunday, March 6.

Poetry Out Loud is a partnership of the National Endowment for the Arts, the Poetry Foundation and state arts agencies. The New Mexico event is sponsored by New Mexico Arts, a division of the state Department of Cultural Affairs.

Seven schools, 304 students and 18 teachers participated at the classroom level across New Mexico to select the seven finalists who will compete to be State Champion on March 6.

Schools that will send representatives to the State Finals include: Bosque School in Albuquerque, Deming High School, La Cueva High School in Albuquerque, Oñate High School in Las Cruces, Pojoaque Valley High School, Public Academy for Performing Arts in Albuquerque, and Rio Grande Preparatory Institute in Las Cruces.

"By helping students foster creative thinking skills and inspire self-expression, we are laying a foundation for lifelong learning in the arts," said NEA Chairman Jane Chu.

The state winner will receive \$200, plus \$500

for their school library for the purchase of poetry books, and an all-expense-paid trip, with adult chaperone, to Washington, D.C., to compete at the National Finals. The National Champion receives \$20,000 in prizes.

Poetry Out Loud encourages the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through exploration, memorization, and performance. The inspiration for this program is to promote poetry in both the classroom and the community. Performers are judged on physical presence, voice and articulation, appropriateness of dramatization, evidence of understanding, and accuracy.

"When a person is exposed to a love of poetry at an early age, he/she will most likely be a life-long reader of poetry," said Henry Bienen, interim president of the Poetry Foundation. "After ten years and almost three million students later, Poetry Out Loud has created a new generation of poetry readers and lovers who are proof that poetry is a lively and important presence in the classroom and in the culture."

Admission for the event is free and open to the public. The New Mexico Museum of Art is located at 107 W. Palace Ave. in downtown Santa Fe.

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## Glitz brings big city glamour to New Mexico

At the Glitz School of Cosmetology, cosmetology instructor Teresa Lopez and student Ciara Luevano try out hairstyles for Michelle Vigil in preparation for her Feb. 13 wedding.



**By Alta LeCompte**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Light pours through skylights onto stark white walls and gleaming black furnishings at Glitz School of Cosmetology.

Here an atmosphere of contemporary glamour welcomes students and customers into the world of beauty created by owners Mary Ann and Oscar Luevano.

For her, Glitz is a dream-come-true.

Her previous career as a sales executive for newspapers in major metropolitan markets inspired Mary Ann Luevano to begin her venture into entrepreneurship in her native southern New Mexico.

"I entertained a lot of big clients," she said of her time in newspaper advertising sales and man-

agement for Hearst newspapers in Chicago and Los Angeles. "Throughout those years I spent a lot of money grooming myself."

The pampered young businesswoman who was "itching to come back" decided to open a nail salon to pamper the women of Las Cruces.

"I'm a big city girl with a small town heart," she said.

Her business began, as most do, with a lot of physical labor and a small footprint.

Mary Ann and Oscar Luevano, who is a building contractor, remodeled a shop on Telshor Boulevard, establishing the black and white color palette that has become a theme. Mary Ann's late father, who lived in Deming, built an ornamental metal desk for her.

### Building on success

Luevano said the business thrived and it became difficult to attract enough nail specialists with the skills to provide Los Angeles-style pampering in the Las Cruces market.

"Someone whispered in my ear, 'Why don't you open a nail school?'" she said.

And so she did.

"The reason we made it is our girls are top notch manicurists," Luevano said. The school is growing through the great work and reputation of its graduates.

"Now everyone around town is calling us."

Luevano said the Glitz mission is to put students through a tough

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## Vescovo Toyota to break ground for new facility

**By Alta LeCompte**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

On a 7.3 acre patch of dirt between two of Las Cruces' most comforting eateries — The Shed and Caliche's Frozen Custard — Vescovo Toyota is building a facility that will double its space for sales and service.

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tomizing a Toyota plan by "cutting, pasting and moving things around."

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## VESCOVO

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bays, including one for an automated car wash.

“We would like to offer every service customer a car wash,” Vescovo said.

Service, parts and sales each will have separate entrances.

Noting that service is the biggest part of the dealership’s business, Vescovo said there will be a concierge curbside check in for service customers, as well as valet parking for them.

“The biggest upgrade customers will love is valet parking for service,” he said.

Two-man teams will service cars faster. The process — Toyota Express Maintenance — recently was put in place in the current facility.

In the new building, the teams will operate five super-fast express lube lifts that can go up and back in the time it takes traditional lifts to just go up, Vescovo said.

“We have been focusing on optimizing our processes so when we move across the street all we have to do is



grow,” he said.

Vescovo said he anticipates that growth will require adding staff.

“We expect a significant increase in staffing when this facilities’ sales and service get going — a substantial increase in sales staff, technicians and potentially even managers.”

### Time for a change

Several factors contributed to the decision to build now.

“It’s a known fact we’ve outgrown our current facility. We’re bursting at the seams, as

anybody knows who has visited our dealership knows,” Vescovo said.

He said his parents — who operated the Las Cruces dealership on the east side of Valley Drive for more than 30 years — purchased the land for the new facility several years ago.

But the timing for a big move was terrible.

“There was the tsunami, a recall, recession. They focused on what was important,” he said. “I think they were even planning to sell.”

The need to expand was obvi-

ous to him when he took over management of the dealership three years ago. It was equally obvious to Toyota, which requires dealerships to expand when they’ve outgrown their facilities.

“As soon as I came on board (moving) has been my top priority,” he said. “I can’t wait.”

There currently is a window of more than a year to complete the project before reconstruction of Valley Drive begins, likely in summer 2017.

While acknowledging the street project will be a headache

for businesses, he said the long-term benefits are huge.

“Valley Drive has done very well for us in our 35 plus years here,” Vescovo said. “The traffic counts are great. There’s tremendous exposure — and it’s better to be where everybody else is.

“Revamping Valley Drive will solidify that it will continue to be a major thoroughfare for years to come.”

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# Today’s students: Global, social, visual — and critical thinkers

We all know that well educated students make better-prepared workers. This makes businesses stronger, which creates new jobs, higher wages and improves economic development. But what we might not realize is the ever-changing way our students learn. This means the way we teach our students must change.

Las Cruces Public Schools (LCPS) Superintendent Stan Rounds realizes this and is trying to bring innovative ideas to our county.

I was fortunate to attend the EdShift Conference in Dallas with the LCPS superintendent, chief of staff, a board member, two incredible principals and two awesome students.

What I realized is that I’m not very innovative and I don’t like change.

But in our world today, change is the one thing you can



**Denni Cheney**  
From The  
Bridge

always count on. Change will happen, and you can jump on board or be left behind.

We have to start making the change for our students so they will be prepared to enter higher education and/or the workforce. When I went to school, there was one way of learning: lecture-style. That way of learning is changing.

Our students have grown up with that technology. This generation is global, social, visual and they are critical thinkers. Did you know that most students have friends around the world? Friends they haven’t necessarily met in person but “talk” to on Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram and probably ways I don’t even know about.



I remember when I had to actually write a letter, find a stamp (which we never had), and then wait for my mom to buy stamps. By that time nothing in my letter was relevant so I’d write a new letter and mail both of them!

Students today have never been without technology. Most people use their phone before they get up in the morning and just before they go to bed at night. What does this mean for education?

We must make the change to accommodate our students.

Most of us waited for someone to teach us. These students learn from each other or teach themselves. We went to the library. They go to Google or YouTube.

“Education is the silver bullet” keynote speaker, Jaime Casap of Google, Inc. said. “I paid my college loans and all my bills now in a job and industry that didn’t exist when I was in high school.”

When asked the question, “What will the world look like in 10 years?” Jaime Casap said, “We don’t know.”

That seemed a little scary to me. Google doesn’t know?

Most of our students will work at jobs that don’t even exist yet.

The great news for Doña Ana County is our outstanding superintendents. They are collaborative, innovative and creative. I would like to thank them for

bringing new ideas and planting the seeds of success to prepare our students for perhaps an unknown future.

Just a reminder: The Bridge is accepting nominations for the second annual “Academy of Excellence” Teacher Recognition Award. There are nomination boxes at all Doña Ana County public schools. We look forward to reading those nominations and recognizing our outstanding teachers. Please encourage your students to nominate a teacher they feel has made a difference in their life.

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# Old-school PR can raise your business profile

Small businesses that lack the bloated advertising budgets of their larger competitors can raise their profile with some old-school public relations techniques.

Before launching a PR campaign, however, they should understand that PR is different from advertising.

When a business advertises, it pays to place its message on a highly visible medium — a newspaper, magazine, Internet website or billboard — or it pays for airtime on radio or television. It has complete control over the message, as long as the content doesn't violate industry standards.

By contrast, the public relations approach aims to generate positive news coverage about the business by presenting newsworthy material to a media outlet in hopes an editor will reprint the press release as written or assign a reporter to write an original piece. The media outlet can reject the news release or shape it in a direction that's vastly different than the business intended, but that's the risk a business takes to get its name in the paper at no cost.

## Find a newsworthy angle

The press release must have a news peg — a legitimate reason for coverage. It can't be a blatant attempt to get free advertising, because editors will see through this and might dismiss any-



thing else the business sends in the future.

Evaluating newsworthiness can be subjective, but some story elements never get old.

Say the business wins recognition in its industry for an important achievement. A press release that announces this might not stop the presses, but it could earn the company a mention on the business pages.

A news release might draw attention to other activities at the business, such as an open house or community forum.

An act of philanthropy might warrant coverage, but the business should emphasize the cause rather than its own generosity to avoid an appearance of grandstanding. For example, a retail business that donates 100 winter coats to homeless veterans will earn community goodwill, especially if the press release comes from the organization that's distributing the coats rather than the business.

Businesses should be especially alert to industry-related news and take advantage of opportunities to weigh in on topical concerns, whether in the form of a press release or guest editorial. Cultivating contacts in local media increases the chances

that reporters will call the business if they need an expert source.

## No room for errors

Businesses can keep costs down by doing their own PR, as long as the end product looks professional.

A press release filled with grammatical errors and sloppy writing undermines a business's credibility and its efforts to generate media attention. If the business employs capable writers, it might not need to hire a professional to review press releases. But the business's leaders should be realistic about their strengths and weaknesses in this area and get help if it's needed.

## When redundancy is good

Any campaign that targets local media should work in sync with the business's social media platforms. Even if the press doesn't pick up the story, the business can post it on Facebook and its official website, where Internet searchers will find it.

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# Deodorant leads to gender issues

I'm about to relate to you a story of deceit and betrayal along the lines of "The Crying Game" or "The Merchant of Venice." It's a tale decades in the making and involves deodorant

To begin, the consumer product to which I am most loyal is my deodorant, Sure. I've used it for 40 years or more. I used Sure as a roll on. I used it a dry spray. And I continued with Sure now that it is a stick.

Yes. I've been a very loyal supporter of Sure. But Sure has betrayed me.

Walmart segregates deodorant by gender — and Sure is in the female aisle. Right there on the bottom shelf, next to the Secret, which we all know is strong enough for a man but made for a women.

I looked closer. On the label was the evidence of the gender change. Gone was the familiar bold gold and blue strip; instead was two intertwined blue and pink — yes, pink — bows. Oh sure, the pink bow is almost purple, but I should have noticed. If I had, I would have known something was up.

At first I blamed myself. Perhaps despite a four-decade relationship, I hadn't realized that Sure was actually a feminine product and not made for a man. So, like anyone faced with a consumer product gender issues, I went to You Tube to watch old commercials.

The commercials from the late 1970s feature a blond, tasseled-haired bloke walking confidently along an urban street on a warm summer day with his suit jacket draped

**Chris Erickson**  
*State of the Economy*



over his shoulder. The tag line is "Confident, Confident and Sure." The narrator explains that you can take off your coat without worry if only you use Sure.

There is a commercial from the 1980s with the tag line, "Raise your arm if you're sure." The actors are mixed gender, with a male college student raising his hand in class and a female traffic cop directing traffic, both confident they show no underarm stain.

Then we get to the 1990s and the "sure/not sure" campaign, a series of vignette with one character raising a hand with confidence, the other character cringing in horror realizing they didn't use Sure, so suffer from underarm stains.

So far so good. But trouble is brewing.

The 2000s bring a series of ads from the UK featuring confident women in business situations — meeting with clients, striding into a board

room and so on — only to end the day at dinner with a handsome man. Not a single male is shown to be Sure.

But wait, I found one last commercial. It's from the early 1970s and features only one character — an afro-coifed black woman in psychedelic dress. Really, she looks like something out of the last season of "Mad Men." She invites us to try Sure on our right arm and our favorite deodorant on our left arm. If we are like most people, our right arm will convince our left arm to use Sure.

So there it is. The first Sure spokesperson was a women. Right from the start, the ultimate betrayal was on display. Oh well, it's still a great product, and I'm going to continue to use it. I just tell people I'm buying it for my wife.

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## GLITZ

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curriculum that furnishes them with the knowledge they need to succeed.

“We require more hours than the New Mexico Board of Cosmetology,” she said. The board recently upped its requirement for hours of study from 350 to 400, while Glitz is at 420. After completing the nail program, students take a written and practical test in order to receive a state license.

When they’re ready to go out on their own, Glitz staff assist them in finding opportunities in salons throughout the city.

She said the school did so well it wanted to conquer the field and in November 2015 added programs in cosmetology, which includes hair care, and aesthetics, which focuses on care of the skin. Each of the new programs currently has 10 students.

Luevano said many of their students come from Truth or Consequences, Ruidoso, Anthony, Deming and Hatch.

They hear about the Las Cruces program through word of mouth and because Luevano attends high school career days and arranges for prospective students to spend time at the school checking it out.

“We brought Deming High School students over in a bus for an-all day beauty experience,” Luevano said.

In addition, Glitz is visible in the community donating services for fundraisers and working with the annual Las Cruces Bridal and Special Events Showcase at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

### A beautiful career

Luevano said Glitz attracts students looking for a fast track to a career.

The nail program is three months long, the aesthetics curriculum five months and cos-

metology (hair, makeup and waxing), 10 months.

What distinguishes the Glitz program of study is its specialization.

“We keep the programs separate so they can become experts on their area,” Luevano said. “A student specializes in cosmetology because she wants to learn everything there is to now about hair.”

### Talent from near and far

Two Glitz nail instructors, Martha Mata and Rubi Alarcon, are themselves Glitz graduates. Another instructor, Teresa Lopez, has been in the industry more than five years and has a strong following in the city, Luevano said.

Frances Kelly, a nurse, teaches aesthetics.

Aesthetics instructor Lacey Bonner from California studied at the California School of the Arts before becoming an aesthetician. She worked in Los Angeles and New York. She was

with Jurlique’s flagship salon on Madison Avenue, where she worked with many celebrity clients. She later was transferred to Jurlique of Australia.

A year ago, she came to here with her husband, a native Las Cruces.

“I’m inspired and excited to teach,” Bonner said. “I love working with Mary Ann and Oscar. They’re so supportive and positive.”

She said she especially likes to help her students “incorporate a spa energy into facials they give for clients, to make it more about service to the client.”

### Moving to grow

Glitz moved to its current location at the corner of Missouri Avenue and Triviz Drive late in 2015, with Oscar and Mary Ann Luevano again designing and doing the remodeling.

Mary Ann Luevano said her role with the students includes mother, counselor and teacher.

“I teach them everyday life

skills, such as getting to work 15 minutes before your shift starts, how to conduct yourself in this world. I teach them to get out there and work hard and make it.”

In truth, she pours her life into the business, taking a stack of paperwork and a small printer home with her at the end of each long, busy day.

“I don’t have a janitor,” she said. “I am the janitor.”

Although she runs a lean operation with Oscar, who owns his own business and serves as director at Glitz, Luevano, counts on the services of an accountant and an attorney to keep the business on track.

She said she and her husband intend to continue to grow the business.

“I have bigger dreams,” she said. “This is not the end — this is only the beginning for Glitz.”

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### HTC host Border Authority director

This month’s High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico membership meeting will be on Friday, Feb. 19 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course Banquet Room.

Bill Mattiace, former mayor of Las Cruces, volunteer to local organizations and boards and current executive director of the New Mexico Border Authority, will speak. He will discuss the economic transformation along the Santa Teresa border and will also address the implications for technology growth in the area.

The New Mexico Border authority is the state agency that manages border economics and commerce at the state’s ports of entry and also advises New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez regarding potential border business opportunities.

HTC membership meetings are open to the public. Anyone interested in growing technology in southern New Mexico is encouraged to attend.

The price for meeting attendance (no meal) is \$5 and meeting attendance with meal is \$20 — check or cash preferred. For more information, call Terry Jack at 522-3868.

### Immigration law firm opens office in Las Cruces

The private law firm of Noble & Vrapí has established a Las Cruces office in order to meet the increased demand for immigration services in southern New Mexico.

The office is located on the third floor of the US Bank Building at 277 E. Amador Ave., Suite 309. Local attorney and Las Cruces resident Lauren Armstrong will staff the office.

To celebrate the opening of its fourth office, Noble & Vrapí is hosting an open house and reception Friday, Feb. 19.

The office will distribute free turkeys and hams to local families from 3 to 5 p.m. and will have staff on-site to answer questions and schedule consultations.

Face painting and a play area will be available for children. From 5 to 8 p.m., community partners are invited to the reception that will feature photography from local artist Mattie Kannard and pastries from Salt + Honey Bakery Cafe.

As part of its grand opening, Noble & Vrapí will also be offer free consultations until April 15 at its Las Cruces and El Paso locations. Potential clients are encouraged to contact the office to reserve a consultation time, as availability is limited.

Noble & Vrapí, P.A. has offices in West Texas with additional offices in Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

The firm provides direct representation to individuals, families and businesses in all types of immigration, naturalization, and deportation defense matters. Its attorneys have more than seven decades of cumulative legal experience and regularly handle complex immigration matters, both nationally and locally.

For more information or to reserve a food donation or consultation, contact Gustavo Barraza, [gustavo@noble-lawfirm.com](mailto:gustavo@noble-lawfirm.com).

### Lunch and Learn session on social media

Pam Hett, The Hett Agency, will present the Friday,

March 4, Lunch and Learn. Her topic will be “Facebook and Social Media for Businesses and Nonprofits.”

All Lunch and Learn First Friday talks are free and open to the public. They take place at 11:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month at the Branigan Library Roadrunner Room, unless otherwise indicated.

For more information, contact WESST at 541-1583 or [agarcia@wesst.org](mailto:agarcia@wesst.org).

### CAA presents marketing workshop

Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico (CAASNM) invites small business owners and the general public to its free “Marketing and E-Commerce” workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Women’s Intercultural Center (WInCat) across from St. Anthony’s Church at 303 Lincoln St., Anthony N.M.

Seating is limited to 30 people.

To register, call 527-8799, Ext.136, or visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/V56MCH5](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V56MCH5).

### Medina’s Towing affiliates with U-Haul

U-Haul Company of New Mexico Inc. announces Medina’s Towing has signed on as a U-Haul neighborhood dealer to serve the Chaparral community.

Medina’s Towing at 538-D State Line Drive will offer U-Haul trucks, trailers, towing equipment, support rental items and in-store pick-up for boxes.

Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call owner Cesar Medina at 824-4220.

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Members of the NMSU basketball team react to a score on the court during the Aggies' game at home against UC-Bakersfield earlier this season. The Aggies hope to finish in sole possession of the top spot of the WAC mountain.

## NMSU women seek to solidify top seed

### Bulletin report

The New Mexico State women's basketball team is riding its second-longest winning-streak in program history at 12 games and looks to cement itself as the No. 1 seed in the Western Athletic Conference Tournament this week on the road.

#### Upcoming games

NMSU at Seattle  
**When:** Saturday, Feb. 20  
**Tipoff:** 8 p.m. MT

Kansas City at NMSU  
**When:** Saturday, Feb. 27  
**Tipoff:** 2 p.m.

ning-streak is 15 games, which was set during the latter half of the 1988 season and was then broken in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at Washington on March 19, 1988 – an 85-74 loss.

### ANOTHER ONE

With its win on Saturday, Feb. 13 against Chicago State, New Mexico State clinched at

### GETTING STREAKY

Winners of 12-straight for the second consecutive year, the New Mexico State women's basketball team (21-3 overall, 10-0 WAC) looks to inch closer to the program record of 15 by the end of the regular-season. The only other time NM State has reached 12-straight wins was during the 1976-77 season.

least a share of the Western Athletic Conference title. The last time NM State won back-to-back conference titles was during the 1986-87 and 1987-88 seasons.

The WAC Tournament in Las Vegas, Nev. is scheduled for March 9-12.

NM State also added a pair of player of the week honors when

NM State's longest win-

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## Homestand critical for first-place Ags

### Bulletin report

A winning streak may have been snapped, but the end-game goal is still very much within reach.

The New Mexico State University men's basketball team fell 71-41 in a nonconference game at Wichita State in the team's worst loss of the season.

"I'm obviously disappointed that we couldn't play a little better, but I thought we ran into a buzz saw," said NM State head coach Marvin Menzies. "I thought those guys took out their anger over their last couple of losses on us. It was evident that Wichita State

had an extra focus going on."

The loss ended NMSU's nine-game winning streak. But it didn't hurt the Aggies (18-9 overall, 9-1 WAC) in their search for a fifth-straight Western Athletic Conference title. NMSU came out of the contest with its one-game lead over Grand Canyon and CSU-Bakersfield in the WAC standings intact.

Despite the loss, Menzies feels that it was good to face a NCAA Tournament caliber team in Wichita State (19-7) this late in the season.

"We don't get this experience this late in the sea-

#### Upcoming games

Seattle at NMSU  
**When:** Saturday, Feb 20  
**Tipoff:** 7 p.m.  
**Radio:** 570 AM

NMSU at Kansas City  
**When:** Saturday, Feb. 27  
**Tipoff:** 1 p.m. MT  
**Radio:** 570 AM

son," Menzies said. "This gives us a barometer of how we need to play against this type of environment and this type of physicality. Of course it would have been better if we'd have played better, but we've got to continue to grow."

NM State shot just 38.5 percent from the floor (15-of-39) and 52.9 percent

from the foul line (9-of-17). Couple that with turning the ball over 20 times and it spelled disaster for the Aggies.

"A lot of that was due to bad decision making and the turnovers," Menzies said. "We threw balls that hit our guys in two hands and we fumbled the ball. That's environment, nerves, that's the Shocker faithful. And credit WSU, they did a good job defensively and did a great job of taking care of the ball. So we couldn't get anything going on them."

NM State got a game-

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## Ags take hitter, pitcher of the week honors

New Mexico State University softball's Emma Adams and Karysta Donisthorpe were named the Western Athletic Conference's Hitter of the Week and Pitcher of the Week, respectively, after leading the team to a 5-0 start to the 2016 season. Adams has been named Hitter of the Week once before, while Donisthorpe has earned the honor of Pitcher of the Week five times.



DONISTHORPE



ADAMS

"I am very proud of the total team effort opening week," said head coach Kathy Rodolph. "When you hit over .480 as a team on the weekend, you have a lot of options for hitter of the week. The pitchers also put up great numbers. I think Emma and Karysta were poised and consistent all weekend. That mentality is key from everyone so it was

great to see it from two seniors."

