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Apodaca is one of city's largest parks

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave., is a total of 25 acres and utterly distinct in the Las Cruces landscape because of its huge chief sculpture. It's also home to the Las Cruces Vaqueros baseball team.

The eight-acre ball park that covers nearly one-third of total park space was acquired by the city in 1953, said city Parks and Recreation Director Mark Johnston. The 17-acre park itself was dedicated in 1953 in honor of Las Cruces Mayor Mike

Apodaca, who served from 1953 to 1955.

Johnston described Apodaca Park as "an active community park with multiple amenities." In addition to the ball fields, those amenities include benches, shelters, tables, playground equipment, water fountains, grills, restrooms, a tennis court and even a swimming pool (closed now for the winter.)

The sculpture, "Dineh," is 20 feet high, with a diameter of five feet and is located on the southwest

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The sculpture, "Dineh," is 20 feet high, with a diameter of five feet and is located on the southwest corner of Apodaca Park. The base is approximately six feet high, with a diameter of eight feet.

Council: Expanded bus service needed

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

At its Tuesday, Feb. 8 work session, Mayor Ken Miyagishi and members of the Las Cruces City Council indicated their support for expanding and improving RoadRUNNER

Transit service, the city-operated public transportation system.

"RoadRUNNER Transit system ridership has grown at a steady rate over the past five years while service levels have remained constant," according

to the city Metropolitan Planning Office's (MPO) Short Range Transit Plan Final Report, issued in October 2015.

"The current system does a good job of providing service," said MPO Staff Officer Tom Murphy, but expanded service

is needed.

Proposed changes would phase in buses running longer hours, Sunday bus service, faster service on some routes, new crosstown service, direct service to Doña Ana Community College's east mesa campus,

greater access to grocery stores and shopping destinations, improved directness of most routes, providing for anticipated increases in RoadRUNNER's service area and ridership and

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Ron Burick, Doña Ana County's safety/loss control and training specialist, shows awards presented during the 2016 New Mexico Association of Counties Legislative Conference in Santa Fe. Doña Ana County was presented with awards for reducing claims related to worker's compensation, auto crashes and law enforcement. Burick said the 2016 awards – and others displayed from previous years – are tangible testament to the continued safety and risk-control mindset of all Doña Ana County employees. Doña Ana County's insurance premiums have shown a steady decline since the Risk Awareness Program (RAP) was initiated in 2008. The program consists of short, bi-weekly trainings to all county employees on a variety of topics related to job safety and risk awareness.

PHOTO: Corrie Stone-Fielder

Money Smart Week '16 planning is underway

Committees are meeting in advance of the second consecutive Money Smart Week in Doña Ana County, which will kick off April 23, during the Farmer's Market, and will continue with financial-education classes throughout the ensuing week.

The kickoff will feature giveaways, demonstrations and calendars outlining a wealth of seminars coming up throughout the event.

Seminar schedules will be finalized and publicized in the coming weeks.

"We're excited to bring this amazing program back in 2016," said MSW 2016 Co-Chair Shirley Hitson, who is leading the planning initiative.

Financial institutions, not-for-profits, schools, libraries and many more community partners are joining together along with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas/El Paso branch to help support financial education during Money Smart Week in Doña Ana County, April 24-30, 2016.

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

Classes will be held at various locations – including the Doña Ana County Government Center – and will cover a wide variety of topics related to money management, savings, navigating large purchases and how to read a credit report.

Residents of all ages are invited to attend.

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County offices will close Monday, Feb. 15

Most Doña Ana County offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 15, 2016, to allow employees to observe the Presidents' Day holiday. Emergency services and law enforcement in the field will not be affected, but the administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will be closed.

In addition to the county's administrative offices, the closure will affect community centers operated by Doña Ana County.



The closure will not affect the Doña Ana County Detention Center, although there will be no visitation hours scheduled.

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department – in conjunction with other law-enforcement agencies – will be in full-force throughout the holiday weekend, with saturation patrols and DWI checkpoints possible.

Doña Ana County officials wish all residents and visitors a safe and happy holiday. Offices will re-open on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

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Passion makes Morales true man of the WESST



By Susie Ouder Kirk
Las Cruces Bulletin

Some people just make you smile. There are those who light up a room when they walk in, especially when they're bringing pastries. There are a handful of people whose passion affects everyone, even if they've only just met.

Manny Morales is all of these. And a handful more. Whether he's mentoring elementary students, advising neophyte entrepreneurs or strutting his stuff on the runway, former Marine Sergeant Morales spreads good cheer wherever he goes. Everyone he encounters taps into his charm, which is good for small business owners in Las Cruces who seek out advice and support from WESST, the organization

Morales manages in Las Cruces.

WESST is a statewide small business development and training organization committed to growing New Mexico's economy by cultivating entrepreneurship. It serves emerging and ex-

isting small business owners across the state. Morales's office covers seven counties in southwest New Mexico, including Doña Ana, Luna, Hidalgo, Grant, Catron, Sierra, and Otero counties. With Morales at the helm as the regional man-

ager, the Las Cruces WESST office provides free and low-cost training, from workshops to Internet template downloads to one-on-one consultations in both English and Spanish. Perhaps

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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Henson, Haskins: Desert dynasties

Early integration helped both basketball programs

Over consecutive weekends here along Interstate 10, universities honored legendary basketball coaches.

On Jan. 30, New Mexico State University honored longtime Aggie coach Lou Henson. And on Feb. 6, the University of Texas-El Paso honored longtime Miner coach Don Haskins and the 50th anniversary of his 1966 national championship team, back when the school was known as Texas Western. That championship was significant because it was the first time a team started five African-Americans during a title game. Fate helped make the game more historic by pitting the Miners against an all-white Kentucky squad.

Under the respective leadership of Henson and Haskins, the two programs flourished in the

mid-1960s and into the early 1970s. Henson led the Aggies to the Final Four in 1970.

How did these two programs gain national prominence in that time, operating from an isolated spot in the desert?

Primarily because these two coaches cared more about the size of a player's heart than the color of his skin, and they actively recruited black and Hispanic players.

Henson and Haskins grew up about 180 miles from each other in Oklahoma, a state with a checkered past when it comes to race relations. My hometown of Tulsa, Oklahoma, saw one of the nation's worst race riots in 1921, and has been battling uphill ever since. I grew up in the state in the 1970s and 80s when racial prejudice

was as common as bass fishing. That said, Oklahoma is also home to some of the most genuine, good-hearted, hard-working souls I've ever known, people who care more about a person's inside than the outside. Count Henson and Haskins in that latter group.

When Henson took his first head college coaching position in 1962 at Hardin-Simmons in Abilene, Texas, he did so only after the school said they would allow him to recruit African-Americans.

Haskins was doing the same at Texas Western.

During this period, the big schools of the Southeast Conference and the Southwest Conference and many colleges, primarily in the South, refused to integrate their teams. In the Northeast



Former New Mexico State University basketball coach Lou Henson shows off a Thank You card he received Saturday, Jan. 30 during the Lou Henson Classic game.

and the West, integration came more readily, as did basketball championships. The University of San Francisco, with black stars Bill Russell and K.C. Jones, won back-to-back titles in 1955 and 1956. John Wooden, at UCLA, won 10 championships in 12 years from 1964-75, with several key black players, the greatest being Lew Alcindor (now Kareem Abdul-Jabbar), who was a nemesis to Henson and the Aggies. The Aggies made the NCAA tournament in 1968, 1969 and 1970, only to get knocked out each year by Alcindor and the Bruins, who went on to win it all.

Even though it's been

50 years now since the Miners won their title, and 44 years since the Aggies were in the Final Four, the leadership of Haskins and Henson, and the efforts of those pioneering players left an indelibly positive impact on the two programs and, I believe, our communities.

One of Haskins' protégés was El Paso's own Nolan Richardson. Richardson, who is African-American, finished his UTEP playing career before the 1966 team, but went on to become a Hall of Fame coach himself, winning a national Junior College title with Western Texas College, an NIT title with Tulsa and an

NCAA title with Arkansas, one of those very late-to-integrate schools.

The Aggie men's basketball team has now had four African-American coaches, including Marvin Menzies, who is working toward his sixth NCAA appearance in seven years.

We should be proud of the foundation Coach Henson built under our Pan Am parquet floor, and of Menzies and others who have carried it on.

And even though it's difficult for Aggie fans to be positive about the Miners, we should be proud too of our neighbors in the Rio Grande Valley.

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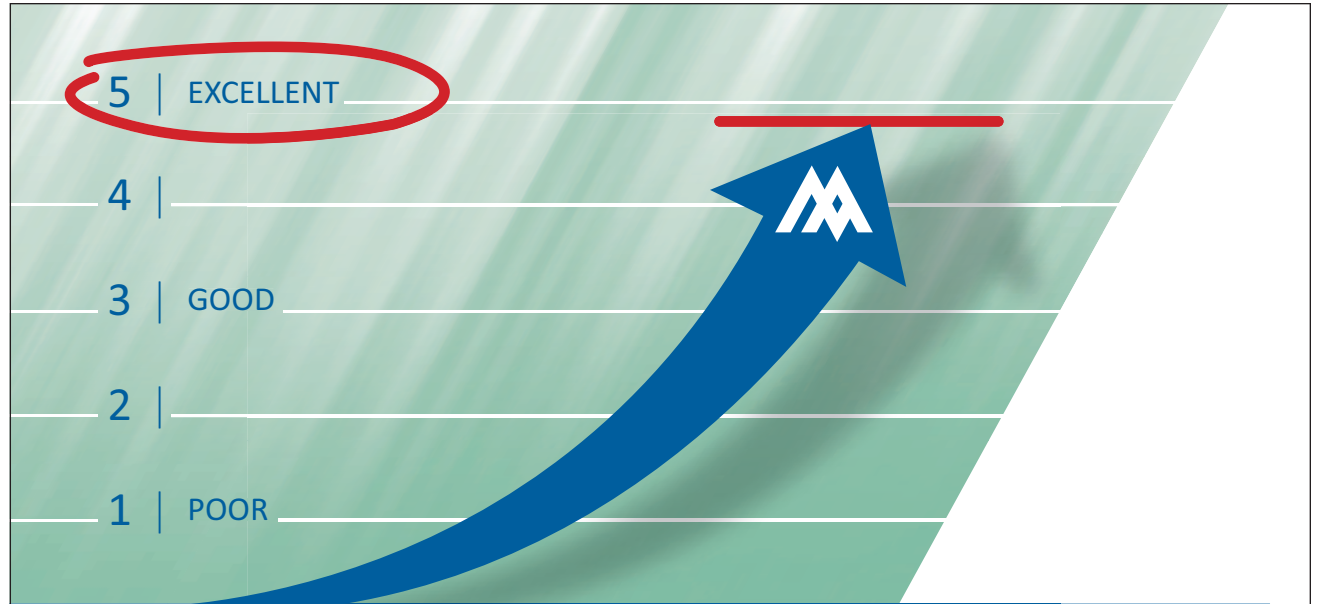
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Bataan 2016: Who will you march for?

By Luciano Vera
For the Bulletin

The 27th annual Bataan Memorial Death March is gearing up to step into another record-breaking year March 20 at White Sands Missile Range. The event is an active history lesson and a true test of endurance.

Considered one of the hardest marathon-length routes in the U.S., participants come from all over the world to honor the Bataan fallen and World War II survivors.

“They stand as a living testament to the memory of Bataan,” said WSMR Commander Brig. Gen. Timothy Coffin during the 2015 opening ceremony. “They faced physical and spiritual hardships that for many were too great to bear.”

The story of the Bataan Death March began April 9, 1942, when about 75,000 Filipino and U.S. Soldiers were surrendered to the Japanese forces. The Americans were Army, Army Air Corp, Navy and Marines.

Among those seized were members of the 200th Coast Artillery, New Mexico National Guard. The prisoners were forced to march approximately 100 kilometers north to Nueva Ecija to Camp O'Donnell, a prison camp, in the scorching heat through the Philippine jungles.

One of those brave men who survived the march is retired Col. Ben Skardon, a 97-year-old Bataan survivor who has marched 8.5 miles for the last eight years during the Bataan Memorial Death March.

“Coming to WSMR is now my pilgrimage,” Skardon said. “I’m privileged to be able to make my eighth trip to White Sands. I learned how easy it is to die when you lose the will to live.”

During the 2015 memorial march, 10 Bataan survivors shook every participants’ hand at the start and finish line. Seven Bataan survivors plan to attend the 2016 Bataan Memorial Death March.

Marchers can select between two routes, the full

26.2 miles or 14.2 miles. Participants can choose to participate in the heavy category, which requires you to carry a pack that weighs more than 35 pounds, or the light category which has no weight requirements.

Each year information is sent to all of the military installations through their chain of command and through FMWR recreational channels to reach maximum military and Department of Defense personnel. The WSMR commanding general also sends challenge letters to general officers throughout the Army.

For more information, training tips, and how to register, visit www.bataanmarch.com. Let us know who you will march for during the 2016 Bataan Memorial Death March by visiting the official WSMR PAO Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WSMR-PublicAffairs/.

Luciano Vera works in the public affairs office at White Sands Missile Range.

SJR1 would make a bad situation even worse

“The prison-industrial complex and the military-industrial complex are here with us and are multi-billion dollar enterprises. We can make more money off the kid in Compton if he’s a criminal instead of a scholar. It’s business.”

— Henry Rollins

I have written many times about the prison-industrial complex in New Mexico and our nation. Millions of dollars go to law-enforcement

and the judicial-industrial complex for justice. From the pettiest of crimes to the most pernicious, the judicial system rides herd over thousands of citizens.

Then there are prisons with all of the staffing. Somewhere in all of this money come bail bondsmen. There is something aimed at them that is not a good idea.

This session in the New Mexico Legislature a



Michael Swickard
In My Opinion

proposed Constitutional Amendment, Senate Joint Resolution 1, involving bail reform doesn’t mean what people think. The test is easy. Another bill with the same language except for one provision, House Joint Resolution 13, is being offered and is said to be dead.

The news media and casual observers may not see what is happening but the attorneys in the Legislature certainly do and they are “game-on” for this windfall. What is the one provision?

That if someone is arrested and goes before a judge instead of having to post a bond saying they will make their court appearance, they can be released if they are poor and are not violent. For them no bail will be required.

The easy sell on both measures is that Judges will have more power to

keep violent people in jail without any chance of being released before their trial. That is a big push for a safer New Mexico. Many people are injured because a violent offender re-offends while on bail. The second set of victims naturally feels that the offender should have been kept in jail. So that change in New Mexico Constitutional Law is needed.

The “More money for defense lawyers” provision in SJR1 which is missing from HJR13 involves that some people are kept in jail when they cannot arrange bail. Sometimes bail is ridiculously low such as one hundred dollars. Jails spend more than that per day housing those citizens.

What is not being said by anyone but the Bail Industry spokesmen is that most people who can get bail do so by their relatives or friends coming up with the money and property collateral. Who would put up their house for their child if the alternative is to re-

fuse to do so and their child is released for being poor and unable to afford bail?

When someone is bailed out there are two parties that work together to make sure that person makes their court appointments: the people who provided the money for that person’s release and the bail bondsman. Both have a financial interest in that person doing the right things.

If people are just released on their own recognizance, there is not that pressure. Further, the private enterprise of Bail Bonds is such that the risk is weighed on each individual. Some people cannot bond out because no bail bondsman will take the risk. That is good to know.

Finally, the real push for this provision is to free up resources from the parents and friends for the defense lawyers. Right now they see the bail as taking money from them since the friends and relatives

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New Mexico's economy demands serious ethics reform

Is it possible that bold ethics reform in New Mexico could help improve our economy? A new report published several weeks ago makes this case, concluding that perceptions of cronyism in New Mexico state government may be slowing economic investment and job creation in our state. Michael S. Rocca, an associate professor of political science at the University of New Mexico along with a team of researchers, the Committee for Economic Development and the Thornburg Foundation recently reported these findings in a new report called "Crony Capitalism, Corruption and the Economy in the State of New Mexico."

The researchers interviewed business leaders and concluded that New Mexico's lack of meaningful government ethics laws, including an independent ethics commission, help create a perception that New Mexico is a place where only the politically connected are rewarded. This perception in turn makes us less attractive for investment. Having served in the legislature for eight years, it is clear that New Mexico experiences costs beyond reduced business investment for our lack of robust



Jeff Steinborn
State representative

governmental oversight and transparency laws. We must do all we can to inspire the trust of all New Mexicans and those that would seek to create jobs here.

New Mexico is reportedly one of only eight states in the country that does not have an independent ethics commission overseeing state government. According to a new poll conducted by Common Cause New Mexico, 86% of New Mexicans support the creation of an ethics commission.

Given this research, it is clearer than ever that one of the best ideas New Mexico leaders can embrace now to improve our economy and future is to get serious about ethics reform.

Some of the most important ethics reform initiatives we should pass this session include HJR 5 - Creating an Independent Ethics Commission (Dines and Steinborn); HB 135 - Full Disclo-

sure of all Lobbyist Spending (Steinborn,) HB 136 - Disclosure of Legislative Recipients of Lobbyists Gifts and Meals (Steinborn,) SB 11 - Require Independent Political Groups to Report their Donors and How their Money is Being Spent (Wirth) and HR 1 - Archiving of Legislative Committee Webcasts (Steinborn.) The proposed independent ethics commission in HJR 5 would not only oversee elected officials,

but also include lobbyists and government contractors.

We should also support common sense initiatives that increase citizen participation in our state's democracy and decision making process. One great proposal introduced this legislative session is HJR2 - Registering All Qualified Electors to Vote (J. Martinez.)

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Speakers include Eugenio Alemán, Ph.D. director and senior economist at Wells Fargo & Co., and Jim Peach, Ph.D., Regents Professor of Economics and International Business at New Mexico State University.

Register by Friday, Feb. 12. No entrance charge for the event. To register online, visit business.nmsu.edu/cob-events or call Anthony Casaus at 646-5817.

View other galaxies at NMSU Observatory open house

The NMSU Department of Astronomy Observatory Open House at the NMSU campus is at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12. Come look at the Pleiades and Hyades, the Orion Nebula M42, the crescent Moon, and the nearby spiral galaxies M33 and M81, among others. Admission is free and children are especially welcome. For information, call 646-1868.

American Gun Culture Club offers basic pistol class

Basic Pistol class on Saturday, Feb. 13th. This four-hour course is shot from a cold range platform. Guns and ammo provided. Ladies, try different weapons and shoot in a relaxed style. If you need renewals or refreshers, come to the 5th Saturday range days. For information, call 642-1003 or email bevyc@gmail.com.

Numerous speakers scheduled for Republican Women's meeting

Republican Women of Mesilla Valley will meet at 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13 at Grand Buffet & Grill, located on

Griggs St. Speakers are: candidates Ceil Levatino, N.M. Senate, and Craig Buckingham, Doña Ana County Commissioner, District 5. Reservations not required. Visitors welcome. Information: 527-5574.

Model Railroad Association Roadrunner division meeting

At 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13, the Roadrunner Division of the National Model Railroad Association meets at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Cost is free and open to all. For information, contact Eric Hansmann at 304-376-0256 or eric@hansmanns.org.

Free dental clinic offered to underserved children Feb. 13

Free dental care for underserved children is provided from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 at 3400 S. Espina St. Free dental exams, radiographs, dental cleanings, sealants, fluoride treatments, and oral health education is provided for children ages 2-17 by the DACC Dental Program faculty and students, the NMSU Pre-dental Society, local dentists and hygienists. The clinic is appointment only and must include the consent of parent/guardian. Appointments: 528-7019.

Barbershop Quartet taking orders for singing Valentines

The Cactus Chords, a barbershop quartet, will be offering singing Valentines on Saturday, Feb. 13, and Sunday, Feb. 14. They will serenade your sweetheart for you, at home, office, or restaurant, for only \$30, which includes three songs and a rose. Reservations only. Reserve a time by calling Chuck Riggs at 521-1729 or at cactus.chords@icloud.com.

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will be awarded for the course. \$50. Class meets at 2345 E. Nevada Ave. Call: 527-7527.

Downtown planning charrette set for Feb. 16, 17 and 19

In preparation for updating the 10-year Downtown Master Plan, the City of Las Cruces presents a series of workshops and public input which opens with an overview workshop with a discussion of hopes and concerns for specific places Downtown from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the Shannon Room of Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.

The series continues with "Main Street Retail Success + The Downtown Economy" 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 17, in City Council Chambers, Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main St. The charrette concludes with a presentation and comments from 6 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, in the Shannon Room. For information, contact Downtown Coordinator Andy Hume at 528-3048 or ahume@las-cruces.org.

Oscar Vasquez Butler hosts meet and greet Feb. 16

Oscar Vasquez Butler, former Doña Ana County commissioner who is running for state senator of district 36, is hosting a meet and greet from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at Beverly Hills Hall, 150 N. Hermosa. Refreshments and appetizers will be served. For information, call 621-8385.

Branigan Library offers free computer classes in February

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library announces free computer literacy classes in the Computer Training Lab, second floor. From 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16, learn how to go online, move around the Internet, access websites, search and be safe at the Introduction to the Internet class. From 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23, in iPad Basics, learn how to navigate beyond the Home Screen, how to use the touch keypad, set up and use bookmarks in Safari, and how to use your iPad as an e-reader. Students must have their own

iPad; iPads will not be provided. Registration is not required, however, only the first five attendees will be guaranteed a computer. Attendees may bring their own laptops if space permits. The library is at 200 E. Picacho Ave. For information, contact the Reference Desk at 528-4005 or library.reference@las-cruces.org.

National consultant to talk on urban retail success

From 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at City Council Chambers, 700 N. Main St., national retail consultant Bob Gibbs presents a talk ("Main Street Retail Success and the Downtown Economy") on urban retail success, followed by the latest downtown commercial market research and a discussion of strategies to enhance economic activity. Event is free and open to the public. For information, call 528-3043 or email ahume@las-cruces.org.

Green Party of Doña Ana County set to meet Feb. 17

The Green Party of Doña Ana County is meeting at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Thomas Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

Hospice representative to speak at AARP Las Cruces Chapter meeting

The February AARP Las Cruces chapter meeting is at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Mountain View Senior Circle, 3948 Lohman Ave., Ste. 1. A representative from Hospice will speak. Please bring a dry food to help those in need. For information, call Dave at 317-385-8874.

Learn to find funding for your nonprofit on Feb. 18

Thomas Branigan Library is hosting a series of grant foundation classes for adults, starting at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18, at Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The course is Introduction to Finding Grants. Learn to find funders for your nonprofit with the Foundation Center's funding research tool. Register at 541-2393 or email kpartin@las-cruces.org.