Adams led the Aggies' offensive efforts with eight hits in 13 at-bats for a .615 batting average over the weekend. The senior racked up 10 RBIs and three runs. She had a team-high three doubles, a slugging percentage of .846 and an on-base percentage of .625.

Donisthorpe led the way on the mound with three starts over the five games. The senior had a 0.00 ERA and kicked off the season with a 3-0 record. In 11.0 innings pitched, Donisthorpe allowed just seven hits and racked up 16 strikeouts while having zero walks. Opposing teams had just one unearned run and a .163 batting average.

NM State takes the field again on Friday, Feb. 19 as the Aggies host Oklahoma at 4 p.m. in their opening game of the Troy Cox Classic. The Aggies will play six games Friday-Sunday at the NM State Softball Complex.

## Learning the basics



BULLETIN PHOTO

Earl Lewis, a graduate assistant with the New Mexico State University women's basketball team, gives instructions on defense to some of the children on hand for a free basketball clinic at the Pan American Center on Saturday, Feb. 13. The participants, from 5 to 14, received an hour of instruction before getting free admission to the Aggies game against Chicago State. The Aggies did not disappoint their young fans with a 76-63 victory to improve their record to 21-3 on the season and 10-0 in the Western Athletic Conference.

## AG WOMEN

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Brooke Salas was named the WAC and College Sports Madness Player of the Week for her 22-point performance against Chicago State. The freshman finished with eight boards, three

assists, two steals and a block as well on 8-of-14 shooting.

### AGGIES TAKE FLIGHT AGAINST REDHAWKS

New Mexico State will fly to the Pacific Northwest for an 8 p.m. (MT) tilt on the American Sports Network against Seattle U on Saturday,



SALAS

Feb. 20. The Redhaws have been on a bit of a slide since they beat UT Rio Grande Valley on Jan. 23. Since that win, SU has suffered through a five-game losing streak.

Last time out against SU, Salas went off for 20 points on 9-of-13 shooting to go with her seven boards and six assists. Senior point guard Shanice Davis also chipped in with 18 points of her own, including a 4-for-9 effort behind the arc to go with her three assists and three steals. Brian-

na Freeman added 14 points of her own with four rebounds and three blocks.

Taelor Ross continues to pace the Redhaws with 12.3 points per game and team-best .453 shooting clip. She's also the only Seattle U player to be averaging in double-digits for conference

play (10.1 ppg).

Tal Sahal, a 5-11 freshman, is second on the team in overall scoring with 10.2 points per game. She's also second in scoring on the team in conference play, checking in with a 9.8 points average despite shooting just .292 from the floor. On the boards, Sahal is third in both overall (4.0 rpg) and conference only (5.2 rpg) stats.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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**Kara Foreman** is a 17-year-old junior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. She plays outside hitter and defensive specialist in volleyball and post in basketball for the Lady Blazers. Foreman is one of the team leaders on rebounds and blocks and averages 8 to 10 rebounds and 2 to 3 blocks per game. She was named all-district 3A in volleyball and to the all-tournament team at the Mescalero Basketball Tournament in January. Foreman is a quiet leader who leads through her great work ethic, positive attitude and strong desire to win. She is a dedicated student, with a 3.37 GPA and when not in school or on the court, enjoys travel, her pets, design, reading and being with her friends.

**Jeremy Frazier** is an 18-year-old at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. He plays guard on the Son Blazer basketball team and has scored six points against Lordsburg and played outstanding on the defensive end. Frazier is a diligent student, with a 3.90 GPA. He's a great leader on and off the court, a great role model, with high-character, a strong work ethic and is extremely coachable. Frazier's outside interests include hanging out with friends, staying active in other sports, and hiking.

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## AG MEN

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high 17 points and 10 rebounds from sophomore Pascal Siakam who posted his NCAA leading 22nd double-double. Siakam also blocked three shots in the game while hitting 6-of-9 from the floor and 5-of-6 from the free throw line. He was the only Aggie scoring in double figures.

The Aggies return to the Pan American Center for their final regular season homestand. NMSU takes on Seattle University at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20.

# Are you struggling with taking your range game to the course?

It's been often said that the longest 100 yards in golf is the distance between the practice tee and the first tee. The lament goes something like this: "Doc, I hit it great over on the range, and then when I'm on the course I can't hit it out of my shadow." I hear it all the time. There is no doubt that one of the biggest challenges in golf consists of taking our practice game to the golf course. And it's not just troubling for hacks and weekend warriors; the pros struggle with the same issue, only to a much more finite measure. It's all too common to see an accomplished player shake his head in disgust after laying the sod over a simple wedge shot while yapping, "I didn't miss one of those on the range earlier."

So what factors tend to interfere with our ability to take the range to the golf course? Most unskilled or beginner



**Charlie Blanchard**  
Golf Doctor

golfers go to the range and rake ball after ball in front of them and hit like they are in a hurry to go somewhere else. They fire those balls out into space, seemingly without purpose, intention, direction or destination – like there's a prize for the most quantity of balls hit in a minute. Some juniors do what I call "machine-gunning" range balls; it's amazing that they can hit any good shots at all with such lack of attention. Bear in mind that the practice range is 100 yards or more wide, leading a lot of golfers to think they're hitting it fine, when in fact they spray it all over the lot. Shots on the course demand shot placement to a far more

precise target.

After studying this for years, I've concluded that we actually need to take the golf course to the range, rather than the other way around. If you want to transfer your practice swing to solid performance during your round, when it counts (possibly for cash) you need to match some of the same conditions, physical sensations and visual images you're sure to find on the course to your warm-up time on the range prior to the first tee. It means hitting a few shots you know you're going to have later, and it means simulating exact targets and landing spots. On the range you can learn to picture hitting shots under the actual conditions you'll be facing shortly. Feel the tension and then let it go. Standing on the practice tee, pick a particular hole on the course and then visualize yourself standing in

that very situation. Go through your pre-shot routine and make the swing. If you do that enough, the hardest holes on the golf course will seem less scary.

Back in 1974, HOF PGA Tour legend Curtis Strange won the 1974 NCAA Championship by hitting a one iron to the final hole and making eagle. Later that year, on a trip to Japan to play an international tournament, Strange shared with Herb Wimberly, the coach of the American college team, that he had practiced that shot and that scenario in his mind "a thousand times." Strange had rehearsed the one iron to the green to win the tournament so many times, with the precise thoughts and emotions in place, that when it came time to execute the real thing when it was all on the line, he felt totally comfortable and confident. Deja vu all over again.

You can do the same thing when warming up on the practice putting green. First get a feel for the speed of the green by hitting a few 20-and 30-foot putts. Follow that by taking one ball and picturing a few putts you're very likely to be facing later. Execute your normal putting routine with one ball. Dropping three balls on the warm-up green is fine once in a while, but it will mostly get you better at putting the second and third ball; during the match you only get one ball. The object of warming up intelligently before the round is to secure the confidence necessary to play well on the course. As golfers, when we are in our comfort zone, we feel pretty good. It's funny how different we tend to do things once we have a pencil and scorecard in our pocket. Attitude and confidence are keys. Stay tuned for part two next week.

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# Project Dignity ready to start restrooms for Camp Hope; \$10,000 still needed

By Mike Cook  
Las Cruces Bulletin

“It’s called Project Dignity for a reason,” Las Cruces attorney and New Mexico State University law professor Matt Holt said about a fundraiser now under way to construct restroom facilities at the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (MVCH) Camp Hope tent city for the homeless.

Holt, a former MVCH board member and community advocate, and his sister, Julie Wilson, of Fort Worth, Texas, have pledged to match up to \$30,000 in contributions supporting Project Dignity. Donations are quickly approaching that



amount, Holt said. “The fundraising is in the final countdown to completion,” he said.

Holt and Wilson began

the fundraiser last year as a tribute to their late father, Sam Holt, who died a year ago at the age of 90. A veteran of World

War II and the Korean Conflict, Sam Holt had “a huge heart for the vets and an even bigger heart for the homeless,” said his son.

Since Sam “wasn’t a gravestone kind of guy,” his children went to MVCH Executive Director Nicole Martinez to see what they could do to

The late Sam Holt poses and his daughter, Julie Wilson. Julie and her brother, Matt Holt, “have started Project Dignity to construct restroom facilities at the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope Hope tent city for the homeless. Holt and Wilson began the fundraiser last year as a tribute to their late father.

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help Las Cruces’ homeless community to honor their father’s memory.

Martinez’s immediate response: MVCH needs restrooms.

“Homelessness is a community issue and our community has been amazing at addressing the issue with compassion and innovative solutions,” Martinez said. “Project Dignity is a unique example of the community’s response to the call for assistance.

With the implementation of showers and bathrooms at Camp Hope, the camp will follow in the footsteps of other state and national parks in terms of camp amenities that will lead to better hygiene and sanitation for those who reside outdoors and do not have access to these services while the day shelter at Community of Hope is closed,” she said.

Currently, male and female Camp Hope residents share four on-site portable toilets, which are rented by the month; along with a single shower that is available to all MVCH clients and is only open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. There is also a single outdoor sink at Camp Hope.

Project Dignity’s goal is to construct a 20-foot by 40-foot structure just to the right of the Camp Hope entrance, located behind Jardin de los Ninos at MVCH. The building will include two separate facilities for men and women, each with two toilet stalls, a shower and two sinks.

The building, along with a large outdoor living space, will be covered by a rigid, free-standing shade structure that was donated by Project Dignity’s primary contractor, Genesis Builders, Inc. of Las Cruces. The outdoor space will also include new propane gas grills.

The donation of the shade structure alone will save thousands of dollars on the project’s six-figure price tag, Holt said. And, Randy Farmer and Barry Prahl, owners of Genesis, are donating all their company’s labor,

## CHRISTOPHER HERNANDEZ

*July 27, 1987 to Feb. 3, 2016*

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved, son, grandson, brother, uncle, cousin and dear friend, CHRISTOPHER DAN "SCOOTER" HERNANDEZ, 28, lifelong resident of Las Cruces on Wednesday, February 3, 2016. "Chris" or "Scooter" as he was fondly known to family and friends was born July 27, 1987. At the time of his death, Christopher was employed at Nellie's Restaurant as a cook and was in the process of becoming a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie #4038. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church.



HERNANDEZ

Those left to mourn his passing include his father, Danny Hernandez and wife, Deeann, his mother, Angie Bigelow and husband, Chris all of Las Cruces; his paternal grandmother, Manuela "Nellie" Quintana; his maternal grandparents, Esther and Luis Fresquez; four aunts, Josie Burrow, Luisa Diaz, Lisa Gallose and Anna Hidalgo; uncle, Jesus Hidalgo III; a brother, CJ Cisneros; five sisters, Valerie Hernandez,

Erica and Crystal Cisneros, Cassie and Savannah Bigelow. Other survivors include two nephews, Jake and Brandon Rucker; a niece, Isabella Rucker, four cousins, Cheyenne and Dakota Burrow and Nicole and Cameron Diaz, as well as other numerous cousins, aunts and uncles. Christopher was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Daniel Hernandez.

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Friday, February 12, 2016 in Our Lady of Health Catholic Church, 1178 N. Mesquite Street. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5140 W. Picocho Avenue where he will be laid to rest in the family plot.

Serving as casket bearers will be family and friends.

The Hernandez Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care". For online condolences logon to [www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com](http://www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com)



## DAVID ORDONEZ

DAVID LEE ORDONEZ, age 44, of Las Cruces passed away Monday, February 8, 2016 at his home. Services are pending

with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces 527-2222.



## ENEDINA CASTANEDA

*Feb. 28, 1927 to Feb. 4, 2016*

A faithful wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt, ENEDINA OLIVAS CASTANEDA, age 88, of Las Cruces passed from this life on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center surrounded by her loving family. She was born February 28, 1927 in Valle del Rosario, Chihuahua, Mexico to Jesus Jose and Camerina Prieto Olivas. Enedina was a homemaker and a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

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## PATRICIA HALL

*Oct. 3, 1927 to Feb. 15, 2016*

Our beloved Mother, Grandmother, Patricia Aileen Hall born Oct. 3, 1927, in Knoxville, TN, went to her heavenly home on Feb. 15, 2016. Preceded in death by her loving husband of 62 years Richard Hudson Hall, Sr., son, John Patrick and daughter, Deborah Kathryn.



HALL

"Pat" as she was known by her many friends was co-owner and operator of

Hall's Lounge & Grill for 50 years. She was a Lifetime Member of the VFW Ladies Auxillary and the American Legion Ladies Auxillary.

She is survived by her son, Richard H. Hall, Jr and wife, Mary, Cynthia Crandall (Bill), Barbara Cameron and Elizabeth Hall (Jim), 19 Grandchildren, 17 Great Grandchildren and 11 Great, Great Grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Royal "Bumper" Jones, John Patrick Hall, Jon Hudson Cameron, Christopher Rivera, Travis Crawford, Taylor

Crawford and Dennis Patrick McCracken.

Thank you to Drs. Victor Songbandith, Michael Guiterrez, John Annabi and Dr. Hajj, the staff at Las Palmas and Monte Vista for the loving care you gave Mom. A special "thanks" to Granddaughters Bella Rivera and Shannon Hall.

Graveside Services will be held at the Anthony Cemetery, Anthony, NM, Friday Feb. 19, 2016 at 2:00 pm followed by a celebration of her life at the VFW Gadsden Memorial Post #4384.

## NICOLASA MERCADO

*May 1, 1927 to Feb. 8, 2016*

NICOLASA M. MERCADO, 88, longtime resident of Doña Ana departed from her place on this earth and entered eternal life to be with her heavenly Father Monday, February 8, 2016 at The Good Samaritan Society Special Care Unit surrounded by her loving family. She was born May 1, 1927 in Berino, NM to Sixto and Andrea Morales. "Nico" as she was fondly known to her family and friends spent the first years of her married life working at a tortilla factory in Old Mesilla. She also spent several years working as a cook at La Posta Restaurant before moving to Derry, NM with her husband Pablo "Paul" Mercado to start a farm. Nico was well known as a fantastic cook and if you ever visited her house, you could not leave without eating a full meal. Nico's interests included helping people in whatever way that she could. In addition to working on the farm, she was a Neighborhood Outreach Aid with The Community Action Agency of Doña Ana County, assigned to the



MERCADO

Garfield Neighborhood Center, where she helped to start a new Hot Lunch and Recreation Program for the elderly.

She also worked as a Health/Outreach Aide for Planned Parenthood of South Central NM and Family Planning of Doña Ana County and operated the satellite clinic in Hatch. Her love for cooking lead her to a position as Cook for the Home Education Livelihood Program (H.E.L.P.) with cooking responsibilities for the Migrant Summer Children's Programs. In addition, she was a Substitute Cook with the Las Cruces Public Schools, and a Home Health Aide for the City of Las Cruces at the Munson Senior Center.

Nico is survived by her son, Pedro "Pete" Mercado and wife Rosy; grandson, Pedro P. Mercado and wife Minerva; granddaughter Marisella "Mar" Reyes and husband Richard; great grandsons, Andrés and Samuel Mercado, Ricardo and Vicente Reyes, and great granddaughter, Xochitl Nicole Reyes. She is also survived by one sister, Nellie Page and numerous nephews and nieces. Nico was preceded in death by her loving husband of 52 years, Paul; a son,

Bobby Mercado; brothers, Fernando, Seferino and Clemente Morales; sisters Casimira Avalos, Gregoria Balderama, Mary Medina, and Martina Bazan and one great granddaughter, Angelica Rosa Reyes.

Prayer vigil for Nico took place Thursday, February 10, 2016 with the funeral mass immediately thereafter at Our Lady Of Purification Catholic Church, 5525 Cristo Rey in Doña Ana, with the Reverend Miguel Macaya, Celebrant. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow in Garden of Memories Cemetery in Hatch, NM.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations in her name be made to the Special Care Unit at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3025 Terrace Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011-5048.

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## CONSUELO LEDESMA

*July 16, 1929 to Feb. 13, 2016*

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our faithful, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt, CONSUELO "CONNIE" SAAVEDRA LEDESMA, age 85, of Brazito, on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at La Posada-Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by her loving family. "Connie", as she was fondly known to family and friends, was born



LEDESMA

July 16, 1929 in San Miguel to Federico and Elvira Martinez Saavedra. She worked as a bookkeeper for the family business, as well as for other companies for over thirty years, and was a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Those left to mourn her passing include her loving husband of sixty-four years, Leopoldo "Simmie" Ledesma of the family home; two sons, Jerry S. Ledesma and wife, Linda of Las Cruces and Oscar Ledesma of Brazito; one daughter, Patsy L. Telles and husband, George also of Las Cruces; a brother, Lencho Savedra and wife, Tila of Norwalk, CA. Other survivors include five grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Connie was preceded in death by her parents,

two brothers and three sisters.

Visitation for Mrs. Ledesma was held on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at Baca's Funeral Chapel, 300 E. Boutz Road. The Prayer Vigil took place that evening at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral, 1240 S. Espina Street. Family and friends will join together to celebrate the Funeral Mass at 10 AM Friday, February 19, 2016 in the same church. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow at Masonic Cemetery, 760 S. Compress Road where she will be laid to rest in the family plot.

Serving as casket bearers will be Rufio Ledesma, Jerry J. Ledesma, Tommy Fajardo, George Telles, Elias Madrid and Jaime Montes. Honorary bearers will be her great-grandsons, Brandon, Brady, Richard, Codee and Jacob.

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## MARCELLA ADDIS

*Feb. 6, 1932 to Feb. 10, 2016*

MARCELLA "MARCY" NEWBERRY ADDIS, age 84, crossed over to the other side surrounded by family and friends on Wednesday, February 10, 2016. She was born February 6, 1932 in El Paso, TX to Jesse and Ruth Farmer Newberry. As a young girl, Marcy loved spending her summers on horseback in the mountains of Cloudcroft. At UTEP, she was a voice major and proud member of Chi Omega Sorority. She also loved her time as a parish secretary at St. Clements Episcopal Church in El Paso. In addition to being an extremely talented pianist and composer, Marcy later became a highly gifted card reader and spiritual counselor.



DIAZ

Survivors include her devoted husband, Tom; a daughter Diane; two sons,

David and Larry (Kim); eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; Ruth and Jesse Newberry; Mary and Harold Harrison and her Goddaughter, Judy Mohrhauser.

A Memorial Service will be held Monday, February 22, 2016 at 2 PM in Baca's Funeral Chapel, 300 E. Boutz. Inurnment of cremains will be held at later date.

In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to the PBS station of your choice.

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## HAROLD WEISBROD

*Feb. 12, 1921 to Feb. 7, 2016*

HAROLD ROBERT "BOB" WEISBROD, 94, said goodbye to this earth and woke up in the presence of his Lord late Sunday night, February 7, 2016. He was born to Sarah and Elmer Weisbrod on a farm near Fenton, Iowa on February 12, 1921. With the years of youth, in school and helping his dad and brother



WEISBROD

farm, he learned the basics of work, mixed with discipline, and moral integrity. As a result, good judgment, firm resolve and happiness followed.

Bob had hopes of building a large astronomical telescope but this was interrupted by the "draft" of WWII. After serving his country in the Pacific Theatre by choosing the Air Force, he continued his education and earned a Master's Degree in Engineering at Missouri School of Mines. Mr. Weisbrod retired from White Sands Missile Range where he was a Senior Engineer and Physicist.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Ann after celebrating 70 years together on January 29, 2016. Three sons were born to this union, Gregory Weisbrod and wife Joyce, Kirk

Weisbrod and wife Betsy, and Kim Weisbrod and wife Laura; three grandchildren, a niece, and two nephews. Mr. Weisbrod was a long time member of the Methodist Church and in later years attended First Evangelical Free Church.

Many lives on this earth have been blessed by Bob. He has left a legacy of love and wisdom. Our lives are richer because of him.

Visitation for Mr. Weisbrod was held Friday, February 12, 2016 at First Evangelical Free Church, 1435 S. Pecos Street with Pastor John Powell officiating. Concluding Service and Interment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5140 W. Picacho Avenue where he will be laid to rest in the family plot.

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## ROBERT PADILLA

*Nov. 6, 1960 to Feb. 10, 2016*

ROBERT M PADILLA, age 55, passed away on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. He was born November 6, 1960 at St. Ann's Hospital in T or C, NM to Manuel A. and Sally M. Padilla. Robert was a loyal employee of Brewer Oil Company for seventeen years.

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## GLORIA L. DIAZ

*May 15, 1929 to Feb. 11, 2016*

Our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, GLORIA L. DIAZ, age 86, of Las Cruces passed from this life on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at Casa de Oro Care and Rehabilitation Center surrounded by her loving family. She was born May 15, 1929 in Chamberino to Seferino and Carolina Jimenez Orduñez. Mrs. Diaz was a Licensed Vocational Nurse at Hotel Dei in El Paso, TX and was a foster grandparent. She

was a member of the Catholic Church.

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# JERRY WIDNER

*Jan. 28, 1969 to Feb. 10, 2016*

JERRY WESLEY WIDNER, age 77 of Las Cruces, passed away on February 10, 2016, in El Paso, Texas. He was born in Melrose, New Mexico, on August 21,



WIDNER

1938, to Cleo and Wyndol (True) Widner. He grew up on the Widner farm, north of Melrose, and attended Melrose schools until he graduated in 1957. During his high school years, he excelled in basketball, football, track and field, winning many state titles and

awards. He was an FFA American Farmer. He played football for UNM before joining the Navy in 1958. On January 28, 1959, he married Roberta Leavelle from Clovis, New Mexico. They had two sons, Kim and Mark.

After Jerry's discharge from the Navy in 1962, he and his family moved back to Melrose, where he excelled at farming and ranching. He was known for his innovative approach to growing crops and raising cattle. In 1977, Jerry and his family moved to Las Cruces where he started his own busi-

ness, Widner Electric. He and his son, Mark, owned and operated this business for many years.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Roberta; his son, Mark and his wife, Theresa (Amezaga) Widner, of Las Cruces; his granddaughter, Hannah Widner, of Las Cruces; a brother, Dale Widner, of Friona, Texas; a sister, Joyce Wallace, of Lubbock, Texas; and a sister,

Bonnie McMath, and her husband, Bob, of Estancia, New Mexico.

Jerry was predeceased by his son, Kim Widner; his parents, Cleo and Wyndol Widner; and his brother-in-law, Calvin Wallace.

Jerry loved to hunt, fish and spend time with his family. He was outgoing, generous and always willing to help anyone in need. He was

dearly loved and will be deeply missed by all those who knew him.

A Memorial Service took place at 2 PM on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at Baca's Funeral Chapels, located at 300 East Boutz Road with Fr. Louie Amezaga officiating. Military honors will be accorded by a U.S. Navy Guard and the Marine Corps League - El Perro Diablo Detachment.

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do the construction work at or below cost, Holt said. ASA Architects, owned by Ted Shelton, has also provided its services pro bono, a value of close to \$8,000, he said.

Wilson said Project Dignity fundraising is just \$10,000 shy of its goal, which is close enough to start the project. The only thing that Camp Hope needs now is final approval from the City of Las Cruces, and construction can begin, she said.

"It's heartwarming to see where the contributions are coming from," Wilson said. "We had a \$5,000 donation from the Sunrise Lions Club, donations of \$20 from community residents, and a number of dona-

tions in between, ranging from \$25 to \$2,000. People want to help," Wilson said.

"Several churches have contributed, as has the Picacho Hills Property Owners Association," she said. "We got one cash donation of two \$20 bills, delivered in person by a student. I think this is an issue that resonates with almost everybody.

"If we're fortunate enough to exceed our goal, the additional funds will provide just that many more amenities to the project," she said.

"Due to the community's commitment and passion, this will happen," Holt said.

"Camp Hope has become an integral part of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope," Martinez said. "Camp Hope provides a safe place for the homeless to

reside while working toward obtaining housing and overcoming obstacles that led to their homelessness. Sometimes waiting for housing can be a lengthy process, which is why the camp has become so important. We want clients to be near services and safe. The community has been instrumental in helping us continue services with the camp, since it relies on community donations (it is not a federally funded program). The community has expressed its support both monetarily and with donations of clothing, tents, tarps, charcoal, blankets, dog food and so on," she said.

To donate to Project Dignity, send your check (write "Project Dignity" on the memo line) to Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, P.O. Box 6875, Las Cruces, N.M. 88006.

For more information, contact MVCH at 523-2219 or [hope@zianet.com](mailto:hope@zianet.com). Visit [www.mvcommunityofhope.org](http://www.mvcommunityofhope.org).

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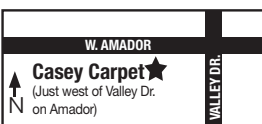


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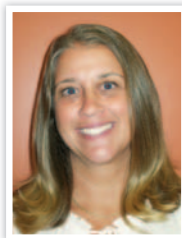
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# Las Cruces SPANISH MARKET



*Saturday and Sunday,  
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# Las Cruces Spanish Market returns Feb. 20-21

By Zak Hansen  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Beginning in the 16th century and continuing through the mid-1800s, Spanish colonialists arrived in the Americas and made their way north, establishing the Camino Real del Tierra Adentro, the “Royal Road” of New Spain connecting capital Mexico City with Santa Fe.

Moving northward along with these settlers and conquerors were cultural forms imported from Spain – religion, art, architecture and more – that would in time meld with those of the Pueblo and Athabaskan-Apache people, who inhabited the region for centuries before European arrival.

A tidal influx of cultural influences, not to mention new forms, styles and raw materials, coalesced with indigenous forms, gradually melding

into the Spanish Colonial Art that for hundreds of years typified the region’s artistic output.

At the close of the 19th century, though, many were on the verge of expiry – until 1925, when Santa Fe writer Mary Austin and writer/artist Frank G. Applegate formed the Spanish Colonial Arts Society.

Ninety years later, the society continues its mission to promote and preserve these traditional art forms at its home in Santa Fe’s Museums of Spanish Colonial Art, educational outreach programs and, since 1926, its annual Spanish Market held in the City Different.

In its first year, the market featured 11 artists. Four decades later, it became a fixture, held each summer on the iconic Santa Fe Plaza since 1965 and featuring more than 250 artists. In 1989, the society added a

Winter Market, now taking place in Old Town Albuquerque each November and in 2015 headed south along the Royal Road in the tracks of their forbearers, bringing 40-some New Mexico artists with them for the Las Cruces Spanish Market.

After a monumental first year, the market returns Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 20-21, to Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

More than 45 New Mexico artists will have work on display across the market’s two days, spilling from its too-small first-year home to take up the entire ground floor of Hotel Encanto, giving plenty of space to the contemporary regional artists working in forms dating back centuries; carving, hide-painting, straw work, jewelry, weaving, filigree, pottery, colcha (embroidered

wool blankets), retablos and bultos, iron and tinwork and more will be presented, retaining their traditional roots but working contemporarily, at once antiquating and advancing an age-old form.

Each of these forms has deep ties to the history and culture of the region: the devotional carved-wooden bultos and hand-painted retablos honor saints, reflecting the culture’s Spanish Catholic heritage, while hide-paintings, traditional weavings and pottery honor its indigenous ancestry; and tin and straw work utilized cheap and available materials – straw, scraps of tin and other metals left by passing colonists, known as poor’s man’s silver and gold, respectively – to create stunning art pieces, a practical and utilitarian result of settlement and colonization.

Throughout the weekend, featured artists will demonstrate their techniques to marketgoers. On Saturday, participants include Rose A. Vigil (weaving), Jimmy E. Trujillo (straw appliqué), Terri I. Rodriguez (metals) and Adán Carriaga (bultos and retablos), and Sunday features Sean Wells (retablos), Cristina Hernandez Feldewert (tinwork), Lee J. Valdez (wood carving) and Camilla Trujillo (pottery).

While the focus of the Las Cruces Spanish Market may be visual art, this year’s gathering also emphasizes the performing arts, with a loaded schedule of live entertainment from New Mexicans working in classic musical styles, among them Los Trinos, Trio

Nuevo Mexico Lindo, Dueto Krystal, Son Veracruz and La Rondalla de Albuquerque – the latter two of which will kick off the weekend with “Viva La Cultura!” at the Rio Grande Theatre Friday, Feb. 19, the night before the market’s open.

For a complete list and schedule of artist demonstrations and performances, visit [www.spanishcolonial.org](http://www.spanishcolonial.org).

Hours for the Las Cruces Spanish Market are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 for one person or \$10 for two; tickets good for both days and are available at the door or by calling 505-982-2226. For more information on the Spanish Colonial Arts Society, visit [www.spanishcolonial.org](http://www.spanishcolonial.org).

## La Rondalla de Albuquerque presents ‘Viva La Cultura!’

The Doña Ana Arts Council and Santa Fe’s Spanish Colonial Arts Society, organizers of the second annual Las Cruces Spanish Market, present “Viva La Cultura!” an evening of traditional New Mexican and Latin American music with “La Rondalla de Albuquerque” at 7:30 p.m. Friday, February 19, on the stage of the Rio Grande Theatre in downtown Las Cruces.

La Rondalla de Albuquerque, now nearly two decades in existence, performs “Viva La Cultura,” a lively celebration of traditional music from New Mexico, Mexico and throughout Latin America with a variety of old-world, traditional instruments – harp, violin, guitar, guitarrón, vihuela, jarana, mandolin and

manjo-uke, a highly unique combination of mandolin, banjo, ukulele – and voice.

The Spanish “rondalla” describes a small “round-up” of musicians, originating in Medieval Spain and emigrating, making its way to Latin America, where it became a common site in cities and towns throughout the New World. More specifically, a rondalla is an ensemble of stringed – or plectrum – instruments. These musicians’ roundups are often known by their place on the map, incorporating their hometowns as identifiers, as La Rondalla de Albuquerque does.

This 17-member group performs under Musical Director Otilio Ruiz, from Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico, and will perform a wide variety of traditional regional music from New Mexico, Mexico – Hidalgo, San Luis Potosí, the director’s home of Veracruz and beyond – and around Latin America and Cuba, presenting it to audiences in the hopes of keeping these old-world forms alive and thriving.

“We are really interested in keeping this music alive,” said La Rondalla de Albuquerque’s Cynthia Wooley, “and our audiences respond to that – they know this music, they know the songs, they dance, and they mouth the words. It’s really lovely.”

As an additional treat, several members of La Rondalla de Albuquerque also will perform with Otilio Ruiz as the ensemble “Son Veracruz”. Otilio Ruiz has been playing music

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La Rondalla de Albuquerque will present "Viva La Cultura," a lively celebration of traditional music from New Mexico, Mexico and throughout Latin America with a variety of old-world, traditional instruments on Friday, Feb. 19, at the Rio Grande Theatre.

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since the age of 13, studied at the Music Conservatory in Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico, and is a former member of the international companies Tlen-Huicani, at the University of Veracruz, and Achille-zavata, based in Paris. He currently teaches at Albuquerque Public Schools. With "Son Veracruz," Ruiz's family – Leticia Cuevas, Ayulia and Nimbe Ruiz – are working together to bring the "Jarocho" music and dances from Veracruz Mexico to the new generations.

Ruiz and La Rondalla de Albuquerque have a longstanding relationship with the Spanish Colonial Arts Society and its yearly Spanish Market, and this year they've brought with them one of their favorite groups. Spend an evening basking in Mexican traditional music played on old-world instruments with La Rondalla de Albuquerque and Son Veracruz, keeping these vital cultural art forms alive – viva la cultura!

The Rio Grande Theatre is located at 211 N. Main Street, in Las Cruces. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. All tickets are \$10 gener-

al admission, including all fees. For more information, call 523-6403 or visit [www.riograndetheatre.com](http://www.riograndetheatre.com).

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# You should be dying to see 'Killing Buddha' at Black Box Theatre

**Review by Mike Cook**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

There's an old Zen saying, "If you meet the Buddha, kill the Buddha."

There's a new Mike saying: "If you get a chance to see 'Killing Buddha,' take it."

The first one doesn't mean at all what it says, as you learn in this play. The second one is utterly sincere – just think of the laughing Buddha himself giving two enthusiastic thumbs up.

"Killing Buddha," which concludes its run this weekend at The Black Box Theatre on the downtown mall, continues the journey of the two characters recently introduced to Las Cruces audiences in "An Iliad."

Algernon D'Ammassa, who wrote the script, is the storyteller; Randy Granger, who wrote the music, is the instrumentalist. They are a bit of Vladimir and Estragon, a dash of Penn and Tellier, a pinch of Thelma

and Louise.

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

D'Ammassa is the form, gliding about the stage with a water bottle, a broom handle, a scarf and a few other props to bring to life the two Buddhas, the king, the widow and other characters. Granger is his shadow, giving color and flavor to the story with a cigar-box guitar, a double flute, bowls, bottles and many other wind and percussion instruments – and silence.

Separately and together, they weave a rich tapestry that is wonder and magic for the eye, the ear and the heart.

When she welcomed the audience and introduced the play, theatre owner Ceil Herman said



Actor/writer/director Algernon D'Ammassa and writer/musician Randy Granger perform their first original collaborative work "Killing Buddha," the spiritual "sequel" to "An Iliad," at the Black Box Theatre during its local debut. "Killing Buddha" has two performances left, on Friday, Feb. 19, and Sunday, Feb. 21.

ing to [www.no-strings.org](http://www.no-strings.org). "He trained professionally at the Trinity Repertory Company in Providence, Rhode Island and has traveled all over the United States and Europe as a performer and teacher." He has acted and directed frequently at the Black Box and Las Cruces Community Theatre. D'Ammassa teaches at the Creative Media Institute at New Mexico State University.

Granger "is a native New Mexican of indigenous ancestry," according to the website. "He

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the show would run for about an hour and 20 minutes, without an intermission. I didn't think about time again until the stage went dark and D'Ammassa and Granger took their bows.

These are two very gifted performers whose collective gift to the audience is a step out of time and away from the world. For nearly 90 minutes, there is no Trump, no Bernie, no Hillary; there is no ISIS,

no Putin, no Kim Jong-un. There is only the soft music, the sweet voice and the timeless tale.

D'Ammassa "is a theatrical actor who has also appeared on film and television," accord-

## Oscar shorts a pleasant potpourri of never-to-be-seen-again films

**Review by Jeff Berg**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

In a slight switch from recent years, the Mesilla Valley Film Society will be screening this year's Oscar nominees for short narrative films and documentaries, omitting the animated flicks.

Past years have seen MVFS offering the narratives with the animated short films, but do not fret; I only found one animated work worth watching this year.

The narratives include:

"**Stutterer:**" This is by far the best of the bunch and features a young man dealing with the issue offered in the film title. He has

been chatting with a young woman online for several months and she has asked to meet him in person, something that he has riveting second thoughts about.

"**Shok:**" In this very sad tale set during the Kosovo War, two boys are forced to deal with cowardly 'soldiers' who somehow think that bullying, threatening, and stealing from children makes them brave.

"**Ave Maria:**" Second place for best film goes to this raucous comedy which takes place at an oddly placed convent in Israel. A Jewish man and his family crash into a statue of the Virgin and the very funny ensuing antics parody

all manner of things from culture to religion to tradition, as the family seeks help from nuns who have a vow of silence.

"**Everything Will Be Okay:**" Another heavy drama, this one about a man who tries to kidnap his daughter during a messy divorce. A bit maudlin, say I.

"**Day One:**" In this moving little drama, based on a true story, a woman interpreter for the U.S. Army is forced into a position where she must try and honor culture, tradition and her duty as she attempts to help a pregnant

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# OSCARS

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woman whose husband is being arrested as a suspected fighter.

The documentaries all cover serious and heavy subjects, ranging from the Holocaust to Ebola.

They include:

**“Chau, Beyond the Lines:”** Thought the Vietnam “war” was over?

Think again, as you watch this heartbreaking but inspiring piece about a young Vietnamese man, Chau, who is striving to become an artist. However, thanks to the good old USA, Chau’s limbs are deformed from the use of 20 million gallons of chemicals such as Agent Orange that were dropped on the jungles of Vietnam. At once, we watch Chau as he works to sell his art, often painting by mouth, while seeing the horror perpetrated on the children that reside at the home where Chau lives.

**“Last Day of Freedom:”**

Although animated, this short work is in the documentary category, since it is based on the true story of a man who has to decide whether to turn in his brother, who may have murdered someone. The brother, a decorated Vietnam veteran, may ultimately face the death penalty if his brother bears witness against him.

**“Body Team 12:”** A

short-short film, this one tells the story of the only woman on a team of people who work to recover and remove the bodies of the victims of Ebola in Liberia.

**“Claude Lanzman: Spectres of the Shoah:”** In the

mid-1970s, Lanzman’s massive 10-hour documentary film about the Holocaust “Shoah” was released. Often seen as the best work ever done about those horrific events, Lanzman is interviewed in this film, explaining how and why he did the film and the reasons for doing so.

**“A Girl in the River: The Price of Forgiveness:”** This

eyebrow-raising work is the story of Suba, a young woman who was shot in the face by her uncle, after he and her father beat her because she was seeing a young man who is said to be “poorer” than Suba’s family. Shot, tossed into a bag and thrown in a river, the young Pakistani woman is able to

receive help, but then has to go to court and decide whether to uphold the archaic, sexist and ignorant ways of tradition and forgive the men, or to reclaim her life by shunning them and allowing them to go to prison where they belong. The best of the docs, say I.

The films aren’t bad and as usual there is a lot more drama than

there is lightness and gaiety, but all of these works have merit.

In case you are wondering, the best animated film, in my humble opinion, is “Bear Story.”

And, in case you were wondering even more, my thoughts for best picture, best foreign film and best animated film are: “The Revenant,” “Son of Saul” (coming in March to the Fountain)

and “Inside Out.” I’ve yet to see all of the foreign films, but “Saul,” as dark as night, will certainly be hard to beat.

And the grade for the Oscar shorts is.....B+

See these fine works at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla beginning Friday, Feb. 19. The program features a variety of languages and is nearly three hours in length.

# BUDDHA

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is a master of various instruments, combining Native American flute with musical traditions encompassing rock, jazz, mariachi, and more. Based in Las Cruces, he tours the U.S. as a solo musician and teacher.”

The final performances of “Killing Buddha” will be at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21. You can see the show’s “pre-quel,” “An Iliad,” at 8

p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20. If you can’t make it to both shows, no worries. You don’t have to see one to enjoy or understand the other.

Admission is \$12 for adults and \$10 for senior citizen ages 65 and over and for students. For reservations, call the Black Box Theatre at 523-1223 or visit [www.no-strings.org](http://www.no-strings.org).

The theatre is located at the north end of the downtown mall, at 430 N. Main St.

For more information visit [www.facebook.com/algernoniliad](http://www.facebook.com/algernoniliad).

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# Events Calendar

## FRI. 2/19

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

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

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

**7:30 p.m. La Rondella de Albuquerque presents "Viva La Cultura,"** Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Doña Ana Arts Council and Santa Fe's Spanish Colonial Arts Society come together for "Viva La Cultura," an evening of music with La Rondella de Albuquerque. La Rondella de Albuquerque is a vocal and instrumental ensemble making music from New Mexico, Mexico and Latin America come alive with harp, guitar, guitarrón, vihuela, jarana, mandolin, manjo-uke (mandolin, banjo and ukulele) and voice, under the musical direction of Otilio Ruiz de Xalapa of Veracruz, Mexico. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. All tickets are \$10 reserved seating, including all fees. Call 523-6403 or visit [www.riograndetheatre.com](http://www.riograndetheatre.com).

**7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Contra Dance**, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society, a nonprofit organization that sponsors dances and music jams, will hold a contra dance featuring music from Bayou Seco and Friends, a Silver City Band. Lonnie Ludeman will be calling. Lessons begin at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$6, youth discount \$1. Call 522-1691.

**8 p.m. Live saxophone and indie groove with Steve Selby**, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Principal. No cover. Call

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

## SAT. 2/20

**7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Daddy's Flea Market**, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide

variety of items will be available. Call 382-9404.

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

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

**9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Museum Rocks! Gem and Mineral Show**, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. This event, hosted and sponsored by the Friends of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, features more than 60 vendors from throughout the Southwest. The show brings together wholesale and resale dealers of both cut and uncut gemstones, rocks, minerals, fossils and meteorites. Educational displays and jewelry supplies are also part of the event. Another sponsor for the event is Frank Parrish. Admission is \$5 per person, age 5 and older. For more information about the show, contact Las Cruces Event Planning at 522-1232 or visit [www.lcmuseumrocks.com](http://www.lcmuseumrocks.com).

**10 a.m. Alma d'Arte Charter High School Choir**, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2154.

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

**10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Las Cruces Spanish Market**, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Santa Fe's Spanish Colonial Arts Society returns with its second annual Las Cruces Spanish Market, featuring more than 45 New Mexico artists showing and selling work in traditional Spanish Colonial forms including retablos, bultos, hide-paintings, colchas, tinwork, jewelry, weaving, pottery and more. Live traditional music and artist demonstrations will take place throughout the day. Tickets are \$6 individual or \$10 two, good for both days. Call 505-982-2226.

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

**11 a.m. Story Time**, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. -Mesilla St. Listen to a Thomas the Tank Engine book and enjoy a Thomas video while completing a related craft activity. Free. Call 647-4480.

**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. This week we will study Clyde Tombaugh and the dwarf planet Pluto. 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.

**1 p.m. "Prejudice and Pride,"** Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Join the Branigan Cultural Center for a screening of the fifth episode of "Latina Americans: 500 Years of History"

## PLAYBILL

### LAST CHANCE

#### An Iliad

Black Box Theatre  
430 N. Main St.  
Tickets \$10 to \$12  
523-1223  
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20

#### Killing Buddha

Black Box Theatre  
430 N. Main St.  
Tickets \$10 to \$12  
523-1223  
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19  
2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21

documentary series, "Prejudice and Pride." In the 1960s and 1970s, a generation of Mexican Americans, frustrated by persistent discrimination and poverty, find a new way forward, through social action and the building of a new "Chicano" identity. By the end of the 1970s Chicanos activism and identity have transformed what it means to be an American. Chicano and Latino studies are incorporated into school curriculum; Latinos are included in the political process. Free. Call 541-2154.

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

**8 p.m. Live music with singer-songwriters Chelsea Bridges and Fox, Box, Bear**, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Principal. No cover. Call

**8 to 11 p.m. Live music with Sean Lucy and friends**, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.


**8 p.m. "An Evening of Scenes, Songs and Stories,"** Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department students will perform "An Evening of Scenes, Songs and Stories" as a fundraiser to help students pay for an upcoming trip to San Angelo, Texas for the Kennedy Center's American College Theatre Festival. The evening will include the live stage performance, snacks and a meet and greet with the performers, who include Josh Horton, Aylin White, Cameron Lang, Nico Holguin, Veronica Bissell, Torrie Hughes, Tiffany Tyson and Alex Wheeler. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$10.

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

## SUN. 2/21

**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.



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**10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Las Cruces Spanish Market,** Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Santa Fe's Spanish Colonial Arts Society returns with its second annual Las Cruces Spanish Market, featuring more than 45 New Mexico artists showing and selling work in traditional Spanish Colonial forms including retablos, bultos, hide-paintings, colchas, tinwork, jewelry, weaving, pottery and more. Live traditional music and artist demonstrations will take place throughout the day. Tickets are \$6 individual or \$10 two, good for both days. Call 505-982-2226.

**2 p.m. LCAA Exploring Workshop,** Art on Easels Gallery, Community Enterprise Center, 125 N. Main St. Join the Las Cruces Arts Association (LCAA) and artists Brittainy Barnes, Karen Currier and Dennis Lujan for a workshop in which attendees will learn to draw and create designs on duck canvas, gourds and on copper. Free. Call 532-1046 or email [jacklsg1@gmail.com](mailto:jacklsg1@gmail.com).

**2 p.m. Bluegrass, country and folk music jam,** O'Donnell Hall, corner of Williams and Gregg Streets on the NMSU campus. All players are welcome. Free. Call 405-1290.

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

**3 p.m. New Horizons Symphony concert,** Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe Drive on the NMSU campus. The New Horizons Symphony introduces guest conductor Lizandro Garcia and French Horn soloist William Kuyper. Program includes "A Night on Bald Mountain," "Capriccio Espagnol," Mozart symphony No. 5 and Horn Concerto No. 3. Free. Visit [www.nhsocruces.com](http://www.nhsocruces.com).

**6 p.m. Judy Collins live in concert,** Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Doña Ana Arts Council continues its 2015-16 Variety Series with renowned singer-songwriter Judy Collins. Collins has inspired audiences with sublime vocals, boldly vulnerable personal life triumphs and a firm commitment to social activism. In the 1960s, Collins evoked both the idealism and steely determination of a generation united against social and environmental injustices. Five decades later, her luminous presence shines brightly as new generations bask in the glow of her iconic 50-album body of work, and heed inspiration from her spiritual discipline to thrive in the music industry for half a century. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., show time is 6 p.m. Tickets are \$42.50 for Main Floor reserved seats; \$32 for Balcony reserved seats; includes all fees. Call 523-6403 or visit [www.riograndetheatre.com](http://www.riograndetheatre.com).

**7 p.m. Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society presents Derrick Harris Band,** First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. For its monthly concert series MVJBS welcomes Derrick Harris Band. Cost is \$5 members, \$8 nonmembers and \$1 students with ID. Desert social begins at 6:30 p.m. Visit [www.mvjazz-blues.net](http://www.mvjazz-blues.net).

**MON. 2/22**

**6:30 p.m. Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meeting,** Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meets the second Monday of each month. There is a short business meeting followed by a

meeting of interest to quilters and guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Linnea Egbert at 521-0521 or [lascolcherasqq@aol.com](mailto:lascolcherasqq@aol.com).

**TUE. 2/23**

**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.

**WED. 2/24**

**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).

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

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

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

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

**THU. 2/25**

**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.

**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.

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

**FRI. 2/26**

**10 a.m. to noon, Coloring Club for Adults,** Las Cruces

Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. It's OK to color outside the lines or use unexpected colors! Coloring books for adults are among the top selling books in the country, and women all over the country are discovering the joy of Ladies Coloring Clubs. Be part of the fun at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum from 10 am to 12 noon on the second and fourth Friday of each month. Countless people are discovering that this is a fun way to recapture one of the joys of childhood in a safe and relaxing environment. Enjoy the companionship of other women who want to release their inner artist. Gentlemen are welcome, also, but no children, please. BYOB and C - Bring Your Own Book and Colored pencils, or use our materials. We will have a variety of pages ready to be colored, from simple pictures to intricate designs. Free. Call 647-4480.