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IN THE NEWS

City offices' schedule for Presidents' Day

City Hall and most other City of Las Cruces offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 15, in observance of Presidents' Day. Police and fire services will not be affected. The following is a list of closures: Sage Café; all aquatic facilities; After School programs; Munson Center; all senior programs; Thomas Branigan Memorial Library; all museums; Visit Las Cruces.

The following runs on modified/normal schedules: East Mesa Rec Center from noon to 5 p.m.; Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center from noon to 5 p.m.; Meerscheidt Rec Center from 8 a.m. to noon; Solid waste/recycling services operate as normal; Foothills Landfill open normal hours for clean fill and yard waste; Roadrunner Transit and Dial-A-Ride operate on a normal schedule (offices closed).

The Arc of New Mexico seeks treasurer

The Arc of New Mexico, a statewide, non-profit agency is recruiting an individual to serve on the board of directors as treasurer. Basic qualifications include an accounting or related degree, understanding of financial accounting for nonprofit organizations and knowledge of board governance.

The Arc Board meets quarterly and at the call of the president with at

least three days' notice. The treasurer attends all board meetings, understands accounting for nonprofits and serves as a member of the Budget and Personnel Committee which meets prior to each regularly scheduled board meeting. The treasurer also works with the executive director and finance manager on financial reports, the nonprofit's annual budget for board approval, annual audits and board members' questions.

The Mission of The Arc of New Mexico is to improve the quality of life for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities of all ages. For information, contact Randy Costales at 505-883-4630, rcostales@arcnm.org or visit www.arcnm.org.

Deadline nearing for scholarship applications

Applications for scholarships from the New Mexico Credit Union Education Foundation are available with a deadline for Friday, Feb. 26. Applicants do not have to be credit union members. Recipients will receive an amount determined by the Foundation board for the 2016-17 school year. Applications must be completed in full and postmarked by Friday, Feb. 26. Applicants must be New Mexico residents and meet requirements including GPA and full-time enrollment. Students may use the scholarship at any accredited vocational or technical school, college or univer-

sity in New Mexico. Applications information are available at cuanm.org.

Pet owners reminded to license their pets

Pet owners residing within the Las Cruces city limits are reminded that their pets must be registered and issued a license. All licenses are issued through the Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley, 3551 Bataan Memorial West or through PetData.com. Proof of the pet's current rabies vaccination, proof of microchip and proof of sterilization (if applicable) are required. License renewals may be conducted in person at the ASCMV, online at PetData.com or through the mail as appropriate.

Licensing fees for personal pets in Las Cruces are: Altered (spayed/neutered) \$7 per year; Unaltered (not spayed/neutered) \$50 per year; senior citizen with altered pet(s) \$5 per year. Seniors must provide proof of age with valid photo ID. ASCMV hours of operation are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday/Sunday. For information call 382-0018.

AARP/CAA free tax preparation offered

AARP/CAA is offer-

ing free tax preparation services through Friday, April 15. Hours of operation are from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Fridays. Evening hours are from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday starting mid-February. Tax preparation is conducted at 3880 Foothills Road and 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 file electronically and do prior-year taxes. For information, call 527-8799.

Free rides offered for veterans through DAV

The Disabled American Veterans free ride program, which supplies van rides for veterans to hospital and doctor appointments, can be reached at the following numbers: Las Cruces and El Paso/Truth or Consequences/Albuquerque 575-915-4899 and Alamogordo 505-506-8717.

Student awarded international internship

New Mexico State University College of Business student Linsey Tabor has been selected by the National Associa-

tion of Professional Surplus Lines Offices as the J.H. Blades Scholar for 2016 and awarded a three-week, all-expenses paid internship in London this summer. Tabor is a senior from El Paso, Texas, majoring in finance and human resource management with minors in banking and risk management and insurance. She was first selected as one of 16 interns nationwide for the 2015 NAPSLO internship program. Interns spent five weeks with a NAPSLO member surplus lines insurance company and four weeks with a NAPSLO member wholesale broker.

Graduate student awarded fellowship

New Mexico State University graduate student Derek Barchenger has been selected as the first ever NMSU student to be awarded with a U.S. Borlaug Fellowship and a trip to Taiwan. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in plant and environmental sciences at NMSU.

The Borlaug Fellowship is a named after the Nobel Peace Prize win-

ner, Norman Borlaug. The purpose of this fellowship is to provide United States graduate students with the opportunity to study with a researcher at a world agricultural center.

While attending NMSU, Barchenger has worked to become the research assistant at the Chile Pepper Institute and president of the Plant and Environmental Science Graduate Student Organization.

NMSU alum to manage Citizens Bank branch

Mikko Noopila has joined Citizens Bank as vice president/University Branch manager. Noopila has nine years of local banking experience as a city branch president and business banking officer. As a former student athlete, he has strong ties to New Mexico State University, where he graduated with honors, earning a bachelor's degree in business in 2001. He also received an MBA with a concentration in finance from NMSU and is a graduate of Western States School of Banking.

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.

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reduced emphasis on Mesilla Valley Mall, according to the report.

Public input

The proposed changes were driven by public input on the plan, Murphy said, which was gathered through a rider survey conducted in December 2014 and January 2015; an online version of the rider survey that was available from Dec. 10, 2014 through May 1, 2015; a city council work session last June; and a city Transit Advisory Board presentation and three public meetings last July, the report said.

Phases

The plan recommends expanding bus service in five phases that probably would take several years to complete, based on funding and council support, Murphy said.

Phase one, which he said could begin within a few months, would include expanding, realigning and consolidating seven routes, including new services to the Bataan, Northrise and North Telshor areas of Las Cruces.

Murphy said phase two changes would include extending bus service from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. during weekdays on current routes. RoadRUNNER's Route 80 (Lohman/Picacho) would improve running time to 30 minutes in

phase three. Phase four would increase Saturday hours from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. add Sunday bus service to existing routes, and add weekend service to the newly proposed Bataan route. Phase five would increase weekday hours on the Bataan route and add a new Solano Drive route.

\$4.7 million

The recommendations would provide service to about 1,500 more riders in phases one through four and 5,000 in phase 5, according to the report. The cost of phase one would be about \$3.3 million, and implementation of all five phases would cost an estimated \$4.8 million, according to the report.

"Between 2010 and 2013, the population of Las Cruces increased 3.8 percent from 97,621 to 101,324," according to the report, which said total employment in the city during that same time period grew by 3.1 percent, from 40,712 to 41,983. Monthly RoadRUNNER ridership has increased from more than 40,000 in January 2010 to about 65,000 in August 2012 to about 60,000 last October, the report said.

Fixed routes

RoadRUNNER Transit started April 21, 1986 and will celebrate its 30th birthday this spring. Current service consists of 12 fixed routes that serve Las Cruces, NMSU and DACC and operate

from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. There is no bus service on Sunday or major holidays. Most routes operate at 60-minute headways (time between consecutive services), and every route makes a timed transfer at either the Mesilla Valley Intermodal Transit Terminal, 300 W. Lohman Ave., or Mesilla Valley Mall.

The current cost of service is free for children ages five and under; \$1 for adults and 50 cents for a youth, senior citizen, disabled person, Medicare holder or student for a one-way fare; \$1.25 for adults for a day pass and \$2.25 for all others; \$4 for adults for a weekly pass and \$8 for all others; and \$30 for adults for a monthly pass and \$15 for all others.

The city and NMSU jointly provide the Aggie Transit system, which consists of two shuttle routes between NMSU and the city that operate from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays during school semesters, and are available to students with a valid NMSU ID; the DACC Shuttle, jointly operated by the city and DACC, which provides a free limited-stop shuttle between DACC's east mesa campus and Mesilla Valley Mall, and is open to the public and operates on weekdays during school semesters.

The city also provides a dial-a-ride program,

which is a curb-to-curb, on-demand transportation service for senior citizens and the disabled. Fares are \$2 for each one-way trip and free to senior citizens.

The city has a total of 19 fixed-route buses and 20 dial-a-ride para-transit buses, said city Transit Operations Supervisor Richard Hanway. There are 33 fixed-route drivers and 16 dial-a-ride drivers, he said. "Fixed-route buses have a sitting capacity of 35 but can accommodate as many as 78 passengers sitting and standing combined," Hanway said. "The dial-a-ride buses can accommodate eight to 14 passengers. Both fixed route and dial-a-ride are ADA accessible and both accommodate two mobility devices per vehicle," he said. Hanway said fixed-route buses logged 503,084 miles in 2015, while dial-a-ride buses reported 220,361 miles for 2015.

Peer review

The MPO plan includes a peer review comparing RoadRUNNER transit to seven other transit systems that serve communities of similar size to Las Cruces in the western United States, including Santa Fe; Flagstaff, Arizona; Grand Junction and Pueblo, Colorado; Logan, Utah; and Billings and Missoula, Montana.

Peer review findings, according to the report, include:

- Despite having the

third highest service area population, RoadRUNNER operates the second fewest number of fixed-route peak vehicles;

- RoadRUNNER's service area size is slightly above the peer group mean, and population density was 11 percent lower than the peer group average;

- For revenue hours and revenue miles, RoadRUNNER ranked lowest among the peer group. RoadRUNNER also had the second lowest number of passenger trips. Overall, RoadRUNNER had approximately one-third fewer passenger trips and 25 percent fewer revenue hours and miles than the peer group average;

- RoadRUNNER ranked below the mean in terms of total funds expended (\$6.3 million vs. \$6.6 million). Total local contribution (\$2.3 million) was 24 percent lower than the peer group average (\$3.1 million). The percent local contribution of total funds for RoadRUNNER was 38 percent (compared to the peer group average of 44 percent.)

'On the fast track'

Councillor Ceil Levatino said local residents need bus service on Sundays and longer evening bus hours to accommodate work schedules and shopping needs. Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith agreed.

Councillor Gill Sorg said the council should put approval of phase one of the plan "on the fast track." Public transportation, he said, is an important way for many local residents to get to and from their jobs.

Councillor Kasandra Gandara, a social worker, said bus service is also essential so people can reach the social services they need.

Councillor Olga Pedroza said one of the

benefits of an expanded bus system is few people driving cars, which is better for the environment.

City Transportation Director David Maestas said expanding the city bus system is important because many local residents are spending nearly one-third of their incomes on transportation, which he said is "unsustainable."

"I think this is the best plan I've ever seen," said former Las Cruces City Councillor Sharon Thomas during the public comment portion of the work session.

Kysten Aguilar, food planning and policy specialist for La Semilla Food Center, said providing increased access to grocery stores through public transportation is vital in fighting hunger and hunger-related diseases among those who lack personal transportation services.

Convergys Corp. Las Cruces Site Director Jason Heckler said the bus stop nearest Convergys Corp., located at 4201 Del Rey Blvd., is three miles away. He asked that the bus stop be moved to a closer location as soon as possible, noting that many of his more than 350 employees ride the bus to work.

"I ride the bus a lot," said Las Cruces resident Charles Clements. He said the capacity of the city bus system has remained the same for 20 years, even though the city's population has grown substantially. He said all phases of the MPO plan should be adopted now by the council.

For more information, visit www.las-cruces.org/departments/transportation/transit and http://las-cruces.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=2&event_id=191&meta_id=67192.

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corner of the park, easily visible from Madrid Avenue. The base is approximately six feet high, with a diameter of eight feet. The pine sculpture's inscription reads, "DINEH/(Human Beings in Navajo and Apache)/Trail of the Whispering Giants/This 57th statue honors all the Native Americans of New Mexico/Sculpture by Peter Wolf Toth/Dedicated August 23, 1986."

Johnston said the sculpture is actually the 54th in Toth's series honoring Native Americans, not the 57th. Toth began sculpting the statute in June 1986.

The description of the statue is, "a bust of an older Native-American man. He has long hair and wears a scarf wrapped around his head and a medallion around his neck. His lips are slightly parted, revealing his teeth," according to the Smithsonian Institution's artist inventory website.

Visit www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM11JB_Dineh for more information on the statue. Visit www.apodoca.com.

Could Silver City be the next Burns, Oregon?

Community conversation planned to address potential takeover of federal lands

By **Susie Ouder Kirk**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Concerned citizens in Silver City are collecting information and preparing for a possible conflict similar to the takeover of public land in and around Burns, Oregon last month in an anti-government protest that escalated into an armed takeover of a building in a federal wildlife refuge.

The Gila Resources Information Program (GRIP), along with the Center for Biological Diversity are holding a community conversation at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at the Global Resource Center on the Western New Mexico University Campus entitled, "On Violent Means to Political Ends: Will Silver City be the next Burns, Oregon?" Citizens are encouraged to attend

the meeting with questions, concerns and issues. Silver City Social Psychiatrist Jamie Newton will moderate the event.

In January, members of anti-government militias from across the U.S. travelled to Burns to support Dwight Hammond Jr., 73, and his son, Steven Hammond, 46, Oregon ranchers who are incarcerated for illegal use of federal lands. The Hammond family, in whose name a militia occupied the refuge headquarters, did not ask the militia to intervene and has disavowed their actions.

Brothers Ammon and Ryan Bundy, the ring leaders of the armed militia occupying the headquarters of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, accuse the federal government of

overreaching, land grabbing and pushing ranchers off their land in Oregon and elsewhere. Supporters have said they won't leave until federal land in the area is returned to state and local governments.

Silver City rancher Adrian Sewell in January travelled to Burns, Oregon in support of the Bundys, and allegedly has renounced his federal grazing permit and will refuse to pay his fees starting March 1. If government entities interfere, militia members associated with the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge are promising to travel to Silver City to support Sewell in any way necessary.

Information about the community conversation is currently available on the KURU radio website.

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come up with that money. With no bail required that same money that otherwise would go to bail would be available as extra resources for the lawyers.

With this provision in SJR1 the lawyers see a pot of money glimmering and they assume most people will not think this through. They will just react to the notion of a debtor's prison where people sit behind bars because they don't even have a hundred dollars.

I would like to see HJR13 pass and be voted on by citizens in November but not SJR1. It is making a bad situation worse and funneling more money to lawyers while ending a private enterprise that minute by minute in our system looks at the flight risk of each person.

Are their abuses? Of course. But that is no reason to make the system worse.

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Volunteers help Habitat for Humanity build 100 Las Cruces homes

By Mike Cook

Las Cruces Bulletin

Volunteers from Las Cruces and across the country are working with Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity (MVHH) staff to build four new homes in Las Cruces – all for single mothers, said MVHH Executive Director Maria Vasquez.

During the 28 years it

has been active in Las Cruces, MVHH has constructed 101 homes, and five more are already in the planning stages for next year, Vasquez said. Every family that has received a home through MVHH still owns it, and all four of this year's soon-to-be homeowners are single mothers.

Qualifying homeowners are selected based on economic need, ability to pay their share of the costs and willingness to help with the construction, Vasquez said.

Each participating family makes a \$500 down payment on the house and pays \$500 a month on a long-term, low-interest

mortgage. To qualify, families have to have a steady source of income, which could include a job, Social Security payments – “anything that’s going to be steady,” she said.

Families’ “willingness to partner” means they must contribute “time and effort toward building your house and the houses

of others,” Vasquez said. Electrical and plumbing is done by licensed contractors, but family members work with MVHH staff and long-time volunteers on most other aspects of construction.

Each single-applicant family has to contribute at least 250 hours at the construction site, working in the MVHH ReStore and main office and/or attending credit counseling, budget and financial literacy classes. A two-applicant family has to contribute at least 500 hours.

Several of this year’s applicants have already surpassed their minimum number of hours, Vasquez said, and continue to work on their own homes and

others’.

Participating family members are “helping each other, helping themselves,” Vasquez said. MVHH staff “work very closely with home owners. We are a family,” she said.

MVHH provides “a great opportunity for families that are within reach of that dream of owning a home,” she said. “We’re here to help those families, giving them a hand up instead of a handout.”

It’s difficult to measure “how much of a benefit owning a home has on a child and the family,” Vasquez said. However, she noted that 98 percent of students who live in

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Habitat for Humanity homes graduate from high school.

Most MVHH homes are 1,200 square feet and have three bedrooms, although MVHH has built some four- and five-bedroom homes for larger families, Vasquez said.

Ten local volunteers work on home construction Tuesday through Saturday. Local groups, including staff members from Lockheed, Bank of the West, the Las Cruces office of U.S. Congressman Steve Pearce, R-N.M. (and, on Feb. 6, members of the New Mexico State University women's soccer team,) work together on Saturdays.

"MVHH gets lot of community help," Vasquez said. "We're lucky we're in a community that has a giving heart."

Individuals and couples from all over the United States – called care-a-vanners – come to Las Cruces for two weeks to two months each year, and sometimes longer, to help with construction. Many have become expert at building houses over many years of service.

MVHH has slots near its office on Santa Fe St. for up to 12 care-a-vanners, and they're almost always full, Vasquez said.

There were care-a-vanners from Montana, Minnesota, Utah, New York and Washington on site during the Feb. 6 construction work on the four MVHH houses being built next to each other on two

adjacent streets on the East Mesa.

Dyana Todd of Washington State has been coming to Las Cruces for the entire construction season (October through April) since 2011. Jean Gratz and her husband, who live year-round in their RV, have been in Las Cruces for two weeks, and have two more to go. John Goergen and his wife of Grand Lodge, Michigan, completed their two-week stay in Las Cruces on Sunday, Feb. 7. Until the local weather warmed up in Las Cruces that weekend, he said, "it was warmer in Michigan than it was here."

Judith, who is volunteering in Las Cruces with her husband, Hans, is from Lisbon, N.Y. Work with MVHH, she said, has been a "learning experience. And you have a great crew here."

MVHH construction teams include a superintendent and an assistant. They are "extremely patient" in training and working with volunteers, Vasquez said. And care-a-vanners are "great leaders," she said. The MVHH construction season is October through April.

Vasquez has been with MVHH since February 2009, working her way up from cashier at the ReStore to executive director. "I have long felt a passion for what Habitat for Humanity does in our community," she said.

MVHH is funded by the U.S. Department of Hous-



ABOVE: Members of the New Mexico State University women's soccer team helped out with construction on Feb. 6.

ing and Urban Development. It also has individual and corporate sponsors.

You can visit the MVHH ReStore at 2301 S. Main St. The ReStore "is a building and personal materials reuse and surplus center open to the public," according to a ReStore brochure. It welcomes donations of new and used items, and you can also make a cash donation to MVHH. The store is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

For more information, contact Vasquez at 525-0475 or mariahfh@qwest-office.net. Visit www.las-cruceshabitat.org.



LEFT: Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity volunteers and staff work on a home on Wendall Road in Las Cruces on Feb. 6.

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Udall to host student leadership institute for juniors, seniors

Bulletin report

On Tuesday, Feb. 16, U.S. Sen. Tom Udall will host the 27th Student Leadership Institute (SLI) for New Mexico high school juniors and seniors to discuss policy issues that affect New Mexico and the nation. The SLI location histori-

cally has alternated between northern and southern New Mexico, and this year, it will be held in Las Cruces.



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dents from 28 schools throughout Southern New Mexico will attend the half-day conference designed to increase awareness about government and public policy. Participants will attend seminars hosted by members of Udall's legislative staff, and con-

clude the day with a group conversation with Udall where they can discuss what they learned and ask about issues that interest them. Media are invited to attend all or part of the conference.

"The Student Leadership Institute provides a

unique opportunity for high school students to learn more about government and public policy, and I'm pleased to host this year's conference in southern New Mexico," Udall said. "Students from nearly every county in the region have registered to attend, and I'm looking forward to talking with them. I hope SLI will expand students' interests and inspire the next generation of New Mexico leaders to continue to learn about and stay engaged on the policy issues that impact them."

Former U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman started the

Student Leadership Institute in 1988, and passed sponsorship of the conference to Udall when he (Bingaman) retired. This year's conference will be held at New Mexico State University. Seminar topics include economic development; environment and public lands; energy development; education; national security; and budget priorities. Udall will host a simultaneous session on education policy for educators who accompany students to the conference.

Further information about the conference is available at www.tomudall.senate.gov/sli.

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Bus service to restart in southern Doña Ana County

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Residents of southern Doña Ana County who don't have personal transportation will have a special reason to celebrate Presidents' Day, Monday, Feb. 15. That's the day the South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD) plans to open new bus routes in the southern part of the county, connecting residents of San Miguel, Mesquite, La Mesa, Vado, Berino, Chamberino, La Union, Anthony, Chaparral, Santa Teresa and Sunland Park with Las Cruces and El Paso. Another route will connect to Organ and White Sands Missile Range.

"Transportation is one of those items that was and is on the minds of people

in the rural parts of the county," SCRTD Executive Director David Armijo told the Las Cruces City Council during a council work session on Monday, Feb. 8.

Providing bus service to those residents will help the county develop a "larger and more effective workforce," and will help serve a large older population that can't drive or doesn't have regular private transportation to medical appointments, he said.

One example of the need for service is the 60 percent no-show rate of people in the county's south valley who have appointments with La Clinica de Familia, said County Commissioner Wayne Hancock, who is president of the SCRTD board of directors. Health care

providers "are trying to provide services," Hancock said, but clients often don't show up for scheduled appointments "because they don't have transportation."

"This is a very important service to 50 percent of our population, if not more," Armijo said.

Armijo said the bus routes will "mirror" SCRTD bus routes created in a recent pilot program that was stopped in 2014 after county voters rejected a sales tax increase to permanently fund the service.

Hancock said the New Mexico State Legislature allocated \$440,000 to purchase five new buses for the new routes.

Buses will run from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. The cost will

be \$1 each way.

Armijo said routes will include SCRTD's Intermodal Terminal Center, 300 W. Lohman Ave.; county offices; New Mexico State University's Gerald Thomas Hall; and La Clinica de Familia in Las Cruces.

Armijo, a native Las Crucean who was hired by SCRTD Dec. 1, said the new routes will connect to transit operators including RoadRUNNER, Sun-Metro, New Mexico Gold and Silver Lines, El Paso County Transit and Zia Trans.

SCRTD was created in November 2006 to provide "public transportation services in areas within its boundaries where public transportation does not exist," according to <http://scrted.org/>.

Arrowhead Center receives award to create I-Corps

By Lauren Goldstein
For the Bulletin

Arrowhead Center at New Mexico State University was awarded a three-year, \$300,000 grant last week for the Innovation Corps (I-Corps) Sites program. I-Corps is a National Science Foundation (NSF)

initiative to leverage university research to create new innovative businesses and increase the economic impact of inventions created at research institutions around the country.

NMSU is one of only 51 academic institutions nationwide

to be selected as an I-Corps Site. Other I-Corps Sites include the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Chicago, Carnegie-Mellon University, Purdue University, UCLA, University of Pennsylvania and other top research institu-

tions.

As an I-Corps Site, NMSU will be able to offer Aggie I-Corps, a five-week program for NMSU students and faculty interested in creating innovative startups. The program allows for \$60,000 to be awarded to teams of NMSU students

and faculty annually for the life of grant. Teams completing Aggie I-Corps can also gain eligibility to the National NSF I-Corps, which includes a \$50,000 award per team. NMSU had five teams

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Dogs Who Read inspires children at Jardin de los Niños to love books

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

“Duke,” “Bailey” and “Scout” are visiting with children at Jardin de los Niños every week as part of Jardin’s new Dogs Who Read (DWR) program, said Jardin Executive Director Audrey Hartley.

The dogs visit on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons while students in Jardin’s after-school program take turns reading to them. “Afterward, everyone goes outside together to play some fetch and run around,” Jardin after-school teacher and literacy coordinator Sophia Sepp said in a recent edition of Jardin’s literacy newsletter.

“We have modeled our DWR program after the R.E.A.D. program, which has shown some of the great benefits of therapy dogs in boosting the confidence that kiddos have in their ability to read,” said Sepp, who created DWR for Jardin. “When kids read to dogs, they do not feel the same pressures as they do when reading to adults. Also, therapy dogs in general help to alleviate stress and lower blood pressure. (The kids we work with at

Jardin tend to be more prone to stressful living/home environments due to homelessness).

“With DWR, the hope is that the kids no longer have to worry about mispronouncing words or being corrected,” Sepp said. “Over time, this helps improve their relationship with reading and builds a strong foundation in literacy, as they learn to associate it with fun.”

DWR “is open to any community members and their pups who want to participate,” she said. “However, we do ask that the dogs and owners are certified as therapy/service dogs. Most of our current dogs/owners have come from the local Therapaws program.”

There are currently six children enrolled in the

DWR program, Hartley said. “This summer, we will have about 20. Jardin currently serves about 45 children a month, she said.

“This is a cutting edge program,” Hartley said. “Because many of our kids struggle with reading, this is an excellent way of getting them interested in books. Sophia has done an excellent job in creating another way to demonstrate to our children that they can take charge of – and change – their lives.”

For more information, contact Jardin de los Niños at 522-2111 or jardindeloseninos.lc@gmail.com. Jardin is part of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, 999 W. Amador Ave. Jardin’s mailing address is 1300-G El Paseo PMB #272, Las Cruces, N.M. 88015. Visit www.jardinlc.org.



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Dogs visit Jardin de los Niños on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons while students in Jardin’s after-school program take turns reading to them.



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\$6.5 million school project

Work continues on new Sierra gymnasium

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Have you ever wondered what the heck that huge building under construction in front of Sierra Middle School is when you're driving down Spruce Avenue between Solano Drive and Telshor Boulevard?

It's a new 18,521-square-foot gymnasium with locker rooms, said Las Cruces Public Schools Director of Construction Gloria Martinez. The \$6.5 million project also includes expanding the school's music classrooms into the existing gym space and repaving the school parking lot, she said.

New basketball courts are already finished, and concrete masonry and steel erection continue in the gym.

Williams Design Group, Inc. is the project's architect. The construction is being done by ESA Con-



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struction. Both are Las Cruces firms.

The project, which is being paid for with bond funds approved by Las Cruces voters, began last October and should be completed in January 2017, Martinez said.

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win National NSF I-Corps awards in 2015 and seeks to increase the number of winners with the addition of the I-Corps Site.

The main goal of Aggie I-Corps is to produce successful startup businesses and foster commercialization of innovative research. Studio G Director Kramer Winingham will manage the I-Corps Site and the Aggie I-Corps program.

“As an I-Corps Site we will be able support the great innovations from NMSU students and faculty by providing funding, training and access to follow-on opportunities to bring their innovations to market,” Winingham said. “The I-Corps Site is a huge win for NMSU and Arrowhead – it will serve as a critical piece in the pipeline for economic development in the region.”

Arrowhead Center was created to be an engine for sustainable economic development, ultimately improving quality of life in the state of New Mexico. Under Arrowhead, Studio G was created as NMSU’s Student Business Accelerator to help students start businesses. The recent growth of Studio G – now serving over 150 student entrepreneurs working on more than 80 ventures – was a key factor for NMSU to be selected as an I-Corps Site.

“This competitive federal grant represents the recognition of the critical importance of innovation in the economic future of our nation, and of the readiness of NMSU to be a major contributor to commercialization and student entrepreneurship,” said Kathy Hansen, director of Arrowhead Center.

To read more about the NSF I-Corps Sites, Teams, and Curriculum, visit nsf.gov/news/special_reports/i-corps/. For those interested in getting involved with I-Corps, please fill out the interest form at arrowheadcenter.nmsu.edu/icorp

NMSU professor named among top emerging AI researchers

By Dana Beasley
For the Bulletin

William Yeoh, a New Mexico State University assistant professor of computer science in the College of Arts and Sciences, has been named to IEEE Intelligent Systems’ 2015 list of “AI’s 10 to Watch,” which acknowledges 10 outstanding researchers in the field of artificial intelligence (AI).



YEHO

The list features young scientists from all over the world, who have completed their doctoral work in the past five years and have made notable contributions to AI research. IEEE Intelligent Systems publishes the list every two years. Yeoh is featured in the magazine’s January-February 2016 issue.

“I am tremendously honored to be selected to be part of the 2015 cohort,” Yeoh said. “It is very humbling to be included together with all the other outstanding researchers.”

The 2015 list recognizes scientists from institutions such as the University of New South Wales, the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, as well as Johns Hopkins, Columbia and Pur-

due universities.

“NMSU has a long history of internationally recognized research in the field of AI, and William is the newest star,” said Enrico Pontelli, an NMSU Regents Professor of computer science and interim associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences. “Not only is his research work of the highest quality, but in just a short period he has contributed to reinvigorating the research atmosphere in the computer science department through his innovative ideas, his enthusiasm and his caring attitude toward students.”

The focus of Yeoh’s research at NMSU is on distributed constraint optimization (DCOP), which is used to model multiple “agents” in large, complex problems. Agents, Yeoh said, can range from humans, to hardware agents – like robots – and software agents, like the software in smart phones.

Yeoh’s group is currently investigating the use of this DCOP framework to represent certain smart grid-related problems.

The traditional power grid, Yeoh explained, is a complex system that delivers energy from a power plant to our homes and offices. The smart grid is the next-generation power grid, where two-way communication between the power producers

and consumers is used to improve the overall efficiency and reliability of the grid.

“For example, through the use of smart meters, which capture a variety of power-related information, power producers can better estimate the amount of power that will be consumed in the future, which will lead to more optimized and sustainable power generation,” Yeoh said.

Yeoh’s work is part of a larger smart grid research center at NMSU, called iCREDITS, which Pontelli is co-director of. The center houses an interdisciplinary group of researchers to work collectively to advance the current state of smart grids.

“I am very fortunate to have a very good group of collaborators, both students and faculty members,” Yeoh said. “As such, I would like to thank and acknowledge all my research collaborators, especially those at NMSU. This recognition is as much, if not more, of a recognition of their effort as it is of mine.”

To view the IEEE Intelligent Systems article, visit <http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/xpl/articleDetails.jsp?arnumber=7389912>. For more information about iCREDITS, visit <http://icredits.nmsu.edu/>.

NM EDGE graduates class during conference

By Jane Moorman
For the Bulletin

A graduating class of 40 public servants received certification in their fields recently through an education

program administered by New Mexico State University’s Cooperative Extension Service.

The nationally accredited New Mexico Certified Public Manager pro-

gram administered by NM EDGE, which stands for Education Designed to Generate Excellence in the public sector, graduated its 13th class of public servants at a recent ceremony during the Legislative Conference of the New Mexico Association of Counties held in Santa Fe. Since 2008, the program has certified 314 public officials with one or more designations.

“We are proud to continue to bring new designation curriculum into our program,” said Jon Boren, NMSU assistant dean and director of the

extension service. “We strive to provide meaningful training to help our public servants to have better government through education.”

Two new designations were awarded this year – New Mexico Certified Information Technology Professional and the New Mexico Certified Professional Risk Manager.

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and deliver the risk management curriculum,” said Mary DeLorenzo, NM EDGE program director. “We are excited to have several graduates this year.”

Receiving the professional risk manager designation were Mark Jasso of Luna County, Roberta Hanneman of Otero County, Kiki Arellano of San Miguel County and Nick Sedillo of Torrance County.

“We owe Laura Gonzales of Los Alamos County a debt of gratitude for bring the nationally recognized certified information technology profession curriculum forward and helping us develop and deliver it,” said DeLorenzo of the process for this new designation. “Laura had obtained the national certification and wanted to share it with other IT professionals.”

Earning the information technology professional designation were Sharon Lathrop of Lea County, Michael Adams of Los Alamos County and Julian Barraza of Union County.

To obtain a certification designation, the students must complete a number of classes, along with a portfolio demonstrating their application of the competencies learned in the classes. For more information about the designations, visit nmedge.nmsu.edu.

Jon Boren, associate dean and director of New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service, and Steve Kopelman, New Mexico Association of Counties executive director, presented each graduate with their certificate and a commemorative lapel pin as the graduates names were read by DeLorenzo,

Receiving designations were:

- Cibola County: Michelle Dominguez, Cibola County, chief deputy

clerk, certified public official.

- Colfax County: Rick Aguilar, county appraiser, certified public official.

- Dona Ana County: Consuelo Guerrero, court compliance division manager, certified public supervisor.

- Eddy County: Rick Rudometkin, county manager, certified public official.

- Harding County: C.J. Garrison, chief deputy clerk, certified public official and certified county clerk

- Lea County: Tryon Hassen, Lea County custodian of records, certified public official; Shannon Lathrop, CIS analyst technician and certified information technology professional.

- Lincoln County: Dallas Draper, county commissioner, certified public official and certified county commissioner

- Los Alamos County: Michael Adams, senior application analyst, certified information technology professional.

- Luna County: Albert Campos, county commissioner, certified public official; Matthew Elwell, detention director, certified public official; and Mark Jasso, emergency service director, certified professional risk manager.

- Otero County: Debra Alton, human resource director, certified public official; Steve Boyle, county assessor, certified public assessment officer; and Roberta Hanneman, safety officer, certified professional risk manager.

- Quay County: Janie Hoffman, chief deputy assessor, certified public official; and Ellen White, chief deputy clerk, certified public official, certified county clerk.

- Rio Arriba County: Jose A Candelaria, county treasurer, certified public official and certified treasury official;



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Forty public servants received certification in their field from the NM EDGE education program administered by New Mexico State University's Cooperative Education Service. Since 2008, the program has certified 314 public officials in one or more designations.

Sarah Garcia, chief deputy treasurer, certified public official, certified treasury official; Jeremy G. Maestas, election clerk, certified public official; and Rosalie Vigil, document specialist, certified public official.

- San Miguel County: Kiki Arellano, human resource supervisor, certified advocate for public ethics and certified professional risk manager.

- Sandoval County: Donna Lucero, tax researcher supervisor, certified public official

- Santa Fe County: Claudia Borchert, utilities division director, certified public official; Mark Garland, GIS analyst, certified GIS specialist; Marianne Martinez, senior mobile home specialist, certified treasury official; Matthew Royball, GIS technician, certified public official; and Julian Juan Serna, GIS technician, certified public official.

- Socorro County: Martha Salas, county commissioner, certified county commissioner.

- Taos County: Orlando Marquez, appraiser III, certified public official.

- Torrance County: Nick Sedillo, chief ap-

praiser/risk manager, certified professional risk manager.

- Union County: Lou Harkins, county clerk, certified county clerk; and Carlota Ulibarri, chief deputy county

clerk, certified county clerk.

- Valencia County: Julian Barraza, IT administrator, certified information technology professional; Steve Gonzales, fire chief, certified public su-

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City prepares for more Downtown upgrades



After gathering comments from stakeholders, PlaceMakers in 2013 created this rendering of what Water Street might look like when two-way traffic is restored, streetscape added and mixed-used buildings erected.

By Alta LeCompte
Las Cruces Bulletin

Taking Downtown to the next level by adding retail and residential space will be the focus of community input sessions scheduled for Feb. 16-19.

The sessions, known collectively as a charrette, will be conducted by PlaceMakers LLC., which has assisted the City of Las Cruces with a previous charrette addressing the concerns of Downtown stakeholders.

Andy Hume, Downtown community development coordinator for the city, explained that the previous Downtown charrette focused on design, and led to development of a form-based zoning code that will pave the way for mixed-used buildings Downtown.

Hume said the second draft of the code, which would encourage building usage such as retail on the first floor and residential on the upper floor, will be presented to the city's Planning and Zoning Commission Feb. 23. It is scheduled to be discussed at a March 14 City Council meeting, he said.

This time, the charrette will lead to the creation of a new Master Plan, since the current plan is 10 years old and more than two thirds of the projects proposed in that plan have been completed or are under way.

Hume said to expect the first draft of the new plan in 12 weeks.

Subcontracting for PlaceMakers, Gibbs Planning Group is gathering

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Mesquite shop now serving tea

By Alta LeCompte
Las Cruces Bulletin

With help from a 21st century funding source, Beck's Coffee at 130 N. Mesquite St. is tripling its menu offerings.

Arianna Parsons, co-owner with her husband Tyrell Thacker, said the two-year-old business is adding brewed tea, espresso drinks and other treats, thanks to funding from Square Capital.

"This opens up a whole new clientele to us," she said. "A lot of people love the environment here and were just waiting for the menu to expand."

Square Capital is available to qualified merchants who process transactions using a Square Inc. card reader.

"Square Capital is really wonderful," Parsons said. "They send you a message asking if you want X amount of dollars,



Owners Arianna Parsons and Tyrell Thacker of Beck's Coffee roast, bag and brew more than 20 varieties.

and they deposit it in your account the next day."

She said there was no paperwork, and the loan will be repaid by Square Capital automatically deducting a percentage of Beck's credit card sales.

"We only use Square Capital for equipment that can increase our sales," she said.

Beck's closed for a long weekend from Jan. 29 to Feb. 2 to redo its kitchen plumbing and install a triple sink re-

quired for their new limited food service menu license.

The little stone shop with an inviting front patio is also growing in staff, having added three employees.

"It's amazing to me that the community was willing to let us grow sustainably," Parsons said.

"It's astounding that for two years we existed doing just pour-over coffee and selling coffee by the pound."

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"We roast and brew 23 varieties of coffee," Parsons said, "and with the different syrups, it's immeasurable."

Add to that list the new arrivals: six premium teas from New Mexico Tea Co. of Albuquerque — brewed by the cup or in a 20-ounce infuser pot.

"Tea was a whole new ballgame for us," said Parsons, adding she and Thacker worked with a tea master and the company owner to get up to speed on their new product line.

"It's such a gentle method of brewing,"

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Las Cruces artist Wayne Huber shares his vision for Downtown with Andy Hume, Downtown community development coordinator for the city, at a design charrette held in 2013.

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data and doing analyses of the Downtown retail market and will report on their findings at the upcoming charrette.

Meanwhile, Zimmerman Volk Associates is looking at residential development options.

While the form-based zoning code will lay the legal foundation for mixed-use development, the consultants' analysis and the new master plan will establish the economic rationale for mixed-use development, Hume said.

The package would provide a "unified voice" developers can present to investors when they submit proposals, he said.

"The dual retail/residential emphasis is because thousands of people work Downtown every day and there is very little retail to support those workers. But after 5, it's hard to discern anybody even knows Downtown exist ... and that's not good," Hume said. We need the after-five crowd, typically people who want to live Downtown — and they have different kinds of retail needs."

Connecting the dots

Hume said in the past Downtown was looked at in a vacuum, when in fact it is adjacent to "two very well established 100-year-old neighborhoods," the Mesquite and Alameda/Depot districts.

Residents of those neighborhoods are poten-

tial customers for Downtown retailers, Hume said.

He said the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership and the city are working together to develop a way-finding system, including walking trails, which will help people move among the neighborhoods.

The neighborhoods collectively offer a wealth of gathering places, including Pioneer, Johnson and Klein parks and the Downtown Plaza, Hume said.

He said he has heard many stories of times gone by when kids from the neighborhoods would go Downtown with Prices milk caps and a nickel to watch a movie at the Rio Grande Theatre.

"The beautiful historical and cultural and recreational assets are here," Hume said. "We just need to connect them and bring people in."

He said the city aims to harness the momentum generated by the earlier reconstruction of Main Street and Downtown plaza construction currently under way by conducting the charrette and re-doing the master plan.

Also contributing to the momentum, he said, is the preliminary design in progress to return Church and Water Streets to two-way traffic. Parkhill Smith & Cooper is designing that project, which is due to get started early in 2017. Money already has been allocated by the Tax Incre-

DOWNTOWN CHARETTE SCHEDULE

Opening Presentation and Workshop

A brief history of the Downtown Master Plan process, introduction to plans for the week and a facilitated discussion of hopes and concerns for specific places in the Downtown.

When: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16

Location: Shannon Room, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.

Main Street Retail Success + The Downtown Economy

National retail consultant Bob Gibbs presents a two-part talk on keys to urban retail success and how Las Cruces can employ them Downtown. Attend one or both segments.

When: 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 17

• Segment 1, 10-11 a.m.: Theory and tools for creating successful urban retail.

• Segment 2, 11 a.m. – noon: Emerging data on retail in Downtown Las Cruces, followed by a facilitated, results-oriented conversation.

Location: City Council Chambers, Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main St.

The Neighborhood

Questions for discussion: In what ways can design contribute to quality of life for residents, businesses and cultural institutions in the Downtown and adjacent neighborhoods? How can Las Cruces strengthen the ties to the Mesquite and Alameda/Depot neighborhoods? What concerns do neighbors have regarding Downtown?

When: 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17

Location: MoNas Classroom, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.

Open House

A review and critique of work in progress

When: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 18

Location: Shannon Room, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., Las Cruces, NM 88001

Walkability + Connectivity

Veteran transportation engineer and walkability guru Peter Swift presents a two-part talk on connectivity and transportation planning and how they can be leveraged for Downtown revitalization. Attend one or both segments.

When: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18

• Segment 1, 1:30-2:30 p.m.: Keys to enhancing walkability that can be applied to any neighborhood citywide.

• Segment 2, 2:30-3:30 p.m.: A quick look at connecting Downtown Las Cruces, internally and to our adjacent historic neighborhoods (Mesquite and Alameda/Depot), followed by a facilitated conversation on how Las Cruces can plan for cars, bikes and pedestrians to support ambitions for continuing Downtown revitalization.

Location: City Council Chambers, Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main St.

Concluding Presentation & Comments

A wrap-up of the week's work, with community review.

When: 6 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19

Location: Shannon Room, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.

For more information, visit www.lascrucesdowntownplan.org.

ment Development District to complete the \$4.8 million road project, Hume said.

Downtown is ready

Arianna Parsons, executive director of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership, an organization tasked with attracting private investment Downtown, said for a long time there was a dearth of available retail space Downtown, but that is changing as space has become avail-

able in the Camunez building and some 9,000 feet is now available in the Bank of the West Building.

"The stars are aligned and now it's just a question of getting the word out," she said.

Businesses the DLCP is working to attract Downtown include the basics, such as grocery stores and dry cleaners.

Parsons said at this point at least three businesses have solid plans to locate Downtown.

"The next five years are going to be the most exciting in the history of Downtown," she said, "and there are lots and lots of

ways for people to get involved."

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Dark pools are a bad idea

Dark pools are in the news again.

First made famous by Michael Lewis's book "Flash Boys," dark pools are largely unregulated private trading platforms. Originally marketed as a mechanism by which institutional investors could make large trades in secret, they have evolved into havens for scam artists.

But then what would you expect?

Precisely the reason for public disclosure is to protect the public from financial predators.

The basic concept of a dark pool is to allow mutual funds and other large money managers to trade in secret thereby not tipping their hand. But as it turns out, this is not the way dark pools have actually worked.

Suisse Group and Barclays, two of the largest players in dark pools, rather than keeping the trades made by large players secret have been selling the information out the back door to the high-frequency traders at the same time that they collected fees. The high-frequency traders have been using the information to game the system, for example, by front running large trades.

Front running is a scam whereby an informed trader uses information about large trades to game the system. For example, if a high-frequency trader learns that a large sale is about to arrive at a dark pool, they will buy in advance of the trade at a lower price, then sell at a higher price when the large trade arrives. Thus, rather than protecting large traders from unscrupulous practices, the dark pools run by Suisse Group and Barclays were actually enabling exploitation.

All this is happening at the speed of light, with the high-frequency traders making trades that only last fractions of a second — in and out at the blink of an eye.

Each trade earns only a few fractions of a percent return, but many trades added together ultimately results in large incomes. The earnings of the high-frequency traders come out of the



Chris Erickson
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pockets of the large institutions.

These losses, of course, are passed on to the individual investors who have trusted their savings to the intuitions. Thus the real losers in all this are the many 401Ks and IRAs trusted to the care of large money managers.

That dark pools are a bad idea is obvious to financial economists and economic historians.

The making public of buy and sell orders was originally required in the 1930s to protect investors from predatory activities by Wall Street insiders. Back then, the lack of regulation meant that all exchanges were dark pools. While things moved at a slower pace, the same sort of shenanigans we see now with dark pools were every day occurrences in the large public exchanges.

The Securities and Exchange Commission, the same agency that is prosecuting Suisse Group and Barclays, was established in 1934 precisely to prevent the sort of abuses, like front running, that were common then and are again common in dark pools.

There is no question that dark pools are very popular, representing as much as 20 percent of all trading volume. But there is a problem — the proliferation of dark pools has led to market fragmentation and inefficiency. Each large trader pursuing their individual private desire for secrecy is undermining market transparency that has given U.S. markets their competitive advantage relative to foreign markets.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Barela to deliver legislative wrap up, 2017 outlook

Economic Development Cabinet Secretary Jon Barela will be the featured speaker at the March meeting of the MVEDA Business in the Borderplex Forum.

The meeting will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

During his tenure, New Mexico's experienced a 107 percentage increase in export-related job growth. Additionally, worldwide exports from New Mexico have increased 253 percent. This includes a 400 percent spike in exports to Mexico, with commerce there doubling from 2013 to 2014.

Barela was instrumental in reforming the tax structure by lowering the state's business tax rate from 7.6 to 5.9 percent and implementing a single sales factor which virtually eliminates the business tax on manufacturers.

The meeting will begin with a hot entree buffet.

Advance registration is \$25, payable by major credit card via the secure PayPal portal on the registration form. Payment at the door with cash, check or credit card is \$30.

Due to space constraints, reservations are required. Register online at www.mveda.com/blog.