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

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

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

**8 p.m. Live folk and Americana with Blue Gramas,** Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Principal. No cover. Call

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

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3:30-4:00	Beg Drum	\$2.00
4-4:30pm	Stretch & Slow	\$2.00
4:30-5:00	Hula	\$2.00
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# NMSU College of Education, Black Programs host Black History Month performances

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

The New Mexico State University College of Education and Black Programs will host several events this month recognizing Black History Month with cultural music performances.

The college's Dance Program and Black Programs will sponsor a performance by Soriba Fofana, director of the MORIA West African Dance & Drum Ensemble in New Mexico. The performance will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Corbett Center Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling 646-4067.

Fofana will host a dance workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 27, at the James B. Delamater Activity Center, 1600 Stewart Street, in Studio 229. He will also host a drumming workshop at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Cost of each workshop is \$10 a person. The performance and both workshops are open to the public.

Fofana is originally from the Susu tribe, which resides on the coastal region of Guinea, Conakry in West Africa. Fofana began studying with Ali Sylla of Les Percussions de Guinea and later with Morcire Camara of Percussion Wassa. He went on to become director of music for Per-



Cuban singer Danay Suarez will perform and host a workshop at New Mexico State University's Corbett Center as part of the Black History Month celebrations on campus.

cussion Wassa in Matam, Conakry in 2005. Fofana came to the United States in 2009 and began teaching and performing traditional music of Guinea at schools, festivals and workshops nationwide.

At 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, Cuban singer Danay Suarez will conduct a workshop and discussion on Cuban hip-hop at the Corbett Center Auditorium, presented by Soul Verse and NMSU Black Students Association. Hailing from Havana, Suarez has been called by the New York

Times "A voice of resilience and passionate self-invention." In 2013, she garnered headlines with her intelligent, thoughtful response to Jay-Z's "Open Letter" track, in which Suarez vividly paints a picture of the Cuba she knows with the nuanced wisdom of someone well beyond their years. Her recent career trajectory is indicative of limitless talent, having performed in 2015 at Summerstage in Central Park, New York City as well as the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC.



Soriba Fofana, director of the MORIA West African Dance & Drum Ensemble in New Mexico, will perform at New Mexico State University Thursday, Feb. 25, as part of the college's Black History Month programming. Fofana will also host workshops Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26-27.

The dual stage event will begin at 1 p.m. in Corbett Auditorium, with a workshop consisting of introductory student presentations, followed by a discussion on Cuban Hip Hop, ending with a Q&A session with Suarez. At 7 p.m. in the Corbett Center ballrooms, Suarez will perform an hour-long concert which will blend hip hop, jazz, reggae and traditional Cuban music into an unforgettable night for all to enjoy. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. for the workshop and 6 p.m. for the concert. Admission to both events is free.

Suarez's workshop and performance is also sponsored by ASNMSU, Residence Hall Asso-

ciation, International and Border Programs, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Hilton Garden Inn, American Indian Programs, Chicano Programs, the NMSU English Department, Counseling and Student Development, Pic Quik Stores, Interdisciplinary Studies, Department of Government, Center for Latin American and Border Studies, Keep Las Cruces Beautiful, the NMSU Honors College, CAMP Student Council, the NMSU Department of Anthropology, Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Spirit Winds Gift Source & Coffee Bar, Sunspot Solar Energy Systems and the M.O.D.

## 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

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

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1			6				4	7

### EXPERT

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9				8			5	
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### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER

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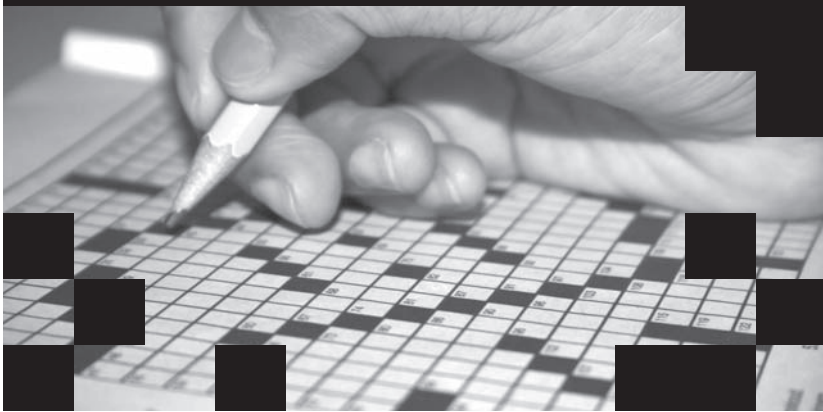
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8	2	3	4	5	7	1	9	6
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4	9	5	1	6	2	8	3	7

EXPERT

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

# BrainGames



## 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.

### THE BEST MONEY CAN BUY

- | ENGLISH      | SPANISH       |
|--------------|---------------|
| COSTLY       | COSTOSO       |
| ELABORATE    | ELABORADO     |
| FIRST CLASS  | PRIMERA CLASE |
| LAVISH       | PRÓDIGO       |
| LUXURIOUS    | LUJOSO        |
| MATCHLESS    | SIN IGUAL     |
| PLUSH        | AFELPADO      |
| SUPERIOR     | SUPERIOR      |
| SUPERLATIVE  | SUPERLATIVO   |
| SUPREME      | SUPREMO       |
| THE BEST     | LO MEJOR      |
| UNPARALLELED | SIN PAR       |

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RUORPEHTLÓCPEDL  
ORIORMSSUPREMEC  
BIRIÓOIOSPLUTLT  
AOERDLVSHOGISES  
LUPEIGAOPRÓDELR  
ESUPERLATIVEBLI  
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## Crossword Puzzles

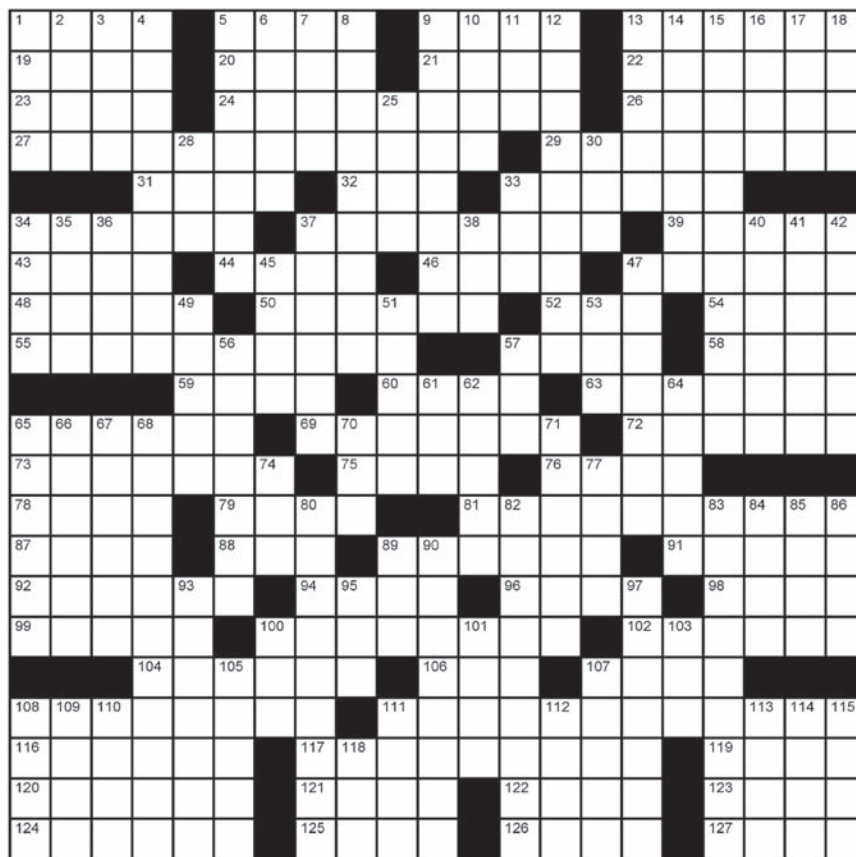
### Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

- | ACROSS                                       | DOWN                                      |
|--|---|
| 1 Incite hostility                           | 1 Lip _____                               |
| 4 "She loves __, yeah yeah yeah" The Beatles | 2 Casual contract                         |
| 5 Ignore someone                             | 3 Actor, Gooding                          |
| 6 Disencumber                                | 5 Downtrend                               |
| 9 Missouri river                             | 6 Roast type                              |
| 10 Disposed                                  | 7 Doctrine                                |
| 13 Purpose                                   | 8 Old Algerian ruler                      |
| 14 Dance                                     | 9 __ Galahad                              |
| 15 The 60's was a protest                    | 11 Place to hang your hat                 |
|  | 12 Skip _____                             |
| 17 Expression contemplating a tasty meal     | 14 Large liquid container                 |
| 19 Dental-drill part                         | 16 White-faced                            |
| 20 Source of illumination                    | 17 Thanksgiving spud                      |
| 22 Squealer                                  | 18 Cricket arbiter, for short             |
| 23 Bonzo                                     | 19 __ dev.                                |
| 24 Felt cap                                  | 21 Cover                                  |
| 25 Distress                                  | 22 Bull follower                          |
| 26 Goat hybrid                               | 24 Stimulate activity                     |
| 28 Strict                                    | 25 Novel                                  |
| 30 Area in Germany                           | 26 Cab fee                                |
| 31 Turn over a field                         | 27 Line about which a rotating body turns |
| 32 This agency investigates missing persons  | 28 Splash                                 |
| 35 Bright colored seed cover                 | 29 Mood                                   |
| 36 Eternity                                  | 30 Comment                                |
| 37 __ be surprised!                          | 31 Fruit                                  |
| 38 Board vote                                | 32 Quartet number                         |
| 39 H.Q.                                      | 33 Set fire to                            |
| 40 Belgian currency                          | 34 Promise at the altar                   |
| 41 Gift from the three wise men              | 37 Agreed!                                |
| 43 Synthetic thread                          | 39 Buddy                                  |
| 44 Bye bye                                   | 41 Skirts or BMW's                        |
| 45 Relaxation noise                          | 42 Talked a lot                           |
| 46 Michigan city, with Grand                 | 43 Shaggy-haired ox                       |
| 48 "Evan Almighty" vessel                    | 44 Golden state, for short                |
| 49 Resembling a wasp                         | 45 Mortgage with adjustable rate          |
| 51 Blackberry maker                          | 46 Speculate                              |
| 52 Kurt Russell in "Tombstone," first name   | 47 Ping-pong net skim                     |
| 54 Caspian, for one                          | 48 Feel bad                               |
| 55 Politician, for short                     | 49 Cry                                    |
| 56 Goes with hem                             | 50 Water, in French                       |
| 59 Squirrel's love                           | 51 Fungus disease (with dry)              |
| 60 Tawny, for example                        | 52 "Tommy" singers, The _____             |
| 61 Soggy food mixture                        | 53 Swerve off course                      |
| 63 Orchid necklace                           | 55 Baby dog                               |
| 64 __ muffs                                  | 58 Gawak                                  |
|  | 59 Black in Paris                         |
|  | 62 Untilled field                         |

### NO ZOO

- ACROSS**
- 100 Gets cozy
- 102 Stephen of the Supreme Court
- 104 Most pleasant
- 106 Balderdash!
- 107 2005 AL MVP
- 108 Inscription on a statue
- 111 Intentional out
- 116 Legal profession
- 117 Protein builder
- 119 Gumshoe's lead
- 120 Prove oneself capable of coping with
- 121 "Norma Rae" director
- 122 U.S. legislative body
- 123 Tropical nut tree
- 124 High regard
- 125 Intimate greeting
- 126 Patella's place
- 127 Cowboy's prod
- DOWN**
- 1 Bell sound
- 2 Frankenstein's gofer
- 3 Lotion ingredient
- 4 "Stormy Weather" singer
- 5 One way to cook pasta
- 6 Quantities of paper
- 7 Composer
- 8 Summertime refresher
- 9 Polaris
- 10 Singer Anita
- 11 Lacking brightness
- 12 Crop protector
- 13 False name
- 14 Carried the clubs
- 15 Surprise package
- 16 Polynesian tree
- 17 Spanish bears
- 18 Unit of power
- 25 Home decor company
- 28 Old French coin
- 30 Afore
- 33 Pizza order
- 34 Cavort
- 35 Iris part
- 36 Quarter-moon tide
- 37 Bay of \_\_
- 38 USSR hub
- 40 Stay
- 41 Familiarize with new conditions
- 42 Shall we be off?
- 45 Reclined
- 47 Spacecraft antechamber
- 49 Group of soldiers
- 51 Muse of poetry
- 53 Sony rival
- 56 Bullfighters
- 57 Somme summer
- 61 Hr. fraction
- 62 Italian friends
- 64 Expressed a preference
- 65 Pollard in "Bonnie and Clyde"
- 66 Celestial
- 67 Like a movie for persons over 17
- 68 Classroom contest
- 70 Breakfasted
- 71 Treats with malice
- 74 Clamor
- 77 "Rhyme Pays" rapper
- 80 Street banker
- 82 Tout's hangout
- 83 Cassette players
- 84 Channel marker
- 85 Willing companion?
- 86 Romanov ruler
- 89 "Brokeback Mountain" director Lee
- 90 Wandering bums
- 93 UAE constituent
- 95 Fanatic
- 97 Shorten
- 100 Cal. abbr.
- 101 Wacko
- 103 Mythical bird
- 105 Billiards shot
- 107 Kern tune, "\_\_\_ Romance"
- 108 To be, in Toulouse
- 109 Greek letters
- 110 Superlative suffix
- 111 Makes a lap
- 112 Image of a god
- 113 Dud
- 114 Humdinger
- 115 Twelvemonth
- 118 DI times II



### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

#### Word Salsa

ETORANERFRESE  
SOENTROMETSTSID  
APADAPAPUDLOHAI  
EOHYVALEDOTEPRZS  
CSESRITEMORTNEIE  
OQEPISUSPENDERD  
TICRARDINTEYALKKEA  
URBDAAPLAZARAFUS  
RTRESTERSENNOBES  
SAUMINDNEPSUSOTI  
IZTODISTURBIZIND  
DARIRIPMURRETNI  
OREAIPURRETNIOT  
TEPRENOPTSOPOTE

#### Diagramless

LEGATOMDEB  
CHAOSPOLO  
OCAFEEGISM  
ULTBIN  
FLUKYPLEAT  
FOLLIOLEASE  
LYINGOUNCE  
TECNA  
RNVAVIV  
MORES  
PINESAPAS  
WEAVESTOR  
ERNIERIMP  
EIDERADIEU  
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EVILSCARYHERON  
PENTSONARIMEAN  
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TIOSINSTEDNATRIT  
COHOS  
TAPEREDFDA  
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**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:**  
He must be a bigwig in business. Two very large companies are avidly pursuing him: Visa and MasterCard!



# 'Agnes of God' set for Feb. 19-20, 26-27 in Las Cruces

Toad Hall Theatre Company of Las Cruces presents the play "Agnes of God" by John Pielmeier in four performances in February at two Las Cruces locations.

Shows will be:

- Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19 and 20 at 7 p.m. at First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road, with a requested donation of \$5; and

- Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26 and 27 at 7 p.m. at Isabel M. Crouch Readers Theater, located on the east side of the speech building on the New Mexico State University campus, south of the Barnes & Noble bookstore. These two performances are free.

Toad Hall Theatre Company was founded by Ken Forestal, who retired last year from the University of Texas at El Paso Department of Psychology. He was a principal actor with El Paso's Shakespeare on the Rocks during more than 60 performances over a 10-year period. He directed this production of "Agnes of God."

AmyLynn Whipple stars as Agnes. She was seen most recently in NMSU's "Broadway Today" and also appeared in Toad Hall productions of "Pericles, Prince of Tyre" and "Medea."

Yvette Crofford plays Dr. Martha Livingston. She also appeared in "Medea" and in "The Women of Lock-

erbie" and "The Sisters Rosenweig" at the Black Box Theatre in Las Cruces, as well as "The Boys Next Door" at the El Paso Playhouse.

Nancy Clein Tafoya plays Mother Superior Miriam Ruth. She has performed in Las Cruces theatre for the past 15 years in "West Side Story," "Gypsy," "Look Homeward, Angel," "Barefoot in the Park," "Anyone for Murder," "Enchanted April," "Women of Lockerbie," "Pericles," "Medea" and other shows.

"Agnes of God" is the story of a novice in a convent (Agnes) who is accused of murdering her newborn child. Livingston is a court-appointed

psychiatrist who must determine Agnes's sanity and find out, despite interference from the mother superior, who fathered the baby and who killed it.

"Agnes of God" premiered on Broadway on March 30, 1982. Amanda Plummer won a Tony award as best actress in the play. Geraldine Page was also nominated for best actress. The play was made into a movie in 1985, earning Oscar nominations for Ann Bancroft as best actress in a leading role and Meg Tilly in a supporting role. Tilly won a Golden Globe for her performance.

For more information, contact Forestal at [kmforestal@yahoo.com](mailto:kmforestal@yahoo.com).

## Call to Artists

### Black Box Theatre holds 'Explorers Club' auditions Feb. 20

No Strings Theatre Company will hold auditions for "The Explorers Club," directed by Algernon D'Amassa, from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. No appointment is needed. Sides will be assigned at the audition and the actor will be given time to prepare.

Auditions will consist of readings from the script. A perusal copy is on reserve at the Research Help Desk at Branigan Memorial Library.

"The Explorers Club" is a madcap comedy with exaggerated comic characters set in 1879 London. Needed are six male actors, one in the age range 20s-30s, two in the range of 30s-40s, and three in roles of 50 and older. All ethnic backgrounds are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact D'Amassa at [nogate@gmail.com](mailto:nogate@gmail.com).

### LCCT accepting submissions for One-Act festival

Las Cruces Community Theatre is now accepting one-act/short play submissions for its 2016 One-Act

Play Festival, set for May 5-8. If you are a playwright and/or director and would like an opportunity to see your original work performed on stage, visit <http://lctnm.org> and download the director's application packet (click on the One-Act Play Festival tab) and submit the required items for consideration by our One-Act Play Committee.

Original short plays of less than 20 minutes in length are preferred. All submissions must be postmarked on or before Tuesday, March 1. Please include appropriate contact information and a self-addressed stamped envelope if you wish to have your script returned. Mail submissions to:

Erica Krauel, LCCT One Act Co-Chair, P.O. Box 7417, Las Cruces, NM 88006

In lieu of mailing, submissions may be dropped off to Autumn Gieb, LCCT One Act Co-Chair, at the Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St, from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday mornings.

### Branigan Cultural Center opens call for 2017 proposals

Branigan Cultural Center, located on Main Street Downtown with the Las Cruces Museum of Art and the Museum of Nature and Science, seeks proposals for exhibits with themes of cultural and historical significance to the Southwest to be presented in 2017. Branigan Cultural Center is accepting submissions from artists (solo and group), from formal and informal scholars and from cultural heritage organizations.

To apply, email your proposal to [bcc@las-cruces.org](mailto:bcc@las-cruces.org) no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 18. Proposals must include proposal and exemption forms which can be found at the BCC website, <http://tinyurl.com/bccall2017>.

For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/bccall2017> or stop by the museum and speak to the receptionist.

Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-2154.

### Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Nat'l Monument seeks artists

The Friends of Organ Mountains Desert Peaks and

the Bureau of Land Management announce a call to artists to apply for the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument Artist-in-Residence Program to take place during the month of May.

The Artist-in-Residence program educates and promotes the appreciation, protection and preservation of natural and cultural resources on public lands. The residency provides an artist the opportunity to interact with the public to better enhance the understanding of the public lands as well as the unique qualities an artist's eye can capture. Entries for the 2016 Spring Residency must be received via email on or before Monday, Feb. 29.

The Organ Mountains Desert Peaks National Monument was established May 21, 2014. As part of the National Conservation Lands System, the nearly 497,000 acres are some of the West's most iconic landscapes. The Bureau of Land Management manages the National Monument.

For more information, program details and application materials visit <http://organmountainsdesertpeaks.org/artist-in-residence>, or contact Ben Gabriel at 323-1423 or [info@organmtnfriends.org](mailto:info@organmtnfriends.org).

### Desert Roots Artists' Market and Gallery seeks artists

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

### Tombaugh Gallery seeks regional artists

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

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# 'Deadpool' raises stakes, wins big

Review by Zak Hansen  
Las Cruces Bulletin

There was no question "Deadpool" would be a hit.

In its opening weekend, Marvel's first venture into "adult" fare broke box office records with the highest opening weekend gross – topping \$152 million – for an R-rated feature, topping "The Matrix Reloaded" and last year's "Fifty Shades of Grey."

Much of it was canny marketing. The film's release was plotted carefully, spread virally and relied on the age-old technique of taboo. By staking the movie's future on its hard-R rating and playing up the "not for kids" angle to new heights, the producers of "Deadpool" all-but cemented its place on every tween's and teen's must-see list, even before a clip had surfaced. Nothing guarantees a packed house full of teens than telling them they shouldn't be there.

Clever manipulation of intentional reverse psychology, "Deadpool" is also very good; it's fast, funny, fourth-wall breaking and heavily post-modern as much as it is profane, puerile and ultra-violent, gleefully reveling in its naughtiness from the first frames.

And what first frames. Its opening credits, hyper-ironically set over the dulcet tones of Juice

Newton's "Angel of the Morning," acknowledge its creators and stars not with their names, but their stations – we have Some Hot Chick, A British Villain, A Moody Teen and, as star Ryan Reynolds' People Magazine "Sexiest Man Alive" drifts across the screen, God's Perfect Idiot. Directed by An Overpaid Tool and written by The Real Heroes Here, "Deadpool" sets its cheeky, self-referential tone and sticks with it.

During these credits, we see again a hit Marvel trick – a lone camera drifting ethereally through swirling, super-slow-motion chaos, a la Evan Peters' Quicksilver in "X-Men: Days of Future Past" – recast with Deadpool (Reynolds, masked for the duration) mid-highway assault, adding insult to injury, his crotch in one henchman's face, giving another a wedgie as their black SUV splinters and screeches through the air.

Time snaps back into motion, and "Deadpool" begins with a bang, jumping back a few minutes to the start of simply one of the best highway action sequences I've seen in years as Deadpool wreaks havoc on a convoy of vehicles. Throughout, our "hero" – he heavily stresses the opposite – offs his foes in the most horrific ways; baddies are shot, stabbed,



A masked Ryan Reynolds stars as the titular anti-superhero in "Deadpool," Marvel's first foray into R-rated work, now playing at Allen Theatres.

beaten, dismembered, beheaded, skewered like shish kabobs, left splattered and dripping from traffic signs, none without the requisite expletive-filled one-liner as their last rites.

This opening sequence serves as a fitting frame, as Deadpool breaks the fourth-wall mid-action to address us, the viewer, explaining backwards his origins – former Special Forces op turned fist-for-hire mercenary Wade Wilson, riddled with cancer then Freddy Kruegered by a torturous medical experiment giving him advanced healing powers – his target, Ajax, (British Villain Ed Skrein) who made him that way – and the dissolution of his relationship with former escort Vanessa (Hot Chick Morena Baccarin) that resulted.