Health insurance office extends hours

BeWellnm, New Mexico's Health Insurance Exchange (NMHIX), has announced its Las Cruces Enrollment and Assistance Center will remain open after the open enrollment deadline — through June 30.

The extended time period will allow those with qualifying life events to receive assistance during special enrollment periods.

Hours in Las Cruces will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday through June 30.

The Center, located at the Lohman Atrium Suites, 1990 E. Lohman Ave., will remain available for New Mexicans to drop by with or without an appointment to learn more about their options and get free in-person assistance from brokers, agents and enrollment counselors to enroll in health coverage for themselves and their families through the exchange.

"Although most New Mexicans would need to have enrolled for health insurance by Jan. 31, we also understand that there are people in our communities with life events that will qualify for a special enrollment period," said Amy Dowd, NMHIX executive director. "This center will be a helpful, in-person resource for anyone still uninsured after the open enrollment deadline."

BeWellnm is working in partnership with the New Mexico Primary Care Association to provide staffing for the location.

A person qualifies for a special enrollment period 60 days following certain life events that involve a change in family status — for example, marriage or birth of a child — or loss of other health coverage.

The Center in Las Cruces first opened to the public for the 2016 open enrollment period, which ran from Nov. 1, 2015, to Jan. 31, 2016.

Consumer assisters including agents, brokers and enrollment counselors are also available throughout the state to help with enrollment in English, Spanish and other languages. They can be found through a locator tool at www.bewellnm.com or by calling the consumer help center at 855-996-6449.

Homes tour sponsorships available

Sponsorships are still available for the Las Cruces Showcase of Homes to be held April 22, 23, 24 and 29, 30; May 1.

Tours will take place Fridays from 4 to 7 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 7 p.m. A Twilight Tour has been scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

For more information, call Nicole Black at the Las Cruces Home Builders Association, 526-6126.

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Parsons said of the infusion process. "The tea steeps and gets a lot of good flavor."

She said the first day Beck's opened after remodeling to accommodate their new offerings six people had ordered tea by early afternoon.

Parsons said a number of people had asked for them to serve tea, but it was important for the couple to find the highest quality product available.

"We've been listening to our customers for two

years," she said.

Growing sustainably

In order to grow, the owners took out their first Square loan to buy a commercial refrigerator.

With their current loan they redid the kitchen, adding a commercial three-compartment sink. They also made what Parsons called a huge investment in an espresso machine.

"We previously only had a market permit, so everything we used had to be disposable," she said.

Now that Beck's has acquired a limited food ser-

vice menu license, customers can snack with a plate and sip their coffee, tea or espresso from a ceramic mug.

They also can order goodies, newly added to menu, such as fruit parfait and affogato.

Beck's Affogato, Parsons said, uses gelato made and sold on campus by New Mexico State University students. Espresso, roasted at Beck's, is poured over the gelato to make a kind of sundae for coffee lovers.

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SAVE THE DATE

FRI 2/19

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

FRI 2/26

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

TUE 3/1

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance Business in the Borderplex Forum, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. New Mexico Secretary of Economic Development Jon Barela's legislative update and outlook for 2017. Registration required, \$25 online. Payment at the door, \$30. Register online at www.mveda.com/blog.

THU 3/3

1:30 to 3:30 p.m. "Growing Your Business Through Online Sales," WESST workshop. Register online at www.wesst.org, by calling Manny Morales at 541-1583 or emailing mmorales@wesst.org.

SAT 3/5 — SUN 3/6

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

THU 3/10

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

"International e-Commerce 101 — Why Export?" WESST workshop. Register online at www.wesst.org, by calling Manny Morales at 541-1583 or emailing mmorales@wesst.org.

SAT 4/16

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

5th annual Volunteer Fair, La Placita Downtown. More than 40 Las Cruces and Doña Ana County nonprofit and public organizations for "one stop shopping" of ways to be involved in the community. Door prizes and kid's activities. Space is free for non-profit organizations and public groups by calling Ryan Steinmetz at the City of Las Cruces 528-3035 or by emailing rsteinmetz@las-cruces.org



Hospital groundbreaking approaches

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The wait is almost over for Las Cruces who drive by and wonder when construction will begin at Park Ridge, the mixed use development planned for the former Las Cruces County Club property on North Main Street.

Clem Borkowski of ASI Capital said groundbreaking is expected during the first quarter of 2016 for the 78,000-square-foot medical center anchoring the development that will also include residential, retail and office buildings.

Completion of the medical facility, valued at almost \$100 million, is expected later in 2017, Borkowski said.

Local developer Bob Pofahl, a partner in the Park Ridge project, said passersby may soon see heavy equipment at the site as preliminary grading work begins. The city has issued a grading permit for the medical campus, he said.

Construction of the Las Cruces Regional Medical Center will start with the 32-bed inpatient care wing, surgical suite with three operating rooms, cardiac cath lab, radiology suite, emergency room, pharmacy and laboratory. Adjacent, to the south of the hospital, will be a medical office building with seven or more physician office suites and an outpatient surgical center.

ASI Capital has been assisting to structure the transaction with investors, management groups and consultants, Borkowski said.

He said ASI has arranged for Carr Baier

Crandall (CBC) Real Estate Group of Kansas City to develop the Las Cruces Regional Medical Center Hospital and the adjacent medical office building. Plans are being made for a rehab facility and assisted living residences.

"We're going to be very busy down there for a long term," Borkowski said.

CBC is a large firm specializing in build-to-suit for hospitals, as well as commercial and federal government projects. The firm will lease the facility to Las Cruces Medical Center, the investor group that owns the hospital.

"The investor community is not backed by a large, private equity firm," Borkowski said. "There is not big corporate entity pulling the strings."

Why Las Cruces?

Borkowski said his firm chose to do a project in Las Cruces because of its location, size and economic factors.

He said building a hospital in a tertiary or regional market is rewarding because such a project can make a significant impact in its area, more so than a similar project in a major metropolitan market.

"The location couldn't be any better," he said. "We want to see health care provided in a location with easy access to highways. Las Cruces as a whole is striving to be a vibrant community. In speaking with local physicians, we learned there's a struggle for access. The market can really support this project as the community continues to grow."

The goal, he said, is to construct a five-

star, physician-oriented hospital.

"We look to the entire state of New Mexico and there is not a hospital that performs above the national average," Borkowski said. "New Mexico should have a five-star facility. It's too beautiful a state not to have high-quality health care."

He said five-star service should not be limited to the wealthy, but should be available to patients with private insurance, Medicare and Medicaid.

Project details

Spangenberg Phillips Tice (SPT) Architecture of Wichita, Kansas, is nearing completion of plans for the medical center at Park Ridge, Pofahl said. Hutton Construction LLC, also from Wichita, will build the hospital and medical office building. Zia Engineering of Las Cruces is the civil engineering firm for the project.

Borkowski said labor for the 14-month construction project will be primarily locally sourced.

When the hospital is fully operational, it is expected to create 200 permanent, well-paying jobs, he said.

The management group, Las Cruces Medical Management, partners national experts with local physicians so there will be a voice from inside the community, he said.

"Decisions will be made for Las Cruces, driven by the needs of and input from Las Cruces," Borkowski said.

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Hot Ags roll into Chicago State

Bulletin report

The Aggies have their groove back.

More than that, the New Mexico State University men's basketball team has rattled off eight-straight victories and sit atop the Western Athletic Conference standings.

The Aggies (17-8 overall, 8-1 WAC) now head to Illinois to tangle with Chicago State Saturday, Feb. 13. Tipoff is scheduled for noon MT.

The road trip continues when NMSU travels to Kansas to take on Wichita State in a game postponed earlier in the season due to weather. Then an important home game looms on the schedule as CSU-Bakersfield, currently tied for second place in the WAC and one game behind NMSU, comes to town.

Rio Rancho home game

NMSU took a break from WAC action to play host to Northern New Mexico in a home game in the north at the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho, Monday Feb. 8

The Aggies saw every player get on the scoreboard as they never trailed in beating Northern New

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New Mexico State University guard Braxton Huggins splits the UT Texas Rio Grande defense in a game earlier this season. The sophomore has 103 points this season. The Aggies are holding on to first place as they seek a fifth-straight Western Athletic Conference title.

Ag women put streak on the line

Bulletin report

Kids aged 5 to 14 have a chance to learn some of the fundamentals of basketball Saturday afternoon, Feb. 13, and any participants could not ask for better teachers.

The New Mexico State women's basketball team will host a free kids clinic from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Pan American Center to be followed by the Aggies' 2 p.m. showdown with Chicago State.

All the kids who attend the clinic get into the game for free. Check-in will start at noon at the Pan Am Annex. Walk-ins are welcome.

Those on hand will get to see the No. 1 team in the Western Athletic Conference up close and personal.

The Aggies (20-3 overall, 9-0 WAC) have won 42 of their past 48 games dating back to last season and are looking to repeat as WAC champs.

Aggies handle Utah Valley

With 2:26 minutes left to play, junior Moriah Mack single-handedly propelled the NM State women's basketball team past Utah Valley, 59-53, on Saturday, Feb. 6 for the program's 20th win of the season and 11th-straight win.

Mack, who finished with 15 points on 7-of-14 shooting and seven rebounds, started NM State's 13-2 in the final 2:26 with seven-straight points.

"Today was a gut check for our girls and they responded well,"

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Former 'Dawg Gormley shines in the pool

By **Barbara Boxleitner**
For the Bulletin

Freshman Andrew Gormley has been a versatile and

valuable contributor for the Fairfield University (Conn.) men's swimming team.

The Las Cruces High

School graduate has won individual events in multiple strokes. In his college debut against Rider University, he

won the 100-yard butterfly and finished third in the 100 backstroke. He also scored by placing fifth in the 50 free-

style.

Gormley won the 200 back-

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stroke and placed second in the 100 backstroke against College of the Holy Cross. He was fifth in the 100 butterfly.



GORMLEY

He won the 100 backstroke against St. Francis College to open the 2016 portion of the schedule. He placed fourth in the 200 freestyle.

He finished in the top three in multiple individual events at two other meets.

Gormley has been a member of the B 200 medley relay, which finished fourth against Iona College in the last meet before this month's conference championships.

Men's basketball

Terrel de Rouen is no longer on the Jarvis Christian College team. The Oñate High School graduate played for University of North Dakota before transferring to Jarvis Christian.

He averaged 11.9 points and 4.4 rebounds through 10 games, all starts. He reached double figures in points in seven games, with a season high of 22.

Las Cruces native Shane Shelton averaged 3.1 points and 1.2 rebounds through 18 games for University of Antelope Valley.

Freshman guard Malik Woods-Williams started one of the 13 games he played for Northern New Mexico College.

The Las Cruces product had a 5.8 scoring average, with a career-high 33 points against Dine College in his lone start.

Softball

Mesa Community College sophomore first baseman Natasha Merca-

do hit .333 in four games. The Centennial High alumna had three runs batted in, second on the team.

Oñate graduate Valerie Macias is a freshman shortstop for Mesa. Through six games, the leadoff hitter hit .364 with one run batted in.

Past Bulldawg Bailey Terry is a freshman corner infielder for Texas Wesleyan University. She had a one-run single in four at-bats during the opener.

Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at bboxleitner@outlook.com.

Upcoming games
Chicago State at NMSU
When: Saturday, Feb. 13
Tipoff: 2 p.m.

NMSU at Bakersfield
When: Thursday, Feb. 18
Tipoff: 8 p.m. MT

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said head coach Mark Trakh. "There comes a game where you have no business winning, but they found a way to win. I'm very proud of the girls."

The San Antonio, Texas, product was also a major key on the defensive end for NMSU forcing many of the turnovers down the stretch to help the Aggies convert 10 Utah Valley turnovers into 17 points.

"Moriah just found a way to win for us today," said Trakh. "She did everything for us down the stretch, on defense and on offense."

Sasha Weber also finished with 15 points, going 5-of-7 from the floor and 3-of-4 from deep to go with four steals and four boards. Brianna Freeman chipped in with a dozen points of her own with three boards, two blocks and two steals.

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Mexico 85-54.

The Aggies extended their winning streak to eight games with the victory, while the Eagles (13-13) had a three-game win streak ended.

"I was really excited to get the opportunity to come up north to play in front of Aggie fans," said NM State head coach Marvin Menzies. "We really do appreciate it. It was fun and definitely a positive."

The Aggies jumped out to a double-digit lead early and never looked back, limiting

Upcoming games
NMSU at Chicago State
When: Saturday, Feb. 13
Tipoff: Noon MT
Radio: 570 AM

NMSU at Wichita State
When: Monday, Feb. 15
Tipoff: 6 p.m. MT
Radio: 570 AM

Bakersfield at NMSU
When: Thursday, Feb. 18
Tipoff: 7 p.m.
Radio: 570 AM

most of the starting lineup to a half of action or less. Sophomore center Tanveer

Bhullar made the most of his playing time, leading the Aggies with 14 points, six rebounds and a blocked shot.

Sophomore starter Johnathon Wilkins posted 12 points with four boards and a block, while reserve sophomore Braxton Huggins collected 11 points with three assists.

"This was a great opportunity to play guys who don't get a lot of reps with a crowd and refs," said Menzies. "It's a good deal."

In playing just 17 minutes, sophomore Pascal Siakam scored eight points with six rebounds, marking only the fifth time this season that the Karl Malone Power Forward

of the Year and Lou Henson Award candidate did not add to his NCAA leading total of 21 double-doubles. However Siakam did have two blocked shots and a strong dunk to thrill the 2,306 in attendance for the game in the Albuquerque metro area.

Northern New Mexico ended its regular season with the loss.

The Eagles start play in the Association of Independent Institution's Championship Tournament beginning on Feb. 26.

The Eagles got 12 points from Marcus Ellis, while Patrick Bendegue added 11 points with six rebounds.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Dylan Udero is an 18-year-old senior at Las Cruces High School. He plays center midfield in soccer and is a 132-pound wrestler for the Bulldawgs. Udero is a two-time state champion in wrestling and was a member of the 2013 soccer state championship team. His record in wrestling is 29-2 this year with state two weeks away. Udero is an outgoing, hard-working student athlete who strives to be involved in his high school. He is Student Body Vice President, with a 3.54 GPA. Udero plans to attend college and participate in wrestling or soccer. Outside of school and sports, he enjoys skiing, riding motorcycles and working out.

LAS CRUCES HIGH SCHOOL

School taking on the Great Kindness Challenge

By Beverly Tenorio
For the Bulletin

Conlee Elementary is doing something very different this year. In honor of Bully Free Week, during the week of Feb. 22-25, the students at Conlee will be doing the Great Kindness Challenge which is “a proactive and positive bullying prevention initiative that improves school climate and increases student engagement. The Great Kindness Challenge is one week devoted to performing as many acts of kindness as possible,” according to the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation. The focus of this special week is a 50-item kindness checklist that students will be challenged to complete by the end of the week. Some of the acts of kindness are as simple as smiling at 25 people to making a gift for someone.

Students also will get to participate in Kindness Stations throughout the week where they can make friendship bracelets, thank you notes, and other crafts. Research shows that performing positive activities “boosts positive emotions, thoughts, and behavior, in turn, improving well-being (U.S. News and World Report (1/24/2013.)

During the 4-day campaign stu-

dents have the opportunity to perform positive acts by participating in the Kind Coins for Kenya Campaign, in which students collect as many coins as they can to send to students in Kenya in an effort to build schools.

The Kindness Mailbox will be available for students to write kind notes about others which will be read on the school TV station. Other activities include an essay and poster contest, dress-up theme days and Kindness Kits for each classroom teacher. The Kindness Kits contain letters to parents, kindness quotes for teachers to read to classes, and Caught Being Kind coins for teachers to recognize students who have done random kind deeds.

Conlee Elementary feels that focusing on kindness and empathy are great ways to teach students how to make friends and keep the peace. As an added bonus, the school has been recognized as a Kindness Certified School by Kids For Peace who sponsor The Great Kindness Challenge. Feel free to contact the School Counselor, Beverly Tenorio for more information, btensorio@lcps.net.

Beverly Tenorio is the school counselor at Conlee Elementary.

On being kind in an unkind world: What we need to teach

Accentuate the positive. Eliminate the negative. Jonny Mercer wrote those lyrics to accompany Harold Arlen’s music in 1944.

Seventy years later, students at Conlee Elementary are giving life to those words by taking the Great Kindness Challenge, a “proactive and positive bullying prevention initiative that improves school climate and increases student engagement,” writes Beverly Tenorio, Conlee school counselor.

In honor of “Bully Free Week,” Feb. 22-25, the students at Conlee will spend four days performing as many acts of kindness as possible from a 50-item kindness checklist, which isn’t terribly exciting or ground-breaking as school events go, but is so important I can say it gets to the root of the reasons why our world spins in the vicious, inhumane way it does.

What’s troublesome and sad is that we actually have to create a kindness event and put energy into doing it.

Kindness has become “a thing” instead of a natural, innate and elemental aspect of our personalities and our societies, taught to us by our parents and those around us from the moment we’re born.



Susie Ouder Kirk

We all know what a bully is, but who has ever heard of a “kind-y?” There isn’t such a thing, and that’s a shame.

Kindness has become a skill that must be taught, and many, many humans seem to have stayed home from school on that day.

So it’s (way past) time to include kindness in the everyday curriculum of life. And how can we do that?


Early childhood development scholars and authors suggest a simple method: don’t wait until a child has done something wrong and then make a correction. Catch that child while he or she is being good and compliment them for that, which takes attention and observation on the part of the parents or teachers. This also has a nice resonance with animals as well. (Accentuate the positive.)

Another technique that all parents and


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MORALES

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most importantly, WESST facilitates and provides small business loans for entrepreneurs, specializing in the businesses that don't meet the criteria of banks or other traditional lenders.

Agnes Noonan, president of WESST, points out Morales's passion and commitment as essential ingredients for someone in his position.

"We're real fortunate to have Manny. He brings his passion to his work. He will go out of his way to be helpful to the person standing in front of him," she said, and mentions two things she particularly appreciates about Morales: "One, he's a native of Las Cruces, and in his case, he's passionate about his community. He's always thinking about if his effort is doing something to help his community.

"Second, he keeps calling me 'ma'am!'" That was drilled into him when he was in the military, Noonan explained. "Now I think it's cute," she said.

A native of Las Cruces, Morales graduated from Las Cruces High School in 1999 and joined the Marines in 2000, working up to being an instructor of the Corporal's Course. As the father of three young girls, he chose to leave the Marines in 2009 because he was ready "to be a family man instead of just a provider." His youngest daughter was born in 2011.

His first job out of the military was as a site supervisor with the Las Cruces Public Schools After-school Program.

"They're identical," he said, comparing the systems of the after school program and the Marines. "Well, the language is different, but I was doing the same thing: teaching life skills."

He occasionally bumps into one of the students he mentored (his first group of after-school kids from 2010 are now high school sophomores) and he still expects them to respond the way he taught them to: cordial, respectful, proud.

While working for the after-school program, he enrolled at NMSU and earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 2012,

with the intention of going into law enforcement. "I'm meant to serve," he said. In an unexpected twist, while at a veterans' employment function in 2010, he was introduced to the manager of WESST, Jennifer Craig, who was looking for a program coordinator. He applied for and got the position, and less than a year later took over when Craig retired. Being thrust into the fire after just a few months at WESST, Morales took advantage of Craig's leadership.

"I was responsible for the office for several months and was able to gain the experience and the confidence of our main office in Albuquerque. WESST put their trust in me and I greatly appreciate the support I receive from our other offices," he said. He earned a second degree in finance from NMSU in 2015, and is currently working on an MBA, with a projected completion date of 2017.

As someone who helps business owners learn, grow and advance in their fields, Morales keeps a sharp eye on the fabric of the Las Cruces economy. "The main thing that affects my life

and work is how the city supports local business," he said. "The more support local businesses get, the better the local economy thrives." He's quick to mention that he's not at all against big business, but the effects of buying locally "...are more apparent in a growing community like Las Cruces."

Although he admittedly drives a bit too aggressively, he claims to be old fashioned. Both his mother and grandmother are heroes of his. "My mother was one of the nicest women, and my grandmother was one of the strongest."

He enjoys being chivalrous, (he brought pastries into the Bulletin office for this interview, and called me 'ma'am' several times) and is in touch with his feminine side, which was evidenced by his participation in the Cancer Aid Resource and Education (CARE) Mucho Macho Hot Legs fundraising event in March of last year. He won the "Judge's Choice" award for his seductive passes on the runway, the photos of which he's keen to share.

Being surrounded by women in all aspects of his life has given

Morales a unique perspective. He works with and for women every day at WESST, which feels natural for him as the youngest of six children growing up under the watchful eye of three older sisters. And now, he's the father of four girls and prides himself on his loving (but competitive) relationship with his girlfriend, Holly.

His Friday nights are usually spent "pretending to do homework for an hour or so and then game night," he said.

"My oldest daughter, my girlfriend and I play competitive WII bowling. We keep score and everything." Holly is winning the overall series 134 to 124, but Morales insists he's making a comeback. "I plan to take the lead before the end of February."

Morales is a sports fan who enjoys softball, volleyball and basketball on occasion, although he admits his "old body can't take it anymore. Bones crack just getting up in the morning." But his passion for the game, his work, his family and the people around him keep him going as he continues to "evolve as a person."



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Chaiken likes 'all aspects of human existence'

By **Charlotte Tallman**
For the Bulletin

When Miriam Chaiken was working on research in remote areas of the Philippines, she came to know the people around her as family, a common theme that seemed to follow her throughout her career as a nutritional anthropologist. Now, as dean for the William Conroy Honors College at New Mexico State University, Chaiken again feels like she is surrounded by family, and she is doing what she can to foster excellence and provide vibrant opportunities for that family.

Chaiken became the dean of the Honors College in August 2014, following the retirement of William Eamon.



CHAIKEN

Prior to joining NMSU in 2009 as head of the Department of Anthropology, she worked for more than 20 years at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She earned her bachelor's degree from Arizona State University and her master's degree and Ph.D. from University of California in Santa Barbara. Chaiken has combined professional activities in academia with research and consulting in international development in Africa and Southeast Asia. Her research and heart for people allowed her to effectively collaborate with humanitarian organizations such as Save the Children and UNICEF to help create effective and culturally sensitive programs to address hunger, malnutrition, food security and gender equity in developing countries.

"I am interested in all aspects of human existence," Chaiken said. "There is so much to be learned and so much to teach. That's why I enjoy being in the Honors College. Our students are the lifelong learners we always talk about in higher education. They are often very curious and that curiosity extends into their careers. I believe we have an opportunity to help with that curiosity and expand their knowledge."

With more than 3,500 Crimson Scholars at NMSU, one of Chaiken's primary goals is making sure all of the scholars know about the great opportunities within the Honors College. Crimson Scholars are welcomed into the program automatically if they have an ACT score of 26 or better, an SAT score of 1170 or

better or a 3.75 or higher high school grade-point average. Once in the program, students must maintain a 3.5 GPA to stay in the program and graduate with honors. As a Crimson Scholar, students have homes in two colleges; they pursue an academic degree in their chosen discipline, but they also participate in the NMSU Honors College, the oldest in New Mexico.

"As a Crimson Scholar, our students are able to take a wide variety of classes that offer added value to their education," Chaiken said. "I would like to see the number of students and the disciplines they come from expand within the college. I would also like to create new opportunities for our students that challenge them and set the bar even higher."

Chaiken, who is married to fellow anthropologist and faculty member Tom Connelly, has lived in a variety of places that range from huts on stilts with thatched roofs in remote villages to the house she and her husband Connelly built together – but she does say Las Cruces is just about the nicest place she can imagine living. She has loved each of the experiences she has had, similar to the experiences she believes Crimson Scholars have within the Honors College.

"The Honors College offers so much to our NMSU students, and with that strong foundation already in place, we are planning to continue growing their experiences," Chaiken said. "The Honors College is a good place to be."

NMSU DEAN'S LIST

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

THIS WEEK - Honors College

Dean Miriam Chaiken

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Professor snares grant for research on children's hearing

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

Srikanta Mishra, an assistant professor in the New Mexico State University College of Education's Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders, recently received a prestigious research grant to study hearing mechanisms in children.



MISHRA

The R03 grant from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders of the National Institutes of Health is the college's first NIH grant, which is known to be highly competitive and supports outstanding research. It provides a total amount of \$438,000 for

three years.

Mishra said the grant signifies the research capacity of the Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders, and showcases the cutting-edge hearing health research conducted at NMSU.

The project will investigate auditory mechanisms in children, particularly how the descending hearing pathway works in children.

"The descending efferent neural pathway runs from the brain to the inner ear. The results of this project will help us understand the role of the efferent system in auditory perception during childhood development," Mishra said. "The knowledge gained from this project can be applied to develop tools to

identify children at risk for auditory deficits and guide intervention efforts for children with listening problems."

Mishra called the grant "one of the major the pinnacles of my academic career thus far. This will also expose NMSU students from minority and underprivileged backgrounds to high-quality health research."

Robert Wood, interim academic head of the Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders, called Mishra's research "critical" to both NMSU and audiology in general.

"First, and most importantly, his work has the potential to advance the field of audiology, which is why the National Institutes for Health is funding the work," Wood said. "In addition to that, this funded project is really the first of its kind here at NMSU, and this will put the Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders as well as the College of Education on the map with federal funding agencies and in the

field of audiology. This is a very big deal for us and for NMSU."

Mishra earned his doctorate in audiology from the University of Southampton, England. He completed his postdoctoral fellowship at the House Ear Institute in Los Angeles. Mishra holds a clinical competence certificate in audiology from the American Speech Language & Hearing Association and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Audiology. He also maintains a license as an audiologist in New Mexico.

In the past, Mishra has also received funding from the Hearing Health Foundation to support his research in oto-acoustic emissions and pediatric audiology. Mishra serves on review panel for several scientific journals in audiology and hearing sciences and also serves on a NIH study section. For his editorial contributions, he received the 2013 Journal of the American Academy of Audiology Editor's Award.

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Huey on hand

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, center, poses with veterans including Bruce Fonnest, Walt Baker and David Boje in front of a Vietnam era Huey helicopter, Saturday, Feb. 6 at the Walmart on Rinconada. The helicopter will be mounted at the Vietnam Memorial at Veterans Park in Las Cruces.

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KIND

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teachers should use is a trick I learned from my mentor and riding instructor, Peggy Lenz. Use positive language in your interactions with those around you, especially those who are learners.

For example, instead of saying, "Don't say mean things..." say instead what that person should be doing: "Say nice things." "Tell her how well she did." "Use positive words."

Stay out of the negative trap: rather than scolding by saying, "Stop hitting your sister," say, "Be gentle with your sister." Tell them what to do, instead of what not to do. Give them actions they can actually do right at that moment.

On a humorous note, when a student is taking a riding lesson at my barn, and finds herself riding out some "playful" bucking on a fresh horse, if I say, "Stay on!" it's much more effective than saying, "Don't fall off." (Eliminate the negative.)

Finally, kindness can

and should be used as therapy, not just for those around us, but for ourselves.

Dear Abby, (who continues to be the kindly and sensible superego of America, two paragraphs at a time) coun-

sels her readers who are depressed or hopeless to immediately do something for someone else.

Giving to someone somehow lessens internal pain for the giver.

I'm sure a psycholo-

gist could explain this; I just know it seems to work.

To the teachers and students at Conlee Elementary, thank you for sharing this event with me.

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Christopher Alan Saunders, 36, Las Cruces went to be with the Lord Wednesday February 3, 2016. Chris was born July 2, 1979 to Susan and Gary Saunders.

Chris loved deeply. He

always wanted to be a dad. The happiest day of his life was the day his daughter Lyric Alina was born. He was so proud of her and all of her accomplishments. She was the apple of his eye. Her education was

very important to him. He took an active interest making time to go on field trips with her, baking cupcakes for her class, donating items and his time to her classrooms. He spent time with her daily read-

ing, writing, working on math problems and playing educational games. He recognized her talents and knew she was destined for great things. He wanted to encourage and equip her to reach all of her dreams!

He also loved being an uncle to his five nephews



SAUNDERS

and niece. Chris and his brother Brian were best buds growing up, and always remained so with Brian and his wife Tiffany. Chris was a wonderful son to his mom and dad and Grandson to his Grandma Bobbie.

Chris had recently rededicated his life to the Lord. Although his passing leaves a giant hole in all of our lives and we will always love and miss him, we take comfort in knowing he is in heaven and reunited with his dad.

Chris loved the outdoors. He enjoyed hiking, hunting, fishing and gardening. He knew how to work hard and was skilled at many things. He was an accomplished writer hoping to someday be published. He loved to spend time with all the family, but especially his daughter, nephews and niece. You could expect to see him playing board

games, trucks, playdough, throwing the football, baseball, wrestling, going on hikes, or whatever would bring a smile to their faces.

Chris left us all way to soon. He is survived by his daughter, Lyric Saunders; his mother and step-father, Susan and Alan Hain; his brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Tiffany Saunders; stepsister Stephanie and her husband Greg Douglass, stepbrother John Hain, his nephews, Evan, Ethan, Eyan, Zaiden and Knoxlee; his niece, Brielan; his maternal grandmother Bobbie Woodward, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Chris was preceded in death by his father Deland Gary Saunders.

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Spacecraft tests at WSMR begin in 2017

Bulletin report

Testing of an Orion-type spacecraft should begin at White Sands Missile Range in early 2017.

NASA is contracting Boeing, which in turn is contracting WSMR for the testing.

According to a WSMR spokesperson, the Range was selected because of its land mass, restricted airspace (to infinity), limited encroachment issues, talented workforce and the plethora of instru-

mentation offered.

The Orion project has taken various forms since its inception in 2004. That project featured a design similar to the Apollo spaceships of the 1960s and 70s, featuring a breakaway capsule that would descend to earth upon mission completion.

At presstime, it was not known if the Boeing project is another phase of the Orion project or a different but similar one.

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LOVE IS IN THE AIR

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Arts & Entertainment

Cruces eateries offer romantic meals

As For the Love of Art Month marches on, the weather continues to warm and cupid strings his bow, sights trained, this Valentine's Day weekend, love is in the air in Las Cruces.

Unsure of what to do for your sweetheart?

Don't wait until two days before.

Since you did, though, we're here to help, running down what to do for the one you love.

Valentine's Day dinner is always a classic, and of course Las Cruces' best restaurants have prepared sumptuous special menus to please any palate.

Amaro Winery, just west of Downtown at 402 S. Melendres St., has invited Joshua's pies — Las Cruces' finest purveyor of mobile-baked wood-fired pizzas, regular faces at the Las Cruces Farmers and Crafts Market — to cater the evening's four-course meal; it's safe to say it's not pizza. Cost is \$80 per couple in the tasting room or \$95 per couple in the



barrel room. Call 527-5310.

On the third floor of the Stan Fulton Athletics Center overlooking Aggie Memorial Stadium on the New Mexico

State Campus, the Third Floor Bistro is cooking up a three-course meal featuring duck breast, beef tenderloin, Gouda mashed potatoes and more, finishing sweet with berries in Gran Marnier Zabaglione and chocolate spritz and sparkling ciders. Tickets are \$65 per couple, dinner hours are 5 to 9 p.m. Call 646-4802.

Pecan Grill and Brewery near Mesilla Valley Mall at 500 S. Telshor Blvd. — you may still call it De La Vegas, but stop — has whipped up a three-course Valentine's Day dinner with fare including the chef's signature rellenos, balsamic-glazed salmon, lemon chicken, short rib empanadas and beef Wellington along with vegetarian options and finishers like white chocolate fruit tartlets and chocolate-covered strawberries with Pirouette cake. This special menu is available for dinner service, beginning at 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday night, and will be available beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday. Cost is \$75 per couple; call 521-1099.

For dinner and a show, check out 'Play Me,' a dinner and Neil Diamond tribute show at Picacho Peak Brewing Co., 3900 W. Picacho Ave. Dinner starts at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m.; call 680-6394.

Looking for something a bit quaint? The town of Mesilla offers lots of options. The famed Double Eagle restaurant will host its regular champagne brunch — the best of its kind in town — with seatings at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (\$26.95 per person), and at 5 p.m. its special three-course St. Valentine's

Dinner, with filet mignon, lobster tail, prime rib, lobster bisque, raspberry Napoleon pastry and more. Cost is \$40.95 per person. Double Eagle is located at 2355 Calle de Guadalupe.

At his Savoy de Mesilla (1800 Avenida de Mesilla), renowned Chef Tatsu Miyazaki has cooked up his own 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Valentine's brunch buffet — think caprese shooters, oysters in half-shell, jalapeño bacon, roasted pork loin and lots more — for \$48 per person. Tatsu's six-course Valentine's Day will include jalapeño dates, salmon, ahi Tuna Napoleon, vegetable lasagna, prime rib, pecan tiger shrimp and, for the sweet tooth, classic crème brûlée, sorbet and more. Tickets are \$68 per person, dinner begins at 5 p.m.

Down the road at Luna Rossa Winery and Pizzeria, in two seatings at 4:30 and 7 p.m., the evening's menu includes scallops, steak, polenta topped with shrimp, cucumber feta salad and a few sweet finishes. Luna Rossa is located at 1321 Avenida de Mesilla. Cost is \$50 per person.

A stroll along the town's bricked streets and through its numerous shops and tiendas is also an option — stop in for something dark and divine at The Chocolate Lady, drop by Emilia's on the Plaza for tapas and drinks, pick up a stunning silver picture frame from Nambe or take in a show at the theatre.

Showing twice Sunday, the historic Fountain Theatre in Mesilla is currently screening "The Danish Girl," director Tom Hooper's 1930s period drama following Danish painters and husband-and-wife Einar and Gerda Wegener and the tribulations they faced as Einar underwent sex-reassignment surgery — one of the first known recipients of the practice — to become Lili Elbe. Eddie Redmayne, Alicia Vikander and Matthias Schoenaerts star. Sunday showtimes are 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

If you and your sweetheart are into something less traditional, the City of the Crosses has plenty of decidedly different options.

Lovebirds and art lovers? The annual For the Love of Art Month Studio Tours are set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday throughout Las Cruces — flip to page B8 for more information on locations and participating artists, studios and galleries.

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'In the Time of Butterflies' opens Feb. 26

"In the Time of Butterflies" by Caridad Svich, based on the novel by Julia Alvarez, is the next offering from the American Southwest Theatre Company (ASTC) and the New Mexico State University Department of Theatre Arts on the stage of the ASNMSU Center for the Arts. The play is inspired by the true story of the Mirabel sisters, who stood up to the ruthless government of Rafael Trujillo in the 1960s Dominican Republic.

"The sisters' story will be told through unique and poetic visuals, powerful storytelling and humor," said director Larissa Lury. "Svich's adaptation of Alvarez's novel brings new life to a family of characters who feel familiar yet who become extraordinary."

The cast of "In the Time of Butterflies" includes NMSU Theatre Arts students Stephanie Vasquez-Fonseca, Stephanie Drake, Parygrynne Cox, Daniela Castorena and Joey Rodriguez. Doña Ana Community College theater instructor Monika Mojika joins the student cast. Set and lighting design is by Jim Billings, costumes by Deb Brunson and sound by Matt Reynolds.

"In the Time of Butterflies" opens Friday, Feb. 26, and runs through Sunday, March 13. A special preview show will be Thursday, Feb. 25, which is free for high school students and includes an informal discussion with the cast and crew following the performance. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$10 to \$17 and are available at the Center for the Arts Box Office from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, by calling 646-4515 or 646-1420.

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Boba Café and Cabaret presents 'Gone Girls: Sweeter than Candy'



The Gone Girls – Valerie Mirelez, Christa Fredrickson and Jamie Smith – present a Valentine's Day-themed show, "Sweeter than Candy," for three performances at Boba Café and Cabaret beginning Saturday, Feb. 13.

Who better to cuddle up with this season of love than your favorite girls? The delectable divas of "Gone Girls" are back and ready to sweeten up your holiday with a brand new Valentine's Day-themed, all-singing, all-dancing extravaganza called "Sweeter than Candy" three nights only, Saturday, Feb. 13, and Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20-21, at Boba Café and Cabaret, 1900 S. Espina St.

Featuring Christa Fredrickson, Valerie Mirelez and Jamie Smith performing some of the greatest love songs from the 1940s, '50s and '60s including "Chapel of Love,"

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Tickets are on sale now. Dinner show seating begins at 6 p.m., show begins at 7 p.m., and tickets are \$27.50 and include an entrée and cocktail or drink. Cocktail show seating begins at 8:15 p.m., show begins at 8:30 p.m., and tickets are \$12.50 and include a cocktail or drink.

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Events Calendar

FRI. 2/12

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 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Friday of each month. Countless people are discovering 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 Little Table Contraband, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

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

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

9 p.m. Live music with Wait For What?!, Pecan Grill & Brew-

Tuesday and Thursday Classes		
Stretch Slow	4:30-5pm	\$2.00
Beg Hula	5:00pm	\$2.00
Belly dance	5:00-6pm	\$4.00
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Saturday Classes		
3:00-3:30 Adv. Drum	\$2.00	Take all Saturday classes for \$4.00
3:30-4:00 Beg Drum	\$2.00	
4-4:30pm Stretch & Slow	\$2.00	My Place Jewell 575-639-1616 132-B Wyatt Dr Las Cruces, NM www.myplacejewell.com
4:30-5:00 Hula	\$2.00	
4:30-5:30 Belly Dance	\$4.00	
5:30-6:00 Zill	\$2.00	

Fountain Theatre	
2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla 575.524.8287 www.mesillavalleyfilm.org	
Feb 13-18	Feb 19-25
The Danish Girl The lives and work of Danish artists Lili Elbe Wegener (Eddie Redmayne, Oscar nominee-Best Actor) and Gerda Wegener (Alicia Vikander, Oscar nominee-Best Supporting Actress) evolve as they navigate Lili's groundbreaking journey as a transgender pioneer. **Theatre closed Friday Feb. 12	2016 Oscar Shorts The MVFS presents five live action & five documentary short films nominated for the 2016 Oscars. Separate screenings for each program; see website **No matinee Sat Feb 20. No 7:30 screening Thurs Feb 25; 1:30 matinee instead. Sat Feb 20 1:30 A Ballerina's Tale
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SAT. 2/13

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

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

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

10 a.m. to noon, Family Game Day, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. What types of games did families enjoy in the years before electronic games were invented? The Las Cruces Railroad Museum hosts Family Game Day on the second Saturday of each month. Develop hand-eye coordination with Jacks and Cup and Ball Toss, stimulate your mind with jigsaw and wooden puzzles or challenge friends to a game of Dominoes. Free. Call 647-4480.

10 a.m. Family Science Saturday, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. All ages are welcome, from 3 to 93. Free. Call 522-3120.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Crafts for Kids, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Children of all ages are invited to come to the Museum and create their own Valentine's Day craft to take home. Regular admission is required for all family members: \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, \$3 for children 4 to 17 and free admission for children 3 and under. Call 522-4100.

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

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. SNAP, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science and Museum of Art atrium, 491 N. Main St. Recognizing the importance of interdisciplinary learning experiences, the education staff of the Las Cruces Museums system have collaborated on a new program offering SNAP – the Science, Nature and Art Program. This week we will study hearts. 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. Borderlands Bones Trombone Quartet, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2154.

2 to 6 p.m. Live music at 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 Red House Trio, The Game Sports Bar and Grill, 2605 S. Espina St. No cover. Call 524-4263.

7:30 p.m. New Mexico Heritage Series: Josh Grider, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. As part of the continuing

New Mexico Heritage Series, country singer-songwriter Grider returns home to perform at the historic Rio Grande Theatre. Nearly one year to the day since his sell-out performance benefiting the Doña Ana Arts Council, Grider teams up with the council for another Valentine's Day-weekend show. This year, he'll perform a more intimate, acoustic-based set. Joining him onstage will be his colleague, collaborator and producer Bobby Hamrick, as well as his wife, Kristi Grider. Expect the evening to include some of Grider's hits that have recently pushed him toward the top of the Texas Country Music charts. You can also expect to hear new songs from Grider's recent collaboration with fellow Las Crucean and film director Ross Marks for the soundtrack to an upcoming film based on the Mark Medoff play "The Heart Outright." Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$32 for Main Floor reserved seats; \$22 for Balcony reserved seats (all fees included). \$10 Student rush tickets (with valid Student ID) for balcony seating will be available 10 minutes before show time. For more information, call 523-6403 or visit www.RioGrandeTheatre.com.

8 to 11 p.m. Live Florida roots music with Roy Schneider and Kim Mayfield, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

9 p.m. Live music with Wait For What?!, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

SUN. 2/14

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.

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

3 p.m. Southwest Chamber Winds presents "Goodbye My Lady Love: American Art Songs from the Turn of the Century", Stucky Auditorium, Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Admission is free. Contact mpbartz@gmail.com.

7 p.m. 'Play Me' dinner and Neil Diamond tribute show, Picacho Peak Brewing Co., 3900 W. Picacho Ave. Dinner starts at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m.; call 680-6394.

MON. 2/15

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.

TUE. 2/16

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

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

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

6:30 P.M. Every Other Tuesday with Bruce Carlson, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Bruce Carlson's music is a laid-back blend of originals and cover songs with an Americana style – folk music played on acoustic guitars. His songs are about love, life and landscapes. One of his songs, "Soldiers Lie at Rest," was selected for a Nashville project called "This Is My America." Locally, Carlson has performed at the Rio Grande Theatre, Music in the Park, Leasburg Dam Music under the Stars, The Las Cruces Arts & Crafts Show, Cowboy Days, St. Paul's United Methodist Church Music series and at the Durango, Colorado Cowboy Poetry Gathering. The EOT series offers a free venue for local performers to showcase their talents and promote upcoming performances at other venues. Free. Call 523-6403.

7 p.m. Doña Ana Photography Club, Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Program will include "Bird Portraits – From Near and Far" presented by Nirmal Khandan, designed to teach how to get good close-ups of our feathered friends. Members will show photos on the monthly theme, "motion." Free and open to the public. Visit www.daphotoclub.org or call 522-1691.

7:30 p.m. Literary open mic, Palacio Bar, 2600 Avenida de Mesilla. Bring up to three poems or five minutes of prose to read. Sponsored by Sin Fronteras. No cover. Call 521-7311.

WED. 2/17

7:45 to 9 a.m. Beginner Bird Walk, Tellbrook Park, 4290 E. Winchester Road. On the third Wednesday of each month, the Mesilla Valley Audubon Society guides an easy, outdoor bird walk for beginners. Learn about the avian wildlife that visits and lives in the Las Cruces area. Wear walking shoes and bring water. Binoculars are helpful, but not required. Free. Contact Jay Wilbur at jwilbur@jaysplanet.info for more information.

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

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

2 p.m. Cultural Connections Book Club, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Join the Cultural Connections Book Club for a discussion of Maylei Blackwell's "¡Chicana Power!: Contested Histories of Feminism in the Chicano Movement." Blackwell's book is the first large-scale study of the role of women in the Chicano movement in the 1960s-1970s in California and the Southwest. Using oral history and archival documents, the author examines the contested meanings of gender and sexuality within the growing Chicano Movement. She discusses the ways that women incorporated their calls for gender equality within the greater conversation about Chicano identity. The Cultural Connections Book Club reads works on the cultures and history of the Southwest and meets the third Wednesday of each month. Although we encourage you to read the book prior to the discussion, all visitors are welcome to the conversation even if they have not yet read the featured book. Free. Call 541-2154.

5 to 8 p.m. Open Mic, New Mexico State University Barnes & Noble, University Ave. 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. 2/18

9 a.m. Dinosaur Train: A Colorful Hypothesis, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to join museum staff on the third Thursday of each month to learn about paleontology, ancient environments and trains. This month is a colorful exploration of color mixing. We'll form a hypothesis before mixing colors and compare them to our results. Afterwards, children will create a dinosaur or train color wheel of primary/secondary colors to take home. A video will be shown and a hands-on demonstration will follow. After the lesson, we will complete a craft activity, and the railroad museum will also be providing trains for our preschoolers to play with. Free. Call 522-3120.

1 to 3:30 p.m. Intermediate to Advanced Drawing and Painting, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. This intermediate and advanced class will focus on the unique concerns of each student, working in a variety of media, including watercolor, acrylic, water soluble oil paints, pastels, and colored pencil. Subject matter will comprise of still life, landscape, figure, and architectural space. Students may start classes at any time and proceed at their own pace. Open enrollment starting any Thursday. Cost \$45 for four two-and-a-half-hour sessions. Call 647-5684.

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.

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

8 to 11 p.m. Live bluegrass and old-time music with Blue Gramas, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

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, 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, 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 re-

served seating, including all fees. Call 523-6403 or visit 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.

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.

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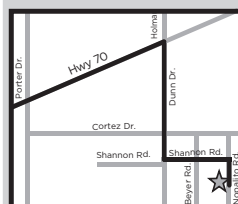
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From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, galleries and studios throughout the Mesilla Valley will open their doors to the public, giving an unprecedented look at the creative spaces and places of some of Las Cruces' best artists. Ready for the tour? Just look for the blue flags outside any of the following venues.