This backstory is sur-

prisingly well-rounded, with grounded characters, a sincere, loving, though unconventional, romantic relationship and even hints of real emotional depth, but don't worry; "Deadpool" never languishes long on the serious stuff, opting instead for a nonstop cavalcade of killing, cursing and mile-a-minute gags, not all of which land. It's a "see what sticks" approach, and with writers Rhett Reese and Paul Wernick handling the script, much of it does. Jokes fly by faster than you can catch them, and many of them will fly over target audiences' heads.

"Deadpool" also shows from the get-go a dedication to deconstruction as other recent genre films – Wernick's and Reese's earlier collaboration "Zombieland" did this as a horde of zombie flicks overran the multiplex – and spends plenty of time toying with its very existence. The metal-skinned Russian Colossus (Stefan Kapicic) and the angsty, appropriately named Negasonic Teenage Warhead (Brianna Hildebrand) make an appearance in an effort to bring Deadpool into the X-Men fold, but he stands stoi-

cally beside his barbaric ways. As they urge him to meet with Professor X, he responds "Stewart or McAvoy – these timelines are confusing." This self-awareness is paraded throughout.

All this chaos is held together by Overpaid Tool/Director Tim Miller, a creative director and visual effects artist who won an Oscar for his animated short "Gopher Broke" in 2005 before tackling the opening sequences of "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" and "Thor: The Dark World." It's a big leap to director, and Miller seems more than capable with a clear forte in visual flair. For a superhero movie, especially one as designedly madcap as this, "Deadpool" is remarkably well-directed, mixing patiently composed shots with plenty of the requisite quick-cutting.

"Deadpool" balances surprisingly well its overt, occasionally oppressive dedication to being "bad." It's a razor's edge to walk, but for the most part it stays well within positive territory, only sometimes drifting into the "look at me, I'm being so naughty" of classroom pranksters,

Family Guy fans, Confederate flag fliers and online SJW-haters who trot out the First Amendment as an excuse for poor taste. Deadpool certainly lacks filter and "says what's on his mind," making him if nothing else a fitting anti-hero for an election cycle like this one.

That said, the bulk of Deadpool's ire, not to mention firepower, falls on everyone but the innocent. He's a bad guy who does things to worse people, usually for money, and he loves what he does. It may pride itself on its crudity, but under an encyclopædia of four-letter words, a few thousand pounds of viscera, crates of spent shells and more than a few hundred gallons of blood, "Deadpool" might have a heart after all.

Intentionally not for kids – so, squared directly at them – "Deadpool" is a bloody, irreverent and ribald ride from start to finish, elevated by some surprising self-awareness.

And. Good luck, kids; bearded and in my third decade, I still had to show ID for a ticket.

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## DEADPOOL

Rated: R

Running time: 108 minutes

Starring: Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin

Director: Tim Miller

## Film Review

Decidedly not for kids, "Deadpool" is a violent, antagonistic, irreverent and ribald ride from start to finish, elevated by some surprising self-awareness, a welcome entry in an overpopulated field.

Grade  
B

# Duck in, pig out at The Munch Box

By Zak Hansen  
Las Cruces Bulletin

After a decade-some in kitchens and restaurants, I could always spot a washout their first night, and David Romero was no washout.

Nearly a decade ago, I worked with Romero – then 16, maybe 17 – for a few months in the back of the house at a pop-

ular yet nameless Mesilla restaurant. His first night, he came in, introduced himself and went diligently to work – the sole indicator we'd found that anyone would last.

Months passed and Romero left the dishwasher, moving to prep work and line cooking. Meanwhile, I was presented with an offer I couldn't refuse: my NMSU graduation pending, my then-manager – you

may have seen him on TV – gave me a choice between, in his words, “school or your career” following a day-off request for my commencement.

Can you guess which I chose?

My exit was unceremonious, shall we say, and years passed until I ran into Romero nursing a beer on the patio of Pecan Grill and Brewery. What had he been up to all these years? Cooking his ass off, turns out.

Fleeing the same sinking ship, Romero spent a few years cooking his way through Mesilla and Las Cruces, with stints at Josefina's Gate, Paisano Café, Meson de Mesilla, Main Street Bistro and Ale House and Texas Roadhouse among them, before skipping town for culinary school at Le Cordon Bleu in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Three years later, following gigs in Arizona, Romero returned to southern New Mexico

Marked in neon in the truck's window, The Munch Box offers fare similar to that of the other food trucks in town – in that it is completely unique.

Romero can be added to the growing list of locals exploring the further reaches of cuisine, dissatisfied with the banality that often plagues cooks and chefs at big-chain and brick-and-mortar restaurants. Put simply, cooks want to cook and frankly, locally, the food truck revolution is the only game in town.

Romero, like his peers, keeps it simple but sophisticated, sumptuous but unpretentious. Dishes need four or five elements, tops. Ingredients are minimal but high quality. Often employing only their owner/operator and perhaps a Saturday sous chef, food truckers are wholly self-sufficient. Paper a la carte trays and plastic ware have a way of dispatching pretense.

If you hadn't caught the hint in the truck's slogan – “duck in, pig out” – Romero prides himself on two of his signature items – Duck Tacos and The Pig Mac.

The Duck Tacos, an outgrowth of Romero's culinary school days where he first discovered his love of duck, are loaded with rich, tender, fatty meat and topped with razor-thin slices of fresh jalapeño, sautéed onions and his own berry BBQ sauce, a classic barbecue recipe with strawberries in place of the traditional

ketchup base. The sweetness of the sauce aside the jalapeño heat pair excellently with the salt and savory tastes of the well-cooked duck breast.

Romero's other go-to, the Pig Mac, is a bit more familiar – crisp-outside, juicy-inside hamburger patty topped with bacon, cheese, sautéed onions with all the fixins – made subtly new topped with house-made jalapeño mayo.

On the ever-evolving menu during my stop at The Munch Box two weeks ago, Romero also had available his Bleu Onion Burger (bleu cheese, bacon and home-

made red-onion jam), Quesadilla Burger (topped with cheese, avocado and jalapeño), Borracho Tacos (chicken or beef simmer-cooked in beer until it falls apart, served with cabbage, avocado and a spicy crème fraiche) and his In Da Club sandwich – “a bad-ass, hyped-up club sandwich with

ham, tomato, sautéed onions, bacon, cheese, mustard and jalapeño mayo,” Romero said, his obvious passion for food evident in his words.

Other favorites out of the past you can expect to see back at the Box are fish tacos – fresh cod beer-battered and deep fried, served with coleslaw made with from-scratch tartar sauce – and a brisket sandwich built on grill-charred flatbread and topped with blue cheese Romero has dubbed the Black and Blue.

For now, Romero is set on making his location outside of Martin Tire – a high-traffic, high-visibility area in the center of town – his permanent weekday spot; you can catch him there for lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. For a weekend fix, The Munch Box currently spends Saturday mornings at Las Cruces Motorsports, 2125 S. Valley Drive. Be on the lookout for The Munch Box at upcoming Food Truck Fiestas, too, joining the rest of Las Cruces' mobile culinary pioneers at 5 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at Tractor Supply Co., 1440 W. Picacho Ave.

Visit The Munch Box on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TheMunchBoxLC](http://www.facebook.com/TheMunchBoxLC) for hours, locations, specials, even good memes – kid has memes as solid as his food.

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*Mesilla Valley Concert Band* Sunday, February 28, 3:00PM  
NMSU Atkinson Hall  
FREE Admission

The Mesilla Valley Concert Band is pleased to present another free concert on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at the Atkinson Recital Hall in the Music Center at NMSU. In addition to a favorite Sousa march, special band numbers will include Shostakovich's “Folk Dances”, conducted by our own Jim Young; Andrew Boysen's beautiful love song “Song for Lyndsay”, conducted by Centennial HS band director Joseph Flores; and several other exciting pieces conducted by our own John Schutz will round out the program. As an added treat, the concert will include special guest ensemble, The El Paso Brass. The El Paso Brass has been performing regularly since its founding over 40 years ago. The quintet includes key members of the El Paso Symphony Orchestra and other distinguished musicians from the Southwest. You'll not want to miss this very entertaining performance on the 28<sup>th</sup>.



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# AtTheMovies

## Coming soon on DVD Feb. 23

**The Good Dinosaur**  
 Rated: PG  
 Genre: Family, comedy  
 Starring: John Lithgow, Frances McDormand (voices)  
 Director: Pete Sohn

**My All American**  
 Rated: PG  
 Genre: Family, drama  
 Starring: Aaron Eckhart, Finn Wittrock  
 Director: Angelo Pizzo

**Secret in Their Eyes**  
 Rated: PG-13  
 Starring: Crime, drama  
 Starring: Julia Roberts, Chiwetel Ejiofor  
 Director: Billy Ray

**Spotlight**  
 Rated: R  
 Genre: Drama  
 Starring: Mark Ruffalo, Michael Keaton  
 Director: Thomas McCarthy

## Top-grossing Feb. 12-15

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| <b>1</b> <b>Deadpool (Week No. 1)</b><br>\$152,193,853               | <b>6</b> <b>The Revenant (Week No. 8)</b><br>\$7,584,844  |
| <b>2</b> <b>Kung Fu Panda 3 (Week No. 3)</b><br>\$25,913,745         | <b>7</b> <b>Hail, Caesar! (Week No. 2)</b><br>\$7,373,595 |
| <b>3</b> <b>How to Be Single (Week No. 1)</b><br>\$19,904,293        | <b>8</b> <b>The Choice (Week No. 2)</b><br>\$5,824,204    |
| <b>4</b> <b>Zoolander 2 (Week No. 1)</b><br>\$15,881,410             | <b>9</b> <b>Ride Along 2 (Week No. 5)</b><br>\$5,086,945  |
| <b>5</b> <b>Sar Wars: The Force Awakens (Week No. 9)</b> \$7,640,691 | <b>10</b> <b>The Boy (Week No. 4)</b><br>\$3,573,519      |

# Picking the Flicks



Movie information from [www.rottentomatoes.com](http://www.rottentomatoes.com). Movie reel based on a 5-point scale.

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



**The Finest Hours**   
 Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** The Coast Guard heads out on a dangerous rescue mission when a blizzard destroys two oil tankers at sea off the coast of Cape Cod in 1952.  
**Starring:** Chris Pine, Holliday Granger  
**Director:** Craig Gillespie  
**Director:** Trevor Wall



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



**Ride Along 2**   
 Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** With his wedding day approaching, Ben heads to Miami with soon-to-be brother-in-law James to take down a drug kingpin with a hold on Atlanta.  
**Starring:** Kevin Hart, Ice Cube  
**Director:** Tim Story



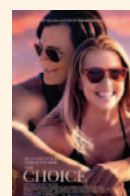
**Deadpool**   
 Rated: R  
**Plot Overview:** A Special Forces op turned mercenary undergoes an experiment giving him advanced healing powers, taking on the alter ego Deadpool.  
**Starring:** Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin  
**Director:** Tim Miller



**How to be Single**   
**Plot Overview:** New Yorkers Alice, Robin, Lucy, Meg, Tom and David all have in common the need to learn how to be single in a world filled with ever-evolving definitions of love.  
**Starring:** Dakota Johnson, Rebel Wilson  
**Director:** Christian Ditter



**The Choice**   
 Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A young couple meets in a quaint coastal town, entering a relationship strained by the most defining moments of their lives.  
**Starring:** Alexandra Daddario, Benjamin Walker  
**Director:** Ross Katz



**Hail, Caesar!**   
 Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A 1950s Hollywood "fixer" Eddie Mannix keeps cast and crew in line, before hitting the trail of a disappeared star.  
**Starring:** Josh Brodin, George Clooney  
**Director:** Joel and Ethan Coen



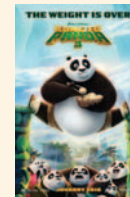
**Pride and Prejudice and Zombies**   
 Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** In a twist on Jane Austen's novella, heroine Elizabeth Bennet taps her mastery of martial arts and weaponry to eliminate the zombie scourge ravaging Britain.  
**Starring:** Lily James, Sam Riley



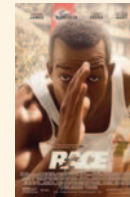
**Zoolander 2**   
 Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** Back to modeling, Derek Zoolander and Hansel take on a company that's pushing them out of the business.  
**Starring:** Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson  
**Director:** Ben Stiller



**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



**Race**  
 Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** Jesse Owens is thrust onto the world stage at the 1964 Olympics, facing off against the Germans and Adolf Hitler's vision of Aryan supremacy.  
**Starring:** Stephan James, Jason Sudekis  
**Director:** Stephens Hopkins  
**OPENS FRIDAY, FEB. 19**



**Risen**  
 Rated: PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** Following the Biblical story of the Resurrection through the eyes of a nonbeliever, Clavius and aide Lucius are tasked with finding out what happened to Jesus after the crucifixion.  
**Starring:** Joseph Fiennes, Tom Felton  
**Director:** Kevin Reynolds  
**OPENS FRIDAY, FEB. 19**



**The Witch**  
 Rated: R  
**Plot Overview:** A 1930s New England family falls victim to the forces of possession, witchcraft and black magic.  
**Starring:** Anya Taylor-Joy, Ralph Ineson  
**Director:** Robert Eggers  
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# Galleries & Openings

## OPENING

**CAMINO TATTOO AND FINE ART GALLERY** presents 'To Know through Movement,' an art exhibition featuring work from Las Cruces artists Michael Poncé, Sydney Roper, Deret Roberts, Saba and Lea WiseSurguy-Sophiliazo, curated by Michelle Lanteri. Said Lanteri, "The exhibition considers all realms of accumulating knowledge through movement. It explores the experiential nature of movement in art practice, be it spiritual, intellectual, physical, psychological or emotional. In this show, we are looking at the artist's journey of making a work, as both a way of being and a series of movements to understand his or her questions about life." "To Know through Movement" opens with a reception from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, and will remain on display through March 26.

Camino Tattoo and Fine Art Gallery is located at 501 E. Hadley Ave. Regular hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 523-1012 or visit <http://caminotattoostudio.com>.

## LAST CHANCE

**TOMBAUGH GALLERY** presents, along with Branigan Cultural Center, the For the Love of Art Month ArtForms Member Exhibit 'Here & There' featuring work from ArtForms Artists Association of New Mexico members. Comprised of photographs, fractal art, paintings, sculpture and more, the exhibition reflects the diverse membership of ArtForms Artists Association of New Mexico, which includes professional artists, art enthusiasts, business owners, hobbyists, retirees, students, and teachers. 'Here & There' remains on display through Friday, Feb. 26.

Tombaugh Gallery is located inside the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and by appointment. For more information, call 522-7281.

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

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

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

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

## ONGOING

**UNSETTLED GALLERY** presents a collaborative exhibit showcasing the photo-intaglio prints of artists Louis Ocepek and Mary Wolf in "Tableaux Parisiens." The work in "Tableaux Parisiens" reflects each artist's individual views and experiences gathered by walking the city of Paris over a 20-year period. Wolf said, "Intertwined in the work are our different perspectives of the vistas, architecture, people and objects we discovered." Photo-intaglio prints in the exhibit include images of the city's metro system, cultural and public space, the small immigrant neighborhood La Goutte d'Or ("Drop of Gold") a Romanian gypsy circus found in the 11th Arrondissement, and images of museums, cemeteries and daily life on the street. "Tableaux Parisiens" will remain on display through March 5.

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.

**ART OBSCURA GALLERY** presents 'Monochaotic,' an exhibit featuring work from 13 of Las Cruces' best artists – Noah MacDonald, Michael Poncé, James McVann, Philip McVann, Crook, Sam Ross, Woar2, Joshua Flores, Rafael Torres, Mama Cass, Aaron Valenzuela, Logan Howard and Deret Roberts' displaying work in black and white. 'Monochaotic' will remain on display through the first weekend in March.

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 informa-

tion, call 494-7256.

**LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART** presents 'Graphicanos: Contemporary Latino Prints from the Serie Project,' featuring serigraph prints from the archives of the Fort Wayne Museum of Art in Fort Wayne, Texas, by Latino artists exploring cultural issues of the Latino community throughout the United States. The Serie Project, a nonprofit organization founded by Sam Coronado in 1993 in Austin, Texas, promotes the fire art of serigraphy. In the past two decades, the organization has fostered over 250 artists from different professional levels and ethnic backgrounds, who together have produced a rare and special collection of serigraphs reflecting the Mexican American and Latino experience in the United States. "Graphicanos" will remain on display through Saturday, April 2.

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.

**BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER** presents 'Reflections: African-American Life from the Myrna Colley-Lee Collection,' which tells a story of community and place through a selection of paintings, photographs, textile pieces, and works on paper from the collection of renowned costume designer and arts patron, Myrna Colley-Lee. The imagery in "Reflections" focuses primarily on narrative works and landscapes of everyday life, past and present, and includes such noted artists as Elizabeth Catlett, Romare Bearden, Gwen Knight, Betye Saar, James Van Der Zee, and Eudora Welty. Thoughtfully co-curated by René Paul Barilleaux and Susan Lloyd McClamroch, and organized by International Arts & Artists, 'Reflections' allows viewers to connect the strong tradition of storytelling by African Americans, with the sense of place that is largely unique to Southerners. 'Reflections' will remain on display through April 2.

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

**QUILLIN-STEPHENS GALLERY** presents something completely different during the February First Friday Downtown Art Ramble. Artist Dani Anderson experiments in a variety of media but will be showing her acrylic-on-canvas paintings on canvas that is highly textured, saturated with color and filled with found objects, polymer clay, copper foil and anything else she visualizes as she creates intriguing abstract shapes and designs. Anderson's work will remain on display through the end of the month.

Quillin-Stephens Gallery is located behind COAS Books at 317 N. Main St. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, call 312-1064.

**BIG PICTURE DIGITAL IMAGE EXPERTS AND GALLERY** presents 'Conglomerations!' from fine artist Wall Batterton. Batterton has exhibited from Mexico City to Chicago, Los Angeles to Santa Fe and parts in between.

He is a multi-media and mixed media artist. In 'Conglomerations!,' Batterton exhibits his collages and face sculptures. He uses each medium to make a unique statement about his view of the world at large. "From modern left-over stuff and salvaged wood scraps, I watched the faces evolve into an endless variety of human-like expressions. They are my modern tribute to our ancestral primitive art that is still present all over the world," he said. "My collages are expressions of my view of the world condition – the mounting-frenzied-over-populated world, crazed by wars, the planet's rampant groups, religious ferment and downright mental desperation. 'Conglomerations!' will remain on display through the end of February.

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

**MESQUITE ART GALLERY** presents the work of Deming sculptor Claudia Dennee, who makes wonderful use of found bones, skulls, wood and more. Her pieces are composed of mixed media including wood, bone, paper and metal. She finds mesquite and bone in the desert surrounding her home. They are incorporated in the design by extensive carving, gluing, paper, leather and metal application and painting. "I am inspired by myth, fairy tale, and natural surroundings," Dennee said. "Animal behavior often informs my pieces. In addition, cross-cultural and archaeological records are often referenced." Dennee's work will remain on display through the end of February.

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.

**ART ON EASELS GALLERY**, located inside the Community Enterprise Center, features the work of Las Cruces Arts Association (LCAA) members during the month of February.

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

**MAIN STREET BISTRO & ALE HOUSE** presents in celebration of Las Cruces' For the Love of Art Month the work of Las Cruces Arts Association members during the month of February in a collection called 'Art We Love,' also on display at the LCAA Art on Easels Gallery, just down the way inside the Community Enterprise Center at 125 N. Main St.

Main Street Bistro & Ale House is located at 139 N. Main St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 524-5977.

## GALLERIES

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**MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY** features two local artists for the month of February, Patricia Black and Meredith Loring. Black's work in watercolor paintings and crafted detailed gourd work range from realistic to dynamic. Her love of color is evident in her work. Loring combines her lifelong love of fabric and needle crafts with her artistic vision of developing objects and materials to be reborn into new forms. In addition, the 30 artists of the Gallery offer art in many media's, which include original paintings, acrylics, pastels, fused glass art jewelry, unique one of a kind woodturning objects, stained glass, photography, mixed media, unusual decorated gourds, handmade textile weavings, art tile, affordable natural quality gems stone jewelry, prints, cards, miniature paintings and hand-crafted basket weavings.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933.

**MAS ART** presents work from members of the New Mexico Watercolor Society, collected in an exhibit titled 'For the Love of Spring' and celebrating For the Love of Art Month, through the end of February.

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.

**CAFÉ DE MESILLA** presents an exhibit of work from members of the Las Cruces Arts Association for the months of January and February – For the Love of Art month. In 'Art We Love,' members of the LCAA celebrate For the Love of Art Month in Las Cruces will a collection of their favorite work. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of February.

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

**AA STUDIOS** presents 'Dreams from the Desert,' an exhibit of new ceramics and wall constructions by Las Cruces artist Christina Campbell. Campbell is a New Mexico artist who experiments with different media, including painting, drawing and ceramics. Much of her inspiration comes from the Southwestern landscape and dream images. Her imagery



reflects plant and mineral forms, ranging from tiny seed pods to monolithic stone formations. Water is also a recurring element. Cambell has shown extensively in the U.S. and has had eight large one person exhibits. Locally, she has shown with the Border Artists and as part of the 'State of the Art' exhibit at the New Mexico State University Art Gallery inside D.W. Williams Hall in NMSU. Campbell has served as a past board member for ArtForms and The

Bridge Center for the Arts in El Paso. She is also a member of 'The Insighters,' an art group in Las Cruces with a metaphysical focus. 'Dreams from the Desert' will remain on display through the end of February.

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

**NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM** presents in its north corridor 'In a Nutshell: Growing Nuts in New Mexico,' an exhibit centered on nuts grown here in the Land of Enchantment. Few crops are more diverse and individually tied culturally and economically to the various geographic areas of New Mexico's bountiful nut crops. Each of the state's top nuts – piñon, peanuts, pecans and pistachios – has its own story to tell about how and

why it is grown and harvested. The exhibit covers everything from the definition of a nut to its health benefits. In between is a fascinating look at the history, research and uses as well as growing and harvesting techniques. 'In a Nutshell' will remain on display through Sept. 25.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Local author shares faith-inspiring tale in new novel

Author Paul Duerksen announces the nationwide release of his new book, "The Pilgrim's Journey," in which he shares an incredible depiction of the journey taken when following Christ.

In the spirit of John Bunyan, author Duerksen starts his story, "The Pilgrim's Journey," with a man who wanders aimlessly, uncertain of any worthwhile destination. But an unseen, unknown God sends him help in various ways to put him on the trail to the ultimate confrontation: a meeting with his final savior and judge, Jesus Christ.

Travel with this new pilgrim as he learns the true path of salvation through trial, tribulation and grace.

Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, the book is available through bookstores nationwide, from the publisher at [www.tate-publishing.com/bookstore](http://www.tate-publishing.com/bookstore), or by visiting [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

Duerksen is a retired preacher who lives in southern New Mexico. He has been writing stories and poems since high school.

His work ranges from plays and short fictional stories to novels and nonfiction (sermons and devotionals), but his greatest love is fiction. He is married and has three grown children.

When not working part-time at a local United Methodist Church, he enjoys gardening almost as much as writing.