In the Northern District – North Valley, Del Rey and the East Mesa – Blue Gate Fine Art Gallery, 4901 Chagar Court, will feature the paintings of Flo Hosa Dougherty; El Jardin de Las Cruces Art Gallery, 4010 N. Valley Drive, will feature the santeros and folk art of David Jacquez; photographer and painter Storm Sermay will open her studio at 3382 Solar Ridge St.; and New Dimensions Art Works and Daughter of the Prairie, 4652 Calle de Nueces, will feature the ceramics and fiber art of John and Kris Northcutt.

In the Eastern District, which includes Sonoma Ranch and Dripping Springs, Jeri Des-

rochers, Mary Zawacki and Linda Hagen will exhibit their oil paintings and pastels at Desrochers' home studio, located at 3655 Canyon Ridge Arc; and Casa de Puertas, 4020 Yucca Court, will feature the hand-woven art garments and "spirit minder" dolls of Lynn Unangst.

Downtown, in the Central District, John Northcutt will exhibit his sculptural work at New Dimensions Art Works, located at the corner of Piñon and Tornillo streets, and the Lundeen Inn of the Arts, 618 S. Alameda Blvd., will have on display the paintings and wood turning of Linda Lundeen, Penny Duncklee, Patsy Blasdell, Rebecca Courtney and Les Fairchild.

Traveling south, to Mesilla and South Main, Teri Van Huss, Maria Kruse, Alice Ward, Marty Galster, Liz King and Katja Mayfield will be among the artists showing fractals, paintings, photography, cards and mixed-media pieces at Funky Karma Incense and Tea, 3207 S. Main St. In Mesilla, the

Tres Manos Weaving studio will feature the work of Teresa Guerra.

West of town in the Picacho Hills area, Art by Rosemary McKeown, 1300 Vista del Monte, will have on display a variety of oil painting, copper art and jewelry; Marilyn Hansen will show her sculptural basketry and metal jewelry at Marilyn's Reed Weavings and Metal Creations, 6610 Vista del Reino; Greta Burger and Joanna Bradley's glass and gourd work will be featured at Cighthouse Glass, 10050 Tuscan Drive; Donna Wood and Cherie Gamboa will show their watercolor, copper art and jewelry at Wood's personal studio, 6884 Alhambra Court; Jan Severson's fiber art work will be on display at 8181 Constitution Road; and finally, Steve Bailey's jewelry and digital paintings will be center stage at Bailey Jewelry Designs, 8160 Constitution Road.

Many of these participating galleries and studios will be participating in tours the following weekend, Saturday and

Sunday, Feb. 21-22, but to be sure, visit www.artformsnm.org, where programs and maps are readily available.

While the studio tours are a large part of the continuing For the Love of Art Month programming, there's much more to the month than visual arts, and to that end, there's a host of performing arts events slated for the remainder of February.

From 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, Las Cruces Ukes will bring their old-time ukulele music to the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. The next day – Sunday, Feb. 15 – Hard Road Trio will bring its unique blend of roots and bluegrass music for a 2 p.m. performance at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave.

The following week, on Friday, Feb. 20, the exhibit "Chaos Collection" will open at the Frank O'Brien Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., beginning with an open mic from 6 to 8 p.m. that night, and con-

tinuing through the end of the month. The Alma d'Arte Charter High School Choir will perform from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. That same day, from noon to 2 p.m., 10+1 Percussion and Dancers will perform as part of the annual Celebration of Dance and Drum, held at Casa de mi Alma Healing Center, 920 N. Alameda Blvd. Closing out the performing arts portion of this monthlong celebration, Sin Fronteras/Writers Without Borders will give a poetry reading from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Branigan Cultural Center.

Film more your style? Included in the month's programming are also screenings of films at the historic Fountain Theatre in Mesilla, including the documentary "Antarctica – A Year on Ice" (Feb. 13-19), Belgian drama "Two Days, One Night" (Feb. 20-26) and, rounding out the month, American comedy-drama "Goodbye to All That" (Feb. 27-March 5).

Schwaiger to share Jingdezhen experiences

By Alta LeCompte
Las Cruces Bulletin

Artist and educator Glenn Schwaiger went to great lengths — 7,294 miles to be exact — to bring to Las Cruces a new understanding of ceramics and culture in Jingdezhen, China.

The city has been China's center of ceramics production for 1,000 years.

Schwaiger, an associate professor who leads the fine arts ceramics curriculum at Doña Ana Community College, will present a talk Tuesday, Feb. 23, on the work of Jingdezhen potters, who have been creating and exporting porcelain for more than 1,000 years.

The lecture will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 101, the Health and Sciences Auditorium on the New Mexico State University campus.

In late 2015, Schwaiger spent three months living and working among the ceramic artists of Jingdezhen.

The place where they live and work is called a factory, as is any place of production, Schwaiger said.

Inside the Jingdezhen ceramics factory, craftsmen use a team approach to creating their pieces.

"Each craftsman does a specific skill, from preparing the clay to working with the wheel to trimming the clay," Schwaiger said. "There are more than 70 distinctive skills, each done by a different person."

The system of having each person do what they do best makes sense to Schwaiger.

He said the system is efficient, cost effective and also creates social benefits.

"People learn from each other and a



More than 70 distinctive skills, each done by a specialist, are required to make a pot in the Qinghua factory.

sense of community is created," he said. "That's enriching for a work environment."

Seeing Jingdezhen through an artist's eyes

Those who attend the lecture will see slides of the Jingdezhen potters at work and at leisure, as well as images of their creations and follow Schwaiger's adventures in and around the city.

"I've always been interested in ceramics from Japan, China and Korea," Schwaiger said. "I wanted to experience something different and new, geographically and culturally."

During his time in Jingdezhen, Schwaiger stayed in a hostel that was part of the ceramics factory. The factory included the work area and also a kitchen where meals were prepared for the artisans.

"It was some of the best food I ate in Jingdezhen," Schwaiger said.

Since the pottery workshop kitchen did not serve breakfast, Schwaiger ventured out — usually on his bicycle — for his morning meal.

"Bicycling is faster than walking and reasonably safe," he said. "The traffic can be very dense. People drive across the grain and scooters cut across traffic.

If you're a pedestrian, you're like a stone in the river. Traffic just flows around you."

He enjoyed sampling the food of street vendors, especially sweet potatoes cooked in their portable charcoal ovens, which they transported by pedal-driven wagon.

"I had favorite vendors who would want me to stop and say hi," Schwaiger said. "If I was on my bike, I would strap the sweet potato on to a little rack."

Bringing art to the community

At the ceramics factory, Schwaiger attended workshops by local master artists, who demonstrated the technique for Qinghua — blue on white porcelain, a technique many people associate with China.

Like other artists who come from all over the world to work in Jingdezhen, Schwaiger did his own studio work, primarily in porcelain with celadon glaze.

"We worked with porcelain, a fine, pure clay that is translucent and glass-like when fired," he said.

Schwaiger's trip was arranged by the Ceramics in China Study Abroad Program at the University of West Virginia in partnership with the Pottery Workshop, an educational facility to foster learning among international artists.

He was part of a group of 10 students visiting Jingdezhen. Although he himself was a student on this trip, his companions called him "uncle" or "shifu," which means master.

Schwaiger is an associate professor at DACC, where he built the ceramics program from scratch.

He began his teaching career in 1992. Prior to taking a position with DACC, he taught at El Paso Community College and UTEP.

In addition to teaching at DACC and at his studio, he has for 10 years worked on art projects that involve public participation. He has led the creation of public art in the Gadsden public schools as well as in Las Cruces and Albuquerque. Among his public projects was the design and execution of the tile mural in La Placita Downtown in 2011 with his students and members of the public. As part of his current sabbatical year, he is restoring the mural.

"I bring the materials and tools and work with students to develop the design and do tile fabricating for a mural or sculpture," he said. "As many people as possible have an art experience."

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SCHWAIGER

Call to Artists

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.

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 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>.

Applications need to include a brief (1-4 paragraphs), should include artist(s) statement or group's mission, 5 to 10 JPEG images of proposed work (or those of similar style and quality) and linear and/or square footage needs. Exhibits will run for a 6- to 12-week period. Incomplete or late proposals will not be accepted.

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

Singing Out LGBTQA choir seeking members

Singing Out, a choir comprised of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allies, is seeking new members. No auditions or music-reading ability is required. For more information, visit www.singingoutlascruces.org or email singingoutlascruces@gmail.com.

Desert Roots Artists' Market and Gallery seeks artists

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

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

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

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

For information on Tombaugh Gallery, visit www.uu-churchlc.org/2011/10/tombaugh-art-gallery.

Tularosa MERC seeks member artists

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

NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum seeks tour guides

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

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery accepting applications

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

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

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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

EXPERT

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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

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.

PUT THE BRAKES ON

ENGLISH

HOLDUP
STOP
TO BRAKE
TO CEASE
TO DELAY
TO DISRUPT
TO DISSUADE
TO DISTURB
TO INTERFERE
TO INTERRUPT
TO POSTPONE
TO SUSPEND

SPANISH

ATRACO
PARADA
FRENAR
CESAR
DEMORAR
ROMPER
DISUADIR
PERTURBAR
ENTROMETERSE
INTERRUMPIR
APLAZAR
SUSPENDER

E T O R A N E R F R E S R E P
S O E N T R O M E T S T S I D
A P A D A R A P U D L O H A I
E O H Y A L E D O T E P R Z S
C S E S R E T E M O R T N E E
O O E P I S U S P E N D E R D
T C R R D I N T E Y A L K E A
P A A B A P L A Z A R T A F U
U R B D U A D R E P M O R R S
R T R E S T E R S E N O B E S
S A U M I D N E P S U S O T I
I Z T O D I S T U R B Z T N D
D A R R I P M U R R E T N I O
O R E A T P U R R E T N I O T
T E P R E N O P T S O P O T E

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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

- 1 Relay race segment
- 4 Belle at the ball
- 7 Einstein's obsession
- 9 Game or shirt
- 10 State of utter confusion
- 12 Iphone, perhaps (var.)
- 13 Root vegetable
- 15 Price for services
- 16 Last month (abbr.)
- 18 Dumpster
- 19 Obtained by luck
- 22 Crease
- 24 Leaf of a book
- 25 Housing contract
- 26 Telling a whopper
- 27 Weight measure
- 28 Kojac, e.g.
- 31 Seeing without seeing (abbr.)
- 32 In a crooked position
- 36 Able to pay all debts
- 41 Ribonucleic acid (abbr.)
- 42 Burmese coin
- 43 At any point
- 44 Tel _____
- 46 Record
- 47 Stare at
- 48 Extra
- 49 Swallowed
- 50 Racer Wheldon
- 51 Tree parasite
- 55 Bad weather condition
- 57 French sculptor, Jean
- 60 Shakespeare's printer
- 61 Go in and out of lanes, in traffic
- 63 Drive to action
- 65 Cookie Monster cohort
- 66 Approximately
- 67 Duck down
- 68 Goodbye in Paris
- 69 A drink with jam and bread....
- 70 Hallucinogen
- 71 Tundra feature
- 72 Peccadillo
- 74 "Tomb Raider" star
- 77 Native American tents (var.)
- 81 Modify
- 82 Get ready for a trip
- 83 Ball holder
- 84 Oahu garland

DOWN

- 1 French for lake
- 2 Suffix for do and go
- 3 Indian province which was the opening for "The Bourne Supremacy"
- 4 Spanish for two
- 5 Famous movie street
- 6 Crowd disapproval sound
- 8 Cattle sound
- 9 Apple or blueberry?
- 11 Fight
- 12 Free from vulgarity and rudeness
- 14 Debases
- 15 Disaster
- 17 Popular, cup-shaped flower
- 18 Mexican food staple
- 20 Family
- 21 Stretching exercise procedure
- 22 Invest
- 23 Bucharest money
- 28 Hobo
- 29 Concluding verse
- 30 Landmark stone heap
- 33 Slapping sound
- 34 Environmental treaty
- 35 Keen
- 37 Do nothing (sl.)
- 38 Get around
- 39 Katmandu country
- 40 Way it's going
- 45 Victory sign
- 52 Darling
- 53 More heavenly
- 54 Bamboo eater
- 55 Clairvoyant
- 56 Isinglass
- 57 Tax time
- 58 Break
- 59 Critical acclaim
- 62 Compete
- 64 During
- 71 Suitable
- 73 Bite at
- 74 Executive transport
- 75 Ditty
- 76 Be supine
- 78 Close friend
- 79 Martini addition
- 80 Rack or bum?

AFTER TAXES

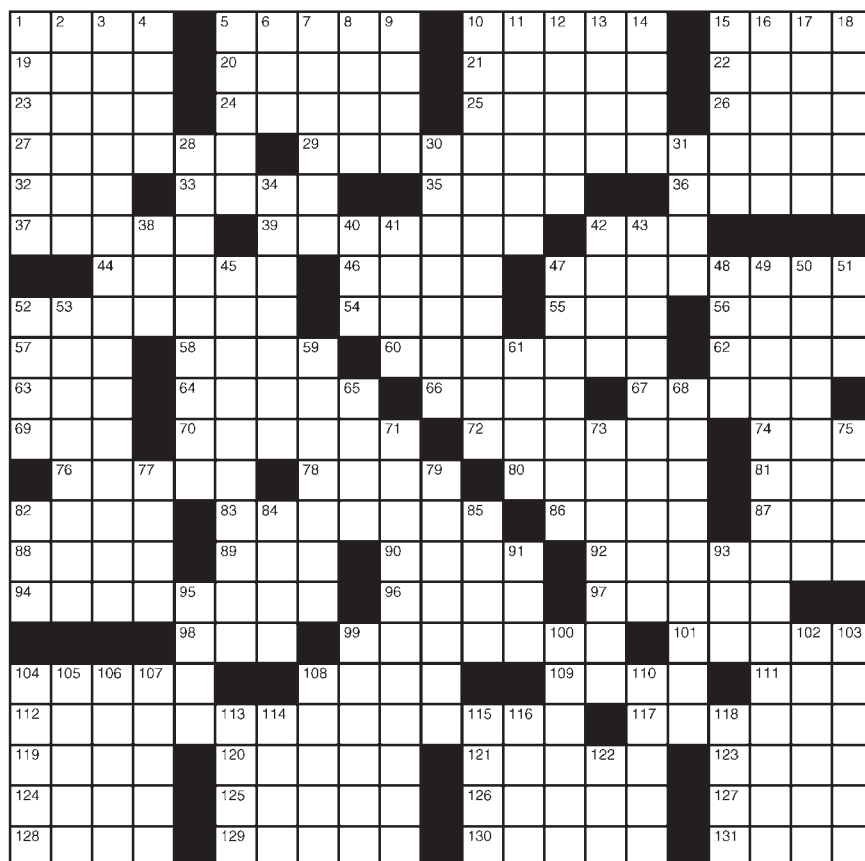
ACROSS

- 1 Davenport
- 5 Follow
- 10 Clan
- 15 Intro to physics?
- 19 Bad to the bone
- 20 Frightening
- 21 Wading bird
- 22 Last bio?
- 23 House opening?
- 24 Sub detector
- 25 "That is to say..."
- 26 Ear part
- 27 Certain vacuum tube
- 29 Everything-must-go tax?
- 32 Age proofs
- 33 MIT part
- 35 Writer Ferber
- 36 Singer Travis
- 37 Small salmon
- 39 Narrowing
- 42 Rx watchdog
- 44 State of the union
- 46 Israeli guns
- 47 Like a requiem
- 52 Succeeded big
- 54 Nasty kid
- 55 One of the French
- 56 Point of a fork
- 57 Chang's twin
- 58 Use a grenade on a fellow soldier
- 60 California county
- 62 "Paper Lion" star
- 63 Integers, briefly
- 64 Rims
- 66 Ollie's chum
- 67 Photo finish
- 69 Reference bk.
- 70 Clasp tightly
- 72 Actor Borgnine
- 74 Big time
- 76 Hindu loincloth
- 78 City near Santa Fe
- 80 Mediterranean country
- 81 Q-U connection
- 82 Southeast Asian country
- 83 Actor/director Tarantino
- 86 Scoria
- 87 Mediocre grade
- 88 Freudian subjects
- 89 Mary of "Where Eagles Dare"
- 90 Sink stopper
- 92 Dining choice

- 94 Early course additive
- 96 Old-time newspaper section
- 97 Son of Eber
- 98 "___ Poetica"
- 99 Lethal stuff
- 101 Jungle vine
- 104 Fable finale
- 108 Crunch of cereals?
- 109 First name in architecture
- 111 VCR button
- 112 Generous endowment tax?
- 117 Cheerful
- 119 Carol of "Taxi"
- 120 Muslim VIP: var.
- 121 Actress Lindsay
- 123 Griddle Graham
- 124 Opera song
- 125 Top position
- 126 Napped leather
- 127 British gun
- 128 Hankerings
- 129 Peevish
- 130 Rich tapestry
- 131 In this place

DOWN

- 1 Infected
- 2 Exaggerate
- 3 Non-dropout's tax?
- 4 Sax for Bird
- 5 German industrial city
- 6 Sgt., e.g.
- 7 Safe places
- 8 Mountains of Russia
- 9 Fictional Jane
- 10 Bourgeoisie tax?
- 11 Send back
- 12 "The Faerie Queene" character
- 13 Former airline of Eng.
- 14 Feminine ending
- 15 Back tooth
- 16 Levi's "Christ Stopped at _____"
- 17 Lhasa's land
- 18 1950's Bikini blast
- 28 Alienate
- 30 Antennae



- 31 Dateless
- 34 Depository for goods
- 38 Lyric poem
- 40 Tavern near a tube station
- 41 Pound of poetry
- 42 Locate
- 43 REM tax?
- 45 Whiskey tax?
- 47 Chaperones
- 48 French state
- 49 Tar-reduction tax?
- 50 Submarine
- 51 Where kine dine
- 52 Heredity information carrier
- 53 Tribe of the Five Nations
- 59 Overly polite and refined
- 61 School teacher of the Old West
- 65 Look over
- 68 Riding fast
- 71 In-demand tax?
- 73 Certain conic section
- 75 Egyptian god of the sun
- 77 Peak in Thessaly
- 79 Storing, as grain
- 82 Bandleader Brown of renown
- 84 "Exodus" author
- 85 Loco
- 91 Slime
- 93 Luau garland
- 95 Spanish surrealist painter
- 99 Most ashen
- 100 Of the underworld
- 102 More tidy
- 103 Play start
- 104 Jim of "ABC's Wide World of Sports"
- 105 Busy hub
- 106 Arrested
- 107 Neighborhoods
- 108 Talking truckers
- 110 Mystical characters
- 113 27th President
- 114 Pierre's girlfriend
- 115 Ingrid's "Casablanca" role
- 116 Two squared
- 118 Flapdoodle!
- 122 Vladimir Nabokov novel

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

O N I T N E P E R O S E C X E
D E N I R L L A T I W O N K I D
I D V N A K I S U R P L U S I
P D A V P N T E X C E D T E P
E K E T A O P E C
A U L A I O A L F R E V W E A
R S I N V A L I D B W C E I S R A
A A D T A T O G O T E O V R A
S B O O R O F A R W M T I E I F
A E X C E D E N T E A O S D O O
P L S H T I N O P C R R S S E I O
E O S A G O B I A R R E C T O
R T E T N A R B O S E E C X O
B O C T O E X C E E D A X E G
O D X E P C O W O L F R E V O
S O E R M L E H W R E V O T

Diagramless

C E L E B
E R A T O
B L A T A N T
B A T M A R C
B I N O P E C
E K E T A
S R I D I A U R I
K E E N A N Y F I N N
A R T I F A C T S F O C I
L O I R E A C H E O N A I R
A D M A N R E A R G U E M E T O O
B E F O G J U S T E V E N T
K E E P D E S E C R A T E
E T C H O C T U T A H
I L L S T Y B O X
A O N E R A M
T E A L I T S
M I D U F O
L E A K A G E
S P I L L
T E M P I

The Masters

P O S S E N A S T C R U S T S T B S
A D I E U T R O I H E P C A T E L A
S E R A C W I N G E U R O P A R O W
W H A T O T H E R P E O P L E M A Y
A S S O R T N A T L S A T E L L I T E
S I C R E T A G E M S R I S T I T E R
I T A L I N P O E T R Y O R A R T
F I N D T E S T S P I R O U E T T E
A S T R O S E A S S T U D I O U S
C L I O G R E E N J A C K E T R A N T
T A M P E R E R D A N E C E D E S
S T E E R A B L E R A G A S
M U S E U M S I F N D I N T H E
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R A T A L A D T Y P E W A R N E R S
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F L I G H T O F A G O O D D R I V E
L O L A M R I T A R O W E E N G E L
E T E D U N L O P E R I N A S I D E
S S S E S S E N E S A N D L E A S T

CRYPTOGRAM

P K L J T Y I K R I G Q F G Q
G X I J T G X K T T . Y F M A K H B
Z R H Q K W M L V R X G K T R H K
R A G E Z B V J H T J G X Q P G L :
A G T R R X E L R T Y K H W R H E !

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
From my wife's perspective, there are only two specific and correctable problems: everything I say and everything I do.

AtTheMovies

Coming soon on DVD Feb. 16

The 33

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama
Starring: Antonio Banderas, Rodrigo Santoro
Director: Patricia Riggen

Steve Jobs

Rated: R
Starring: Drama
Starring: Michael Fassender, Seth Rogen
Director: Danny Boyle

Black Mass

Rated: R
Genre: Crime
Starring: Johnny Depp, Benedict Cumberbatch
Director: Scott Cooper

Trumbo

Rated: R
Genre: Drama
Starring: Bryan Cranston, Louis C.K.
Director: Jay Roach

Top-grossing Feb. 5-7

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|--|---|
| 1 Kung Fu Panda 3 (Week No. 2)
\$21,242,181 | 6 Pride and Prejudice and Zombies (Week No. 1) \$5,324,240 |
| 2 Hail, Caesar! (Week No. 1)
\$11,355,225 | 7 The Finest Hours (Week No. 2)
\$4,826,239 |
| 3 Star Wars: The Force Awakens (Week No. 8) \$6,973,316 | 8 Ride Along 2 (Week No. 4)
\$4,560,715 |
| 4 The Revenant (Week No. 7)
\$6,939,795 | 9 The Boy (Week No. 3)
\$4,083,822 |
| 5 The Choice (Week No. 1)
\$6,050,443 | 10 Dirty Grandpa (Week No. 3)
\$4,040,023 |

Picking the Flicks



Movie information from 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



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



Dirty Grandpa

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



The 5th Wave

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: After four deadly alien attacks, Earth is mostly destroyed and mankind is on the run, among them Cassie, trying to save her young brother.
Starring: Chloë Grace Moretz, Matthew Zuk
Director: J. Blakeson



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 Brolin, 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



The Revenant

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



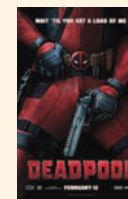
Kung Fu Panda 3

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



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
OPENS FRIDAY, FEB. 12



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
OPENS FRIDAY, FEB. 12



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
OPENS FRIDAY, FEB. 12



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A bit of cheese with this 'Danish'

Review by Jeff Berg
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Eddie Redmayne's angular structure and temperate features almost make him a natural for the lead in the demanding role of Einar Wegener, the subject of "The Danish Girl."

Wegener, in this based-in-truth story, begins the film as a man and transitions to being a woman. As directed by Tom Hooper ("The King's Speech" and "Les Misérables"), Hooper uses a piquant visual flair that serves "The Danish Girl" very well. It is filled with nearly empty sets, sharp angles, dazzling colors, glorious period costumes and a form that makes it much more interesting than most of the content of the picture.

The movie is based on David Ebershoff's 2000 novel of the same name, which follows the life of the Copenhagen-based painter Wegener, who became Lili Elbe – thus becoming one of the first people to have a sex reassignment surgery. This takes place in 1930, and he is amazingly supported by his wife and fellow painter and wife Gerda (Alicia Vikander), who turns in an outstanding performance.

It seems like a happy normal marriage at first, with a healthy sex life, especially as Gerda tries to conceive and there is a believable chemistry between the two leads.

Redmayne's role might be more difficult on paper, but Vikander is flawless in her work, easily convincing us that she has an unending respect for her husband, even when he no longer is same.

However, there came a point for me in the movie where Einar/Lili's behavior just became too selfish and unfeeling for me to care about him anymore. His unending quest, especially after finding a German doctor who offers to do the surgery, which includes creating a vagina for Lili, is a bit much for me, especially with the strength and dignity that Gerda continues to show him, time after time, working through his depression, his ceasing to work and his flirtations with men who may or may not be gay.

The scene where Einar seems to realize that he is a woman in a man's body, is truly memorable, as he touches some of Gerda's stockings, taking in the smoothness and texture of the fabric.

As a joke initially, after noticing his admiration for some of her garments, Gerda suggests that she make up and dress up Einar for a party, which turns from fun to disaster, as Einar is immediately approached by one, if not two possible suitors, who don't seem to mind that he is a bit on the homely side.

Director Hooper then aims too high as he tries to make Lili's situation more palatable and less dreary. There are some brief but believable scenes of Lili/Einar working with Gerda to find medical help, but they remain somewhat superficial.

The story has a disheartening feeling of self-importance as Vikander brings a notable sensitivity to her character (who, in real life, left her husband's side much earlier) but Redmayne never really convinced me that he was Einar/Lili.

While being a very polished film – ah, the way people dressed back then! – you may not really be convinced Lili is a real person.

Things left out from the true story that could have been included are Gerda's lesbian tendencies and a separation that took place, as opposed to Gerda's undying commitment till the end of film would have helped liven up a story that sometimes seems trite, in spite of all of the effort.

Polished but shallow.

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A rambling good time



ABOVE: Melanie Stone Jack shares a few laughs with a fan of her watercolor work at the monthly Art Ramble held in February.



RIGHT: Las Cruces art enthusiasts are seen at the Las Cruces Community Theatre.

PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE



Amy Hosa, from San Diego, and her mother Flo Hosa-Dougherty, of Las Cruces, view works by Steven McLellan.



ABOVE: Art enthusiasts gather at the Las Cruces Community Theatre.



RIGHT: Artist Anne Spier takes a break from her oil painting to meet and greet visitors.

Galleries & Openings

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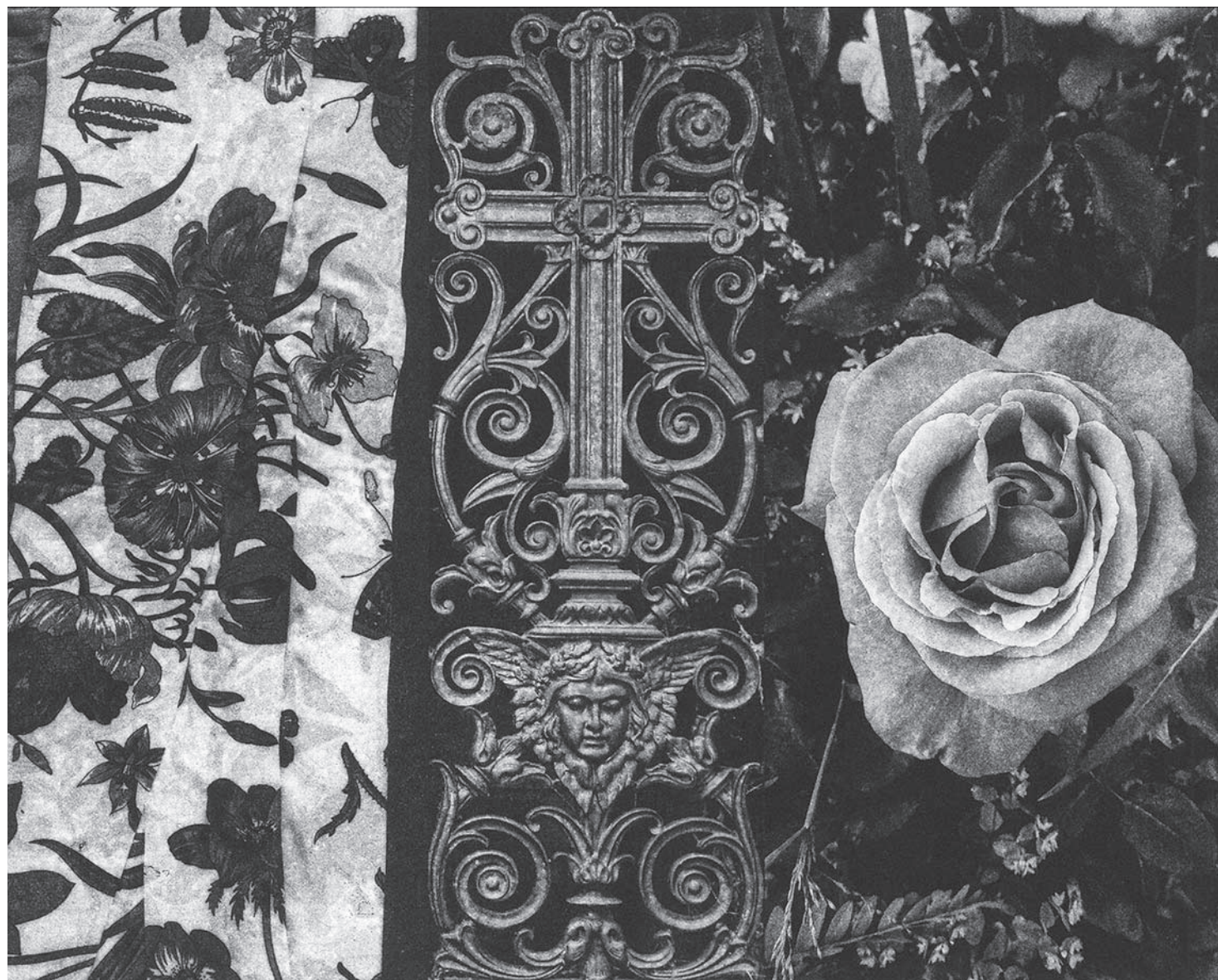
ART OBSCURA GALLERY presents "Monochaotic," an exhibit opening on the 13th and featuring work from 13 of Las Cruces' best artists – Noah MacDonald, Michael Poncé, James McVann, Philip McVann, Crook, Sam Ross, Woar2, Joshua Flores, Rafael Torres, Mama Cass, Aaron Valenzuela, Logan Howard and Deret Roberts – displaying work in black and white. "Monochaotic" opens with a reception beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, and 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 information, call 494-7256.

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" opens with an artists' reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, and will remain on display through March 5. On Thursday, Feb. 25, Wolf and Ocepek will discuss their roles in the creating work for "Tableaux Parisiens." Wolf will cover photographing Paris and Ocepek will talk about the photo-intaglio process.

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, email u@unsettled-gallery.com or call 635-2285.

CAMINO TATTOO AND FINE ART GALLERY presents "To Know through Movement," an art exhibition featuring work from Las Cruces artists Michael Poncé, Sydnie Roper, Deret Roberts, Saba and Lea WiseSurguy-Sophiliazo, curated by Michelle Lanteri. Said Lanteri, "The exhibition considers all realms of accumulating knowledge through movement," Lanteri said. "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,



Louis Ocepek's and Mary Wolf's joint exhibition of photo-intaglio prints created from more than 20 years' worth of walks through Paris, "Tableaux Parisiens" opens at Unsettled Gallery with a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. Pictured is Ocepek's and Wolf's "Montmartre Cemetery: Love and Death."

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://caminotattooostudio.com>.

ONGOING

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 fine 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 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" will remain on display through Saturday, March 19.

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

University of Colorado, Boulder. "Visionarias" will remain on display through Saturday, Feb. 27.

The museum also hosts "Reflections: African-American Life from the Myrna Colley-Lee Collection." "Reflections" 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" opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, and 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.

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TOMBAUGH GALLERY presents, along with Branigan Cultural Center, presents 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.

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 the month.

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 the month.

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. A reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5.

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

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.

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, hand-made textile weavings, art tile, affordable natural quality gems stone jewelry, prints, cards, miniature paintings and handcrafted 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.

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.

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

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

CAFÉ DE MESILLA presents an exhibit of work from members of the Las Cruces Arts Association for the months of January and February – 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 ex-

hibit 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. Campbell 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 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.

Confucius Institute presents talk on Chinese porcelain

Glenn Schwaiger, an artist and associate professor at New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College, will present highlights of his latest trip to Jingdezhen, China, during a presentation from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on

Tuesday, Feb. 23 in the NMSU Health and Social Services Building Auditorium, Room 101.

Schwaiger recently completed a three-month study of Chinese art history, culture, and ceramics in Jingdezhen, China, and his presentation,

“Handcrafted Porcelain in China: Collaborative Processes and Methods,” is free and open to the public, and is sponsored by the NMSU Confucius Institute and the NMSU Department of Art.

“In every nook and cranny of Jingdezhen,

there’s someone working with porcelain,” Schwaiger said about what he observed during his trip. “Craftspeople specialize in more than 70 different skills, such as making clay, pottery, molds, brushes and decorating.”

Schwaiger also said the

collaborative spirit is “alive today in the porcelain capital of the world.”

Jingdezhen has been a major center for Imperial, domestic, and export porcelain for more than 1,000 years. Ceramic artists in Jingdezhen perfected the materials and

processes required to produce porcelain during the Song Dynasty from 960 to 1279. Today, skilled craftspeople work in together to produce a broad range of porcelain objects from simple production wares to large-scale sculptures. See article on B9.

RELIGION LISTINGS

GriefShare recovery support group meets Sundays

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling or other family member, or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one’s death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage as a slave to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your 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.

Holy Family American National Catholic Church announces time changes

Service times for Holy Family American National Catholic Church have changed. Please note that Mass times are Saturday: 5:30 p.m. and Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Daily Mass is Tues., Wed. and Fri. at 6 p.m. Evening prayer follows Mass. 702 Parker Road. For information, call 644-5025 or <http://holyfamilyancc.com>.

CANCELLED First Christian Church event

On Tuesday, Feb. 16: On-De-

mand Video Dialogue #3 ‘Brown Girl Dreaming.’

Men’s prayer meeting at Heart of the World

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

Men’s Prayer breakfast at First Baptist Church

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

Fusion Youth Fellowship at Morning Star United Methodist Church

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

Trinity Lutheran welcomes young worshippers

You are invited to join Trinity Lutheran for the regular Sunday worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m., at the church at 2900 Elks Dr.

Children and families are encouraged and welcome. Sunday school for children and youth is also held each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

In a child-friendly environment, children meet and worship God through songs, prayer and Bible stories. All are welcome to join.

Please call 523-4232 for information or visit the church’s website: www.trinitylutheranlc.org.

Public invited to understanding Islam discussion at Peace Lutheran Church

The public is invited from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16 to an informal discussion on Understanding Islam with three friends from the Las Cruces Islamic community: Dr. Muhammad Dawood, Sureyya Husain, and Mustafa Asimi. Moderated by the Rev. Paul Miller, the topics will include introduc-


tions and personal stories, historical and cultural context, fundamental beliefs and practices, and the Islamic view of Judaism and Christianity. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion. This will be held at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 East Missouri. For info call 522-7119.



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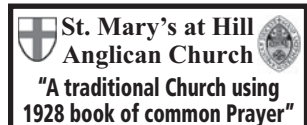
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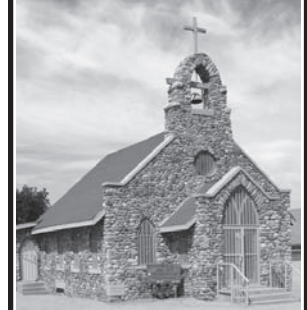


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\$4M renovation of high school nears completion

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Alma d'arte Charter High School is taking a giant step forward in arts and academics as it nears the home stretch on \$4 million in renovations to the 75-year-old historic building it occupies at 402 W. Court Ave. near downtown Las Cruces.

The renovations— paid for with bonds approved by Las Cruces voters— has added two new science labs to the school, in addition to visual arts, music and dance classrooms.

“It increased our classroom space by probably at least half again as much,” Principal Mark Hartshorne said. “It’s a much better arrangement.”

Work is now underway on an elevator to make the school Americans with Disabilities Act compliant, Hartshorne said. And, in phase two, renovations including painting



Alma d'arte Charter High School music teacher Alan Kuncel in one of the school's newly renovated music classrooms.

and heating, air conditioning and ventilation work and flooring, are about to begin in the school’s main wing. Phase three will include a refurbishment of the school’s culinary area, he said.

The work, which began last summer, should be totally complete in about two more months, Hartshorne said.

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Overall, the construction “enables every aspect of our operation to improve,” he said. The school has always been known for its commitment to the arts, but now, “a kid can come here and do great things in the arts and in academics as well,” he said.

“It’ll make a huge difference in our teaching environment,” Hartshorne said, as students at Alma can now take honors and advanced placement (AP) courses in math and science.

“The benefit to every aspect of the program is pro-

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Advancing Leaders Program now seeking applications

The Teaching Academy is seeking applications for participation in the 2016-2017 Advancing Leaders Program cohort. The Advancing Leaders Program is a nine-month leadership program offered every other year to faculty members and academic administrators wishing to widen their networks and hone their leadership skills.

Those who participate must commit to: 1) a two-day off-site retreat Aug. 4 and 5 to identify leadership strengths and weaknesses, to establish

leadership goals and to begin leadership skill building; 2) work with a mentor from NMSU who will offer advice and assistance related to identifying and pursuing individual leadership goals; 3) attend monthly leadership workshops and working sessions devoted to leadership skill development on the first Friday of the month September through May; and 4) participate in a recognition event May 5 in which each cohort member will have the

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During a (rare) cold snap, curl up with a good book

Today is cold and windy. This is the time when readers with a stack full of unread books have a real advantage over people who only know how to channel surf for entertainment. So come inside; there is something transformative about blowing in from the cold to curl up with a book. Last month I asked readers to share their current favorites and today I offer their responses.

Given that the request for titles went out during the New Year's Resolutions season it isn't surprising that many of them reflect themes of personal growth or self-improvement. At least three of you are reading the Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up by Marie Kondo.

Terry Miller received two gift books that she recommends for those of us of a certain age. She is finding *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* is a comfort and a resource as she and her 91-year-old mother consider "how to make a good life last all the way to the end." She also received a very early birthday present, *Seventy Things to Do When You Turn Seventy*, edited by Ronnie Sellers, a collection of seventy essays by "people who are growing, learning and experiencing a full life in their eighth decade."

Local themes have lots of cache with wintertime readers. Members of Branigan Book Group are reading *Spider Woman's Daughter* by Anne Hillerman. There is still time to get in on that discussion on February 16 at the library.

Karena Oberman's armchair adventures include *In Search of the Old Ones*. Author David Roberts, a rock climber and archaeologist, shares his



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The King and Queen of Comezon by Denise Chavez is also on Karena's list. Comezon is a fictitious town in Doña Ana County. In English the town's name might be Itch, and in this story, that itching manifests in the longings and desires of assorted folks. Chavez's characters provide multiple perspectives of local events during one summer. Her splashes of Spanglish are delightful and deepen the charm, even for the monolingual English reader.

As adults, we are usually very happy to read alone, quietly, and can enjoy the feeling that we are communing directly with the author.

But with children's books, for me, the pure delight comes from the conversations they spark when read together. The ultimate pleasure of a wonderful story is in the sharing.

The 2016 children's literature award winners have been announced and both Newberry and Caldecott titles are ripe for happy intergenerational conversation.

The Newberry Medal goes to *Last Stop on Market Street*, by Matt De La Pena and Christian Robinson. As Nana and CJ ride the city bus they have

the opportunity to explore tough topics and share family values of acceptance, generosity, appreciation and imagination. The illustrations will keep a three-year-old involved and the themes will touch hearts and start conversations at every age.

Finding Winnie, illus-

trated by Sophie Blackall, winner of the Caldecott Medal is an adorable picture book with big themes as well.

This is the true story of the bear who, years later, would be the inspiration for Winnie the Pooh. Finding Winnie is illustrated by a great grand-daughter

of Harry Colebourn, a kind-hearted veterinarian who enlisted in the cavalry to care for the horses during WW1. The reader follows him and an orphaned bear cub he picks up along the way, from Winnipeg, Canada to war-torn Europe. For her safety, Winnie is eventually

left at the London Zoo where, later, Alan Alexander Milne will take his son Christopher.

So, my dear readers, when the garden scene outside the window is all grey and beige indulge yourself in the field of wildflowers you will find in your books.

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scope at one of the quarterly quizzes. Dress warmly. Weather permitting. The cost is free.

The Society also announces its next meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26 at Doña Ana Community College main campus, next to NMSU, in

room 141 of the Technical Building. (See website for directions.)

The public is invited to the monthly meeting to learn about the Society and/or becoming a member. There will be a presentation on spectroscopy (the study and analysis of light) from 8

to 9 p.m. given by ASLC member and geologist Alex Woronow and a drawing for door prizes at the end of the meeting.

For information, visit aslc-nm.org, outreach@aslc-nm.org or president@aslc-nm.org.

Safe Haven offers February events

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary of Las Cruces (SHAS) has two upcoming events in February scheduled for dogs and cats, pet owners and potential pet owners.

A Valentine's Day photo booth fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13 at the Safe Haven Thrift Store, 840 El Paseo Ave. The cost is \$8 per photo, "which is delivered in a cardstock frame right after the sitting," Quillen said. SHAS will provide a themed backdrop for the photos, along with props and costumes so owners can dress up their pets for the pictures. Quillen said there is no extra charge for additional pets in a photo, or for including children.

A donation event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on

Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Walmart at 1550 S. Valley Drive. "Our volunteers are stationed at the entrance/exit doors at Wal-Mart (to) provide information about Safe Haven and our pets," Quillen said. "We remind them that we are a no-kill, nonprofit and rely on donations. We provide a wish list of items that are needed on a regular basis. Shoppers simply purchase item(s) during their regular shopping trip, then drop them off with our volunteers as they exit the store. Gift cards are a great help as well, which allows us to purchase specific items needed for events, the animals and more," she said.

For more information on these events, contact Quillen at 408-529-1065 or triciaquillen@gmail.com. Visit www.shaspets.com.

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found," he said. "And I've got the staff to do it, too."

Alma currently has 25 staff members, including 16 teachers. There are 190 students in the high school.

"It's just a very exciting time for us," Hartshorne said.

The school opened in 2004 in Court Youth Center, and had to follow specific guidelines for renovations, including preserving the exterior of the historic building. One of the advantages of keeping its large, original windows is that they provide a great deal of natural light to many of the school's classrooms, so that overhead lights often aren't used, Hartshorne said.

As the bulk of the work is completed, there are "a lot of people on the thank-you list," he said, including Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds and the LCPS Board of Education, the voters who approved the LCPS bond issue that brought the renovation funds to Alma, and GenCon General Contractors of Las Cruces—"they've done a phenomenal job," Hartshorne said. "The craftsmanship is phenomenal."

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opportunity to reflect on what they have learned in the ALP program.

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you want to participate in the Advancing Leaders Program, a letter from your department head (faculty) or dean (department heads) indicating that you will be permitted the time to participate in this program, and a list of three colleague or supervisor references with their contact information.

The deadline for applications is March 4. Notification of accep-

tance is April 15. For more information about the Advancing Leaders Program for faculty, please contact Shawn Werner at 646-2583 or swerner@nmsu.edu.

Note that there is also a leadership program for staff offered through the NMSU Center for Learning & Professional Development. If interested in the staff leadership program, please contact Dave Brockmeyer at 646-2170.

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
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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The New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (NMDVR) Announces Public Hearings to present its portion of the 2017 New Mexico State Plan under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The hearings are to provide information and to receive input about the plan. You are encouraged to attend a hearing at a location indicated below. Documents will be available at the meetings.

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If you need a language interpreter or any other accommodation to attend, call Kasha Suina at (800)-224-7005 or (505) 954-8500 no later than February 12, 2016. Last minute requests may not be possible to arrange.

Dates: 02/12, 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 27, 2015, Milton & Janet Romney and Kyle Romney, PO Box 1107, Mesilla Park, NM 88047, filed application numbered LRG-10501 POD5 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling a well to a depth of 180 feet with 8-inch casing to be located within the NW¼ SW¼ of projected Section 10, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and more specifically described at X = 1,491,310 Y = 448,772 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by the applicants, to supplement existing well LRG-10501 located within the SE¼ of projected Section 9, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and existing well LRG-10501-S located within the SW¼ of projected Section 10, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, both on land owned by Salopek 6U Farms, Inc., for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for

the irrigation of 2.02 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the SW¼ of projected Section 10, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, as described by Subfile Order No.: LRS-28-002-0170 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The site of proposed supplemental well LRG-10501 POD5 is located south of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address of 6225 Forest Hills Court. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24.

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

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

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 8, 2016, Doña Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association, PO Box 866, Doña Ana, NM 88032, filed application numbered LRG-80 POD7 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-80 POD6, located on land owned by the applicant, within the NW¼ NW¼ of Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°29'20.0"W, 106°55'18.1"W (WGS84),

and drilling new well LRG-80 POD7 to be located within the NW¼ NW¼ NW¼ of Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM, within 100 feet of discontinued well LRG-80 POD6, on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing wells LRG-S, LRG-80-S-2 and LRG-80-S-3, located within the NW¼ NW¼ NW¼ of Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM, all on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of 198.43 acre-feet per annum, which may be increased up to 3,548.38 acre-feet per annum provided the applicant acquire replacement surface water offsets, for subdivision, industrial, municipal, commercial, irrigation and related purposes within the Doña Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association service area previously known as the Fort Selden Water Company, Incorporated, service area located within and throughout Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM. The site for new well LRG-80 POD7 is located north of Fort Selden State Park and may be found approximately 0.4 mile north of the intersection of Leasburg Dam Road and Fort Selden Road. Discontinued well LRG-80 POD6 will be plugged. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill proposed well LRG-80 POD7 under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22, within 100 feet of discontinued well LRG-80 POD6.