# Life without religion: A pipe nightmare

This political season clearly demonstrates that people are angry. It is a kind of "free floating anger" that hovers out there like a dark cloud upon the future. I have been watching the debates on both sides of the political spectrum and see that the cloud is the evaporative stuff distilled from the economy, and a kind of anxiety concerning our struggles among the world's community of nations, the future of our nation's security, the hemorrhaging of our borders and a variety of other issues that have made us into a nation of nervous ninnies waiting for the dark cloud to begin raining havoc on our spoiled society.

All of this is an external manifestation of the internal nervousness in America based upon a true lack of trust in governmental authority. That lack of trust is rooted in the fact that governmental authority is based upon human propensities to be, in the end, self-serving. The illusive concept of the "separation of church and state" has bullied and cut the roots of freedom which are grounded in a kind of truth written into our hearts. The "separation of church and state" has devolved into the separation of culture and conscience which has given birth to the development of a societal norm that says political power and decision making has nothing to do with morality. At its worst, this concept has given rise to the killing of the unborn, the acceptance of publicly unacceptable behavior among politicians on



Rev. Mr. Tom Baca  
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both sides.

Some might say that religion and morality is cause for us to be "judgmental." Well, judgement presumes the existence of law. Laws written down by man in the context of politically defined boundaries presume an underlying conscience. And existentially, the concept of conscience makes no sense without a kind of built in moral compass, laws written in our hearts if you will, a DNA key to what is good and what is evil.

My point is that we have segmented our political issues and concerns. We have prioritized them so that there is an ordered list of the most important societal concerns bottoming out at the lowest — the things that are worth bargaining for or bargaining away. The elected officials are only reflections of ourselves so that they too have their lists and the lower elements of that list are expendable in the quest to achieve their own priorities.

The problem that I have eluded to thus far is that most of the time the sequestering of religion from the decision equation has rendered us a list that invariably has the moral issues at the bottom. We saw this as Congress, and a Republican one at that, left on Christmas recess after approv-

ing a host of bills one of which was the approval for continuation of the funding of Planned Parenthood, the nation's abortion mill. In other words, they threw in the towel not wanting a government shutdown because of the inconvenience to them in that it would keep them from going home and enjoying the Christmas Holiday. They saw the funding of abortion as a "political chip" in the card game of issues all of which to some degree are expendable, even those with moral consequences. But of course if you separate morality and the existential moral compass from the process of influencing the decisions of other people, it is likely that the sterilized choices of those people will in fact be immoral.

The problem with that is history has shown that a society devoid of the moral compass will eventually itself devolve into a society of immoral decisions made in a context of a pseudo freedom that will invariably result in the end of that society. What is the color of your morality? You cannot have a true "black lives matter" movement, or a "freedom for all movement," or a "just society" movement without knowing that "moral lives" matter more than any. They are the lives that are the bastion of true freedom from a world of chaos, hatred, greed, inequality and ultimately war. In the end, the key to true peace is the influence of morality, conscience and its bearer, religion, on society. Society without religion is a utopian man-made pipe nightmare.

## Orthodox Bishop to visit Las Cruces

Bishop Daniel of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church will make his annual episcopal visitation to St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, 518 N. Alameda, on the weekend of February 26-28. The community is invited to join the church for several events:

Saturday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m., Bishop Daniel will meet with the Model UN group from New Mexico State University at the church; he will be discussing Ukraine and inviting questions and answers about the recent issues there.

Seminarian Ivan Hlukhaniuk, who has recently come from

Ukraine to the U.S. to study at our seminary will accompany Bishop Daniel.

Saturday, Feb. 27 at 5 p.m. Bishop Daniel will attend Vespers (Evening Prayer) and then converse at a potluck supper after.

There will be a media presentation on the orphanages we support in the Ukraine. The public is invited to attend.

On Sunday, Feb. 28, Bishop Daniel will preside at the Divine Liturgy, which will be followed by a potluck luncheon to which the public is invited.

For information, contact Fr. Gabriel at 323-1038.

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# Buddy Day

Hagen Williams shows his approval for a comfortable sit in the grass.



Hagen Williams, left, and Owen Riggs enjoy a ball pit play area.

Down syndrome Families of Las Cruces presents Buddy Day to celebrate World Down syndrome Day. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 5 at Pioneer Park, the group presents a free family event with jumpers, games, face painting, magician, clowns, music, volleyball and much more. A variety of local businesses will have booths, concessions will be available and raffle tickets will be sold with all profits going to Down Syndrome Families of Las Cruces.



Kassidy Lask holds Brelynn Hamberg while Hagen Williams waves from his mom Christine Williams' arms.

Brelynn Hamberg, left, spends time with a furry friend.

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## Building a New Mexican house, one step at a time

By **Susie Ouder Kirk**  
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Imagine for a moment the quintessential American dream. It usually includes a cozy house with a white picket fence, a loyal dog and two-point-five children playing on the emerald green lawn while mom and dad sip lemonade from the shady front porch, waving to neighbors passing by. It's no different in southern New Mexico. Well, ok. It's a little different in southern New Mexico. Down here we don't often see the archetypal two-story wooden clapboard house, constructed from old-forest oak to withstand thousands of pounds of winter snow and angry, driving rain.

New Mexicans are far more likely to envision their dream home as an earthy, Pueblo-style structure with soft, radial lines, gentle vigas peeking out from thick adobe walls and a view of the Organ Mountains. Whatever your taste in houses, they all have one thing in common: construction starts from the ground and goes up.

Over the next several months, the Bulletin will be chronicling the building of a house from start to finish, sharing with our readers the process — the good and the bad, warts and all. If all goes according to plan, the house will be ready for its new family in August, and you, gentle reader, will come along for the ride.



PHOTO BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK

This location was chosen for its spectacular views of the Organ Mountains. Join us as we watch this house come to life from the ground up.

So this week I give you the lot on which the house will be built.

Obviously this lot was chosen for its exceptional view of the Organ Mountains, which builder Daniel Kolson of Homes of the Southwest by Kolson, insisted be a top priority. Home designer Steve Calderazzo and Kolson are resolved to keep as much of the natural terrain as possible with minimal damage to the

native flora making its home on the 2.5-acre lot. And with this series of articles, they will be closely watched.

Kolson searched for the location of this build for months, turning down several sites in the process, just waiting for the one lot with the perfect view.

Now that he found what he was looking for, the unsexy part of building a dream home begins.

“Right now we’re finalizing plans for approval, which should take about two weeks,” Kolson explained. The subdivision, of which this lot is a part, is in “phase one,” he said, which means the houses being built here are in the first third of the total number planned.

Kolson drew up a basic plan on lined school paper, handed it to Calderazzo, emailed him several pictures of houses he liked of the same style, and

then let the artist do the rest, by hand.

“Yes, people still draw!” said Kolson. “It’s not all done by computer, even though you might think it was.”

In preparing for these articles, I studied the photos carefully, so as to remember how the lot looked the first day I saw it: pre-construction. I’m looking forward to watching this process and sharing it with the Bulletin readers.

## Mesilla Park named to state’s Register of Historic Places

Steven Moffson, State and National Register coordinator of the Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Cultural Affairs presented the nomination of Mesilla Park to the cultural Properties Review Committee on Friday, Feb. 12 in Santa Fe. Following

Moffson’s presentation and some discussion by the committee, they voted favorably to name Mesilla Park to the New Mexico State Register of Historic Places.

The committee recommended that Mesilla Park also be considered for list-

ing to the National Register of Historic Places. The national review could take several more months before that decision is made.

For information, call 524-0500 or email [jkwcllements@gmail.com](mailto:jkwcllements@gmail.com).

Greg Smith, mayor pro-tem and Las

Cruces district 2 councillor noted the hard work of Janet and Dave Clements to make this award happen.

“It is indeed gratifying to know that Mesilla Park is being recognized for the place it holds in our historic legacy here,” Smith said.

## Board member sought for MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee

The Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee (BPAC) is seeking a community member to serve on its board as a Pedestrian Community Representative. The position is open to residents living in central Doña Ana County (Radium

Springs to Berino.) The ideal candidate will have an interest in pedestrian and health issues, be able to meet with the BPAC on a bi-monthly basis, and attend and participate in working groups.

The BPAC is made up of citizens representing the bicycling and pedestrian community and staff representing City

of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, Town of Mesilla, NMDOT, and NMSU. This committee provides input to the Policy Committee regarding bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the MPO and how they can be improved and expanded to serve residents better. The BPAC meets bi-monthly on the third Tuesday of the

month at 5 p.m.

Interested persons may submit a letter of interest, in-person or electronically to:

Andrew Wray, Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces, NM, 88004, [awray@las-cruces.org](mailto:awray@las-cruces.org) or 528-3070.

## Las Cruces makes list of bicycle friendly cities

Las Cruces has been selected a top retirement destination by Where to Retire, the only magazine in America geared toward helping people with retirement relocation decisions. Las Cruces is profiled in a feature titled "Bicycling Bliss: 8 Pedal-Powered Cities" in the March/April 2016 issue, available nationwide on Feb. 16.

Where to Retire Editor Annette Fuller said these eight cities make it easy to like a bike. "Shedding the car — and rush-hour commutes — is a perk of the retired life, but getting from point A to point B still is necessary. Hopping on a bicycle nails two goals at once: transportation and exercise. Some cities, such as Las Cruces, support cycling more than others, with bike lanes, rider encouragement and more. In addition to being bike friendly, these towns have other characteristics that retirees often look for, such as

culture, active downtowns, access to medical care, stunning scenery and relatively mild weather," Fuller said.

Each year, 700,000 Americans relocate to new towns to retire. Generally, relocating retirees are healthier, better educated and more affluent than those who choose to not relocate. They bring significant economic benefits to their new states and hometowns. Nationally, two dozen states and hundreds of towns seek to attract retirees as a source of economic development.

Where to Retire magazine, launched in 1992 with the goal of helping its readers find the ideal place to retire, is published six times a year. The magazine covers the best retirement regions, towns and master-planned communities, and has a national circulation of 200,000. The magazine is sold on various newsstands and at Barnes & Noble bookstores.

### BIKE FRIENDLY

In the March/April edition of Where to Retire Magazine, eight cities around the U.S. have been designated as being bike friendly, among other positive characteristics. The list, titled 8 Pedal-Powered Cities includes: Las Cruces; Ann Arbor, MI; Cary, NC; Chattanooga, TN; Fort Collins, CO; Gainesville, FL; Mesa, AZ; and Sioux Falls, SD.



From left to right, Robert Doyle PTK advisor, Jared Pollard, Kenneth Agbita, Dr. Mónica Torres, DACC vice president for academic affairs.

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## DACC scholars Agbita, Pollard earn awards

Dona Ana Community College (DACC) students Kenneth Agbita and Jared Pollard were named to the New Mexico All USA Academic Team for their outstanding academic accomplishments and community service.

As a result of the honor both have received a scholarship to any four year university. They have both chosen to attend New Mexico State University (NMSU).

The awards qualify both for further national honors and scholarships including the Coca-Cola New Century Scholars.

"Congratulations to both Kenneth and Jared," said Dr. Renay Scott, President of DACC. "What a great honor for two outstanding students."

Agbita, a first generation student and veteran credits his parents with instilling a love of learning in him and helping him understand the value of hard work and dedication.

He earned an associate of applied science in computer and information technology at DACC and is now pursuing a baccalaureate in electrical engineering at NMSU.

Pollard has earned an

associate of science in creative media technology at the community college and plans to earn a bachelor degree in individualized studies at NMSU. He is a veteran and for many years bat-

tled through struggles with personal and professional challenges.

Instructors Robert Doyle, Mary Slettin and Gus Piña are the faculty sponsors of the organization.



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# Don't miss out on significant EITC tax credit

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the EITC Awareness Day campaign, a nationwide effort to alert millions of low- and moderate-income workers who may be missing out on this significant tax credit.

Millions of taxpayers who earned \$53,267 or less last year may qualify for EITC for the first time in 2016, making awareness critical. Local officials and community organizations nationwide are holding events on EITC Awareness Day highlighting this key benefit.

“One-third of the population eligible for EITC changes each year as their personal circumstances change,” said IRS Commissioner John Koskinen. “We want workers who may qualify for EITC for the first time to have all the information they need to get the EITC and get it right. This is an important credit for hard-working Americans, and one of the government’s best tools to fight poverty.”

Last year, more than 27.5

million eligible workers and families received almost \$66.7 billion in EITC; with an average EITC amount of more than \$2,400.

For New Mexico, approximately 210,000 eligible workers and families received \$514 million in EITC; with an average EITC amount of \$2,446.

Workers, self-employed people and farmers who earned \$53,267 or less last year could receive larger refunds if they qualify for the EITC.

Eligible families with three or more qualifying children could get a maximum credit of up to \$6,242. EITC for people without children could mean up to \$503 added to their tax refund.

Unlike most deductions and credits, the EITC is refundable. In other words, those eligible may get a refund from the IRS even if they owe no tax.

The IRS reminds taxpayers to be sure they have valid Social Security numbers in hand for themselves, as well

as each qualifying child, before they file their return. Moreover, to get the EITC on a 2015 return, they must get these SSNs before the tax-filing deadline (April 18, 2016 for most people or Oct. 17, 2016 for those who get extensions).

Workers potentially eligible to claim the credit should visit [IRS.gov/eitc](http://IRS.gov/eitc) to learn if they qualify and how to claim the credit. The IRS recommends that all workers who earned around \$54,000 or less use the EITC Assistant to determine their filing status, if they have a qualifying child or children, if they qualify to receive the EITC and estimate the amount of the EITC they could get. If an individual doesn't qualify for EITC, the Assistant explains why. A summary of the results can be printed and kept with the worker's tax papers.

## Get the Credit: How to claim the EITC

To get the EITC, workers must file a tax return, even if

they are not required to file, and specifically claim the credit.

Free tax help is available. Those eligible for the EITC have these options:

- Free File on [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov)

Free brand-name tax software walks people through a question and answer format to help them prepare their returns and claim every credit and deduction for which they are eligible. Free File also provides online versions of IRS paper forms, an option called Free File Fillable Forms which is best suited for taxpayers comfortable preparing their own returns.

- Free tax preparation sites

EITC-eligible workers can seek free tax preparation at thousands of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) sites. Taxpayers can locate the nearest site using a search tool on [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) or through the IRS-2go smartphone application.

It is important for taxpay-

ers to bring along all the required documents and information to make sure they get the EITC they deserve.

## Beware of scams

EITC provides a financial boost for millions of hard-working Americans. However, a deliberate error can have lasting impact on future eligibility to claim EITC. Beware of scams that claim to increase the EITC refund. Scams that create fictitious qualifying children or inflate income levels to get the maximum EITC could leave taxpayers with a penalty.

If an EITC claim was reduced or denied after tax year 1996 for any reason other than a mathematical or clerical error, taxpayers must file Form 8862, Information to Claim Earned Income Credit after Disallowance, with their next return to claim the credit.

Qualify for EITC? See what other tax credits are available.

# The Aggie pathway: Start here, finish there

## Dr. Mónica Torres

NMSU and its community colleges, including DACC, are collaborating on “The Aggie Pathway,” a program designed to effectively support students who begin their academic careers at a community college en route to a bachelor’s degree at New Mexico State University.

The Aggie Pathway is open to all community college students, but prospective students from several groups have been identified as excellent candidates: those who want to attend NMSU but do not meet NMSU’s new admissions requirements, those who are the first in their family to pursue higher education, and those who are interested in a bachelor’s degree but want to start on a community college campus.

The program will include a number of educational practices that

have been shown to support student success.

- Students will take classes in learning communities. Research has shown that when students enroll in the same classes, and the subject matter from those classes is integrated, students learn more effectively and earn higher grades.

- Students will have regular contact with peer mentors, advisors, and faculty at both DACC and NMSU. Recent studies have also shown that “intrusive” support such as structured contact between students and college/university employees helps keep students on track to graduation.

- Students will be introduced to student life at NMSU through designed academic, cultural, and athletic events. While students will be DACC students, we want to ensure that they begin to become familiar

with and feel comfortable on the NMSU campus.

- Students will also have the opportunity, at additional cost, to access other services at NMSU including the residence halls, the activity center, and other NMSU resources.

The explicit goal of this program is to help those students who want a baccalaureate degree transition to NMSU prepared to study at and graduate from the university. Aggie Pathway students with a 2.5 GPA or greater after 24 college-level credits will be able to transition to NMSU at that time. Students with a 2.0 to 2.49 GPA will be able to enter NMSU after 36 college-level credits. The NMSU system has also developed a procedure to reward pathway students as they make their way to the bachelor’s degree. Pathway students will be eligible for an associate de-

gree when they pass all of the courses required for the degree, whether they complete the requirements while at DACC or after they transition to NMSU.

Higher education is facing many pressing issues at this time: the cost of higher education, the preparation of students for 21st century employment and civic engagement, the student loan default rate. As the NMSU system responds to these and other issues, the Aggie Pathway is a clearly defined route from the community college to the university.

Start here. Finish there. We look forward to seeing you here next fall.

For more information, go to [aggiepathway.nmsu.edu](http://aggiepathway.nmsu.edu) or call the Aggie Transfer Office at 575-646-8011.

*Dr. Mónica Torres is the Vice President for Academic Affairs at DACC.*

# LEGAL NOTICES

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**Legal Notice**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANITA J. VARGAS, DECEASED.**

**TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ANITA J. VARGAS:**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned is acting as an applicant of the estate of Anita J. Vargas, who passed away on March 6, 1991. Notice is further given to all of the unknown heirs of Anita J. Vargas and any other persons who may claim an interest in her estate that such persons have 45 days after the first publication of this notice to present such claims to the undersigned at the address indicated. The undersigned intends to file a probate action at the end of such notice period seeking to bar any claims by any unknown heirs or any other persons who may have an interest in the said Anita J. Vargas estate.

Dated: February 2, 2016  
Sabina P. Urbina  
P. O. Box 197  
Chamberino,  
New Mexico 88027  
575-644-2134

Dates: 02/12, 02/19, 2016

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

No. 16-0034

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAZEL M. POSEY a/k/a HAZEL MAY POSEY DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **SANDRA REITZER** 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 personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: February 9, 2016.

**SANDRA REITZER**  
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Dates: 02/19, 02/26, 2016

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

No. 16-0023

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HENRY C. SCHALLER a/k/a HENRY CHARLES SCHALLER DECEASED**

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **MARY FULLERTON** 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 personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: February 2, 2016.

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Dates: 02/12, 02/19, 2016

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on January 28, 2016, Salvador Nunez on behalf of the Salvador and Alejandra Nunez Trust, PO Box 70, Mesilla, NM 88046 filed application numbered LRG-1605-POD12, OSE File No. LRG-1605-C, 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-1605 located at X = 1,468,599.1 Y = 464,355.3 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant and drilling replacement well LRG-1605-POD12 located at approximately X = 1,468,647 Y = 464,384 on land owned by the applicant 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 4.86 acres of land owned by the applicant located within part of the SE1/4 of projected Sec 26, T23S, R01E, NMPM, as described in part by Subfile No.: LRN-28-012-0222 (B) of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Replacement well LRG-1605-POD12 will be located in Mesilla, NM at approximately 144 feet west of the intersection of Valle Grande and Paisano Rd. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill and use replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. Existing well LRG-1605 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 a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 02/19, 02/26, 03/04, 2016

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on January 29, 2016, Triple A Farms, LLC, 4320 Pantera Cir., Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-823-POD4 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right, LRG-823, within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed supplemental well LRG-823-POD4 to a depth of 500 feet with a 20-inch casing at or near X=1,456,062 ft and

Y=486,002 ft (NMSP, Central Zn NAD83), on land owned by applicant, to supplement existing wells LRG-823 and LRG-823-S 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, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 119.18 acres of land owned by the applicant, located within the NE1/4, SW¼ and SE¼ of proj. Sec. 4, T23S, R1E (NMPM). The site of proposed well LRG-823-POD4 will be located west of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 2,300 feet north of the intersection of Shalem Colony Trl. and Coral Rd, 2/3-mile north of Picacho, NM. Emergency Authorization to Drill the well was requested per §72-12-24 NMSA.

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

Dates: 02/19, 02/26, 03/04, 2016

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on June 3, 2015, Jesus Espinoza, P.O. Box 220893, El Paso, TX 79913, filed application numbered LRG-15999-POD2, OSE file no. LRG-15999-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-15999-POD1 (LRS13-0066) and drilling

proposed replacement well LRG-15999-POD2 to a depth of 150 feet with a 4-inch casing at or near where Easting and Northing intersect at X=1,514,724 and Y=367,731 (feet, NMSP), on land owned by applicants for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic household use and related purposes as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-013-0140A-B of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed well LRG=15999-POD2 will be located 1.5 mile north of Anthony, NM and may be found approximately 4,600 feet north of the intersection of Washington St. and NM Hwy. 28, Anthony, NM. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. Failed well LRG-15999 POD1 is to be 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 a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark

will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 02/19, 02/26, 03/04, 2016

**Notice of Auction**

**There will be an auction of storage unit contents to be held on March 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at North Telshor Self-Storage, 300 N. Telshor, Las Cruces, NM. The following units will be auctioned to satisfy the lien for monies owed:**

**Unit H212**  
**Melissa/Patsy Kern**  
11333 Dona Ana Rd  
Unit consists of household goods, mattresses, shelving and miscellaneous

**Unit H186**  
**Karen Rishel**  
2327 Cheyenne Ct  
Las Cruces, NM 88011  
Unit consists of miscellaneous boxes, motor, miscellaneous

**Unit H189**  
7370 S. Yampa St  
Foxfield, CO 80016  
Unit consists of large display giraffe, miscellaneous boxes

**Unit F094**  
**Kizzie Edwards**  
1000 La Fonda Unit R  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
Unit consists of boxes of furniture, household goods and miscellaneous

**B033**  
**Mac Barkes**  
3714 Mondale Loop  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
Unit consists of mattress, miscellaneous

**G151**  
**Paul Alvarado**  
PO Box 1625  
Mesilla Park, NM 88047  
Unit consists of Shelving, furniture, boxes and miscellaneous

Dates: 02/12, 02/19, 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 575-525-9056**

**On Saturday, February 27, 2016 BEGINNING AT 10 A.M. Registration Begins @ 9:30am**

\$25.00 cleaning deposit per each unit purchased  
**THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS 63, 79, B45, C29, C33, C36, D29, D38, D48, E07, G07, H33, H34, I14, Q04, Q06**  
Tenant addresses are 'last known'

**Unit # 63**  
**Sergio G Rascon**  
5344 Genesis Lane #C  
Las Cruces NM 88012  
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Entertainment center, mattresses

**Unit # 79**  
**Ismael Torres**  
6294 Country Rd  
Fulton MO 65251  
UNIT CONSISTING OF: 1973 Pontiac Firebird VIN 2U87G9L150534 License Plate Number: LMR283

**Unit # B45**  
**Laura M Gomez**  
14905-3 Hwy 28  
La Mesa NM 88044  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:

Toys, dishes, misc. items

**Unit # C29**  
**Kristofer Angel Sanchez Lucero**  
1734 Fairacres Rd  
Las Cruces NM 88005  
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Couch, dining chairs, misc contents

**Unit # C33**  
**Manuel G Lily**  
2215 S Espina BOX # 26  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Window A/C, rugs, shower door, 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 # D29**  
**Ryan P Crampton**  
340 N Valley  
Las Cruces NM 88005  
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Clothing, DVD's, misc. boxes

**Unit # D38**  
**Hector G Martinez**  
PO BOX 160  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Mattresses, bicycle, headboard, TV, misc. plastic bags & items

**Unit # D48**  
**Adrian V Delgado**  
2405 W Picacho #6  
Las Cruces NM 88007  
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Couch, mattresses, large screen TV

**Unit # E07**  
**Monica M Polanco**  
1135 Poplar Ave  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Mattresses, couch, tools, misc. boxes

**Unit # G07**  
**Cecilia Perez**  
2432 Moon River Loop  
Las Cruces NM 88007  
UNIT CONSISTING OF: Elliptical, TV, entertainment, misc. household items



**City of Las Cruces**  
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

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

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/Pre-Proposal Meeting	Due Date / Time
2017 International Workstar 7600 6 x 4 Tow Truck	15-16-146	N/A	March 10, 2016 / 2:00 PM
El Prado Roadway & Utility Improvements	15-16-120	March 3, 2016 / 10:00 AM Public Works Room 2104	March 17, 2016 / 2:00 PM

Please use this link to access all City of Las Cruces solicitations: <https://www.newmexicobidssystem.com/Registration.asp?ID=1757> Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Section, at 700 N. Main, 3rd Floor, Room 3134.

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

Dates 2/19/16

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**Unit # H33**  
**Dother J Sykes**  
999 W Amador  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Clothing, luggage, bike,  
misc. items

**Unit # H34**  
**Ismael Valdez**  
2531 Enriquez Ln  
Las Cruces NM 88007  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Couches, beds, mattresses,  
heaters

**Unit # H14**  
**George A Ducharme Jr.**  
1201 E Mesa Ave Apt #2  
Las Cruces NM 88001  
UNIT CONSISTING OF:  
Fishing rods, pellet rifles,  
TV, misc. household items

**Unit # Q04**  
**Rudi Martinez**  
2930 S Valley Dr. #32  
Las Cruces NM 88005  
UNIT CONSISTS OF:  
Guitar, dolly, bicycles, TV,  
cabinet, love seat, misc  
household items

**Unit # Q06**  
**Cindy Gonzales**  
1609 Ralph Dr  
Las Cruces NM 88005  
UNIT CONSISTS OF:  
Mattress, futon, power chair,  
TV entertainment center

CASH SALES ONLY  
Due Immediately Upon  
Completion of Sale  
A \$25 cleaning deposit will  
be required per unit pur-  
chased  
And you must bring your  
own broom and lock.

Dates: 02/12, 02/19, 2016

## NOTICE OF VEHICLE SEIZURE

## TO REGISTERED OWNERS, SECURED PARTIES, AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS:

You are hereby notified that the Doña Ana Sheriff's Office has seized the following vehicles and intends to proceed with forfeiture of each vehicle to the County of Doña Ana pursuant to DAC Ordinance #232-07 pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles related to DWI Offenses: The below listed vehicles and contents will be auctioned to the highest bidder at our upcoming auction set for **May 1, 2016 @ 01:00 pm**, the event location is 2821-B LAS VEGAS COURT, LAS CRUCES, NM

VIN #  
DESCRIPTION  
REGISTERED OWNER

1B7HF13Z0XJ600815  
1999 DODGE RAM  
PK GRN  
GILBERTO SAENZ

3N1BC1CP4BL473262  
2011 NISSAN VERSA  
4/D GRY  
JUVENAL DELAROSA

5N1AN08W36C537981  
2006 NISSAN XTERA

SUV RED  
MARY GONZALEZ

2GTEC19M7T1544688  
1996 GMC SIERRA  
PK GRN  
ARNULFO PRIMERO

2B3HD56JXWH137294  
1998 DODGE INTREPID  
4D RED  
ANDRE GOMEZ

4A3AX35G6VE071184  
1997 MITSUBISHI  
ECLIPSE 2D RED  
MICHAEL HOLDEN

2G4WS52J951112004  
2005 BUICK 4D  
CENTURY GRY  
ESTEBAN HERNANDEZ

1FMFU16L2YL97009  
2000 FORD EXPEDITION  
SUV WHT  
JUAN SAENZ

1C3EL46X85N686201  
2005 CHRYSLER  
SEABRING 4D BLK  
GEORGE MENDOZA

1G8AJ52F15Z103747  
2005 SATURN ION  
4D GRY  
JANET TOVAR

1G1ZT52805F308149  
2005 CHEVROLET  
MALIBU 4D WHT  
NICOLE LUCERO

1MEFM50U9XA628334  
1999 MERCURY  
SABLE 4D RED  
VERONICA HERNANDEZ

If you do not demand judicial review within 35 calendar days from the date of the seizure, by filing a claim for the described vehicle with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office or filing a suit in court, you lose the right to a judicial determination of this forfeiture, and you lose any right you may have to the described vehicle and its contents.

Dates: 02/12, 02/19, 2016

**PATIENT'S OF ACTION-OCCMED-M.M.I., P.C. EDWIN L. KENNEDY, M.D. TERESA REYES, M.D. KEVIN ALLEN M.D**

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

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

ALL PATIENTS MAY REQUEST COPIES OF THEIR

MEDICAL RECORDS. WE ARE PROVIDING THE LAST ONE YEAR AT NO CHARGE; YOU MAY REQUEST THESE MEDICAL RECORDS BY WRITING TO:

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

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

Dates: 1/15, 01/22, 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 02/19, 2016

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

NO. CV 2015-2031  
DARREN M. KUGLER

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Maria C. Jaimes FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Maria C. Jaimes, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from **Maria C. Jaimes** to **Mari-cruz Candela-Jaimes**, and that this Petition will be herar before the Honorable Darren M. Kugler, District Judge, on the 7th day of April 2016, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. at the Third Judicial district Courthouse, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(Seal)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Maria C. Jaimes  
Maria C. Jaimes  
5121 Zeus Av.  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

Dates: 02/12, 02/19, 2015

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-02185

**HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES 2006-3 TRUST, HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ADRIAN L. PADILLA and REBECCA A. PADILLA, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **February 24, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial 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 3336 Green Ridge Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 5, LENOX PLACE SUBDIVISION REPLAT NO 1, 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. 4056 on 12/02/2004 in Book 21 Page(s) 46-47 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 January 19, 2016, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$267,046.86 and the same bears interest at 3.000% per annum from December 4, 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,  
Special Master  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 02/19, 2016

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

No. D-307-PB-2016-00010  
Judge Mary Rosner

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIETTA FAY MILLER, 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 Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: February 11, 2016

/s/Jeri Hamner  
Jeri Hamner, Personal Representative of the Estate of Marietta Fay Miller, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:  
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.

PO Box 366  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366  
(575) 524-0833  
holmespa@zianet.com

/s/Joseph M. Holmes  
Joseph M. Holmes  
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 02/19, 02/26, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-01764

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**RAFAEL AGUILERA; and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RAFAEL AGUILERA, (true name unknown); THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; and TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **March 2, 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 6745 Vista Del Norte Street, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 2 in Block numbered C of Casitas Del Norte, Phase 1, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Casitas Del Norte, Phase 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 22, 2001 in Plat Book 19, Folio 617-618,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 2002 Palm Harbor, Double-wide, VIN PH0226679XU.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 25, 2016, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$95,760.32 and the same bears interest at 4.375% per annum from November 11, 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. Defendant United States of America (IRS) shall have a 120-day 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: 02/05, 02/12, 02/19, 02/26, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00727

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

vs.

**ALVIN NORMANDIA and CORDELIA SOLIS, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **March 2, 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 4324 Calle Bonita Lane, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 6 in Block numbered K of Del Prado Subdivision, Phase 4 at Sonoma Ranch East, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Del Prado Subdivision, Phase 4 at Sonoma Ranch East, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 3, 2008 in Plat Book 22, Folio 582-583.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 22, 2016, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$228,021.09 and the same bears interest at 4.750% per annum from August 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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PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces,  
NM 88004-6169  
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Dates: 02/05, 02/12, 02/19, 02/26, 2016

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

Case No. D-307-CV-2016-00054  
Judge: Manuel I. Arrieta

**EDWIN WILLIAMS, a single man Plaintiff,**

v.

**CLAUDIA SOLTERO a/k/a CLAUDIA SOLTERO QUALLS, and UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST, LIEN or TITLE ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF, EDWIN WILLIAMS Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:

THE UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST, LIEN OR TITLE

ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF EDWIN WILLIAMS, GREETINGS:

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that the above-named Plaintiff has brought suit against you in the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico under Cause No. CV-2016-00054, the general object of which is to quiet title in the following described property situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, to-wit:

A tract of land situate about two miles northwest of Radium Springs, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as part of Section 32, T20S., R1 W., and part of NW1/4NE1/4 Section 5 T21S., R1W., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: BEGINNING at an iron rod set on the north right of way line of U.S. highway 85 for the Southwest corner of this tract, whence a BLM aluminum cap found for the south 1/4 corner of Section 32, T20S., R1 W N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys bears N. 82 degrees 18'27" W., a distance of 1338.45 feet' THENCE from the place of beginning and following along the north right of way of U.S. Highway around the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 2133.64 feet, an arc length of 426.97 feet, through a central angle of 11 degrees 27'57" and whose long chord bears N. 65 degrees 58'39" W., 426.26 feet to the southwest corner of this tract; THENCE leaving said right of way line N. 18 degrees 17'22" E., 207.35 feet to the south bank of the Rio Grande for the northwest corner of this tract; THENCE along the

south bank of the Rio Grande as located in May 1985, the following two courses and distances; S. 65 degrees 55'07" E., 150.17 feet and THENCE S. 55 degrees 58'15" e., 225.68 feet to an iron rod set for the northeast corner of this tract, whence a BLM brass cap found for the southeast corner of Section 32 bears N. 89 degrees 57'49" E., 1314.74 feet; THENCE leaving the south bank of the Rio Grande along said section line S. 0 degrees 23'25" E., 180.45 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1.6667 acres of land, more or less.

Subject to Reservations, Restrictions, and Easements of record.

**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED** that unless a responsive pleading or motion is filed with the District Court Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico at 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005, and which responsive pleading or motion shall also be served on the below-named attorney for the Plaintiff, within the time required by law, which is 30 days after the date of the 3rd publication of this Notice of Pendency of Suit, a judgment by default will be rendered against the unknown persons claiming any interest, lien or title adverse to the Plaintiff, Edwin Williams.

Plaintiff's attorneys are Martin, Lutz, Roggvo & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 N. Main Street, P.O. Box 1837, Las Cruces, NM 88004-1837.

**WITNESS** my hand seal this 25 day of January, 2016.

(Seal)

Claude Bowman  
DISTRICT COURT CLERK

By/s/ Maria Zamora  
Deputy - Maria D Zamora

Dates: 02/12, 02/19, 02/26, 2016

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

Case No. D-307-CV-2015-00959  
Judge Mary Rosner

**SUN CITY FINANCE COMPANY, INC. Plaintiff,**

v.

**DORA ANDAVAZO, HADYN RODRIGUEZ, MATTHEW ESTRADA, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES OR LEGATEES OF STEVEN ANDAVAZO, DECEASED, and ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTER-**

## EST ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF,

**Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **March 14, 2016, at the hour of 9:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the Third Judicial District Court at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey all of the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the below described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property is to be sold as a whole, or en masse, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as follows:

113 Gonzales Road, La Mesa, New Mexico, and is more particularly described as follows:

All that lot in Jose Manuel Sanchez Baca grant in precinct 15. Beginning on the southwest corner of the lot and being the southwest corner of Ester Martinez Lot thence West fifty-five (55) feet to the southwest corner of this lot bounded by Mrs. S. L. Votow; thence North on Hundred and thirty-five. Thence East fifty (50) feet to the Northeast corner and bounded said by Sixto Gonzales; Thence South one Hundred and sixty-two (162) feet bounded by lots belonging to Romulo Martinez and Ester Martinez lot, being part of the Romulo Martinez property.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy the Amended Default Judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 4, 2015, in favor of Sun City Finance Company, Inc., and against Defendants to foreclose a real estate lien under which Plaintiff was adjudged to have a first and prior lien against the above-described real estate securing payment as follows:

With regard to the mortgage lien, instrument number 0728464, to Steven Andavazo, deceased, secured by 113 Gonzales Road, La Mesa, New Mexico, the total of \$10,435.65, with interest after November 4, 2015, at the rate permitted by the Bank Installment Act until paid, plus all costs of preserving the property, plus the costs of this sale including Special Master's fee, attorney's fees, and publication of this Notice.

Sale is being made to satisfy the Amended Default Judgment plus interest and costs, and will be made to the highest and best bidder for cash, except that the Plaintiff may bid its judgment or any part thereof. The time and date of sale may be postponed by the Special Master if he deems it advisable.

**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.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to a nine (9) month right of redemption.

The attorney for the Plaintiff is Casey B. Fitch of Holt Mynatt Martinez P.C., P.O. Box 2699, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2699.

Stephen Swaim  
Special Master

Dates: 02/12, 02/19, 02/26, 03/04, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-01805

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, Plaintiff**

vs.

**MARIO A. MARQUEZ, CINTHIA MARQUEZ, AND CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA) N.A., 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 108 Spruce, Sunland Park, New Mexico 88063, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 5, BLOCK 1, RIVERSIDE SUBDIVISION UNIT 1A, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED IN THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 1084 ON 11/05/1981 IN BOOK 13 PAGE90 103-05 OF PLAT RECORDS,

The sale is to begin at **11:45 a.m. on February 26, 2015**, outside the front entrance to the Doña Ana County Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest

and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted United States of America, acting through Rural Housing Service.

United States of America, acting through Rural Housing Service, was awarded a Judgment on January 21, 2016, in the principal sum of \$110,636.78, plus outstanding interest through January 15, 2016, in the amount of \$11,951.26 and accruing daily thereafter at a rate of 5.750% per annum, plus late charges in the amount of \$113.72, plus escrow advances in the amount of \$3047.25, plus property preservation in the amount of \$156.63, plus in rem judgment for an interest subsidy recapture in the sum of \$4,817.03, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through January 31, 2016, in the sum of \$1,500.00, and costs through January 31, 2016, in the sum of \$643.40, with interest on the late fees, escrow advances, fee balance, subsidy recapture, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 5.750% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

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,  
Special Master  
c/o Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C.  
5120 San Francisco Road NE  
Albuquerque,  
New Mexico 87109  
(505) 858-3303

Dates: 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 02/19, 2016

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT**

JQ-2015-19  
Judge Macias

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO ex rel. CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT**

**In the Matter of A.D., a Child, and Concerning**

**Carolina Delgado and Humberto Ramirez, Respondents.**

## NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

**TO: Humberto Ramirez, Respondent.**

If you need help reading this document, the court will appoint an interpreter for you at no charge and you can call 575.523.8200.

Si usted necesita ayuda para leer este documento, el tribunal le nombrará un intérprete sin costo y usted puede llamar al 575.523.8200.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an abuse/neglect petition has been filed against you in the above named court and county by the State of New Mexico. In the petition, the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department alleges that you have neglected and/or abused A.D., a child and seeks legal custody of the child.

**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED** that this matter will be heard in the Children's Court Division of the District Court in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, no sooner than twenty (20) days after the last publication date of this Notice.

The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for the Petitioner is:  
Annamarie DeLovato  
P.O. Box 2135  
Las Cruces,  
New Mexico 88004  
tel. (575) 373-6400

**THIS PROCEEDING MAY RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS.**

Witness my hand and Seal of the District Court of the State of New Mexico.

(Seal)

Claude Bowman  
Clerk of the District Court

by Noemi Ramirez  
Deputy

Date:02/02/16

Dates: 02/12, 02/19, 02/26, 2016

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

NO. D-307-CV-2015-01775

**STATE EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,**

v.

**BELINDA STORM AS**

**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN THE ESTATE OF BENJAMIN C. CHAVARRIA, JR. DECEASED; UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; BENJAMIN CHAVARRIA SR. and LUCY CHAVARRIA, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the above entitled Court, having appointed the undersigned as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered the Special Master to sell the below described real property, situated in the County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lot 7 in Block F of Montecito Subdivision, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 5, 1953 and recorded in Book 7 at Pages 36, Plat records.

The property may be located at 1660 Smith Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

The sale shall commence at 11:00 a.m. on March 9, 2016, at the front entrance to the Third Judicial District Court House, at 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005. The property will be sold "As Is" to the highest bidder for cash. The property will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and to any liens and assessments not otherwise foreclosed upon herein. Interested bidders should undertake to make their own determination as to the status of title.

The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the Special Master's discretion. Prospective purchasers at the sale are advised to make their own examination of the title and the condition of the property and further to consult their own attorney before bidding.

For purposes of this sale, "cash" shall mean (1) cash on hand, (2) other immediately available funds, including, but not limited to, bank cashiers checks, or (3) an irrevocable letter of credit payable at site issued by a financial institution acceptable to and in a form acceptable to the Special Master in an amount not less than the bid amount, delivered to and approved by the Special Master prior to sale.

For purposes of this Sale, the term "immediately available funds" shall refer to those funds that can be delivered to the Special Master within

TWENTY-FOUR (24) hours of the acceptance of the bid.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the proceeds of sale will be applied as follows: first, to all costs and expenses of sale, including the Special Master's fee and costs; second, to the judgment awarded to Plaintiff in the amount of \$62,728.20, plus interest from July 1, 2015, at the rate of 8.2% per annum; plus attorney fees in the amount of \$4,424.10, costs incurred by Plaintiff in the amount of \$337.01, and expenses in the amount of \$216.63, plus interest from January 21, 2016, at the rate of 8.75% per annum; third, in such manner as the Court may determine by order entered after the sale.

**NOTICE IS FINALLY GIVEN** that Plaintiff may bid and purchase the property at the foreclosure sale and may apply all or a portion of its judgment as cash toward the purchase price.

Respectfully submitted:

"Electronically filed"  
By: s/Rosanne Camunee,  
attorney at law  
ROSANNE CAMUNEZ  
Special Master  
833 N. Alameda Blvd.  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
(575) 532-8270

Dates: 02/05, 2/12, 02/19, 02/26, 2016

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

No. CV-2015-02122  
Judge: Kugler

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

vs.

**ROBERTO GONZALEZ, PAYMENT 1 FINANCIAL, AND 1996 SATURN 4 DOOR; RED; VIN: 1G8ZK5272T255106; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. DV920G, Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

**To: Respondent**



# LEGAL NOTICES

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**ROBERTO GONZALEZ:**

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1996 Saturn 4 Door, Red; VIN: 1G8ZK5272T2255106; New Mexico License Plate No. DV920G.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Robert A. Cabello  
Robert A. Cabello  
Assistant City Attorney  
P.O. Box 20000  
(575) 541-2128  
(575) 541-2017 Fax  
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Kugler, Darren M., District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 4TH day of FEBRUARY, 2016.

(Seal)

COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

By:/s/ Javier Cuevas

Dates: 02/12, 02/19, 2016

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

No. CV-2015-01464  
Judge: ROSNER

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

vs.

**PRISCILLA T. SALAS, GEORGE SALAS, CORONADO FINANCE INC., AND 1996 CHEVY 1500, WHITE; VIN: 2GCEK19M1T1136982; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. 685RJA, Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

**To: Respondent Priscilla T. Salas:**

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1996 Chevy 1500, White; VIN: 2GCEK19M1T1136982; New Mexico License Plate No. 685 RJA.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Robert A. Cabello  
Robert A. Cabello  
Assistant City Attorney  
P.O. Box 20000  
(575) 541-2128  
(575) 541-2017 Fax  
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable , District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this day of, 2016.

COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

By:

Dates: 02/12, 02/19, 02/26, 2016

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

No. CV-2015-02180  
Judge: Kugler

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

vs.

**WILLIAM G. TELLES, 2001 TOYOTA CAMRY, MAROON; VIN: 4T1BG28K31U019976; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. 146 SHZ, Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

**To: Respondent WILLIAM G. TELLES:**

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2001 TOYOTA CAMRY, MAROON; VIN: 4T1BG28K31U019976; New Mexico License Plate No. 146 SHZ.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Robert A. Cabello  
Robert A. Cabello  
Assistant City Attorney  
P.O. Box 20000  
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(575) 541-2017 Fax  
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Darren M Kugler, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 8 day of February, 2016.

(Seal)

Claude Bowman  
COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
By: Maria Zamora  
DEPUTY

Dates: 02/12, 02/19, 02/26, 2016

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

No. 16-0024

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF J.T. KNIGHT, DECEASED.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that TJ KNIGHT 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 personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Room 1-200, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: February 4, 2016.

**TJ KNIGHT**  
1674 Glen Ave.  
Pasadena,  
California 91103

Prepared by:  
**ALAN D. GLUTH**  
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New Mexico 88001  
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Dates: 02/19, 02/26, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-02195

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

vs.

**EMMA D. LOZOYA, a married woman as her sole & separate property; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; ABC Corporations I-X, XYZ Partnerships I-X, John Does I-X and Jane Does I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; 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 1742 Santanova Arc, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 8 IN BLOCK NUMBERED A OF THE SANCTUARY - PHASE 1, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID THE SANCTUARY - PHASE 1, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON APRIL 11, 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIOS 182-184.

The sale is to begin at 12:15 P M on March 17, 2016, on the main entrance 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 July 6, 2015, in the total amount of \$216,841.46 with interest at the rate of f 4.5% per annum from April 14, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$9,036.05.

**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 -hundred twenty (120) days right of redemption, pursuant to 28 USC 2410 .

**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-2014-02189

**BANK OF THE WEST, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**RENEE MARIE OLIVAS AKA RENEE MARIE SEGURA AND JOHN DOW OLIVAS, WIFE AND HUSBAND; STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT; ABC CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND JANE DOES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; 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 200 Sierra Madre

Dr, Mesquite, NM 88048, and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT B, VALLE DE ORO SUBDIVISION NUMBER ONE, REPLAT NO. 1 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 FEBRUARY 27, 1987, IN BOOK 14 PAGE(S) 336 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 12:15 PM on March 17, 2016, at the main entrance of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Los 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 BANK OF THE WEST. BANK OF THE WEST was awarded a Judgment on November 2, 2015, in the total amount of \$216,800.43, with interest at the rate of 3.875% per annum from April 1, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$8,078.79.

**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. BANK OF THE WEST, 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.

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

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

By:  
Robert A. Doyle,  
Special Master  
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Dates: 02/19, 02/26, 03/04, 03/11, 2016

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00317

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

vs.

**CHARLES T. KLING, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLES T. KLING; BARBARA L. KLING AND JOHN DOE KLING, WIFE AND HUSBAND; ABC CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS I-X, JOHN DOES I-X AND JANE DOES I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED; 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 2070 Carlyle Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 8, BLOCK B, OF HIGHLAND MANOR SUBDIVISION - AMENDED PLAT NO. 1, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF RECOR-

DED MARCH 14, 1962 S PLAT NO. 567, RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY.