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

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

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

Notice 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 2U87G9L50534
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, entertain-
ment, misc. household items

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 # I14
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

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LAST ONE YEAR AT NO CHARGE; YOU MAY REQUEST THESE MEDICAL RECORDS BY WRITING TO:

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

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR FULL NAME, YOUR DATE OF BIRTH AND YOUR PHONE NUMBER. COPIES ARE USUALLY READY WITHIN 24 HOURS AT WHICH TIME WE WILL CALL YOU AT THE NUMBER YOU 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 DOÑA 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 heard 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 COURT

NO. CV-2016-66

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF A

Shawn Tucker Mingo FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Shawn Tucker Mingo**, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the 3rd District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from **Shawn Tucker Mingo** to **Nikki Leigh Leadbetter**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 17th day of February 2016, at the hour of 4:30 p.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(Seal)

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/Shawn Tucker Mingo
Shawn Tucker Mingo
1226 Oakridge Drive
Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88005

(575)652-4490

Dates: 02/05, 02/12, 2016

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

NO. CV-2016-101
DARREN M. KUGLER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Edgar Torres Reza FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Edgar Torres Reza**, a resident of the City of Hatch NM, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from **Edgar Torres Reza** to **Edgar Torres**, and that this Petition will be heard 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.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Edgar Torres
Edgar Torres Reza
241 Car St.
Hatch, NM 87937
P.O.Box 818
Hatch, NM 87937
575-740-3794

Dates: 02/05, 02/12, 2016

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

No. PB 2016-05
Judge Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MADGELENE E. WEBB, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **ROSE MARIE KING** has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.

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

Dated this 26 day of January, 2016.

/s/Jeanne Jorden,
Personal Representative

THE DARDEN LAW FIRM, P.A.
Attorneys for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88004-0578
(575) 541-6655 (telephone)

Dates: 02/05, 02/12, 2016

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

No. PB 2016-00006

Judge Kugler

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES DYACK ReVEAL, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **STEPHEN LINDSEY ReVEAL** has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.

/s/Melissa J. Reeves-Evins

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

Dates: 02/05, 02/15, 2016

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

Cause No. 16-0022
Judge Diana Bustamante

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY HERZBERG JORDEN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of The Darden Law Firm, P.A., P.O. Box 578, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004-0578, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

Dated this 26 day of January, 2016.

/s/Jeanne Jorden,
Personal Representative

THE DARDEN LAW FIRM, P.A.
Attorneys for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88004-0578
(575) 541-6655 (telephone)

Dates: 02/05, 02/12, 2016

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

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,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces,
NM 88004-6169
(575) 642-5567

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, Roggow & 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,

vs.

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.

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

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:

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani
Faisal Sukhyani,
Special Master

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



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

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Due Date / Time
Public Safety Staffing Survey	15-16-037	N/A	February 29, 2016 / 2:00pm

Please use this link to access all City of Las Cruces solicitations: <https://www.newmexicobidsystem.com/Registration.asp?ID=1757> Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Section, at 700 N. Main, 3rd Floor, Room 3134.

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

Dates 2/12/16

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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 Camunez,
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 FINAN-
CIAL, AND 1996 SAT-
URN 4 DOOR; RED; VIN:
1G8ZK5272T255106;
NEW MEXICO LICENSE
PLATE NO. DV920G,
Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION

To: Respondent
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: 1G8ZK5272T255106; 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 OF-
FICER

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,
M A R O O N ; V I N :
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
(575) 541-2128
(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.

NOTICIA PÚBLICA

La Agencia de Vivienda Pública de Mesilla Valley abrirá la lista de espera para el Programa de Vales de Elección de Vivienda (Sección 8)

**La lista de espera abrirá los siguientes días y horarios:
22, 23, 24, y 25 de Febrero, 2016 de 8 a.m. hasta las 3 p.m.**

Es requerido llenar una pre-aplicación y traer copias de los siguientes documentos para cada miembro de su familia para determinar si califica para este programa:

- Licencia de Manejo/Identificación del Estado/Tarjeta de Residencia Permanente (18 años y mayor)
- Certificado de nacimiento original/Acta de Nacimiento
- Tarjeta de Seguro Social/Certificación de Seguro Social
- Ingresos actuales por mes (Salarios, TANF, Estampillas de Comida, Sostenimiento de Menores, SS/SSI/SSD, Desempleo, Contribuciones, Beneficios de Veteranos, Pensión, Empleo por Cuenta Propia)
- Gastos actuales por mes (Medico, Medicamentos, Cuidados de Niños [Guardería])
- Información de sus bienes (cuentas de banco, lista de propiedades)

Solamente familiares MAS CERCANOS pueden estar en la aplicación.
La Agencia de Vivienda Pública utilizara la siguiente tabla para determinar el tamaño adecuado del vale para la familia.

NUMERO DE RECAMARAS	# MINIMO DE PERSONAS	# MAXIMO DE PERSONAS
0	1	1
1	1	2
2	2	4
3	4	6
4	6	8
5	8	10

Familias serán seleccionadas solamente por medio de un sistema de lotería. Verificación de historia de renta, de crédito y antecedentes penales serán efectuados para poder determinar si reúne los requisitos para participar en el programa. Solicitantes que estén en listas de espera para otros programas de viviendas tendrán que aplicar por separado para este programa. Estos solicitantes no perderán su lugar en otras listas si aplican para este programa de Vales de Elección de Vivienda (Sección 8).

Si usted o algún miembro de su familia es una persona incapacitada y requiere una comodidad específica para poder utilizar nuestros servicios, por favor póngase en contacto con nuestra oficina.
PUEDE APLICAR EN LA SIGUIENTE DIRECCIÓN:



Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority
926 S. San Pedro • Las Cruces, NM 88001
Teléfono: (575) 528-2000 • Horas de Oficina: 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority is opening the waiting list for the SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM.

**The waiting list will open on the following dates and times:
February 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 25th 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

You will be required to bring in copies of each of the following documents for all household members in order to complete the pre-application to determine if you qualify for this program:

- Current Driver's License/State I.D./Permanent Residence Card (18 yrs. Or older)
- Certified Birth Certificate/Birth Certification
- Social Security Cards/Social Security Certification
- Currently Monthly Income (Wages, TANF, Food Stamps, Child Support, SS/SSI/SSD, Unemployment, Contributions, VA Benefits, Pension, Self-Employment)
- Current Monthly Expenses (Medical, Prescription, Child Care)
- Current Asset Information (Bank Statement, Properties)

Only IMMEDIATE family members may be on application.
The PHA will reference the following chart in determining the appropriate voucher size for a family: (See guidelines below)

NUMBER OF BEDROOM	MINIMUM # OF PEOPLE	MAXIMUM # OF PEOPLE
0	1	1
1	1	2
2	2	4
3	4	6
4	6	8
5	8	10

Families will be selected in order by the assigned number when the waiting list is sorted using a lottery system. Landlord, credit and criminal background checks will be conducted in order to qualify for assistance. Applicants already on waiting lists for other housing programs must apply separately for this program. Such applicants will not lose their place on other waiting lists if they apply for Section 8.

If you or anyone in your household requires a specific accommodation in order to fully utilize our services, please contact our office.
YOU MAY APPLY AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:



Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority
926 S. San Pedro • Las Cruces, NM 88001
Telephone: (575) 528-2000 • Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Friday, February 12, 2016

(Sale)
Claude Bowman
COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER
By: Maria Zamora
DEPUTY
Dates: 02/12, 02/19, 02/26, 2016

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

**Cecilia Villalobos
P.O. Box 693
Mesquite, NM 88048**

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 563 at Stull Storage Units #2, will be **SOLD AT AUCTION** to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$633.00**, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of:
Camping equipment, appliances, tubs, boxes, misc.

Date of Auction:
February 23, 2016 at 10 a.m.
Place:
Stull Storage Units,
960 S. Triviz Dr.,
Las Cruces NM 88001
Stull Storage #2 - Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(575) 525-2927

Dates: 02/05, 02/12, 2016

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

**Leah Freay
4115 Campana Ct.
Las Cruces, NM 88011**

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 118 at Stull Storage Units #2, will be **SOLD AT AUCTION** to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$445.00**, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of:
2 Couches, small bed & furniture, bike, toys, misc.

Date of Auction:
**February 23, 2016
at 10 a.m.**

Place:
Stull Storage Units,
960 S. Triviz Dr.,
Las Cruces NM 88001
Stull Storage #2 - Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(575) 525-2927

Dates: 02/05, 02/12, 2016

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

**Nathan Morales
2455 La Fonda Ct. Apt. 1
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 187 at Stull Storage Units #2, will be **SOLD AT AUCTION** to satisfy our lien in the amount of **\$545.00**, which includes legal fees.

The Contents of the unit consists of:
Bike, sofa, gym equipment, snowboard, misc.

Date of Auction:
February 23, 2016

at 10 a.m.
Place:
Stull Storage Units,
960 S. Triviz Dr.,
Las Cruces NM 88001
Stull Storage #2 - Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(575) 525-2927

Dates: 02/05, 02/12, 2015

**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; UN-
ITED STATES OF AMER-
ICA 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 DEVISEES
OF ANY OF THE
ABOVE, IF DECEASED;
OCCUPANTS OF THE
PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLO-
SURE 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 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

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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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Las Cruces Bulletin

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-00059

**FEDERAL NATIONAL
MORTGAGE ASSOCIA-
TION, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**VIRGINIA WELLING
AND THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF VIRGINIA
LYNN WELLING, IF
ANY, 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 2604 Poco Lomas Court, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 14, POCO LOMAS SUBDIVISION PHASE 1, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JUNE 15, 2004, IN BOOK 20 PAGE(S) 704-705 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **12:00pm on February 25, 2016**, at the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION. FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION was awarded a Judgment on March 19, 2015, in the total amount of \$ 328,967.34, with interest at the rate of 6.625% per annum from December 13, 2014 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$ 26,212.61.


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the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

By: Robert A. Doyle,
Special Master



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;

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The search will remain open until the position is filled.

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-02061

BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

BRANDAN J. MYERS aka BRANDON J. MYERS and LISA R. MYERS aka LISA R. WALKER, husband and wife; 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 5073 Avenida Del Sol, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 78 OF HACIENDA ACRES, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID HACIENDA ACRES, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 22, 1961 IN PLAT BOOK 8, FOLIO 77.

The sale is to begin at **11:45 AM on February 23, 2016**, at 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 BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A. . BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A.

was awarded a Judgment on October 15, 2015, in the total amount of \$141,730.63 with interest at the rate of 4% per annum from April 1, 2015 through the date of the sale. Said interest is in the amount of \$5,0947.54 .

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due .

BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any .

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

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

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

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

BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

DENNIS A. JENSON, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DENNIS A. JENSON, DECEASED; MIRIAM N. JENSON, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MIRIAM N. JENSON, DECEASED AND JOHN DOE JENSON, WIFE AND HUSBAND; NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Dennis A. Jenson, If Living; If Deceased, The Unknown Heirs of Dennis A. Jenson,

Deceased, Miriam N. Jenson, If Living; If Deceased, The Unknown Heirs of Miriam N. Jenson, Deceased:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.A. has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 7265 Brahman Road, Las Cruces, NM 88012. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTHEAST OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING PART OF LOT 2, CARMONA ACRES, PLAT FILED SEPTEMBER 22, 1998, IN BOOK 19 PAGE 161, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 2, CARMONA ACRES, PLAT FILED SEPTEMBER 22, 1998, IN BOOK 19, PAGE 161, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE, FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, N. 89 DEG., 57'26"E., A DISTANCE OF 292.75 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF A

40.00 FOOT WIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATED TO DOÑA ANA COUNTY, KNOWN AS BRAHMAN ROAD, FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT: WHENCE THE ORIGINAL NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2, CARMONA ACRES, PLAT FILED SEPTEMBER 22, 1998, IN BOOK 19, PAGE 161, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS, BEARS N.89 DEG., 57'26"E., 40.00 FEET; THENCE, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF BRAHAM ROAD, S.00 DEG., 20'57"W., A DISTANCE OF 165.43 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE, LEAVING BRAHMAN ROAD, S.89 DEG., 56'47"W., A DISTANCE OF 292.58 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE N.00 DEG., 17'20"E., A DISTANCE OF 165.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ENCLOSING 1.112 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO A 5.00 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT PARALLEL AND IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE NORTHERLY, WESTERLY AND SOUTHERLY BOUNDARIES.

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

McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

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Therapy dogs bring down stress level at the Legislature

Animal Protection Voters raise animal awareness

One of the most effective ways to improve the lives of New Mexico's animals is to help enact laws that protect them now and in the future. The Roundhouse is the place where that kind of systemic change happens. On Tuesday, Feb. 2, Animal Protection Voters (APV) came to the New Mexico legislative session with three therapy dogs, who participate in The Animal Connection program. This program,

along with all of Animal Protection of New Mexico and APV's initiatives, strives to create systemic change for the humane treatment of animals. When children are taught how to treat animals humanely, they also learn to treat people with compassion. They grow up into voters who care deeply for animals, people and the community. This is why APV is in both the classrooms and the Roundhouse.

The dogs in the Roundhouse brought much needed stress-relief to those working hard in the Roundhouse during this 30-day session.

ABOVE: Dogs can help reduce stress in adults. Rico, a therapy dog that participates in The Animal Connection's "Read to Rico" lesson, elicits smiles from everyone he meets, including Marisa Sleeter.

RIGHT: Can I sign, too? Even therapy dog Dennis was so concerned about killing contests that he wanted to sign APV's petition to ban killing contests in the state of New Mexico.



Rico the therapy dog and Humane Education program director Sherry Mangold discuss how The Animal Connection impacts communities.

Pet of the Week

Meet this handsome chocolate Labrador mix

Meet the handsome and sweet Reginald! Reginald is looking for his sweetheart for Feb. 14. He enjoys going on long walks and playing with toys. He would love nothing

more than to be looking into the eyes of his forever family on Valentine's Day while you share a peanut butter flavored cupcake with sprinkles. Reginald has been with us since March 2015, it's time that he finds his forever home. Please come meet him today. He's a 6-year-old chocolate Labrador mix.

Animal Services Center hours of operation: Monday thru Friday: Noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: Noon to 5 p.m. at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Call: 382-0018. Weekend Off-Site Adoption Events: Farmers' Market - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Petco - Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



REGINALD

HPV vaccine supported by National Cancer Institute through MMC

The UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center, which has an office in Las Cruces and is partners with Memorial Medical Center, has joined with 68 other NCI-designated cancer centers to announce a consensus statement that

supports HPV vaccinations to prevent cervical and throat cancer.

The consensus statement encourages all parents and guardians to have their daughters and sons complete the HPV vaccinations by age 13. It also encour-

ages young men and women who did not receive the vaccine to protect themselves by completing the vaccine series.

However, a tie-in to the Las Cruces-area is that the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center has a partnership

agreement with Memorial Cancer Center in Las Cruces. Also, the center has an office in Las Cruces for HPV prevention, and it has direct collaborations with several clinics in southern New Mexico.

Scholarship applications due March 1

NMSU Women's Club Scholarship

The NMSU Women's Club is committed to supporting returning female undergraduate students in attaining their educational goals. The Club's Scholarship Committee annually recommends one or two candidates for the NMSU Women's Club scholarship. Each candidate is awarded a \$500 scholarship and invited to attend the club's spring luncheon.

The NMSU Women's Club Scholarships are open to any female NMSU undergraduate student at the Las Cruces campus or branch campuses who is returning to school after a break in her education (either after high school or

after starting college). These scholarships have been set up specifically for returning students because students immediately out of high school have other opportunities, such as the lottery scholarship, available to them. Candidates must have completed at least 45 credit hours and have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

To apply, download a copy of the 2016-2017 NMSU Women's Club Scholarship Award application at <https://womensclub.nmsu.edu/scholarships/>.

Directions for completing and where to submit are included in the application.

Ruth Mary Webber Scholarship

The NMSU Women's Club is committed to supporting single mothers with dependent children in attaining their educational goals. The club's Scholarship Committee will recommend one candidate for the Ruth Mary Webber Scholarship. The winner is awarded \$250 and invited to attend the club's spring luncheon.

The Ruth Mary Webber Scholarship is open to female NMSU undergraduate students at the Las Cruces campus only. Candidates must be a single or widowed moth-

er with dependent children who reside with her, and have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher.

To apply, download a copy of the Ruth Mary Webber Scholarship application by visiting <https://womensclub.nmsu.edu/files/2013/11/2016-17-Ruth-Mary-Webber-Scholarship-Application.pdf> or <https://womensclub.nmsu.edu/scholarships/>. Directions for completing the form and where to submit it are provided. The deadline to apply is March 1.



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Get food-truck experience in your own kitchen

A fond summertime memory as a kid was hearing the jingle of bells as the ice cream truck pulled into my neighborhood. I'd race inside the house begging Dad for coins and then race back to the truck to select a treat, which I'd savor under the shade of a neighbor's sprawling maple tree.

Nowadays, it's unusual to see ice cream trucks rambling down neighborhood streets except perhaps parked next to other food trucks on city streets in metropolitan areas. According to a recent Business Insider report, food trucks are booming nationwide and in smaller populations. They turn up on Saturdays at local farmers markets and at businesses on weekdays. Some stay parked for hours, the most popular being from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., luring the breakfast and lunch crowds. So what's the attraction? Two are apparent. Convenience. When too rushed to have a leisurely meal in a restaurant, a quick stop at a food truck is the answer. And second is the opportunity to sample exotic foods from around the world.

If you've never experienced food truck eats, don't lament. They are easy to replicate in your home kitchen. I gleaned (and tweaked for heat) several recipes from cyberspace for this week's column. If you have a hot and spicy food truck recipe you'd like to share with fellow Chile Knights readers, shoot me an email. Buen appetito!

Tilapia Tacos with Jalapeño Sauce (Yield: 4)

¼ cup reduced-fat sour cream
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and chopped
1 cup thinly sliced white onion
1 ½ teaspoons paprika

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1 ½ teaspoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon dried oregano
¾ teaspoon garlic powder
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground cumin
¼ teaspoon ground red pepper
4 (6-ounce) tilapia fillets
1 tablespoon canola oil
8 (6-inch) corn tortillas
½ ripe peeled avocado, thinly sliced
4 lime wedges

Combine first 4 ingredients in a food processor; process until smooth. Combine jalapeño sauce and onion in a small bowl.

Combine paprika and next 6 ingredients (through ground red pepper); sprinkle evenly over fish. Heat oil in a large cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat. Add fish to pan; cook 3 minutes on each side or until desired degree of doneness.

Warm tortillas according to package directions. Divide fish, onion mixture, and avocado evenly among tortillas. Serve with jalapeño sauce and lime wedges.

Crowd Pleasing BBQ Brisket Grilled Cheese Sandwiches (Yield: 12 sandwiches)

¾ cup ketchup
2 tablespoons packed light brown sugar
2 tablespoons cider vinegar
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon brown mustard

2 teaspoons sweet paprika
1 teaspoon smoked paprika
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 ½ pounds beef brisket
1 small red onion, thinly sliced
3 cloves garlic, chopped
24 slices potato bread
3 cups (12 ounces) shredded sharp white cheddar cheese
12 tablespoons unsalted butter

In a bowl, combine ketchup, brown sugar, vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, and mustard. Stir until smooth.

In another small bowl, combine sweet paprika, smoked paprika, salt and cayenne. Rub onto brisket.

Pour half the barbecue sauce into bottom of a 4-quart slow cooker. Place brisket on top. Scatter onion and chopped garlic over brisket, and pour remaining sauce over it. Cover and cook on low for 8 hours.

Remove brisket and pour liquid into a fat separator. Allow to cool slightly, about 5 minutes. Chop brisket into ½-inch chunks. Toss with ¾ cup of the sauce, including as much of the onion and garlic as possible.

Scoop ¼ cup of the brisket on a slice of bread. Top with ¼ cup of the cheddar. Press down with another slice of bread. Repeat with remaining brisket, cheddar, and bread. Heat 3 tablespoons of the butter in a nonstick skillet over medium heat. Cook 3 sandwiches at a time 2 minutes per side, until cheese is melted and bread is browned and crispy. Repeat 3 more times, until all sandwiches are cooked.

Korean Tacos (Yield: 8 tacos)

1 pound boneless rib-eye steaks (about 2 steaks), ½ inch thick

¼ cup plus 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
¼ cup low-sodium soy sauce
¼ cup canola oil
3 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon Sriracha sauce
2 teaspoons sesame oil
½ cup thinly sliced yellow onion
3 cloves garlic, sliced
1 2-inch piece of ginger, peeled and thinly sliced
¼ teaspoon salt
½ English cucumber, cut into matchsticks (about 1 ½ cups)
8 (6-inch) flour tortillas, warmed
Sliced radishes and sesame seeds (optional)

Place steaks in a large resealable plastic bag. In a bowl, whisk together ¼ cup of the vinegar, the soy sauce, canola oil, 2 tablespoons of the sugar, 1 tablespoon of the Sriracha and 1 teaspoon of the sesame oil. Stir in onion, garlic, and ginger. Pour into bag. Shake bag, making sure steak is covered. Marinate in refrigerator 1 hour.

In a separate bowl, whisk together remaining 1 tablespoon each vinegar and sugar, and remaining 1 teaspoon each of Sriracha and sesame oil. Stir in salt and cucumber. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate 30 minutes.

Heat a large sauté pan to medium-high heat. Remove steak from marinade (save marinade) and pat dry with paper towels. Cook 2 to 3 minutes per side, until medium-rare. Set aside to rest 5 minutes. Meanwhile, add marinade to pan. Bring to a boil and cook 3 minutes, until sauce has thickened.

Thinly slice steak; toss in pan with sauce. Serve on tortillas with pickled cucumbers and, if desired, sliced radishes, sesame seeds and additional Sriracha.

Aggie Cupboard begins distributing food this week from new location

Starting today, the Aggie Cupboard will resume regular distribution hours, but from its new location in Regents Row, Room B114. Regents Row is located west of the Campus Health Center, which is on the corner

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Spring 2016 hours for the Aggie Cupboard will be weekly, on Monday from

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