The sale is to begin at 12:15pm on March 17, 2016, at the main entrance of the Third Judicial District, 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 Bank of America, N.A. . Bank of America, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on October 26, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 184,889.25, with interest at the rate of 5.250 % per annum from September 1, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$5,265.54.

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

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

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J Paul Taylor Academy  
Attn: HA Search Committee  
402 W. Court Bldg 2,  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
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### Miscellaneous

Mesilla Valley Stamp Club will host its 26th stamp show in Southern New Mexico at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Sat. March 12, 10am to 5pm and Sun. March 13th, from 10am to 4pm. Admission is free.

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## The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce is seeking a new President/CEO

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce is seeking its next President / CEO. The President/CEO of the Chamber is expected to be the key representative and advocate for business owners and employers in the greater Las Cruces community, working to promote and strengthen our community by building prosperity through a healthy economy and a strong business sector. This is accomplished through the energetic and effective administration and management of the following organizations;

- Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, a 501(c)6
- "Create Jobs Dona Ana" the Chambers Political Action Committee, a 501(c) 4
- Greater Las Cruces Chamber Heritage Foundation, a 501(c)3

We are New Mexico's only nationally accredited Chamber, with over 800 members and we actively engage in advocacy on behalf of our members and the business community. As a result our member retention has averaged 91% over the past three years.

Las Cruces is a multi-cultural city with a population of over 90,000 and sits within Dona Ana County which has a population approaching 200,000. Located in the tri state borderplex region, the community is home to White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico State University, the Burrell College of Medicine at New Mexico State University and Spaceport America.

Over the years our community has earned numerous distinctions including Best Cities for Global Trade 2015, Best Places to Retire 2014 and Top 25 Hardest Working Towns 2012.

We prefer that candidates for the position hold a Bachelor's degree, have at least five years of progressively responsible experience in business, political, community or not-for-profit areas. Prior experience in managing a Chamber of Commerce, or other membership-based organization, and expertise in a 501(c)3 foundation is also highly desirable. Salary and benefits package offered with the position are competitive. Candidates should submit a letter of interest, resume, salary history, and a list of three references to:

Mr. Rick Jackson, Chair of the Search Committee  
300A N. 17th St  
Las Cruces NM 88005  
[Rick@ADSLCNM.com](mailto:Rick@ADSLCNM.com)  
757 642-9696

Chamber information can be found at [www.lascruces.org](http://www.lascruces.org)

The search will remain open until the position is filled.

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## Health department educating about Zika virus

### No known cases in New Mexico to date

Zika virus disease has been in the news for several weeks now and has many individuals concerned. Zika virus is transmitted to people primarily through the bite of an infected mosquito, though there also have been reports of transmission through sexual contact. The disease can cause fever, rash, muscle aches, joint pain and red eyes. Zika virus disease has also been linked to birth defects, including microcephaly and other poor birth outcomes in some women infected during their pregnancy. There have been no known cases in New Mexico to date.

“We’re encouraging health care providers around the state to know the signs and symptoms of Zika virus and give out correct information to their patients,” said New Mexico Department of Health Cabinet Secretary Retta Ward, MPH. “We also want New Mexicans, especially pregnant women, to heed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) travel advisories to not travel to areas with active Zika virus transmission for the duration of their pregnancy.”

A list of countries with active Zika virus transmission can be found on the CDC website at: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/zika-travel-information>. The primary goal is to protect pregnant women from Zika. If individuals are not traveling to the countries with active Zika virus transmission, the risk for transmission is minimal. Mosquito sea-

son has not started in New Mexico, and therefore New Mexicans should generally not be concerned about Zika unless they are travelling to areas where transmission is occurring.

Here are some important points from CDC for travelers to areas with active Zika virus transmission:

- Follow all precautions to avoid mosquito bites (see below for more specific guidance).
- Men who reside in or have traveled to an area with Zika transmission who have a pregnant partner should abstain from sexual activity or consistently and correctly use condoms during sex for the duration of the pregnancy.
- Pregnant women who have travelled to areas with Zika transmission should be tested by their health care provider within 2 to 12 weeks of returning.

To prevent the spread of the disease, people traveling to those areas with active Zika virus transmission should carefully follow these steps to avoid mosquito bites while there:

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants;

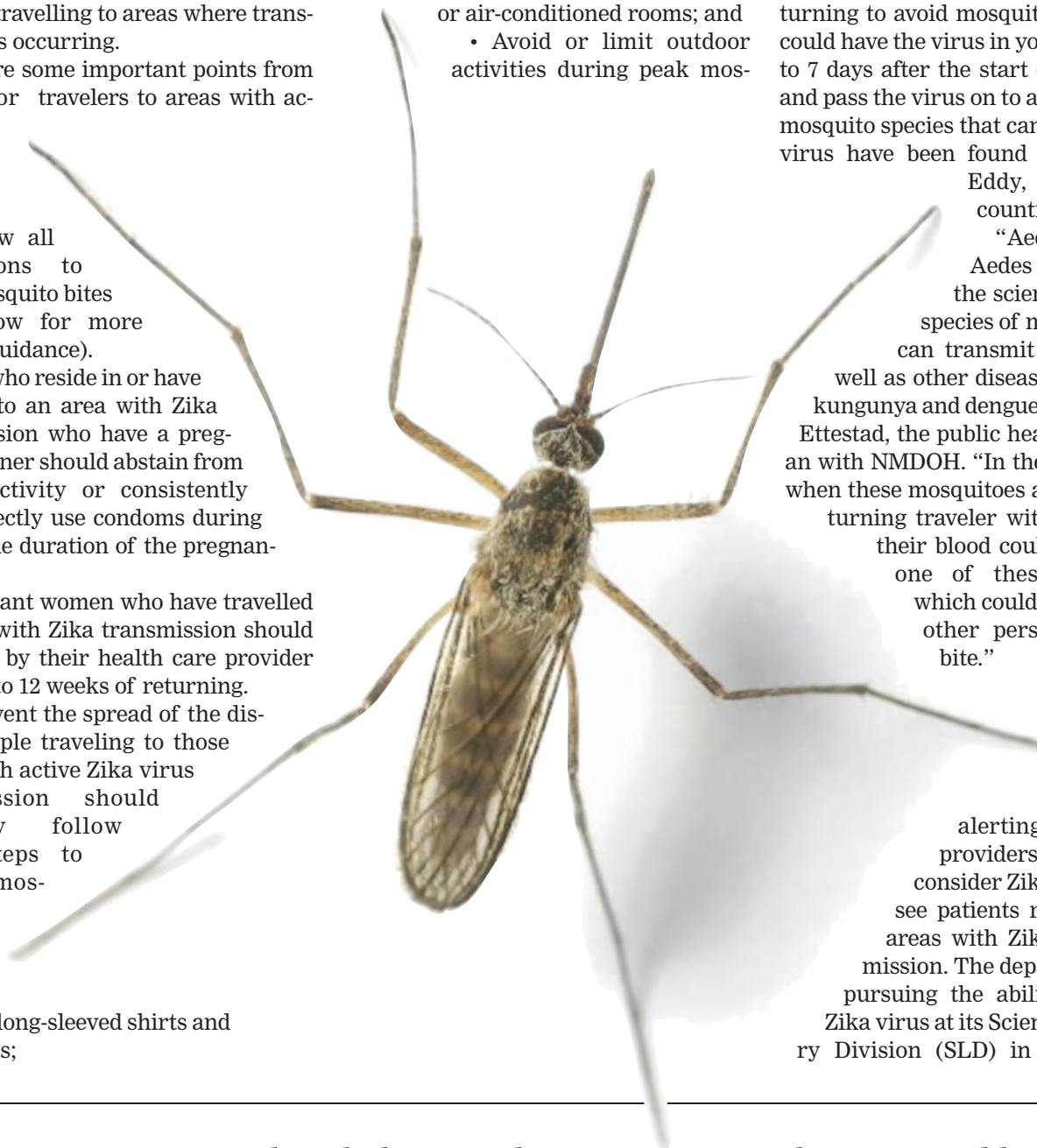
- Use EPA-registered insect repellents;
- Use permethrin-treated clothing;
- Stay and sleep in screened-in or air-conditioned rooms; and
- Avoid or limit outdoor activities during peak mos-

quito times.

It is also important if you become ill with Zika virus within 2 weeks of returning to avoid mosquito bites, as you could have the virus in your blood for up to 7 days after the start of your illness and pass the virus on to a mosquito. The mosquito species that can transmit Zika virus have been found in Doña Ana, Eddy, and Chaves counties.

“Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus are the scientific names of species of mosquitoes that can transmit Zika virus as well as other diseases such as chikungunya and dengue,” said Dr. Paul Ettestad, the public health veterinarian with NMDOH. “In the summertime, when these mosquitoes are active, a returning traveler with the virus in their blood could be bitten by one of these mosquitoes which could then infect another person through a bite.”

The New Mexico Department of Health started alerting health care providers in January to consider Zika virus as they see patients returning from areas with Zika virus transmission. The department is also pursuing the ability to test for Zika virus at its Scientific Laboratory Division (SLD) in Albuquerque.



## Nutritional supplement probable culprit in Salmonella case

The New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the New Mexico Environment Department, and other state health departments in an ongoing investigation of Salmonella virchow.

To date, there are 11 confirmed cases across nine

states. New Mexico currently has one confirmed case in a 75-year-old man from Otero County.

Cases related to this outbreak appear to be linked to consuming Garden of Life Raw Meal Organic Shake and Meal products.

These powdered nutritional supplements come in a variety of flavors and are available at nutrition stores and

food cooperatives throughout the state and country, as well as via online retailers.

Symptoms include an acute onset of headache, abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea, and sometimes vomiting. Dehydration, especially among infants, may be severe. For more information, visit the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov/salmonella/](http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/).

Garden of Life LLC has is-

sued a voluntary recall of its chocolate, original, vanilla, and vanilla chai Raw Meal Organic Shake and Meal supplements.

NMDOH recommends that New Mexicans not eat any flavor of this product if purchased on or after Nov. 1, 2015.

Additionally, products with a “Best Used by: 09/2017” date or later stamped on the con-

tainer should not be consumed. Customers who purchased these items can return them for a full refund. More information, including specific lot numbers are available at: [http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/garden-of-life-llc-recalls-raw-meal-organic-shake--meal-products--because-of-possible-health-risk-300212416.html?tc=eml\\_cleartime](http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/garden-of-life-llc-recalls-raw-meal-organic-shake--meal-products--because-of-possible-health-risk-300212416.html?tc=eml_cleartime).

## Sign up for lifeguard training courses

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will offer two Lifeguard Training Courses beginning in February, 2016.

If you are 15 years of age or older and looking for a great summer job, the American Red Cross Lifeguarding Program is a great place to start. Lifeguarding lets you work as part of a team to help people safely enjoy the water. You could even save a life and learning is fun and easy!

Through videos, group discussion and hands-on practice, participants will learn:

- Rescue skills for use in the water and on land.
- First Aid and professional rescuer CPR/AED training to help prepare for emergencies.
- Professional lifeguard responsibilities

• Surveillance skills to help you recognize and prevent injuries.

The classes will be presented in three sessions on the following dates and times:

Session I: Feb. 20, 21, 27 and 28

Class times: Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

(You must pass a “Skills Pre-test” held on Feb. 19, from 4 – 5:30 p.m.)

Session II: Mar. 14 through 18

Class times: Monday 1 – 4 p.m. and Tuesday – Friday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

(You must pass a “Skills Pre-test” held on Mar. 11, from 4 – 5:30 p.m.)

Session III: Apr. 9, 10, 16 and 17

Class times: Saturday and

Sunday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

(You must pass a “Skills Pre-test” held on Apr. 8, from 4 – 5:30 p.m.)

All Pre-tests will be held at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Dr. Candidates 17 years old and younger must have parent or guardian come in and sign Parent Consent Form prior to participation. The cost of the classes is \$180 plus \$10 for pocket mask.

These jobs are in high demand! American Red Cross certification is recognized nationwide so you can work anywhere in the U.S. No other training organization helps train as many lifeguards each year as the American Red Cross. Contact the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center for further information and to sign up for the skills pre-test times at 575-541-2707.

## HEALTH BRIEFS

### Personal Trainer course at DACC

Come join this fun profession and be a part of what Fortune Magazine & ABC NEWS.com states as the fourth hottest job in the U.S. at a national average of \$34 an hour. Employers like 24 Hour Fitness, LA Fitness, and Gold’s Gyms are just a few of the clubs that seek out these graduates. Get all the information needed to become a Certified Personal Trainer. This challenging course is taught over an 8-week period between Feb. 22 and April 27 at meets from 7 to 9 p.m. at DACC East Mesa DAEM room 201. The National Exam is held on the 9th week. The cost of this 62-hour course is \$649. Students should purchase the book prior to the start of the course: Fitness Professional’s Handbook – 6th Edition by Edward Howley and Dixie Thompson and start reading immediately. ISBN-13:9781450411172. An eBook format is also available:

ISBN-13: 9781450423946. Call 1-888-330-9487 to order. Register online at: <http://www.witseducation.com/certifications/pt-cert-nmdacc.html>.

### Research talk to be held at NMSU

Houra Merrikkh, assistant professor of microbiology at the University of Washington, will present a talk titled “The multifaceted impact of replication-transcription encounters on the life of a bacterial cell,” at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12 in room 109 of Domenici Hall on the NMSU campus. Refreshments will be served starting at 3 p.m. Merrikkh is the recipient of the 2016 Vilcek Prize for Creative Promise in Biomedical Science. The Vilcek Foundation focuses on U.S. immigrant contributions to art and science. For more information, visit <http://www.vilcek.org/prizes/prize-recipient/2016.html#houra-merrikkh>.

# Echinacea has a number of healthy uses

By Trish McCaul

Echinacea is by far one of the most well-known and widely used herbs.

Native to eastern and central North America, a member of the aster family, it grows on prairies

and in open areas.

While most commonly known as a “cold and flu” remedy or preventative, by looking at its traditional uses we gain a clearer insight into its broader healing attributes and applications.

We know that echinacea was used by the Native Americans of the Great Plains for conditions like snake and insect bites, septicemia (bacteria in the blood) and various types of poisonings.

Echinacea indeed contains many constituents which fight infection. It

helps to neutralize bacterial and viral blood toxins. It boosts white blood cell counts, and protects hyaluronic acid, an “intercellular glue” in our bodies by inhibiting the enzyme hyaluronidase which causes a breakdown of hyaluronic acid.

This breakdown-causing enzyme hyaluronidase is found in the venom of some snakes and spiders (such as the Brown Recluse) and it is also excreted by certain bacteria (such as the bacteria responsible for strep throat.)

The hyaluronidase enzyme causes the thinning of the cellular matrix, making the body more permeable to infection. Echinacea inhibits that process.

Because of these actions, echinacea is commonly used to treat (you guessed it) venomous

bites and stings, strep throat, and a host of other conditions including swollen lymph glands, pharyngitis, tonsillitis, laryngitis, mastitis, allergies and blood poisoning.

Echinacea as a cold remedy seems to work best for people who are living in a state of exhaustion, resulting in lowered immunity: think ‘type A’ people, who are always on the go and get sick as soon as they slow down and relax.

Typically, echinacea stimulates the reticulo-epithelial layers of the skin, while increasing the formation of antibodies and speeding tissue repair.

This, coupled with its infection-fighting properties, make it ideal for treating boils, abscess, carbuncles, burns, gangrenous tissue and in-

fectured wounds.

The tincture can also be applied to the gums to treat gingivitis and canker sores.

A word of caution though, when choosing an echinacea supplement. While the practice of “wild-crafting,” (the taking of herbs from wild, native sources) is sustainable for some herbs, it’s not true for all. Due to its popularity, wild native stands of echinacea have rapidly disappeared and continue to do so.

If we want to be assured of future access to this important herb, we need to be sure that the echinacea we use is cultivated, and not wild-crafted, or harvested from diminishing native sources.

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# SeniorScene



## AARP/CAA free tax preparation

AARP/CAA is offering free tax preparation services through Friday, April 15. Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m.-noon on Fridays. Evening hours will be 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday starting in mid-February. Tax preparation will be conducted at 3880 Foothills Rd. The tax service is available to everybody regardless of age. We do simple personal returns such as wages, pensions, interest etc.; we do not do complicated business taxes. We do file electronically and do prior-year taxes. For more information, call 527-8799.

## City cancels all 2016 Aqua Strength Fitness Classes

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will be removing the Aqua Strength fitness class indefinitely from our fitness schedule. For more information call 541-2782.

## DACC Community Education offers course in Genealogy

In the DACC Community Education course, Genealogy Course 1: What is Genealogy? How do I use the internet for genealogy? learn how to trace your

family history. If you are new to genealogy and/or the internet, the instructor will patiently lead you through the internet one-on-one.

Those who prefer a faster pace are able to do so, as this course is self-paced. The online course will be held March 7 through April 6 or April 7 through May 7. The cost is \$49. For more information or to sign up, email [commmed@dacc.nmsu.edu](mailto:commmed@dacc.nmsu.edu) or call 527-7527.

## GriefShare recovery support group meets Sundays

GriefShare is a special weekly semi-

nar and support group designed to help rebuild life after losing a loved one. The bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. Find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling or other family member or friend.

This is an opportunity to be around people who understand. Learn to recognize symptoms of being stuck in grief and learn valuable information about facing anew normal in life and renewing hope for the future. Join us Sundays from 4 to 6 p.m. in room 229, First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda. For registration and information call Penny Baca at 635-9696. Cost: \$10 for participant workbook.

# Healthy Happenings



## 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 now open 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 Library and the key is checked out at the Service Desk. The room cannot be reserved and is to be used on a first-come, first-served basis. It includes a chair, sink, antibacterial countertop and higher outlets to be used with a pump. For more information, contact Mary Chavarria at 646-1860.

## H2O cardio class time change

The City of Las Cruces Parks and Rec-

reation Department will change the time that the H2O Cardio Class is presented at the Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave., beginning Feb. 1. The class will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. For information, call the Aquatic Center at 541-2782.

## Run to benefit St. Luke's Clinic for the homeless

Run with your Doc 2016, a benefit for Saint Luke's Health Care Clinic takes place on Saturday, Feb. 27. The 1-mile Run/Walk starts at 8 a.m.; the 5K and 10K Runs start at 8:30 a.m. at the DACC East Mesa Campus, 2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd. \$25 per person before Feb. 19. T-shirt included; teams allowed. Online registration is: [www.raceadventuresunlimited.com](http://www.raceadventuresunlimited.com) or call 915-274-5222.

## Ongoing

## 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 registration

The Parks & Recreation Department is holding ongoing registration for Tai Chi classes at the Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 Bell Ave. Register between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Cost: \$30/4-week session, \$15 for those 60 and older. Limited space available on a first-come, first-served basis. Classes are currently held Mondays/Wednesdays or Tuesdays/Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and is open to adults. For information, call 541-2455.

## Free well water testing

The Doña Ana County Cooperative Extension Service, the New Mexico Department of Health and the Water Resources Research Institute at New Mexico State University are offering private well owners the opportunity to test their well water for free.

Private well owners in Doña Ana County may stop by the Cooperative Extension Office located at 530 N. Church St. to pick up a free water sampling kit from 8:30 a.m.-noon, or 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The kit includes an instruction sheet on how to collect a sample and submit it for testing at a commercial laboratory in Albuquerque.

Testing is done for the presence of coliform, fluoride, arsenic and other contaminants.

Results are provided to within three weeks. <http://newscenter.nmsu.edu/Articles/view/11665/nmsu-wrri-department-of-health-offer-free-well-water-testing>

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# Pets and People



## Equine perspectives are different from ours

Your horse is a prey animal. His eyes are set on the sides of his head to allow peripheral vision and depth perception — in front vision. This is how his ancestors detected the movement of predators even while grazing with heads down at ground level. To focus his eyes, the horse raises his head for distance and lowers his head for near objects. This explains why a Jumper needs to look straight at an obstacle with both eyes (depth perception) and without the head held high (looking past the jump). Because it takes time to focus (and that could turn him into a meal), the horse reacts to movement and checks out what was moving from a “safe” distance.

This pattern applies to most large prey animals — cattle, llamas, goats, sheep, etc. They may be totally safe in your barn, field or paddock, but their genetically coded responses can override their own life experiences. There is a common goal to NOT become a meal, even if it is totally not a possibility in this lifetime for that horse. Nature holds a power over all animals.

Your horse is a total herbivore. He should not be fed products that contain ingredients from animal sources. I am a vegetarian. I have total understanding of how ingestion of an unfamiliar animal flesh product can upset the digestive tract from one end to the other. Because I am a



**Katharine  
Lark Chrisley**  
Stable Woman

mammal and so is your horse, we can ingest things like yogurt without ill effect (of course, yogurt is very nourishing and health enhancing!) as long as it is free of things like artificial sweeteners, colors and the like.

Your horse cannot vomit, so everything he eats has to make it through a long and winding series of tubes that comprise the digestive tract. It really pays to be careful with everything that is fed to your horse.

The horse’s perspective is quite different than ours. We have eyes set at the front of our heads like predators and we do tend to move like predators. It can be unnerving to horses. To help him understand your intentions, move with steady, relaxed grace around your horse. Do not come up on him suddenly, unannounced (especially from behind!). Do not move crouched, slowly, stiffly as if you are “sneaking” up on him! Approach him as you do an old friend and talk to him.

The safest place for you to be positioned around a horse is at his shoulder (for your safety and his). He can see you (he has a blind spot directly in front of and below his nose and right behind his bottom) and he cannot strike, bite or kick you. Now, horses



do not want to strike, bite or kick us unless they feel defensive and vulnerable (like when surprised from behind

— for all they know, a tiger is about to leap onto them).

A horse can feel defensive because of past experiences

(they have amazing memories) and you might trigger a response without realizing it. If you are having problems with your horse, try to figure out his perspective. Be sure to consistently consider the same things “right” or “wrong.” You can drive a horse insane by rewarding him for doing something one day and punishing him for it the next.

You can develop your schooling program for your horse with a reward based system or a punishment based system. Either one will work. If you base your system on punishing each infraction, your horse will work to avoid punishment. He will only participate with you to keep from being corrected. If you use the reward based system, encouraging and praising and marking every “good” behavior, your horse will strive to find MORE good things to do for you and a RELATIONSHIP will form! It’s your choice.

And horses are at our mercy. In the wild, without fences, a horse can find food and water. In the back paddock, he is totally dependent upon a human being for every life-sustaining need. If you have the honor and responsibility of caring for a horse, always consider his viewpoint. His life is in your hands.

*Katharine teaches horseback riding and is the president of Dharmahorse Inc., a sanctuary for unwanted horses. [www.dharmahorse.org](http://www.dharmahorse.org)*

## Pet of the week

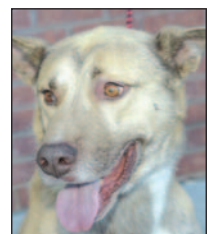
Meet sweet boy Dillon. This handsome fellow has been at our shelter for a year. The meaning of his name tells you exactly what kind of dog he is, loyal and true. He

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into them. Give this amazing dog a chance at his forever home! Dillon is a 5-year-old tan and white male Shepherd mix.

Please come meet him today at

ASCMCV, 3551 Bataan Memorial West, from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For information, call 382-0018.



**DILLON**